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1. What is the "Guarantee Band"?

A. An organization of laymen and preachers in Tennessee who, in order to prevent debt on our causes, agree to underwrite our State program for the year.

2. What is our State-program?

A. It is the amount of money the Convention agrees to try to raise during a State Convention year for the causes we foster in Tennessee.

3. What are the amounts we are trying to raise this year?

A. \$ 46,771.00 for State Missions.
43,000.00 for Foreign Missions.
32,000.00 for Home Missions.
36,000.00 for Christian Education.
30,000.00 for Orphans' Home.
10,000.00 for Memorial Hospital.
3,600.00 for Ministerial Relief.

\$201,371.00 for All the Causes.

4. What causes among these will the fund pledged by the Guarantee Band protect against debt?

A. State, Home and Foreign Missions, Christian Education and Orphans' Home.

5. Why is this guarantee fund needed?

A. There is always an element of risk in our plans but in this time of **war** we do not know at what time we may fail to receive money enough to meet our obligations and thus be left with such debt as to cripple permanently our work.

6. How is the war affecting our security?

A. First, many of our laymen are being called to war and their gifts are being cut off.

Second, many of our laymen are now having to pay more war taxes than their total gifts to the causes of the Lord in the past amounted to, and they are thus made to feel poor and unable to give as formerly—e.g., one of our best laymen, who always gives generously, has al-

ready cut his gift in half and does not know whether he will be able to do better later or not.

Third, many pastors are being called to army service and our churches are thus left without leaders.

It can easily be seen that these things make it necessary that we shall try in some way to protect our causes against debt.

6. How often will the call be made for the payment of these pledges to the guarantee fund?

A. Only once each year.

7. At what time will the call be made?

A. About November 1st.

8. Will the call for payment of pledges be made if there is no debt?

A. Certainly not. This pledge is only made to guarantee against debt.

9. Where ought the cards, when signed up, be sent?

A. To J. W. Gillon, 161 8th Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn.

10. Why is not everybody asked to sign a card for the same amount?

A. Because everybody has not the same ability to give and the Scripture requires that all giving shall be according to ability. Some have done fine when they subscribe \$1.00, while others have not given proportionately when they give \$100.00.

11. Why should every Baptist in Tennessee who signs a guarantee card sign one for all the causes?

A. Because all the causes belong to the task of Tennessee Baptists and each deserves every Tennessee Baptist's support.

12. When this money is called for, how will it be divided?

A. Since it is to prevent debt, it will be divided among the causes according to the ratio of our failure to raise, in the regular way, the amount of our undertakings for the causes—e.g., should we fail by

\$10,000 to get the amount we spent for
State Missions

\$5,000 to get the amount we undertook for Foreign Missions;

5,000.00 to get the amount we undertook for Home Missions;

5,000.00 to get the amount we undertook for Orphans' Home;

5,000.00 to get the amount we undertook for Christian Education;

we would divide every dollar of the guarantee fund as follows:

One-third, or 33 $\frac{1}{3}$ cents would be given to State Missions;

One-sixth, or 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents would be given to Foreign Missions.

One-sixth, or 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents would be given to Home Missions.

One-sixth, or 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents would be given to Orphans' Home.

One-sixth, or 16 $\frac{2}{3}$ cents would be given to Christian Education.

13. How long is it purposed to keep up this Guarantee Band?

A. Until the need for it has passed.

14. Can one designate the length of time for which he signs a card?

A. **Certainly.** If he does not indicate some specific time, however, it will be taken for granted he wants it continued from year to year.

15. Is this pledge to the guarantee fund to take the place of the regular gifts to the causes?

A. **Under no circumstances.** To let it be in lieu of or in any way decrease regular gifts would defeat its very purpose.

16. Suppose a crash should come in the financial world and produce a great debt. Would the Convention go on the next year spending large amounts and expect the Guarantee Band to make up the deficits?

A. **Certainly not.** In such case as that, the expenditures would be reduced until normal conditions were restored in the financial world.

Dear Reader: You have read this through and understand it. Will you kindly sign the pledge card you find here for the amount you feel under God you will be willing to make good if needed and then mail the card to

**J. W. GILLON, Treasurer of
The Baptist State Conven-
tion of Tennessee, Nash-
ville, Tenn.**

The card in middle of Catechism can be torn out, signed up, and sent to J. W. Gillon. Please always give name of sender, address of sender, church, and association of sender.

Rev. J. W. Gillon,
161 8th Ave. N.,
Nashville, Tenn.

My dear Brother:—

I have read your Catechism on the "Guarantee Band" and heartily endorse what you are trying to do. I am glad to sign this card for the amount checked below. When you need it let me know how much of my pledge is needed and I will at once hand it to my church treasurer and ask him to send it to you. **I WILL NOT LET THIS PLEDGE** detract from my regular gifts to the causes.

\$ 1.00 ----

5.00 ----

10.00 ----

20.00 ----

25.00 ----

50.00 ----

100.00 ----

(Check with X on the right of the amount you pledge to give)

My Name

My Address

My Church

My Association

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REV. J W. GILLON,

161 Eighth Ave. N.,

Nashville, Tenn.