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WORLD OUTLOOK

"Could we but put in practice the Sermon on the Mount, all the problems of our poor tortured universe would be solved, all the difficulties, apparently insuperable, which confront mankind would melt like the mist before the rising sun."

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Bishop Darlington won fame and favor on both sides of the Atlantic while living in Huntington. His niche in American Church History is unique. Huntington is indebted to him for building the largest Protestant Church in the city - Johnson Memorial. His last forty years were spent here. Since he belonged to the traveling ministry, someone asked him this pertinent question: "Why have you lived in Huntington so long?"

The Bishop replied with his twinkle: "I think it may be the convenience of natural gas."

Born on a farm in Shelby County, Kentucky, August 3, 1870, he began earning his living at eight years of age. The youngest of twelve children, he left his "old Kentucky home" and came to Huntington at thirty-nine years of age.

When asked why he was named Urban Valentine Williams Darlington, he answered: "There were so many children by the time I arrived that my parents ran out of ordinary names and named me for the family doctor."

The revival meeting in which Bishop Darlington was converted at fifteen years of age was reported by the preacher with some measure of disappointment. He said: "We did not have a very good meeting. The attendance was good, but nobody was converted except old Susie So-and-so (a familiar neighborhood character who got converted at every annual revival) and little Urb Darlington." Urb was the janitor of the church.

U. V. V. Darlington studied in Kentucky Wesleyan College but did not graduate. In 1896 he joined the Kentucky Conference. His first appointment was the Washington-East Maysville Circuit. The next year he was given a small station in Washington. Three years later his assignment was Millersburg for one year. Subsequently he went to Scott Street Church in Covington (All in Kentucky). A son of James Henderson, a farmer, and Kitty Pennington Darlington, the Bishop married Lyda Clarke at Millersburg, October 29, 1901. They had two children, Lyda Clarke
and Urban V., Jr. Mrs. Darlington died in
Virginia Beaches, Va., in 1931. On February 11, 1913, he married
Kitty Scott and three years later they became parents of two

Transferring to the Western Virginia Conference in 1889, he served the important
positions he was president of the Board of Education, a trustee of Emory College, and
of the Wesley Foundation at the University of Virginia, and a director of the
Virginia State University. He was a leader in the Methodist movement in the
state and was active in the national and international organizations of the
Methodist Church. He was a member of the American Council of Bishops and
president of the National Conference of Bishops. He was also president of
the Southern Methodist University. Bishop Darlington was a denominationally
active man, who served as president of the Board of Education of the
Methodist Church, and as president of the Board of Trustees of Emory University.

Bishop Darlington was a man of deep religious conviction, who
always maintained a strong faith in the Bible. He was a great
preacher, who was able to communicate the message of the
Bible in a way that people of all ages could understand.
He was a man of great eloquence, who had a
powerful voice and the ability to
express his thoughts in a way that
people would listen.

Bishop Short's pen-picture of Darlington's preaching is a valuable contribution
to the history of American preaching.

Those who know the Bishop best know
that above all else, he was a Gospel
preacher. He loved to preach, and when he
preached, he preached with power. His mes-
ages had simple content, but they rang the
changes on the great fundamental notes of
the Christian faith. His preaching was about
it a strong emotional appeal, and he
moved his audience to both tears and
laughter. One invariably felt that he
himself was always a part of his message. Jones
(y017 marg.) observed that "Elisha prayed in
his prayers." One may likewise say that
Bishop Darlington preached in his preaching.
His sermons were always Bible-rooted discourses,
for the most part upon passages in the
Gospels, in Acts, in Paul's, and in the
historical books of the Old Testament. Among
the many times I have heard him preach, I
cannot recall a single time that he did not tackle a passage from the
new Testament, and his reading of the Scriptures was
unusually effective, and he always made
their sacred pages live. He was gifted with
an unusual voice and he used it with
range and inflections, together with the expres-
sion of his face to give dramatic meaning to
the passage read in a way that few men seem
to be able to do. Primarily he was an
evangelistic preacher. The hortatory note
was forever present in his sermons and he
delighted to call sinners to repentance and
numbered his converts by thousands.

