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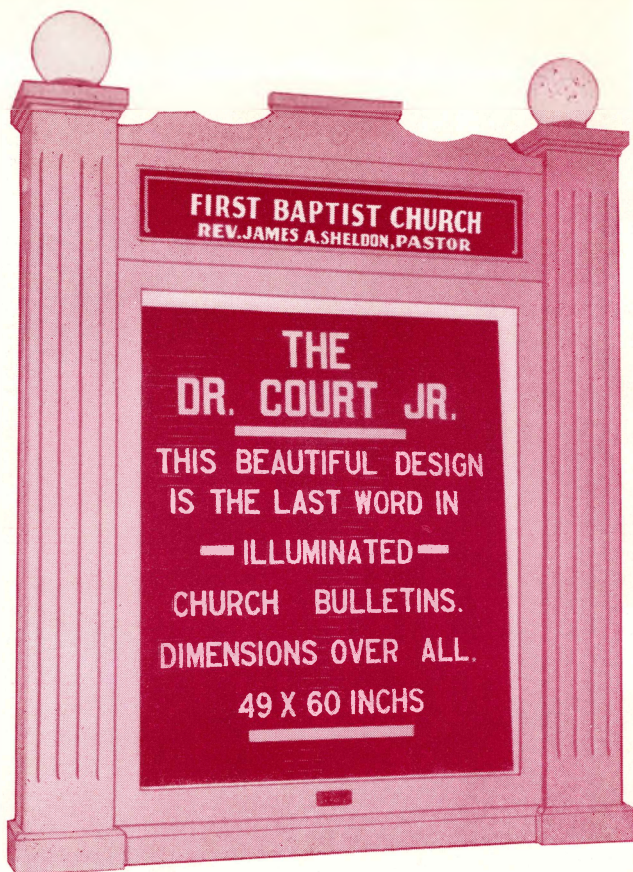
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PROGRAM FOR THIRD QUARTER
July, August, and September, 1941

July

- (1) Baptist Bible Institute
- (2) W.M.U. Camps

August

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

September

- (1) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- (2) W.M.U. Training School
- (3) Training Union Study Courses

SOUTHERN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
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The Seminary Safely Endowed and Free from Debt

Fifty-six years of continuous service devoted to an institution gives one certain rights. President Sampey, in the midst of an evangelistic meeting, gathers his message to the Alumni and friends of the Seminary about two great words: **Debt-Paying, and Endowment.**

Steadily the million dollar indebtedness of the Seminary for its buildings and equipment has been reduced to the sum of \$358,000 as of this date. The next payment, for which money already is in the bank, will bring the debt to \$348,000.

But an indebtedness of \$348,000 is a serious matter. Annual interest charges on this amount would add four professors to the teaching staff; or it would make possible the attendance of 100 students whose necessary aid would thus be provided.

All our hearts are set on a debtless denomination by 1945. Let's begin now to realize this hope! It will be thoroughly unwise to wait until the last year and then put on a drive for the total amount. Let us cut off \$100,000 of the debt during 1941, a second \$100,000 during 1942, a third \$100,000 during 1943, then in 1944 we can confidently finish the job!

Our people are of a mind to pay these Baptist debts. Especially would many loyal friends like to see the Seminary's debt wiped out. If Dr. Sampey could sit down with you who read these words or stand before the people of your churches, he would convincingly plead for a good beginning toward the liquidation of all our debts NOW, followed by successive efforts to the climax of "A Debtless Denomination in 1945." Let us work and pray together that this great hope may be fully realized.—**The Seminary News**, May, 1941.

The Class of 1941

The eighty-second year of the Seminary's history draws to a close May the ninth at the Crescent Hill Baptist Church in Louisville when no fewer than 119 men will receive degrees and diplomas, making a total of 125 for the entire session. The total enrolment of students (men) reached 496 this year. The list of graduates is as follows:

Degree Graduates

CERTIFICATES

B.D.

Claude Elmo Williams Kentucky

Th.M.

Carl E. Bates Mississippi

DEGREES

Bachelors in Theology, Th.B.

James Borders Kentucky
 Thomas E. Dougherty South Carolina
 Robert Burns Herndon Georgia
 George Edward Hughes Virginia
 Malcolm Leach Kentucky
 Jack Tatum Georgia

Bachelors of Divinity, B.D.

Homer Ortho Baker North Carolina
 Wade L. Cochran Missouri
 Cecil V. Cook, Jr. Virginia
 Ben W. Cox South Carolina
 Hampton C. Hopkins Tennessee
 Lonnie Willard Knight Mississippi
 Urban Allen Moss Georgia
 George McNeill Ray Alabama
 Dewey Austin Stubblefield Kentucky
 Walter Wesley Thompson Illinois
 Philip Henry Tomlinson Virginia
 James Milton Windham Georgia
 G. L. Youman Kentucky

Masters in Theology, Th.M.

Joseph Earle Abstance South Carolina
 Das Kelley Barnett Arkansas
 Fred Lewis Bell Kentucky
 Clarence Norman Bennett, Jr. Florida
 Julius Ivyloy Bishop Alabama
 Clifford Earl Bittle Missouri
 William G. Bond North Carolina
 Wilbur LeGrand Borom Alabama
 Hugh Everett Boyd Mississippi
 William Henry Branyan, Jr. Mississippi
 Roland Morton Brewer Tennessee
 Hugh Alexander Brimm Mississippi
 Carson Brittain Florida
 Lester Eugene Burnette Mississippi
 Basil Winston Burns Alabama
 Hugh Cantrell Arkansas
 Paul Cochran Carpenter Tennessee
 Warren Tyree Carr Kentucky
 Loyd Maxwell Chapman Texas
 Laurence William Cleland Missouri
 David Tandy Cranford Mississippi
 John Lankford Curtis Tennessee
 James Robert Davis Mississippi
 Howard Garrett Dawkins North Carolina
 Ray F. Dykes Mississippi
 Thomas J. Eastes West Virginia
 Board Wallace Edwards South Carolina
 Willis Edwin Elliott, II New York
 Harold Lord Fickett, Jr. Texas
 Harold B. Frazee Oregon
 Allen J. Freeman North Carolina
 Loren S. Goings Missouri
 William Barker Hardison Tennessee
 Jewell Taylor Hart Tennessee
 Woodrow Wilson Herrin Mississippi
 Herschel O. Hester Alabama
 Eldie Francis Hicks Kentucky
 Alvin Holland Hopson Texas
 Herbert Roscoe Howard, Jr. Alabama
 Richard Thomas Howerton North Carolina
 Edwin Gray Jones, Jr. North Carolina
 Dan B. Jorgensen Michigan

