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MRS. GARTH**

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Bishop Schuyler E. Garth

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Bishop Garth's home was in Madison, Wisconsin, where his son and two daughters live. Elected to the episcopacy in 1944 while serving as pastor of the Trinity Methodist Church, Youngstown, Ohio, he was in charge of the Church's Wisconsin and West Wisconsin annual conferences.

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While minister of the Youngstown church, Dr. Garth directed remodeling costing \$400,000, which produced a church described as "a treasure-house of symbolism" and "a tool for a varied ministry in a busy city."

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He was married to Lola Mabel Stroud in 1922. He was a Mason and a member of Rotary and the Torch Club.

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Bishop and Mrs. Garth Lost In China Air Crash

The tragic news that our Beloved Bishop and Mrs. Garth were among those lost in an airplane disaster 100 miles west of Hankow, China on January 28th came as a terrible shock to Wisconsin Methodists as it did to the entire church. They were among 26 occupants of a Chinese National Airways plane when it exploded aloft after being in the air only 30 minutes Bishop and Mrs. Garth, who were on an official visit to China, died in a leap from the flaming airliner a few seconds before it crashed.

The story of the last minutes of the plane were told by Robert A. Vick, an American missionary in a statement before he died a few hours after the crash.

Mr. Vick and his wife took their sons, Paul, 10 months, and Theodore, 3 years, and jumped from the plane in an effort to save the children's lives.

Mrs. Vick and Theodore were killed instantly and Mr. Vick was fatally injured in the leap and the baby's legs broken. It was at first thought the child would live but it has been reported since that it is dead.

The heroic father died in a small hospital near the village of Tiernun where the plane crashed after dictating a brief statement.

British Methodists telegraphed that Bishop and Mrs. Garth were laid to rest in the International Cemetery, presumably at or near Hankow on February fourth in accordance with the wishes of the family. Loving hands placed wreaths for American, Chinese and British Methodists.

Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, acting Bishop of the Area during the absence of Bishop Garth met with the Area Cabinet at Madison on Tuesday, February 11th when it was decided that memorial services be held in all Wisconsin Methodist Churches on Sunday, February 16th. In accordance with that plan such services were held in all churches of the state and or more central services were held. Cushman delivered addresses at the services in Milwaukee, La Crosse, and other cities. He spoke in deeply moving and inspiring words in the state. They expressed in words words could, the sorrow and grief of the loss of these great and wonderful friends.

The poem on the front page of this issue is taken from the prayer book service used at the memorial service at the Trinity Church, Madison, Wis., where Bishop Garth was pastor and elected to the episcopacy. The church was built under his leadership. The author is a member of the Young Men's Club and a former parishioner of Bishop Garth. The address at the postoffice was:

Chairman, Board of Control, Chapel of the Friendly Bells.

Our deepest sympathies and the yearnings of our hearts go out to the members of Bishop and Mrs. Garth's family Lynn is a student at Madison, Lura in college at De Pau University, Greencastle, Indiana and Doris is in school in Virginia Bishop Garth's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Garth, live in Emporia, Kansas Mrs. Garth's parents are both dead.

Other columns contain tributes to the memory of these loved ones. What they had come to mean to us in Wisconsin who can tell? We have a deep sense of having lost two of the choicest spirits we ever knew and the most valued friends we ever had. Yet we have not lost them, for they will walk with us along the path ahead and be a very portion of the noblest we can be. Who, ever having known Schuyler and Lola Garth, could ever be the same again?

They were only two years or so among us but to what heights they challenged us, and to the undertaking of what tasks they led us to glad assent. They went out, as they had beautifully lived - TOGETHER. They were at the bidding of their Christ and His Church, seeking and serving those who stood in need. As we sent gifts in their hands to meet the needs they saw, so we must send lives to light the dark path they trod; the path on which they bravely met the Master face to face. The torch they held aloft must now be ours. May increased devotion feed its flame.

A Tribute From Wisconsin To Bishop and Mrs. Schuyler E. Garth

At the North Central Jurisdictional Conference held in Minneapolis in 1944 Wisconsin Methodism requested that the Badger State be made an Episcopal Area of the Methodist Church. The speaker in pleading for the Area said, "Give to Wisconsin one of your strongest men as Bishop and Wisconsin Methodism will go forward to great things."

The Conference gave its strongest man to Wisconsin, for no man could have been more effective in leadership than Bishop Schuyler E. Garth. Physical strength, courageous leadership, understanding heart, matchless character and personal qualities all combined to make him the man Wisconsin needed.

He crowded into two years of episcopal leadership a service remarkable in its intensity. All he had of mind, spiritual power and physical strength he freely gave. Without reserve he was pouring out his life, and we wondered how long a man could stand up doing the same.

No church was too small for him to visit, he did it his best, with his body and his mind as fully as he could.

