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Judge Warns Parents on Lotteries

Juvenile Court Judge W. H. Beckham has warned Miami, Fla., parents that they face prosecution for contributing to the delinquency of minors if they permit their children to sell lottery tickets for churches or other causes. He has received reports of eight- and nine-year-old youngsters peddling such chances on an automobile for a local church group.

Plan Boys' Town in New York

Plans for a Protestant boys' town were approved in Albany by the New York State Council of Churches. The development will be located at Charlton Farms, Saratoga County, site of a school founded in 1895. The school has been closed since the early 1930s when dormitories and farm buildings burned down. A committee has been authorized to raise \$140,000 this year to construct two cottage dormitories at the farm. These will have facilities for 30 boys.

Condemns Artificial Insemination

Artificial insemination was condemned by Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin, head of the Evangelical Church in Germany. Speaking for his Church, Dr. Dibelius scored artificial insemination as a procedure that is "contrary to nature." He said it might be permissible in the case of animals, but that humans, as spiritual beings, "must recognize the limits which the Creator has set to man's nature." He deplored the procedure as disgracing women to the "ultimate depths of their psychological and ethical" lives.

Jehovah's Witnesses Sue Gainesville, Tex.

A \$100,000 damage suit has been filed in U.S. District Court in Sherman, Texas, by the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society against the City of Gainesville, Texas. The Jehovah's Witnesses allege that the city refused them the use of the community building for a meeting last fall. They further charge that when their meeting was being held in a school auditorium, they were ordered out. Their suit seeks a declaratory judgment on the civil rights of public assembly and freedom of speech. The suit asks damages totalling over \$100,000.

Los Angeles Wants World Council There

Interested in having the 1953 Assembly of the World Council of Churches held in Los Angeles, the Presbytery of Los Angeles of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has called on Council leaders to explain why Southern California cannot be considered. The Presbytery's action came after a report by Dr. Elbert C. Farnham, executive secretary of the Los Angeles Church Federation, in which he said Dr. Henry Smith Leiper, associate general secretary of the World Council, maintained that Los Angeles is too far removed geographically for overseas church leaders.

Ministers Get Anti-Klan Ordinance

An ordinance outlawing the wearing of masks was passed by the city commissioners in Tarboro, N.C., at the request of the Tarboro Ministerial Association. The measure was designed to keep the Ku Klux Klan out of the city. The ordinance was approved unanimously after the clergymen condemned the Klan, terming it "un-American and un-Christian." A number of other North Carolina towns have recently adopted anti-Klan ordinances at the request of ministers.

To Have 11 Christian Deputies

Final balloting in Egypt's parliamentary elections brought the number of Christian deputies to eleven, six of whom are from the Cairo area. All of them are either members of the Wafd Party or sympathizers with the majority groups. Foreign communities and religious minorities have hailed the victory of the Wafd Party in the elections. The party is regarded as the most liberal and tolerant of all the Egyptian political groups.

Police Ban Catholic Football Pools

Football pools to raise funds for Roman Catholic schools and church buildings have been banned by local police in Lancashire, Yorkshire and Cheshire, England, following protests by non-Roman churches against this form of gambling. In two cases, police have taken legal action and priests and lay organizers have been fined for sponsoring football pools.

Berlin Women Denounce Rearmament

Proposals for German rearmament were denounced in Berlin in a joint statement issued by the Protestant Women's League of Berlin and the German Catholic Women's Organization. "Wars can never solve international conflicts," the statement said, "but will only result in a mass-dying of soldiers as well as of the civil population. The survivors would be plunged into unim-

aginable misery, hunger and distress." The statement added that the German women trust in the insight and intelligence of their husbands, sons, fathers and brothers that none of them will "offer his hand to such a dangerous development."

Catholics, Protestants Issue Appeal

An appeal to "the conscience of world Christendom" on behalf of 300,000 refugees of German origin in Austria was issued at the close of a three-day International Conference in Salzburg, Austria, attended by Protestant and Roman Catholic leaders. Convened by the World Council of Churches Refugee Commission, the conference brought together representatives of the Protestant and Catholic Churches in Austria; the World Council of Churches; Caritas, Catholic social welfare organization; and the Vatican Emigration Bureau. Also attending were representatives of the Austrian government and the Marshall Plan administration in Austria.

Religion Campaign Exceeds Expectations

More than 2,000 communities took part in the 1949 Religion in American Life campaign, the annual meeting of the United Church Canvass was told in New York. The Rev. Earle B. Pleasant, national director, said the results of the project—the first effort on behalf of religion in which business and advertising cooperated through the Advertising Council—had "exceeded all expectations." Dr. Karl K. Quimby, executive secretary of the extension division of The Methodist Church's Board of Missions, was re-elected chairman of the Canvass. Rabbi E. L. Freund, executive director of the Synagogue Council of America, was named vice-chairman, and Edwin W. Parsons, secretary of the National Council of Northern Baptist Men was named secretary.

Squelch Liquor Proposal

Strong opposition to his proposal has forced a Norfolk member of the Virginia General Assembly to abandon plans for introducing a bill to legalize the sale of liquor by the drink throughout Virginia. The Norfolk representative still plans to introduce a liquor-by-the-drink bill, but it will apply only to his home city. The measure would simply give Norfolk voters the opportunity of deciding whether they wanted to permit licensed hotels, restaurants and "bona fide" clubs and fraternal organizations to serve liquor. Ministerial organizations and other groups had loudly denounced the legislator's original proposal. It is expected that his modified plan will be opposed almost as vigorously.



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Making the Most of Our Lenten Opportunity

LIFE would be a drab and monotonous experience if it were not for the special occasions that enliven it. We light the candles on the birthday cake and new joy comes into our hearts as we rejoice with others. We decorate the Christmas tree and as we look at it for the several days that follow we are made glad. New Year's comes and as we think of the possibilities of the future we are inspired with a new purpose. We grumble about paying our taxes, and then the nation's birthday is observed and we are reminded of our rich national heritage and the sad plight of so much of the rest of the world. As we think on these things we realize that we have much for which to be thankful.

The soul of a man needs special attention too. One of the great saints of the church complained about the feeling of spiritual dryness. Evidently he experienced, as we all may do, times when he felt he was in a religious drouth. Our fathers consistently held religious revivals. Their sons have analyzed them and largely discounted them. Our fathers did not talk about psychology, but their emphasis upon a religious revival was psychologically sound. There are times when we all need to have our spiritual strength renewed. The world crowds upon us and we are not as aware of God as we would really like to be.

Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the Lenten season for nineteen hundred-fifty. This is a period of special spiritual opportunity. These seven weeks do not mean a period when we are expected to assume an unnatural piety from which we shall revert after Easter. Rather this season presents us with a splendid opportunity for the culture of our spiritual lives. The fact that it is so generally being recognized throughout the Christian world makes it especially helpful because there are so many available spiritual resources. Lent should be viewed not as something to be kept but as an opportunity to be taken.

Fortunately for our Methodist people an important phase of the church's program falls early in the Lenten season. I refer to the observance of the Week of Dedication which has become a tradition

with us. If I were a pastor I would make much of this week for emphasizing the most important aspects of the Christian life. I might do it through a week of prayer services for those who are most concerned to make a real spiritual quest that counts. I might observe it with a preaching mission for the whole church with an earnest attempt to interpret the essentials of our faith. I might use the week for a definite evangelistic effort of both home visitation and public appeal. I certainly would not let the week pass without a commitment in dedication to the will of God. I would observe it not only because it is a part of the program of the church but because it is one opportunity to renew our spiritual strength.

Nor would I apologize for asking the people to make a week of dedication offering. The purpose of the observance is not primarily financial. It is spiritual. Those who inaugurated this program and those who have continued it, however, know that a real dedication of self requires a tangible dedication of substance. During the observance last year the Methodists put nearly a million dollars on the altar, which amount translated into the terms of Christian service was of invaluable worth. Those of us who are in the Detroit Area are interested to know that in the allocation of anticipated returns for this year Sweet Memorial Institute in Santiago, Chile, is third on the list of priorities for an amount with which to erect a new building. Those of us who have seen this Christian enterprise know how important is their work and how desperate is their need. When we carry the world in our hearts we shall not hesitate to make our sacrificial gifts.

How may we, as individuals, make the most of our Lenten opportunity? Here are three specific suggestions, the first of which is that we recognize the importance of spiritual discipline. Discipline may not be a popular word in our age of free self-expression but it is recognized as the way to achievement. The athlete must train for the contest and the soldier for the conflict. Jesus spoke much of self-denial and St. Paul urged the early Christians to put on the armor of God. Someone has said that "to the sleek modern man who worships comfort it may seem absurd that any mortal go with-

out his dinner for the sake of his soul." Christianity certainly is more than what has been called a kind of "glorified lollipop." It is a challenge. It has a cross. Lent reminds us of this fact.

The second suggestion is that we make confession of our own faults. If we give part of the time to self-examination we shall recognize our own limitations. It may be easier to judge others than to judge ourselves. A favorite sport of our generation has been to blame the government or society or a system for all the evils which prevail. It could well be that some of these evils reside in our own hearts. Have you ever speculated with the idea that if your spirit could determine what happens in the whole world, would we have peace or war, justice or inequality? Do not answer this question too quickly. The Psalmist lifted up a good Lenten vow for all when he said: "I will be sorry for my sins."

The third suggestion is that we seriously meditate upon God. He was a wise man who said a long time ago: "It is good for me to draw near to God." Here is a very simple but basic principle. We think about those things that concern us most. It may be God is not vital to us because we have not thought about Him. Such meditation is more than day-dreaming or mind-wandering. It is a definite directing of our minds toward the Eternal with all the help that has come from the past and present.

In one of the rooms of the house in which we live there are some interesting marks on the wall. There is a boy's name and mark and a date. Above it is another mark and a date and above that still another mark and date. Obviously it is the record of the height of a growing boy. Next Wednesday we might well mark our spiritual stature and then week by week note our growth. If at the end of the Lenten Season we are not taller and stronger than we were at the beginning we have missed the opportunities it presents.



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EDITORIALS



Moscow Won't Miss This

Civil rights legislation is sure to have a rough time in Congress in this session. The filibuster still reigns supreme. Even if FEPC legislation passes the House it is certain to be defeated in the Senate. However, all is not lost, for agitation for civil rights has its effect in stimulating the South to reform as well as the North. What is of concern is the eagerness with which Moscow will pounce upon the failure of Congress to pass the desired civil rights legislation. Capitalizing on our failures and their successes is Communism's well-known strategy. And it works. While we can never be entirely free of failure, it certainly behooves us to be as free as possible. If some in Washington's capitol were as anxious to defeat Communism as they say they are, they would make fewer intentional mistakes.

Cold Eggs and Hot Potatoes

Hungry? The government has 50,000,000 bushels of potatoes, purchased under farm price support laws. At this writing it still doesn't know what to do with them and it stands to lose \$100,000,000 on the deal. Besides all these potatoes it has millions of dried eggs stored away in a cave down in Kansas. And this doesn't include stores of other commodities such as corn, wheat, beans and cotton. But before anyone becomes too critical he had better find a good answer to the egg and potato problem.

Price support has its beneficial side and certainly can be used in certain situations to advantage. It also has its evil side when carried to the extreme. After all, the taxpayer's money was used to purchase the various commodities and there is a limit to what even the taxpayers can stand. It appears that better production controls are needed and that crop benefits could stand revision. But he who has all the answers should run for President. In the meantime those eggs and potatoes bother us. To say the least it is all very humbling.

Balmy Talk and a Real Proposal

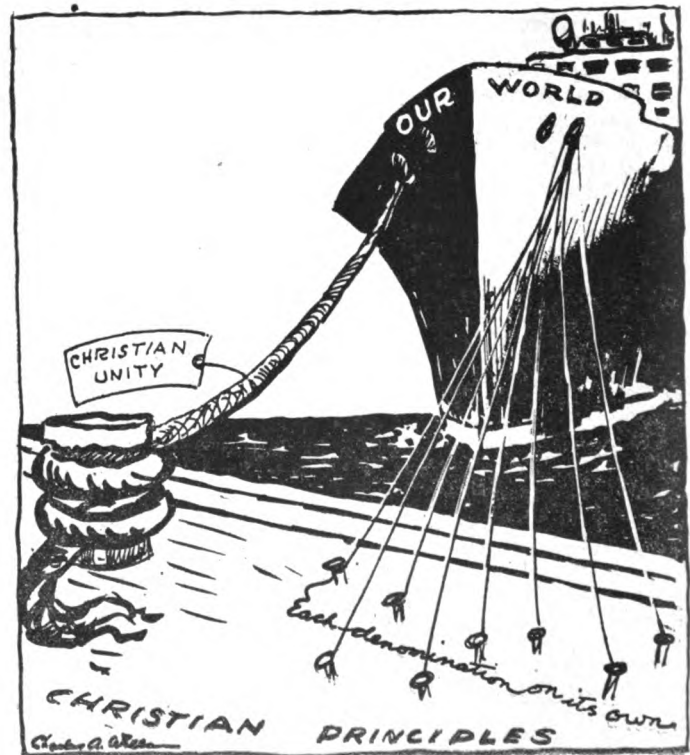
The advent of the H-bomb has given rise to an outburst of peace talk some of which is excellent and some otherwise. A few in high places have said that the H-bomb is so terrible to contemplate that the world is about to be scared into peace. We are not the prophet or the son of one but on the basis of past ex-

perience there isn't much foundation for such optimism.