William Jackson Kilgore Texas
 Richard Clyde Kinnaird Alabama
 James Ervin Ledbetter Tennessee
 Robert E. Lee Tennessee
 William Calhoun Link, Jr. North Carolina
 Benjamin O. Lynes Alabama
 Andrew Estus Mason Mississippi
 C. DeWitt Matthews Alabama
 James Franklin McCrary Mississippi
 Tildon Solomon McGee Mississippi
 John M. McGinnis Mississippi
 John Newport Missouri
 James Harvey Nichols, Jr. Virginia
 Robert Leland Palmer Tennessee
 John A. Parker Mississippi
 Charles Spurgeon Paschall Tennessee
 George W. Phillips Kentucky
 Julian Thomas Pipkin Georgia
 Ilus Erfurt Provence, Jr. Texas
 Albert Wayne Robbins Louisiana
 Herman E. Rowlett Kentucky
 Carmon Arlington Savell Mississippi
 V. Lavell Seats Missouri
 William Jefferson Self Alabama
 Tyler Gilbert Shely Kentucky
 Taylor Clarence Smith Louisiana
 Wallace Austin Stark Oklahoma
 Grover Edwin Stillwagon Missouri
 William Covington Summar Tennessee
 Dorvell W. Tabb Oklahoma
 Harold D. Tallant Tennessee
 James Robert Thompson Kentucky
 William Peyton Thurman Kentucky
 James E. Tull Arkansas
 Henry Eugene Turlington Florida
 Henry E. Walden, Jr. North Carolina
 George Frederick Walker, Jr. California
 Jesse Marshall Walker North Carolina
 James Oliver Weaver Mississippi
 J. R. White, Jr. Kentucky
 Stephen A. Whitlow Arkansas
 Paul Garland Wiley Virginia
 Arnett Williams Kentucky
 Charles Alton Wingo Tennessee

Previously Graduated This Session

Roy Lee Puckett Kentucky
 Everett Paul Quinton Texas

Doctors of Philosophy, Ph.D.

With Subjects of Theses

J. P. Allen Kentucky
 Valry Ward Barr Louisiana
 John Glenn Blackburn Maryland
 John Maurice Carter Kentucky
 Arnold Edmund Hayes Brazil
 Malcolm Buckner Knight Kentucky
 Robert Granville Martin Oklahoma
 George Norman Price Kentucky
 Elwin Lloyd Skiles Texas
 Benjamin Franklin Smith Mississippi

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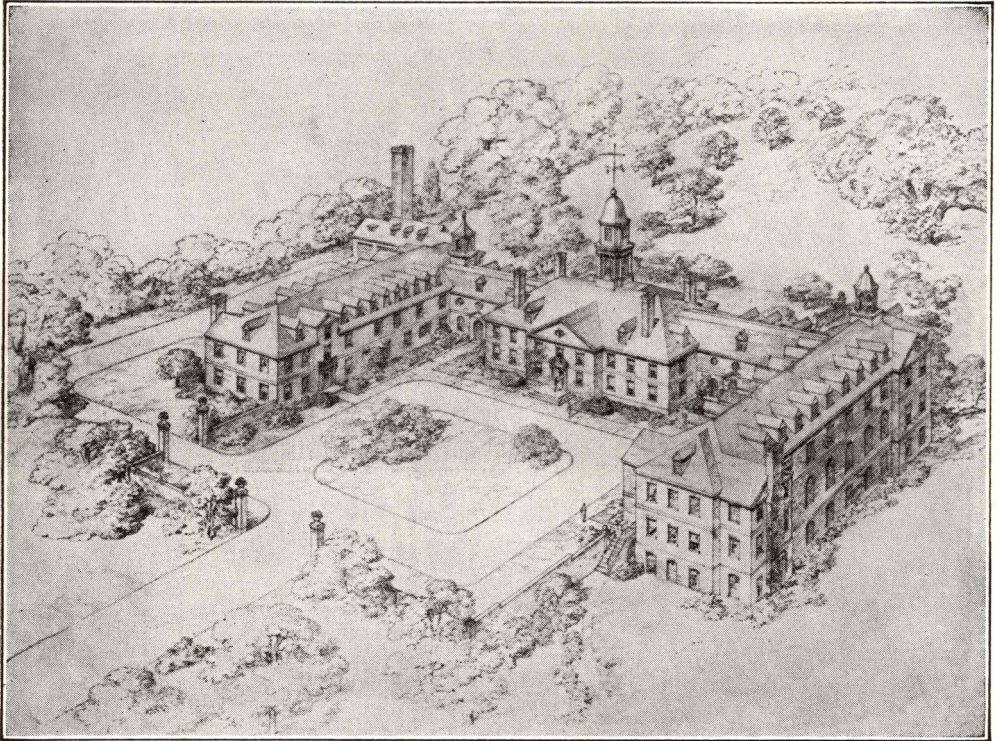
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 Harold Glen Sanders Missouri

