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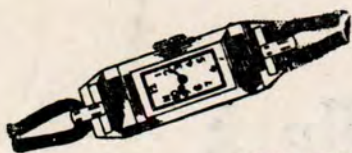


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THE PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Friends of Mine:

With keen delight and eager anticipation I return from my vacation with re-
newed vigor to take up the fall work. Looking back upon the Church year which
closed with the summer period, we wish to thank those who had a part in decor-
ating the church so beautifully; those who have so generously given to the finan-
cial support; and also those who in our various organizations, have carried on
the spiritual work of Fourth Church. Let us start the fall work determined, with
the help of God, to make a greater advancement along all lines. We shall, if to-
gether we earnestly plan to do three things: (1) Attend every public service of
the Church we possibly can this year; (2) Win at least one person to Christ and
Fourth Church this year; (3) Be generous in our gifts to the work of the Church
and to the missionary enterprises.

Now please remember one date—our annual Home Coming Service, which is Sun-
day, September 25 at 3 P.M. On receiving this, please start a T-A-G Club. T-A-G
stands for "Tell About Going." Going where? To the Homecoming Service. By word
of mouth, or telephone, tell old members or new friends, urgently requesting them
to be present.

With the earnest prayer and expectation that this may be a day long to be
remembered for its happy fellowship and spiritual uplift, I am,

Heartily your pastor,

John J. Bayne

President of Church
Chairman of Social Committee - Miss Christine
Flower
Visitation Mrs. Irving Stringer
House Committee

UNDEVELOPED RESOURCES

Will be the subject of a sermon, Sunday, September 25, at 11 o'clock service. I venture to say that a large proportion of the failures in life may be traced to the inability of the average person to appreciate the fact that it is not the size or even the quality of his original endowment that determines success so much as the use which he makes of that endowment.

I DO IT UNTO THEE:

"Lord of all pots and pans and things, since
I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things,
Or watching late with thee,
Or dreaming in the dawnlight,
Or storming heaven's gate
Make me a saint by getting meals, and
Washing up the plates.

Warm all the kitchen with thy love,
And light it with thy peace;
Forgive me all my worrying
And make my grumling cease.
Thou who didst love to give men food,
In room or by the sea,
Accept the service that I do,
I do it unto Thee."

(Written by a servant girl)

HOME COMING SERVICE

The Home Coming service of the Church will be held Sunday afternoon, September 25 at 3:00. Our aim is to make this service bright, brief and inspirational. We have been fortunate in securing, as our speaker, Dr. Charles S. Laidman, Associate Director of the Chicago Congregational Union. The choir will sing two special selections and lead the congregation in singing the old familiar hymns. The address of welcome will be given by Mr. Henry Watts, Chairman of the Church Board. The pastor will speak briefly of the work of the Church and the aims of our different organizations as we start our fall work. Miss Olive Motzer, Chairman of the Social Committee, is arranging for refreshments to be served in the parish hall, after the service, and also for the social hour. An entertaining program is being provided by our Choir Director, Mr. Alf Peterson, which will be given in the parish hall after refreshments. We want all old members and friends, all new members and friends, as well as the regular members to attend and enjoy themselves with us.

PLEASE CALL

Upon the Pastor for any pastoral service you may need. He is ready for service any time, anywhere for anything and anyone.

FISHING

Man: "Did you fish with flies?"

Friend: (back from camping trip) "Fish with them? We fished with them, camped with them, and slept with them."

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY AND PROMOTION

Rally Day will be observed with a specially interesting Rally Day program, which will be given Sunday, September 25 at 9:30. Classes will be promoted and Bibles given to those who are entitled to them. We are greatly encouraged by the fact that our Sunday School is making progress. You can encourage the boys and girls as well as the faithful teachers and officers, by your presence at the Rally Day exercises.

PLAY BALL

Mr. and Mrs. Jones were honest, hard-working farmer folks. By self-denial they had managed to send their son to Harvard. One day a letter arrived. "I know you will be pleased," wrote the son, "to learn that I have won the squash championship." "Well, well," beamed Father Jones, "we'll make a farm out of that boy yet, mother."