With the coming of every new weapon of destruction the same prediction has been made. Over a century ago it was predicted that the use of gunpowder would bring about the end of war. Victor Hugo thought scientific research had gone so far that war would soon be unthinkable. Similar prophecies were made when iron ships were built and the submarine came into existence. Poison gas did not stop the waging of war although it has come the closest to scaring peace into people as anything prior to the A-bomb. The invention of the airplane also gave rise to predictions that war was on the way out. It was so prophesied in 1898 by the Chancellor of New York University. If the world could have been scared into peace, we would have had peace a long time ago.

Despite the invention of the A-bomb aggression has not been thwarted. Russia added Czechoslovakia to its dominion when the bomb was our exclusive possession and China has been practically taken over while our stock pile of A-bombs has steadily grown. Certainly the Bombs have not prevented aggression, at least the kind practiced by Russia. The time has come to initiate a daring peace offensive such as that proposed by Senator McMahon of Conn. for a \$50,-

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000,000,000 United States peace crusade. He proposes that Russia be included in a new Marshall plan but that no country share in it unless it submits to strict inspection and control of atomic energy. The plan would definitely put Russia on the defensive in the sight of the world. She could hardly back out and if she accepted, the United States would be credited with winning a great moral victory.

God has given America many chances to capture the peace offensive. Time and again we have come face to face with a great challenge and then backed away from it because our leaders lack prophetic vision and moral courage. Some day God will cease to give these opportunities. Then it will be too late. "O, Jerusalem, Jerusalem . . . !"

Protestants Will Cooperate

It is reported that the Vatican is about to release a statement allowing Catholics greater liberty to discuss theological matters with Protestants in promoting Christian unity. In June of 1948 a statement was made warning against participation of Catholic clergymen and laymen in mixed meetings. It is presumed the new statement will modify the one of 1948 and prescribe exactly under what conditions Catholics may engage in discussions with non-Catholics on dogmatic questions.

Protestants will welcome this news for they are eager and anxious to talk with Catholics on matters of mutual concern and in the hope that greater harmony and cooperation may exist between the two faiths. The difficulties of getting together have always been on the side of the Catholics. Protestants are not prohibited from having absolute freedom in discussing any questions with Catholics and it has always been difficult for Protestants to understand why Catholics aren't granted the same kind of freedom. So any concessions the Vatican makes toward greater freedom for Catholics will be more than welcomed by Protestants who want nothing more than to be able to join Christian forces at this crucial moment in world history.

Coming: A Week of Visitation Evangelism

The growing edge of the church is the evangelistic edge. If that edge is dead or ineffective, the church does not advance. Our Board of Evangelism is flinging out a challenge to Methodism. It makes perfectly clear what every Methodist knows is necessary to real advancement. For one thing it urges us to shut the back door through which passes a sizable portion of our membership. A member kept from being lost to the church is better than a new one gained. It is poor business and bad religion to take fifty new members in the front door and allow just as many to slip out the back.

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But no church should be content merely to hold its own. The population is increasing and our membership should increase with it. Indeed if America is to be made more Christian, our membership will have to exceed the population increase. Therefore no church needs to boast about a membership increase, for that is to be taken for granted as paralleling the population increase. Only when Methodist membership grows faster than the population is any pat on the back justifiable.

All this by way of saying that March 12-16 is National Week of Visitation Evangelism for all churches. The over-all goal for Methodism is one new member on profession of faith for every 14 active members. But for Michigan Methodism the goal isn't quite that high. For this area it is 1 for every 14.9 active members. Last year we reached the goal of 1 for every 15.9. To put it another way, surely 15 active members ought to be able to win one new member to Christ and the church. If Methodists don't have enough religion to do that, then Methodism is not what this writer thinks it is. This is not simply a minister's job. It is primarily a job for laymen, lay women and youth.

Hollywood's Two Sides

Two actresses have been making the headlines recently, one for her decision to give up Hollywood and enter full-time Christian work, and the other for her scandalous international love affair. The former, Colleen Townsend, has shown an honest sincerity in her purpose and unless she is spoiled by a type of cheap religious exploitation found in every part of America, she can do a great deal for Christian youth and the church as a whole. She is wise in planning to enter a theological school and not immediately enter public work where she could certainly draw the crowds but would not contribute any lasting value because of her lack of preparation. She is to be congratulated and a reasonable amount of publicity in her favor is warranted.

The second actress making bigger headlines than Miss Townsend is Miss Bergman whose love affair has been previewed, viewed and reviewed sufficiently by the press so that any further comment along those lines need not soil these pages. What does interest us is the rising protests against showing her pictures. It may at first seem tough on the movie industry to boycott a picture, which in itself may not be bad, simply because the public does not like the private goings on of the actress who played in it and the man who directed it. On the other hand there is no other satisfactory way in which the public can register its protest. Box office language is the language both actors and producers understand. In recent years public taste has gone so low that a boycott has only served to publicize the picture and win for it a larger following. It is possible this case may be different, because it is not the picture that is wrong but its two principals. We hope the boycott succeeds and proves that America has the kind of moral sensibilities that can be offended.

In Praise of Diversity

A MASTER carpenter sets about building a house. He looks over with professional satisfaction the diversity of tools and material available to him on the market. Before he makes his first move to begin, he supplies himself with long boards, plywood, plaster, joists, drills, rafters, screws, nails, hammers, saws, planes—there's no end to the different shaped objects he needs. And a pharmacist—try to think of the different products he must have on his shelves, from every corner of the globe.

Of course you know what I'm driving at. I don't need to say that this meditation of mine centers particularly on the human enterprise of trying to manage human life with that minimum of ordinary sense which will keep us out of war. And the minute I think about it I am struck with the obvious need of having access to a great diversity of *human* elements, to get that job done.

Do I sound simple-minded, thus to call your attention to anything so nose-on-the-face visible? I would feel mentally subnormal, if it were not for all this talk of "tolerance" that is going on.

Brotherly tolerance—nonsense! Our hazardous, desperate world situation is such that to "tolerate" people with useful gifts, is as if a carpenter should agree to be good-natured and not refuse hammers and saws to build his house with, as well as nails and boards. Not to snatch eagerly, gratefully, at all the abilities, energies, good-will and brains there are in our human race—that is not even sub-normal behavior, that is insanity.

Now the great complication about this is that human ability has a disconcerting way of being born (or alas, not being born) anywhere. Each individual human baby, boy or girl, black, white, yellow, is as likely (and, worse luck! as unlikely) as any other, to have abilities absolutely essential to human safety, and to decent society.

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Who would have thought that a dark-skinned Oriental race (just remember the English poet's remarks about "the lesser breeds without the law") would provide an able head for the fumbling, heart-felt effort to Unite The Nations. Rather a loss to the world, wouldn't it have been, if Carlos Romulo were still under a govern-

No one group, nation or race has a monopoly on human achievement. But only as we keep the doors of democratic opportunity open can the achievement become a reality.

ment which, like that of the nineteenth century in the Philippines, constantly proclaimed that the "Filipinos are just children, and need to be kept in order as children, by a firm, paternal government?"

Or who would have thought that one of the greatest discoveries of modern physics would have been made by a woman, a slim, feminine woman, normal wife and mother, of a race said by its oppressors to be "volatile, occasionally moderately gifted in the arts, but quite incapable of concentrated intellectual effort?" The human race would have been incalculably the poorer if Madame Curie had been kept by generalized mass judgments to cooking, sewing a little, and playing a few pieces on the piano.

Again, who would have foreseen the personality which appeared in a race only two generations from literal physical slavery, a race lumped together by wide-spread popular generalizations as being rather like dogs, that is, affectionate and well-mannered when strictly, firmly ruled over by a good master, but otherwise ferocious, primitive, and dangerous; a race "given to quick laughter and tears, in-

capable of serious mental effort and moral steadiness." That the official was a Negro, Ralph Bunche, who stepped forward when Bernadotte was murdered in Palestine, and with massive courage, energy, patience, sheer intelligence and intense determination; should turn the key in that locked door which seemed to bar human advance to peace—in that fact there is food for reflection to halt us in all future generalizations and prejudices which bar our access to human ability.

Let us not forget that from the group looked down on by intellectuals, both because they are women, and because they have practically no substantial education—that is, Society Ladies — has emerged the tall figure of Mrs. Roosevelt, beloved bulwark of human freedom for all the peoples of the earth. And while we are about this business of looking at facts to give us a little common sense, let us remember the "unscrupulous, sharp, grasping, loud and bad-mannered race" which has given us the gentle, retiring Einstein who, more deeply than any other man alive, as deeply as any man who ever was, gazes into the core-secrets of the universe.

That enormous diversity of human material, those infinitely diverse human abilities, every one of which we need if "a safe *Home for Man* is to be constructed, they are ours for the taking—if we will reach out our hands to take. But to reach out our hands, we need first to learn how to hold our tongues from foolish, disproved-in-advance mass generalizations about their lack of desirable qualities; and we need to reshape our laws from iniquitous (worse yet, imbecile!) racial discriminations. Unless the doors are kept open, the elect of the human race cannot emerge from the diverse places in which they chance to be born. Every word, every law, every expression on our faces which tends to push that door more closely shut, is high treason to humanity.

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Christian College

Still Ministers to Future China



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Buildings of Ginling College, Nanking, China.

By W. W. REID

ALL twelve institutions supported by the United Board for Christian Colleges in China are open and functioning on their own campuses despite communist control of their areas.

Enrollment is somewhat less than it was a year ago, but it still totals about 9,000 young men and women. And only one can be admitted for every five who apply for admission.

Although these institutions face many crucial problems and uncertainties, the outlook for the immediate future is encouraging. Several of their professors have been appointed to the national Commission on Higher Education. Christian colleges have been commended by the new regime for their economical administration, for the quality of their work, and for the devotion to public service shown by their graduates. Their administrators continue to send requests for western personnel.

Civil war has not removed the need for technical training; social and economic upheaval have not dimmed the importance of the light of learning; nor has political change satisfied the demand for educated leadership. The Christian colleges are equipped to meet these needs. They are expressions of America's desire for fellowship with the Chinese people and of her eagerness to serve them. They are open channels through which to make Christianity a widespread and living force in the life of these people.

Courses giving the Marxian in-

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terpretation of philosophy, history, and economics have been added to the curriculum by order of the Commission on Higher Education. Some of these are required of students. So far as is known, they are taught by professors selected and

Despite fears to the contrary, Christian colleges continue in China with relatively little interference.

paid by the institutions and not necessarily communists themselves. But established courses presenting non-communist points of view are also taught, tolerated, and even encouraged.

Only a few Chinese members of the Christian college faculties are convinced communists, but a great many have welcomed the new regime because of the contrast between communist promises and Nationalist failures. Some of these professors are prepared to assist

in the new social program, while others remain skeptical of the final results. A few do not hesitate to voice their disagreement.

Several graduates of these colleges have risen to prominence in the communist party as others did in the Kuomintang. This fact is said to be proof both of the quality of the training they received and of the success of their teachers in arousing in them a fundamentally Christian concern for the welfare of their fellow men. Their presence has apparently been a factor in moderating communist demands on the Christian colleges and may prove a stabilizing factor in this era of political upheaval through which China is passing. Other graduates continue active Christian leadership without identifying themselves with the new ideology.

The colleges report that there is still as great a degree of academic freedom under the new regime as there used to be under the old. Although there have been some



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College students at a summer conference, China,

changes in curricula thus far, there has been little actual interference with the colleges. Private colleges and universities have been required to register with the communist educational commission as they did under the Nationalists, but as yet there is no evidence that this action threatens their independence. They continue with very much the same directors, the same administrators, and the same curricula.

There is anti-religious pressure reported, but there have been no prohibitory regulations. The new political authorities continue to promulgate atheism. And, as has been the case for twenty years, courses in religion cannot be required. But such courses have been granted academic recognition; voluntary Bible classes and Christian fellowships are not interfered with; Sunday and weekday services of worship are continuing without change or interruption; and from some campuses come reports of even increased student interest in the Christian message.

With relatively brief interruptions following the taking over of important cities, the United Board for Christian Colleges in China has been able to transmit funds to all the colleges. At present, financial aid reaches them safely, quickly, and certainly. No obstacle to this transfer of money is expected in the near future, and responsible Chinese leaders in the colleges continue to request American help.

"The support we give the Christian colleges is primarily aid to the Chinese people and only indirectly help to their government," says a recent statement of the United Board. "Moreover, withdrawal of that support will not prevent these institutions from being used in the training of communists; it will only result in that training being carried on without Christian influence. The spiritual impact of these colleges on the youth of China, who will be its future leaders, is of far greater significance than the relatively insignificant material aid that may be given to the communist cause. These institutions continue to be a vital part of the Christian movement."

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Moral Responsibility and the

H - Bomb

By REINHOLD NIEBUHR

ATOMIC scientists have been waging an interesting debate on the responsibilities which they have for the uses to which their discoveries are put.

Until the atomic bomb came along practically all scientists assumed that every scientific advance automatically contributed to human welfare. This was never the case; for every increase in human power and ingenuity increases the possibilities of both good and evil.

It was one of the weaknesses of our age that the atomic bomb was required to prove to scientists and to other people that the hope of moral progress through technical skill is a delusion. Long before the bomb was developed it should have been apparent that the airplane, for instance, increases both the possibilities of peaceful communication and of destructive power in wartime.