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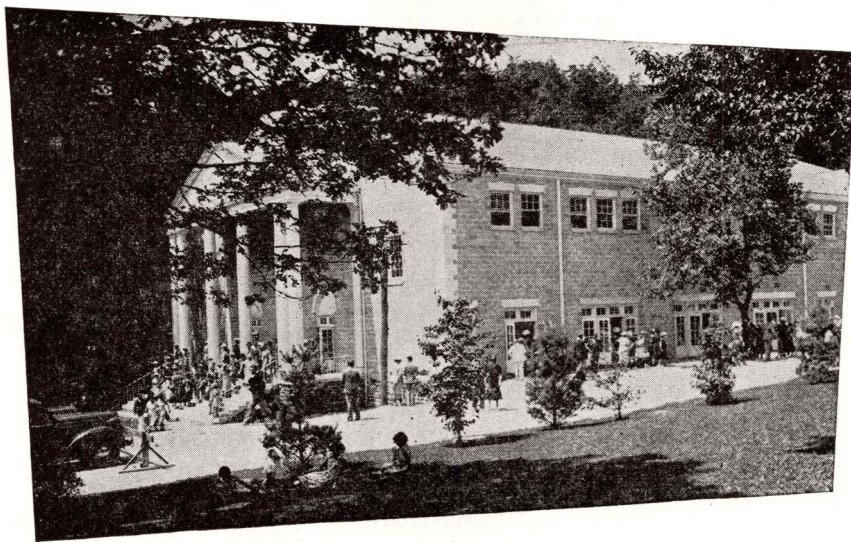
The Seminary News, May, 1941

THE W.M.U. TRAINING SCHOOL
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY



The new House Beautiful, home of the W.M.U. Training School of the South. The building, which is to be completed in June, 1941, will stand adjoining the grounds of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, "The Beeches," Louisville, Kentucky. Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn is the principal.

RIDGECREST BAPTIST ASSEMBLY, JUNE 11 TO AUGUST 19, 1941



NEW AUDITORIUM, RIDGECREST, NORTH CAROLINA

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RIDGECREST is owned by the Southern Baptist Convention. The property is maintained and the Summer Assembly is directed by The Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tennessee, T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary; J. O. Williams, Business Manager.

The Program—Week by Week

June 11-19

SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST STUDENT RETREAT

Under the direction of Frank H. Leavell, Secretary of the Department of Student Work, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

June 24-July 4

YOUNG WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CAMP

Under the direction of Juliette Mather, Secretary of Young People's Work of the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham.

July 5-11

NORTH CAROLINA TRAINING UNION ASSEMBLY

Under the direction of Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Baptist Training Union Secretary of North Carolina, and W. Perry Crouch, Secretary of Christian Education of North Carolina, Raleigh.

July 12-18

SOUTHWIDE SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL CONFERENCE

Under the direction of P. E. Burroughs, Educational and Promotional Secretary and H. E. Ingraham, William P. Phillips, Mary Virginia Lee, Andrew Allen and Homer L. Grice, Secretaries, Sunday School departments, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

CHURCH ARCHITECTURE CONFERENCE

Under the direction of W. A. Harrell, Secretary of Department of Church Architecture, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

SOUTHWIDE BAPTIST TRAINING UNION ASSEMBLY

July 19-25

Under the direction of J. E. Lambdin, Secretary of the Baptist Training Union Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

July 26-August 1

EDITORIAL CONFERENCE

Under the direction of Hight C Moore, Editorial Secretary, Sunday School Board, Nashville. For lesson writers and editorial workers of the Sunday School Board Staff but open to those interested in writing or editing.

SOUTHWIDE CHURCH MUSIC EMPHASIS CONFERENCE

Under the direction of B. B. McKinney, Music Editor, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

August 2-8

HOME MISSION BOARD CONFERENCE

The Home Board and State Boards' Workers and Missionaries under the direction of J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta. Of interest to all who have vision of the need in the home field.

August 9-15

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD CONFERENCE

Under the direction of Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond. A program with missionaries, and their messages.

August 16-22

BIBLE AND CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE

Under the direction of P. E. Burroughs, Educational and Promotional Secretary, Sunday School Board, Nashville. Outstanding Christian leaders and teachers will preach, teach, and lecture.

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY

BAPTIST BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE

Under the direction of Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Memphis. For all who work with or are interested in Brotherhood work.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Under the direction of Charles D. Johnson, Chairman of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Waco.

August 23-31

PREACHING WEEK

Twice daily by George W. Truett, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas.

SPECIAL BIBLE STUDY

(Two periods daily)

RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD CONFERENCE

Under the direction of Thomas J. Watts, Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas.

All Summer—July 8-August 19

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SEMINARY HILL, TEXAS



L. R. Scarborough, President

Summary of Report

Grand Total Receipts 1940	\$129,415.00
Total Disbursements	131,217.93
Indebtedness (Being Refinanced)	401,993.00

ENROLMENT FOR 1940-41:

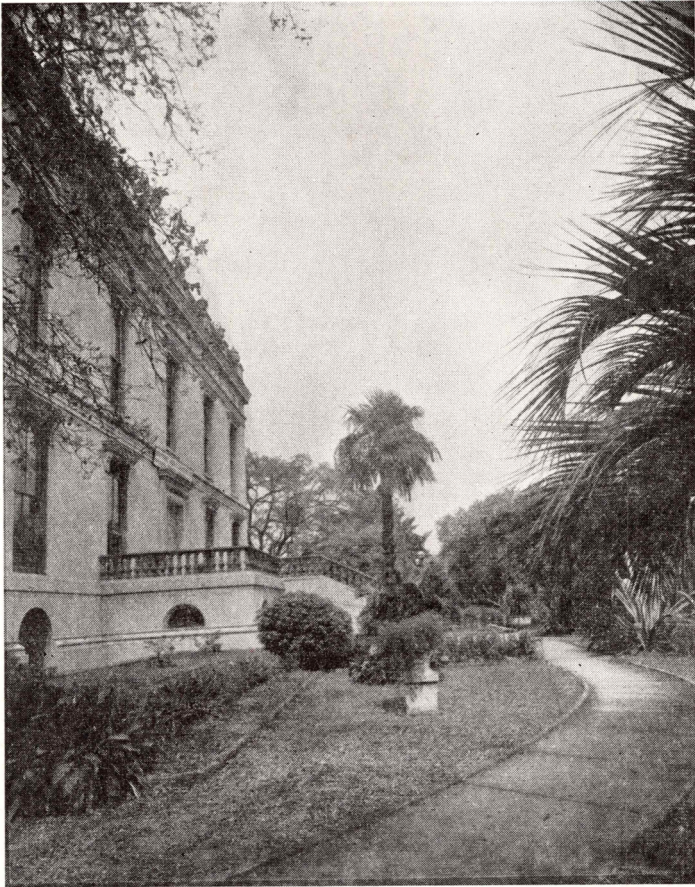
1. Ministerial students	372
2. Laymen	88
3. Married women	180
4. Single women	147
Total in residence	787
(An increase of 22 over last year)	
5: Number in correspondence	236
	1,023
Duplicates	83
Total in residence and correspondence (without duplicates)	940
6. Graduated (including summer school)	131

