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This book is lovingly dedicated to my sister, MRS. IRENE P. JOHNSON MOODY, who for many years has encouraged, counselled and cooperated with me in all my undertakings, which have led to the publishing of this book. She has been particularly helpful during the editing and publishing of this work by her inspiring and comforting words when the task seemed almost too great to accomplish.

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NOTE

There were a number of persons who sent in photographs, but who unfortunately did not comply with the request to send in biographies. Consequently they could not appear in this volume. However, these persons will have an opportunity to appear in volume II.
PREFACE

For the past quarter of a Century the Churches of Christ throughout the country have grown by leaps and bounds. Congregations have sprung up almost over night and the preaching force has been increased to the extent that an introduction is now in order for the public to know them. Song leaders have played an important part in the spread of the gospel, but like Ministers for the most part are not known beyond their respective places of worship.

Pioneer preachers, many who have passed into the great beyond devoted their lives to the service of God and sacrificed almost beyond endurance to establish the cause of Christ in the hearts of men and women, but the brotherhood has no written record of what these precious soul's did and meant to the cause of Christ.

With the photos and biographies of these great ambassadors who represent the cause of Christ here on earth we believe there will be such an awakening throughout the Christian realm, that every soul will be refreshed and encouraged to press forward to the mark of the high calling which is in Christ Jesus. Young people may be inspired to demand the standard of Christian living that Christ left here for His people in every day life when they see the pages of history glow with noble examples of perseverance and tenacity on the part of their ancestors, who contended for the faith until their efforts were crowned with success.

This is by no means a record of all our ministers and song leaders, but a sample sufficient for every congregation to have a conception of the vastness of their leadership; on the other hand, to give these leaders an opportunity to appear before every congregation in the brotherhood for years to come.

Unfortunately incorrect addresses caused many of the precious ones not to even hear of this project; however, this is only a beginning. When the time of revision of this book comes it is hoped that many more names and photos will be added to the list.

I wish to thank all my friends and fellow workers for their untiring efforts to assist me in this great work.

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Oswell Lamor Aker was born at Commerce, Georgia, on a farm. He received his early school training in and around Commerce. In 1917 he united in wedlock with Miss Nancy F. Tisdale, of Limestone, Ala., who was then a student of Walden University, Nashville, Tenn. To her he gives credit to his success as a minister of the gospel of Christ. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church for thirty-three years. When he first heard the gospel he was a minister in that denomination.

He obeyed the gospel in 1926, under the preaching of M. Keeble, in Sheffield, Alabama. The white brethren in Florence, Alabama, were so impressed with Brother Aker that they encouraged him to work with the congregation established by Brother Keeble, in Sheffield, only after he had been in the Church of Christ four months. He is a brother and companion to all who need encouragement, and a close friend to Brother M. Keeble. Their love for each other is like the love of Jonathan and David.

He has given sixteen years of valuable service as a minister in the Church of Christ. He has baptized over six hundred persons, including seven preachers and one bishop to date. He has labored in a regular way with the following congregations: St. Petersburg, Fla., Tampa, Fla., Houston and Waco, Texas, Atlanta, Ga., Montgomery, Ala., and at present he is in Florence, Ala.

WISE SAYING: "I am working for God, for Christ, and my soul's interest. I am doing a good work and I cannot come down."
James Aldridge was born in Lamar County, Paris, Texas, March 22, 1887. He was reared by a widowed mother, his father passing when he was six years of age. He was sent to school until he completed the seventh grade.

When growing up he visited the Denominational Churches, but did not join one. In 1925 he married Miss Alma Browmigg, a fine young lady he says, who was worthy and has helped him to accomplish whatever he has been able to do for the Master.

In 1932, after hearing M. Keeble preach the gospel in its simplicity, he says he liked it from the start, and obeyed it the second week, and was baptized for the remission of his sins. After that series of gospel meetings were over Brother Luke Miller was sent to care for the work. Sister Miller came also, and encouraged Brother Aldridge to preach outlining his first sermon. He being afraid of the crowd thought he failed, but Sister Miller says he did fine. Since then he has studied hard to master his sermons, but he still goes to Sister and Brother Miller for advice and information. He says they are wonderful people, and are loved by the Brotherhood.

Brother Aldridge has labored at Clarksville, Roxan and Sherman, Texas. He established a congregation in Grant, Oklahoma, has worked there for three years and built a meeting house and paid for it. Also he says his home congregation has done much to encourage him in the ministry. He gives C. Crumsley, the minister there credit for much of the success he has gained in the cause of Christ.

WISE SAYING: “Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.”
L. H. Alexander is a Tennessean by birth. He obeyed the truth under the preaching of A.C. Holt, and was baptized for the remission of his sins. He is a conscientious worker in the cause of the Lord, and has accomplished a great work as a young minister.

He has been with the congregation at Abiline for many years.

WISE SAYING: "Every Christian should so live as to make the world better. If he is not so living; he should be ashamed to live and afraid to die."
E. W. ANDERSON, A. B.
572 Ayers Street
Memphis, Tenn.

E. W. Anderson, educator and minister, was born June 18, 1906, to Offord and Annie Anderson, at Henderson, Texas. He was the oldest of five children. He finished the eighth grade at Henderson, and entered Jarvis Christian Institute, in 1918, where he graduated in 1924. The following year he married Miss Roberta Piggie. To this union one son was born, E. W. Anderson, Jr. In 1926 Brother Anderson entered the University of New Orleans, and finished there in 1930, and received his A. B. degree. He lost his wife in 1928.

In 1932 he married Miss Nanine W. Neely, of Houston, Texas, who has helped him much for the past twelve years in establishing himself as a noteworthy gospel preacher. He has held meetings in Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas and Tennessee, and has preached for the following congregations: Weigate, Jasper, Big Sandy, and Tyler, Texas; Denver, Colorado, and Lawton, Oklahoma. His work there grew from a small beginning to a large congregation where he broadcasted over Station KSWO for three years. Through this medium many souls were led to Christ. During the five years in which he labored there, more than two hundred were baptized and several were restored. He has been preaching for seventeen years.

Because of his ability to see the enemies of Christ afar off, and having the power and technique to make the attacks, he serves as the Rock of Gibraltar for the Church. He is able to defend the gospel from every angle with meekness and with fear. His students honor him to the highest and his brethren call him a friend to God. He is now working with the Orange Mound congregation in Memphis, Tenn., and is doing wonderfully well. There he is conducting a class for young ministers.

WISE SAYING: "There can be no attainment beyond the purpose of your life; there can be no progress beyond the energy and effort to reach the goal of ideal results."
About the year 1894, Samuel Andrews, Sr., who then lived in Topeka, Kansas, heard of the wonderful opportunities in Oklahoma Territory for home-steading and rearing a family; hence he and several white friends ventured out on horseback in quest of what they believed would be a lasting heritage to their families. They underwent many hardships—sleeping in tents and eating such as they were able to find in the wild woods. None of this lessened their desires for what they had ventured to find.

Finally S. A. Andrews, Sr., settled on one hundred and sixty (160) acres of farm land which he vowed should always remain in the name of Andrews. Upon his farm he, with his own hands, built a five room (with basement) native rock house, into which he moved his wife, Lizzie Andrews and three little children—Thomas, Mary and Samuel, Jr., from a temporary log cabin.

In those days there were no wire fences, so Samuel, Jr., or S. A., as he now is called, was the cowboy for the family as his father had many cattle and hogs on the farm. He soon grew up and completed his high school work in the State of Oklahoma, and took one year of pre-medical work in the State University, at Langston.

Then this country entered World War 1, and he enlisted in the officers’ training camp, and served in Des Moines, Iowa, as teacher for the duration. After the Armistice was signed he returned to his home and taught in the public school system of his state, where he worked more than a year. Then the urge came to be doctor or a lawyer. He compromised and chose to be a pharmacist. He entered Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tennessee, completed the course and secured a Ph. C. degree, in 1923. He then opened up a drug store in Okmulgee, owning half interest in it. Later he bought his co-worker’s interest and moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma. In the midst of all his work for suc-
cess in business, his father passed, and he was asked to come home and stay until final adjustments were made. In the meantime he had kept his religious fire burning to the extent that he had been ordained as a Baptist Minister, at Topeka, Kansas. He then met Miss Vera L. Richmond, who later became his wife. As time passed on he and his wife moved to Oklahoma City, but he was pastor of a Baptist Church in Guthrie, Oklahoma.

In 1938, R. N. Hogan held a series of gospel meetings in Oklahoma, near where the Andrews lived. They attended. About the second night of the meetings Sister Andrews made the confession, and was baptized for the remission of sins. Brother Andrews continued in the Baptist doctrine another year, with his mind made up that he would debate with Brother Hogan when he returned the next year. The next year when Brother Hogan returned, Brother Andrews walked out and renewed obedience to the truth, and was baptized the same hour of the night for the remission of sins.

The following year Brother Hogan again returned for a series of meetings. He suggested that Brother Andrews bring the Lord's Day morning lesson to the congregation. After much persuasion he agreed and when he extended the invitation three precious souls obeyed the gospel and were baptized. Since then he worked with the congregation at Guthrie more than 2 years. He was called to Ardmore, Oklahoma, where he served them three Lord's Days each month. Brother and Sister Andrews drove over two hundred miles each Lord's Day they went to Ardmore for the cause of Christ, but they enjoyed the sacrifice.

On March 13, 1944, he brought his first lesson to the Church in Denver, Colorado. Since his arrival up to October 30, 1944, there have been fifty restorations, nine placed memberships and baptisms including a fine Baptist preacher.

WISE SAYING: “Let us bear in mind: That the tomorrow of eternity is decided by the today when we hear His voice. If God's today be too soon for thy repentence, the tomorrow may be too late for God's acceptance. Mercy's clock does not always strike at our beck.”—(Evolved from Heb. 3:7.)
J. L. Anthony was born in Dickson County, Tennessee, September 11th, 1867, and obeyed the gospel in 1894, and was baptized by Elder James Gant, of Centerville, Tennessee. He began to preach the same year with much success, he says, establishing the first congregation in McEwin, Tennessee. In 1903 he went to Centerville, Tennessee, and built up the work there, completing a building that was started for a place of worship.

In 1916 he went to Mt. Pleasant, a mission field and built a fine work there. At an elders' meeting, held at Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, in 1910, he was recommended by G. P. Bowser, S. W. Womack, Alexander Campbell, J. W. Woods, and others to Brother Daniel Sommers (white) of Indianapolis, Indiana, who helped him to establish the first work for the cause of Christ in the North. He says Brother Sommers and wife helped in every way they could, and the first congregation was established in 1911. In 1914 he was recommended to Brother F. L. Rowe, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who willingly gave his support to establish a work for Christ there. He baptized only six and found five others which was the beginning of the first worship in Cincinnati among Colored after the order of the New Testament.

He was called to Detroit, Michigan, in 1917, where he baptized two and found four more and began the work there. The following year he held a meeting there which resulted in five more baptisms. In 1923 he went to the Highland Park section and opened up the work there, and then to Pontiac, Michigan, where he started another work and left Brother Odie McGill in charge.

In 1924 he began the work in Toledo, Ohio, of which he is now laboring. In 1932 he set in order the work both in Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, leaving Brother Roy Roberston in charge of the Dayton work.

Such men as Brother Anthony are the backbone of the
work that has been done for the spreading of the gospel here on earth. They have set a high standard for young ministers for which they should be very grateful.

WISE SAYING: “Our faith in Christ is tested by both success and adversity, by happiness, and sorrow. In times of prosperity and happiness the grave danger is, that we may become so engrossed in our own affairs that we may forget God. In times of adversity and sorrow, there is danger that in our hearts we may blame God for our troubles and will therefore allow ourselves to fall into the attitude of failing to trust Him.”
Bennie Arms was baptized into Christ in 1907, and began preaching in 1916. He united in wedlock with Mrs. Nancy Gray, of Montgomery, Alabama, who has proved to be the kind of wife that the heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, who will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. With such a treasure as that, there is no limit to the good that Brother Arms will be able to accomplish in the cause of Christ. He has established two congregations. He further equipped himself for greater services by attending the courses offered to ministers at the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1944.

WISE SAYING: “Delight thyself in the Lord and He shall give thee the desires of thy heart.”
J. T. Barnes, Jr., the son of Elder J. T. Barnes, Sr., was born in Falls County, Texas, in 1899. He says he finished both the elementary and the high schools and two years in junior college.

In 1914 he obeyed the gospel through the preaching of T. H. Merchant, at Edgewood, Texas. He received most of his Bible training from his father, who was a minister of the Church of Christ for fifty-six years. He says Brother McDonald (white) of Hillsboro, Texas, also is greatly responsible for the knowledge he has of the Bible.

Brother Barnes has served four years as deacon at Edgewood, Texas, five years as elder at Dawson, Texas, and five years as minister at Stop Six, Fort Worth, Texas. He is now serving as minister at the Hillsboro Church, in Hillsboro, Texas. He has built a meeting house there and twenty-eight persons have been baptized there this year, 1944.

WISE SAYING: "Situations do arise in life which make it impossible for one to smile for the moment. But if you have a good understanding of God's word and yourself you will soon smile again."
W. H. Bates was born April 3, 1904 at Montgomery, Alabama. He attended the public schools of Montgomery, and was married to Miss Mary Daniel, of Prattville, Alabama, in 1922. To this union ten children were born. He was baptized into Christ by Lovelace Johnson, in 1939, and began preaching the next year.

Brother Bates attended the course offered to ministers at the Nashville Christian Institute, 1944, during which time he preached a sermon that made him outstanding among all who heard him. The subject of which was “Loose the Man and Let Him Go.” He is a minister of one of the congregations in Montgomery, Alabama.

WISE SAYING: “Cheerfulness is like money well expended in Charity—the more we dispense of it, the greater our possessions.”
Otis H. Boatright, educator and minister, was born on a farm in Haywood County, Tennessee, in 1898. He is the first of ten children born to Eugene and Phyllis Boatright. His birthplace was a one room log cabin with a door in both sides, but no windows. When he had reached the age of sixteen he had helped his father buy and pay for one hundred acres of land, built a seven room home and a very spacious barn. But during that time he had not attended school more than the equivalent of a nine month city school term.

This was due mainly to the fact that his nearest school was miles away and ran about two months in the year. Some years there were no schools open to him at all. He studied at home during spare hours. When he left home at the age of sixteen he was far enough advanced to enroll in the seventh grade at the Brownsville City School, Brownsville, Tennessee. After finishing the eighth grade there he went to Nashville, and entered the A. & I. State Normal School, in 1918. He attended there one and one-half sessions and then entered Fisk University, in 1920. He graduated from high school there in 1924, and from college in 1923. He majored in business organization and management, and took a minor in sociology.

While at Fisk he was a member of the Dunbar and Extempo Literary Club, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., associate editor of the Fisk Herald, the students' paper, and a member of the Mozart Society, which is the Fisk University Choir. He was junior deacon in the Union Church, the church of the college, and served on many important students' committees.

After graduating he accepted the position of Field Representative at the Peoples Bank and Trust Company. Later he became assistant to the manager of the bank's real estate department.
Brother Boatright was for a number of years branch manager for the American Woodmen Insurance Society. He also was an associate worker and teacher at the Fisk University Social Center. He taught evening school in the city of Nashville, and was associate worker for the U. S. O. He was a member of Pleasant Green Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

In 1930 he united in marriage to Miss Mary E. Staples, who was a member of the Church of Christ. They were married only a short while before he was convinced that the Church of Christ only has salvation in it, and he was immediately baptized for the remission of sins.

To this union seven children were born. He is now registrar, bookkeeper and teacher at the Nashville Christian Institute, for which position he is well prepared.

Under the guidance and help of the heavenly Father he says he has endeavored to preach the gospel of Christ since early in 1944.

His hobby is poultry raising and dairying.

He has done more to bring the congregations of Nashville together in the work of the Nashville Christian Institute, perhaps than any other brother in the Brotherhood.

He is now minister of Jackson Street Church, one of the largest and oldest in the City of Nashville.

WISE SAYING: "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in the time of need."
WILLIAM P. BOHANNON
606 E. Main Street
Lebanon, Tennessee

William P. Bohannon was born July 4, 1874, at Buffalo Valley, Tennessee, where he spent his childhood days, and went to school and lived an uneventful life among the beautiful hills and fertile valleys of Fulton County.

His ambition has always been to preach the gospel of Christ. He was baptized for remission of sin in 1909, and began preaching in 1920. He worships with the congregation in Lebanon, and is elder in that congregation. He has a son in the armed forces of this country.

WISE SAYING: "Smiles are the flowers of God's goodness."
George Phillip Bowser, educator and editor, was born in Murry County, Tennessee, on February 17, 1874, the son of Thomas and Charity Bowser. When he was three they moved to Nashville, where he received a public school and college education. He joined the Methodist Church when fifteen years of age, and began preaching at eighteen.

He says it was not long before he realized that he was not a Christian, therefore he began a careful study of the Baptist, Congregational and Adventist Churches. In desperation he turned to Paine, the agnostic, and to Bob Ingersall, the infidel. It was while holding a tent meeting in Nashville, that he met Sam Davis, a Christian Church preacher. With this much of the truth in his heart he was added to the Lord through baptism in 1896. Soon after this time his record is clear.

When quite a young man he married Miss Fannie Rebecca Billips, who has stood by him and helped him in all the sacrifices and sufferings he has made for the cause of Christ. To this union four children were born. Brother Bowser is one of the pioneer preachers of the Church of Christ, and has done more good in all phases of the work of the Church perhaps than any one brother in the Brotherhood. He has defended the doctrine of Christ against almost every denomination on record among Colored people. Many times in his debates his hearers were able to detect the truth from errors, and come over on the Lord's side. He has truly been a father to the whole Brotherhood. His knowledge of the scriptures has placed him in a class to himself, and he has used this talent to the glory and honor of God by helping all who have had need. His answers on all scriptural questions have always given satisfaction. His contribution to the Churches of Christ has been felt throughout this country, and his free will labor perhaps has never been equaled. His building for the cause of Christ has not
been with the material things that perish, but it has been the building of character in the human family.

He has preached in almost every state in the union, and has established many congregations and baptized hundreds of people. He has been publishing the Christian Echo for almost forty years. In recent years he established the Bowser Christian Institute for the training of young people for greater service to God. Brother and Sister Bowser are known nationally for their work's sake in the Lord.

WISE SAYING: "Then they that feared the Lord spake often one to another; and the Lord hearkened and heard it, and a book of rememberance was written before him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His name."
A. G. Brackett, a man of honest conviction and strong determination was born and reared on his father's farm in Mashulaville, Mississippi. He did not go beyond the sixth grade. At the age of sixteen he joined the Baptist Church, and three years later left home to go for himself. He met Miss Magnolia Sherrod, the daughter of a Baptist minister, and married her in 1922, and moved to Birmingham, Alabama, where two children were born to them. In 1927 he heard his first gospel sermon preached by M. Keeble.

He says after hearing that sermon he was through with the Baptist Church, but rejected the truth. In 1923 he sat under the sound of the late Paul D. English's voice in an eight weeks meeting and still rejected the truth. In 1934 he heard Paul D. English again, and was baptized by him for the remission of sins and began preaching in 1935.

He has held several revival meetings and baptized many people into Christ since he has been preaching. His home congregation in Bessemer, Alabama, taught and encouraged him greatly in the work of the Lord. The church at Ensley, Alabama, he gives the credit for his being on the field today, and says that he shall never forget them.

WISE SAYING: "Be sure you are right and then go on."
Jesse T. Burson, the first son of eleven children was born May 2, 1905, in Fort Payne, Alabama. At the age of twelve he moved to Chattanooga, with his parents, where he received his school training. Although his father was a Baptist minister, Brother Burson was baptized for the remission of sins by the late Alonzo Jones, in 1932, and began preaching soon thereafter.

He is esteemed very highly among his brethren for his good judgment and wise council. More than seven years he has labored with congregations in the state of Florida. At present he is ministering at the congregation in St. Petersburg, which was established by M. Keeble, in 1923, and has grown to be one of the largest ones in the Brotherhood.

WISE SAYING: “Satan’s kingdom has been built up by lies, as uniformly as that of the Messiah of truth. In the controversy about the body of Moses, Michael reasoned, but did not slander nor revile: while Satan reviled and did not reason. Ever since error was believed among men it has been sustained by the same means by which it was first introduced.”
ELDER J. E. BUSTER
Box 162
Gate City, Virginia

Elder J. E. Buster is one of the oldest preachers of the Church of Christ living. He is eighty-three years of age and been a member of the Church for sixty-six years. Forty-seven of the sixty-six years that he has been in the Church he has preached the gospel of the Son of God.

WISE SAYING: "So live that when thy summons come to join the immemorable caravan that moves to that mysterious realm where each shall take his chamber in the silent halls of death. Thou go not like the quarry slave at night a scouraged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed by an unfaltering trust approach thy grave like one who wraps the drapery of his couch about him and lies down to pleasant dreams."
Robert Burton was born October 4, 1870, at Lewisburg, Mississippi. He obeyed the gospel at the age of 23, and was baptized into Christ by Jimmie Keys of Mississippi. In 1896 he married Miss Viola Echols, of Lewisburg. To this union eight children have been born. He began preaching in 1903.

Brother Burton has not had the chance to do very much evangelistic work in the church, but he has kept the "home fires" burning, which after all, is a great service, both to God and to mankind. He was instrumental in establishing the congregation in Miller, Mississippi.

WISE SAYING:
"Great it is to believe the dream
When we stand in youth by the starry streams
But greater things is to fight life through
And say at the end, The dream is true."
T. H. BUSBY
1034 Ohio Avenue
Wichita, Kansas

T. H. Busby, born and reared in the state of Arkansas, has never belonged to anything religiously but the Church of Christ. His father was one of the greatest ministers in the Baptist Church in his day.

After the passing of his father he obeyed the gospel the Son of God and was baptized for the remission of sins at the age of nineteen. He began to preach soon after he was baptized. Desiring to better prepare himself in the ministerial work he entered the Silver Point Bible School, Silver Point, Tennessee, in 1914, under the principalship of G. P. Bowser, one of the best Bible teachers in this country. He remained under the tutorship of this good teacher long enough to be rooted and grounded in the principles of the doctrine of Christ to the extent that he truly knows how to behave himself in the house of God. Brother Busby is a safe preacher when it comes to handling the word of God. He preaches it just as it is written, day by day and year by year.