THE RESOURCES OF OUR PARISH

There is a business term known as "the saturation point." It refers to the extent that your article can be sold to the public. It is assumed that there is a certain productivity of automobiles, for instance. It has not yet been reached. But there is a certain point, which, when it has been reached, will mark the end of further expansion. Is there such a point in our parish in Church finance and available new people? Can you sit down and estimate the total resources in the parish available for Church and denominational purpose? If there is such a determinable point, just how near are we to it at the present time? The pastor thinks we have still many untouched resources. What do you think? (The above article was suggested to the pastor by a little talk with one of the laymen).

LADIES' AID

The Ladies' Aid Society held their annual summer picnic at the Navy Pier, on August 11. There were a good number present and everybody had a most enjoyable time. One meeting has already been held since the summer vacation. The first meeting in October will be held Thursday, October 13, at the home of Mrs. Irving Stringer, 2743 N. Troy St. A large attendance is desired as there is much work to plan for the ensuing year.

BOYS' CLUB

The boys and their leader, Irving Stringer, are rejoicing that the Trustees are planning to give them another basket in the gym so that they may play regular games. The boys did well last year in their games with other teams, and they are looking forward to a good season.

BOARD MEETING

There was a fine attendance at the meeting of the Church Board, Monday, September 12, and all reports showed a fine spirit of co-operation and optimism. The

report of the House Committee, Mr. Steinkraus, showed that he and Harold Schlenfort, had done a great deal of work painting windows and doors, as well as making needed repairs on the church and parsonage, for which the Church wishes to thank them.

A committee was appointed to make a complete list of all people who might be interested in our Home Coming Service, as we earnestly desire them to be with us at the great event, on Sunday afternoon, September 25 at 3 o'clock.

CHOIR NEWS

The choir held quite a number of outings and beach parties during the summer which were well attended, with the exception of the last, and which aided greatly in stimulating interest in the choir work during the summer months. Plans are under way for the choir to give a play, the date for which will be announced later.

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Doc' Cupid tells me that the Petersons will have covered another mile-stone of matrimonial bliss some time next month. Congratulations!

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Welcome home all you vacationers. Hope your trips were pleasant.

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We were sorry to hear of Mr. Frasier's sudden illness, but are glad to learn that he is on the road to speedy recovery.

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We are glad to learn that Marge Wylie will soon be back with us again.

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I didn't hear any fish stories, but I overheard someone telling this: "While my daughter and I were driving through a little town in Michigan, we stopped at the village store to phone my wife. When we entered the store there were at least a dozen men sitting around the pickle and cider barrels. They had one of those phones that hang on the wall and crank like a Ford. It was a hot day and I reached for my handkerchief in my hip pocket, and as I did so, every last man ran here and there, trying to hide. Then I remembered I had phoned Chicago, the city of the gangsters, and these rubes thought I was pulling a gun on them. Laugh well I thought I'd bust.

(Harold Schlenfort, Choir Editor)

A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH

Extends to you a warm welcome to our annual Home Coming Service, Sunday afternoon, September 25 at 3 o'clock. We are looking forward to an inspiring and uplifting address by Dr. Charles S. Laidman and good stimulating music by the choir. Something new, something different, something interesting. Afterwards, refreshments, a social hour, an entertaining program, and a general good time in the parish hall. Will you be there? Our slogan: "Never a stranger but once, and then only for a minute."