At any rate, the scientists are now conscious of the dubious uses to which scientific discoveries may be put. They have an uneasy conscience about their contribution to the fearful possibilities of an atomic war.

Some of them think they ought to band themselves together and refuse to work on any project which has primarily a destructive purpose. They argue that if they fail to make such a distinction they are no better than Nazi scientists who allowed themselves to be used for the most dubious purposes on the ground that science is neutral.

In this debate one scientist came up with the rather curious argument that scientists could do nothing

about controlling the uses to which their discoveries would be put; but that they could help the whole of human society to cultivate a scientific and intelligent attitude toward all human problems. In this case, he felt sure, a society would be created in which such fearful issues as the atomic bomb would be automatically set right.

This scientist proves that we are inclined, in a scientific age, to make two errors rather than one. We falsely assume that technical power is always good, when actually it can be used for evil ends. We also equate intelligence with virtue, which is an even greater error.

The very fact that intelligent physicists should be ensnared in so great an evil as modern atomic destruction, and should find no easy redemption from the guilt which they feel, ought to prove to them that intelligence is no guarantee of virtue.

The mind, even as the modern technical instrument, can also be the servant of good as well as of evil. The difference between good will and malice is not finally a difference between intelligence and ignorance. It is a difference which reaches into the very center of the human heart.

The question whether we will live for ourselves or for others, or whether our nation will seek its own glory or the world's peace is decided, in the ultimate instance, as a religious and moral issue and not as a question of reason. Frequently the simple heart comes closer to the right answer to life's ultimate issues than the enlightened mind.

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MICHIGAN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE

Condemn Bomb Manufacture

COLUMBUS, O. — (RNS) — Ohio ministers have condemned the manufacture of the hydrogen and atom bombs and have called upon President Truman and Congress to lead a peace effort to abolish such weapons.

In a resolution adopted at final sessions of the Ohio Pastors' Convention here the clergymen said the production of such bombs "threatens the very existence of mankind and therefore is un-Christian."

"In the light of this world crisis, we urge the President and Congress to lead the nations of this world in an all-out peace effort to abolish all such offensive weapons," the resolution asserted.

"We believe it is imperative and possible," the statement continued, "to find techniques for the peaceful use of such power through the United Nations. As Christians we insist that our government must make this peace crusade its primary and major concern."

NEW YORK — (RNS) — A strong protest against the manufacture of the hydrogen bomb by the United States was voiced here in a statement issued by thirty Protestant religious leaders and educators.

Asserting that the country's moral prestige suffered greatly when the decision was made to launch atomic warfare on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, the group warned against an action which, they said, would mean further loss of moral prestige at this time.

"We are convinced," the statement said, "that the moral standing of our country, especially among the masses of Asia and Africa, will be undermined almost beyond repair if we now proceed by another unilateral decision to launch the terror of hydrogen bombs on the world."

"At the same time," the statement added, "it is now clear that the idea that defense and security can be gained through atomic armament is a delusion. The atomic bomb did not bring safety. If we now proceed by another unilateral decision to engage in a super-atomic bomb race and then in a race of still deadlier weapons, this can only represent further investment in insecurity."

"For Christians and the Christian Church the issue posed anew by the proposal to manufacture hydrogen bombs is not primarily whether the United States can afford to run the physical risk of being subjected to atomic warfare, but whether it can afford the spiritual risk of slaughtering other peoples in atomic warfare, of losing its soul in the hope—probably vain—of saving its skin. It is not a question of what is expedient but what is right; not a question of what man's wisdom concludes but of what the will of God as seen in Christ reveals."

In releasing the statement the signers declared: "That the President should have made this fateful decision before there could be any adequate discussion of this life and death issue by the peo-

ple or even by Congress raises the question whether any claim that we still have a responsible and democratic government is not a mockery."

Signers included Clarence Pickett, retiring secretary of the American Friends Service Committee, Prof. Kenneth S. Latourette, Yale University Divinity School; Prof. Henry J. Cadbury, Harvard University Divinity School; Prof. Arthur L. Swift, Jr., Union Theological Seminary, New York; Prof. Purd Dietz, Eden Theological Seminary, St. Louis; Prof. Walter S. Davison, Auburn Theological Seminary, New York; and Prof. Joseph Fletcher, Episcopal Theological Seminary, Cambridge, Mass.

INDIANAPOLIS — (RNS) — Instead of developing the super-powerful H-bomb, the United States should "use its good offices to promote peace in the world," according to the Indiana Council of Churches.

NEW YORK—(RNS)—If the American people sanction their government's development of hydrogen armaments, "they vote for war," the Rev. A. J. Muste, secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, national religious pacifist group, declared here.

Speaking before a Protestant church group, Mr. Muste asserted that the pending manufacture of hydrogen bombs made total resistance and civil disobedience to the war-making powers of governments both "necessary and imperative."

Mr. Muste made the first public report on the World Pacifist Meeting, held last December in India. He said that a 15-man international liaison group had been formed to coordinate pacifist and civil disobedience activities all over the world.

The liaison group, he said, was selected from 11 nationalities and includes Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and Moslem leaders. It has pledged itself to a broad campaign of civil disobedience to war.

According to Mr. Muste, the campaign includes the refusal to bear arms or to submit to military training or to cooperate in the manufacture of armaments. It further includes refusal to pay income taxes which might be used for war purposes.

American members of the liaison group are Mr. Muste who said he had not paid his income taxes since January, 1948, and Richard Gregg, author of "The Power of Non-Violence."

Mass Meeting on State-Church Issue

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(RNS)—Rep. Graham A. Barden (D-N.C.), said here he plans to re-introduce his controversial aid to education legislation as soon as possible. His bill would confine federal aid to public schools only.

Barden made the announcement at a meeting of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

The group met here for a "National Conference on the American Principle of Separation of Church and State" marking the second anniversary of its formation.

During a business session, the organization's national advisory council adopted a resolution praising President Truman for accepting the resignation of Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative to the Vatican and urging him not to appoint a successor.

It also asked that Federal aid to education legislation be "limited strictly" to free tax-supported, publicly-controlled educational institutions "whether or not state constitutions or laws directly or indirectly permit use of state funds for sectarian educational institutions."

Congressional measures to aid education should be for educational services alone, not including such matters as health services, the council said.

Nearly 3,000 persons attended a mass meeting in Constitution Hall at which Dr. Charles Clayton Morrison, former editor of "Christian Century," spoke on "Keep Church and State Separate." His remarks were devoted mainly to a discussion of the issue of federal aid to education, which, he said, has "become an acute political issue and a matter of widespread popular concern."

Referring to the Supreme Court decision in the McCollum case Dr. Morrison said Protestants-United opposes Protestant attempts to carry on the released-time religious education program "with the same forthrightness which characterizes its opposition to Roman Catholic violations" and "thus demonstrates the sincerity of its claim not to be merely an anti-Catholic organization."

All Protestants, he said, should have "hailed the Supreme Court's decision with deep satisfaction" and "immediately withdrawn from every semblance of continuing the released-time program."

Protestantism, he said, "has an incomparably greater stake in the separation of Church and State than it could possibly have in the trivial religious education toy called released-time."

The Roman Catholic Church, Dr. Morrison declared, "intends to eradicate the principle of Church-State separation in order that it may effect a union with the state on a basis that will enable it to shift virtually the entire burden of supporting its parochial schools from its own shoulders to the public treasury."

He expressed "astonishment" at Protestants who are willing to "collaborate with the Roman Church" in breaking down separation of Church and State, and said that "if their combined effort should succeed, not only would our public school system disintegrate, but the strong bulwark behind which all non-Roman churches have always freely exercised their religious liberty would be demolished."

He urged Congress not to accept any compromise measure for federal aid to education. Any compromise, he said, would mean that Protestant and "non-Roman" churches "lose much and gain nothing, while the Roman Church gains much and loses nothing."

He concluded with an appeal that "the free public school which the fathers created for all the people . . . must not suffer disintegration by draining off the children of the people into publicly-supported secretarian schools, thus sectarianizing our society and culture."

Glenn L. Archer, executive secretary of Protestants-United, declared in an address at the meeting that the "climate of a free State and a free Church" . . . is "in jeopardy today as men tamper with the legal principles upon which religious liberty was founded."

He charged that "a vicious campaign is being waged against the public school system" and that "a well-organized and highly financed campaign is in progress to obtain federal funds for parochial schools."

It was announced that Protestants-United has a membership of 12,000 and has conducted activities in 22 states.

INTER-CHURCH BOWLING LEAGUE CREATES GOOD WILL AND FRIENDSHIP

THE Detroit Inter-church Bowling League was organized in 1948 with 20 teams representing 14 churches. This year there are 36 teams representing 19 churches as follows: Metropolitan Methodist, St. Paul's Methodist, St. Albans Episcopal, North Woodward Congregational, Asbury Methodist, Central Woodward Christian, St. James Methodist, Blvd. Temple Methodist, Nardin Park Methodist, Aldersgate Methodist, Woodward Avenue Presbyterian, Woodward Avenue Baptist, Palmer Park Presbyterian, Alpha Baptist, Hillcrest United Brethren, Salvation Army, Trinity Methodist, East Grand Blvd. Christian, and Central Methodist. Officers are V. Van Klavern, president, Blvd. Temple; M. S. Eldredge, secretary, Metropolitan; trea-



Our Preacher Advocates

So often one hears, God doesn't want to be bothered with our petty every-day affairs. But, just as the ocean supports a small boat as easily as it does an ocean liner, so we may rest the most trivial concerns of our lives on the supporting power of God's love. In fact, the more we rely upon God to help us solve our problems, the closer our walk with Him and the greater our capacity to draw upon his power.

surer, L. Clark, East Grand Blvd. Christian. Four more churches are entering teams for the 1950-51 season.

There are but a few leagues in the city larger than the Inter-church League. Many men prefer bowling with an all-church group rather than with office or industrial leagues. At the end of the season a banquet is held in some member-church to which the pastors, their wives, and the wives of the bowlers are invited. This year's banquet will be held at Boulevard Temple.

There is no better way to create good will and friendship among men of different Protestant denominations than participation in a good clean competitive sport. Members of the Detroit Inter-church Bowling League firmly believe

that these weekly meetings help to cement a lasting friendship and a closer relationship among the Protestant churches of the city.

MONEY SCARCE, MEN DO THE WORK AND PRODUCE RESULTS

THE Marlette Methodist church gave a splendid illustration of what can be accomplished by cooperation and the spirit to do the job. At the January meeting of the official board, the Woman's Society of Christian Service reported that they would back the men financially in redecorating the church. However, after discussion the Board did not feel they could swing it with other financial drives this year. Then it was suggested that the men do the parlors themselves and this motion passed. In one evening the parlors were beautifully redecorated at a cost of about \$22 for paint.

With this as a start the men wanted to go ahead and scaffold the auditorium, doing the work themselves. A special meeting of the Board was called by the pastor, Rev. J. Paul Pumphrey, after the Sunday morning service and permission was secured to go ahead with the sanctuary. The following morning the work began and Wednesday night the whole task was completed. About 25 men worked on the job at some time during the three days. Just five days in all and the sanctuary and parlors, including the entrances, were beautified, the total cost being less than \$200. George Cooper and George Jickling were co-chairmen.



Men of the Marlette church are shown in action here as they decorate the church auditorium. They are, left to right: Ray Dunsford, Earl Ingram, Harry Collins, O. E. Burke, Paul Pumphrey (pastor), Alex Heussner (seated), and Morris Dunsford.

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Around Methodism with the Circuit Rider

Native Heads Puerto Rico Methodists: Rev. Tomas Rico Soltero has been appointed superintendent of the Puerto Rico Annual Conference. Formerly a district superintendent, Mr. Soltero is the first native to head the conference. He is a graduate of Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill., and was ordained a deacon at South Bend, Ind.

Student Centers: A new \$450,000 Methodist student center is to be erected near the University of Texas campus in Austin by the Wesley Foundation. The building will be part of a state-wide program. About 4,900 students, or 26% of the University's enrollment, are Methodist. Students at Southwest State Teachers College and San Marcos Academy will be served by a similar but less costly center at San Marcos.

Methodist Men's Handbook: Working toward its goal of 5,000 local units of Methodist Men during this quadrennium, the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, has issued a new, compact handbook on Methodist Men. The handbook contains a section on the purpose and authority for Methodist Men and specific procedures for organizing a group; lists a large number of practical local projects in an action program to be undertaken by each organization; contains a copy of the constitution of Methodist Men, a charter application, and suggested programs for installation of officers, charter presentation and a regular business meeting.

Favors Expiration of Draft Law: Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., of Chicago, executive secretary of the World Peace Commission of The Methodist Church, presented a statement to the Committee on Armed Services of the U.S. House of Representatives urging that the Selective Service Act should be allowed to expire. The statement was filed in connection with hearings held early in February. Dr. Boss quoted General Conference action opposing any system of peace-time universal military training and action of the annual meeting of the World Peace Commission last November to the same effect. The statement was signed by Dr. Boss and Dr. Ralph W. Sockman, chairman of the Peace Commission.