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Not in a generation has the church been more severely shocked than it has been by the air tragedy in China by which it was bereft of one of its most brilliant and best-beloved younger leaders, Bishop Schuyler Edward Garth. His going was like his life—a part of his service to the Church of Christ. Assigned to the responsibility of visiting China for the purpose of assessing the missionary opportunity of that ravaged land which is so threatened by civil war, he was on a tour of duty. His loss is a part of the price we pay for being a world church.

Schuyler Garth came to the episcopacy by way of the pastorate. He knew the problems of the local church, of the parish minister, and of the people who sit in the pews. His preaching combined in a rare degree that element of vision which identified him as a modern prophet and that profound understanding of the human soul which made him one of the most sought-after counselors. Within there was about him a trace of the mystic and a sensitiveness that marked him as an artist. Physically impressive he was superior intellectually, but above all he was supremely devout.

There was a touch of pathetic beauty in his going—he went out of life hard in hand with the rare and beautiful spirit of his life's companion, with whom he had walked in perfect understanding and Christian love for so many years. To their children they bequeathed a golden heritage, to their friends they have left a fragrant memory which shall be eternal, to the church they had given their all and for it they have paid the supreme sacrifice. From The Christian Advocate.

He proclaimed truth in love, and men always admired and respected him even when they disagreed with him.

Bishop Garth was above all else God's Man. Wisconsin Area will never forget this. In two years thousands got to know him and love him. You could not help but love him if you knew him. He was big in every way but his greatness was in his own soul. That is why we loved him.

Few things have been more inspiring in Wisconsin Methodism since 1944 than to see Bishop and Mrs. Garth together. They were always devoted lovers and were fine examples of splendid manhood and beautiful womanhood. They were inseparable.

The calm beauty and grace of Mrs. Garth supplemented the aggressive leadership of the Bishop. Her gracious spirit softened his own. Together they revealed to Wisconsin the reality and glory of being married by the church. Their love was a living example of the love which binds the church together.

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New York Service for Bishop and Mrs. Garth;
Buried in China

At a memorial service for Bishop and Mrs. Schuyler E. Garth, held February 4, in the Chapel of the Methodist Building, New York, Bishop G. Erenley Oxnam described Bishop Garth as an episcopal leader with honest humility and great strength.

"Any work assigned to Bishop Garth was taken seriously and raised in significance," Bishop Oxnam said. "He could see all the details and put his strength behind major matters. He was essentially a human person -- no parade, no airs. We have lost one on whom the church had hoped to put very great responsibility in the future."

Assisting in the memorial service were Bishop Herbert Welch, chairman of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, and Dr. Ralph E. Diffendorfer, executive secretary of the Division of Foreign Missions.

Announcement was made concerning memorial services for Bishop and Mrs. Garth to be held in Trinity Church, Youngstown, Ohio, February 9, and in all the churches of Wisconsin Area served by Bishop Garth, February 16. Trinity Church, Youngstown, was the last pastorate held by Bishop Garth prior to his election to the episcopacy.

A cablegram received by the Board of Missions from Dr. J. H. N. Scrimham, of Shanghai, China, reports that the bodies of Bishop and Mrs. Garth were interred in the International Cemetery, near Hankow, on February 4. He adds that "Loving hands placed wreaths for American, Chinese and British Methodists."

Three clergymen participated in the service: Dr. Lattenbury, secretary of the Methodist Missionary Society in London and now on an official visit to China, the Rev. Shen Wen-Chiang, and the Rev. Ernest Livesley, also a Methodist missionary. Dr. Berelman adds that a memorial service for Bishop and Mrs. Garth will be held in Shanghai on February 15.

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PEORIA DISTRICT METHODIST MEN

Methodist Men of the Peoria District, Illinois Conference, recently assembled in their annual dinner meeting at First Church, Peoria, Illinois. There were 420 men present. Mr. Herbert Haslam, District Lay Leader, served as chairman of the meeting; Russell B. Troxel was song leader; A. R. Rohlfing gave the invocation.

The guest speaker was Mr. Ray H. Nichols of Vernon, Texas, President of the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church. Mr. Nichols is editor and publisher of a Vernon newspaper and owner and operator of a radio station.

Mr. Nichols in his address stressed the Stewardship phase of the Crusade for Christ of The Methodist Church. He emphasized the fact that the time has come for the Christian Church to assume leadership in world affairs, not in the sense of supplanting the state, or to engage in political activities, but through the creation of brotherhood, friendship and understanding among the peoples of the world.

Mr. Nichols stated that he believes that tomorrow belongs to God and not to Stalin—or to any other person. He stated, likewise, that never before have the non-Christian forces had at their command the same resources that have been at the disposal of the Christian Church, but never have the non-Christian

forces been so conscious of their power as at the present time. Mr. Nichols went on to say that Christian people must be mindful of their stewardship; that the Church must be revitalized and brought to recognize its responsibility over all values of life.

The meeting was closed with a benediction by Dr. Howard B. Oborn, Superintendent of the Peoria District.