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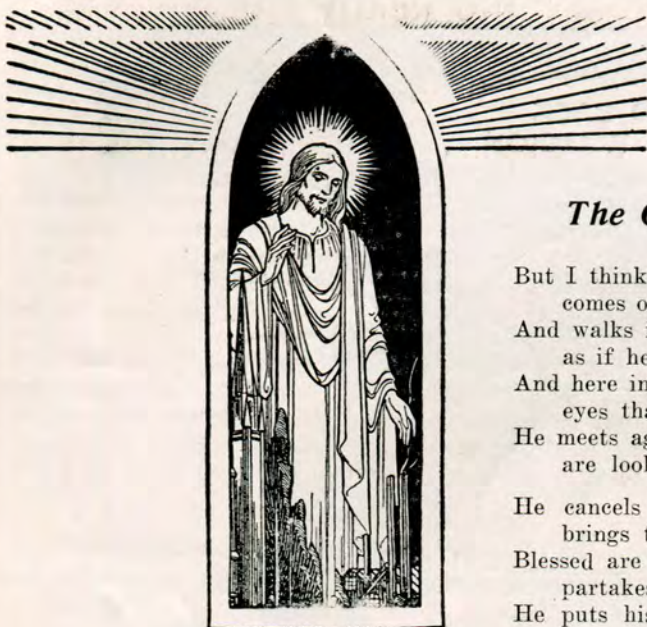
CHRISTIAN COLLEGES

By Wilbur T. Elmore, D.D.

Colleges founded by earnest Christian people, with the one thought of giving Christian education for the advancement of the work of the church, have been utterly secularized. Ashamed of the devoted people who with prayers and great sacrifice established them, and now by reason of gifts from Christian people having become independent of the churches, the vast majority of these colleges are a definite injury to Christian work. The earnest Christian teachers of earlier days have been replaced by men who are of any belief, many of whom are actively hostile to Christianity. Instead of fortifying the students against the insidious influences of the teachings

of the day they actively propagate these teachings. With but few exceptions the safest place for young people to receive their education is in the state schools, rather than in the so-called Christian institutions.

When the late Calvin Coolidge was President of the United States, a book which had just been published deriding George Washington was called to his attention. He listened quietly for a time to the criticisms of the book, then looking out of the window at the memorial statue to Washington, Coolidge dismissed the subject with these words: "The monument still stands." Ours is an age of unrest but the deep things of our Christian faith abide.



The Gospel of Labor

But I think the King of that country
comes out from his tireless host,
And walks in the world of the weary,
as if he loved it the most;
And here in the dusty confusion, with
eyes that are heavy and dim,
He meets again the laboring men who
are looking and longing for him.

He cancels the curse of Eden, and
brings them a blessing instead;
Blessed are they that labor, for Jesus
partakes of their bread;
He puts his hands to their burdens,
and enters their homes at night;
Who does his best shall have as guest
the Master of life and of light.

And courage will come with His presence,
and patience returns at His touch,
And manifold sins be forgiven those who
love Him much;

And the cries of envy and anger will
change to the songs of cheer,
For the toiling age will forget its rage
when the Prince of Peace draws
near.

This is the gospel of labor—ring it, ye
bells of the kirk—

The Lord of Love came down from above,
to live with the men who work;

This is the rose that He planted, here in
the thorn-cursed soil—

Heaven is blest with perfect rest, and
the blessing of earth is toil.

—Henry Van Dyke.

Man's Greatest Boon

"The greatest boon bestowed upon mankind is WORK. We do not mean just fiddling around at a job, we mean that the man who has work to do and the physical and mental ability to perform his task is the most fortunate, highly favored and greatly blessed man among the children of men.

"To go home at night after working faithfully at a task, whatever it may be, wiping the honest sweat from your brow, kissing a faithful wife, cuddling your youngsters, and then sitting down to a meal, however frugal it may be. That is life lived as God Almighty intended it should be lived."



GETTING READY FOR COLLEGE

Many thousands of our young men and women are getting ready to start for college. In packing their trunks we trust that they will not forget their Bibles. The words of the Bible are as applicable to the life of today as to the life of any generation of the past. A well bound and well printed Bible should occupy a conspicuous place in every student's room. But simply to be brave enough to exhibit it, is not sufficient. It should be prayerfully and constantly read. Bear in mind these words of Professor William Lyon Phelps of Yale University: "I admit that all but one of the Mayflower Pilgrims were deprived of college training. But, although they did not bring a library, they brought a Book to New England. The King James version of the Bible was the new book. It was only nine years old. That book is the best written book in the English language. It is greater than any philosophy or novel, because it contains in its own pages the greatest short stories, the greatest philosophy and the greatest beauty of thought. It is greater than all of the other books in the world combined. It has no rival. No group of people can be rightly described as uneducated who read and know the Bible. Because of their intensive training in the Bible the Pilgrims were educated in the best thought, philosophy and religion."