ENCOURAGEMENTS FROM THIS YEAR'S RECORD:

1. We have reduced the amount due on back salaries, without drawing on Hundred Thousand Club funds, \$2,692.57.
2. Last year we showed an operating profit of \$1,913.49. This year we have in other departments of \$861.61 and an increase in the endowment principal of \$9,776.60, together with about \$500,000.00 increase in endowment from the Kokernot gift, the record and direction of which is, by the action of the Convention, in the hands of the Texas Baptist Foundation.
3. A reduction of our indebtedness this year of \$38,677.21, which is \$6,674.35 above what we received from the Hundred Thousand Club receipts.
4. We have again paid every month this year, according to our refinancing plan, interest and principal on our debts.
5. We have paid all salaries, as per contract, month by month, without borrowing any money, and this included a ten per cent increase in salaries, which has been greatly needed by our sacrificing faculty.
6. In addition to the above mentioned increase in our endowment in cash, or its equivalent, we are greatly encouraged by securing, through the quiet endowment campaign conducted by the President and Dr. J. W. Bruner, some valuable wills, which give a fair expectation of considerable increase in the endowment for the future, together with the growing encouragement of cash receipts from the Rio Grande Valley orchard and the growth and strengthening of the Seminary's endowment property there.
7. The strengthening and increasing of our student body, its deepening in missionary and soul-winning passion, and its encouraging growth in scholarship and the elements of spiritual leadership. Also, the growth, health and increasing efficiency of our Seminary faculty greatly encourages and stimulates all the life of the Seminary.
8. We have worked out, under the suggestion and co-operation of Dr. Austin Crouch, the Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee, and through the efficient agency of the Nashville Securities Company a refinancing plan for the entire debt of the Seminary, and have already passed and sold a bond issue of \$275,000.00 for ten years, at three and one-half per cent interest, which has several phases of encouragement and advantage to the Seminary—in the saving of thousands of dollars, in the strengthening of the credit on easier terms of payment—and greatly aids and encourages our financial situation.

George W. Truett, President, Board of Trustees.
L. R. Scarborough, President, Southwestern Seminary.

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
W. W. HAMILTON, President



Baptist Bible Institute, 1220 Washington Ave., New Orleans, La.

Twenty-four years ago, in May, 1917, the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in New Orleans founded the Baptist Bible Institute. At first the school was controlled by a Board of Directors representing the Home Mission Board, the Sunday School Board, and the various States, but was later transferred to a board of twenty-five trustees elected by the Southern Baptist Convention. This was done on recommendation of a committee of which George W. McDaniel was chairman, the motion being made by E. Y. Mullins. The school began its first session October 1, 1918, and the final transfer to the Convention was effected January 20, 1925. Through these years the Institute has had many testing experiences, and had it not been "the child of providence and prayer" the school would have been lost to our Baptist cause and to its great training and missionary work for our Lord and Saviour.

The number of students by states and by departments is as follows:

Alabama	28	Virginia	4
Arkansas	8	West Virginia	2
Florida	18	Central America	2
Georgia	5	China	4
Illinois	5	Manchuria	1
Kentucky	12	Portugal	1
Louisiana	43	Puerto Rico	1—266
Mississippi	65		
Missouri	4		
New York	2	Christian Training	71
North Carolina	21	Theological-Ministerial	150
Oklahoma	2	Special	34
South Carolina	22	Graduate	11—266
Tennessee	12		
Texas	4	Correspondence	135—401

The report of the Practical Activities Department is here given by Dr. J. W. Shepard:

"The work of Practical Activities has greatly expanded during the past year. By the help of the loud-speaker method the number of people who are hearing the gospel through the department's workers has been more than quadrupled. Three buses are now equipped with good loud-speaker sets and the technique of their use is improving with every week. There are three trips each week-end, carrying more than forty workers into above fifteen towns in seven different parishes or counties. Three churches have been organized and a number of other centers are ripening for organization. Eight centers within the city of New Orleans have been chosen by a survey committee composed of representatives of the Executive Committee of the New Orleans Association and the Practical Activities Department as places to be cultivated for new church-centers in the future, bringing the workers from several churches into co-operation with the Institute in this kingdom building.

"Hospital visitation, ministry in prisons and in the lanes and by-ways of the city are prosecuted as usual and with the additional facilities giving opportunity for the training of the workers and also comfort and salvation to many people who have never before known the gospel."

The statistical report of the Practical Activities Department is as follows:

Assignments met	7,149
Sermons and addresses delivered	4,798
Number dealt with personally	11,463
Number professing conversion	1,313
Number homes visited	11,154
Number gospels and tracts given out	55,509

Our total debt January 1st was \$160,000. This included the first mortgage which on January 1, 1940, was \$73,000 and the second mortgage which was \$73,900 plus \$33,912.36 accrued interest. This interest had grown to \$38,102.08 when on November 20 the refinancing was completed. The debt is to the American National Bank, Nashville, Tennessee, and it is a straight loan at 4½ per cent, instead of 6 per cent on the first mortgage and 6½ per cent on the second mortgage.