Week of Dedication: Bishops and pastors have joined Bishop Paul B. Kern of Nashville, Tenn., chairman of the Week of Dedication committee of the Advance for Christ and His Church, and Advance leaders in calling upon Methodists everywhere to share in the church-wide observance of the Week of Dedication, March 5-12. Through prayer services, participation in Holy Communion, and periods of penitence and self-examination, church members are being

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These Methodists Plan College for Alaska



Plans are under way for the establishment of a Christian liberal arts college in Alaska under the Board of Missions and Church Extension of The Methodist Church. It will cost about \$1,000,000. Of this amount various Methodist annual conferences have already pledged \$522,000 as a part of their "Advance for Christ and His Church" movement. Among members of the committee are those shown here, left to right, seated: Mrs. E. Paul Todd, of Tacoma, Wash.; Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. W. Raymond Brown, East Aurora, N.Y.; Ernest A. Peterson, Portland, Oregon, chairman; and Dr. Earl R. Brown, executive secretary of the Board of Missions. Standing: Dr. P. Gordon Gould, superintendent of the Alaska Mission; Dr. W. V. Middleton, of Philadelphia; and Bishop A. Frank Smith, Houston, Texas.

encouraged to make the week a time of personal rededication to the highest Christian ideals. On Sunday, March 12, the presentation of a free-will offering will be part of the climactic act of personal dedication. Funds are to be used for emergency missionary projects at home and abroad and the work of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

Superintendents Reaffirm World Service Support: Thirty-five district superintendents, one from each episcopal area, met at Buck Hill Falls for informal consultation with the Council of Secretaries of World Service Agencies. The program centered on methods of keeping benevolences in focus in local churches. Dr. Thomas B. Lugg of Chicago, treasurer of the General Commission on World Service and Finance, provided factual material. The friendly discussion and interchange of methods and views between superintendents and secretaries were reflected in the unanimous adoption of the recommendations of the Findings Committee. The meeting was called by the Council's Promotion Committee of which Dr. Harry Denman is chairman.

New Format: The January-February issue of *Christian Education Magazine*, presents a totally new appearance. Its entire format has been changed and the page size greatly enlarged. Formerly a 32-page, 6x9 inch publication, it now comprises 24 pages, 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ x10 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The larger page size will permit a wider and more varied use of pictures and of charts

and graphs. In the future the magazine will be slanted primarily for pastors and for persons directly engaged in the work of Christian higher education. Dr. Boyd M. McKeown is the editor.

Dr. Spann Visits Yale Ministerial Students: Dr. J. Richard Spann, director of the Commission on Ministerial Training, Nashville, Tenn., accepted an invitation from Dr. Halford E. Luccock, professor of homiletics at Yale University Divinity School, to spend a day with students preparing for the Methodist ministry there. Dr. Spann spoke to the 98 future Methodist preachers on their future in The Methodist Church, had lunch with Methodist faculty members and students, and spent several hours in conferences with individual students.

Laymen's Day: "A Layman's Faith" is the theme which will bind together Methodists across America as they join in a general observance of Laymen's Day, February 26. Chilton G. Bennett, executive secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, Chicago, explained that the theme is especially appropriate "as we the laity share in strengthening the program of the Advance for Christ and His Church." Laymen's Day and Commitment Day, sponsored by the Board of Temperance, fall on the same Sunday this year. In many churches outstanding laymen will occupy the pulpit, take full charge of the service or have some special part in the worship.

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The Federal Council

To the Editor:

Thank you for the "Truth About the Federal Council." When so much misrepresentation and half-truths are fed the public, as Stanley High's article in *Reader's Digest*, it is time for religious journals to present the whole truth. A democracy can be maintained only when people are informed. Your editorial, "A Veteran Speaks" was also heartening.—A. W. Nagler, Evanston.

Journalistic Low

To the Editor:

I think your editorial on a "New Journalistic Low" is timely. You have struck a note that needs to be struck again and again.—Wilbur E. Hammaker, retired Methodist Bishop and Executive Vice President, Board of Temperance.

Feels Better Now

To the Editor:

I was a little bothered by the High article but as soon as I read your editorial in the *Advocate*, I felt better. Thanks to you.—Mrs. R. L. E. Smith, Hemlock.

Urges a Protest

To the Editor:

Your editorial on the Stanley High article is on ball as usual. If every minister and church member who took the *Reader's Digest* would make a protest, much good might be accomplished. If the same kind of article were written about the Roman church, the response would be prompt and well organized.—I. Paul Taylor, Detroit.

High Article a Good Thing

To the Editor:

It seems to me to be a good thing that the High article has brought certain things out into the open. We can now see ourselves as others see us.

The fact that so many distinguished Methodists do belong to this Methodist Federation for Social Action has been the cause of much concern among many pastors and laymen. We are also concerned because of the plan for having the Federation made an official agency within the church.

We are so concerned because of the fact that influential leaders in the church have made very radical statements at their National meetings (Many statements detrimental to the United States and in favor of Russia) and there seems to have been little or no statements made by moderate leaders, which would represent the opinions of the rank-and-file Federation members referred to by you in the editorial in *Advocate* of Feb. 2. We are therefore afraid that if social action is made official these same radical leaders will have charge of the program.

The Federation, as it is, does have a program of establishing "cells" in the local churches for gaining the support

of younger groups, and they do have a stated purpose of gaining control of important committees. I do have a copy of the Federation program stating these objectives.

One alarming fact is the Federation attempt to discount statements made by our newspaper editors, commentators, Associated Press, etc. It seems to me that along with our Christian endeavors we should also point to our country's early ideals of free enterprise and that slurs should not be made as to our peaceful intentions in Europe and elsewhere. These slurs should be discontinued by our *Advocate* editor. This country has not fought a war of conquest in 100 years.

The Federation masthead, referred to by Stanley High, is definitely socialistic. Why should our church be

NOTICE

Reprints Available

Owing to the demand for reprints of the lead editorial in the issue of February 2 entitled, "A Presbyterian Tells Us Methodists, But Not Much," the *Advocate* is making them available free of charge to pastors.

Bishops' Statement Coming

Owing to the fact that the Bishops of The Methodist Church are scattered throughout the nation, it is taking some time for them to formulate a statement on the High article. Such a statement, however, is anticipated and may be released momentarily.—J.E.M.

committed to such a policy?—Harry A. Cartwright, Saginaw.

Note: We appreciate brother Cartwright's statement and believe he has a genuine concern for the church's welfare. There has been so much confusion about the Federation and its relationship to the church that I am sure he will allow the Editor to clarify one or two points made in his letter which are likely to add to that confusion. *There is no attempt being made either by the Federation or anyone outside the Federation to make it an official agency of The Methodist Church. In fact both Federation members and non-members strongly desire to keep it unofficial.* What the General Conference did consider in 1948 and will consider at its meeting in 1952 is the advisability of having a department of its own to deal with social questions very much as the Board of Temperance has dealt with temperance. Twenty years ago Bishop Oxnam made such a proposal. If it had been accepted then, much of the confusion over social issues that has plagued our church never would have existed. The present incident proves again the need for an official agency under the control of the General Conference which alone officially represents The Methodist Church.—J.E.M.

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True or False?

To the Editor:

Your editorials sell the *Advocate*. More power to your pen.—K. O. Savareid, Cheboygan.

Likes Cavert Article

To the Editor:

Thanks for your clear and forceful editorial about the High article and also for the one by Dr. Cavert in the Jan. 26 issue. Both were needed.—Victor W. Thrall, Fountain City, Tenn.

Wants Reprints

To the Editor:

One of my *Advocate* readers wants to know if we cannot get reprints of your editorial on High's article. You were also clicking in your editorial, "New Journalistic Low."—A Pastor.

He Quit Too

To the Editor:

I am glad to learn you too are quitting *Newsweek*. I quit several years ago and didn't even wait for the subscription to expire.

I have been sorry to learn of Archie McCrea's sickness. He is a noble man of God.—C. F. Angell, Hastings.

From the South

To the Editor:

Your editorial on the High article is the best I have seen. People in this part of the country have been disturbed by it and they need to be put right. Congratulations. — J. Manning Potts, Nashville, Tenn., Editor, The Upper Room.

A Grateful Renewal

To the Editor:

I sure enjoy the *Advocate* more every time I read it and especially the Bishop's Page. Here is my check for my renewal.—Mrs. Bessie Boomer, Flint.

Opposes Liquor Advertising

To the Editor:

May I commend you for the point you have emphasized in your editorial, "To Continue Liquor Advertising." It seems to me that we could develop a very effective campaign not only in education but in legislation also if we would move out along the line of your sentence, "For people to buy alcohol of their own free will seems bad enough, but to encourage people to buy seems thoroughly indefensible."

It has been a theory of mine for a long time that if we cannot at the present time stop the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage,

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there is no defense whatsoever in legislative halls or in the business world for encouraging habits of life that are definitely detrimental to the health and happiness of the people. Perhaps if we would concentrate our fire upon that one objective we might make substantial progress toward the better life for all.—E. Harold Mohn, Chicago, Ill.

Michigan's Pulse

To the Editor:

It seems my subscription to the *Advocate* has run out. In the rush of a multitude of duties I overlooked the renewing of it. Just cannot get along without this pulse of Michigan Methodism.—Florence Virginia Holden, Chicago.

Hit a New High About High

To the Editor:

Just to say I appreciate the two pages of excellent editorials in the issue of February 2. I think you hit a new high. I have long discounted the writings of Stanley High. He is out of step with The Methodist Church and was most unscholarly in his analysis of what he terms "Methodism's Pink Fringe."—G. P., Detroit.

Proves Need for the Advocate

To the Editor:

The February 2 issue is a good reason why every Methodist home should have the *Advocate*. Your answer on Methodist "pinks" and *Newsweek's* bad reporting are right to the point. I was glad to read about the Boston revival, too. Maybe the time is here to lay aside soft talk about sin and seek the old paths the fathers trod.—Frank A. Webb, White Pigeon.

Stanley High's Red Herring

To the Editor:

Stanley High could have turned his criticism on other denominations besides Methodism because of alleged left-wing tendencies or even upon the Federal Council of Churches of which he is a member.

Recently one of the Episcopalian bishops of the church of England toured America whose pro-communist writings have given him the title of the "Red Dean." He could have lampooned the left-wing element of the Episcopalian, the Presbyterian, the Baptist, the Quaker, and numerous other groups. One of my professors who was an ardent Communist, a member of the party, and a believer in the revolution was an ordained Baptist minister and a teacher in a Baptist theological school. So when Stanley High talks about Methodism's Pink Fringe he could have spoken of a pink

fringe of almost every major denomination in the United States.

By writing about The Methodist Church, he leads one to believe that only Methodism has a left-wing element. One of Henry Wallace's boys was elected to Congress so it might be said we have a radical element in Congress, but that does not mean we have gone communist in the United States not by a long shot. What it does mean is that we are still a democracy. Only a democracy can allow dissenting opinion and give a minority a voice to speak its conscientious opinion.

When Stanley High speaks of Methodism, he must remember another thing that our missionaries, ministers, and congregations live under various types of economic philosophies. In China our missionaries are living under Communist leadership. In the south seas our members have a cooperative society very different from our own. Christianity has survived the rise and fall of a number of different economic systems each of which thought they should never be surpassed.

The problem with our church, as with so many others, is that our world-wide mission keeps us constantly considering our position, not alone with the United

States way of life, but with the way of life of the rest of the world as well. This means the church people are made conscious of the world conditions before others are aware of it and thoughtful Christians are trying to see how Christianity can adjust to the Communist way of life so as to win those who live in lands which are dominated by this philosophy. Almost one-third of the world is now under Communist influence. Shall The Methodist Church fail to seek to reach these people because an iron or bamboo curtain has been put down?

Mr. High has been very unfair. He has done an un-American job of reporting in the hope of obtaining a spectacular result. He lists a lot of organizations, pins tags to them and then lists prominent people who belong to them. He ties all this up with a statement one radical member has made and says they are all Communist.

It is so easy to smear and so difficult to be fair and truthful. I know a number of the officials Mr. High mentions. They are not Communists nor do they have a pink fringe. They are as loyal and as American as you or I. America has no cause for alarm from the Christian leaders of The Methodist Church.—Richard E. Atherton, Jonesville.

Bay View Ice Angel Still Remembered



Back in 1899 this "ice angel" was considered a good omen for the future spiritual life of Bay View Assembly. The unique ice formation, which was situated at the end of the Bay View dock, was discovered and photographed then by the late H. M. Wilcox as he walked on the ice on Little Traverse Bay in search of interesting winter scenes. The electric light pole "cross" makes a fitting background. The photograph was secured through the courtesy of Mrs. J. H. Kitching of Snover, daughter of Mr. Wilcox; Mrs. Walter Work of Petoskey and the late Mr. Work.

CONFERENCE BOARDS OF HOSPITALS AND HOMES MEET IN JOINT SESSION

A JOINT meeting of the Board of Hospitals and Homes of the Detroit and Michigan Conferences was held at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo on Monday, February 6.

Dr. Orville H. McKay, chairman of the Detroit Conference Board, presided, and there were also in attendance Rev. William A. Blanding, chairman of the Michigan Conference Board; Rev. Henry W. Ellinger, Rev. Leon W. Manning, Rev. Edwin Pearce, and Gordon B. Wheeler, of the two Boards; and Dr. William C. Perdew, Superintendent of Bronson Hospital, Rev. Matthew J. Betz, Superintendent of Chelsea Home, Rev. Floyd N. Drake, Superintendent of M. J. Clark Memorial Home, and Dr. William I. Lacy, Superintendent of the Children's Village.

