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## Southern California Conference

Where There is No Vision the People Perish

By Mrs. Camilla Leftridge,

Los Angeles, California

Today's condition is in need of strong, fearless, consecrated leaders who have a vision of this great program in the expansion of kingdom building. There must be faith in God and confidence in self and love for ones fellow-man.

Our Bishop Walker had a vision in awakening Fifth district up to their duties. We have taken on

new life under President Stafford. Making our start from Kansas City, we have been going ever since. We made our first report to our annual conference in San Diego, Calif., on September 6. These are times for high and honest decisions, which is expensive, but it pays at the end of the harvest. God's men who are his trumpets must co-operate with him, to wake up the slumbering world, we must be happy warrior in arms, with the will to serve this present age. As laymen we must be steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the works of the Lord.

## From the Mailbag

Dear Editor:

Within a few days I plan to send a write up about the Layman's League. I think The Voice is just fine. I will send the group list later.

St. Paul A.M.E. Church,  
 St. Louis, Mo.  
 J. E. Bell, President  
 Laymen League.

## Missouri Conference Nebraska Conference Like Voice

Dear Editor:

Our league is impressed with the first edition of lay news. Enclosed you will find 26 subscriptions. We are out to get "a subscription in every home."

Mrs. Bessie Walton, Secy.  
 Trinity A.M.E. Church,  
 Kansas City, Kas.

## So. Calif. Conference Sends Report

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find money order for assessment and extra copies of The Voice.

W. E. Webb, Treasurer  
 Los Angeles, Calif.

## Colorado Conference Will Present Voice

Dear Editor:

Enclosed you will find money for the extra papers. Our annual conference will be held September 20 at Tucson, Ariz., and I will present copies of this very fine issue of laymen news.

A. L. Mitchell, president.

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## To Form New Civil Rights Group

PHILADELPHIA. (ANP). Mrs. Maude B. Richardson of Brooklyn is here in Philadelphia to find a new Council for Equal Opportunity.

In New York, Mrs. Richardson is the founder of a similar organization of the same name. There the CEO has won more than 100 jobs for Negroes in places where they never worked before. It has 300 members.

Mrs. Richardson said that same day she would like to see CEO become a national organization. Although mother of five children, she is also active in the political front as well as on the civic. She is the first woman of her race to be elected to the republican state committee of New York.

## Notes of Interest

The Rev. R. G. Nathan, pastor of Newman Methodist church, has returned from Boston with his family. Rev. Mr. Nathan has been serving the church here since May 30.

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## Greetings from the 9th

The Ninth Episcopal District (Alabama) wishes to extend to the Staff of the Voice our best wishes. You have instituted something for the Laymen in the General Connection of the A.M.E. Church which will stimulate much interest and set an example for other Districts to follow.

We, in the Ninth, feel that the Laymen are the backbone of the Church and need all the information we can get. We labor day in and day out in an effort to meet the physical requirements of our Church. We do our best to meet the demands of our leaders. We seldom get any information how finance raised is distributed. We should be concerned. Publication periodically should be made in some manner so as to be distributed among the laymen. Such a publication as you have would be an excellent medium.

We have been held back here in Alabama and consequently we have been slow getting started with a working organization. Our situation was reported by the 9th Episcopal Lay President at the Bishop's Council at Jacksonville, Fla. We are now in the process of convincing our Bishop that we mean well and are determined to press forward. We hope by General Conference time that we will definitely be in line and able to stand with other districts who have done such magnificent work.

Our hats go off to the "Voice" and the Fifth District. I venture to say there will be other districts to follow in your footsteps ere long. Best wishes from the 9th Episcopal Laymen's League.

W. E. Shortridge,  
 President.

## Greetings from the 3rd

The Third Episcopal District Lay Organization welcomes the Fifth District Lay Organization into the ranks of organized lay groups of the connection.

We have just pride in the leadership of your district bishop, D. Ormand Walker and President George Jones with whom I have had the distinguished privilege to serve as an officer and co-worker in the pastorate, lay movement and general conferences. Bishop Walker is my ideal as a bishop and Brother Jones is a devout and Christian gentleman.

A great challenge is up to the laymen who have made so many gains through the co-operation and sacrificial service we have had from leaders as you have heading your district.

The Voice goes forth to meet the challenge of true and forthright Christian service in the church. If the church is to maintain its hold upon the people a new leadership must be produced. I firmly believe that the church of tomorrow will, through thoughtful, regenerated, and consecrated clergy and laity, filled with the spirit of Christ, and seeking to restore to its rightful place through Faith, Hope and Love, regain its former prestige.