METHODIST MEN IN ACTION

Methodist Men of North Methodist Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, recently elected officers for the ensuing year: president, Grant Johnson; vice-president, George Biggar; secretary, Ray Clutter; treasurer, Arthur Gentlemen. The organization has been very active in North Methodist Church and in various phases of the church's life and work. The membership consists of 55 active men but they expect to increase this to 100. Last year of special interest was the part that the men had in raising funds for the new educational building. The sum of \$52,031.44 was collected for this enterprise. The District Lay Leader, Mr. E. J. Fricke, has been presenting the practical phases of Stewardship every Sunday morning in the various churches of the city during the months of February and March.

God honors no drafts where there are no deposits. —*Defender.*

BISHOP SCHUYLER E. GARTH

THROUGH the years The Methodist Church has not lacked for efficient, talented, consecrated and Godly leadership in the Episcopacy. Our Bishops have been men of outstanding character, vision, leadership and courage. In the election of Bishop Schuyler E. Garth at the North Central Jurisdictional Conference of our Church at Minneapolis, July 1, 1944, this custom was not abrogated.

At his inauguration as Bishop of the newly created Wisconsin Area at Madison, Wisconsin, on Sunday, September 17, 1944, Bishop Garth began his address by saying:

"It began when I was a boy, working on my father's farm near Madison, Kansas. Whatever I did, whether it was plowing or cultivating, I was always thinking about people. . . . All races, all creeds and all classes are welcome to the Church at all times. That is the thing I have stood for and, in my judgment, it is the heart of the thing we must work for in this day. Religion will have to make its contribution to democracy through inter-racial, inter-creedal and inter-class cooperation and The Methodist Church must take its place in the practice of the fundamentals of Christian democracy. . . . It is true that Christ said 'Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth,' but

Christ went on to say that all men are brothers."

Our first acquaintance with Bishop Garth was at the General Conference held at Kansas City in 1944. He was chairman of one of the divisions of the Committee on Membership, Lay Activities, and Temporal Economy. He was efficient as a parliamentarian, patient to the uttermost, brotherly, kindly and helpful. The Committee consisted mostly of laymen and I know that he had the full confidence and respect of all. We did not realize that soon this genial person was to be our resident Bishop. At two Annual Conference sessions, two retreats for laymen, in District Conference, and in occasional crossing of paths in West Wisconsin Conference charges it has been our high privilege to have been associated with him.

In thinking of this remarkable and valuable life which was so suddenly snuffed out in China on or about January 29, I believe that we might summarize his outstanding characteristics as follows: courageous leadership, adaptability, brotherliness, a keen sense of humor, a passion for justice and fair dealing, and an appreciation of life's highest values. In his passing The Methodist Church has lost a valuable servant, Wisconsin Methodism has been deprived of a great leader. We

shall remember him for his teaching, his inspiration, his plans, his helpfulness, and his effective leadership. As Christians I believe we can best honor him in cooperating and helping to carry on the work which he so nobly began.

—*Frank O. Witcher.*

(The above is a tribute paid to Bishop Garth by Mr. Witcher at the memorial service held for the Bishop in The Methodist Church at Platteville, Wisconsin.)

AN APPRECIATION

The men of The Methodist Church have suffered a great loss in the tragic death of Bishop Schuyler E. Garth.

Schuyler Garth was a man's man. He demonstrated this in college days and as pastor and bishop. He was masculine and heroic in body, mind and spirit. He drew men to him by his warmth of personality, his keenness of mind, his devotion to his task, and his love for men. He challenged men as pastor and bishop with a worthwhile program, one which seemed impossible, and then led them forth to its accomplishment. He was not a driver but a leader of men.

He was a good and wise counselor, and so understanding and sympathetic that men in the Church and out sought his advice. His short record as bishop and his longer record as pastor proved he had unusual administrative ability.

Schuyler Garth was never happier or more at home than when working with and for men, unless it was when serving and training youth—the Church leaders of tomorrow.

We do not understand why one so young, so needed, and so promising as a great leader in these historic days should be so soon and suddenly cut down. However, we sorrow not as those who have no hope, and say, "Thy will be done"; tried and dependable leaders fall, but God leads on.

—*E. Dow Bancroft.*

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Rev. Charles Arthur Smith, Pastor of the Methodist church at Trumansburg, New York, reports that the special laymen's part in the Stewardship Program is going over well in his church and that the "Three-Minute Lay Addresses" are being presented and received with interest. He reports, likewise, that the special Stewardship Worship Bulletins have been received with many words of appreciation for their beauty and Bible interpretation. He says that one man is saving each issue and that several others are saving whole sets.

So long as we love, we serve; so long as we are loved by others I should say that we are almost indispensable; and no man is useless while he has a friend.

—*Robert Louis Stevenson.*

BOTH ON WEEKDAYS AND ON SUNDAYS

BOYD M. McKEOWN
Board of Education

ONE of the best stewards I know in the area of human relationships is a bus driver. Perhaps no area of life cries more for application of stewardship principles than does the area of our relations with other human beings and perhaps few vocations hold more of petty annoyances than does that of the city bus driver.