"Bishop Darlington," says Short regarding
his episcopacy, "belonged to the old
Devil, its blood was in his veins and its
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of thinking. Methodist Information, in its
releases to the church press a few weeks
ago, described him as a "typical old-
ds dressed Bishop Darlington."

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D.D. and Ll.D. degrees and attended the
Ecumenical Conference in Toronto in 1912, and
attended the Johannesburg Conference in 1913. Among many other
positions he was president of the Board of
Georgia and trustee of Emory University.

West Virginia's adopted Bishop preached
salvation by grace through faith in this
congregation: "If you do not get anything
else from this service, get what I am reading
from the Bible."
astically for it. In the later years of his life he was much like the last leaf upon the tree in the spring, and with his going a long chapter in the life of the church in the southern section of the country is brought to a close as now the last member of a small, like-minded, closely-knit group of episcopal leaders which once towered mightily in the church of the South has passed on to join the others in the Father's House.

"As an episcopal administrator, the Bishop operated according to the old pattern in the Church, South. He maintained his home in Huntington, West Virginia, and from there he cared for the conferences which the church assigned him in the Carolinas, in Kentucky, in Southern Illinois, and in Europe. When, with the advent of union, the Area system came to the southern section of the church, he made only partial adjustment to it. In the old Church Extension building at Louisville there is in the cloak room a certain peg on which he regularly hung his hat whenever he came to town. He would sometimes touch it affectionately and with a quiet smile say, "This is my episcopal residence." He did not live in his area, he did not live in the Southeastern Jurisdiction of which he was the senior Bishop, for Huntington is over the line in the Northeastern Jurisdiction. But he did travel his area faithfully and tirelessly.

"In his years as Bishop he never had a secretary. He answered his correspondence promptly, pecking out his letters on an old-fashioned typewriter, and never worrying about carbon copies or such endless details as meticulous filing. After he had written a letter he would then underline in pen and ink what he considered most important. Sometimes his underlining was so full that practically everything in the letter was underlined, with the result that nothing in the letter was actually emphasized.

"In the making of appointments he followed the procedures of an older day, and looked largely to his own counsel, though he showed every kindness and consideration to his cabinets. The element of surprise loomed largely in his appointment making and no one was ever entirely sure what was going to happen until the final reading of the appointments was completed. Under this system there was, of course, no question in the Conference which he held of sustained interest upon the part of both preachers and laymen until the final benediction was said.

"His method of holding a Conference was all his own. His morning devotional was spiritual feast. As he dispatched the business of the conference, he salted his preaching with just enough wit and humor to give flavor to even the most prosaic proceedings. He loved to sing, and often he would lead the Conference in song. His rich tenor voice, when he let himself go in some rapture of emotion, would lift itself out of the singing of the group and make those who heard it wonder once again at the marvel of a faith that sets the soul and lips of man singing the praises of redeeming love. Whatever else may be said of his administration, it may be said that he made his conferences spiritual experiences for those in attendance.

"One of his chief assets as an administrator was that he always knew his preachers. Reference to this recalls for me the first time that, as a boy preacher, I was introduced to him on the streets of a little town where the Conference was in session. He was walking along the street in company with my presiding elder, and I was walking on the other side of the street in the opposite direction. The presiding elder called to me to come across the street. He said, "I want the Bishop to meet you." The Bishop reached out, took my hand, and to my utter surprise said with a smile, "Is this Roy?" Such was my own introduction to what later I saw verified endless times, the fact that he had his men identified, even the youngest of them, and was deeply concerned about them."
"In Heaven above
Where all is love
There'll be no reporters there," he received prolonged applause.

Bishop Darlington's unique personality made a tremendous impression upon United Conference. There was a depth of emotion when he bade farewell on behalf of the American body to the fraternal delegates of British Methodism - Dr. Robert Bond and Sir Isaac Foot. All three of these men are tall, and Bishop Darlington called Dr. Bond to his left. He took each of their hands, and then standing thus, he addressed them for the Conference:

"You have won our respect, but far more than that, you have won our hearts, our affections. We love you for what you have said, but far beyond that we love you for what you are. You are the sons of Wesley. We hope we are. You can teach us much... We shall be the richer after this is all over."