Let's Go Back To The Bible

For a period of thirteen weeks or more, dating from Sunday, September 25, the voice of Dr. Will H. Houghton will be heard over an eastern network and other radio stations, in a series of gripping and arresting weekly messages on the above general theme.

Dr. Houghton, president of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, is profoundly convinced that the greatest need of America in this critical hour is a return to the counsels of the Word of God and to the faith of our fathers. He will look into the history of our country, bring forth information that is fast becoming veiled in the hurry of materialistic living, and the addresses will move forward logically to instruct and inspire all who hear to a new devotion to the old standards of faith and life.

The thirty-minute programs, announced by Wendell P. Loveless, will include great anthem numbers by skilled Institute singers under direction of T. J. Bittikofer. As now announced, the broadcasts may be heard from station W-M-B-I (1080 kc.), Chicago, at 1:00-1:30, C.S.T.; KFEL (920), Denver, 12:00-12:30, M.S.T.; at 2:00-2:30, E.S.T., from the following stations: WHN (1010), New York; WSAI (1330), Cincinnati; CKLW (1030), Detroit (Windsor); WAAB (1410), Boston; WOL (1310), Washington; WCAE (1220), Pittsburgh; and from WFIL (560), Philadelphia, at 3:00-3:30.

Disheartened and indifferent church constituencies will find much profit in these far-flung addresses, and devoted Christians may well support this worthy endeavor by earnest prayer for its usefulness and wide acceptance.

Is God Dead?

It is told that Luther once felt very blue and melancholy. When his wife Katherine saw that, she dressed in mourning. Luther asked her what the trouble was and why she was thusly dressed—and she replied, "God must be dead, for I find Dr. Luther very downcast."

Luther learned by the object lesson. What reason have we to be downcast as long as there is still a God in heaven? Psalm 42:5: "Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him for the help of his countenance."



To the Trees in Autumn

By Mrs. J. H. Chapman

In golden heaps they pile the leaves
That formed thy springtime glory,
While bare and brown thy branches
stand

Like watch guards bald and hoary.

Softly the sunbeams peer between
Where now thy veil is lifted,
And deep blue spaces of the sky
Thy shadowy depths have rifted.

Yet though they rob thee of the gift
With which gay youth adorned thee,
Thy greater beauty stands revealed
With strength of age around thee.

For lifted upward toward the sky
Thine arms in wide-flung splendor
Make us to long like thee to stand
In storm-born strength and grandeur.

Oh soul of mine, that wind that steals
The springtime joys you cherish,
May hold the gift of heaven's strength
That never more shall perish.

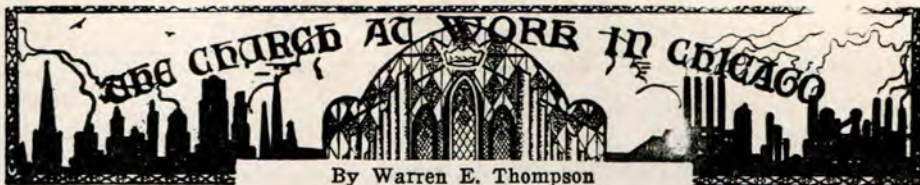
Our Flag

Last year we celebrated the one hundred and sixtieth anniversary of the designation of our flag by the Continental Congress. It still flies. Its stripes, straight and true, now as then, point to the original American thrust against tyranny. Its field of stars, "representing a constellation," has expanded to reveal the greatest aggregation of self-governing States on the face of the earth.

Our flag is what we make it and keep it. It means only what we make it mean. It could still be lifted as a fossil standard above an enslaved people. So it is a battle flag. It must be fought for and rededicated day by day. There is no war now outside our borders to unite us. But liberty can be forsworn in the restless uncertainties of a troubled peace.