This particular individual, however, is never ruffled by the complaints and criticisms which disturb the poise of so many in his line of work. Largely through his own calm and cheerful outlook on life, tensions between him and his passengers just do not develop. He has a tremendous talent for friendliness and seemingly it is dedicated to the task of making other people happy.

He seldom leaves a passenger who is running to catch his bus. I have seen him wait for dozens of such persons, in fact, he has developed a rather close acquaintance with many of those who ride with him regularly and it is not uncommon for him to slow down at certain corners and look up or down the cross-street for a certain passenger who usually boards his bus at that corner. If he misses one of his "friends," as he calls his passengers, for a few mornings, he is sure to inquire about him. I saw him show genuine concern

one morning on hearing that one of his passengers had died a few days earlier.

As his bus fills up during the rush hours, he always has an original way of asking those standing in the aisle to move back in the bus. For example, he is apt to say, "Come in everybody, make yourselves at home. Just stand around wherever you can find room but remember we'll pick up some more guests at the next corner."

He has a deep and powerful voice and he uses it in calling streets and transfer points. He also calls hospitals, schools, the post office, and the Union Station, which practice is a significant help to persons not acquainted with that part of the city along his route. Characteristic of his thoughtfulness also is the booming warning he gives to standees within his bus just before he rounds a curve.

He soldiered in World War I with some of the city's leading citizens and when one of these men is on his bus the atmosphere of democracy overshadows all differences in economic attainment. The exchange of comments reveals a close acquaintance and high degree of mutual respect.

The driver, for that matter, has a personal word for many of his pas-

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Biographical Sket Newly-Elected Bi

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He was a member of the General Conference and the Jurisdictional Conferences of 1940 and 1944. In the World War I he served in the Army YMCA. His Alma Mater, Baker University, bestowed upon him the degree of D.D. in 1936.

The China Press

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plans to visit England before returning to Chungking in the fall.

MR. FRANK G. MERRITT of Manistee was reserve lay delegate to the recent North Central Jurisdictional Conference not mentioned in previous reports of the Conference.

ENSIGN ROBERT RAHN of St. Joseph has been recommended by the Official Board of First Methodist Church of that city for a Local Preacher's License.

BISHOP W. ANGIE SMITH, newly elected bishop of the South Central Jurisdiction, will be the speaker on the "Church of the Air" program August 20 at 10:00 A.M. over CBS.

PLANS are drawn and the contract will soon be let for the construction of a new church for the Emmanuel congregation, DeWitt charge, to replace the one destroyed by fire on Palm Sunday.

CHAPLAIN RALPH BATES' address is 720th Ry. OPR. BN. APO 510. N. Y. Chaplain Bates is a member of the Michigan Conference and was stationed in England when last heard from.

CHAPLAIN ROBERT TRENER has recently been transferred to Meridian, Miss., and Mrs. Trener is now with him. He was recently promoted to the rank of Captain.

REV. F. L. FITCH of Scottville will be the new pastor at Urbandale-Washington Heights, Battle Creek, beginning August 1. He succeeds Philip R. Glot-

suiciency and utter unconcern for the welfare of other nations or for humanity. The Christian conception of human brotherhood will take its place. This means international organization to make peace secure. . . . Peace will be built upon the suppression of discriminatory and anti-social practices in the field of international trade and finance." *Minneapolis*

Lake Street District

The Lake Street District will meet at the home of Mrs. E. W. Sandberg, 3537 Portland Ave., for a 12:30 luncheon on Wednesday, July 12.

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Child Survives Leap From Crashing CNAC Airliner

By WALTER G. RUNDLE
(U.P. Staff Correspondent)

The story of the heroic efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Vick, missionaries from Rochester, N.Y., to save their two small children by leaping from flaming CNAC airliner No. 145, seconds before it crashed and burned 90 miles west of Hankow, was revealed late yesterday. The story came from the dying lips of Mr. Vick, whose leap from

the doomed plane with his 10-month-old son, Paul, in his arms, saved the life of the child who was the sole survivor among the 27 passengers and crew aboard.

Mother And Son Die

Mrs. Vick also leaped from the plane as it plummeted earthward, carrying her three-year-old son, Theodore, in her arms. Both were killed. Mr. Vick died at 4 a.m. yesterday in a small hospital near the village of Tienmun, where the plane crashed, after dictating an account of the crash and instructions that the surviving child be sent to his grandparents in the United States to a Catholic priest, Father McCarthy.

The letter was sent to Shanghai in the care of W. Robert Taylor, head of the Associated Mission Treasury.

Dr. Charles Francis Hoey, CNAC physician who flew to the scene of the crash, returned to Shanghai with little Paul yesterday afternoon. The child, now at the Country Hospital, suffered two broken legs but is said to be in good condition and is expected to recover without permanent injury.