A fellow townsman, Colonel George S. Wallace in his Cabell County History says:

"Bishop Darlington is a man of a man - an unusual personality. His sympathies are easily enlisted and anyone in trouble finds him not only a sympathetic friend but one who will do all that is humanly possible to lighten the burden."

His humor is seen in his blasting the theory that chicken was the food of all visiting Methodist clergymen:

"I've eaten enough potato salad to sink a ship." However, he estimated that his chicken consumption would be sufficient to stock an oversized poultry farm.

Bishop F. J. McConnell and Bishop U. W. Darlington were as different as any two Bishops, but they were friends. McConnell wrote Darlington on his eighty-fifth birthday:

"I rejoice in your many years and what you have done with them. I think of you many times as the days go by and always with gratitude. You have had your own life and you have heroically held fast to it. There is something inspiring in the way you walk and speak and act toward your fellowmen. It is a joy to think of you and I wish you the very best of the best things."

McConnell.

Six Famous sayings of Darlington:

"Christ alone can satisfy the soul. Europe needs soup, soap and salvation. A church without proper institutions misses its most wholesome function and cannot continue to exist. Book reviews, new little essays, and lectures may entertain, but it all will very soon evaporate. Proper only opens Heaven. No nation or man has been great or even will be without suffering."

THE SEVEN DISTINCTIVE DEEDS OF DARLINGTON

1. He was a college president and Bishop without an earned degree.
2. He was the only Bishop to serve on a draft board.
3. He was the only Bishop to live in the college while president. His second son was born in the Morris Harvey Dorm, the part of the dorm that used to be the county jail.
4. He was president of the first Jurisdictional Conference; the new Jurisdictional Conference has elected all American Methodist Bishops since 1939.
5. He was the only Bishop of this century to have his office in his home.
6. He was the last Bishop who made appointments without consulting his cabinet.
7. He lived in Huntington longer after his election to the episcopacy than any other Methodist Bishop ever lived in one city. He lived in Huntington forty years. Mrs. Darlington resides at 2111 10th Avenue in Huntington.

A man of sorrows, Bishop Darlington expressed his grief in the Christian Advocate July 27, 1939:

"It was midnight and the first day of June was fast approaching. The place was Bethesda Hospital, Cincinnati, Ohio. A good man, Dr. Frank Nelson of Christ Church in that city, had watched the skillful hands of a good surgeon as he worked to save a daughter's life. Her devoted mother was by her side and remained for the next ten days of prayerful and watchful waiting.

"They were painful and anxious days. All was done that could be done, but in spite of it, the poison did its work and the angels claimed her. She passed into that..."
great beyond.

"She was thirty-six years of age, beautiful in face and form and possessed a voice that in song had comforted and helped many poor struggling souls. She was my own child. We called her Lyda Clarke, and I hope the angels will call her by that same beloved name.

"A dear good soul has passed. I feel like an old tree standing out in the field that has been struck many times by lightning and the last bolt has shattered me, but I am still standing. My face is toward the sunrise and with good hope I face the future."

Bishop Short describes Bishop Darlington's sorrows:

"He knew what it was to walk a mile with sorrow. During the last war there came to him the shock of losing his oldest son and namesake in the Far East and then later he and his wife received from the intelligence that their youngest son was also missing in action. For long months they lived through the agonizing experience of not knowing whether the lad was alive until at last the welcome news came that while his plane had been shot down, he himself was safe and a prisoner in Bulgaria. Likewise, the familiar burden and responsibilities of the episcopal office oftentimes brought suffering to Bishop Darlington. They were never easy for him. The care of all the churches weighed heavily upon his heart and frequently he found the making of decisions difficult. Amid all that life and office brought, however, he bore himself with strength and patience for he knew experimentally where the living fountain of water is, of which if a man may drink, he will find a strength not his own which is made perfect in his weakness.