Discussion was had of several problems and programs common to the two Boards, including the provision for more adequate financial support of the four philanthropic institutions, joint publicity, and the co-ordinating of long-range financial programs. Certain recommendations were agreed upon, and the feeling was general and definite that the meeting of the two Boards in joint session was so productive of helpful discussion that it should be made a regular event.

After a tour of the hospital, and inspection of the new Medical Center and hospital addition now under construction, Dr. and Mrs. Perdew, on behalf of the hospital, entertained the group as their guests at a delightful dinner.

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Because Methodism's success is in direct proportion to the success of each local church, the **ADVOCATE** welcomes news of your church's achievements.

ESCANABA CENTRAL, Karl J. Hammar, pastor, in broadcasting its services is reaching the northern part of the lower peninsula, Northern Wisconsin and all of the U.P. This was made possible when radio station WDBC began broadcasting on a 1000 watt, 680 kilocycle circuit.

ROYAL OAK MADISON has an active W.S.C.S. of 20 members, Mrs. Hazel Patch, president. In June of 1948 this group began to pay \$50 per month toward the church debt. This March they will have paid a total of \$1,000 and on March 9 the church will celebrate this achievement at a pot-luck dinner. Dr. Gordon Phillips, executive secretary of the Methodist Union, will be the speaker. Rev. Fred Andrews is the pastor.

MUSKEGON LAKESIDE had an opportunity to profit from the Leadership Training School sponsored by the County Council of Churches last fall, when the nine persons who attended put on a panel discussion at a family night in January. Arranged by the church school under the leadership of Mr. Paul A. Elliott, superintendent, this program solved the problem of acquainting the whole church with the value of the training school. Those attending the school were assisted by a student, Gerald Billingsley, from the senior department and a parent, Mrs. Duncan Poland. They presented their views as to what the church school had done in the past and made suggestions for its improvement. Mrs. Floyd Fitch, wife of the pastor and instructor at the training school, chaired the panel. Each participant reviewed in five minutes the high points of his course. Mrs. Paul A. Elliott discussed the special attributes of Protestantism which relate to the church school as brought out in the course on the History of Protestantism. Departmental presentations were given by Mrs. Eugene Own on Primary and Nursery; Mr. Isaac Druif, Floyd Fitch, Jr., and James Billingsley on Juniors; and Mrs. Carl Hanson on the New Intermediate program. Floyd Price discussed the possibil-

ity of increasing the effectiveness of the church's educational program with Visual Aids. The student and parent then made their suggestions. A free discussion was invited from the audience after which Mr. Elliott summarized the high points from his course for superintendents and challenged the church membership to a higher level of work and greater loyalty to its church school and the Christian education program.

MILLERSBURG has a lovely new parsonage built of Brick-Crete, with full basement, heating plant and water system. It has seven rooms and bath. Formerly on the Onaway Charge, Millersburg, at the request of the congregation, was made a charge at the last Detroit Annual Conference and Rev. William Fraser appointed as pastor. Supporting and housing a pastor has presented a real challenge and last November Rev. and Mrs. Fraser and their family moved into the new parsonage. A considerable amount of labor was donated by men and women of the church. The W.S.C.S. installed a gas stove; the Adult Fellowship was responsible for the purchase and installation of the water system; and a number of Sunday school classes were of financial help. The cost of the building was \$7,000, leaving an indebtedness of \$1,700. The church is already looking ahead to paying this balance and plan on using the God's Acre Plan. Morning and evening services are well attended, with special emphasis on evangelism. The Sunday school has averaged well over 100 since the beginning of the year.

WARREN began a Centennial Monthly Artist Series on January 18, which will be held on the third Wednesday of each month, leading up to their Centennial Observance in November. Austin Grant, news commentator and farm editor for station CKLW, opened the series. On Feb. 15 the Northern Y.M.C.A. Boys' Chorus, under the direction of Mr. Fred Ratford, presented a full evening program of sacred and secular music. Coming programs are: March 15, Joseph E. Maddy, director of the National Music Camp at Interlochen and professor of Radio Music at the University of Michigan, "Symphony of Young America." April 19, The Motor City Ensemble, Estelle Andrews and the Cavaliers, a group of well-trained Negro singers in a program of spirituals and other music. May 17, Arthur E. Moore, judge of Probate Court, Oakland County, and authority on juvenile problems, "Social Care of the Mentally Ill." Sept. 20, Henry Hitt Crane of Detroit Central, "The Paradox of Power." Oct. 18, The Chevrolet Glee Club will close the series. Nov. 26 is the date of the centennial observance. Rev. James Bristah is the pastor.

JACKSON GREENWOOD AVENUE has completed its first School of Missions using Japan as the general theme. It was held on four consecutive Sunday evenings and maintained an average attendance of over 100. A light lunch was served by the W.S.C.S. at 6:15 each night, followed by a brief worship service

conducted by the pastor, Rev. Clair J. Snell. Then the group divided into three classes studying the approved texts on Japan. Mrs. Ralph Dempster, W.S.C.S. secretary of children's work, and Mrs. Cloy Smith, secretary of youth work, conducted classes for their age groups. Mr. Clifford King, teacher at Jackson Junior College and superintendent of the Adult Department of the Church School, taught the adult class. After the class period a general assembly was held in which special features were presented, including the movie, "Kenji Comes Home," and the film strip, "Operation—J 3." Ex-G.I. speakers were Duane Huntoon, Denver Boyers, and Wesley Webb of Jackson, and Rev. James Nixon of Gregory, all of whom were in Japan with the occupation forces. Miss Setsuko Mita, a Japanese student at Michigan State College, and Capt. Harold Mulbar of the Michigan State Police, who spent two years in Japan reorganizing the Japanese police force, completed the guest speakers.

WMRP CONDUCTS BIBLE SCHOOL OF THE AIR

THE Flint Council of Churches and radio station WMRP are conducting a Bible School of the Air, which began January 31 and will continue for 13 weeks with two lessons each week, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30 A.M. A study of the Old Testament, it is an introductory course and will cover the entire historical period of the Old Testament. Rev. Frank N. Miner, executive secretary of the Flint Council of Churches and a retired member of the Detroit Conference, is the instructor. Mr. Miner taught Bible in Central High School, Flint, for several years for the Flint Religious Education Foundation.

The lessons have brief formal presentation in the first half of the half-hour broadcast, and are followed by a discussion between Mr. Miner and Rev. William H. Morford, WMRP manager, and the answering of listeners' questions. A questionnaire is mailed to each



Mr. Miner

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enrolled member for marking and return to the instructor. It is based on the broadcasts of the week and indicates the student's progress and the fact that he did follow the discussion of the broadcast. Anyone in the listening area of WMRP may enroll. The enrollment fee is \$1.00 and covers the cost of mailing and promotion. The instruction and station time are given free of charge. There is an extra charge of 50¢ for a mimeographed outline of the course.

This Bible School of the Air is an experiment. It offers opportunities for those who have not been able to take training in any other way to improve their knowledge and understanding of the Bible. The requirements for the course are two one-half-hour listening periods a week, with an equal amount of time to fill out the questionnaires. Write to WMRP and ask for an enrollment card.

196 ATTEND MYF INSTITUTE AT JACKSON FIRST

ALBION-LANSING District Mid-winter MYF Institute, was held January 27-29, at First Church, Jackson. The staff included: Rev. William Blanding, dean; Rev. Donald Scranton, district youth director; Rev. David Evans, business manager; Rev. Ohmer Curtiss, district youth choir director; Dr. Wm. H. Helrigel, district superintendent; Dr. King D. Beach, host pastor; Mr. Lysle Hall, Jr., district president; Miss Maryetta Baker, district worship chairman; and Rev. Richard Miles, district treasurer.

The main speaker was Dr. Lowell Hazzard, Professor of Religion, Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Illinois, and co-author of several Sunday school lesson series for The Methodist Church. His three addresses upon the institute theme, "Jesus' Way—Our Way—Through Faith," were very well received by the youth.

The 196 young people were divided into five discussion groups: 1. Missions, Miss Esther Gene Fenner, Methodist Girl's School, Lima, Peru; 2. Boy and Girl Relations, Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Buck; 3. Devotional Life, Dr. John Cheek, Associate Professor of Religion, Albion College; 4. Life Work, Dr. Wayne Fleenor, Albion College; 5. Social Responsibility, Mr. Wm. I. Lacy, Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit, who also spoke to the entire group about the Children's Village, and showed movies of the home.

The meals were graciously provided by the W.S.C.S. of the local group, and were fine in quality and quantity. The host pastor, his associate David Evans, the W.S.C.S. and the local youth group are to be commended upon their fine preparation for this institute. The young people left Jackson Sunday afternoon, having been graciously entertained in the homes of Jackson Methodists, and having been entertained royally at the church.

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Lansing Radio Station Broadcasts Church Services



Radio Station WILS, Lansing, each Sunday gives a different church the opportunity to broadcast its morning worship service. It was a unique and interesting experience for the choir and congregation of Potter Park Methodist Church of that city when it had its first broadcast but it was nothing unusual for the pastor, Rev. Dorr Garrett, who had conducted services over the air for three years while serving at Parma. An invitation came for a second broadcast to take place and it was during this service that the above picture was taken.

One of the highlights of the Saturday program was the showing of movies on Europe by Dr. Helrigel, which he took during his trip there in the summer of 1947. Sunday was also highlighted in the morning by the sermon by Dr. Beach on the subject, "If I Were Seventeen Again," and later in the afternoon by the Consecration Service and Communion in charge of Dean Blanding.—Don Scranton, district director of youth.

METHODIST HOSPITALS AND HOMES PLAN NATIONAL MEETING

MORE than 400 men and women interested in the expanding social service program of The Methodist Church will attend the annual convention of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes in Chicago's Congress hotel Mar. 1-2.

For the first time, several other denominations will hold their annual hospital and home meetings simultaneously in the same city. All groups will unite for a great dinner meeting on Mar. 2 and will share in sessions of the American Protestant Hospital Association and the National Conference on Protestant Homes for the Aged on Mar. 3.

Features of the Methodist gathering will include celebration of the 100th anniversary of the founding of the church's ministry through homes for the aged, naming of four new members to the Methodist Hall of Fame in Philanthropy, and the presentation of recognition certificates to personnel with long-time service records. Nine Methodist bishops are scheduled to appear on the program.

First-hand impressions from their recent official visitation to European institutions will be given in major ad-

resses by Dr. Karl P. Meister of Chicago, executive secretary of the denomination's Board of Hospitals and Homes, and Bishop Raymond J. Wade, Mishawaka, Ind., president emeritus of the board.

In addition to Bishop Wade, Michigan Methodists participating in the program include the following discussion leaders: William I. Lacy, director of the Methodist Children's Home Society, Detroit; and Rev. Floyd N. Drake, superintendent, M. J. Clark Memorial Home, Grand Rapids.

Other prominent speakers include: Bishop Charles C. Selecman, Dallas, Tex.; Bishop Charles Wesley Brashares, Des Moines, Ia.; Bishop Gerald Kennedy, Portland, Ore.; Bishop Dana Dawson, Topeka, Kan.; Dr. Oscar Thomas Olson, Cleveland; Chaplain Otis Rice of St. Luke's Hospital, New York; and Dr. Carroll A. Wise of Garrett Biblical Institute.

Dr. O. J. Carder of St. Joseph, Mo., president of the association, will preside at the general sessions. Bishop J. W. E. Bowen of the Atlantic Coast Area, Atlanta, Ga., will lead the opening devotions.

Bishop William T. Watkins of Louisville, Ky., president of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes, will preside at a guest luncheon given by that group for delegates to the convention on the opening day. Bishop J. Ralph Magee will extend a welcome to the delegates on behalf of the host city, and Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of Pittsburgh will give the invocation.

The Board of Hospitals and Homes will convene on Feb. 28 for its annual meeting, with Bishop Watkins presiding.

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● Stops Around the State

● Albion College

By Ann Hollinshead

ALBION, Feb. 7.—With an enrollment of 1272 students still maintaining the ratio of two men to one woman, Albion begins its second semester of the college year. Wonder of the incoming class is its three sets of twins, all from Detroit, two of them identical pairs. Few can as yet differentiate Phyllis from Eileen Von-Gruenigen or Bruce from Allan Gifford. John and William Vincent do not present the same possibilities for confusion. Also of outstanding interest is 21-year-old Valentin Dedulin, serious Russian displaced-person student whose next two years as a pre-medic at Albion have been underwritten by the Albion student body, with the cooperation of the college administration.

Dr. Henry M. Battenhouse, professor of English literature, is back from his productive sabbatical spent largely in Connecticut and Florida. In the former state he had access to the Sterling library of Yale, and at Winter Park, Fla., he used the Rollins college library for much of his research in connection with a new college religion text book to be called "The Gospels and the Life of Christ," the manuscript for which must be in the hands of the Ronald Press by September 1 of this year.

Following the second visit to the campus of Miss Eleanor Nangle, feature writer for the *Chicago Tribune*, and *Tribune* photographer Andrew Pavlin, another attractive write-up and page spread of Albion pictures appeared in the January 29 *Tribune* under the caption "Youth on the Campus." Of particular interest to the visiting newspaper representatives was the Albion "bust out" tradition, probably because this once-a-semester event chanced to occur during their stay. Miss Nangle also applauded the college's \$5,000,000 advancement program and spoke of the importance of a new college chapel to obviate the need for divided chapel attendance.