The contract requires that we pay \$7,000 semi-annually on the principal, or \$14,000 for the year. More may be paid without added premium, and this we expect to do. The interest is guaranteed from our co-operative program receipts, and is covered by the interest donations which we request from our friends. It should be said that the bankers and liquidators have been very sympathetic and considerate. One of them said recently, "we like the way you Baptists are doing about your debts. You have kept your chins up, your eyes clear, and your purpose strong. You have not asked for concessions, but have said, 'Give us time and we will pay all we owe.'"

By action of our Trustees in annual session an expression of appreciation was sent to Dr. Austin Crouch for his untiring services in the refinancing of the Baptist Bible Institute, and for bringing to successful conclusion the arrangements with the American National Bank, of Nashville, Tennessee.

The Negro Seminary is making decided progress. Dr. Shepard writes as follows concerning the seminary: "The Union Baptist Seminary is going forward and gaining ground. During the first year it matriculated 85, in the second year 154, and in the third 178 students. The faculty has increased during the same time from six to

twenty-one teachers including several instructors in the pre-seminary course and the Women's Training Department. The financial support has increased more rapidly this year, the churches of New Orleans (white) having undertaken to raise approximately a thousand dollars and the colored churches an equal amount. The State Board of Louisiana voted the school five hundred dollars to help with the salaries of three colored professors. The advanced and graduate student-teachers from the Baptist Bible Institute make up about half the faculty. Thus the Institute is greatly helping through its scholarship fund in sustaining this much needed work of educating colored pastors for this city and the surrounding regions. Nine men are to complete the four-year course in May of this year."

In conclusion this report would voice the praise and gratitude of our Baptist Bible Institute for God's continued blessings upon our work together, and would ask that special consideration be given to plans for making secure the future of the school. This security must not be thought of as merely financial. It must include the confidence of those who deal with us, the careful admission of students, the further additions to our faculty, the worthiness of our graduates, and the loyalty of the trustees and of the Institute family to our denominational beliefs and plans and to our Lord Jesus Christ.

AMERICAN BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

White's Creek Pike, Nashville, Tenn.



DR. J. M. NABRIT, President

Slight Gains in the Student Body

For the past year, and indeed for the past four years, the gains in student enrollment, so far as the regular students are concerned, have been steady but small, entirely too small. Comparison of the past year with the present years is as follows:

Dormitory (regular) students	in 1940, 47; in 1941, 48.
Night students	in 1940, 5; in 1941, 12.
Summer term students	in 1940, 11; in 1941, 17.
Extension Department students	in 1940, 47; in 1941, 69.
Total students in the seminary	in 1940, 110; in 1941, 146.
Students in the Woman's Training School	in 1940, 13; in 1941, 16.
Grand total students reported	in 1940, 123; in 1941, 162.
Students given degrees and certificates	in 1940, 5; in 1941, 17.

More Adequately Prepared Students

Considerable improvement, however, has taken place in the number of students having proper scholastic preparation for seminary work. In the student body this year, for example, four students have had the full four years of college training, two others have had three years of college work, while four others have had two

years of college work and one has had one year in college. Twenty-seven other students have had full high school courses, or the equivalent of such courses.

A Better Financial Showing

Two things have enabled us to come to the end of another seminary year in better financial condition than we have been for two years. (1) The increased receipts from the Co-operative Program, which came to the Seminary this year—\$10,936.16, as compared to \$10,596.84 last year; and (2) we were not called upon to spend any large sums in further improvements or repairs about the Seminary. Thus we have been able to pay all our bank indebtedness and to have the cash on hand to pay the balance on the new pasture lands added to the Seminary campus; also to meet all current operating expenses of the Seminary and to come to the end of the year with a nice bank balance. We regret, however, to report that we have not been able to add anything to the corpus of our Student Aid Fund for the past three years for the reason that we have been called upon to hand over all the accumulated interest on these funds from year to year to take care of the deficits in operating the boarding department of the Seminary.

Our Two Pressing Needs

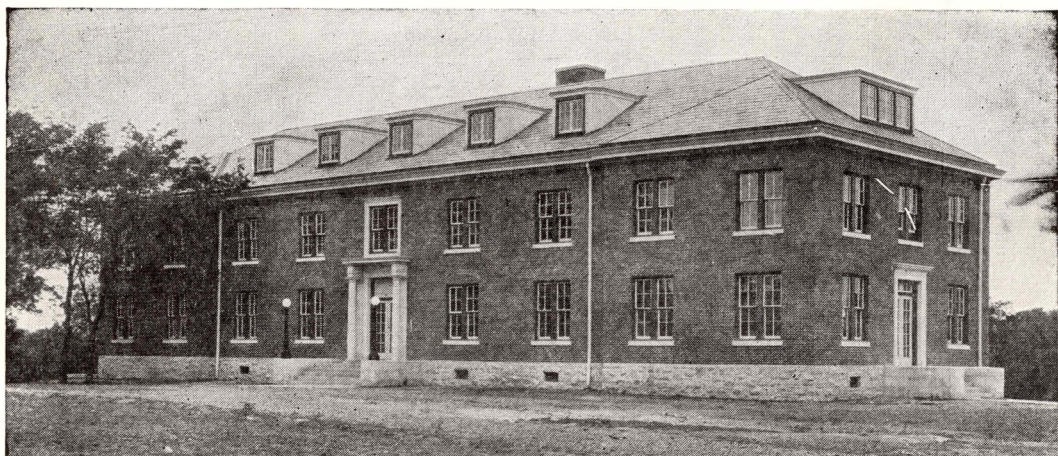
Among the many things now needed by the Seminary, two things weigh most heavily upon us now.

1. **Scholarships and Still More Scholarships.** If we had 100 scholarships which would provide \$12.50 per month, or \$100 a year; 50 others which would provide \$20 a month, or \$160 a year each; and 10 others which would bring in \$30 per month or \$240 a year for married students, we would be able to immediately secure a student body of 200 of the choicest colored Baptist students in America, and we would be able to pay every dollar of the current operating expenses of the Seminary every year, without using all our precious Student Aid Funds.