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In Nanking Col. Tai An-kou, chief of the Civil Aeronautics Administration was quoted as saying he had no knowledge of the refusal.

From Washington the Associated Press reported that W. L. Bond, general manager of the CNAC, was to have departed hurriedly yesterday for China to resume active direction of CNAC affairs.

Bond, due in Shanghai on Feb. 8, declined to comment on the numerous accidents the company's planes suffered recently.

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The story of the heroic
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from Rochester, N.Y., to save
their two small children by
leaving from Hamme
C.N.A.C. airliner No. 145.
seconds before it crashed and
burned 90 miles west of
Hankow, was revealed late
yesterday. The story came from the dying
lips of Mr. Vick, whose leap from

**Child Survives Leap From
Crashing C.N.A.C. Airplane**
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In Memoriam

ON December 15, 1946, the "SS Marine Lynx" sailed from San Francisco for the Orient. Missionaries were its cargo, bound for their posts in the Far East. Among the passengers were the Methodist bishop of the Wisconsin area and his wife, Schuyler E. Garth and Lola Stroud Garth.

The Garths joined wholeheartedly in the missionaries' common life. The bishop became chairman of the passengers' committee. When they docked at Shanghai two weeks later, Bishop Garth himself took off his coat and wrestled baggage on the jetty.

In line with a new policy of the Council of Bishops, under which all members of the episcopacy will be sent to foreign fields for visitation and education, Bishop Garth was an official representative to China Methodism of the Methodist Council of Bishops.

He and Mrs. Garth had visited the churches of Shanghai and environs. Late in January they started up the Yangtze toward Chungking. Traveling by airplane they landed at Hankow, refueled, and took off again. A short distance from the airport the plane burst into flames. As it fell, the Garths and several other passengers leaped to the ground. One of these, a young Baptist missionary, survived long enough to recount the experience. His own child, which he carried as he plunged to earth, was the sole survivor of the crash.

This air tragedy removed from the ranks of effective Methodist bishops one of the youngest, ablest and most missionary-minded of church leaders. He had been a bishop since 1944, with his residence in Madison, Wisconsin.

The bodies of Bishop and Mrs. Garth were attended by British Methodist missionaries in Hankow, and were buried temporarily in that city, deep in the heart of China, on February 3. The Garths are survived by three children, Lynn, a son at Northwestern University, Lima, a student at DePauw University, and Doris, who lives in West Virginia.

A great friend of youth, Bishop Garth will be long remembered by the Wisconsin delegates to the National Convocation of the Methodist Youth Fellowship, held in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in August, 1946. On that occasion Bishop Garth traveled in a chartered bus from Madison to Grand Rapids along with his delegates, spent the entire day chatting and joking with his young friends, arrived in Grand Rapids late in the evening, an hour after he was



Schuyler Edward Garth, 1898-1947

scheduled to speak to the entire convocation. Without eating or relaxing a moment, Bishop Garth mounted the platform and addressed the assembly.

Bishop Garth was one of the most active bishops in promoting the interests of veterans in the church's life. He addressed the first national Bishops' Conference for Returned Veterans in Columbus, Ohio, in July, 1946, and several months later held a similar conference for veterans in his own, the Wisconsin, area. With all groups he was equally at home. Young men found in him a genuine, sympathetic friend.

When Wisconsin Methodism learned that its bishop was sailing to China, person after person began to send to Bishop Garth gifts of money and equipment for him to take with him on his journey for the Chinese people. An automobile for Bishop Ralph A. Ward was one of the Wisconsin Methodist gifts to China. Money contributions totalled \$8,808. In addition, Dr. Ada Chandler, of Pardeeville, Wisconsin, told the bishop to inspect hospitals and find a place for her to give \$10,000 as a memorial to her son, who had died in medical school.

"We in the Division of Foreign Missions appreciate the eagerness with which Bishop and Mrs. Garth undertook this journey," Dr. Ralph E. Diltendorfer said in tribute to them. "Bishop Garth looked upon the task as the beginning of a very much larger service to the church at large."

At a memorial service in New York, Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam spoke of Bishop Garth's "teachable humility," his ability, his attention to details. "He was essentially a human personality," Bishop Oxnam said. "There was no parade about him, no putting on airs. He loved human beings, and they responded to him. We have lost a man the church had counted upon to carry very heavy loads."

Every Methodist church in Wisconsin observed Sunday, February 16, as a day of memorial to their late bishop.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore, president of the Board of Missions said. The Board of Missions shares with Methodists everywhere a sense of tragic loss in the passing of Bishop and Mrs. Schuyler Garth. They served with distinguished ability and unwavering fidelity. The record left to us who remain is one of distinguished service and exalted living. For their shining virtues and glorious deeds we devotedly thank God.

WORLD OUTLOOK

comparison with all the millions who live in the islands. They are important in that each will bear its witness to many others, the witness that there are white men who do not act as if brown men were their inferiors. This observation has been voluntarily expressed to me by many Malaysians hailing from Ternate to Sumatra.