He has done local work in Tennessee, Alabama, Arkansas, Mississippi, Missouri and Michigan. He has traveled as an evangelist for twenty years, causing many souls to turn from darkness to light. He has devoted forty-two years of his life to the preaching of the gospel of the Son of God.

WISE SAYING: "The Bible contains the mind of God; the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of the believers. It’s doctrine is holy; it’s precepts are binding, it’s history is true. It’s decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise. Believe it to be safe. Practice it to be holy. It contains light to direct you, food to support you and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler’s map, the pilgrim’s staff, the pilot’s compass, the soldier’s sword, the Christian’s character. Read it slowly, frequently, prayerfully. It is given you in life, will be opened at the Judgment and remembered forever."
E. Butler obeyed the gospel in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in 1924, and was baptized for the remission of sins.

He began preaching in 1929. During these years, he has been a faithful servant to his Lord and Master, which is the best recommendation that any one could have in this life. He is trustworthy and honest in all his dealings. He now labors with the congregation in Lakeland, and has established three others.

WISE SAYING: "All men have their frailties, and whoever looks for a friend without imperfection will never find what he seeks. We love ourselves notwithstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner."
J. Milton Butler, whose parents were John Henry and Grace Butler, was born in Stillwater, Oklahoma, in 1914. Before he was a year old they moved to Wellington, Kansas. At the age of two he moved with his parents to Wichita, Kansas, where he grew to manhood. He received a good education from the best schools of the land of which he says he is deeply grateful.

When about seventeen he was singing in the choir of the Christian Church, of which his parents were members when he noticed two very meek looking men walk in and take seats on the front. They proved to be none other than M. Keeble and Luke Miller, who were conducting a series of gospel meetings in Wichita. Brother Keeble invited all that congregation to attend. Brother Butler did attend and a few nights later he and Russell H. Moore walked down the aisle together and identified themselves with the Church of Christ. In 1937 he was married to Miss Hattie Mae Gardner, of Muskogee, Oklahoma. She has been a valuable helpmate to him in his work. Brother Butler is with the congregation in San Antonio, Texas, established by R. N. Hogan.

WISE SAYING: "The chances are about ten to one that the person who slaps you on the back is trying to make you cough up something."
D. J. Bynum, a Bible scholar and minister was born 1875, at Pocahontas, Hardeman County, Tennessee. He graduated from high school in Hardeman County and took a four years course in the Bible from the late Ashley S. Johnson, of Kimberlin Heights, Tennessee, one of the greatest Bible teachers of modern times.

In 1895 he was married to Miss Louise Beedles, of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. One child was born to this union, who passed in early manhood. Sister Bynum was a fine Christian woman, and perhaps taught her husband the way of the Lord, as he obeyed the gospel soon after their marriage and was baptized by Samuel Mayfield, in Wenosoga, Mississippi.

She passed in 1928, after giving over thirty years of faithful service to the cause of Christ. Her passing was a great loss, both to Brother Bynum and the Church. After a space of three or more years he was married to Miss Susie Minor, who from a child has known the Holy Scriptures and is ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh a reason of the hope that is within her. She is of great value to her husband and the Church because of her thorough knowledge of the scriptures and the ability to explain them.

In 1895, through the influence of D. J. Bynum, the Church at Wenosoga, Mississippi, was moved to Corinth, Mississippi, where they bought a lot and erected a building. He was appointed deacon there, and in 1898, he was elected minister of the same congregation. He moved to Memphis, Tennessee, later, and in 1901 was called to Blackton and Turner, Arkansas, and served there for many years and did a wonderful work. The same year he worked with the congregations at Capleville and Newbern, Tennessee, and Thyatira, Mississippi. In 1921 he gave time to the work in Memphis, Tennessee, and with the help of the Union Avenue Church (white) he bought the property of the Iowa and
Lauderdale Streets congregation, which was at that time the only one there for Colored.

August, 1930, he began his work in Detroit, Michigan. He found the Church in a store front with property totaling about two hundred and fifty dollars and a membership of about one hundred and four. Today the membership is around five hundred and the property is worth one hundred and fifty-eight thousand dollars. He is the leader of a movement to evangelize the North, which began early in 194. It is meeting with success.

Early in life Bro. Bynum made a practice of reading the whole Bible through once each year and the New Testament once every month in the year. It is a pleasure and a privilege to hear him.

He does not play upon the emotions of human nature but speaks from heart to heart. His lessons are so plain and impressive that one never tires in listening. He knows the Bible from Revelation back to Genesis, and is able to fit questions into his sermons as if he knew what question would be asked. Truly he is a great preacher.

WISE SAYING: "It takes one a long time with a variety of experiences to become big enough not to be little in his thinking."
Henry Byron, son of Mr. Nathan and Mrs. Katie Byron was born in Fort Valley, Georgia, December 3, 1900. He obeyed the gospel through the teaching of Brother Hasten (white) of Newark, New Jersey, in 1939, and began preaching in 1942. He entered the Nashville Christian Institute in 1942 to study for the ministry and has been a great blessing to that institution. Brother Byron is a skilled painter by trade, but like many others who are interested in the welfare of mankind does whatever his hands find to do to advance the progress of the human family.

His unassuming manner together with the spirit of meekness enabled him to restore a whole congregation to the true worship of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He has done a great work in and around Nashville for the cause of Christ, both in leading song services and in preaching the gospel of the Son of God.

Preaching brethren call him to assist them in their work on the field. Brother Byron is very studious and has an up-to-date library of his own.

WISE SAYING: "I would rather be right than President."
Alexander Campbell, a well known minister throughout the Brotherhood in his day was born in Bedford County, Tennessee, in 1866. Little is known of his school training. He could read fluently and had a good knowledge of the Bible. His white friends kept him supplied with good reading material, such as the Gospel Advocate, other religious papers and pamphlets of sound doctrine.

He married Miss Mattie Hunter, also of Bedford County, who proved to be a wonderful mother, and well reported of for good works. Eight children were born to this union, six of which still live. The elder son, Robert E. Campbell, is now a deacon in one of the largest congregations of the Church of Christ, in Nashville; the treasurer of the operating fund of the Nashville Christian Institute, a school for which his mother worked untiringly until the end. Robert E. has been connected with the Nashville Fire Department for many years, during which time he has advanced all the way up the line to become the head of the entire Company No. 11. He has recently been promoted to the rank of Captain, which is a high office rarely held by one among his fellowmen in the fire department. Brother Alexander was baptized for the remission of sins by Marshall Keeble, an uncle of M. Keeble, and became a preacher of righteousness for his Lord and Master.

Alexander Campbell was of the Billy Sunday type—highly emotional, but steadfast and unmovable in the “One Faith” of the Lord Jesus. At times while preaching, he would jump three or four feet in the air take his Bible, run down the aisle of the meeting house or tent and even strike some of his well known brethren who understood him. No one ever slept under the sound of his voice. He held his audiences at the highest point of interest at all times.

Brother Campbell went far and near preaching the word of God, often at his own expense, but the Lord was gracious to him. Brother J. T. Daniel, who then had a
flourishing grocery store, in Nashville, time without number filled his baskets with groceries and helped him to carry the gospel to the lost, and established the kingdom of God in the hearts of men and women.

He did a wonderful work in Hickman County, around Centerville Hampshire, Fort Cooper, Duck River, Arrow Rock and Nashville, Tennessee. He was instrumental in establishing the congregation at Blackton, Arkansas. His membership was at the Jackson Street Church of Christ, Nashville, Tennessee, and his picture hangs on the wall there today in memory of the great service rendered in the cause of Christ. He passed into the great beyond while in St. Louis, Missouri, August, 1930.

"Lives of great men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime.
And departing leave behind us
Foot prints on the sand of time."
C. L. Caperton was born in Stevenson, Jackson County, Alabama, in 1897. He received his early school training in the public schools of Ala.

During World War I he was called to serve his country with the armed forces. He remained until the battles were fought and the victory won. He received an honorable discharge. On May 26, 1925, he was married to Miss Fannie Perry, of Heiberger, Alabama, who has played so well her part as a life companion to him that he is one of the most dependable men in the Brotherhood. Her strong desire to know the will of God that she may hide His words in her heart has made her a strong defense of righteousness in her home. He obeyed the gospel after hearing M. Keeble in a series of meetings in Muskogee, Oklahoma, in 1930, and was baptized for the remission of sins. He served as a deacon for more than a year in the congregation, and then as an elder. He began preaching the gospel in 1938. His first work was with the Heskel, Oklahoma, congregation and then the Ninth Street congregation in Fort Smith, Arkansas. Many souls were brought to Christ.

In December, 1942, he was called to Atoka, Oklahoma, by the brethren there, and began evangelizing in and around Atoka, in 1943. There were 48 baptisms and 14 restorations and two young men studying for the ministry. In 1944 he established two congregations—one in Heiberger, Alabama, and the other in Boggybend, Oklahoma. Total results for 1944, fifty-three baptisms and nine restorations. Brother Caperton is truly a fisher of men. Knowing the terror of the Lord, he persuades men with such earnestness and sincerity that most of his efforts are met with success. During the ministerial lecture courses offered at the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1944, Brother Caperton was present.

WISE SAYING: “Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the
man that getteth understanding. For the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies; and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her.

Length of days is in her right hand; and in her left hand riches and honor. Her ways are ways of pleasantness and all her paths are Peace.”—(Bible.)
Quincy C. Carter, the son of Mr. John A. and Mrs. Elenor Carter was born October 17, 1916, at Deerfork, Ala. He obeyed the gospel under the preaching of Dennis Glover, in 1942, and married Miss Mary Sanders, of Brown, Ala. He is minister of the Third and Park Streets Church of Christ, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Brother Carter attended the 1944 Lecture Course, given for ministers of the Church of Christ, at the Nashville Christian Institute, and made favorable impressions that some day he will be one of the leading ministers in the Brotherhood. Although young in the cause, he shows willingness to work for the cause of Christ whenever the opportunity presents itself.

He has assisted Luke Miller of Port Arthur, Texas, as song leader in a series of gospel meetings.

WISE SAYING: "Come now and let us reason together saith the Lord."—(Isa. 1:18.)
A. L. Cassius was born in Segnery, Iowa, December 18, 1890, to Mr. S. R. and Mrs. Effie Cassius. They moved to Logan County, Oklahoma, in 1892. In 1906 he entered Tuskegee Institute, in Alabama, with six dollars the entrance fee. He spent four years there in hard study, and returned to his home in Oklahoma, in 1910. The same year he was baptized into Christ by Brother McDuff. He was married in 1914 to Miss Beulah Middleton, a Christian girl of Mineral Wells, Texas. “That same year we began reading the Christian Leader, which my father had taken as far back as I could remember. My wife’s people were readers of the Firm Foundation, so we evened the score by taking them both,” says Brother Cassius. He states that they continued to buy books from both houses and today, he has a large library of the best works in the Brotherhood.

In 1918 the Cassiuses moved to Douglass, Arizona, and the next year to Los Angeles, California. For some time he was in the retail grocery business, and then in the building or contracting business until 1930, when he began giving almost full time to preaching the gospel of Christ. Much of his work has been done in hard places, but the Lord has blessed him in starting congregations in Los Angeles, Elsinore, Bakerfield and Fresno, California; Denver, Colorado, Clearview and Bristow, Oklahoma; Phoenix, Shandler and Tucson, Arizona; Hobbs, New Mexico, Amorilla and El Paso, Texas; Seattle, Washington. He helped to raise the money and many times worked with his own hands on the buildings until they were completed. Brother Cassius says the greatest of all is the help he gave to the many precious souls in knowing Jesus. His health is good, and he hopes to give the rest of his life to the cause of Christ. He preaches for the Church of Christ, at 9510 Compton Avenue, Los Angeles, California.

WISE SAYING: “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; whom shall I be afraid?”
W. T. CHANCELLOR  
Route 2, Box 282  
Jackson, Tennessee

W. T. Chancellor was born March 6, 1900, in Calhoun, County, Mississippi. In 1929 he was baptized for the remission of sins, by G. P. Bowser, and began preaching in 1934.

He says he still obeys God's word, calling Bible things by Bible names and speaking where the Bible speaks, and being silent where it is silent.

WISE SAYING: "Christianity is the greatest thing in the world and its richest blessings to mankind are its blessings of peace."
J. ROBERT CHILDS
1433 Thirteenth Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

J. Robert Childs was born May 31, 1914, in Hickman County, Tennessee. He attended the public schools of Hickman County, and later moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he practically finished high school by taking private lessons from efficient teachers.

He obeyed the gospel in 1926, and was baptized for remission of sins by Era Smalling of Nashville. In 1935 he married Miss Dora Owens, who goes side by side with him in the cause of the Lord. He holds a certificate in religious education from Fisk University. He has done a great work with the congregation at South Hill, in Nashville, and with Bellwood, Lebanon and Saint John, Tennessee. He is a staunch supporter of a movement now to found a home for the old age people of his race.

Brother Childs has a bright future with zeal and vision to accomplish a great work in the kingdom of God here on earth.

WISE SAYING:
"Why should darkness be our light and yesterday our tomorrow?
Why should folly be our delight
And the entire future turned to sorrow?"
Eli sha Clark, the son of Stewart and Betty Clark was born in Americus, Georgia, April 6, 1901. He received his education from the public schools of that state. His father passed while he was quite young. He was reared by a devoted mother, who then was a Baptist, and at an early age he assumed the responsibility of supporting his mother. He left home and secured work in the North to support the family. In 1927, after returning to Tampa, Florida, he heard M. Keeble, of Nashville, Tennessee, in his first meeting in Tampa. Later when Brother Keeble held another meeting there he obeyed and was baptized for the remission of sins. Immediately afterwards he became very active in the public work of the church and was appointed treasurer, Bible teacher and chairman of the business meetings. He began preaching in 1932, at his home congregation. The congregation cooperates nicely and through his efforts a parsonage was purchased.

Brother Clark also works with the Ninth Street congregation, which was recently established and was its treasurer until they were able to care for themselves. He is especially interested in evangelistic and mission work. He delights in visiting neglected fields, small congregations who have no regular minister that he may strengthen and encourage them.

Brother Clark is now preparing to devote his time to evangelistic work and to labor in fields where the gospel has never been heard.

WISE SAYING: "Civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually."
John Henry Clay was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1920, where he attended school. At the age of 18 he obeyed the gospel after hearing it preached from the mouth of M. Keeble, and was baptized for the remission of sins.

At an early age he married Miss Sadie Fonteno, of Texas, and one child was born to this union. Brother Clay began preaching three months after he was baptized.

Even though Brother Clay is less than twenty-five years of age, he is never seen eating idle bread. He likes poetry and spends many quiet hours seeking knowledge that flows through the fountain in books.

He has labored with the congregations at Hobbs and Carlsbad, in New Mexico; Hillister and Neches, in Texas; Jacksonville, Florida, and in Decatur, Alabama. He has established three congregations and baptized more than one hundred souls. He is well taken in destitute fields and handles the work of the Lord with much skill. He attended the ministers courses offered at the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1944.

WISE SAYING: "The greatest friend of truth is time; her greatest enemy is prejudice and her constant companion is humility."
James Lorenzo Cothron was born January 10, 1904, at Norcross, Georgia. He completed the first six grades of grammar school in Norcross. Later he moved to Atlanta, where he attended the evening classes of the Booker T. Washington High School, and finished the tenth grade there.

He married Miss Ophelia Roberts, in 1926, who is a faithful companion to him in the work of the Lord. Brother Cothron obeyed the gospel under the preaching of M. Keeble in 1931, and began preaching the following year.

The first congregation to employ Brother Cothron as a regular minister was the Church of Christ, at Bradenton, Florida. He established the congregation at College Park, Georgia, with a membership of seventy. He also established the congregation at his home town, Norcross, Georgia, giving the lot and raised the funds to pay for the building, the membership being around thirty-five.

Because of his untiring efforts for the advancement of the cause of Christ he was called to Jacksonville, Florida, where he succeeded in building a home for the minister and established another congregation at Orange Park, about twelve miles from Jacksonville. He is now stationed at Wichita Falls, Texas, with the Church of Christ, whose membership is about two hundred and fifty. Less than six months he built a home there for the minister and furnished it. Like the song, it may be said that “Brother Cothron is a builder on a true foundation, holding up the blood stained banner of the Lord.” He speaks with great praise of his two sons in the gospel—G. G. Jones, of Chicago, and Bonnie Matthews, a student in the Nashville Christian Institute. During the ministers’ course of study at the N. C. I., in 1944, Brother Cothron showed himself to be a man among men. He does everything within his power, seemingly, to promote the cause of Christ here on earth.

WISE SAYING: “For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.”
J. T. Daniel, an elder in the Church of Christ was born December 24, 1864, in Maury County, Tennessee. His work in the Church of Christ has been so closely interwoven with that of the ministers that it would be unjust not to make mention of him in this volume.

He did not have the chance to attend school very much, but few men even with superior training have a keener eye for business than Tom Daniel (as he is often called). On April 3, 1890, he and Miss Robina Lockridge joined hand and heart in holy matrimony and have walked together the narrow aisle of life for over fifty years. She has been a human pearl of the greatest price to him. He has so loved and cherished her that she has had no trouble "to see that she reverenced her husband." She passed May 22, 1944. It can be written of her: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea saith the Spirit that they may rest from their labors and their works do follow them."

In 1894 he obeyed the gospel and has served as elder in the Church for nearly a half century. His earnestness and willingness to promote the cause of the Lord wherever his lot may fall has not only been an inspiration to his brethren but of a father's determination to care for all who have needed his help and encouragement. His home has been the home of ministers and their wives and whosoever came under their shelter.

He had a successful grocery business in the city of Nashville, and at one time mineral water was found on one of his farms near Nashville, which made him far above the average person in this world's goods. But through all of his prosperity, he has not shut up his bowls of compassion against his brethren, nor his fellow-man.

He moved to Chicago, Illinois, in 1916, and established his grocery business there. There was not a Church of
Christ there among neither Colored nor white. The follow­
ing spring, 1917, with the assistance of G. P. Bowser, he es­
tablished a congregation there, also. Today the city of Chi­
cago is dotted with people of God worshipping Him in spirit
and truth.

Brother Daniel is not a traveling minister, but neces­
sity has caused him to work in nearly every capacity within
the church. Many have forsaken the paths of sin and came
to Christ under his leadership. As elder, he has served both
Jackson Street and Kayne Avenue Churches, in Nashville,
and at present the Maypole Avenue congregation, in Chicago.

WISE SAYING: “A man can fail many times, but he isn’t a
failure until he begins to blame somebody else.”
FREDRICK DOUGLAS COWAN
136 Arnold Street
Jackson, Michigan

Frederick Douglas Cowan was born in Smith County, Tennessee, to Thomas and Mary Cowan, August 31, 1885. His parents moved to Stone Wall, Tennessee, when he was only four years old, where he attended the public school when school age. The family next moved to Carthage, Tennessee, where his father died in 1898, leaving a mother and five sisters, of which Fred was the main support. In 1903 he married Miss Anna Allen and moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where he was employed in a tailor shop. One daughter was born to them. The baby passed, and in 1905 he moved to Louisville, Kentucky, and obeyed the gospel in 1907, and was baptized by a Brother Tucker, in the Ohio River for the remission of sins.

The summer of 1908 he enrolled in the Louisville Christian Bible School, where he remained under the tutorship of A. J. Thompson and W. H. Dickerson until he graduated in 1912. His dear wife passed in 1910. After finishing the course of study at Louisville Christian Bible School he was sent to take charge of the work in Lockland, Ohio. In 1913 he married Miss Lillian O. Bannon and took charge of the work in Cincinnati, where the congregation bought a seven thousand dollar building on Canyon Avenue with the aid of his white brethren. This dear wife passed in 1916 and he moved to Detroit, Michigan, where satan almost discouraged him, he says. He finally came to himself and found his way to Cameron Avenue Church of Christ, in 1934. He has been on the Lord’s side ever since. He then moved to Jackson, Michigan, where he has made his home. He there met Miss Katherine Annett, and was joined in wedlock November 22, 1936. Since he has been with that congregation they have bought and paid for the meeting house and are worshipping God in spirit and truth.

WISE SAYING: “A character is like a kite. It will never soar unless held by a string of good judgment, and balanced by common sense.”
JOHN CULBREATH
1508 French Street
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

John Culbreath was born in South Carolina, and received his education in Fairfax and Saluda High School. He was added to the Church of Christ in Philadelphia. In 1939 he accepted the work as minister of the congregation at 719 North 46th Street, where he served for three years. In 1942 he says with the help of God and a few faithful members he established a congregation at 1246 North 10th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

WISE SAYING:

"THUS SPEAKETH CHRIST OUR LORD"
Ye call me Master and obey me not;
Ye call me Light and see me not;
Ye call me Life and desire me not;
Ye call me Wise and follow me not;
Ye call me Rich and ask me not;
Ye call me Eternal and seek me not;
Ye call me Gracious and trust me not;
Ye call me Noble and serve me not;
Ye call me Mighty and honor me not;
Ye call me Way and walk me not;
Ye call me Fair and love me not;
If I condemn you blame me not."
Brother Sam Davis, as he was often called, was one of the pioneer preachers of the gospel of Christ, who lived in Nashville, Tennessee most of his life. He rendered a great service to God by contending for the one faith at the hazard of his own life.

The present day ministers are now enjoying some of the fruits of Brother Davis' labor. They know nothing of the perils and hardships of the days of long ago. Brother Davis baptized such as G. P. Bowser, who has brought forth a hundred fold to the glory and honor of God.

Like Stephen of old, Brother Davis fell asleep a few years ago at a ripe old age.

He is gone but not forgotten.
HENRY DONLEY
1719 Ketcham Avenue
Toledo, Ohio

Henry Donley was born in 1903, at Bisco, Arkansas. His father moved to Blackton, Arkansas, while he was very small, and there he was reared and went to school. He finished the 8th grade and in 1918, was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. In 1926 he married and served as deacon in the Mt. Union congregation in that vicinity until 1928.

He moved to Helena, Arkansas, in 1933, and accepted work as a Bible Class teacher, which position he held until 1936, when he began to preach the gospel under the leadership of the late James Hamilton. In 1938 he moved to Toledo, Ohio, and accepted the work there as regular minister. He has traveled in different parts of the country preaching the gospel.

WISE SAYING: "One of the highest privileges of manhood is the privilege of not touching what may harm him."