2. **New Chapel and Library Building.** We again call attention to our pressing need of a new chapel and library building. Griggs Hall, our only building at present, was erected for a dormitory which would house 75 students. So far, in the conduct of the Seminary, however, we have been forced to use this one building for the executive offices, for classrooms, for library, for chapel and for a dormitory. Because much of the building is thus occupied with other things, we have been crowded for dormitory space this year, and should our Seminary have a net gain of as many as ten students next year, we would be embarrassed for rooms for them.

We greatly need a new chapel and library building, to cost \$125,000, not only to provide adequate chapel and library facilities but also to provide classrooms and executive offices. Who will honor our divine Lord by giving us this much needed building, to be constructed during the remaining months of 1941?

E. P. Alldredge, Chairman.



Griggs Hall, American Baptist Theological Seminary, White's Creek Pike, Nashville, Tennessee

TRAINING UNION ACTIVITIES FOR THIRD QUARTER

J. E. LAMBDIN

The summer months present golden opportunities for Training Union work in all our churches. The Southwide program outlines many opportunities for intensive activity by the associations and the local Training Unions.

Extension Work to Follow Up One-Day Associational Meetings

The associational one-day meetings in the first year of our Four Year Program were finished with the Virginia tour the first week in May. 862 associations held these meetings. The average attendance for the whole South was 75. The total attendance was 65,816. The fundamental purpose of these one-day meetings was to study the work in each association and in each church in each association with a view to establishing and maintaining a functioning Training Union in every Baptist church in the South. Following are some of the goals for 1941 adopted by the associations in these meetings:

- 4,372 new Training Unions to be organized.
- 23,050 new unions and Story Hours to be organized.
- 387,298 study course awards to be issued.

Every associational director is urged to follow up plans made in the associational one-day meeting and proceed at once to reach all the goals. During the summer months many students have returned to their home churches and will be available for extension work in the associations. They can go with associational officers to organize new unions, teach study courses, or do any other type of work which is needed. Local Training Unions should also co-operate with the associational director and plan extension work in the association during the summer. Every association can reach its goals if it will make constructive plans and proceed in the work.

September Is Study Course and Enlargement Month

The Training Union observes two Southwide study course months. The first one is March and the second is September. All Training Unions are urged to take the methods study courses in September, and then to make plans to enlarge the Training Union, following promotion day. New units of organization should be set up and a campaign of visitation put on to reach new members for the Training Union. The Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board will send the study course tract which outlines all the study course requirements and gives a list of the books by departments upon request. Study courses may be taken at any time, but early in the fall is an ideal time. The time has come for every church to make definite plans to conduct the study course work as well as hold weekly meetings and study the periodicals.

Follow the Training Union Calendar Each Month

The Training Union Calendar of Emphases and Activities is used by Training Unions and associations throughout the South. Every local Training Union and every associational organization should follow this calendar as closely as possible. Of course, adjustments can be made to take care of local situations. The lessons in the quarterlies and the **Training Union Magazine** all follow the emphases of this calendar. The calendar for the third quarter is outlined here.

July

THEME: Safeguarding Religious Liberty

SCRIPTURE: For freedom did Christ set us free; stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage (Gal. 5:1 ASV)

DENOMINATIONAL EMPHASIS: Baptist Bible Institute

ACTIVITIES: **Church.**—1. Southwide Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest, July 19-25. 2. Urge every member to make a special study of the theme for this month with particular reference to its bearing on world conditions. See the Training Union quarterlies and **Magazine**. 3. Extension work in association. 4. Personal soul-winning.

Association.—Associational Executive and Program Committee Meeting.

August

THEME: Sharing the Compassion of Christ

SCRIPTURE: If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any tender mercies and compassions, make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind (Phil. 2:1-2 ASV)

DENOMINATIONAL EMPHASIS: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

ACTIVITIES: Church.—1. Extension work to establish Training Unions in all churches in the association. Co-operate with the associational organization. 2. Personal soul-winning.

Association.—Associational Officers and Leaders' Council.

September

THEME: Resisting the Devil

SCRIPTURE: Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7 ASV)

DENOMINATIONAL EMPHASIS: Southern Baptist Theological Seminary

ACTIVITIES: Church.—1. Observe Promotion Day the last Sunday in September. 2. Plan the fall Study Course, using methods books. 3. In connection with the Study Course, make plans to enlarge the Training Union. Set up enough organizations to reach and train all church members. 4. Soul-winning.

Association.—Associational Mass Meeting.

Section II

SUMMARY OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, 1940

Twenty-first Annual Report of E. P. Alldredge, Secretary, Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee

A YEAR OF LARGE AND ENCOURAGING GAINS

The gains made by Southern Baptists during 1940 were not so unusual and extraordinary as those of the two preceding years, but nevertheless they were large and substantial and encouraging.

Number of Churches: The number of churches (local congregations) for example, increased from 25,018 in 1939 to 25,259 in 1940, a net gain of 241 for the year—in comparison with a gain of 174 for the two preceding years.

Ordained Ministers: The number of ordained ministers likewise showed an unusual gain, increasing from 22,493 to 23,040, representing a net gain of 547 for the year. We are reasonably certain, however, that this number will be reduced to something less than 400 for the year when we secure the full list of deaths, transfers, duplications and other changes which occur each year. Since there are, upon the average, more than 1,000 changes among Southern Baptist ministers every year, and since no minister is **required** to give notice of any change he may make, it is often months before we come upon the facts in such cases.

Baptisms During 1940: The very high tide of evangelism which has held sway in Southern Baptist churches during the past two years, came back down to normal in 1940. As a result there were only 245,500 baptisms on profession of faith last year, as compared with the all-time record of 269,155 baptisms in 1939, and the great record of 256,814 baptisms in 1938. It is true that Southern Baptists are still having 40,000 more baptisms a year than they had in 1937; and that they are baptizing more persons

on profession of faith than any three other denominations in the South, yet it is distinctly painful to note that the 5,104,327 Southern Baptists won to Christ and baptized into the churches 23,655 fewer persons in 1940 than the 4,949,174 Southern Baptists won to Christ and baptized in 1939.