Much rehearsing is going on in the music department where Dr. Conway Peters' orchestra is preparing for its February 19 home concert at four o'clock in the college chapel. With choice selections from the composers Schubert, Boccalari, Ippolitow-Iwanow, Grofe and Gliere, an unusually colorful afternoon of music is to be anticipated. And David Strickler's a cappella choir is giving equally serious practice hours to the numbers to be presented at the Albion

Guild-sponsored concert of the choir in Detroit's Masonic Temple on March 8.

Worthy of mention in connection with the Albion music department is the new communion anthem written by David Strickler and recently published by the C. C. Birchard company of Boston. An ancient manuscript, "The Teaching of the Apostles," furnished the text for the anthem.

Coach Dale Sprankle's trackmen are again taking worthy laurels. Last Saturday afternoon, February 4, they won the special MIAA mile relay at the Michigan State Relays, and at the January 28 AAU meet at the Yost Field House of the University of Michigan they won the mile relay, coming within three seconds of breaking the outdoor MIAA relay mark. They also placed second in the open college 880-relay.

● Adrian College

By Lillian P. Case

ALL of Adrian College is sharing in the grief of President and Mrs. S. J. Harrison, following the death of Mrs. Harrison's mother, Mrs. Charles W. David. Mrs. David died February 4, following a heart attack.

Life-long residents of Lenawee County, and friends of Adrian College, Mr. and Mrs. John Ruesink have made a much-appreciated gift to the College. A modern portable recording machine, with a large supply of plastic recording tape that can be used over and over again by the Speech and Music departments, as well as elsewhere on campus, has been made possible by the Ruesinks. This will be a great instructional aid, and faculty and students unite in gratitude to these good neighbors.

There's something about a gift to a college—it's not put away and forgotten, or carelessly used and tossed aside, as some gifts are. It is used with care and appreciation by class after class, and is cherished as a memorial of the giver, as well as a needed and useful aid to learning.

Adrian had as a campus visitor last week Dr. Myron F. Wicke, secretary to the Department of Higher Education of the Division of Educational Institutions of the Methodist Board of Education. During his three-day stay, he met members of the faculty and students, and discussed problems of the church-related college.

Fraternities and clubs are busy as usual, with even more than ordinary activity marking the beginning of a new semester. Music Club had a fine meeting recently, with Dr. James Spencer of the Music Department playing part of the Cantata "Tevijai." George Bergman, from Latvia, preceded the number by a talk on Latvian and Baltic music, and sang two of his country's folk songs.

"March of the Toys" by Victor Herbert was a two-piano feature played by Phyllis Brigham, a senior from Sherwood, and Richard Lower, a junior from Adrian. Other members who participated

in the program were Harold Weaver, Shelby sophomore, Arlene Weinlander, junior from Palmyra, and Joyce Woodcock, Detroit junior.

Refreshments? What would a club meeting be without them? Mary Jo Curry and Carolyn Cook saw to it that the music-lovers were well-fed.

Casting is about to begin for three one-act plays to be presented by the Adrian College Players, according to Director Sidney Straight. "Antic Spring," a light farce by Robert Nail, will be the first; "Balcony Scene," a serious drama by Donald Elser, will be the second; and "A Happy Journey" by Thornton Wilder will complete the program.

Ann Arbor District

Frank L. Fitch, Superintendent

TO WHAT shall we liken the Ypsilanti meeting of January 9? It was likened unto one of the days of Bishop Edgar Blake. We could almost see him standing before us with several volumes of books in hand saying in the words of Wesley: "Read, read, read, read five hours a day, or return to your trade, gentlemen." It was like unto one of the days of the Student Volunteer Movement with its accent on answering Macedonian calls. Certainly it was prophetic of the type of leadership education we hope to accomplish in the local church.

Event of the day was the announcement by Supt. Frank L. Fitch that approximately \$240 had been realized during Bishop Reed's Preaching Mission and would help defray the expense incident to the passage of Displaced Persons. This was a fine sequel to the hymn "O God, our help in ages past" and the prayer of brother Joseph Dutton. The mention of Displaced Persons was the signal for Fred Poole of Plymouth offering the services of that church to sponsor such a project, adding that the Methodists were more lax than the Presbyterians in this regard. Adolph Bergman of Samaria offered his liaison services to contact Baltic friends who might be brought here. Herbert Brubaker confronted the district with the frustrations DP's might encounter consequent to strikes and labor union opposition. Dr. Poole countered this argument saying, a labor union representative of his parish assured him of cooperation.

Reporting splendid leadership schools at Stockbridge and Wheatfield, Mrs. Nello Kenady, part time district secretary, pressed for decisions affecting Vacation Bible Schools and Missionary Workshops explained more fully by Mrs. Alex Cameron, district youth secretary of the W.S.C.S. Francis Wilson reported on the status of the treasury. As of Dec. 1, 1949, the balance was \$1,170.14. December receipts amounted to \$373.41. Disbursements of \$857.03 left a balance of \$686.52.

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Obituaries

DR. JOSEPH FORT NEWTON, 73, rector of the Episcopal Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany, Philadelphia, died at his home Tuesday night, Jan. 24. Dr. Newton was nationally known as a lecturer and author. In 1939 he was voted one of the five foremost Protestant clergymen in America by a poll of 25,000 ministers.

ROBERT E. MUCHE, 40, died suddenly the afternoon of January 27 when stricken with a heart attack at his store in Manton. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Muche, were enroute to Florida when the news of his death reached them at Hopkins where they had stopped to visit relatives. Mr. Muche was born in Traverse City, April 20, 1909, but had spent most of his life in the Manton community. After graduating from Manton high school he attended Albion College and Englewood Business College, Chicago. On completing his education he was associated with his father as a licensed funeral director, and in the furniture store. He left this work to take a position

to Mid-Winter Institute at Newburg (which incidentally listed the new voices of Edwin Pearce, Rev. Henry Jacobs and the sound film, "Kinje Comes Home," the moral of which Harold Pailthorp sought to elicit from the youth present.)

Dr. John E. Marvin on introduction by Arno Wallschlaeger, chairman of the *Advocate* Committee, talked up the merits of our Michigan Methodist weekly encouraging any literary contributions not of a libelous or obscene nature. His tabulation of circulation figures was alarming.

G. MacDonald Jones then introduced Allan Gray of Saginaw who spoke on the subject of "A Minister's Reading." Quoting Hymn 560, "Lord and Saviour, true and kind, Be the master of my mind," he gave a foretaste of his thinking on the subject. Deploring the mechanics of meetings and mimeograph machines, he prophesied bitterness and disillusionment awaited the preacher at the end of the road who neglected his reading. He cited methods of ministers to salvage reading time. He inferred we should read the sort of thing that irritates us as well as fiction that crystallizes human experience and classics such as a Kempis "Imitation of Christ." Joseph Dutton asked for the floor, wondering why our Conference sends abroad for speakers when such a one appeared in our midst. In his inimitable way, he told of a D.S. back in the 1890's who told him some nice things then died. The early years of his ministry were spent repairing churches, raising funds. "Since I have retired I have become a great preacher."

Edwin B. Pearce closed the devotional hour with the effective use of Hymn 73 and a revised version of I Corinthians 13. Charles Bayless of Belleville offered the table blessing.—G. MacDonald Jones,

at the Chris-Craft plant in Cadillac where he became assistant manager in charge of personnel. Six years later he resigned to return to Manton. He was a valued member of the Methodist church, Manton I.O.O.F., Manton F. and A.M. and the Ninth District Funeral Directors and Embalmers Ass'n. He married Myrtie Sprague of Chicago and South Haven, June 11, 1929. He is survived by his wife; five children, Mary, Lois, Ruth, John and James; and his parents. Funeral services were held January 30 at the Bostick chapel with his pastor, Rev. E. T. Smith, officiating assisted by Rev. L. D. Bodine of the Free Methodist Church. Burial was in the Fairview Cemetery.

MRS. CHARLES W. DAVID died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. S. J. Harrison of Adrian, on Saturday, Feb. 4, following a heart attack suffered the previous Sunday. She was born at Sydenham, Ontario, April 12, 1862, the daughter of Mercy and John Martin Buck. The family moved to Cairo, Ill., when Mary Jane was six years old, and there her father became a naturalized citizen. She married Charles W. David, April 16, 1885, who survives. To them were born four children, all of whom survive: Harold David, San Leandro, Calif.; Ernest David, Euclid, Ohio; Mrs. Harrison, Adrian; and Mrs. R. H. Ellsworth, Gary,

Indiana. Also surviving are eight grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by one grandchild, Kenneth Hugh Harrison who died 25 years ago on Feb. 4. Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 7, at the Braun Funeral Home with Rev. A. H. Wallschlaeger officiating, assisted by Dr. E. Bruce Wilson of Adrian College. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Adrian. Pallbearers were six of her grandsons: Wesley David and William Gillis from Detroit; David Harrison, Detroit, and Dr. Robert E. Harrison, Blissfield; Richard Ellsworth, Richmond, Indiana; and Eugene Carnahan, Gary, Indiana.

OSCAR E. GIDLUND, of Escanaba, died Tuesday morning, January 31. Mr. Gidlund was born in Hermosand, Sweden, Feb. 28, 1880, and came to Escanaba from Sweden as a youth of 18. For 45 years he worked out of Escanaba on the Peninsula Division of the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, retiring in 1945. On May 21, 1904, he was united in marriage to Eva Kjellberg, of Escanaba. Three children, all of whom survive, were born into the Gidlund family. Evert, Berwyn, Ill., Mrs. Norman Tweedy, Steamboat, Nev., and Mrs. Alec Cathcart, Escanaba. He is also survived by his wife and several grandchildren. Mr. Gidlund united with Cen-

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LUCY BEACH, our missionary at the Girls' School in Sitapur, India, sends her greetings and thanks to the Christian Service women of the Conference in a letter to Mrs. R. W. Fenner, secretary of missionary Education. The friends in the homeland sent many greetings, gifts of money and parcels which made it possible for the school to have a sparkling, be-decked Christmas tree—the Lucy Beach Circle of the St. Joseph Methodist Church sent tree ornaments, and underneath the tree holiday-wrapped gifts of sock dolls, tops, knitted balls, whistles, wooden toys, etc., made the children wonderfully happy.

Lucy writes under the date of January 7, 1950, "I now have to report from whom I receive dollars from the U.S.A. designating them either as donations or charity and give the sender's address when I get them exchanged." For the present it would therefore seem wise for persons sending money to Lucy Beach to send by check, either personal or bank draft.

A letter from Mrs. L. H. Grettenberger, conference president, shares with the women the planning and thinking of the administrative committee. It expresses their joy and gratitude for the success of the new type of sub-district meetings, the educational seminars, at which 278 of the 433 Woman's Societies of the Conference were represented with a total of 1950 women in attendance. These educational seminars are primarily the responsibility of the District Secretary of Missionary Education with the cooperation of all the district officers as the total program of the Society is explained.

The Institutes in June are planned to give information and working techniques to certain officers each year (all officers being reached during the quadrennium) so that they may effectively perform the duties of that particular office; to give to each woman one approved Study Course; to bring to the women the joy of Christian fellowship and to deepen their Christian life.

Many new local officers need training in the scope of their work and officers' training days in the local societies are to be stressed this year as never before.

Mrs. J. Howard Lee, conference treasurer, and Mrs. Grettenberger send their thanks for the response last August in the contributions for the new missionaries and wish all who did could read the letters of gratitude from the girls. The new semester already begun at Albion reveals that more funds are needed to keep our two girls—Gloria Henderson, an American Indian, and Maria Nicanora Riesco from Lima, Peru, in residence at Susannah Wesley Dormitory at Albion. Has your society sent in at least \$2.00 marked "Albion Scholarship Fund" to your district treasurer?

These two members of the Conference administrative committee also share their concern with the 25,324 Woman's Society members that Michigan Conference meets its pledge to the Division of \$78,419. The goal for the year (May 1, 1949 to May 1, 1950) is that every society shall give 33-1/3% more in appropriations than it gave in 1947. Check with your district treasurer if you want to know your responsibility.

The recommendations for 1950-51 in the field of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities as sent in for publication in our columns by Mrs. Gordon Capling, conference secretary, are as follows:

1. Offer your time and talent in your community for the plans and preparation for the White House Youth Conference in April.

2. Be the part of your P.T.A. that will do something for Alcohol Education.

3. As a part of the National Citizens roll call to be launched in April 1950, we have the following goals:

(a) Every Methodist woman registered to vote in the 1951 Election.

(b) Every local society working at least one community, state or national issue requiring political action.

(c) Every local society studying issues in the 1952 Election.

4. That we make a definite study of the Draft proposals of the Covenant on Human Rights.

- (a) As proposed by United Nations.
- (b) As proposed by Congress.
- (c) As proposed by schools and universities.

There are many more recommendations on Health Legislation, Education, Property Rights for Alaskans, Migrants, Discriminations in our hospitals and clinics and many more. Write for information and suggestions for helping to your Conference Secretary.

Special!!! On Saturday, March 11, there is to be an extensive radio program "One Great Hour of Sharing" the theme of which is "Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." This is to be followed on Sunday, March 12, by a nation-wide offering in the churches. Watch for it.

Two significant changes in the planning for two of the departments in the Woman's Society in the area of the Children's Department and the Christian Social Relations were made at the annual December meeting of the Woman's Division and the Board of Missions and Church Extension.