Another Kentuckian, Bishop Roy H. Short, was ordained as a boy by Bishop Darlington and served twice in his cabinet. Bishop Short's personal experiences and associations with Bishop Darlington caused him to look upon Darlington as his Bishop. He concludes with a profile by Bishop Short, his reflections on Bishop Darlington's性格 and his experience in the Council of Bishops in November 1954. (All quotes from Bishop Short are used by permission although they are not copyrighted):

"A simple little white church sits beside a heavily traveled highway in Kentucky. It is surrounded by a grove of trees with a little God's Acre behind where the forefathers of the hamlet sleep. There on an early June day in 1944 a large group of Kentuckians from throughout the state gathered for a simple but eloquently moving ceremony. There were present prominent business men and humble dirt farmers. There were preachers serving almost every conceivable type of appointment from the highest steeple churches to the poorest country circuits. There were humble housewives and gifted women who were recognized leaders in church and civic affairs. There were members of the supreme bench of the state, and even the governor of the state himself was there.

"The service began in the morning, was interrupted by an old-fashioned dinner on the grounds at noon, and then continued on until late afternoon. The purpose of the occasion was to give Kentucky Methodists an opportunity to pay a warm tribute of respect and love to a man who had been born among their hills, who had been schooled in their institutions, who preached effectively in their churches and who for fourteen years had been their much loved episcopal leader, and who in a few weeks at the coming Jurisdictional Conference was scheduled for retirement.

"The committee planning for the occasion had debated at length on plans for some appropriate recognition of his long service in the church. Numerous ideas had been suggested, such as a banquet at some large hotel or a recognition service in one of the leading churches of the area, but at last the conclusion was reached that nothing could be more appropriate than a general gathering of Methodists from all over Kentucky at the Grafenburg Church that had been the Bishop's home church, where as a child his steps had been set in the path that leads to God, and where his father and mother and other members of the Darlington family had long rested in the quiet of the churchyard.

"It was in this church where Bishop Darlington had been converted as a boy during a revival.

"All of us who were present in that
little country church that day could not fail to see the essential fitness of the occasion as a way to honor the aging Bishop, for he was, and always has been a man of the people. He came from among the plain people. He understood the plain people and loved them and they in turn respected and loved him.

(The community placed a marker by the Grafenberg Church with these words on it:

"Bishop G. V. W. Darlington
Able Administrator
Inspirational Preacher.")

"Bishop Darlington's great loves were his church, his family and pleasant home in Huntington, toward which from traveling in far places he always turned his weary footsteps with such eagerness of heart, and his native state of Kentucky whose traditions were so largely a part of him. We Methodists of Kentucky loved him, and we shall be forever grateful for his spiritual contribution to our lives.

"Bishop Darlington would never say goodbye. For some strange reason he would not allow that word to escape his lips. Rather, on any occasion of parting, he would grasp one's hand and say, "I will see you again." So those of us who knew him and labored with him in the Gospel rejoices that at last he has entered the glad haven toward which his footsteps moved so faithfully and for so long, and in full confidence and assurance as we realize that he has now gone on, we say his own familiar words, "I will see you again."

He went from Huntington to his Heavenly Home October 1, 1954 and his body was laid to rest at Frankfort, Kentucky.
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THE METHODIST PUBLISHING HOUSE

Mr. Jones

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A Minnesota Chippewa Indian, John Bobek, has become a missionary to a North Dakota tribe of Sioux—the Chippewa's historic enemies. The missionary under the auspices of the Christian and Missionary Alliance meets his flock at out-of-doors services whenever the weather permits. He preaches his sermons "right out of the Bible," he says.

The just-announced winner of the first prize of $100 given by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for the best sermon in Michigan on Brotherhood Sunday is the wife of a Methodist minister in Warren, Mich. Mrs. Frederick G. Poole preached the sermon in the Warren church where her husband is pastor.

The second round of trouble has been touched off between James M. Lawson, well-known Negro conscientious objector, and the Selective Service system. Sentence to three years in prison in 1951, paroled in 1953, the former vice-president of the National Conference of Methodist Youth has been serving as a missionary in India. Although he was given permission to leave the U. S., his Ohio draft board has reclassified him as 1-A. Action on an appeal is expected to be delayed until Mr. Lawson returns to this country.

James B. Hope, director of the transportation bureau of the Methodist Church, is a new vice-president of the Interchurch Transportation committee. The organization serves the transportation needs of all Protestant denominations and the Roman Catholic church.

