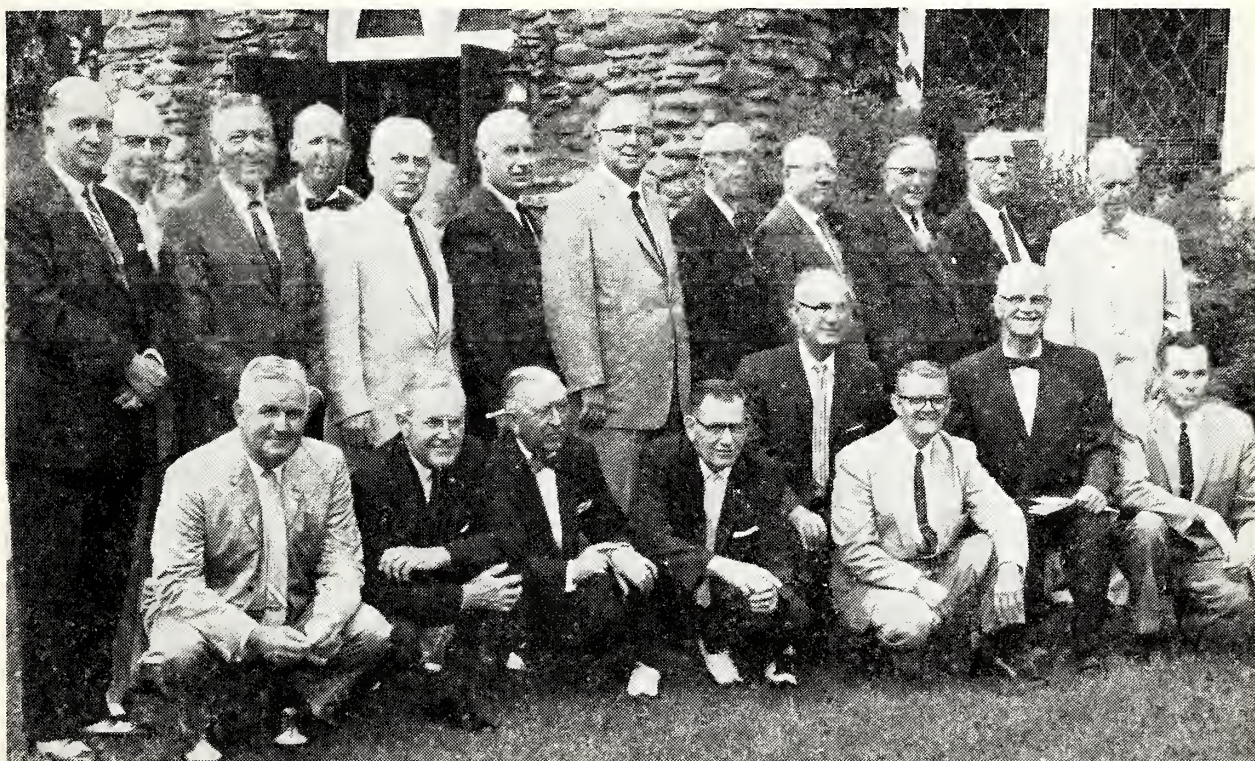


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THE CIRCLE BIBLE STUDY for Women of the Church for October will appear in the September 9 issue.

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The Holy Catholic Church

Many of our Protestant people have questions or reservations in mind when this phrase is used in the Apostles Creed. In some places this is so strong that the Session may well consider using the form that Luther was taught, namely, the holy Christian Church, or the form of John Knox's Liturgy, namely the holy Church universal. Or the minister may frequently point out that catholic means universal or ecumenical, the whole number of God's people in all the denominations which confess Christ as God and Saviour. Or one may go back to our Swiss foundations and say with the 1528 Theses of Berne that the holy catholic Church is the Church of which Christ is the only Head.

Whenever any group or denomination tries to make itself the whole body of Christ it is taking a sectarian position. And this judgment applies as well to Disciples who attack other bodies of Christians as "denominations" or "sects" as it does to the Papal Church. The Campbellite Movement, instead of gathering all denominations into one visible body, added another, or rather three others to the number of denominations.

The Council of Trent, the Dogma of Papal Infallibility, the Dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and of the Assumption of the Body of Mary have made the Roman Church less than catholic. Jesus Christ is the only Head of the Church universal, catholic, ecumenical or Christian. The elevation of any minister above his brother ministers in any branch of the Church is a derogation from this sole headship of Christ. It makes that other — whether he be Pope, Patriarch, Bishop, Superintendent, prominent Pastor, Secretary — to stand between those over whom he is exalted and their only proper Lord, Saviour and Head — Jesus Christ.

—W. C. R.

Jesus the Fighter

This word is written to those red-blooded young men who sometimes find difficulty in accepting the "meekness" and the "turn the other cheek" teachings of Jesus Christ. The facts were that Jesus wasn't always that way.

To fully understand our Saviour's earthly ministry we must always contemplate it as a whole; and in His life, as in ours, there is a time for all things — A time to fight and a time to be humble. A time to pray and a time to work. A time to leave it up to God to do things and a time to do them ourselves.

Turn to the Gospel of deeds by Mark, 11th chapter, 15th verse, and we find Jesus "rolling up his sleeves"

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and single-handedly "cleaning out" the Temple at Jerusalem. He threw them out; the peddlers, the money changers who were profaning God's house. They probably fought back, but He won the fight because He was in the right. He didn't turn the other cheek here; He wasn't meek. He was a red-blooded fighter; A crusader in a righteous cause.

Today there are many defensive Christians, but Jesus didn't stay on the defensive. He took the offensive, and every fighter knows that the best defense is a good offense.

Young man, young woman, God wants you to fight for Him. Jude expressed it when he said that we should "earnestly contend for the faith", and contend means fight; but not be contentious.

Buckle on your sword. Give the devil no quarter. Let's fight a pitched battle for human souls and for Christ. We are in the right and He is on our side. Our adversary is vulnerable and on judgment day our scars of battle will be worth more to us than our medals.

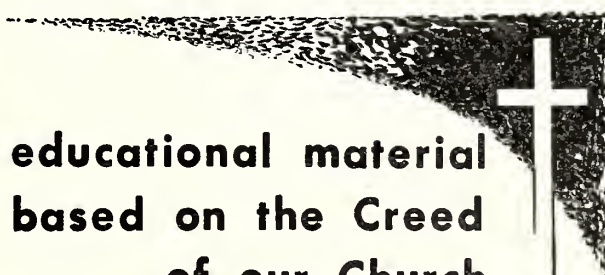
—R. LeC.

Annual Meeting

For many years many supporters of the *Southern Presbyterian Journal* have met each August for a day of fellowship and spiritual refreshment. This year some 500 people came from every Synod within the bounds of our church. Perfect weather, excellent addresses (all of which will be reprinted in the JOURNAL) and a sense of spiritual oneness combined to make it a day of happiness and blessing.

In many ways it was a thrilling day for there was a sense of God's presence, a thankfulness for His blessings in the past, and the conviction that He is opening up for the JOURNAL a great day of advance and usefulness.

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