The accepted recommendation of the Standing Committee on Children's Work that the four quarterly issues of the "World Friendship Bulletin" be published hereafter in "The Methodist Woman" beginning with the summer issue of 1950 means that every Methodist woman will have at hand the usable interesting materials in the line of children's work, hitherto only in the hands of the local children's secretary. The March 1950 "Methodist Woman" will have the details of other recommendations that pertain to the work of this department.

The other change is that the "Information and Action" Bulletins sent bi-monthly since the January 26, 1946, issue, will be discontinued and the information will be sent in various ways including direct mail to the secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Church Activities. This involves an increased obligation to read all your mail more carefully.

ITALIAN PROTESTANT GROUPS REPLY TO CHARGES

ROME—(RNS)—The Federal Council of Italian Evangelical Churches issued a statement here replying to a recent press campaign which it said was aimed at discrediting Protestant groups in Italy. The Council represents the Waldensian, Baptist and Methodist denominations.

In its statement, the Council took obvious exception to charges that Protestant missionaries in Italy are pro-Communist and have received Communist support. These charges were made after a group of American evangelists had complained they were stoned and driven from a number of villages in the Rome area.

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Beginning at the left are: Frank McBurney, age 82; Mrs. Minnie Goodremont, age 82; Mrs. Elizabeth Saxbee, 84; Mrs. Viletta Mastin, 75; Mrs. Phoebe Ross, 96; Mrs. Florence Higley, 65; and at the extreme right, Rev. Robert J. Chase, 79.

At present we have eleven members who range in age from 90-97 years; sixty-nine from 80-89 years; forty-three from 70-79 years; five from 65-69 years.

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The Methodist Home, Chelsea, Michigan

MATTHEW J. BETZ, Superintendent

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About Persons

BISHOP EDWIN H. HUGHES, according to word received as we go to press, is very critically ill in Sibley Hospital, Washington. Bishop Hughes, retired, lives in Chevy Chase, Md. Members of his family had been called.

REV. F. G. HART of 95 Rushbrooke Ave., Toronto, Ontario, observed his 81st birthday a few weeks ago.

MRS. CARL O. JOY, wife of Rev. Carl O. Joy of Hillman, Spratt and Wilson churches, entered Little Traverse Hospital, Petoskey, Monday, Jan. 30, for surgery Saturday, Feb. 4.

REV. F. E. GEORGE, SR., retired member of the Michigan Conference, is recovering from a second heart attack. The Georges, formerly of Grand Rapids, are now living at 114 Eighth Ave. S., Mt. Vernon, N.Y.

MR. ARCHIE McCREA, editor of the *Muskegon Chronicle* and prominent Michigan Conference layman, who has been confined to Hackley Hospital suffering from heart complications following an attack of virus pneumonia, continues to improve.

MR. AND MRS. J. O. WALKER have moved into Detroit, 4018 Pingree Ave., until April 1. They will spend their weekends at their home in Algonac. Daughter Barbara has transferred from Albion to Adrian College and Richard is now with the Fisher Body Corp., in the Purchasing Dept.

DR. GARLAND EVANS HOPKINS will become associate editor of the *Christian Century*, effective April 1. For the past three years Dr. Hopkins has been located in Washington, D.C., as associate secretary of the Board of Missions and Church Extension, with responsibility for its relations with government and international business enterprises.

DR. GLENN M. FRYE, pastor of Peace Temple Methodist Church, Benton Harbor, will be the guest preacher at the Eighty-first Anniversary services of First Methodist Church, Ishpeming, on Feb. 26. Dr. Frye will speak at both the morning worship service and the vesper service at 4:00 P.M. Congregations of the Marquette Sub-district have been invited to attend the vesper service.

REV. EVERETT R. MAJOR, pastor of the Willard Street Methodist Church, Ottumwa, Iowa, and formerly a member of the Detroit Conference, reports that his congregation expects to move into its new \$200,000 church at Easter time. They

have been holding services for two years in a school house, following loss of the church by fire. World Service giving has increased each year and they have undertaken the support of a village preacher and a student in India.

MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL H. STEININGER of Wayne announce the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to Carl A. Sattelberg, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl W. Sattelberg of Chicago, Ill.



Miss Steininger

Miss Steininger graduated from Albion College in June, 1949, and is teaching music in the W. K. Kellogg Consolidated Agricultural School at Hickory Corners. She is the granddaughter of the late James S. Steining of the Detroit Conference, and Mrs. Mary Steining now living in Detroit. Miss Steining was born in the Mary J. Johnston Hospital in Manila, P.I., to which place her parents had evacuated from China during the Communist uprising in China in 1927. Her father is Ann Arbor District lay leader. Mr. Sattelberg is a senior at Albion College and president of the Campus Religious Council. He has been a local preacher for five years in the Rock River Conference and is a member of the Chicago Bethel Methodist Church.

Obituaries

(Continued from page 17)

tral Church (formerly Swedish Methodist) of Escanaba, Feb. 12, 1905. For more than 20 years he served the church as Sunday school superintendent and was also a member of the Official Board, of which he was chairman the past several years. He was a faithful Christian who believed that his place was at the worship services and other meetings of his church. He could always be depended upon to give his loyal support and lend his influence to any program inaugurated. Memorial Services were held at Central Church, Thursday, February 2. Rev. Glenn Kjellberg, Gladstone, a nephew of Brother Gidlund assisted the pastor, Karl J. Hammar.

DR. FRANK E. DUNSTER of St. Ignace, died January 27. Born in Wheatley, Ontario, Nov. 17, 1874, Dr. Dunster came to Huron County, Michigan, while a young boy and lived in various communities in the "Thumb" graduating from the Bad Axe high school in 1893. That same year he entered Albion college where he secured his A.B. degree. He was one of the oldest graduates of Albion College in the Upper Peninsula and was a member of the Albion College Council and just recently had been appointed Campaign Chairman of the Albion College drive for funds in his local church. Upon graduation from Al-

bion Dr. Dunster taught school in the Copper Country and the Iron Range districts. He was superintendent of schools at Ishpeming when the new school was built there. After this brief period as a school teacher he entered the Dental College of the University of Michigan and graduated in 1906 with the degree of D.D.S. He opened offices at St. Ignace and Mackinac Island and labored there until the time of his death. He was a member of the St. Ignace Methodist church for 44 years and served as a member of the board of stewards, board of trustees, church treasurer, chairman of the official board and a member of the choir. He was also a member of the Board of Directors of the Methodist Radio Parish, representing the Marquette District. Dr. Dunster was active in Masonic organizations and served his lodge as secretary for 26 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Grace Rutherford Dunster, whom he married in 1925; two sons, Frank E. and Carl D. of St. Ignace; and a son by a previous marriage, William Hill Dunster, of Ventura, Calif. Rev. Wm. N. Mertz conducted funeral services in the church. Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery, St. Ignace, January 30.

Rev. Thomas S. Bottrell

DEATH came to this good minister of the church, Friday, Jan. 27, 1950, at the home of his son, Thomas H. Bottrell, 305 Lapeer St., Davison, Michigan.



Mr. Bottrell

At the time of his death he was a retired supply pastor at Richfield Center. In 1914 he was received into the Detroit Conference, and served in the effective relation for 39 years.

Mr. Bottrell was born in St. Ives, Cornwall, England, July 4, 1875, coming here when a young man. He married Cora Ham, of Calumet, in 1905. To

this union three children were born, Mrs. Ernest Combella of Lansing, Thomas Bottrell of Davison, and William Bottrell of Flint. Two sisters and a brother in England also survive.

He served several years in the Upper Peninsula, but the last 25 years in Capac, Richmond, Cass City, Davison, Williamston, Bristol in Flint, and Hemlock.

Funeral services were held in the Davison Methodist church, January 31, with Dr. Frank M. Field in charge of the service. He brought a very comforting message to the family. Rev. Samuel T. Bottrell offered prayer, Rev. William Combella read the scriptures, and Rev. Paul T. Hart gave the benediction. Four of his ministerial brethren sang at the service. Burial was in Davison cemetery.

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Bacchus Besieged

By Stanford S. Closson

Fission and Fusion

THE national temperance movement is in step with the latest developments in atomic energy. My knowledge of these high scientific matters is like yours I suppose, that of a newspaper-reading layman. I don't know much about fission and fusion except that the former is the secret of the atom bomb and the latter the secret of the new sensational hydrogen bomb. I also gather this other general idea of difference, fission means splitting and fusion means uniting. And that's about all a temperance advocate needs to know, except this, that the startling announcement gives new accent, by way of revision, to a sentence in my "New Year Reverie" of January 5—"What if that man with a 'hydrogen' bomb in one hand takes a drink of alcohol with the other!?"

Some six or eight years ago a fission took place in what was then The Antisaloon League of America. This very name was a bone of contention, having fallen into ill repute in many quarters. There were other differences, not so much in ideology as in method. Twice as many states were affiliates of the old organization as of the new. Some states were disputed. In four states both organizations had work. Others remained independent. In such a divided condi-

tion, whereas we didn't exactly fall, and most certainly we didn't stagger, yet we must have seemed to stumble along, with energies dissipated by dissension.

The scene changes. It's January 28 in Chicago, a conference room in The Stevens Hotel and FUSION. The Temperance League of America and The National Temperance Movement fused into The National Temperance League, Inc. Of course there was the customary period of courtship and the joint committee to study merger. Progress and consummation weren't all smooth and easy. The two groups met separately and simultaneously after a joint opening devotional period. Some frank and rather bitter things were said in separate sessions that probably wouldn't have been said in the plenary group.

But temperance workers have a peculiar capacity for differing widely and debating spiritedly and then abiding by the will of the majority in love and cooperation. I think this typical incident augurs well for the future. In the "love feast" session near the close Rev. Roy S. Hollomon of independent Oklahoma got up and said, "We have our annual meeting next Tuesday and I'm going to recommend affiliation with the national organization."

An interim Executive Committee composed of twenty will facilitate the merger until the first biennial convention to be held in the fall. Meanwhile the two former groups will function pretty much on the old order.

Meet a Methodist . . .



MABEL POWELL HORNBAKER

A busy home-maker, active co-partner in the bakery she and her husband own and operate in Cadillac and a loyal worker in her home church (Cadillac First) Mabel Powell Hornbaker has carried a great responsibility in the woman's work since unification. Born in Celina, Ohio, Mrs. Hornbaker graduated from high school in Manton, Michigan, in 1926 and attended Wexford County Normal before teaching in rural schools. She belongs to the Business and Professional Women's Club and is an active member of the Cadillac Council of Church Women. In her local church she serves as a reserve lay delegate, steward, member of the church school Board of Education and as a coordinator for the Wesleyan Service Guild. In her busy schedule, Mabel Hornbaker reserves one night a week for League Bowling, enjoys spectator sports and carries on the feminine hobbies of crocheting and knitting. Some of her most satisfying church work has been with the young adult group, both in the church school and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Personally she knows that the church's one foundation is Jesus Christ and she recognizes the need to make Him the center of her home life and of all church activities if we are to progress toward one world in Christ. For four years, Mrs. Hornbaker served as Grand Traverse District Secretary of Promotion and was elected to that office in the Conference last May as well as that of recording secretary in her district. Mabel and Glenn Hornbaker have two sons—Jack, 17, a senior in high school, on the Board of Directors for the Cadillac Youth Recreation Center and active in football and track; while Greg, 8, is activity personified, a third grader and has a yen to be a farmer.—Mrs. W.E.S.

speaking of Books

By Allan G. Gray

These My Brethren

By Ralph Felton

THIS is a report of a study of 1542 Negro families and 570 Negro churches in the rural South. Each home and each church was visited. Fifteen teachers in southern colleges did the field work. The report is not "northern" nor "southern," white nor colored. It is an objective sociological and religious survey showing actual conditions.

The thirteen chapters deal with the type of homes in which the Negroes live, their farms and their churches. They also describe the Negro pastors, their education, the type of church services they conduct and the way they raise their money. Signs of progress are given for the future.

These words from a press release describe a little book that has a big punch. Last Sunday was supposed to have been Race Relations Sunday. How many of you knew it? The Negro in fiction and film is becoming quite the fashion these days. "Lost Boundaries" and "Pinky" have been realistically as well as artistically executed upon the screen. Bucklin Moon in his novels is compassionately presenting the inner

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workings of the Negro mind. Lillian Smith from the crucible of her torment pours forth hot tears of indignation. Frank Yerby, a Negro himself, sells out the race for the pottage of sensationalism and incidentally the fat checks that come with book club favor and bosomy covers. What good has all this been? Absolutely none. The public reads and sees but they close the book and go to sleep, walk out of the theater and buy an ice cream soda.

The Home Missions Council and the Phelps-Stokes Fund wanted something more than venom and tears, they wanted facts and so this survey was set up. Here is the startling and sobering thought to reflect upon in the backwash of Race Relations Day—the Negro is trying to help himself but the white man is only hindering him. In the families interviewed, the Negro who owned his own property had better conditions than that of the tenant. 4.6 of the tenants didn't even have a toilet either inside or out. The tenant has only an oral lease good for just a year. He lacks screens, fruit trees, farm animals, electricity and above all security and yet his property is owned by whites. Only nine per cent of the families visited did not belong to a church so we have an opportunity and remember "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto Me."

("These My Brethren," by Ralph Felton, Rural Church Dept., Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey. 40 cents.)

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Sunday, February 26

Why Oppose the Liquor Traffic?