A missionary to Malaya, Tracey K. James Jr. of Syracuse, N. Y., has been elected administrative secretary of the Board of Missions. He is a member of California-Nevada Annual Conference. Before being assigned to Singapore, he did evangelistic work in Nanking, a former Chinese capital.

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The Gospel 'Next Door to Violence'

Out here today we live 'next door to violence.'

In this phrase Rev. John B. Holt, pastor of Knox Memorial Methodist church in Manila, Ph. I., sums up trends in the Philippine Islands as he sees them.

Against this background of violence—violence in primitive animism surviving among tribal peoples; violence in the struggle with Communism—the preaching of the Christian gospel goes forward.

In the Apayao mountains, Mr. Holt reports, a 14-year-old boy was beheaded the other day. Why? Because a tribesman, very ill, asked a relative to kill a strong young man so that the invalid might have the victim's strength for recovery. The violence of superstition!

Young American airmen from the naval station in Clark field, "in the heart of our Methodist work here in Luzon," to shoot down Russian fighter planes which had attacked a British airliner. The threat of Communism, too, leads to violence.

Luis Taruc, since 1945 confessed head of Filipino Communists who have terrorized the land, was sentenced to only 12 years in prison. Why? "The authorities," Mr. Holt explains, "are afraid to make a martyr of him for fear of a general uprising by landless people who have lived under feudalistic oppression since the Spanish conquistadores of the sixteenth century."

A medieval church, Mr. Holt continues, has enjoyed a monopoly of land in the Philippines for 400 years while 85 per cent of the farmers are still landless. "Just today the papers carry reports of a new peasant uprising."

"Political violence is but a symptom of the resentment that builds within. Just last week the governor and 19 mayors and political chiefs of a southern province were sentenced to death for political terrorism during the elections of 1952."

"But there is a passive and hopeful side. President Magsaysay is giving inspiring leadership. There is an emerging educated, democratic middle class. It is among these people our Christian churches are strongest and are developing a high quality of Filipino leadership. Missions, partially relieved of the old staggering humanitarian loads, are concentrating on evangelistic tasks. We are in a better position to share the Christian faith by friendly persuasion, love, clear thinking and undaunted witness."

Canada:
ASK 'FOURTH R'
The General council of the United Church of Canada has voted unanimously to press for religious instruction in the public schools of all Canadian provinces.

The resolution proposed an inter-church committee in each province to loop in touch with educational authorities.

The church urged provincial authorities to provide teacher-training for teachers of religion.

England:
QUESTION HEALING

A difference of opinion over the value of services of healing is developing among the British.

In London 6,000 persons attended a spiritual healing service in Albert Hall. It centered about Harry Edwards, 62, a 'spiritual healer'.

But in Durham, South Africa, the General Assembly of the Presbyterian church of that country adopted a resolution advising the church to "set her face against all public services of healing."

Public services of healing generate great stress and emotion, the document said, so that psychological effects are mistaken for 'cures.'

CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE
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HOMECOMING

Lebanon Methodist Church, No way charge, will observe "Homecoming" on Sunday, October 17.

Church school will be at 11 a.m. and the morning worship will be at 12:30 a.m. Lunch will be served on the church grounds.

All members, former members, pastors, and friends are invited.

Lebanon Church Committee.

Put the Advocate in Every Home!
An International Criminal Court

There has existed since League of Nations days an international court of justice sitting at The Hague in the Netherlands. However, this court heard only controversies involving nations. No individual is ever tried in this court.

When the Second World War ended a temporary Nuremberg Court for the trial of German war criminals was established. In the minds of some persons it was unfortunate that such a "court of the victors" had to be set up. An international criminal court should already have been in existence.

The question of an international penal tribunal has been discussed in the United Nations since 1948. Last August a special committee appointed by the General Assembly met in Geneva and drew up a proposal for an International Criminal Court. The details of this proposal may be found in the United States Bulletin for September 24, 1950.

The Court would consist of 15 judges elected from fifteen different nations. They would be chosen from a list of candidates submitted by the members of the U. N. A principle which the Western world would keep in mind would be that "The judges as a body should as far as possible represent the main forms of civilization and the principal legal systems of the world." Their term of office would be ten years.