Church Members: As already noted, the membership of the 25,259 Southern Baptist churches reached the all-time high mark of 5,104,327 in 1940. It should be noted also that this represents a net increase in church membership amounting to 155,153 during the year of 1940—and this too in spite of the fact that many of the large Southern Baptist churches removed from their church rolls thousands of “inactive” and “unlocated” persons heretofore counted as members. But it is especially interesting to note in this connection that Southern Baptists alone now number more than a million more church members than all the Baptist churches in the world had in 1891, when the Southern Baptist Convention held its first meeting in Birmingham, Alabama—the total Baptist church membership in the whole world fifty years ago, when Southern Baptists first met in Birmingham and launched the Sunday School Board, was only 4,049,984, as compared to 5,104,327 Southern Baptist church members in 1940, and a Baptist church membership in the world of more than 12,500,000.

Number of Sunday Schools: With the exception of the year 1937, when there was a net gain of 607 new Sunday schools, the year 1940 witnessed the largest growth in the number of new Sunday Schools experienced by Southern Baptists during the last twenty years. That is to say, in 1940 there was a net increase of 468 new Sunday schools among Southern Baptists, the totals increasing from 23,754 to 24,222 during the past year. The average yearly net gain in the number of Sunday schools during the past two years has been 334, as compared to 468 net gain in 1940 and 607 net gain in 1937.

Sunday School Enrolment: Recently we have come upon the official statistics of Southern Baptist Sunday schools for some of the early years (1890-1895) for which we have heretofore had no official figures. From this source we have learned that when Southern Baptists met in Birmingham in 1891 to launch the Sunday School Board, there were, in fact, only 7,648 Sunday schools with a total enrolment of 503,633 in all Southern Baptist churches; whereas in 1940 there were 24,222 Sunday schools with 3,590,374 enrolled. That is to say, for the fifty years following May, 1891, Southern Baptists have had an average annual increase of more than 331 new Sunday schools and more than 61,734 new pupils added to these Sunday schools. In 1940, however, Southern Baptists did not reach the record gains in Sunday school enrolment which they have made in some recent years. On the contrary, the statistics very conclusively show that, while great increases were made in the rural Sunday schools, both in the number of new Sunday schools and new pupils enrolled, there was a distinct slowing down of enlistment work in the larger urban Sunday schools. So that, while Southern Baptists are able to report a net gain of 468 new Sunday schools, they can only report a net gain of Sunday school enrolment amounting to 66,251 for the year 1940.

Training Union Work: The gains in Training Union work were not so colossal and overwhelming in 1940 as was the case in 1939. Nevertheless, both in the number of Unions and in the enrolled membership, the Training Union work of Southern Baptists made splendid advances, the net gains in new Unions and Story Hours being 2,114 during 1940, while the net gain in enrolled membership was 44,898 for the year. That is to say, the number of Unions and Story Hours increased from 49,389 in 1939 to 51,503 in 1940; whereas the enrolled membership of these organizations increased from 874,791 in 1939, to 919,689 in 1940. In the output of Training Union literature, in study course awards made, as well as in the improvement of departmental organization and internal development, 1940 was perhaps the best year in the history of Training Union work.

Woman's Missionary Union: Following the pattern of the Training Union work, the gains in the number of the W.M.U. organizations and the membership of these organizations were not so large and outstanding as in the two preceding years of 1938 and 1939. The W.M.U. organizations, for example, increased from 39,720 to 40,614, showing a net gain of 894 organizations in 1940; while the membership of the W.M.U. organizations increased from 747,845 in 1939, to 758,151 in 1940, representing a net gain of 10,306 members during the year. In the matter of the contributions of the members of the W.M.U. organizations to the great missionary and benevolent causes of the Convention, however, 1940 was one of the best years in W.M.U. history—these contributions increasing from \$2,556,443 in 1939, to \$2,793,310 in 1940, and showing a net gain of \$236,867 during the year.

Church Houses and Property: The gains in church property during 1940 were the greatest gains along this line experienced by Southern Baptists since the first of

1930, when the long depression began and all building plans were suddenly halted. The record of the past five years will illustrate our meaning:

In 1936, there was a gain of 227 new church houses, 92 pastors' homes and \$1,367,567 added to the value of all church property.

In 1937, there was a gain of 186 new church houses, 67 pastors' homes and \$3,198,932 added to the value of all church property.

In 1938, there was a gain of 85 new church houses, 96 pastors' homes, and \$3,778,425 added to the value of all church property.

In 1939, there was a gain of 184 new church houses, 146 pastors' homes, and \$4,277,857 added to the value of all church property.

Whereas in 1940, there was a gain of 299 new church houses, 156 pastors' homes, and \$7,249,784 added to the value of all church property. Much of this gain in the value of church property came as a result of remodeling, repairing and enlarging of some 1,200 or more old church houses.

Contributions of Southern Baptists: The year 1940 marked another year of splendid gains in the contributions of Southern Baptists, both to the local work of the churches and to the great missionary, educational and benevolent causes fostered by the denomination. The gifts to the local work of the churches, for example, increased from \$30,869,268 in 1939, to \$33,571,411 in 1940, indicating a net increase for the year of \$2,702,143; whereas the gifts to missions, education and benevolences increased from \$6,267,263 in 1939, to \$6,787,626 in 1940, showing a gain of \$520,363 for the year.

Placing these two sums together, we find that the total gifts of Southern Baptists for all causes increased from \$37,136,531 in 1939, to \$40,359,038 in 1940, representing a total net gain of \$3,222,507 for the year. That is to say, the 5,104,327 Southern Baptists in 1940 gave to the various causes which they foster almost the same amount which the 3,705,876 Southern Baptists gave in 1939 to these same causes. But the \$40,409,955 which Southern Baptists gave in 1939 represented \$10.90 per church member; whereas the \$40,359,038 which Southern Baptists gave in 1940 represented only \$7.91 per church member. So that Southern Baptists have not yet reached their own predepression level of giving to the Lord's cause.