Touch not, taste not, handle not the unclean thing."
Calvin Dowell, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Dowell, was born January 31, 1918, in Nashville, Tennessee. Having been reared in Nashville, Athens of the South, naturally he was blessed with the advantage of a good high school training at the Pearl High School.

He obeyed the gospel at an early age and was baptized by A.C. Holt, of Nashville, Tennessee. In 1940 he and Miss Marie Jones united in wedlock. He began preaching soon thereafter.

Calvin Dowell has a natural gift for preaching the gospel, perhaps inherited from his father, who is also a preacher. He has a bright intellect, and studies much in the old Bible. The cause of Christ has a bright future in him for he hides the scripture away in his heart that he might be able to withstand the wiles of the devil.

WISE SAYING: “Right action is better than knowledge; but in order to do what is right we must know what is right.”
Raymond Dunwood, both minister and song leader, was born November, 1911, at Blakely, Georgia.

In 1936 he obeyed the gospel in Miami, Florida, after listening to the word of the Lord from the mouth of John R. Vaughner, of St. Petersburg, Fla. After being baptized for the remission of sins he led the song services for Brother Jessie Davis, minister of the Miami congregation.

He conducted song services in 1942 for Brother Vaughner, at Huntington, West Virginia, Wheeling, West Virginia, and New York, N. Y. In 1943 he was recommended to the congregation at New Orleans, Louisiana, and was accepted. He is succeeding in his work. Since December 3, 1943, to October 8, 1944, there have been seven confessions and the white congregation there has bought a nice meeting house for them.

Brother Dunwood’s wife works one hundred per cent with him in the furtherance of the gospel. They were born in the same place and were baptized at the same time.

WISE SAYING:
“Cheer up, my brother,
Live in the sunshine.
We’ll understand it better by and by.”
Golden Echols, the son of Elijah and Willie Echols was born on the farm August 30, 1904, at Whitehaven, Tennessee. He is the elder of five sons. While yet small he moved with his parents to Barlett, Tennessee, where he received his early school training. He was forced to leave school after completing the sixth grade to help his father support the family.

He married Miss Henrietta Johnson, of Hernando, Mississippi, in 1928, and to this union three children were born. He obeyed the gospel in 1936, under the preaching of A. C. Holt. He preached his first sermon in 1942. Brother Echols holds fast to the principles of the doctrine of Christ, as did his grandfather of old. He had regular work at the Fisher Air Craft Plant, in Memphis, Tennessee before moving to Detroit, Michigan.

WISE SAYING: "No man by what he sayeth about himself maketh himself popular. His reputation is in the hands of his friends and others."
DENNIS M. ENGLISH
1024 Speed Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Dennis M. English was born in Hickman County, Tennessee, near Nashville. It is said of him that in his early school training he studied his dictionary as a text book. Today he has no trouble in expressing his thoughts by simple choice words. He continued his literary training through correspondence at the Moody Bible School, of Chicago, Illinois, and other similar institutions.

He obeyed the gospel in 1902, and began preaching soon thereafter. In 1906 he married Miss Mary Elizabeth Thomas, who has stood by and encouraged him across the years in his work. Three children were born to this family. Although D. M. English has preached for nearly forty years, he still sways his audiences and holds them almost spell bound. Words flow from his mouth so easily that at times one is tempted to call him a silver-tongued orator, but his speech and his preaching have not been with enticing words of man's wisdom, but in demonstration of the spirit and of power that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

For the most part his work has been stationed and his teaching of the word of God is absolutely thorough. His work as a Bible teacher for young men aspiring for the ministry is outstanding. Among his students are A. C. Holt, evangelist, and the first president of the Nashville Christian Institute, Nashville, Tennessee; M. F. Holt, minister at Jefferson Street Church of Christ, one of the largest congregations in Nashville, and Robert Simmons, of Texas. There are others who are doing great work for the Lord through his teaching.

Brother English has served some of the longest congregations in the Brotherhood—Cameron Avenue, Detroit, Michigan; Jefferson Street, Nashville; Valdosta, Georgia, and
is now at Klondyke Church of Christ, corner of Vollentine and Alaska Streets, Memphis, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING:

"A bad habit is like a small fire;
At first easily quenched,
But if suffered to live, increases
Beyond control and ends
In making total ruin."
Paul D. English was born to A. D. and Lauretta English, June 28, 1910, at Dickerson, Tennessee. His parents moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where Paul grew and obeyed the gospel at the Jackson Street Church of Christ. His father passed when he was quite small and he moved with his mother to Chicago, Illinois. He received his high school training in the public schools of Chicago, and entered A. & I. State College, Nashville, Tennessee, for further training.

He began preaching while in his teens and married Miss Navella Cannon of Tullahoma, Tennessee. Three boys and one girl were born to them. He was a young man, but he was one of the ablest ministers in the Brotherhood. Early in 1940 a brother Lloyd Watkins made a report from New York City, in which he said the following: “Several weeks ago Brother Paul D. English, a well known preacher of the gospel came to New York City. He came of his own desire, without offer of support or announcement of his coming. There was no Colored church here, but in one week’s time he had organized a church with twenty-two members. This is in the heart of Harlem, opposite one of Father Devine’s “Heavens,” in the midst of denominations—Catholics, Adventists. The Church of Christ has attracted much attention.” He established a congregation at Tittersville, Alabama, and has held series of gospel meetings in many parts of the country. Also he composed a book entitled “Religion.”

The life of Paul D. English was very short, but he gave willingly and unselfishly of his brilliant wit and talent to the cause of Christ in destitute places. He passed July 30, 1940.

This is an article written by Paul D. English, in the Christian Echo, December 5, 1938.

THE NECESSITY OF EDUCATION

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“Education as a word, occupies a place in the human vocabulary, shaded by words of many more syllables, but whose meaning within itself seems to say “Here is the Mark of Civilization.” We have seen profusely the complements to members of the animal phylum, who have been trained to perform under the human command.

We have knowledge of the mechanic with trained hands, the astronomer with trained eyes, the explorers with trained sight and hearing, the aviator with trained senses, the elocutionist with trained voices, each having trained in his particular field, and in numerous instances, ignorant of life, common place things, the arts and sciences and of social and neighborliness to the common herd.

But when one can speak English language with propriety, he becomes a finished grammarian, and if along with flawless use of the “President English,” he is able to think and act with trained precision in the Clamor and hum of every day activities: we do not hesitate to admit that he is an educated man.

EDUCATION

I am education.
By me kings reign
I bear the torch that enlightens the world.
I lend wings to hand and brain—
I am education.

By me man has shackled the ether, plumed the deep, and scaled the heights where gloves funled.

I am close at hand, for all need me—
I am education.

Satan’s use of the qualities of education demands that Christians be educated in the Bible and very especially in “How to meet the world with the Bible.” An education with Bible training means unification of thought and action. Thus, multiplying the good will meaning persons often create heart aches, church troubles and things of that kind, because he lacks education, the one tool to unify his understanding, purpose and methods with that of his brethren.

Heaven is not reached by leaps and bounds.
We build the ladder round by round on which we rise
From the lowly earth to the vaulted skies.”
William Evans, Jr. was born to William and Lizzie Evans, of Holly Springs, Mississippi, on February 16, 1903. He grew to manhood, and in 1925 married Miss Estelle Snow also of Holly Springs, who has been an ideal helper to him in every good work.

Later he moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and was baptized into Christ by the late W. H. Owens, in 1932, and began preaching in 1935. His first work as a minister was at the Orange Mound Congregation in Memphis, and then to Helena, Arkansas. He is now the assistant minister at the Iowa and Lauderdale Streets Church of Christ, in Memphis, Tennessee.

The Church of Christ has great possessions in the person of William Evans, Jr., because he provides well for his own house then it must follow as the night follows the day that he will know how to behave himself in the house of God.

WISE SAYING: "He who pulls and pushes continually has no time to kick."
A. W. FITZHUGH
694 Alston Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee
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A. W. Fitzhugh, minister and song leader was first a member of the Baptist Church, placing his membership there in 1919.

In 1917 he married to Miss Bertha M. Gorman, who has stood by him and encouraged him in the work of faith and love for the cause of Christ. She soon followed in the footsteps of her husband after he obeyed the gospel, and she was baptized for the remission of sins a few months after he was.

Brother Fitzhugh worked and preached in the Baptist Church about thirteen years. He became dissatisfied with the doctrines of that organization to the extent that he ceased his activities, with hope of finding something better on which his soul could feast. During these days of despair he learned of the Church of Christ, and visited the Iowa and Lauderdale Streets congregation in Memphis. In his state of mind it was not hard for him to see the truth.

December, 1932, he was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins by the late William H. Owens, of Memphis, Tennessee. As soon as he was well enough acquainted with the doctrine of Christ he began to preach. His first work was a week's meeting for a small congregation at Miller, Mississippi. He was greatly encouraged by these faithful Christians and remained with them for two years. He next worked with the Orange Mound congregation in Memphis, for a few years, and then to Jackson, Mississippi. All this experience in the fields of labor for the Lord made him able to do greater work in the cause of Christ. He has worked with the congregations in Henderson, Tennessee, and Corsicana, Texas. He is now at his home congregation doing a fine work there.

Brother Fitzhugh, like the apostle Paul labors with his own hands that he might have to give to those who are in need, being a skilled carpenter and paper hanger. He has remodeled the meeting house where he now labors and
many souls have been brought to Christ through his efforts to present the gospel in its purity.

He is well trained in music and teaches a class in music each Lord's day evening, thus giving the congregation advantage of his talent.

WISE SAYINGS: "If you wish success in life, make perseverance your bosom friend, experience your wise counsellor, caution your elder brother and hope your guardian genius."
Samuel Louis Gates, the son of Mr. Otis A. Gates and Mrs. Annie Lizzie Gates was born April 29, 1916, at Lagrange, Georgia. He received his early school training in the public schools of Lagrange. Under the preaching of Jessie T. Burson, he obeyed the gospel in 1942, and entered the Nashville Christian Institute soon thereafter to study for the ministry. In 1943 he was united in matrimony with Miss Ellen Dixon, of Nashville, Tennessee, who is a graduate of A. & I. State College.

Brother Gates entered the United States Army in 1942, which broadened his vision and caused him to give a careful study to the word of God. He is of the prophet Daniel type—determined that he will not defile himself with the kings dainties nor worship idol gods. He convinced his wife that his God is the only true and living God and she walked out and obeyed the Commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ. Brother Gates speaks as one having authority, and not as the Scribes and Pharases. He works with the congregation in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: “God provides the straight and narrow path which leads to life everlasting, but man must walk in that path. Christ does not clear life’s highway of all stones, and He does not grade down all the hills and tunnels through the mountains, but he has told us that He will not leave us nor forsake us. This assurance makes the Christian life easy. The Christ way is the way of the more abundant life. God has done His part and He leaves a part for man to do.”
S. T. W. Gibbs, son of S. M. and Mary Gibbs was born in Jacksonville, Florida, July 17, 1899.

He attended public schools in Ocala, Florida, and the Edward Waters College in Jacksonville.

Both his father and mother were Methodist, so he joined the Methodist Church at an early age and began to preach in that organization.

In 1928 he attended a tent meeting conducted by M. Keeble, and was baptized for the remission of sins during that series of meetings. He later began to preach the gospel of Christ. He was married to Miss Lovie Rivers, in 1926. To this union six sons and one daughter were born. He has done local work in the following places: Plant City, Lakeland, Bartow, and Haines City, Florida; Birmingham, Alabama; Paris, Corsicana, Ennis, and Dallas, Texas, where he is now in the midst of a splendid building program. He says he owes his success as a minister to Brother M. Keebel, John R. Vaughner, Luke Miller and Sear (white). They taught him and inspired him in the work of the Lord. Brother Gibbs has made a great sacrifice for the upbuilding of Christ's cause, and the world has been made better by his wonderful work.

WISE SAYING. "No man is free who is not master of himself."
H. H. Gray, Jr., minister and associate editor of the Christian Counselor is one of the ablest ministers in the Brotherhood. His work in Texas and other places where he has worked is commendable. His articles through the Counselor are strong and edifying. They show deep thought and scholarly attainment. He has a good library and spends much of his time in hard study. Brother Gray is almost idolized by his brethren.

WISE SAYING: "One seldom finds that which he seeks, when he searches for it with impatience."—(Selected)
PRESTON GREY  
200 North 14th Street  
Fort Smith, Arkansas  

Preston Grey, a young minister with a great future was born in Fort Worth, Texas, in 1924. He finished high school in Fort Worth, and attended the Bowser Christian Institute, Fort Smith, Arkansas, until he was called to the armed forces, in 1942.

Along with his high school work he also took a business course which has made him very efficient in clerical work. During the short lecture courses and school meeting held at the Bowser Christian Institute he has rendered a matchless service in keeping records and accounts for the institution. He is dependable, very apt in his studies and a public speaker of no mean ability.

WISE SAYING: "If we must fight, let us fight the good fight of faith. If we must die, let us die of the word of God that liveth and abideth for ever."
JAMES HAMILTON  
Helena, Arkansas  
(Deceased)

The late James Hamilton was born January 16, 1882, at Greenville, Mississippi. He was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins by T. P. Porter, in 1902. He married Miss Rosetta Milton of Cohoma County, Mississippi, and two children were born to them.

Sister Hamilton stood four square with him in the faith of the gospel. She answers well the description for wives given by the apostle Paul in the New Testament: She is grave, not a slanderer, sober, faithful in all things. Brother Hamilton was one of the pioneer preachers, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom and was of a good report within and without.

He made a specialty of carrying the gospel to destitute places, often at the hazard of his own life. He succeeded in establishing congregations that reflect credit to the Brotherhood. Many persons who sat under the sound of his voice and heard the word of the Lord are live wires in the Church today, wherever they are. He established the congregations at Belen and Kosciusko, Mississippi, and in Helena, Arkansas. He lived a beautiful life and fell asleep in Jesus, October 17, 1941.

Blessed are they that dieth in the Lord, for they do rest from their labor and their works do follow them.
JOHN W. HARRISON
Illinoise Street
Indianapolis, Indiana

John W. Harrison was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 1926. He grew to teen age and finished the grammar grades in the public schools of Indianapolis. He entered high school at the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1940, and lacked only a few months of finishing before he was called to the armed forces in 1944. J. W., as he was called around N. C. I., makes friends wherever he goes, and does willingly whatever his hands find to do, willingly and with a smile.

WISE SAYING: “Great men cultivate love, and only little men cherish a spirit of hatred.”
James Edward Harper was born May 28, 1905, at Clemmons, North Carolina. He received his early school training in and around Clemmons. At an early age he married Miss Bettye Sanders, of Selmer, North Carolina, and began preaching in 1929. Most of his work as a minister has been among local congregations in his home state. He now is minister of the Capunnum Church of Christ, at Clemmons. He attended the lecture course given for ministers at the Nashville Christian Institute, Nashville, Tennessee, 1944. He obeyed the gospel under the preaching of Charlie Nelson.

WISE SAYING: "I count this one thing to be grandly true: That a noble deed is a step towards God. Lifting the soul from the common sod, to a purer air and a brighter view."
MATT HARRISON
Atoka, Oklahoma

Matt Harrison was born at Benington Oklahoma, November 5, 1885. At the age of two years his mother being left a widow moved, taking her little son with her to Caney, Oklahoma, where she met a Mr. Evans Murphy, whom she married. They lived there for a while and then moved to Atoka, Oklahoma, in 1890, which was the Indian Territory. There is where he received his basic school training. He attended the Pittsburg Mission, a school given by the Choctau Indians.

Due to the fact that he had to help his step father support the family he was forced to stop school at an early age.

His mother joined the A. M. E. Church, and he was elected librarian for the Sunday School. In 1899 the small pox broke out in Atoka, and his whole family was taken to the hospital and quaranteened for thirty days. When released they found that the health department had burned their home and everything in it. They were then forced to move to the rural districts about six miles away.

He was still identified with the Methodist Church, but could not force himself to believe in their doctrine because they would not baptize a person, and the bible taught that every one must be baptized in order to be saved. In 1935 his step-father died and that brought about a great change in the home, he says. He decided to make a change in his religious affairs, but did not know what church to join. In this confused state of mind the white disciples of Christ launched a series of gospel meetings for the Colored and had Brother Levi Kennedy, of Chicago, to do the preaching. The first time Brother Harrison heard him he found what he was looking for. The second night he obeyed the gospel of the Son of God and was baptized for the remission of his sins. After the meeting closed he worked under the leadership of Brother H. H. Grey, as fine a Christian man as ever lived, he says. He worked with this little band of Christians for
five years. Then came Brother Francis Carson, who stayed with them six months, and told Brother Harrison to take charge and go on with the work. The first Lord's day there was one confession, and the work continued to grow under the leadership of Brother Harrison.

At present he is preaching at two other small congregations, and doing a fine work for the cause of Christ.

WISE SAYING: "All things come to him who learns to labor and to wait."
Joe Hervey was born to Mr. Samuel and Mrs. Rebecca Hervey, in Clarksville, Arkansas, in 1902. He obeyed the gospel at the age of 15, and finished high school at the Southern Christian Institute, Edwards, Mississippi. He moved to Conway, Arkansas, and married Miss Lovie Jones, of Holly Springs, Mississippi, in 1925, who has been a wonderful helpmate to him in his work. Brother Hervey’s home has been the preachers’ home for years in the city of Memphis, and he and his wife have done a great work for the cause of Christ in Memphis. These two young people have made a great sacrifice to care for the people of God in establishing the kingdom of the Son of God here on earth.

He began preaching in 1938, and has had regular work with the Union City Church of Christ, Union City, Tennessee. He is now in Los Angeles, California, to further his study in the ministry.

WISE SAYING  “If you cannot do great things you can do small things in a great way.”
Elder George E. Hoagland, a former business man and minister was born a slave, in Sheppersville, Kentucky. The exact date of his birth is not known. As nearly as he knows he is now eighty-six years old.

While he was with his master, he says a preacher by the name of Hamilton, held a series of revival meetings in his town, and practically everybody on the plantation joined the Church. He himself told his experience of seeing a green mountain on which was a white house with green window shutters, and a narrow path leading up to it. But this did not pass the board of examiners in the church, so he was sent back in order to get right with God. Elder Hoagland says thirty years afterwards he went back, not with an experience but with faith, repentance and baptism for the remission of sins. He was baptized into Christ in 1882, at Berea, Kentucky. He then moved to Normal, Illinois, and united with the Christian Church as the minister said it was the same as the Church of Christ. He served there several years and organized a Lord's day school of thirteen children, the most of which were his own. He has given all of his Childern a good school training. His son, George E. Hoagland, Jr. is a successful funeral director in Detroit, Michigan.

In 1925 he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and identified himself with the Church of Christ. He served the Highland Park congregation for several years and made many friends. He then went to River Rouge, Michigan, where he found a small faithful group worshipping after the order of the new testament. He has done a grand and noble work among that group of brethren there. They have shown their love and appreciation time and again to Brother Hoagland since his health is not so good.

WISE SAYING: "I was young and now I am old. I have never seen the righteous forsaken, nor his seed begging bread."
A. C. Holt was born on a farm near Belfast, Marshall County, Tennessee. He completed the elementary grades in his home town, after which he entered high school at Lewisburg, Tennessee, and graduated at an early age. He obeyed the gospel after hearing the preaching of the late A. J. Kelsee, and was baptized into Christ. Later he received his basic Bible training from D. M. English, now of Memphis, Tennessee.

In 1921 he moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and accepted the place of assistant maintenance man in the State Capitol, which place he held for two years. In 1923 he was promoted to the State Department of Education, in the same building. There he handled all the mimeograph work, circular mail, and did much of the filing of various papers for that department. He had charge of all the supplies for the entire state, and was responsible for the distribution of the same. During the ten years in which he held this position he made many friends and was constantly in contact with many of the most learned men in the field of education. So often has he stated that the years he spent in that position have meant more to him in his field of work today than all his studies in school.

August, 1925, he preached his first sermon and has had the privilege of serving many congregations. In 1933 he was called to Memphis, Tennessee, for the first time for a series of gospel meetings in the evangelistic field. There he did some real and lasting work for the cause of Christ. In course of time he established three congregations there and one in Mason, Tennessee, a few miles from Memphis. His work as an evangelist has been outstanding, and he has worked in many sections of the country in this capacity.

In 1940 he began his work at the Nashville Christian Institute, Nashville, Tennessee, and has the distinguished honor of being its first president. Under his administration the school was made an accredited institution, and was so
accepted by the state of Tennessee. He worked there three years in succession. At present he is working with the congregations at Mt. Clemmons, Michigan, and in New York City.

Brother Holt is a close observer, swift to hear, and keen to keep his own council. He has been a great stake to his widowed mother and the family. He has a good library and spends much of his time in study.

WISE SAYING:

"To be noble and wise and to understand,
Is to strive at all times to hurt no man;
But help in every cause that you are assured to be right,
And never give up but stay in the fight."
George Phillip Holt, the grandson of Brother and Sister G. P. Bowser, was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Holt, May 14, 1923, in Nashville, Tennessee. There he grew and went to the public schools of Nashville until he was fifteen years old. He was then sent to the Bowser Christian Institute, Fort Smith, Arkansas, where he completed his high school work and was tutored in the ministerial work by his grandfather, G. P. Bowser. He obeyed the gospel and was baptized for the remission of sins at the age of fourteen, and preached his first sermon in 1939, in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He then moved to Detroit, Michigan, and began preaching for the Highland Park congregation. He remained with them for 18 months.

On August 2, 1942, he was married to Miss Olivia Busby, the daughter of T. H. Busby, of Wichita, Kansas. To this union two children were born—a girl, and the boy, the third George Phillip of the family.

Due to the fact that George Phillip has been under Christian influence, which dwelt in his grandparents first, and then in his mother and father, it has been almost natural for him to hold fast the form of sound words committed to him which is in Christ Jesus. He preaches the gospel without fear and is instant in season and out enduring afflictions in order to do the work of an evangelist.

Brother Holt's time has been divided between the Side Mission in Detroit and the Church in Toledo, Ohio, for about one year. He is now located with the church in Toledo, where he is giving full time.

WISE SAYING: "Humility is like beauty—it soon vanishes after one discovers he has it."
MARIAN FRANCIS HOLT  
1416 22nd Avenue, North  
Nashville 8, Tennessee  

Marian Francis Holt, the son of Gibson and Ophelia Holt was born November 17, 1895, in Marshall County Tennessee. He completed both elementary and high school work in Lewisbey, Tennessee. Later he moved to Nashville, and took the Teachers' Training Course at the A. & I. State College, Nashville.