I shall never forget the dilemma of the Fenan-laber household when I happened to drop by one mid-morning at tea time. Natural hospitable instincts dictated that I be invited to share in their company, cocoa, and cookies, but a white man of my military rank just never did such things in the Indies. Finally, however, Mr. Fenanlaber, a Timorese *goeroe* (teacher), asked if I would join them. Of course I answered yes and after that had many a cup of tea and many a delicacy at his table. He later told me that I was the first white man other than a missionary to eat in his home. He often spoke of the attitude of friendship American Service men had shown Malaysians everywhere and of the great influence it would have on race relations in the future.

It remains to be said that we must choose well-trained men with cosmopolitan understanding if we are going to reach the mass of the peoples of the Malayan race. Java boasts as ancient a civilization as many another oriental country. Java also boasts two of the East's great modern cities, Batavia and Surabaya. There is widespread popular education and many natives now attend local or European universities. To reach such people, outstanding men are required for service in this field where the message of Christianity is so vitally needed.

I stood one evening on a river bank in a Northern New Guinea village talking with a brilliant young Javanese Lieutenant about Indonesia's future.

"Will you be a free people after the war?" I asked.

"If you mean politically free," he answered, "I think my answer is yes. But we have a long, long road ahead of us before we shall be really free. We need more and better schools, one language, and mutual understanding and consideration for each other. We must find motives for drawing our different peoples into one nation that transcend those we have today. No nation is rightly conceived on a basis of material expediency."

I do not agree that the nationalist movement in



Two Dyak men in formal attire, Borneo

Indonesia is based only on material expediency, nor do I think that he meant to say that was the only basis. There are many other needs in Indonesia which increasingly have inclined the people toward independent self-government. Certainly material expediency is one of the factors. Mostly, though, I was interested in the need for a "motive for drawing our different peoples into one nation." That motive, I, too, consider the great need of the Indies. It is a motive Mohammedanism will be at a loss to supply. Yet it must surely be supplied. That is why I hope to see a vigorous re-entry of Christian missionaries as soon as conditions permit, for Christianity alone can supply the motive of love and the philosophy of the essential worth of all men, the great intellectual and spiritual realizations upon which the solution of the needs of the Indies must finally depend.

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5 o'clock, but most Chinese homes have no time pieces and the children excited about it all began arriving at 2 P.M. So they were hungry at 7 o'clock and the shao-ping were much enjoyed.

Tragedy has been in our midst. Two weeks after Bishop and Mrs. Garth had spent an unforgettable week in our home while seeing the work in Nanking, they met death leaping from a blazing plane in which they were enroute to Chungking. I have never known two people who by their tact and friendliness won the hearts of the Chinese people as did the Garths. We had only known them one week, but they had endeared themselves to us and we had counted on keeping in touch with them in the years to come. Their going has laid a heavier burden on all of us who want the brotherhood of man to become a reality. A few days after the Garths' tragic death, Mildred Ward, the wife of our China Bishop, suddenly passed away. She was a dear friend of many years standing.

Dec. bishops
I have been working this semester in half day school for girls in Wesley church. This church is an institutional church situated in the heart of one of the older parts of the city. The people living around are mostly small shopkeepers. According to American standards they would be very poor. But according to standards here we would probably put them in the lower middle class. The tuitions in all schools, even our Christian schools, are very high, so only children of the better class can afford to attend. This half day school provides a place for forty girls who would not have an opportunity to study otherwise. It is not under the government rules so we can teach the Bible, have worship and teach them to sing hymns. On Easter a group of them entered the church as probationers. I enjoy working with them. It is easy to interest them and they respond readily. Some of them are very intelligent children.

Another project that we have been interested in, is the reorganizing of a church in a village four miles out of the city. Before the war there was a regular pastor appointed to that place, but during the war the church members were scattered, people have moved into the church building as squatters. At first it looked like a hopeless mess. At conference time Francis asked the Bishop to put him in charge and he would see what could be done with the help of a Seminary student. The first time Francis visited the place he could not find a church member. The second time he found five, but he kept going. Two small churches in northern Wisconsin have made it possible by gifts to pay the student's salary. The outcome is that now there are twenty-five children in the Sunday school and about fifty people at the church service. On Palm Sunday Francis administered communion to ten baptized members. Several more are asking for instruction. If we believe that God answers prayer there will be results, because the church people in these churches in Wisconsin are uniting with us in prayer for this young student and for the church at Shang-Sing-Ho. A gift was sent from the Chicago-Dodgeville Club with which we are buying a long narrow table to be used as an altar. We are planning to get a cross and candle sticks to put on the altar. We shall have a carpenter make them out of wood. There is nothing in the church but bare walls and they are badly in need of repairs, but we expect to get the building repaired. The church members bring their own benches to sit on. One woman has already given two benches from her own home and in time more members may do likewise.