There is room under the American flag for change and growth. The revolution from which it was born was our first forward charge in man's age-long struggle to loose himself from every form of involuntary servitude. The times in which we live today call for abiding faith in the American traditions of self-government. There is no room beneath the flag of free men for the solution of our problems by any other method.—New York Times.

The drive being staged by church groups, women's clubs, parent-teacher associations and similar organizations to rid Michigan of obscene and salacious magazines received the concerted support of the state's druggists when the Michigan State Pharmaceutical Association's 56th annual convention adopted a resolution pledging the organization's support to the movement.



By Warren E. Thompson

Publicity Chairman, Chicago Church Federation

Prepared by the Department of Church and Social Service of the Federal Council of Churches, the following Labor Sunday Message was read in hundreds of Chicago churches on September 4th: (Reproduced in abstract form)

"The recent World Conference of Churches at Oxford described our day as 'a time when mankind is oppressed with perplexity and fear. Men are burdened with evils almost insupportable and with problems apparently insoluble. Even in countries which are at peace, unemployment and malnutrition sap men's strength of body, mind, and spirit. In other countries war does its "devil's work," and threatens to overwhelm us all in its limitless catastrophe.'

"It is heartening in such a day that the Church is affirming the Word of God with new definiteness and courage, and that throughout the churches an increasing concern is felt about the problems of the social order, such as unemployment, the distribution of income, social security, the rights of labor, consumers' cooperation, and the relations of races and nations. . . .

"It is the duty of Christians not only to bear witness to their faith within the existing economic order, but also as the Oxford Conference declared, to test all economic institutions in the light of their understanding of God's will' and contribute to 'the transformation, and if necessary, the thorough reconstruction of the present economic and political system.'

"In pursuing these ends, Christian men and women in the same occupations should meet together for prayerful discussion as to how in their particular sphere of life the problems which arise can be dealt with. . . .

"As citizens we should reaffirm our faith in democracy. For democracy alone guarantees the liberty of the human spirit and, by placing responsibility on the individual, promotes character and develops human personality. In the realm of industrial relations, the basic idea of

democracy finds expression in the organization of labor for collective dealing with employers. For employers of the great mass of industrial workers today are no longer individuals, as were the employers of a century ago, but large companies or corporations. In such circumstances there can be no genuine negotiation unless it be collective negotiation; no genuinely free contract unless it be a collective contract. . . .

"During industrial conflict, unethical and unjustifiable methods on the part of all parties too frequently prevail. In the public interest as well as their own, labor and employers should discontinue resorting to violence, racketeering, autocratic methods, internal dissension, refusal to participate in genuine collective bargaining, breaking of contracts, the use of industrial spies, and misleading propaganda. Organization and legislation alone will avail little if the right spirit be absent. . . .

"Liberty is one and indivisible. We cannot have freedom in one sphere and deny it in another. In the world today the right of labor to have a voice in determining the conditions of its work, and the right of the Church to have a voice in determining the conditions of its worship, stand or fall together. Under dictatorships, whether of the Right or of the Left, it is not alone the freedom of labor to organize independently of the employer and of the State which has been denied, but also free speech, free press, freedom of assemblage, and freedom of worship.

"Concerned as we are for democracy, we must also be concerned for peace. For war is the enemy of democracy. If war should come, we would stand to lose in life and liberties all our hard-won gains. We must therefore unite in opposing increased armaments, conscription and industrial mobilization; in supporting all measures for removing the basic economic causes of war; and in building a cooperative world-order. . . ."

PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AUGUST

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| 1. *Miss Hilma Carlson | 9. Dolores Daley | 16. Fred Meyer |
| 2. *Miss Agnes Jansen | 10. Evelyn Damzog | 17. Darlene Olesen |
| 3. *Mr. J.J. Meier | 11. Piyllis Danielson | 18. Maclyn Peat |
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| 6. Edward Anderson | 14. Edwin Marks | 21. Agnes Riston |
| 7. Dorothy Dahl | 15. June Meyer | 22. Fetty Jane Thompson |
| 8. Charlotte Daley | | 23. Bob Thompson |

(*)Designates teachers or officers.

We're very proud of our attendance this summer and feel that the scholars and teachers listed above ought to be especially commended on their excellent attendance during the summer months.