In 1919 he and Miss Thelma M. Bowser, of Louisville, Kentucky, were united in matrimony. She is the daughter of Elder G. P. Bowser, one of the most outstanding ministers in the Brotherhood. To this union six children were born—three boys and three girls, the elder son himself being a fine gospel minister. M. F. Holt was baptized by D. M. English for the remission of sins early in life. Soon after his marriage he moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, and worked with the congregations there which strengthened his ability to deal with the public. With an increasing family he moved back to Tennessee, and taught school for many years in the elementary grades at Richmond, Tennessee. He began to preach regularly in 1926. He has been minister at the Jefferson Street Church of Christ for years. Under his wise leadership it has grown to be one of the largest congregations in the Brotherhood.

When the Nashville Christian Institute opened its doors for real work in 1940, M. F. Holt was the first teacher. He is one of few ministers who appeals to the hidden man of the heart of both men and women everywhere.

In delivering his sermons, he places himself on a common level with his hearers and goes directly into the deep of God's eternal work. He preaches with such simplicity that even a child can follow him every step of the way and understand. For the past few years he has been doing evangelistic work on the outskirts of Nashville, and as far east as Knoxville, Tennessee. He has been quite successful and has aroused a great interest among his audiences.

WISE SAYING: "Education gives power—hence it is a blessing or a curse, according to how we use it."
R. N. Hogan was born one Lord’s day morning, November 30, 1902, in Monroe County, Arkansas, in a two room cabin. At the age of five his father died and his mother went back to live with her father and took her little son with her. She lived there until again she was married and moved away. Nathan as he was called, remained with his grandparents, who trained him in the good old way—the one spoken of by Solomon.

When fourteen years of age he was given to Brother G. P. Bowser, who was then Principal of the Silver Point Christian School, in Silver Point, Tennessee. Those years he spent there in training with good Brother Bowser caused him to be one of the outstanding ministers in the Brotherhood. He began to preach while he was yet a child and was known as the boy evangelist. In his early teens he converted seventy or more persons and aroused great interest wherever he went. He preached because he actually loved the job. On one occasion while he still wore short pants, he preached a powerful sermon under a small tent at Germantown, Tennessee. The audience was startled to hear a child speak the truth in love as he did. The brethren contributed nine dollars to help him in his work and he was almost frightened from the tent. After much persuasion, he finally accepted the contribution, but he did not come back to visit them for a long time.

In 1920 he married Miss Maggie Bullock, a Christian girl of Maury County, Tennessee. After living one year in Tennessee they moved to Arkansas where the first child was born. They then moved to Louisville, Kentucky, where two more children were born. Then to Detroit, where another daughter was born. He worked in an automobile factory for six years. He then went to Chicago, and helped to establish a congregation there. From 1933 to 1939, inclusive, he established more than a dozen congregations and baptized hundreds of people.
R. N. Hogan has made a great contribution to the cause of Christ. His book entitled *sermons by R. N. Hogan*, has met great favor throughout the Brotherhood, and contains many of his wonderful sermons. He is Editor of *The Christian Echo*, published in Fort Smith, Arkansas. He gets by far more calls in his evangelistic work than he can fill, so he helps many other young ministers by recommending them for the work.

**WISE SAYING:** "What has become of the woman who used to say: "If I were a man, I'd smoke?"
Dan Hooks was born October 25, 1910, at Montgomery, Alabama. He attended the public schools of Montgomery, and was baptized for the remission of sins by Lovelace Johnson, in 1935. He married Miss Julia Alias, of Elmo County, Alabama, and began preaching in 1935.

Brother Hooks is a man of action and works for results and gets it. Though young in the cause, he has established two congregations in Alabama. He attended the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1944.

WISE SAYING: "Speak thou the things that become sound doctrine."
General Andrew Jackson, the son of Mr. Phillip and Mrs. Sally Jackson was born July 23, 1910, at White Station, Tennessee, about ten miles from Memphis, Tennessee. Brother Jackson received his grammar school training in the public school of White Station. In 1935 he married Miss Elizabeth Thomas, of Collierville, Tennessee, who has never failed him.

He obeyed the gospel in 1938, under the preaching of A. C. Holt, and began preaching the next year. At the opening of the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1940, Brother and Sister Jackson broke up house keeping, sold and gave away what they had and became some of the first students of the dear institution that is destined to reach to the end of the world:

These faithful young people have sacrificed almost beyond endurance for a Christian training that the gospel of Christ might be presented to a perishing world in its simplicity without addition or subtraction.

Both were not able to continue their school training together at the N. C. I., so Sister Jackson, with a heart full of love for the cause of Christ and her husband accepted a job to help Brother Jackson complete his high school training in the Nashville Christian Institute.

They have the highest respect of both teachers and students, and Brother Jackson feels that when he graduates in 1945, that Sister Jackson has an equal share in the merit of his diploma. He is a deep thinker, but swift to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger. His years of training in the school of experience have made him long suffering, forbearing, patient and a rare jewel in the army of the Lord.

WISE SAYING: "I thought on my way and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments." "Of all the Psalmist said, this thinking on the way is perhaps the greatest suggestion made for mankind. No one is prepared for the duties of life who is not prepared to think."
G. A. JOHNSON
P. O. Box 211
Cookeville, Tennessee

G. A. Johnson, a minister of the gospel of Christ obeyed the word of God through the preaching of John T. Ramey and was baptized by him in 1910 for the remission of sins. During the thirty-four years he has been identified with the Church of Christ he has preached thirty-three of them, persuading men and women to obey the gospel. Many souls have been led from darkness to the marvelous light of God’s dear Son.

Brother Johnson has kept the fire of Christian love burning in his part of the moral vineyard and only God can tell the value of such men as he. His dear wife, Sister Ollie Johnson has played a great part in his being a successful minister. Many times she has gone with him to hard places and helped with the singing. Wives like her may truly be called unsung heroines.

WISE SAYING: “Success has no tomorrow. It is always today, and if the sun of today sets upon failure it cannot be hoped to rise upon success if there is nothing to cause success.”
Howard U. Johnson was born July 25, 1911, at Dowington, Pennsylvania. He attend the high school of Dowington. At the age of fifteen he was baptized by Samuel Ruth, the founder and elder of the congregation at Erceldon, Pennsylvania. He moved to Newark, New Jersey, in 1935, and is now meeting with the congregation there and serving as minister. Brother Johnson is a wide-awake young man, always working in the interest of the church. He has a wife who also is a member of the church. With the blending of these two souls together much and lasting good has been done for the cause of the Lord.

WISE SAYING: “Fret not thyself because of evil men, neither be thou envious at the wicked.”
Sutton Johnson was born March 14, 1904, in Bellwood, Wilson County, Tennessee. He attended and graduated from the Bellwood school, in Wilson County, Tennessee. He moved to Nashville, Tenn. and in 1920, when the Southern Practical Institute opened her doors for training of the head, hand and heart of young people, Sutton Johnson was one of the first ones to enter it. He remained until it was forced to close. He still continued his literary course and the study of the Bible, under capable tutors until he was able to take advantage of self help to further his education. He was baptized for the remission of his sins by Brother M. Keeble, at the age of 14, and began preaching at the age of 15.

In early manhood he married Miss Zeeta Keebel, of Nashville, Tennessee, who was well qualified from a literary and spiritual standpoint to help him in a foundation in leadership that will be hard to surpass. She was called from labor to reward, but her work still stands. In 1935 good fortune favored him the second time when Miss Myrtle Lee Yarbrough, of Nacogdoches, Texas, gave him her heart and hand in wedlock. She has continued to help him build on that foundation of good leadership until he is now like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth his fruit in his season, his leaf also has not withered, and whatsoever he doeth does prosper.

Sutton Johnson has faith in himself to the extent that he infuses that faith in others, making good followers who never fret or complain. He puts his soul into his work and lives the doctrine that he preaches as well as talking it. He works out his plans according to God's eternal word, and seemingly takes everything to God in prayer.

He is as hard as the truth will allow him to be, and is as meek and humble in heart as the spirit of Christ requires him to be. From 1943 to November, 1944, he estab-
lished six congregations. In the state prison wards of Montgomery, Alabama, he established two congregations. He has established 12 congregations, and baptized above 2,000. He has ministered at the Simpson Street congregation, Atlanta, Georgia, 3 years; several congregations in Texas, and at present is with the Holt Street congregation in Montgomery, Alabama.

WISE SAYING: "No evil thing is ever a success and no good thing is ever a failure."
Alonzo Jones was born near Columbus, Mississippi, on a farm, in 1890. He received his early school training in the rural schools of Columbus. While he was yet in his teens he married Miss Easter Turner, of Stein, Mississippi, whose value and service to him and family can never be fully known. She studied to be quiet and a keeper at home. Five children were born to them. In 1915 he had a strong desire to further his education and learn more of the word of God. He moved to Silver Point, Tennessee, and began his studies at the Silver Point Christian Institute, under G. P. Bowser.

After a few years the Silver Point School was discontinued, and Brother Jones moved to Kileton, Mississippi, and farmed one year. Again new hope came to him for a Christian education when Brother A. M. Burton, of Nashville, Tennessee, established the Southern Practical Institute, in Nashville, in 1920 for the purpose of giving Colored boys and girls an opportunity to gain a literary education and at the same time be taught the Bible as a text book. After a short while this school was also discontinued and Alonzo Jones was forced to make other arrangements for studies in God’s word. He took private lessons and eventually became one of the leading preachers of the brotherhood. While in Nashville, he fell seriously ill and the doctors gave up all hope for him to live. Brother A. M. Burton, a lifelong friend of his ministered unto him, saw that he had the best medical treatment, and cared for his family, and he soon was up and about again. Brother Burton recommended him to the to the congregation in Chattanooga, at which place he served faithfully until he passed.

Alonzo Jones was a man who flatly refused to be discouraged. He was long suffering and patient. Always without a word of complaint. He established several congregations and brought many souls to Christ. His dear wife passed in 1941, and on November 5, 1942, he passed from labor to reward, having done a wonderful work for the Lord.
G. G. JONES
5014 S. Parkway
Chicago, 15, Illinois

G. G. Jones was born February 1, 1906, in Richland County, South Carolina, to Mr. and Mrs. William Jones. He was reared on a farm and attended the public schools of his state. After growing to manhood he traveled in many of the southern states. In 1930 he married Mrs. E. M. Thompson, of Montgomery, Alabama. They made their home in Atlanta, Georgia. In 1931 M. Keeble of Nashville held a series of gospel meetings in Atlanta, and Brother and Sister Jones attended several nights. He says he knew so little about the Bible that he could not appreciate the truth as presented by Brother Keeble. However he began to search the scriptures to see if he could defend himself. In 1932 he decided to visit the Church of Christ again. This time Brother Sutton Johnson did the preaching. After services Brother Jones contacted Brother R. Norwood, one of the elders at the Simpson Street Church of Christ, in Atlanta, and asked him several Bible questions. He was given Bible answers.

The following Thursday night he attended the meeting house with Brother James L. Cothron doing the preaching. When the invitation was extended he walked out and made the good confession and obeyed his Lord in baptism the following Lord's day. Brother and Sister Johnson, Brother and Sister Cothron taught him the way of the Lord more perfect and he began to preach the latter part of 1932.

Realizing the great responsibility that rests upon every gospel minister he entered the evening classes of the Washington High School, in Atlanta, and resumed his studies. In 1936 he was recommended to the congregation at Macon, Georgia, where he and his dear wife labored with pleasure for four years. Again the desire came to further his studies for the ministry. He entered the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1941, and spent two years there. He is now in Chi
chicago, Illinois, worshipping with the South Side Church, 6228 S. Michigan Avenue.

WISE SAYING: “Many men do not allow their principles to take root, but pull them up every now and then as children do flowers they have planted to see if they are growing.”
J. C. JONES
Mt. Pleasant, Texas

J. C. Jones was born June 6, 1881, in Hopkins County, Texas. He says the care-free country life caused him to have a very happy childhood. He finished the elementary school in his community and went to Winnsboro, Texas, and there completed his high school work. He then became a member of the Christian Church and began to preach.

In 1939 after reaching the conclusion that he had been wrongfully led religiously he took the Bible route to salvation and at present stands identified with the Church of Christ, he says.

In 1940 he accepted the work at Mt. Pleasant, and served there two years, and approximately forty members were added to the body. At present he is an evangelist.

WISE SAYING: “Get right with God and let the world know you are here on business for the King.”
Tommy Jones was born January 7, 1898, at South Pittsburg, Tennessee, to the union of David and Edna Jones. His parents moved to Chattanooga, Tennessee early in 1903, where he attended the public schools. He graduated from Howard High School, Chattanooga, Tennessee, in May, 1915.

In 1929 he obeyed the gospel and was baptized in Christ by the late Alonzo Jones, whom he says greatly encouraged him to preach the gospel of Christ. His first sermon was preached March 15, 1929. He has served as song leader for the Chattanooga congregations for several years, and conducted the song services in most of the tent meetings held by Alonzo Jones, in Chattanooga.

He has preached for the following congregations: Gadsden, Alabama, twice monthly for a period of one year. Rome, Georgia, once a month for a period of one year. Bridgeport, Alabama, a period of 18 months; Cleveland, O., as full time minister for four months; Charleston, West Virginia, as a full time minister for three years. He was supported by the white disciples at the last two places mentioned. He has held tent meetings in Gadsden, Alabama; Lafayette, Georgia; Rome, Georgia, and Smithers, West Virginia, and Charleston West Virginia. He now worships with the congregation in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: "The strong man will bear his troubles in silence, but the weak one whines about his and fancies they are the worst."
WALTER LOUIS JONES
934 Randle Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Walter Louis Jones was born June 24, 1901, at Linden, Tennessee. He attended the public schools at Decaturville, Tennessee. He was baptized into Christ in 1939, by A. C. Holt, of Nashville, Tennessee. He married Miss Luella Rembert, of Memphis, Tennessee, in 1940, and began preaching in 1941. He has regular work with the Bungalo congregation, located at Pecan and Wren Streets, Memphis, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: "The worst sin toward our fellow creature is not to hate them but to be indifferent to them: that's the essence of inhumanity."
SANDY JORDON, JR.
1215 12th Avenue, South
Nashville, Tennessee

Sandy Jordon, Jr. was born September 12, 1899, in Maysville, Alabama. He received his school training at the Huntsville High School, of Huntsville, Alabama. On May 5, 1924, he was married to Miss Nell Moore Valentine, and to this union five children were born. He and his dear wife obeyed the gospel in 1928, through the preaching of Ike White.

Brother Jordon has done a great service in the cause of Christ, although he has been working for the Pullman Company for twenty-four years.

He and family worship at the South Hill congregation in Nashville. He has preached regularly for them two years. He has preached at Lebanon, Shelbyville, Tullahoma and Union City, in Tennessee; Madisonville and Cincinnati, in Ohio.

Brother Jordon values time as much for the Lord as he does for the Company for which he works.

WISE SAYING: "Good literature is as necessary to the growth of the soul as good air is to the growth of the body. And it is just as bad to put weak thoughts into a child's mind as to shut it up in an unventilated room."
Nature pays no tribute to aristocracy, subscribes to neither creed nor caste, and renders fealty to no monarch or master of any name or kind. It does not run after titles, or seek by preference the high circles of society. Nature affects humble company as well as great, but gives no special honor to universities or learned societies, nor conventional standards of greatness. It sevenely chooses its own comrades and even its own cradle, and its own life of adventure and of training. Here is the proof of it:

Marshall Keeble was born of humble birth on a farm near Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, Tennessee, December 7, 1878. He is one of the great sons of men; a man full of wisdom and sound judgement, a natural leader and inevitably one of the greatest missionaries on American soil.

When he was four years of age his parents, Robert and Mittie Keeble moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where years later his father passed, leaving the mother, Marshall and his brother, who still lives in Nashville. Brother Keeble attended the Bellview and Noles Schools, of Nashville, but did not go beyond the seventh grade. Although limited in education as the world thinks of it in terms of school attendance, he has never the less acquired a remarkable knowledge of the Bible and of human nature. He knows how to reach and move the hearts of man with ever growing interest. To hear him one time is an incentive to hear him each time the opportunity presents itself.

At the age of nineteen he united in wedlock with Miss Minnie Womack, a graduate of Fisk University, and the daughter of the late S. W. Womack, one of the pioneer preachers of the gospel of Christ. There were three children born to this union. With the literary training of his Christian wife and the spiritual training of his faithful father-in-law he has been able to attain the record of being one of the greatest preachers of the gospel since the days of the Apostles.
In his daily occupation, Marshall Keeble has always been on the alert. He owned and operated two grocery stores in the city of Nashville, and made a success of the business. The bright sun rose to his course and found him oftimes about his work and it set and the last beam fell on him and Sister Keeble toiling onward and upward in their chosen way. Like the apostles of old, he left all and became a fisher of men. In 1932 Sister Keeble was called from labor to reward, and the great evangelist sorrowed, but not as one who has no hope.

He preached his first sermon in his home town about forty years ago, having been baptized at the early age of fourteen, by Preston Taylor, of Nashville, Tennessee. In course of time Mr. A. M. Burton, the President of the Life and Casualty Insurance Company, of Nashville, Tennessee became interested in his work and sent him to many places at his own expense to preach the gospel to the lost.

In 1934 he was married to Miss Laura Johnson of Corinth, Mississippi, who has been a source of sunshine and kindness all along his path. Her sacrifice for Christ has been very great and far beyond that of the average housewife. For months in the absence of her husband she is both mother and father for the children, and carries on her home work and the work at the Nashville Christian Institute. She is faithful to all the Bible Classes for women at the Church and at the School. Her value is without estimate.

The first meeting held by Brother Keeble, in which there was a large number baptized was in Henderson, Tennessee. Sixty nine were baptized. In 1927, at Tampa, Florida, he baptized 99 persons. At Valdosta, Georgia, in 1929, he baptized 163 the first meeting and 166 in the second. He has baptized more than twenty thousand people.

Brother Keeble has been responsible for the conversion of hundreds of white people who have attended his meetings from time to time. He has held many and many debates. In several of these debates he has baptized his opponent before the time allotted for the debate was over. He has established nearly fifty congregations, preached in about a third of the States in the Union and the District of Columbia.

Brother Keeble is now President of the Nashville 92
Christian Institute, in Nashville, Tennessee, and chief editor of the Christian Counselor, published monthly in Nashville.

WISE SAYING: "In almost all cases the one who is in full power is never seen. The ones seen are the actors who carry out the orders of that unseen power."
LEVI KENNEDY
10735 Glenroy Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Levi Kennedy, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Kennedy was born December 29, 1899, in Hickman County, Tennessee. He received his early school training in the public schools of Duck River, Tennessee, completing the elementary grades. His father being a preacher of the gospel of Christ he has never been connected with anything religiously except the Church of Christ. He is the fifth of eleven children, but never thought that he would be a minister, although his father often told him that he would be.

In 1921 he was baptized for the remission of sins by the late Alonzo Jones and married Miss Noveline Delk the same year. She has been a good wife to him and an exceptional mother to their seven children, he says. They moved to Wheeling, West Virginia, in 1922, and established a place of worship in their home. They lived there for four years, and today there is a congregation in Wheeling as the result. It was in 1926 that he began to preach mostly in cases of emergency to help Brother R. N. Hogan. He was at that time song leader for Brother Hogan. In 1931, after moving his family to Chicago he established a congregation on the South Side, which has grown from a small nucleus to about 250 members. The contributions have been raised from six dollars per week to one hundred and twenty-five per week.

His evangelistic work began in 1934, also as a song leader for R. N. Hogan. Brother Kennedy has a substantial library with works of Libscomb, Nickols Brent and Tant. He says from a child, the Gospel Advocate has been a constant visitor in his home. He has worked in New York, Salt Lake City, and debates with the Mormans and many more religious sects. He has established many congregations and was the first to evangelize that section.

WISE SAYING: "In dangerous times wise men say nothing."
Cortez Kirksey was born April 1, 1917, at Selmer, Tennessee. He obeyed the gospel in 1932, through the teaching of H. D. Burges, of Corinth, Mississippi, and began preaching in 1940. He graduated from the McNary County High School, at Selmer, Tennessee. Brother Kirksey is a young man of excellent character and is highly commended for his faithfulness as a good steward in the household of God.

He takes advantage of every opportunity to improve himself in the ministry. He attended the lecture courses given at the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1944. He labors with the Church of Christ, at Selmer, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: "God has given you one face and you make yourselves another."
John H. Kolb, minister and song leader was born February 13, 1907, in Crenshaw County, Luverne, Alabama. There he was reared and completed both his elementary and high school education. He was baptized into the Christian Church in 1915. After the passing of his mother in 1926, he moved to Montgomery, Alabama, and identified himself with the Holt Street Church of Christ, and began his study of the Bible under a private tutor. He has had additional training in singing and languages at the Detroit Institute of Musical Art, Detroit, Michigan.

In 1940 he was married to Miss Ruby E. Martin, a registered nurse of Detroit, Michigan, who also has musical attainments. She now has a position in the Receiving Hospital, of Detroit, and is able to give scientific instructions in health wherever the opportunity presents itself. She is of a mild disposition, easy to be entertained and shares her spare time in helping her husband with his clerical work and with the music. Brother Kolb is very conscientious in his work and strives daily to make his calling and election sure. His manner of leading the song services is like a steady, gentle cool breeze on a hot sultry day. His audiences unconsciously fall in line with the master voice and the work is done without even a strain or a discord. He is now working with the West Side Church of Christ, 1741 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan.

Wise Saying: "We know God easily if we do not constrain ourselves to define Him. In all thine actions think that God sees thee, and in all His actions labor to see Him. That will make thee fear Him, and this will move thee to love Him. The fear of God is the beginning of knowledge, and the knowledge of God is the perfection of love."
Earnest Lane was born 1909, in Jackson, Tennessee. He received his school training at Merry High School, in Jackson, Tennessee. In 1928 he married Miss Mabel Hines, of Jackson. Two children were born to this union. In 1936 he and family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, where he obeyed the gospel under G. E. Steward's teaching, in 1942. Brother Lane is recognized among his brethren as an artist of no mean ability, having many of his paintings on display in various places. Being desirous to further his education in preparation for the ministry, he spent one term in the Bowser Christian Institute, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

WISE SAYING: "He who lies down with dogs will likely get up with fleas on him."
VANDERBILT SARDIAN LEWIS
763 Ayers Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Vanderbilt Sardain Lewis, the son of Mr. Eugene and Mrs. Carrie Lewis was born November 17, 1913, at Alagator, Mississippi. His parents moved to Watson, Arkansas, when he was quite small and there he received his early school training.