Acts 15:36-41; 18:1-18; I Cor. 6:7-20;
II Cor. 6:11 through 7:1

WE ARE following Paul as far as Corinth on his epochal missionary journey. The account is brief of the first part of the start of the so-called Second Missionary Journey. This time Paul takes the leadership. He and Barnabas part company over the insistence of Barnabas that John Mark be given a second chance. Paul was not stubborn; he, however, saw much more clearly than did Barnabas, his vision of a world Christian movement. He was only ready for the leading of the Spirit. He chose Silas for his companion. Together they visited the churches in Syria and Cilicia where Paul had doubtless established churches before Barnabas brought him to Antioch. We must read the chapters which relate the stirring incidents of the journey through Asia Minor to Troas. How did the Holy Spirit "prevent" them from turning east? Luke evidently met them at Troas, where "we" immediately started for Macedonia.

Paul made his headquarters in Corinth, the most corrupt city in the Roman Empire. He gathered into a church a group of erstwhile pagans who had no conception of morality, chastity or temperance. How did he think they could ever be trained into members of a Christian church? It is because of the situations arising in this Corinthian church that there has been given to us some of his letters written from Ephesus to this church. In them Paul gives instruction regarding *Christian conduct*. His standards are important for us today. The ultimate standard of conduct: "*Your bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit*" who dwelleth in you.

2. In the light of Paul's rule of conduct is there any question, Why Oppose the Liquor Traffic? Jesus' standard of the conduct of his followers was *personality*: *What effect does this conduct have on personality?* "If you cause one of these little ones—even these least—to stumble it were better that a millstone be hanged about your neck and that you be thrown into the midst of the sea!" Paul expressed the same idea: "If meat makes my brother to offend I will eat no more meat while the world stands."

There is no argument regarding the "offense" which liquor causes: traffic accidents, deaths, graft, crime, unhappy and broken homes, neglect of children, delinquency, poverty—to mention only some of the evils. This money might have gone into clothing, health, travel, education and other productive business. Add to that the cost of crime; the courts, the jails, asylums, relief, etc. Alcohol affects the areas of the brain which are the centers of judgment, reason and self control—the highest qualities of human personality; a person soon has lost those aspects and characteristics which differentiate him from the animals.

3. The fatal mistake was made when the liquor traffic was ruled illegal. The fight was o'er, the battle won. That was the time we should have redoubled our efforts and intensified our program of education. It was necessary to *keep people informed* so that public opinion might continue to be in favor of prohibition and give support to the Law. Instead, a generation grew up which knew nothing of the history of the struggle. It heard only that "prohibition is a failure." This slogan was adopted so we are informed in the invaluable and authentic account of "The Amazing Story of Repeal" by Fletcher Dobyns, a lawyer, *before the law went into effect*. Publicity had already been purchased for the most powerful campaign of propaganda the country had ever seen. Voters fell for it—especially the women. We are at present meeting another onslaught of propaganda: are we going to again be like dumb, driven cattle and succumb to it?

4. What should we do? First of all we can profit by Mr. Closson's timely column in the *Advocate*. We can read "The Voice" which brings us up-to-date information and challenge to action. In our churches we should refuse leadership in any group to those who—socially or politically—are in favor of liquor. We can oppose liquor advertising whether in magazines or over the radio. We can support and cooperate with any movement for local option in our community. We ourselves can exemplify our own Christian standards. The appalling situation which meets us at present is the increase in drinking among women. Only a moral foundation can save a nation. Women are responsible for that moral foundation.

This is a family problem. It is a young people's problem. They must be given training and sympathetic understanding. Groups of parents should insist that the *instruction provided for state schools* be given to the children and young people. No home is exempt from the danger. No person can be assured that he will not become an alcoholic. With delinquency, sex crimes and neurotics multiplying with appalling rapidity it is high time that we raise the question, not, "Why Oppose the Liquor Traffic?" but, "Why Not Oppose the Liquor Traffic?"

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MALAYA (MGM) Valentina Cortesa, Sydney Greenstreet, James Stewart, Spencer Tracy. **Melodrama.** In 1942, the film tells us, the government enlisted the aid of smugglers to whisk huge stores of rubber past the occupying Japanese. . . . The project is made to seem so simple that implication that the operation was magnificent enough to insure the war's success is rather hard to take. Contrived, slipshod, a rare waste of talent. **M, Y**

THE MAN ON THE EIFFEL TOWER (RKO) Charles Laughton, Burgess Meredith, Franchot Tone. **Melodrama.** Duel of wits between wise, stolid detective and posturing, maniacal murder suspect who taunts him for his failure to apprehend criminal, dangles before him clues that tantalize yet are hard to prove. Climax is a harrowing pursuit up the Eiffel Tower. . . . Plot is an on-again, off-again sort of affair. But the real star is the Paris setting, photographed effectively on Ansco film; it makes of the production probably the best travelogue on Paris ever seen. **M, Y**

MY FOOLISH HEART (RKO) Dana Andrews, Susan Hayward, Robert Keith, Kent Smith, Lois Wheeler. **Drama.** Flashbacks explain how bored, unpleasant, alcoholic young wife got that way—she feels guilty because she stole her husband from his fiancée, her best friend, to conceal fact she was to have a child by a romantic, care-free G.I. killed in accident, is unable to forget her love for him. . . . A "True Story Magazine" sort of plot, its leading characters' actions neither clearly motivated nor deserving the **maudlin attention** they receive. Grade-A production values. **M**

THELMA JORDAN (Par.) Wendell Corey, Paul Kelly, Barbara Stanwyck. **Melodrama.** Adventure and accomplice plot that she shall steal her wealthy aunt's jewels, in the meantime so charm assistant district attorney that if things go wrong he will be so bewitched she will get off lightly. They do go wrong, the aunt is murdered, the prosecutor bungles the case and loses his career and home. Then she reforms, confesses all—because she loves him. . . . Some effective suspense, but on the whole as **sordid and unmoral as it sounds.** Its unethical implications are heightened by having the lady reform in the end and so win audience sympathy. **M**

Best Current Films

For Family: Challenge to Lassie, Christopher Columbus, Come to the Stable, Ichabod and Mr. Toad, Louisiana Story, On the Town, The Stratton Story, That Midnight Kiss, Top o' the Morning.

For Mature Audience: The Affair Blum, All the King's Men, Everybody Does It, The Fallen Idol, Fame Is the Spur, Father Was a Fullback, Hamlet, The Hasty Heart, Home of the Brave, Lost Boundaries, Monsieur Vincent, Mrs. Mike, Pinky, The Quiet One, The Red Shoes, Sands of Iwo Jima, She Wore a Yellow Ribbon, Symphonie Pastorale, Task Force, The Window.

Coming Events

Additional dates for this column should be sent to the Advocate, Adrian, Michigan, by responsible persons as early as possible and not less than two weeks prior to event.

February 1950

- Feb. 13-16—International Council of Religious Education, Columbus, Ohio.
- Feb. 16—Ann Arbor District W.S.C.S. Youth Workshop, Van Born Community Church, 1:30 P.M.
- Feb. 17-19—Federal Council of Churches National Study Conference on the Church and Economic Life, Hotel Statler, Detroit.
- Feb. 17—Detroit District MYF World Friendship Banquet.
- Feb. 19—Hillsdale Sub-District MYF Youth Advance for Christ Rally, North Adams, 7:30 P.M. Speaker, Bishop Marshall E. Reed. Special Music by District Youth Choir.
- Feb. 22—Ash Wednesday.
- Feb. 23—Ann Arbor District W.S.C.S. Youth Workshop, Clinton, 1:30 P.M.
- Feb. 24—World Day of Prayer.
- Feb. 24—Detroit District MYF World Friendship Banquet, Metropolitan Church, Detroit.

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- Feb. 25-26—Michigan Conference Older Youth Convocation, Hastings.
- Feb. 26—Laymen's Day. First Sunday in Lent.
- Feb. 28—Board of Hospitals and Homes Annual Meeting, Chicago.

March 1950

- Mar. 1-2—National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, Hotel Congress, Chicago.
- Mar. 3-5—Michigan Conference MYF Spiritual Life Retreat, Plainwell.
- Mar. 4—Ann Arbor District Ministers' Association Meeting, Adrian.
- Mar. 6-7—Marquette District Ministers and District Board of Christian Education Meeting, Mitchell Church, Negaunee.
- Mar. 12-13—Detroit Conference Federation for Social Action, Trinity Church, Highland Park.
- Mar. 22—Flint District W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Court Street Church, Flint. Miss Etha Nagler, Speaker.
- Mar. 23—Ann Arbor District W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Plymouth.
- Mar. 24—Detroit District W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Royal Oak.
- Mar. 28—Port Huron District W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Marlette. Miss Etha Nagler, Speaker.
- Mar. 29—Saginaw Bay District W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Saginaw Ames. Miss Etha Nagler, Speaker.
- Mar. 31—Marquette District W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Escanaba First, Miss Etha Nagler, Speaker.

April 1950

- Apr. 2—Palm Sunday.
- Apr. 3—Ann Arbor District Ministers Association Meeting, Ann Arbor First. Communion and Message by Bishop Marshall R. Reed.
- Apr. 7—Good Friday.
- Apr. 9—Easter Sunday.
- Apr. 12—Interconference Commission on Student Religious Work, Lansing Central.
- Apr. 16—Hillsdale Sub-District MYF Youth Advance for Christ Rally, Camden. 7:30 P.M. Speaker, Dr. William H. Helrigel, Albion-Lansing District Superintendent.
- Apr. 17-21—Undergraduate Pastor's School, Owosso.
- Apr. 18-22—Woman's Society of Christian Service Assembly, England.
- Apr. 18-22—Third Assembly of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Apr. 24—Michigan Conference Board of Education, Lansing Central.
- Apr. 24—Older Adult Conference, Petoskey.
- Apr. 25—Detroit Conference Board of Education All-day Spring Meeting. Place to be announced.
- Apr. 25—Older Adult Conference, Evart.
- Apr. 26—Older Adult Conference, Clark Home, Grand Rapids.
- Apr. 27—Older Adult Conference, Albion.
- Apr. 28—Older Adult Conference, First Church, Kalamazoo.
- Apr. 29—Detroit Council of Churches Planning Conference for all officers and department members.

May 1950

- May 1—Ann Arbor District Ministers Association Meeting, Munith.
- May 2—Detroit Conference W.S.C.S. Board of Trustees Meeting, Nardin Park Church, Detroit.
- May 3—Detroit Conference W.S.C.S. Annual Meeting, Nardin Park Church, Detroit. Speaker, Mrs. J. D. Bragg.
- May 4—Detroit Conference W.S.C.S. Officers' Training Day, Nardin Park Church, Detroit.
- May 7—Michigan Conference MYF Convocation, Grand Rapids.
- May 8-11—National Conference on Church and War, Detroit.
- May 14—Mother's Day.
- May 16—Michigan Christian Advocate Board Meeting. Glenn M. Frye's Cabin, Lake Michigan.
- May 16—Ann Arbor District W.S.C.S. Officers' Training Day, Northville.
- May 17—Port Huron District Officers' Training Day, Uby. Mrs. J. O. Walker, Speaker.
- May 17—Ann Arbor District W.S.C.S. Officers' Training Day, Morenci.
- May 19—Detroit District Young Adult Fellowship, Annual Dinner and Rally, St. Paul's Church, Highland Park. Dr. Alva I. Cox of Akron, Ohio, Speaker.

QUIET Time Thots

By L. M. Whitney

THE PRAYER OF ONE WHO GOES AGAINST THE WIND

O GOD, I thank Thee that Thou hast helped me to follow conscience and not the crowds. I have been tempted often to want to do the popular thing, and follow the popular way; but Thy voice has always called me back. I have sometimes longed for the sense of well-being that must come from being on the majority side, a part of what seems big, successful, powerful. I have wanted to attend the church where the crowds flock in, to be a part of the multiplied activities, the gothic richness, the precision choirs, the popular pulpit. But Thou hast always quietly led me off towards some small, weather-beaten, sparsely attended, under-manned church, whose flaws were always more evident than its perfections, and said, "Here is your place, serve here."

I have often wondered how it would seem to take comfort in the easy dogmatism of those whose theology is fenced with well-defined doctrinal markings. It would be so satisfying to be able to say: "This is the truth, and this and this, but never that." But Thy spirit then comes whispering, "Thou shalt not cabin and crib thy mind, nor yet thy soul, but thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, with all thy soul, and mind and strength; and thou shalt put no doctrinal or racial, or social or any other barriers about thy love for thy neighbor."

Whenever I have longed for what seemed greener folds and fields, Thou hast taken me by the heart and said, "This may not be an easy place to serve but it is where I want you. And when you go to it, remember I am with you all the way! And here is your light, it is your conscience, your sense of right and duty, and don't let adverse winds or pleasant breezes extinguish it. It will guide thee home."

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Rev. George A. Brown

Dear friends of Clark Home,—

We need a chapel at Clark Home. The old, frame chapel building, endeared to successive groups of Home residents for twenty-nine years, had to be wrecked to make way for a new hospital and residence wing. Because of fire regulations, it could not be moved and saved for further use. We have crowded our prayer meetings and Bible class into the small reception room, offices and sunroom, but because of the lack of room the Sunday afternoon preaching services have had to be discontinued. Most of the Home family are too infirm to get out to the city churches. We all miss the family fellowship and privileges of the Home chapel, where even the oldest, or people in wheel chairs, could enjoy a service of worship without going out of doors.

Is there someone whom the Lord will move to provide the means for a suitable chapel for Clark Home?

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