TUXIS NEWS

The Tuxis Club plans to resume its meetings this month. The first meeting of this season will be held at the home of Miss Dorothy Arnold, 2438 Fullerton Ave. on September 30 at 8 P.M. We welcome all girls of high school age who may be interested in joining our club.

 THAT I MIGHT KNOW HIM

By DR. MAX I. REICH

That I might know Him! Let this be life's aim,
 Still to explore the wealth stored in His Name,
 With heaven-taught intelligence to trace
 The glories that light up His sinless face:
 That I might know His power day by day,
 Protecting, guiding in the upward way:
 That I might know His presence, calm and pure,
 Changeless midst changes, and midst losses sure:
 To dwell with Him in spirit, day and night;
 To walk with Him by faith, if not by sight;
 To work with Him, as He shall plan, not I:
 To cleave to Him, and let the world go by:
 To live on earth a life of self-less love;
 To set the mind and heart on things above:
 Till I shall see Him without vision dim,
 And know Him as I know I'm known of Him.

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The pleasantest things in the world are pleasant thoughts, and the great art in life is to have as many of them as possible.--Bovee.



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The Religious World in Brief

PRESBYTERIANS-EPISCOPALIANS TO DISCUSS UNION

The 150th General Assembly of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A. accepted, with but three dissenting votes, the invitation of the Protestant Episcopal church to formulate plans for achieving organic union between the two denominations. In a gathering, whose most noticeable characteristic has been the desire for Protestant unity, the Assembly also approved the entrance of their denomination into the World Council of Churches, thus becoming the first charter member of that body.

FINAL STEPS IN METHODIST MERGER

Having agreed separately, the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church South and the Methodist Protestant Church, will complete the union of these three branches of Methodism on April 26, 1939, at a place still to be selected. The united denomination will take the name "The Methodist Church." This union will bring together more than 8,000,000 Methodists who are in agreement on all essential matters.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DROPS IN BRITAIN

English Sunday school membership has declined by 1,349,684 since 1902, from 2,342,554 to 1,992,870, according to the annual report of the National Sunday School Union, just published. The report covers the twelve principal free church denominations. The average annual decline for the period has been 39,697, but for the last eight or nine years this decline has been accelerated considerably, the report shows. From 1930 to 1936 the decline per year averaged 86,864, but from 1934 to 1936 the average annual decrease reached the figure of 133,895. Against this, it is pointed out that the birth rate dropped from 957,782 in 1920 to 605,292 in 1936.

85,000 BIBLES DISTRIBUTED DURING PAST YEAR, GIDEON REPORT STATES

Chicago (RNS)—A record distribution of Bibles since 1928 was reported here at the international convention of the Gideons. About 85,000 Bibles were made available during the past year. In addition to being placed in hotel rooms, they were distributed in penal institutions, hospitals, public schools, and libraries.

It was announced that the organization will shortly consider a proposal for more colorful binding of the Gideon Bible. The matter was brought up at the request of the hotel men's association.

URGES ESTABLISHMENT OF "MILK BARS"

Elimination of the liquor traffic by 1950 was set as a goal in the declarations adopted by the Youth's Temperance Council, the young people's group affiliated with the W.C.T.U., and other resolutions of this group advocated the establishment of Milk Bars where non-alcoholic drinks can be obtained in attractive surroundings.

DISTURBING STATISTICS

Recent statistics indicate that the liquor bill for America last year was \$5,000,000,000, not far short of fifty percent of the nation's total bill for food and clothing, and residence construction. There is now one licensed saloon for every 209 population including small children and infants. It is a record never before approximated in America or in any other nation.

SERVING THE WAR AREA

The number of churches of different denominations in Japanese-occupied areas throughout the nine provinces of China rendering some war relief service, according to charts and maps compiled by the National Christian Council, total 1,298, while 89 mission hospitals are functioning within these areas. There are nine universities, 22 seminaries, 67 senior middle schools and 34 junior middle schools run by Christian Missions which are carrying on their academic work throughout regions temporarily lost to China.



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