In 1989 he obeyed the gospel under A. C. Holt, and was one of the first high school students to enter the Nashville Christian Institute. Vanderbilt Lewis is a fine Christian gentleman, always shunning the very appearance of evil. He shows great talent in dramatic arts and is a very forceful speaker. He is greatly adored by the younger boys of the Institute because of his great love for them and his patience with them.

He ministers at Tullahoma Church of Christ, Tullahoma, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: “I shall pass through this world but once. Therefore, any good thing or any kindness that I can show to any human being, let me do it now. Let me not neglect it or defer it. For I shall not pass this way again.”
F. A. Livingston, a minister and one of the associate Editors of the Christian Counselor has done a great work in spreading the gospel in places where it is not known.

As Editor, his articles are outstanding and to the point. He arouses such interest among his readers that they yearn for the next issue to come out.

WISE SAYING: "Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you."
CATHEY LOCKE
615 Harrel Street
Memphis, Tennessee

Cathey Locke was born April 16, 1909, in Tate County, Mississippi, near Thyatira, Mississippi. He obeyed the gospel under the preaching of M. Keebel. He married Miss Nellie Jackson, of Thyatira, in 1928. Brother Locke and family moved to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1936, and he began preaching in 1937. His earnestness in the cause of Christ, and zealously to all good works have made him an outstanding minister among his brethren. He now ministers at the Bungalo congregation, on Pecan Street, Memphis, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city the watchman worketh but in vain."
JOHN LOWREY
244 I. Pauline Cir E. 
Memphis, Tennessee

John Lowrey was baptized into the Church of Christ under the leadership of the late William H. Owens. He has been faithful to the cause of Christ, and has studied hard to better qualify himself for the ministry. He has been the minister of the congregation in Mason, Tennessee, practically ever since it was established by A. C. Holt. Brother Lowry uses his time in study and trying to help others see the truth.

WISE SAYING: "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps. You cannot depend on conscience, feeling, friends or anything else in the matter of your soul. It is simply a case of forgetting all else and all others and taking the plain truth of the gospel of Christ and continuing therein. Are you sure that you are practicing this in your case?"
WINSTON J. MASSIAH, PH. D., LL. D.  
1316 N. 57th Street  
West Philadelphia 31, Pennsylvania

Winston J. Massiah was born on the Island of Barbados, B. W. I. Being church inclined from a child his parents allowed him to join the choir of the St. Matthias, an Episcopal Church, at his home in the Island. At the age of eleven he changed his voice and began to sing alto in the same choir. He completed the elementary grades under the auspices of the Episcopal Church and then went to a boys' school, which was one of the outstanding schools on the Island. He then sat at the feet of Professors Cox and Collymore, of London, England. After a period of years under these learned men he went to Harrison's College, always with the desire to be a minister.

After leaving Harrison's College his heart still burned with that desire to become a minister of the gospel. His father and mother then sent him to a Baptist Seminary where he received his Ph. D. and LL. D. in South England.

Some years ago he came to America and was connected with the prominent Baptist Churches, both in New York and Philadelphia, but the knowledge and wisdom of the world will not satisfy the souls of men and women. After listening to a gospel sermon presented by a minister of the Church of Christ over the radio, Brother Massiah, without delay, heeded the call and hastened to contact the minister. He obeyed the gospel of Christ and was baptized for the remission of sins. He is a very capable man in the ministry of the Lord in Philadelphia.

WISE SAYING: "We speak where the Bible speaks; where the Bible is silent we are silent."
Bonnie Mathews, the son of Richard and Leona Mathews was born November 25, 1909, at Roberta, Georgia. He belonged to a family of twelve children—five brothers and seven sisters. His early school training was received in the public schools of Atlanta. In 1932 he married Miss Anna Ellis of Griffin, Georgia, who helps him greatly in the clerical work, draws his charts for him and is a wonderful help in the song services.

He obeyed the gospel in 1932, under the preaching of Brother James L. Catheron, of Wichita Falls, Texas, and began preaching in 1935.

Brother Mathews is a born leader and has a natural gift to serve mankind to the glory and honor of God. In the fall of 1943, after giving up his job that paid him well he entered the Nashville Christian Institute to take up his high school work and to become better prepared to preach the gospel of Christ. He is a man of few words, but stands on the doctrine of Christ as firm as the rock of Gibraltar. His mere presence is a power when he is not speaking.

Without question, Bonnie Mathews is a great asset to the Nashville Christian Institute.

He has a good collection of books in his private library and his leisure hours are spent in study and typing extracts that he has gathered from time to time.

He has done an outstanding work by taking the underage ministers with him and allowing them to develop their talent while he himself spreads the gospel of Christ. Although he is a young minister, he is a great builder. During his fifteen months stay at College Park Church of Christ he baptized thirty-five souls.

WISE SAYING: "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."
NATHAN McCLINTON
Senatobia, Mississippi

Nathan McClinton was born in Senatobia, Mississippi, August 22, 1904. He received school training from the public school there. In 1928 he married Miss Bobbie Harvey, who has greatly helped him in the ministry. In 1930 he put on Christ by baptism during a series of gospel meetings held by M. Keeble, of Nashville, Tennessee. He began preaching in 1932, and has had regular work at Thayatira and Kileton, in Mississippi, and at Sapleville, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: "An opportunity always makes good if you stick to it, but flies away from you if you neglect it."
MACK McCLOUD
210 Carrie Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Mack McCloud was born 1903, in Vidalia, Georgia, where he received his early school training. In 1931 he married Miss Salomia Lipscomb. He heard the gospel through the preaching of F. L. Thompson and was baptized into Christ in 1939. Determined to better equip himself for a greater service in the cause of the Lord, Brother McCloud took the eight weeks lecture course offered at the Nashville Christian Institute for ministers, in 1944. Like a progressive school teacher he does everything he can to make his lessons instructive and interesting to the ones he is teaching. To hear him once the desire is urgent to hear him again.

WISE SAYING: "A lie which is half the truth is ever the greatest of lies, since a lie which is all a lie may be met and fought with outright; but a lie which is part truth is a harder matter to fight."
E. B. McCollum was born 1863, in Alabama, and has contended for the one faith over sixty years. Brother McCollum is one of the pioneer ministers of the gospel who did a great work through much suffering and sacrifice for the cause of the Lord. His prayer, is he says, "At the end of life's journey here on earth may we all truthfully say as did the Apostle Paul in his letter to Timothy—"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge shall give me at that day, and not me only, but unto all them that love His appearance."

WISE SAYING: "There is no substitute for character."
German McGilbra was born February 7, 1909, at Midway, Texas. He obeyed the gospel in 1922, and was baptized by Brother Billy Childress. He married Miss Ola Lee Nash, also of Midway, and later moved to Dallas. He is the father of two boys. In 1941 he preached his first sermon and has been constantly growing in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

During the ministerial meetings held at the Nashville Christian Institute, in 1940, Brother McGilbra was present and gained recognition as an excellent debator. The young ministers there in training received many points from the manner in which he approaches his opponent. He does not waste time but makes full proof of the ministry.

WISE SAYING: “A man convinced against his will is of the same opinion still.”
Oneal McIntosh was born in Okolna, Mississippi. He obeyed the gospel through the preaching of T. P. Porter of Mississippi in 1891. He moved to Memphis, Tennessee, in 1904 and married Miss Mary Coleman in 1913. To this union two children were born. Brother McIntosh has been loyal to the cause of Christ for more than forty years, and kept the gospel fire burning around Memphis when hope was almost gone. Today there are five congregations of the Church of Christ in Memphis that reflect credit to the brotherhood. He now works at a mission near his home, 1621 Kansas Street, that he himself began. He worked for a long time at the Klondyke Church of Christ in Memphis Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: "Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven and thou upon earth; therefore let thy words be few."
THOMAS MILES
829 W. 8th Street
Port Arthur, Texas

Thomas Miles was born in Lafayette, Louisiana, in 1920. He was baptized into Christ by Ambrose Clay in 1940. He married Miss Irene Adams of Jasper, Texas, who has been a great strength to him in the ministry. Brother Miles attended the courses given at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1944.

WISE SAYING: "I wish therefore that all men should be as one in Christ."
LUKE MILLER
1034 Titisingh Avenue
Port Arthur, Texas

Luke Miller was born in Limestone County near Belle Mina, Alabama, March 16, 1904. His father passed away when he was very small and his mother moved to Decator, Alabama, when he was about six years old. There she reared him and sent him to school.

At nineteen he married Miss Mattie Lee Ballentine—a girl whom he had known and loved for a long time. She proved a great blessing to him. Soon after their marriage she obeyed the gospel and then another heard the call and obeyed so then he had the Church within his house where they worshiped each Lord's day. There he made his first talk in the defense of the doctrine of the Son of God.

His first sermon to an audience of any size was in a meeting M. Keeble was conducting in Florence, Alabama. He declares that he had studied hard and had a sermon that would have taken thirty minutes to deliver. The crowd excited him and he preached only three minutes. From the start Brother Keeble has helped and encouraged him as a father does his son. During the days when he first began to study for the ministry he had to spend quite a bit and lose many days getting off from his work to spend time with M. Keeble in revival meetings.

In June, 1935, he was called to Port Arthur, Texas, by the white Church of Christ. He still works with that congregation. He has held many meetings in new fields, being called and supported by white churches. These meetings have resulted in the establishment of more than twenty congregations, the largest of which is in Corsicana, Texas, with two hundred eighteen baptisms and five from the Christian Church. Altogether he has baptized over two thousand persons.

WISE SAYING: "Little self-denials, little honesties, little passing words of sympathy, little nameless acts of kindness, little silent victories over favorite temptations—these are the silent threads of gold which when woven together gleam out so brightly in the pattern of life that God approves."
H. E. Mitchell, Jr., was born in Burleson County, Deanville, Texas, on June 11, 1924. When seven or eight years of age his father moved to Lee County, Texas, where he attended school until he was about seventeen years of age.

In 1940 Brother E. W. Anderson of Lawton, Oklahoma, held a meeting at Giddings, Texas, and encouraged him to become a song leader. The experience of helping such a great man as Brother Anderson in that series of meetings caused him to grow both in the word of God and in favor with the people. The family then moved to Littlefield, Texas, and there he decided to devote his whole life to preaching the gospel. He was baptized by his grandfather in 1936, after hearing the gospel from the mouth of C. S. Gates.

His first sermon was preached in Lubback, Texas. From there he made his home in Lawton, where he was in constant contact with Brother E. W. Anderson, who has unquestionably played a definite part in shaping the life of this young man. He is now in Fort Worth, Texas, under the tutorship of Brother J. S. Winston, another man of God who has not failed to give unto him the words of life without addition or subtraction.

Herbert Mitchell is a young man who inclines his ear unto wisdom and applies his heart unto understanding; that he may walk in the way of good men and keep the path of righteousness.

WISE SAYING:

"Not that joy and peace infold me; Not that wealth and pleasure hold me, But that I may dry a tear, Speak a word of strength and cheer On the way."
Joe N. Mitchell was born in the rural district near Caldwell, Texas, September 25, 1898 to the family of Johnnie and Bessie Mitchell.

He entered the public school in his community at the age of seven and completed the fourth grade, after which he was forced to work regularly on the farm to help his father support the family. At the age of fourteen he obeyed the gospel and was baptized for the remission of sins. When seventeen years of age he left home and joined the armed forces of the United States, serving one year and ten months. The ten months were served overseas. He says his parents continued to warn him of the danger in not living faithful to the cause of Christ. On his return from the Army, he went to Fort Worth, Texas. There he married at the age of twenty-one. His bride passed from labor to reward the same year. He then moved to Tulsa, Oklahoma, and married Miss Massie Coleman of Tyler, Texas. In 1930 he came back to the Church and made his confession and his wife was baptized into the body of Christ by Brother S. A. Andrews.

He says both he and his wife are happy to be members of the one body of Christ.

WISE SAYING:

"Friends, I am on my way.
I am traveling to that land of endless day.
God hath not promised skies always blue,
Flowers strewn on our lives through.
God hath not promised sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow, peace without pain,
But God has promised strength for all Christians."
Cottry Moore was born in Holly Springs, Mississippi, August 28, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Moore. From his home town the family moved to Jackson, Tennessee. In 1932 he obeyed the gospel and was baptized for the remission of sins and began to preach the same year.

Brother Moore is of a quiet disposition and unassuming. He has something that is better than precious ointment—a good name. He is minister at Mt. Clemmons Church of Christ in Detroit, Michigan.

WISE SAYING:
I will keep my mind and body
Sound and flexible and pure;
I will give my time and study
To the things that long endure.

I will do what I am able
To advance a worthy cause;
I will strive to lessen evil
And obey God's righteous laws.
Russell H. Moore was born March 9, 1913, in Carbondale, Kansas, to Mr. and Mrs. Havis A. Moore. When a babe two months old, his parents moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he went to school and grew to manhood.

In 1932 M. Keeble and Luke Miller conducted a series of gospel meetings in Wichita just one block from Brother Moore’s home. After hearing two sermons of the gospel message, he was thoroughly convinced and was baptized two weeks later.

The subject of his first sermon was God’s Great Insurance Company. In 1935 he married Miss Alberta Teague of Muskogee, Oklahoma, whom he says actually made him the preacher he is today. She passed from labor to reward and he married Miss Annie Mae Butler, who has continued to encourage him in the work of the Lord, he says.

His experience and contact as an athlete while he was in school have given him great tact and talent in dealing with the public. In making his arguments in the defense of the gospel of Christ, he makes his illustrations so clear, and drives home his points with such precision that his audiences almost yell for joy; yet they contain for fear of missing a link in his chain of thoughts. He is an excellent debater, always allowing his opponent the benefit of the doubt, but never compromising the truth, not even to a hair’s breadth. He attended the ministers’ Lecture Courses given at the Nashville Institute in 1944. He has labored regularly with congregations in St. Louis, Kansas City, and Springfield, Missouri; Dallas, Texas; Huntsville and Mobile, Alabama; Jacksonville and Miami, Florida. He established congregations in Pratt, Kansas, and Sampson, Alabama.

WISE SAYING: “When a weakling makes a mistake he tries to cover it up. When a man of courage makes one he tries to correct it.”
R. M. Moore was born in Texarcana, Arkansas, in 1921 and his parents moved to Shreveport, Louisiana, when he was an infant. He grew and attended school there until he was eleven years old. He then moved to Fort Worth and continued his schooling. At the age of thirteen, he entered the work of Commercial Printing under the leadership of Professor G. W. Williams of Fort Smith and remained there for eight years. In course of time he met Miss Verneta Harper of Ennis, Texas, and she became his wife in 1939. They have two children—a boy and a girl.

In 1940, through the preaching of Brother Sutton Johnson of Montgomery, Alabama, he heard the gospel call and was baptized for the remission of sins. The following year, through a men's training class supervised by a Brother H. K. Talley of Fort Worth, he was inspired to preach the gospel. Since then he has been encouraged by faithful followers of the cross of Christ, Brothers J. S. Winston, T. B. Smith, Sisters Miller, Moore and others, he says.

WISE SAYING: "By the overcoming of difficulties strength is acquired and one attains that which otherwise remains impossible; and what is more significant, without the overcoming of difficulties strength is never attained. He who never struggles remains a weakling."
L. B. MORRISON
214 W. S. S. Boulevard
Muskogee, Oklahoma

L. B. Morrison is a young minister in the gospel of Christ, but a faithful one. The passing of his dear wife recently was not only a shock and a heavy loss to him, but to the church as well. These two good people worked as one for the cause of Him Who doeth all things well. Brother Morrison labors with the congregation at Haskell, Oklahoma, and is giving great service there. Often he is called upon to assist in the work of the congregation at Muskogee, being always ready to do all the good he can to everybody he can and everywhere he can.

WISE SAYING:

“There are many who need the kind words we can give—
The aged, the poor, the distressed.
And the heart that is lavish in showing its gifts.
Is the heart that is truly blest.”
C. Murray was born in 1910 at Tampa, Florida. He obeyed the gospel in 1927 and was baptized by M. Keeble for the remission of sins. He has worked with the Harlem Congregation in New York City, New York.

He says the work grew from about five in membership at that time to one hundred fifty at present. He is now working with the Brooklyn Congregation, 52 Albany Avenue, Brooklyn, New York.

WISE SAYING: "Happy is the man that findeth wisdom and the man that getteth understanding."
R. F. Nunley was born in Hickman County, near Centerville, Tennessee, in 1891. He obeyed the gospel in 1917, when congregations of the blood-bought church were few and far between. In 1918 he married Miss Adell Tarkington. To this union triplets were born—two boys and one girl. As far as known, they are the only triplets in the Church of Christ. They are now sixteen or seventeen years old.

In June, 1918, Brother Nunley was drafted in World War I, but being a conscientious objector, he served all his time in prison. He was discharged October 11, 1919. He began to preach in 1922. Brother Nunley has proved both in word and in deed that men ought to obey God rather than man. He is laboring with the Beach Grove Congregation, Brownsville, Tennessee, and his home congregation at Martin, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: “Common sense is good judgment applied to every day things of life, and tact is doing these without disturbing others and considering their feelings with as much care as you do your own.”
WILLIAM HULBERT OWENS
Memphis, Tennessee
(Deceased)

William Hulbert Owens was born November, 1892, in Williamson County, Tennessee. He received his early school training in and around Franklin, Tennessee. Later he went to school in Nashville, Tennessee. He obeyed the gospel in 1906 and was baptized for the remission of sins by Alexander Campbell of Nashville, Tennessee. He began to preach soon thereafter. In 1922 he married Mrs. Allie C. Irving and moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where he worked with the Church of Christ in that section. In 1930, when the cause of Christ was at its lowest ebb in Christian work, William H. Owens stepped in and did a work that no man could do "except God be with him." He built up the Iowa and Lauderdale Streets congregation (the only one among the colored at that time) from a few who met each Lord's Day to a full house each Lord's Day for worship. The Orange Mound Congregation also was established under his administration. Brother Owens was a wide awake minister of the gospel and sought every opportunity to further the gospel of Christ.

In debates he was excellent. His opponents were always made to see the truth as it is written, whether they acknowledged it or not. Unfortunately, in 1934 while enroute to Fort Smith, Arkansas, he fell sick and never regained his health.

He passed November 31, 1937, at the Western State Hospital. Extract from an article written to the Christian Echo in 1934.

WISE SAYING: "May God help the little gods to see the truth and all disciples to lay aside every weight and the sin and be Christ-like in example."
During a series of gospel meetings held in Memphis, Tennessee, some years ago by Evangelist A. C. Holt, a fine young man walked out in the face of great opposition and obeyed the gospel and was baptized. That man was in the person of Alonzo N. Patterson. From the beginning it seemed that he was completely consumed by the word of God. He lost no time, but at once began his work in the church by reading the Scripture for Brother Holt. He grew strong and was soon able to eat meat, studying the Scriptures to know them in order to teach them to others. Never for argument just for argument's sake. Even though he may have favorite ministers, he never imitates. His manner of presenting his sermons is original. He preaches Christ and not himself. Few young ministers have made greater progress in the cause of Christ than Alonzo Patterson.

He has served several years at Bonham, Texas.

WISE SAYING:

"Judge not the Lord by feeble sense
But trust him for his grace
Behind a frowning Providence
He hides a smiling face."
J. W. PENNINGTON  
R. F. D. 4  
Coatsville, Pennsylvania

J. W. Pennington was born in 1867 and obeyed the gospel at the age of sixteen. He united in marriage with Miss Amy McPherson and fourteen children were born to that union—seven boys and seven girls. He has preached the gospel more than fifty-five years, and has established six congregations, served as deacon, elder, minister and evangelist. At present he is serving as elder. He says nothing pays so well as a faithful Christian life. He has carried the gospel to many sections of this country and is still in active service for the cause of the Lord.

WISE SAYING:

"Much of our hasty life is gone, nor will it return again. Swift the passing moments run and few that yet remain. Let us watch and be sober, for our sun will soon go down."
A. E. PERKINS
4031 Rockwood
Indianapolis, Indiana

A. E. Perkins was born September 2, 1897, at Hillsboro, Tennessee. At the age of ten years he obeyed the gospel and was baptized for the remission of sins. The family moved to Nashville and there he attended school. Lord’s Day morning he was always found in the service of the Lord. It was in his early life he says that he was so impressed with the faithfulness of two sisters that he purposed in his heart to preach the gospel that others might have a chance to live for Christ also.

On August 5, 1929, he married Miss Osie D. Williams. To this union seven children were born. Sister Perkins obeyed the gospel a few months after her marriage and has been a faithful wife, mother and companion. Journeys don’t get too long nor the weather too cold for her to go with her husband to the services of God.

He preached his first sermon in 1931 and began his evangelistic work in 1934. He has traveled through the south, north and west and established congregations here and there. He is now working with a congregation that he established and it is said that they are well trained in the word of God and all have a mind to work. He is not the man who chooses the easy way—following the line of least resistance. Instead, he meets handicaps with a smile and accepts situations that present difficulties and then overcomes them.

WISE SAYING:

“To keep your friends
Since they are few
Learn to paddle
Your own Canoe.”
E. D. Phillips, a minister and evangelist, is an earnest contender for the one faith of the gospel of Christ. He has traveled extensively for that one purpose, preaching nothing save Jesus and Him crucified. He is known throughout the Brotherhood for his courage to stand for what he believes to be right.

He is the regular minister at the Horton Street Church of Christ in Nashville, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING:

"The world is full of beauty,
As other worlds above;
And if we would do our duty,
We would fill it full of love."
George Reeves was born at Gainesville, Georgia, October 28, 1901, and was added to the Church of Christ in 1926. In 1939 he preached his first sermon under the leadership of Alonzo Jones of Chattanooga, Tennessee. He attended the lecture courses given at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1944. Brother Reeves is faithful to the cause of Christ and gives his wife the credit for helping him to faithfully carry out the commandments of God.

WISE SAYING: “If you have truth to utter, speak and leave the rest to God.”
James Reese was born in Lynchburg, Tennessee, and attended the public schools there. In 1897 he was baptized for the remission of sins by J. W. Smith of the same town. In 1912 he married Mrs. Margaret Jarnett, who lived faithfully to him and the church until death. He moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and labored faithfully with that congregation for many years. He then moved to Nashville, where he labors with the Sixth Street Church of Christ in East Nashville.