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We have a fine group of students in our Seminary with whom it is a pleasure to work. There is much to be done for them as it is through such as they are that we expect the work of the church to be carried on throughout China. They are eager for our suggestions and help. At present there is a dearth of material to give help to Christian workers. When one thinks of the wealth of material there is to draw on for anyone in church work in America, one realizes that our Chinese workers are sometimes required to make bricks without straw.

Francis is very much interested in Christian literature and is doing all that he can in trying to interest our mission Board to send funds and Chinese Christians to get under the burden. He has been spending many hours reading translated manuscript of the Abingdon Commentary which he hopes will be ready for the press next autumn. Much of our Christian material which had been printed before the war has been destroyed.

This letter will go to some of you who are friends of long standing. Time does not permit me to write to each of you, but we remember you all with great affection. We ask your prayers for us, that we may understand God's plan for us and that understanding we may carry out His plan.

Yours in Christian fellowship,

Lucile W. Jones
(Mrs. Francis P.) Lucile W. Jones

Written Apr. 11, 1947

Hankow, China

Sent through the Board Office, New York 11, N. Y. May 29, 1947. L.W.J.

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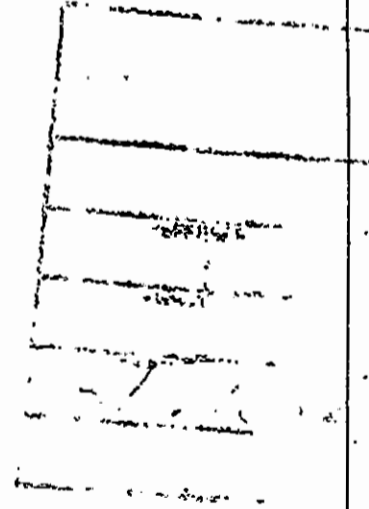
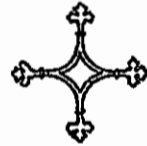
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BISHOP SCHUYLER E. GARTH

and

LOLA STROUD GARTH

Sunday, February 9, 1947



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

IN MEMORIAM . . . SCHUYLER AND LOLA GARTH

They would have willed it so
That when the final summons came, they be at work
Among the ones they loved.

And whom now, did they love?
They loved them all, whose cause the Master pled;
The heavy laden, troubled, tired, and sore;
The poor, the laboring, and unknown.
For each of these they had an ear to lend.
No man too humble but to win their hand;
Nor any child too lowly yet to gain their tears.
No case too weighty but to challenge their keen minds;
Nor any cause too common but to touch their hearts.
No race too mean, nor skin too dark, nor creed too frail
To strike in them, a chord of sympathy.

They would have willed it so,
That when the final summons came, they be together
(He be with her, whose life was as his own.
Without whom he would have been less than himself;
But with whom, both were greater than themselves.)
They would have willed it so
That they should walk together through the gates of death,
With that same courage they had hand in hand faced life.

They would have willed it so
That when the final summons came
They be upon a friendly mission
Charting their purposeful ways through friendless night,
To bring the morning sunshine to a downcast race.

Somewhere upon this gray earth's seamy face,
A blood stained furrow marks the place
Where came to end, that mission in the night.
Across the steep and barren hills
Small bands of searchers have pushed their way
Through brush and reed and rocky waste
Until at last they marked that spot
Where Fate had winged her bird.
"Here", they were heard to say, "is where they came to earth."
And tears did fall upon that spot
As they have fallen in the hearts of all
Who knew the greatness of their spirits.

But suns will bleach and rains will wash away
The markings of that blood-drenched soil,
And looking upward, all will know
That little that here touched the earth was them;
That the great spirit which was theirs rides on
In surer flight toward an eternity
Which is reserved for such as them.
And all who raise their eyes beyond that wreck-strewn hill
And see the suns warm promise of a brighter dawn
Shall feel their hearts grow warm, then strangely glad;
Shall look with them, toward life's eternity.

—Howard C. Aley

TRINITY CHURCH MEMORIAL AND DEDICATION

Ten Forty-Five O'Clock

We need to call to remembrance the great and good, through whom the Lord hath wrought great glory. We need to be appreciative of the good example of Bishop and Mrs. Garth who have truly loved and served God in creating the fabric of the Church that is ours today.

THE PRELUDE "Come, Blessed Rest" Bach

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Response: "Jesus, Stand Among Us" No. 593

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Holy, Holy, Holy" No. 1

(The people will stand and sing, beginning with the second stanza)

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THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE (The people will remain standing)

Minister: O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever.

People: BECAUSE THY LOVING KINDNESS IS BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS SHALL PRAISE THEE.

Minister: O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.

People: IT IS OF THE LORD'S MERCIES THAT WE ARE NOT CONSUMED, BECAUSE HIS COMPASSIONS FAIL NOT.