What kind of crimes would be tried before this court? That would depend upon what crimes a nation agreed to recognize as international in character and subject to jurisdiction of the court. Many nations would probably agree to place under the Court persons accused of genocide (killing of a race).

No categories of punishment are spelled out. Article 32 stipulates that "the court shall impose upon an accused, upon conviction, such penalty as the Court may determine, subject to any limitations prescribed in the instrument conferring jurisdiction upon the Court."

The accused would be presumed innocent until proven guilty. He would have the right to be present at all stages of the proceedings, the right to conduct his own defense or be defended by counsel of his own choice. He would have the right to be heard by the Court but not compelled to speak. His refusal to speak would not be relevant to the determination of his guilt.

South Carolina Increases Giving on Advance Mission Specials

Word has just been received from Bishop Newell Booth of Africa expressing appreciation to the South Carolina Conference for the gift of a truck to Rev. Joe Maw: "You have in reality doubled our building efficiency at Mina—it is almost like adding another worker."

Brother D. L. Betts, South Carolina missionary serving in Brazil, writes of his appreciation for the $12,343.65 which has been contributed toward the building of the Wesly Church in Porto Alegre. He is confident that the Methodist people of South Carolina will not be satisfied until they have raised the amount they set out to raise: $25,000.

You can see from these words from Brother Betts that we are only half way toward the goal. It is hoped that by Conference time we will be much farther along. Churches planning acceptances for Missions Specials for the new year are urged to keep in mind this project. Other projects which are our immediate concern include building new churches in the Savannah River area, Methodists Student Centers at the University of South Carolina and Winthrop College and contributions for agriculture missions in the Belgian Congo.

The work among our Negro brethren at John's Island in South Carolina is one to which we can well direct some of our specials. Here is a need in our conference that has long called to us.

The best way to assure an adequate Mission Specials for each church is to have it included in the church budget. We hope that each official board will consider the needs of our world and officially plan to help meet them by assuming adequate Advance Specials.
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"A LIFT FOR LIVING"

By Dr. Ralph W. Sockman

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Comparison, like cheap stage jewelry, is easy to make, but we see that fullness is beyond our power. We long to be kind, but we see that kindness calls for grace too great for us. It is a grace too great for us.

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Williamsburg Charge

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10--Columbus at Central
11--Cleveland at Shaw
12--New Albany at Ingomar
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MEMOIR ON BISHOP V. W. DARLINGTON
by Bishop Roy H. Short

There is a simple little white church which sits beside a heavily traveled highway in Kentucky, which is largely unoccupied by its thousands of busy travelers who constantly pass by on their way to and from work. It is like thousands of country and village churches throughout the state, standing alone, and with a Little God's acre behind it. It is the homestead church of the hamlet, near the local crossroads, where people stop to fill up the tank, or just to talk and relax.

The purpose of the occasion was to give Kentucky Methodists an opportunity to pay a warm tribute to Bishop Darlington. The occasion, which had been set in the path that leads to God, and where as a child his family had long rested in the quiet of the churchyard. At the time of his death the Bishop's home was the bishop's home, and it was in the Bishop's home that he spent his final days. He was the Bishop of the church, and as such, he was the Bishop of the people of Kentucky.

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All of us who were present in the little country church the day could not fail to bear the essential flavor of the occasion as a way to honor the Bishop for his work and his love and his loyalty to his people. He came among them and loved them, and he turned respect and he loved them.

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REVISED MINISTERS—THANK YOU

R. Hampton Barnett

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VACATION SCHOOLS HELD

The Vacation School has become an integral part of the program of Christian education in many churches throughout the Conference. It is a valuable aid in the work, particularly with children and in our churches should take advantage of this special opportunity to give the children the chance to grow up in the Christian Way of Life.

The testimony of many pastors is that the boys and girls in the Vacation School receive more information during the Session of the School than they get in six months of regular Sunday School. There are many reasons for this. In the Vacation School, the sessions are longer, there are fewer interruptions, there is less time between sessions than when the pupils tend to forget about what was learned, and the complete concentration is given to the task in hand.

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