Brother Reese is as steady as a clock in the army of the Lord. He knows no discouragement whatever may come, and takes life with a smile.

WISE SAYING:
See not what you should not see,
Hear not what you should not hear,
Say not what you should not say.
Let your yea be yea and your nay be nay.
Wm. Roberson, a well known gospel preacher, was born at Christiana, Tennessee, a few miles from Nashville. He married Miss Fannie Gates, also of Christiana. They moved to Murfreesboro, Tennessee, where they were blessed with a large family. Brother Roberson was not a traveling minister, but he did what he could to spread the gospel of Christ to his neighbors and kept the church alive at Murfreesboro.

His home was the preacher's home and his doors were always opened to friends and brethren.

"Blessed are they that do his Commandments, that they may have a right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city."
George Robin, now minister and song leader, left the Adventist Church and was baptized into the Church of Christ for the remission of sins in Atlanta, Georgia. Having a good literary training and the ambition to accomplish something in a tangible way for the cause of Christ he soon found himself in the ministry. For the most part his work has been with congregations but he does evangelistic work very effectively.

During the lecture courses given for ministers at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1944 Brother Robin played an important part in all the activities for the advancement of the institution. His musical attainments tinged with a bit of humor served as a drawing card among young people; thus giving him a wonderful opportunity to gain young souls for Christ. He is now working with the congregation in Muskogee.

WISE SAYING: "It is not enough for one to simply go to Church, he must get into the Church and work to receive the benefits."
A. J. Rodgers, a very talented young minister, was born in Chicago, Illinois, September 2, 1889. His parents moved South when he was young and there he was sent to school.

At an early age he enlisted in the United States Navy and remained there for ten years. While with the armed forces he sailed the seven seas, mingled with the great peoples of the earth, visited the outlying possessions of his country and learned many useful trades. He received an honorable discharge from the Navy and in 1930 married Miss Beatrice Briggs, of Louisiana, who with her kind and gentle disposition has helped to mould a life that is very valuable to the cause of Christ.

In 1935 he obeyed the gospel of the Son of God through the preaching of M. Keeble and was baptized for the remission of sins.

A. J. Rodgers may truly be called a man of five talents—an artist, a brick mason, a marble and tile setter, a minister of the gospel, and a song leader. He has a painting in the museum of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, worth over seven hundred dollars. He makes charts for ministers of any design throughout the brotherhood.

His first sermon was preached in 1936. He has the most profound respect for Brother Luke Miller, giving him the credit for much of his success as a gospel preacher. Brother Rodgers is a man of vision who can make a way out of no way create an interest for good wherever his lot may chance to fall. He attended the ministers’ lecture courses given at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1944.

WISE SAYING: “For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ not only to believe on Him but also to suffer for His sake.”
Elmo Roundtree was born November 30, 1916, in Lyon County, Georgia. He grew to manhood and married Miss Malissa Newton of Valdosta in 1936. To them two children were born. In 1939 he was baptized for the remission of sins by D. M. English. In 1940 he made his first appearance before the public as a minister of the gospel of Christ. He took the advantage of the courses offered to ministers at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1940.

WISE SAYING: “Each day you and I are leaving a record of what we are in every life that touches our own.”
Alonzo Rose was born to Mr. and Mrs. Early Rose in 1916 at Valdosta, Georgia. His father died when he was only nine years old, leaving his mother with five children to support. She labored with her own hands and gave all of them a fair learning.

After finishing the grammar grades, Brother Rose entered the Tipton high school of Georgia but was forced to leave and help his mother provide for the family. In 1936 he married a Christian girl, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnnie Butler, who caused him to be religiously inclined. He soon identified himself with the Christian Church. He was there encouraged to study for the ministry. After preaching five sermons in the Christian Church he attended the Church of Christ and began to study the Bible. He says his conscience and his wife soon condemned him and he submitted to the doctrine of Christ and was baptized into the Church of Christ by D. M. English in 1940. Two months later, he began to preach Christ and Him crucified according to the Scriptures.

William Whittaker succeeded D. M. English as minister at Valdosta. It was through Brother Whittaker that Brother Rose held his first tent meeting in Tallahassee, Florida. This particular meeting lasted eight days and two precious souls were saved. In the meantime, in 1943, Brother Whittaker's health failed him and the congregation at Valdosta desired Brother Rose to fill his place as minister. He accepted and has served them well. He has established work in two other places for the Lord.

Brother Rose has a natural gift in delivering the message of the Saviour of the world. His thoughts are so pointed and so well organized that his hearers never tire throughout his discourse.

WISE SAYING:
"You are writing a gospel,
A chapter a day,
By the deeds that you do,
Or the words that you say.
We read what you write,
Whether faithless or true.
Say! What is the gospel,
According to you?"
Louis Rutledge was born in Winchester, Tennessee, August 5, 1887. He moved to Memphis in 1905. After spending a number of years in the Baptist Church he heard A. C. Holt in a series of gospel meetings held in Memphis and he began to study the Scriptures to prove that the doctrine Brother Holt was preaching was wrong. He read himself out of the Baptist church and was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins under the leadership of the late William H. Owens in 1934.

He was very zealous from the start, attending every service held at the house of worship. At that time there were only a few faithful brethren there so he studied hard that he might be of service and his work would be acceptable in the sight of God. In time he was appointed elder of that congregation, an office he has ever desired he said. He has ever been mindful that he was a servant of God and must remain humble at all times. He united his efforts with Brother Owens to evangelize Memphis. After the passing of Brother Owens Brother G. E. Steward came and the good work was continued. Today Memphis has a fine representation of the true followers of Christ.

Brother Rutledge is faithful to the cause of Christ and is always found at the place at worship on all occasions. He is now assistant Minister at the Iowa and Lauderdale Streets congregations, and has been appointed to help Brother D. M. English at the Klondyke Church of Christ, in Memphis, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: "Fight the troubles that you have in hand today and you will gain skill to fight those of tomorrow."
Paul Settles was born to Cornelius and Mariah Settles at Cordova, Tennessee, in 1908. He is the youngest of nine children born to that family. He graduated from the public school of Shelby County. Later he moved to Memphis, Tennessee and took private lessons in literary work. In 1938 he married Miss Leana Epps, of Memphis, Tennessee. One child was born to them. Under the leadership of G. E. Steward he was baptized into Christ in 1939.

Brother Settles is a wide awake young minister growing every day in favor with God and man for his work’s sake. He has served in a regular way as assistant minister at the Klondyke Church of Christ in Memphis and as regular minister at Kileton, Mississippi. At present he is the regular minister at one of the large Churches of Christ in Texas.

WISE SAYING: “I am conscious of the fact that I stand between go and woe.”
Ulers Shields was born near Collierville, Tennessee and attended the public schools of Shelby County.

He was baptized into the church of Christ under the leadership of G. E. Steward while he worked with the Iowa and Lauderdale Streets congregation in Memphis, Tennessee.

Brother Shields and his dear wife made a great sacrifice for the cause, while they were yet babes in Christ. They would drive over two hundred miles on Lord’s Day and carry other Ministers to further the cause of the Lord. Brother and Sister Shields are now with Brother Bowser at the Bowser Christian Institute, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

WISE SAYING:

"Some one said it couldn’t be done,
But he with a chuckle replied
But maybe it couldn’t be, but he would be one
Who wouldn’t say so till he tried.
So he buckled right in with a trace of a grin
On his face; if he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn’t be done—and he did it."
H. S. Simmons was born in Macon, Mississippi. He has a good foundation in literary training and makes full proof of the ministry. In 1915 he married Miss Ollie Harris and to this union five children were born.

In 1922 he was baptized for the remission of sins by M. Keeble after serving as minister both in the Baptist and Sanctified churches.

Brother Simmons' preaching of the gospel is exactly like his manner of living—a quiet, gentle, steady pace in the footsteps of the Master. His sermons are like an even, steady rain to a dry, thirsty earth. One may forget him but his sermons are not soon forgotten. His sermon on “The Garbage Can” is perhaps the one that startles his hearers to the extent that they will always remember him. He moves his audiences with singing of hymns and spiritual songs for he certainly sings with the spirit and the understanding.

His work has been in a regular way in Alabama, Georgia and Florida. Brother Simmons attended the Lecture Courses offered at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1944.

WISE SAYING: “This is an evil day and we all need to have on the whole armour of God so we will be able to withstand the wiles of the Devil.”
Jackson Simmons was born April, 1916, in Georgia. He went to Magolina Grammar School and completed the course, and attended the Dasher High School and was promoted to the twelfth grade. He then left Georgia and went to New Jersey and resumed his studies. He was baptized for remission of sins by M. Keeble in Valdosta, Georgia, in 1930. He has been preaching about ten years.

WISE SAYING: "In all thy ways acknowledge him and he will direct thy paths."
Robert Simmons was born in Valdosta, Georgia, April 25, 1912 to Annie and James Simmons. He was reared in his home town and attended the Magnolia High School. At the age of twelve he went into the Baptist Church but when he heard Brothers M. Keeble and Luke Miller preaching the gospel of the Son of God he obeyed at the age of seventeen and was baptized by Brother Luke Miller. He began to preach at the age of nineteen and was married to Miss Lucy Smith the following year.

Brother Simmons has worked with five congregations—three in Georgia, one in Oklahoma and the present one in Corsicana, where he has labored for nearly three years. He has baptized around seventy-five persons, and restored over one hundred to fellowship. Many improvements have been made of the property. He says he and his wife are grateful to God for all such blessings. He has held gospel meetings in Florida, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico.

WISE SAYING: "One opportunity that we make ours is the surest means of securing another, even though the first may not come with shining crowns of diamonds and gold."
Era Smalling was born in Wartrace, Tennessee, and attended the public schools of Bedford County. He moved to Nashville, Tennessee in 1894. He obeyed the gospel and was baptized for the remission of his sins in 1914 by Alexander Campbell, of Nashville. He married Miss Pauline Howland, of Nashville, who has been a great power to him in the ministry. He preached his first sermon in 1916. Brother Smalling is of an even temperament, very pleasant among his brethren, always showing out of a good conversation his works with meekness of wisdom. His work in the cause of Christ has been commendable and has worked with the following congregations: Bellbuckle and Shelbyville in Tennessee, Decatur, Alabama and Louisville, Kentucky.

WISE SAYING: “Now I beseech you brethren by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no division among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.”
Lonnie Smith, a minister and song leader, is one of the only two national song leaders in the Brotherhood. He traveled extensively with M. Keeble, the Nationally known evangelist, for three years in succession.

Brother Smith, like Moses, is one of the meekest men in all the earth. He is faithful and true to the cause of his Lord and Master and is always found at his post in whatever work he undertakes. To know him is to admire him for his loyalty and faithfulness in spreading the Kingdom of God.

WISE SAYING "He who does the best his circumstance allows, does well; angels could do no better."
Robert Smith was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith, January 27, 1912, in Monroe County, Arkansas. His early school training was in the rural districts in his home state. He finished the eleventh grade and later spent two and one-half years in the Bowser Christian Institute, Fort Smith, Arkansas. In 1926 he obeyed the gospel under the preaching of the late Alonzo Jones, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was baptized by William Ford, an elder in the Mt. Union Church of Christ, one of the oldest congregations in the state of Arkansas.

Leaving Fort Smith, he moved to Detroit, Michigan, where he has spent eight years under the tutorship of D. J. Bynum, whose ability as a Bible teacher is unquestionable. Brother Smith is making rapid progress as a young minister of the gospel. He is the assistant minister of the Cameron Avenue Church of Christ, Detroit, Michigan.

WISE SAYING: “The battle is not given to the strong, nor the race to the swift, but he that holds out and proves faithful to the end shall receive the reward.”
G. E. STEWARD
2719 McGown Street
Houston, Texas

G. E. Steward, the modern day wonder in the gospel ministry, was born in Texas. Being handicapped from the loss of his eyesight he was educated in a school for the blind in the state of Texas, and has the record of being a brilliant student.

He obeyed the gospel after listening to G. P. Bowser in a series of gospel meetings and was baptized for the remission of sins. He is well read in the Bible and keeps abreast with the times from news of his radio and information from Sister Ella Steward, his wife. Sister Steward has rendered a wonderful service to the cause of Christ in being the eyes and faithful companion to her husband. In an instant she can inform him of everything needful for him to know concerning his audiences without even being noticed. She works the whole scheme with such skill that the onlookers are, at times, tempted to wonder if he is really and truly without sight.

Brother Steward did a marvelous work in Memphis, Tennessee the five or more years he was connected with the Iowa and Lauderdale Streets congregation. His gentle manner in presenting the teachings of Christ and his ability to work his way into the hearts of the people have caused his services to be in great demand throughout the Brotherhood. He has worked in many sections of the country. He is one of the staff writers of The Christian Echo, published in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

WISE SAYING: "The man who knows the strength of the tide is the man who is swimming against it, not the one who is floating with it. Success is made in cans and not can'ts."
In 1907 J. H. Stewart and Miss Lelia Jamerson married at Capleville, Tennessee. On July 18, 1909, James H. Stewart Jr. was born to that union. At the age of 14 he moved with the family to Memphis, Tennessee and he, with his brothers and sisters, attended the public schools.

In 1931 he married Miss Willie Mae Nelson, of Memphis, Tennessee, and a girl was born to them. He obeyed the gospel in 1932 during a series of gospel meetings held by M. Keeble in Memphis. In his own words, he says: "I started preaching one Sunday afternoon in the month of June, 1934, in the front yard of my father's home. That is one sermon I shall never forget. My efforts to preach the gospel have been no exception but like all others I have been confronted with many difficulties. I am thankful to God for my wife who has labored side by side with me from the start until this day."

Brother Stewart, like Timothy of old—from a child he has known the Holy Scriptures and the unfeigned faith that is in him first dwelt in his grandmother and in his mother. He was steeped in the gospel of the Son of God long before he reached the teen age. He has worked and held meetings in various states, including:

In January, 1938, Fort Smith, Arkansas, five baptisms; Tittersville congregation in Birmingham, Alabama, 20 baptisms.

He has established six congregations since he has been in the ministry. Now he is regular minister at the Highland Park congregation, Detroit, Michigan.

WISE SAYING: "Give a man a taste for reading and the means for gratifying it, and you place him in contact with the best society in every period of history with the wisest, the Wittiest, the tenderest, the bravest and the truest characters who have adorned humanity."
Richard D. Taylor was born in Murray County, Tennessee, in 1892. He married Miss Carry McGill, of Hampshire, Tennessee, and to this union two children were born. He obeyed the gospel in 1912 and has been preaching more than twenty years.

Brother Taylor is a fearless minister of the gospel of Christ. In spirit and in heart he is meek and humble as a lamb, but when he thinks the doctrine of the Son of God is being attacked by the enemy he is as hard and uncompromising as truth, and stands as bold and daring as a lion. He has labored with the congregations in Fulton, Kentucky; Henderson, Tennessee; Fairfield in Nashville, and is now regular minister at the Green Street Church of Christ, in Nashville, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: “The wicked fleeth when no man pursueth, but the righteous are as bold as a lion.”
F. L. THOMPSON
1310 Court R. Ensley
Birmingham, Alabama

F. L. Thompson was born in Florence, Alabama, and received his early school training in the public schools of Florence. In 1921 he married Miss Iona Houston, also of Alabama. While working in a factory in Nashville, Tennessee, Brother Anderson Perkins guided him in the way of righteousness and he put on Christ by baptism in 1931 and began preaching the next year.

Brother Thompson is the “Salt of the earth” type—always seeking to save that which is lost. He is one of the associate editors of the Christian Counselor, a religious paper published monthly by M. Keeble, of Nashville, Tennessee. His articles show traces of deep conscientious thinking and reverence for the Word of God.

He has established three congregations and preached the gospel of Christ in Tennessee, Georgia, Florida, Maryland, Alabama, Ohio, and Washington, D. C. He attended the ministerial courses given at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1944.

WISE SAYING:

“If wisdom’s ways you’d wisely seek
Five things observe with care:
Of whom you speak; to whom you speak
And how, and when and where.”
Brother Joel Thompson was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins by M. Keeble, 1935, at Tyler, Texas. He began preaching the following year. He began a congregation within his home at Bascom community, seven miles east of Tyler, with only five in number. It has grown to twenty-three members. For the short time he has been in the church Brother Thompson baptized over forty persons.

WISE SAYING: "The frontiers are not east or west or north or south, but wherever a man fronts a fact."
OLIVER THOMPSON
3210 Tarbett St.
Nashville, Tenn.

Oliver Thompson was born March 10, 1895, in Nashville, Tennessee. He received his early school training at Fisk University. He obeyed the gospel under Preston Taylor of Nashville, Tennessee, in 1916. In 1919 he married Miss Jessie Avant of Nashville and to this union six children were born. He preached his first sermon in 1937.

Brother Thompson is the assistant minister at the Jefferson St. Church of Christ and is well thought of by that congregation. He also preaches for out-of-town congregations in Dickerson, Chaistianna, and Centerville, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING:
“Self is the only poison that can ever bind the soul.
Love is the only angel who can bid the gates unroll;
And when He comes to call thee, arise and follow fast;
His way may lie through darkness, but it leads to light at last.”
Orom Lee Trone was born in Lom, Ala., Jan. 24, 1915. At the age of six years his parents moved to Detroit, Michigan where he was reared and sent to school. He attended both the Miller Intermediate and the Duffield Elementary Schools of Detroit and graduated from the Cass Technical High School in the same city.

He was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins at an early age. Being under the influence of Christian parents and his father being a song leader Brother Trone has always been active in Christian work.

In 1938 he was married to Miss Christine Lewis and two children were born to this family. Sister Trone has been a faithful wife to him he says and a very lovely mother to their children. His interest is always her interest and they both work for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

He is young in the ministry of the gospel but safe and sound in the doctrine; always bearing the mark of Christ in his body. His actions prove that he believes to the glory and honor of God. Brother Trone has been laboring with the congregation at Pontiac, Mich., since 1943.

WISE SAYING: "May I so live before men that they may see my good works and glorify my Father which is in heaven."
Burl Trotter was born March 6, 1901 in Taylor, Texas. Having lost both father and mother he was taken to Fort Worth, Texas at the age of two years to live with his grandmother. She sent him to school where he remained until he completed elementary grades. He says that his grandmother was very religious and her strict manner of handling him was a blessing to him.

He was brought up in the Baptist faith, but when he learned the gospel way of salvation through the preaching of Paul D. English he obeyed it and was baptized for the remission of sins in 1937. His wife, Aliff Trotter, obeyed one year later and he says she has been much help to him in the gospel. This is his third year with the Stop Six Church of Christ.

WISE SAYING: "The man or woman who has no strong purpose in life is deliberately and unnecessarily denying himself or herself the blessings life freely offers."
Albert Tucker was born in Louisville, Kentucky. He united in marriage to Miss Louise Roberts, also of Louisville, in 1906. Brother and Sister Tucker have both been models in doing what their hands found to do to the glory and honor of God. They worked side by side and served all who were in need as far as they were able to reach until December 28, 1936, when Sister Tucker was called from labor to reward. If the truth were known, no doubt many stood by in that sad hour weeping and thinking of the deeds that Sister Tucker did while she was with them, as was the case with Dorcas mentioned in the new testament.

Brother Tucker began to preach in 1922. He devotes the most of his time in searching the Scriptures that he might save himself and them that hear him. His illustrations of the Scriptures to persons in their every-day lives are unsurpassed. When asked how a person could keep evil thoughts from the mind, he replied: “Take the word of God and cut them down just as you would cut a weed down in your flower garden.”

WISE SAYING: “For wisdom is a defense and money is a defense, but the excellency of knowledge is that wisdom giveth life to them that have it.”
E. L. Turner put on Christ by baptism in 1894 when the truth of the gospel was little known in that section of the country. He began preaching two years later. Through much opposition he says he succeeded in establishing the congregation in Wabbaseka. The value of such men as E. L. Turner and other valiant soldiers of the Cross cannot be estimated by frail human beings. Their work is a challenge for young people today and will be for generations yet to come.

WISE SAYING: “For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, no height, nor depth, nor any other creature shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
Andrew Vanleer was born February 26, 1885, at Una, Tennessee, a small town near Nashville. He attended school at Una and later in Nashville. He obeyed the gospel in 1911 and was baptized by James Burroughs for the remission of his sins. He began preaching in 1926 and has contended earnestly for the one faith over thirty years. He is minister at the State St. Church of Christ in Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Since laboring with that congregation he has built the membership up to nearly one hundred members and erected a spacious building in which to worship.

WISE SAYING: "Our greatest glory consists not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall."
John R. Vaughner, a well-known minister and one of the associate editors of the Christian Counselor, was born in Alabama. He obeyed the gospel after listening to the evangelist, M. Keeble, in a series of gospel meetings, and later himself began to preach the same gospel.

Brother Vaughner is one of the most successful ministers in the field because of the simplicity in which he presents the truth. It has been said if Brother Vaughner is not able to show a person the way of salvation the case is almost hopeless. He has preached in many sections of the country and caused many souls to renounce the hidden things of darkness and come into the kingdom of God's dear Son. The State of Florida has been greatly benefitted through the preaching of this great man. At present he is with the St. Petersburg congregation at St. Petersburg, Florida.

WISE SAYING: “Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh when thou shalt say I have no pleasure in them; While the sun or the light, or the moon or the stars be not darkened; Nor the clouds returned after the rain. In the day when the keepers of the house shall tremble and the strong men shall bow themselves and the grinders cease because they are few and those that look out of the windows be darkened.”
Bennie Vinson, a well known minister of the gospel of Christ, has lived in and around Nashville, Tennessee, over thirty years. He has preached the gospel many times under adverse circumstances. His work has been very commendable. He has labored with the congregations at Obion and other points in West Tennessee.

WISE SAYING:

"Others may do a greater work
But you have your part to do;
And no one in all God's heritage
Can do it so well as you."
C. W. WEBSTER
Route 2, Box 198
Haynesville, Louisiana

C. W. Webster was born January 10, 1888, in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana. His father, who still lives, is a Methodist preacher, and C. W. Webster was reared in the C. M. E. Church. He received his early school training in the rural schools of Louisiana. In his early teens he entered Homer Seminary, where he spent two years and at the age of nineteen completed high school at Minden Union High School, Minden, Louisiana. Later he studied a short time through correspondence with LaSalle Extension University, Chicago, Ill.