(The people will be seated)

THE COLLECT

Almighty God, our Father, from whom we come, and unto whom our spirits return; thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations. Thou art our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Grant us thy blessing in this hour, and enable us so to put our trust in thee that our spirits may grow calm and our hearts be comforted. Lift our eyes beyond the shadows of earth, and help us to see the light of eternity. So may we find grace and strength for this and every time of need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (To be chanted by the congregation)

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THE HYMN "Faith of Our Fathers" No. 256

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THE SCRIPTURE LESSON

THE SURSUM CORDA

THE CALL TO PRAYER

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

Response: "Hear our prayer, O Lord"

THE OFFERTORY

Response: "We give Thee but Thine own"

Anthem: "Steal Away" Spiritual

Response: "The Doxology" Old Hundred

(Let the people rise for the singing of the Doxology as the
stewards present the offerings.)

ANTHEM "My God and I" Sergei

THE SERMON The Rev. H. Lester Smith
Bishop of the Ohio Area of the Methodist Church

THE RECESSIONAL HYMN "Rise Up, O Men of God" No. 267
(Let the people be seated for the Benediction and Response on the Carillon.)

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

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YOUNGSTOWN COMMUNITY MEMORIAL AND DEDICATION

Four O'Clock



PRELUDE	· · ·	"Were You There"	· · ·	Spiritual
SILENT PROCESSIONAL	· ·	"Marche Funebre"	· ·	Dubois
LITANY OF APPRECIATION	· ·	Read by the Rev. W. Payne Stanley Rector, St. Augustine's Episcopal Church		

(The people will remain seated)

Almighty and everlasting God, before Whom stand the spirits of the living and the dead, Light of lights, Fountain of wisdom and goodness, who livest in all pure and humble and gracious souls;

For all who have witnessed a good confession for thy glory and the welfare of the world, patriarchs, prophets, and apostles, the wise of every land and nation, all teachers and preachers of Thy truth.

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

For the martyrs of our holy faith, the faithful witnesses to Christ of whom the world was not worthy, and for all who have resisted falsehood and wrong unto suffering or death,

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

For all who have labored and suffered for freedom, good government, just laws, and the sanctity of the home, and for all who have given their lives for their country,

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

For all who have sought to bless men by their service and life, and to lighten the dark places of the earth,

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

For those who have been tender and true and brave in all times and places, for those who have been devoted ministers and faithful shepherds of souls in Thy holy Church, and for all who have been one with Thee in the communion of Christ's Spirit and in the strength of His love,

We praise Thee, O God, and bless Thy name.

COLLECT *(Here let the minister and people unite in saying:)*

Almighty and everliving God, Whose nature it is to purify and to bless; in every age our fathers have experienced Thy mercies and borne witness of Thy power to save. To us also may the might of Thy spirit be given and the excellence of Thy glory be made manifest, that following in the steps of Thy faithful servants, and finding our blessedness in the doing of Thy will, we may cast our burden on Thee and joyfully minister to the needs of our generation, until the work be finished which Thou hast given us to do; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN - - - "Be Still, My Soul" - - - No. 73

SCRIPTURE LESSONS - - - - - Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15
Proverbs 31:10-31

The Rev. Paul Secrest
Pastor, First Methodist Church, Alliance

SURSUM CORDA

PASTORAL PRAYER - - - - - The Rev. Edwin R. Romig
District Superintendent, Youngstown District

ANTHEM - - - "Beautiful Saviour" - - - Christiansen
The Ministry of Music, Trinity Methodist Church

THE CHURCH SPEAKS

Rabbi I. Edward Philo,
Chairman, Board of Control,
Chapel of Friendly Bells

The Rev. Harvey E. Holt,
Executive Secretary,
The Federated Churches of Youngstown

The Rev. H. Lester Smith,
Presiding Bishop, Ohio Area, The Methodist Church

The Rev. Russell J. Humbert,
Minister, Trinity Methodist Church

HYMN - - - "Jesus, With Thy Church Abide" - - - No. 380

BENEDICTION
(The people will be seated for the Benediction.)

POSTLUDE

Poems written by Schuyler E. Garth

HEART-BOUND

Because I bind my heart to God
Like Saturn to the sun,
He binds my love to men until
All nations live as one.
He binds my life to crosses that
Refining may be done;
He binds my will to peace until
His Kingdom may be won.

A CREED FOR LIVING

Let me be the Self the Potter dreamed I'd be;
Let me have the Faith my Tears demand of me;
Let me grow a Love the World expects of me;
Let me find a cause that pulls the best from me;
This I make my Creed, and let it plant the seeds
For a life God needs to save a world that bleeds.

WHEN THE SOUL TAKES WINGS

The Soul of Christ took wings from Joseph's tomb;
When earthly powers had vied to seal His doom.
It turned Him loose to prove the Easter sooth
That bombs and gold and men must bow to Truth.

God gives the earth-bound souls of men their wings
To seek in stars and shells immortal things.
The Cross and Grave have proved that faith is right,
And God in Christ has proved that love is might.

The souls of men take wings when death sets free
Eternal life from earth's captivity.
They take to heaven our love perpetually
And bring to earth our love's fraternity.

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