We greet and welcome The Voice in this crucial hour to address itself to the conscience; aim at the appropriation of Salvation for every individual; introducing a new spiritual energy into the lives of men and seeking to bind all Christian believers in the bond of LOVE.

Were the church of today operating upon love, there would be less bickerings in the council of bishops, ministerial conferences; less occasion for secular papers airing, to the detriment of the church, internal affairs; less seeking to destroy men for places of preferred honor.

I am predicting a new birth in an atmosphere of free thinking; free expression; unencumbered and untrampled Christian leaders with a social, moral, intellectual and spiritual outlook among an inspired, informed and aroused LAYMEN.

Faithfully and Respectfully  
 R. J. Gardner, President  
 Third Episcopal District  
 Lay Organization.

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## What Is the Matter With the World?

By Mrs. Ollie M. Blount

Kansas City, Kansas  
 Nebraska Conference

Guest Editorial

Mrs. Blount, director of religious education, First A.M.E. Church, Kansas City, Kansas, is the wife of Dr. Wm. Blount, prominent physician in Kansas City. This is first in a series of articles written for The Voice to be of special interest to laymen of all denominations.

The world is ill, seriously ill, but not beyond hope. Where there is life, there is always hope.

No one needs to be told that these are troubled times. When we read the newspapers, the various circulars, magazines, pamphlets and books; and now even the expression on many of the faces of human beings here in America and elsewhere; listen to lectures, discussions, forums, by prepared minds from town hall, churches and from radio studios; it is evident that there is trouble in the human heart and mind. There is expressed degrees of instability in the inner life easily recognized.

This sickness does not need to become chronic. If we are to ever recover, something must be done, and something drastic must be done now, right now.

Our Lord said: "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted?"

Some may say, "I am only one, what can I do? An individual isn't much. But he is all there is. Jesus started the Christian movement with a few ordinary persons; disciples—but they became important persons. From this ordinary small beginning was the foundation and the bulwark of the Christian Church. If we are to have a Christian world, then the individual matters. There is no Christian world apart from individual Christian lives. For our lives are so closely tied to one another through business, education, government and all phases of our corporate living.

If when seeing there is something wrong with the world and if when concluding that something must be done about it, why not get down to the source of the trouble, and begin treating the symptoms now, less the malady become malignant.

Many practitioners and doctors have given their diagnosis, politicians, statesmen and peacemakers have done their best in treating the symptoms. But we cannot hope to cure a sick world, when conditions remain, that are responsible for its ills.

The world is in need. The world is hungry. The world is fearful. The world needs consoling. The world is lonely. The world needs

kindness. The world is misinformed. The world needs understanding. The world is ignorant. The world needs knowledge. The world is disappointed and frustrated. The world needs assurance. The world is confused and disillusioned. The world needs security. The world is baffled. The world needs clear thinking.

The individual Christian may feel overwhelmed in his thinking of these many needs and many more. But when we think of how Jesus, our Christ fed the thousands with five small loaves and two fish, can we do less by sharing our loaves and fish as the little boy did? And when they shall have God's blessings, will they not feed thousands, yea ten thousands? But, they will not feed one, unless we work with God's approval. As long as man feels he is all, and has control of things, his efforts will end in defeat. But if he is inspired by the spirit of love that surpasseth all understanding, all these problems of mankind, all the needs of this feeble and puny world, all the symptoms of this diseased world, will fade into oblivion.

It is the Christians' paramount task to put a new spirit into the world. Where there is hate, put kindness; where there is confusion, give understanding; where there is scorn, lend brotherhood; where there is loneliness and despair, give security; where there is bewilderment, displace with grievance, pertinent Christian action. Let love rule our daily lives.

(To Be Continued Next Week.)

## Pastor Addresses Portland League

Puget Sound Conference

On August 14, Mrs. Georgia Marshall, vice president of the 5th District Laymen's League, organized a local lay league at Bethel church, Portland, Oregon. Officers elected were: Mrs. M. B. Jackson, president; Mrs. Helleoise Hill, vice president; Mrs. Margaret McGuire, secretary; Mrs. B. Ellis, assistant secretary; Mrs. Julia Williams, treasurer; and Mrs. Manse, chaplain. There were 19 members at the first meeting.

Rev. Mr. Roberts, pastor of the church, gave a lovely message on the significance of the Laymen's Voice.

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