On October 16, 1930, he married Miss Emma Nevada Stovall, a member of the Missionary Baptist Church. To this union God blessed them with three children. In 1938, Brother and Sister Webster both obeyed the gospel and were baptized for the remission of sins. He has been preaching regularly since that time.

Many souls have made the good confession and been baptized through the preaching of this good man.

WISE SAYING: “It is the lasting reputation for honesty and fair dealing that brings a man up to the standard of success.”
John Oscar Williams, the son of Mr. John Henry and Mrs. Annie Williams, was born April 19, 1910 at Mount Vernon, Georgia. He received his school training at Vidalia Industrial High School in Vidalia, Georgia. In 1930 he obeyed the gospel under M. Keeble; married Miss Gertrude Jones of Valdosta, Georgia, and began preaching. He is a faithful minister of the gospel of Christ. He makes friends by the recipe that the wise man gives—"He that would have friends must show himself friendly." He has done a great work in helping to make the Nashville Christian Institute a strong Christian school.

Brother Williams is Editor of the Crusader—the school paper of the N. C. I. He is minister of Jackson St. Church of Christ, the oldest congregation in Nashville among the Colored. Within the past four years that he has labored with this congregation, he has paid off a six hundred dollar debt, and raised the Lord's Day contribution from ten and twelve dollars to fifty and seventy-five dollars each Lord's Day. He has traveled extensively with Brother Keeble as song leader and has had many invitations to go back and hold meetings where he has traveled for the cause of Christ.

He has ministered in the following places: Macon, Georgia; Lakeland, Florida; Kansas City, Mo.; Mobile, Alabama, and his present post.

WISE SAYING: "Promise yourself... To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind. To talk health, happiness, and prosperity to every one you meet. To think only of the best to work only for the best and expect only the best. To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others."
La Salle Williams, minister and song leader, was born Sept. 18, 1912 to Mr. Guss and Mrs. Edna Williams in Granada County, Miss. He is the older of their two sons. He graduated from the Greenwood Industrial High School, Greenwood, Miss., in 1934. At one time he was the religious editor and distribution manager of the Greenwood Journal published in Greenwood, Miss.

In 1938 he obeyed the gospel call under the leadership of G. E. Stewart and was baptized for the remission of sins. He took the sacred vows in matrimony with Miss Willie Bell Petty, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Petty. To this union three children were born.

Brother Williams is an unusually fore-sighted young man. He fully realizes that the progress of the church today is hinged on trained leadership. To meet this demand he sacrificed his home and the material things held dear to his heart and entered the George Pepperdine College to better equip himself for the Ministry. He is a man who knows what he wants and takes a dead aim at his goal. He never whines nor complains over difficulties. He finds a way or makes one.

WISE SAYING:

The Way

"Only one way I shall go—the way my Saviour trod up Golgotha's knoll. For in this on me His grace bestowed And for that grace I patiently toil through good or ill For I know only one Law—To do my Master's will."
E. R. Wilson was born August 22, 1913, at Stanley, North Carolina. He moved to Statesville in 1935 and was baptized into Christ by the late Alonzo Jones of Chattanooga in 1936. Desiring to better prepare himself for the ministry he entered the Nashville Christian Institute in 1943. He has served as minister at five congregations in North Carolina.

WISE SAYING: “Lost yesterday, somewhere between sunrise and sunset, two golden hours, each set with sixty diamond minutes. No reward is offered for they are gone forever.”
JOHN H. WILSON  
Box 144  
Kiln, Miss. 

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John H. Wilson was baptized into Christ Jan. 1918 at Glenmore, La. He is a faithful soldier in the army of the Lord and has brought many souls to Christ. His report shows that he has baptized 355 persons, 263 have been restored including five preachers. Bro. Wilson is a writer to the Christian Echo.

WISE SAYING: “I am on the battle field for my Lord.”
J. S. Winston was born in Conway County, Plummerville, Ark. in 1906 to Oscar and Julia Winston. His father passed away when he was only three years old and at the age of seven his mother moved to Muskogee, Okla. where he grew up and went to school. In 1917 he attended school in Arkansas and was baptized into the Church of Christ of which his uncle was an elder. He returned to Muskogee two years later and connected himself to the Christian Church as there was no Church of Christ there. He says he was not satisfied with the order of things there so he left. In 1931 the white church of Christ sponsored a meeting for the colored and M. Keeble did the preaching. He went back to the Church and was encouraged by Brother T. W. Brent, the minister of the white church, to prepare for the ministry. He received his training from R. N. Hogan and G. P. Bowser.

In 1934 he married Miss Mizzetta Bridges of Muskogee, Okla. Six children were born to them. He says Sister Winston has been a great blessing to him in all his work. He has enjoyed working he says with the congregations at Longview, Sherman and Fort Worth in Texas, Langston, Guthrie and Ardmore in Okla. He has been successful in evangelistic work and enjoys his work as an official of the Bowser Christian Institute.

Brother Winston is a man of thought and action. He realizes that the work of the Lord must be done through earthen vessels and he does what he can to train young men and women for service.

WISE SAYING "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart."
The late S. W. Womack, a pioneer teacher and minister of the gospel of Christ was a native of Tennessee and made his home in the Capital City of the state. His wife, the late sister Sally Womack, was equally as strong in the faith and she stood side by side with him for the good of the cause. There were two children born to their family. The late Sister Minnie Womack Keeble and Sister Philista Womack Carruthers who still lives in Nashville, Tennessee. Brother Womack is known throughout the length and breadth of the Brotherhood for his work's sake. He sowed the seed of the kingdom of God in the hearts of men and women when means of travel were very, very poor, but he kept going. He, with G. P. Bowser, Alexander Campbell and others, laid the foundation for a Christian school in which young people might be able to secure efficient training for service in the cause of Christ.

Brother Womack worshiped at the Jackson St. Church of Christ in Nashville and was loved by all. He constantly wrote through the columns of the Gospel Advocate and his articles were very instructive. In his declining years he was unable to stand and preach the gospel so he sat and preached until there was no more strength left in him. What a beautiful pattern to leave for others to follow. It may be said of him as Paul said of himself—He fought a good fight; he kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for him a crown of righteousness that fadeth not away. He passed from labor to reward but he still lives in the hearts of all who knew him best.
Elcue Wright was born in 1904 at Hill House, Mississippi. He received his early school training at Byhalia, Mississippi and was baptized into Christ by the late W. H. Owens of Memphis, Tennessee in 1933. In 1926 he married Miss Clara Lee Thomas of Byhalia and began preaching in 1936. Realizing the urgent need of prepared leadership in the Church today Brother Wright entered the Bowser Christian Institute in 1942. In 1944 he attended the courses given to ministers at the Nashville Christian Institute, Nashville, Tennessee.

He is now minister at Okmulgee Church of Christ, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

WISE SAYING:

Love

"Love is the filling from one's own another's cup;
Love is a daily laying down and taking up;
A choosing of the strong path through each new day
That other feet may tread at ease the smoother way.
Love thyself first—your life is smeared with mine.
But love God first—your life glows as with fire."
In 1930 during the dark days of the most dreadful financial depression that ever struck this country, the Church of Christ at Iowa and Lauderdale Streets, Memphis, Tennessee, made a great sacrifice and staged a series of gospel meetings for the saving of souls, right in the midst of this almost hopeless condition.

M. Keeble, of Nashville, Tennessee, was chosen to do the preaching. He preached the unadulterated Word of God with power. The meetings lasted for three weeks and about seventy-five souls walked out and made the good confession and were baptized for the remission of their sins. R. H. Yarbtor was one in that number. He had been in the Baptist Church for years but when he heard the truth he lost no time, but accepted it for face value. After the series of meetings closed, Brother Yarbtor attended the Sisters’ Bible Classes from house to house wherever they met. He says the teacher of that class gave him a thorough knowledge of the doctrine of Christ and taught him how to study the Bible in a systematic way. He continued his studies in the Bible and finally began to preach.

His first work was with the Orange Mound Congregation in Memphis, Tennessee. Next he was called to the little congregation at Miller, Mississippi where he still goes once each month and preaches. He also works at New Albany and at his home, Tupelo, Mississippi. He still thinks whatever progress he makes in his Christian life is due to that solid foundation study of the Bible he received from the Sisters’ Bible class while he was yet a babe in Christ.

WISE SAYING: “The man who does the most worrying usually does the least work.”
T. H. YORK

T. H. York was born October 6, 1869, near Nashville, Tennessee. He obeyed the gospel under the leadership of the late S. W. Womock, when a very small boy. He was taught the Word of the Lord by such men as S. W. Womock, Alexander Campbell and G. P. Bowser. He has constantly read the works of Brent, Larramore and the Gospel Advocate. With a rich storehouse of good things pertaining to the kingdom of God gathered across the years he began to preach at the age of 40. In 1918 he moved to Detroit, Michigan, and has baptized more than one hundred persons in that busy city. In Texas he has served one of the largest congregations located in Houston. He is a life friend and supporter of G. P. Bowser and has done a wonderful work for humanity.

WISE SAYING: “Not every one that sayeth unto me Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of the Father which is in heaven.”
UNDER AGE MINISTERS

These Ministers and Song Leaders are now in training at the Nashville Christian Institute, Nashville, Tennessee. They are grasping every opportunity within their reach to become strong and useful characters.

Mrs. Lambert Campbell, one of their instructors, stands in the front ranks of Dramatic Arts and Public Speaking and is doing a wonderful work in training the heads and hearts of these young people. Following is a sample of her 1944 annual program in which each participant responded with a sermonette. The exercise took place at the Central church of Christ (white) in downtown Nashville. The spacious auditorium was filled to its capacity and the young leaders made lasting impressions for good on the public and gained many friends to the institution.
Richard Elder Cooper, the son of Mr. Frank and Mrs. Janie Cooper was born May 16, 1930 at Atlanta, Ga. He obeyed the gospel under A. C. Holt in 1940 and began preaching in 1941. He finished the eighth grade in the class of 1943 at the Nashville Christian Institute. Along with the preaching of the gospel of Christ, Richard debates Bible subjects and leads songs in the service of the Lord. Hear Him:

**VIRTUE**

I am to talk to you for a short while about virtue. My dictionary tells me that virtue means clean, pure, and without blemish. I am convinced that Christians are commanded to add virtue to faith and not only does that command apply to clean living and clean bodies, but virtue must be practiced in our presenting a clean pure gospel. The last warning we are given by God through Revelation is given to every man that heareth the word of the prophecy of this book. If any man shall add to these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book. And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life. And we are warned by Paul in Gal. 1 Chapter 8 verse, Though we or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than we have preached unto you let him be accursed. Were there ever a time when virtue should be proclaimed in preaching the gospel, the clean pure uncontaminated word of God, that time is surely now.
PHILIP JAMES WILLIAMS
421 Magnolia St.
Atlanta, Ga.

Philip James Williams was born May 18, 1928 at Atlanta, Ga. He obeyed the gospel in 1937 under the preaching of Sutton Johnson and began preaching the same year. James graduated from the eighth grade at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1943 with flying colors, being the Valedictory of his class. Among his comrades and fellow students, James is always the preference as their leader, although he is in his early teens, earnest manhood seems to rest upon him like a crown. He is one of the Big Four on the N.C.I. debating team. HEAR HIM:

PATIENCE

One of the fine traits of character that God has prescribed for those of us who would be Christ-like is patience. The wise man tells us that the patient spirit is better than the proud in spirit. As Jesus walked, taught and healed among ignorant and sinful men he always was patient with them, but he was filled with indignation when he came in contact with proud haughty pretenders.

The world is full of human failures who lack patience—People who have lost faith in themselves and God. But regardless of what your plans may be or how hard one may work, there is always a period of watchful waiting. The farmer plants his seed with the full knowledge that he must always wait for the harvest. We can’t plant flowers one day and cut the blossoms the next day. God through David said in Psalms 37:7-9, I must rest in the Lord and wait patiently for him. For evil doers shall be cut off, but these that wait upon the Lord they shall inherit the earth. Paul tells us to run with patience the race that is set before us.

The Christian Race isn’t run in one day or one year, but throughout our life here upon the earth. Sometimes leaders of the church become impatient with new-born babes in Christ, instead of feeding them with the sincere milk of the word. It is up to the elder members to see that boys and girls in the Church are taught this important grace of patience.
ROBERT LEE FREEMAN, JR.
351 Booker Wash Dr.
Atlanta, Georgia

Robert Lee Freeman, Jr., the son of Mr. Robert Lee Freeman Sr., and Mrs. Pearilen Freeman, was born Sept. 21, 1930 at Atlanta, Ga. He obeyed the gospel in 1938 under Martin Dyer, and began preaching in 1943. He finished the eighth grade at the NCI with high marks. Robert is a good boy and a steady worker. When once assigned to a duty he goes to it at once without being constantly reminded of it. As a public speaker he always has something to say with weight to it.

REPENTANCE

In Luke 13:3 Christ says, except Ye repent Ye shall all likewise perish. In the language of my Saviour it is repent or perish. That is how important repentance is. But everywhere we see men and women, boys and girls who love their sins and don’t want to break away from sin; such people will go out of this world without hope. Repentance means to turn away from or to change one’s mind in regards to the past. Christ commands it and there is going to be a judgment and everyone will be there. Jesus is going to be the Judge. Righteousness will be the standard by which all shall be judged. The high, the low, the rich and the poor, the black man, the white man, the King and the Queen and all men everywhere must repent or be lost. Christ says except Ye repent Ye shall all likewise perish, and God is no respecter of persons.
LOUIS NATHANIEL WILLIAMS
421 Magnolia St.
Atlanta, Ga.

Louis Nathaniel Williams was born Dec. 27, 1929 at Atlanta, Ga. He was among the first students to enter the Nashville Christian Institute where he finished the eighth grade with high honor. He was baptized by Sutton Johnson and preached his first sermon in 1941. Louis is one of the four great debaters in the N.C.I. He is faithful to his trust in whatever he undertakes to do. He washes and irons shirts almost as well as the laundry. He goes early on a job and stays late. The employer always wants him back.

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

This would be a wonderful world if the grace of kindness was included in our daily lives. Kindness means hospitality and good treatment of our neighbors, of strangers and even our enemies are to be treated kindly. Jesus said: As we have opportunity, let us do good unto all men especially toward them that are of the household of faith. We are told to bear ye one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ. Kindness is such a little thing to practice but it pays big dividends. Jesus said whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of the disciple, verily I say unto you he shall in no wise lose his reward. And if thine enemy hunger feed him, if he thirsts give him drink for in so doing thou shall heap coals of fire on his head. Paul speaking of kindness said: Be kind one to another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other even as God also in Christ forgave you.

If we are kind to our fellow man, then God will be kind towards us. He tells us through Isa, that the mountains shall depart and the hills be removed but kindness shall not depart from his children.
Fred D. Gray, the son of Mrs. Nancy Gray Armes, was born December 14, 1930 in Montgomery, Ala. His father, the late Abraham Gray, died when he was only two years of age, leaving his mother with five or six children to support. Later she married Brother Arms, a minister of the Church of Christ. Even before Fred was old enough to go to school his mother says he would swing tenaciously to her song book and would try to sing like the church folks. He was baptized by Brother Queen in 1938 and began preaching in 1941.

**BAPTISM**

Everyone should be interested in the four steps that one must take to become a member of the church, Christ was talking about when he said: Upon this rock I will build my church, therefore it is the church of Christ: The four steps are: Believing what God said, repent of your sins, confessing that Jesus is the Christ, and the last which will put you into the church is baptism, and that is the subject that I have selected.

My Lord was baptized in the River Jordon because there was much water. Paul tells us how he was baptized, Rom. 6:4. Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death that like as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father even so we should walk in newness of life. Everyone knows what it means to be buried. When you bury a cat or a dog or a human being you know that it does not mean to sprinkle a little dirt over them and leave them there. To bury means to cover up. Then you know what Paul meant when he said buried with Christ in baptism.

It is a direct command of Jesus. After the resurrection of Christ he said to his apostles, all authority has been given unto me, in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Son and of the Father and of the Holy Spirit, and in Mark 16:16 we read he that believeth not shall be damned.
Edward Hamilton, Jr. was born Jan. 7, 1932 in Memphis, Tenn. His father died when he was but a babe and his mother afterwards moved to Chicago. At the age of 12 he entered the Nashville Christian Institute and made two grades in one year. He is now in the seventh grade. He has the distinguished honor of being the only preacher in the Brotherhood whose sermon has been so simple and impressive that Brother A. M. Burton, president of the Life & Casualty Insurance Company says of him: "The sermon that I heard him preach is the only one that I can remember verbatim. He has a natural gift both for preaching and singing. Hear him speak.

WE ARE THANKFUL

Friends of this Christian school, it is grand to feel that we are a part of the divine plan of creation. That every one of us, no matter how humble of origin has a work to do for our God. By your kind persistent labors you have provided this school for us, and made it possible for us to grow into Christian men and women.

Who knows but what the Nashville Christian Institute may produce another Booker T. Washington who dipped his pen in the blood and sweat of slaves and wrote into the curriculum of time a new system of industrial education. We may have within our walls a George Washington Carver, who prized open the lips of agricultural chemistry and found a way to make the Southern farms blossom like a rose. Among us may be a Frederick Douglass who gave convincing proof that a drop of human blood weighs more than the nations' gold. A Marion Anderson may be looking squarely into my eyes who sings to the souls of men and women everywhere. Friends of the Nashville Christian Institute, you have given us a start and a chance to get a Christian education, and if we are really Christians in God's sight that is better than being a Carver, an Anderson or anybody else. Those of you who have made this school possible, we thank you with our whole heart and will prove that your trust in us shall not have been in vain.
ROBERT LEE McBRIEDE
218 Broughton Street
Montgomery, Alabama

Robert Lee McBride, son of Mr. John and Mrs. Susie McBride, was born Jan. 23, 1931, at Montgomery, Alabama. He is in the seventh grade and attends the Nashville Christian Institute. Robert Lee is an even tempered student, dependable and faithful in whatever task is assigned him. He was baptized by Sutton Johnson in 1942 and began preaching the same year. On one occasion during the school term at the N. C. I. a group of boys were playing on the campus and Robert Lee accidently broke out a window glass, making a loud noise. One of the teachers, terror stricken over the excitement rushed out among the boys and asked who did it. Without hesitation Robert Lee stepped bravely forward and confessed—"I did it, and I'm sorry, I will pay for it: What is the cost?" He soon quieted the teacher and all went well.

CONFESSION

One of the most important steps in becoming a Christian is confession. Paul tells us in Rom. 10:10 that with the heart man believeth unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation, and in Matthew 10th Chapter 32nd and 33rd verses, Jesus said whoever therefore shall confess me before men him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven but whosoever shall deny me before men him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven. In I John, the first chapter and verse 9 we have these words. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all the unrighteousness. Proverbs 28th Chapter and verse 13 the wise man said: He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but who so confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy. God wants men everywhere to confess before it is too late. If you don't confess now because you want to or not, because my Bible tells me that every knee shall bow and every tongue shall confess that Jesus is the Christ, the son of the Living God.
Bobbie Mitchell, the son of Mr. Jerry and Mrs. Marie Mitchell, was born 1932 at Atlanta, Ga. He obeyed the gospel under Bonnie Matthews, of Atlanta, Ga. in 1943. Bobbie is a dependable boy and is in the fifth grade at the N. C. I.

VALUE OF A NICKEL

One dollar spent for lunch lasts five hours.
One dollar spent for a necktie lasts five weeks.
One dollar spent for a cap lasts five months.
One dollar spent for a car lasts five years.
But one dollar spent in the service of God lasts forever.
Kelly Mitchell, born March 2, 1927, at College Park, Georgia. Kelly has a rich tenor voice and his hobby is singing Spirituals. He is a student in the eighth grade at the Nashville Christian Institute. Listen to him:

**TEMPERANCE**

When we think of temperance, we usually think of abstaining from intoxicating liquor, that is included to be sure, but I want to discuss it from a different viewpoint than that. Temperance means self-control and it is that meaning I am going to talk about. When Peter said to all Christians, add temperance, he meant for them to use self-control in all their walks of life—in eating, working and playing and by all means in controlling their temper. Paul said know Ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you. We should abstain from all practices which tend to injure the dwelling place of the spiritual man which is to live forever. To use self-control in our temple is one of the most important things in living the Christian life. We may be able to control almost everything else, but to control self is a task no one finds easy to perform. The idea of giving a person as good as he sends is all out of harmony with every principle set forth for the child of God to follow. The Apostle James said wherefore my beloved brethren let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. And James also said to be patient and long suffering with others. The wise man said in Proverbs, “A soft answer turneth away wrath.”
Houston Daniel Mayberry was born Jan. 17, 1933 in Detroit, Michigan. His father, Daniel Mayberry, died, leaving five children for his mother, Mrs. Charles Mayberry to care for. Houston entered the Nashville Christian Institute in 1943. He is in the fifth grade. He obeyed the gospel one night after retiring and listening to the plan of salvation related by Brother Bonnie Matthews, the supervisor of the boys' department in the N. C. I. He was baptized and began preaching soon thereafter. He too with Edward Hamilton was invited to preach at one of the largest congregations (white) within the city of Nashville. On several occasions the ministers taking courses at the N. C. I. have taken him on preaching missions. He made great impressions on his audiences . . . Hear him.

GET SOMEBODY ELSE

The Lord had a job for me, but I had so much to do. 
I said; you get somebody else or wait till I get through. 
I don't know how the Lord came out, no doubt he got along, but 
I felt kind o' sneaking like I knew I'd done God wrong.

One day I needed the Lord—Needed him right away, 
But he never answered me at all and I could hear him say, 
Down in my accusing heart, child I've got too much to do.

Now when the Lord has a job for me I never try to shirk, 
I drop what I have on hand and do the Lord's good work. 
And my affairs run along or wait till I get through, 
Nobody else can do the work that God has marked out for you.
Tyndall Miller was born Sept. 15, 1929 in Memphis, Tenn. His mother moved to Cleveland, Ohio when he was ten years old. He entered the Nashville Christian Institution in 1943 and finished the eighth grade in the 1944 class. He obeyed the gospel under P. E. Butler of Cleveland, Ohio in 1941 and began preaching in 1943. Tyndall is an earnest forceful speaker and is found in the front ranks at all times in the work and worship of his Lord and Master.

The religion of Jesus is the religion of faith. In Heb. 11:1 the Apostle Paul gives us the meaning of faith. Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. We have never seen George Washington, but we have faith to believe that he lived and started this country of ours. Some of us have never been to California, but we have faith enough to believe there is such a state. Faith is simply believing without seeing. In John 20:24, when Jesus appeared to the Apostles after His resurrection, Thomas, one of the twelve, was not there and the other disciples said unto him, we have seen the Lord and Thomas said, “Except I shall see in His hands the prints of the nails and put my hands into the prints of the nails and thrust my hand into His side, I will not believe.”

On the next Lord’s day when they met together to break bread, Jesus was with them and said to Thomas, reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side and be not faithless, but believe, and Thomas answered and said unto Him, “My Lord and my God.” Jesus said, “Thomas, because thou has seen thou hast believed. Blessed are those that have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus was talking about you and me. 2 Cor. 5:9, Paul said we walk by faith and not by sight, and in Gal. 3:11, the righteous shall live by faith. Faith is the victory that shall overcome the world. For without faith it is impossible to please God, for he that cometh to God must believe that he is and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
Norman Moss, son of Mr. Dewey and Mrs. Ruby Moss, was born January 19, 1927 in Detroit, Michigan. He attended grammar school both in Detroit and Chicago, Illinois, but finished the eighth grade at the Nashville Christian Institute in 1943. Norman sings well and is excellent in Art work, having won a trip to New York for doing the best drawing in a Detroit school whose enrollment was seven hundred pupils or more. He was baptized into Christ in 1944.

**SERMONETTE**

In the first Chapter of 2 Peter, verse 5, through 8 Peter said to Christians, everywhere, with diligence add faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience and to patience Godliness and that is the grace, I wish to speak about. Godliness is just being God like. And if one acts like God he will be victorious, he will be temperent, he will be patient and he will love his fellowman. All questions could be settled if each one of us would add Godliness to our lives—no one would fuss if we were God like, there would be no wars, no lying, no cheating, no stealing and fighting if Godliness had been made a part of our Christian life—when we start to do something wrong if we would ask ourselves what would God do, and then let the answer settle the question he would not go very far in wrong living. In first Timothy 6 Chapter 6 verse we are told that Godliness with contentment is great gain—not only great gain in this world but in the better world to come.
Calvin Otler was born May 16, 1929 at Atlanta, Ga. His father, Daniel Otler, died when he was five years old, leaving his mother, Mrs. Lula Otler with three children to care for. Calvin finished the eighth grade at Washington High School in Atlanta. He entered the N.C.I. in 1943 and made the record of being one of the steadiest workers on the campus. With his mellow tenor voice he has made a great impression as a song leader. Hear him:

LOVE

My Lord said through John that if a man says I love God and hate his brother he is a lie, for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen. And this same writer said, love not in word and tongue but in deed and in truth. We are commanded to love one another, for love is of God. He that loveth not knoweth not God, for God is love. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor. Let love be without dissimulation, abhor that which is evil, cleave to that which is good. Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy might and with all thy strength, this is the first commandment and the second is likened to this thou shalt love thy neighbor as thy self. There is no other Grace greater than love.
Richard Harold Spicer, Jr., son of Mr. Richard Harold Spicer, Sr., and Mrs. Alberta Spicer, was born July 9, 1934, in Nashville, Tennessee. He attended the public schools of Nashville, before entering the Nashville Christian Institute. He is in the fifth grade. He is very smart. At times does the entire washing for the school on the washing machine. While listening to Brother Bonnie Matthews, who has supervision over the boys' sleeping quarters, relate the sweet old story of the gospel as a bedtime story, little Harold was so impressed that he arose from the bed and made the good confession and was soon baptized by Brother H. S. Simmons of Huntsville, Alabama. He began preaching soon thereafter.

A WELCOME

Friends of the Nashville Christian Institute, I have been given the leading part on this program, even though I am the smallest and youngest preacher here, I have the biggest job to do. Speaking the words that shall bid you welcome is a great honor. To you this may be a pleasant time, for we may certainly do our best to make it so. But to us, it is a red letter day, one of the brightest spots in all our lives, and it will live in our minds forever. I do not dare promise you that we will all do well. But, I do promise you that we will do our very best to make you glad you came. With this one aim in our minds, I thank you for coming and extend to you our most grateful and sincere welcome.
ROBERT MATTHEW WOODS
Gallatin, Tennessee

Robert Matthews Woods, the son of Mr. Herk Woods and Mrs. Susie Woods, was born June 2, 1930, at Gallatin, Tennessee. Robert attended the public school in Gallatin until he entered the N.C.I. in 1942. He is in the seventh grade and excels in all of his studies. He has great possibilities as a public speaker. He obeyed the gospel under A. C. Holt in 1940 and began preaching in 1943.

SERMONETTE:

KNOWLEDGE

Every Christian in the world should want the approval of God. That approval may be had by adding knowledge to our lives. In 2 Timothy, the second chapter, verse fifteen, the Apostle Paul tells us to study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed rightly dividing the word of truth. The wise man, Solomon, in speaking, said knowledge is more precious than rubies and anything that thou canst desire is not to be compared unto it.

Knowledge gives us length of days, riches and honor. The ways of knowledge are the ways of pleasantness and the path of peace. In Proverbs, the first chapter and the seventh verse, we have these words: The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction.
SONG LEADERS

P. H. BLACK
1039 Twenty-first Avenue N.
Nashville, Tennessee

Few men living today who have made a greater sacrifice for the welfare of the Lord's cause than P. H. Black. He was born November 15, 1862, at Pulaski, Tennessee. There he lived and went to school until he was eighteen years of age. His father was a bricklayer by trade and all four of his boys followed the same trade. In 1888, the family moved to Lewisburg, Tennessee, where P. H. Black met a Miss Millie Dillard, a member of the Church of Christ, whom he married. She soon showed him the way of truth and he was baptized for the remission of his sins by J. W. Smith of Lynchburg, Tennessee. Sister Black proved to be a precious jewel to him, the church and every community wherever she went. She stretched out her hand to the poor and reached forth to the needy. She looked well to the ways of her household, and she ate not the bread of idleness. She opened her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue was the law of kindness. She was really and truly a Christian and a servant of the most High God.

He and his wife lived in Lewisburg twenty-two years and helped to build a congregation to the glory and honor of God. They next moved to Nashville, Tennessee, and identified themselves with the Jackson Street Church of Christ, which was then a mission. They had services only in the afternoon with the hope that some of the Christian church people would attend. It was Brother Black who suggested that they have a regular service each Lord's Day morning. The suggestion was well taken and carried through. He then mortgaged his home for three hundred dollars and made the necessary repairs on the present meeting house.

WISE SAYING: "To know and love the hard way of life is better than the easy. It is here that faith in one's self, his fellow man, and the power of God through Jesus Christ are best realized."
Charles Cole was born in 1919 at Kiletton, Mississippi. He finished the eighth grade in Kiletton. He married Miss Jonnie Jones and to this union three children were born. He is a very zealous worker in the church and conducts Bible classes among the young people of Kiletton and brings his classes as far as Memphis at times to encourage the work there. Brother Cole has a good background for music, his parents being great lovers of music.

WISE SAYING:
"Fashions may come and fashions may go
And fads for a short time beguile;
But a person will always look stylish and smart
When wearing a jovial smile."
James Alander Cooper was born at Thyatira, Mississippi, July 21, 1904, to Mr. and Mrs. James Cooper. He received his early school training in and around Thyatira. Thyatira is noted for its musical talent in the Mother Church, so it is second nature with Brother Cooper to be musically inclined. For many years he sang for the Mother Church of Christ in Memphis, Tennessee, and did a fine work there.

In 1926 he united in marriage with Miss Sadie Parker, a fine Christian girl, who has ever been faithful to the cause of Christ. Three children were born to this family and Sister and Brother Cooper have seen to them being brought up in the church. Very few Lord’s Days they have missed, if any.

These two young people have been a great blessing to the church everywhere they have cast their lot. At present they are living in Detroit and have cast their lot with the Cameron Avenue Congregation.

WISE SAYING: “He who would make the most of life needs to grasp each opportunity as it comes and through activity be prepared for the bigger chances in life which are sure to come.”
W. B. ENGLISH
2624 Hasting St., Apt. 1
Detroit, Mich.

W. B. English obeyed the gospel in Centerville, Tennessee and was baptized by Brother Odie McGill at the age of twenty-eight. He has always had a mind to serve the Lord to the best of his ability in whatever he was best suited for. Having a splendid voice as a gift by nature he at once began to serve by leading the songs for the congregations wherever he has served. He led the song for the congregation in Centerville for two years. He served at the Jefferson St. Church in Nashville for four years. He moved to Detroit in 1943 and has served at Cameron Avenue on several occasions. He also serves at the congregation in Pontiac, Michigan. Brother English is faithful to the cause of Christ and whatever he does it seems that it is done to the glory and honor of God.

WISE SAYING: “Peace... The spirit of Christ is the spirit of peace. The teachings of Christ guide in the ways of peace, and the following of Christ leads to eternal peace.”
L. T. HOLT
1006 Sixteenth Ave. N.
Nashville, Tenn.

L. T. Holt, brother of A. C. and M. F. Holt is one of a family of thirteen children. He was born in Marshall County, Tennessee. He united with the Church of Christ at an early age and began to teach a class in Lord's day school shortly thereafter.

He worked in that capacity for a number of years. Later he became superintendent of the Lord's Day School and song leader in the congregation. He gave most of his time to singing because he thought he could reach more people through that medium. He has made special preparation for that type of service. Brother Holt puts his whole being into his song, rarely ever pitching one too high nor too low. He never hurries when it comes to the Lord's work. He does his best at all times. When he sings it seems that his whole audience is in the Spirit as was John on the Isle of Patmos. He worships at the Jefferson St. Church of Christ, Nashville, Tenn.

WISE SAYING: "I am grateful that I am wise enough to know that I am not wise, and forever seeking the wisdom and guidance of our heavenly Father."
Edmond D. Hughes Jr. was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edmond D. Hughes Sr. in 1913 at Lake Comorant, Mississippi. His parents moved to Memphis, Tennessee in 1919. He finished the Junior High School in the City of Memphis and studied music along with his literary work. During the preaching of the late W. H. Owens of Memphis he obeyed the gospel in 1934. He married Miss Amanda Markham of Memphis and to this union four children were born. Brother Hughes is a conscientious Christian worker always abounding in the work of the Lord. He is song leader at the Baltimore Street Church of Christ, Memphis, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING:

"Scatter the germs of truth;
By the wayside, let them fall,
That the rose may spring by the Cottage gate
And the vine on the garden wall.

Scatter the germs of truth
In the depth of the human soul;
They shall bud and blossom and bear fruit
While the endless ages roll."
P. M. JONES
317 N. Jeff.
Bay City, Mich.

P. M. Jones was born September 24, 1897 at Ackerman, Mississippi. After completing the Grammar Grades in his home town he went to M. I. College in Holly Springs, Mississippi, and finished his academic work there. He has talent for music and received special training in that field while attending M. I. College. His leisure hours now are spent taking private lessons in music.

Through the teaching of A. C. Holt he obeyed the gospel in 1936. In 1940 he was united in wedlock with Miss Girtie Quin of Memphis, Tennessee, who has been a source of encouragement and inspiration to him. He has a soft, melodious voice and is song-leader in the Klondyke Church of Christ at Alaska and Vollentine, Memphis, Tennessee.

WISE SAYING: “A sound heart is the life of the flesh; but envy the rottenness of the bones.”
George Joy, a natural musician, was born in Oxford, Mississippi. He took private lessons in music from Professor Richard Boles of Esrew, Mississippi.

During a series of meetings held in Memphis in 1933 by A. C. Holt of Nash-ville, Tennessee he was baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. He and Miss Mattie Henderson were united in wed-lock in 1933. Five children were born to this union. He has taught music in almost all of the congregations in Memphis and gives special lessons to the song leaders who desire to improve their work. He won a prize while in the Baptist Church for his superior trained voice.

WISE SAYING: “The first impression made in public worship to those who visit the Church of Christ is the song service. It should be from the heart and not the lips only. Song service in the church is not something done as a custom or a means to get the audience quiet. It is a definite part of the worship and is as sacred as prayer or the Lord’s Supper. Therefore, sing with the Spirit and with the understanding also.”
ALEXANDER LOCKE
789 Miss Ave., Apt. 11
Memphis, Tenn.

Alexander Locke was born in Tate County, Mississippi. He was reared in the
church of Christ and was taught music in
his home congregation—Thyatira by very
efficient teachers. He moved to Memphis
and married a worthy girl who has been a
source of strength and a precious jewel to him. Sister Thelma
Locke has done what she could for Brother Locke, going to
him in each camp before he was finally sent across the seas.
They both have been faithful to the cause of Christ.

WISE SAYING: “Thought is the property of him who can enter-
tain it and of him who can adequately place it. A certain awkwardness
marks the use of borrowed thoughts, but as soon as the individual has
learned what to do with them, they become his own. Thus all orig-
inality is relative.”
R. H. Parker was born in Water Valley, Mississippi, where he received his school training. He was once a teacher in the public schools of Mississippi. He also received his musical training in the State of Mississippi. He moved to Memphis, Tennessee, and in 1932, while M. Keeble was conducting a series of gospel meetings at the Lauderdale and Iowa congregation, he obeyed the gospel and was baptized for the remission of sins. He is a very efficient song leader and often goes with different ministers of the gospel to assist in the song services at his own expenses.

WISE SAYING:

“Our lives are song; God writes the words
And we set them to music at pleasure.
And the song grows glad or sweet or sad
As we choose to fashion the measures.
We must write the music whatever the song
Whatever its rhyme or meter.
And if it is sad we can make it glad,
Or if sweet, we can make it sweeter.”
J. C. Simmons was born February, 1898, at Petersburg, Tennessee. He received his special school training in the public schools of Petersburg. He obeyed the gospel through the preaching of D. M. English in 1930. He married Miss Carry Mae Smothermen of Petersburg in 1929, who has been a great inspiration to him in the work of the Lord. J. C. Simmons is not a hearer only of the Word of God to a perishing world, but a doer. He has been singing four years at Jackson Street Church.

WISE SAYING: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”
Brazil Trone was born October 22, 1892, in Gordonsville, Alabama, and was baptized for the remission of sins by Brother Allen Wright. Later he moved to Birmingham, Alabama, and cast his lot with the church there. In 1923 he moved to Detroit and cast his lot with the Cameron Avenue Church of Christ, for which church he has been song leader for the past ten years.

Brother Trone is the Paul and Silas type of song leader. He sings with spirit and with power. While he does not cause the literal foundation of the building to be shaken, he does arouse the interest of his audience to the extent that their spiritual temple is greatly shaken.

Brother Trone is not only the song leader of Cameron Avenue, but he is the Superintendent of the Lord’s Day School there. He does very efficient service in that capacity.

WISE SAYING:

“If I cannot sing like angels nor preach like the Apostle Paul; I can tell the love of Jesus and say he died for all.”
Haywood Tuggle, Jr., was born to Mr. Haywood and Mrs. Mollie Tuggle June 10, 1895, at Germantown, Tennessee. He attended school in the Shelby County school system and then took studies at Lane College, Jackson, Tennessee. In 1909 he obeyed the gospel through the preaching of G. P. Bowser. He married Miss China Ethel Brown in 1914 and to this union six children were born. She passed in 1938 and he married Miss Cassie Mae Avery, a trained nurse of Memphis, Tennessee, in 1940. To this union one child was born. He studies music under private tutors and works with the Church of Christ at Iowa and Lauderdale Streets in Memphis, Tennessee.

From a child, Brother Tuggle has loved music. Often he sang songs for his mother when too young to call words correctly.

WISE SAYING:
“A song can give our souls relief, and express our love
For our fellowmen on earth, and our heavenly Father above.
Be thankful friends for the gift of singing,
And keep the song services forever ringing.
"ACCORDING TO YOU"

"There's a sweet old story translated for man,
    But written in the long, long ago,
The gospel by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John,
    Of Christ and His mission below.

Men read and admire this gospel of Christ,
    With its love so unfailing and true;
But what do they say and what do they think
    Of the gospel according to you?

"'Tis a wonderful story—this gospel of love.
    As it shines in the Christ life divine
And oh, that its truth might be set forth again
    In the story of your life and mine.

You are writing each day a letter to men
    Take care that the writing is true
'Tis the only gospel some folks will read—
    The gospel according to you."
A CHRISTMAS PUDDING

Take some human nature, as you find it,
   The commonest variety will do;
Put a little graciousness behind it,
   Add a lump of charity, or two.

Squeeze in just a drop of moderation,
   Half as much frugality, or less,
Add some very fine consideration.
   Strain off all of poverty's distress.

Pour some milk of human kindness in it,
   Put in all the happiness you can;
Stir it up with laughter every minute,
   Season with good will toward every man.

Set it on the fire of heart's affection,
   Leave it 'til the jolly bubbles rise;
Sprinkle it with kisses, for confection,
   Sweeten with a look of loving eyes.

Flavor it with children's merry chatter.
   Frost it with the snow of wintry dells,
Place it on a holly-garnished platter,
   And serve it with the song of Christmas bells.
—Author Unknown.
A SERMON

I'd rather see a sermon,
Than hear one any day,
I'd rather one would walk with me
Than merely point the way.

The eye's a better pupil
And more willing than the ear,
Fine council is confusing,
But examples always clear.

The best of all the preachers,
Are the men who live their Creeds;
For to see good put in action
Is what every one needs.

I can soon learn how to do it,
If you let me see it done.
I can watch your hands in action
But your tongue too fast may run.

The lecture you deliver
May be very wise and true
But I'd rather get my lesson,
By observing what you do.

—Selected
DID YOU GIVE HIM A LIFT?

Did you give him a lift? He is a brother of man.
And bearing about all the burden he can.

Did you give him a smile? He was down cast and blue,
And your smile would have helped him to battle it thru;

Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill.
And the world, I could see, was using him ill.

Did you stop when you saw that sin held him down?
Or were you so busy you left him to drown?

Oh, I know what you mean, what you say may be true
But the test of your manhood is "What did you do?"
GIVE HONOR TO WHOM HONOR IS DUE

Now Brother Marshall Keeble;
Whom we should all admire
Still leads our Christian people:
Amazed, some wonder why.

I'll relate to you the story,
Just as it appears to me;
It is through his experience:
That he won a great Degree.

Extensively, I have traveled
And I've seen him often too;
So the thing I want to tell you
I give honor where it's due.

In the East I listened to him,
Then I heard him in the West;
But the sermon in Orange Mound
Was I know his very best.

My Mother is a witness
And she says "He creams the crop
For she tells us through his fitness
He has never been a flop."

I am praying for my husband
Who is trying to take a stand
And I hope like Brother Keeble
He will stick to God's own plan.

And to all our Christians living
Please give honor where it's due!
Let us help the school by giving
It is left to me and you.

Make believe the school is flowers
And we want them while we live;
Let's open these hearts of ours
For the blessings he asks—let's give.

—Versie Epps

Revised by Miss Katie Lewis
“HOW DO YOU KNOW?”

Who ever said that you couldn’t do
Exactly the thing that you’re planning to;
Who ever thought that you couldn’t climb
Up with the sun to heights sublime?
Who has advised you to check your pace,
Give up the struggle and lose the race
Crawl off discouraged and hide your face?
Nobody but you.

You are the one who has done it all—
Deserted your castles and let ’em fall,
Smothered the spark of ambition’s fire,
Shut off the current and cut the wire.
How do you know the die is cast?
How do you know when the cloud goes past
Who’ll be the leader, and who’ll be the last?
How do you know?

Life is not merely a game of chance,
And you’re not the victim of circumstance.
Nothing’s too hard for a man to do,
Wishes it more than a miser’s wealth,
More than an invalid longs for health,
Works for it, prays for it—night and day,
Feels that no price is too great to pay.
How do you know till you strive that way?
How do you know?

—Anonymous.
I AM CALLING YOU

I am the best friend of mankind. To the man who praises sanity, peacefulness, pure-mindedness, social standing and longevity. I am a necessity.

I am hung about with sweet memories—memories of brides, memories of mothers, memories of boys and girls, memories of the aged as they grope their way down, down the shadows.

I am decked with loving tears, crowned by loving hands and hearts. In the minds of the greatest men on earth I find a constant dwelling place.

I live in the lives of the young, and in the dreams of the old.

I safeguard man, with a friendly hand to the man in fine linen and the homespun.

I am the essence of good fellowship, friendliness and love.

I give gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away. They are given freely to all that asks.

I bring back the freshness of life, the eagerness, the spirit of youth, which feels that it has something to live for ahead.

I meet you with outstretched arms and with songs of gladness.

Sometime—some day—some hour—in the near or far future you will yearn for the touch of my friendly hand.

I am your comforter and best friend.

I am calling you.

I am the Church.

—Selected.
"I WOULD BE TRUE"

I would be true, for there are those who trust me;
I would be pure, for there are those who care;
I would be strong, for there is much to suffer;
I would be brave for there is much to dare;

I would be brave for there is much to dare.

I would be friend of all—the foe, the friendless;
I would be giving and forget the gift;
I would be humble, for I know my weakness
I would look up, and laugh, and love and lift.

I would look up, and laugh, and love, and lift.

—Selected.

POLITENESS

A bunch of golden keys is mine
To make each day with gladness shine
‘Good Morning,’ that’s the golden key
That unlocks every day for me.
When evening comes, ‘Good night,” I say
And close the door of each glad day
When at the table, ‘If you please’
I take from off my bunch of keys
When friends give anything to me
I use the little thank you key
‘Excuse me,’ ‘Beg your pardon,’ too
When by mistake some harm I do
Or if unkindly harm I’ve given
With ‘Forgive me,’ I shall be forgiven
On a golden ring these keys I’ll bind;
This is the motto: ‘Be ye kind’
I’ll often use each golden key,
And then a child polite I’ll be.

—Selected.
A naughty little weed one day
   Poked up its tiny head.
"Tomorrow I will pull you up,
    Old Mr. Weed," I said.

But I put off the doing till
   When next I passed that way
The hateful thing had spread abroad
   And laughed at my dismay

A naughty little thought one day,
   Popped right into my mind,
"O-ho," I cried, "I'll put you out
    Tomorrow, you will find."

But once again I put it off
   Till like the little weed,
The ugly thing sprang up a pace
   And grew into a deed.

So boys and girls, heed what I say
   And learn it with your sums;
Don't put off 'til tomorrow,
    For tomorrow never comes.

Today pull up the little weeds
   The naughty thoughts subdue
Or they may take the reins themselves
   And some day master you.

—Selected.