SUMMARY OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST GAINS IN 1940

Items	1939	1940	Gains and Losses
Churches	25,018	25,259	241
Ordained Ministers	22,493	23,040	547
Baptisms	269,155	245,500	Loss 23,655
Church Members	4,949,174	5,104,327	155,153
Sunday Schools	23,754	24,222	468
Enrolment in Sunday Schools	3,523,853	3,590,374	66,521
B.T.U. Organizations	49,389	51,503	2,114
B.T.U. Enrolment	874,791	919,689	44,898
W.M.U. Organizations	39,720	40,614	894
W.M.U. Membership	747,845	758,151	10,306
W.M.U. Contributions	\$ 2,556,443	\$ 2,793,310	\$ 236,867
Church Houses	23,008	23,307	299
Pastors' Homes	4,014	4,170	156
Value of all Church Property	\$214,724,695	\$221,974,479	\$7,249,784
Gifts to Local Work	\$ 30,869,268	\$ 33,571,411	\$2,702,143
Gifts to Missions and Benevolences	\$ 6,267,263	\$ 6,787,626	\$ 520,363
Total Gifts, All Purposes	\$ 37,136,531	\$ 40,359,038	\$3,222,507
Orphanages	18	18	None
Orphanage Property	\$ 6,670,075	\$ 6,808,361	\$ 138,286
Children Cared for	4,328	4,330	2

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FOREIGN MISSION FORCES IN 1940

The Foreign Mission Board presents a new and glorious record for the year 1940, in spite of all its manifold problems and difficulties:

Churches	2,023
Baptisms	18,542
Church Members	251,734
Contributions by Natives	\$ 379,896
Missionaries	446
Native Workers	2,957
Schools and Colleges (all grades)	454
Total Students	35,291
Physicians (Foreign and Native)	20
Nurses (Foreign and Native)	101
Hospital Buildings	37
Hospital Beds	798
In-Patients	9,093
Out-Patients	119,634
Total Patients Treated	136,994
Total Receipts of the Board	\$1,474,413.74
Paid on Interest	\$ 10,223.52
Paid on Indebtedness	\$ 33,500.00
Indebtedness on the Board	\$ 214,000.00

The 1941 Budget

The Board fixed the budget for the calendar year of 1941 at \$861,667.35, including specially supported missionaries. The budget is divided as follows:

Mission Expenses:

Missionaries (Salaries, Children's Allowances, Rent, Travel, Language Study and Pensions)	\$549,349.66
Emergency Fund	10,000.00
Native Workers	83,658.05
Schools	51,600.00
Medical Work	11,535.00
Rents, Homes and Chapels	19,100.75
Literature	11,825.26
Miscellaneous	20,828.63
Total for Foreign Fields	\$757,897.35

Promotion and Administrative Expenses:

Woman's Missionary Union	\$ 24,000.00
Southern Baptist Convention—Minutes and so forth	2,000.00
Missionary Day in the Sunday Schools	600.00
Interest	10,000.00
Administrative Expenses	66,170.00
Baptist World Alliance	1,000.00
Total for Home Base	\$103,770.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$861,667.35
Estate of Ada B. Thixton (Kentucky)	\$ 2,081.96
Estate of C. S. Truman (Kentucky)	1,912.01
Estate of C. S. Hawkins (Georgia)	186.32
Estate of Ada B. Thixton (Kentucky)	19.29
Estate of W. R. Spight (Alabama)	20,000.00
Estate of Mrs. Foy Peele Rogers (North Carolina)	500.00
Estate of Mrs. A. C. Cocke (Virginia)	19.70
Estate of T. E. Noble (Virginia)	200.00
Total	\$ 24,919.28

Endowment and Trust Funds Received

Whilden Graves Memorial, American Mo Kwong Board, Mississippi	\$ 2,500.00
Mrs. W. Eugene Sallee Memorial Fund (Additions thereto)	56.00
John Lake, Inc., Leper Colony Fund (Additions thereto)	2,055.00
Total	\$ 4,611.00

Annuity Contracts Funded

During the calendar year 1940 a total of \$4,577.00 was received from annuity contracts funded through the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

HOME MISSION BOARD'S NEW RECORD

The Vast Organized Forces of the Home Mission Board

There are ten major divisions of the Home Board's far-reaching services, as follows:

1. **Missions in the Homeland, with Ten Departments:**
 - (1) Spanish speaking work in three sections
 - (2) French mission work
 - (3) Italian work in five centers
 - (4) Chinese work in three or four centers
 - (5) Mountain mission work
 - (6) Social settlements at Dyess, Ark., and Pickwick Dam in Tennessee
 - (7) Work among the deaf mutes
 - (8) Work among the Indians in six states
 - (9) Rescue missions in many cities
 - (10) Chapels and Homes for the missionaries
2. **Missions in Cuba, Covering Four Provinces,** with many regular and many special features.
3. **A Large Department of Missionary Education,** comprising four main departments as follows:
 - (1) Church schools of missions
 - (2) Co-operative work with the Negroes
 - (3) Mission study
 - (4) Field work
4. **Home Mission Publicity**
5. **Evangelism**
6. **Jewish Work**
7. **Church Extension**
8. **Work in the Military Camps**
9. **Finances**
10. **Administrative and Promotional Work**

Another Year of Great Financial Gains

Few of our people realize how marvelous has been the financial recovery of the Home Mission Board. We give some encouraging items from the 1940 report:

- (1) Receipts of the Board in 1940 were \$560,168.09, as compared with \$544,289.04 the preceding year.
- (2) The interest on the large indebtedness was paid and \$181,130.41 paid on the principal of this debt.
- (3) The total debt was reduced to \$850,000 and refinanced at a much lower rate of interest, thus saving \$9,000 a year in interest, or \$45,000 if paid by 1945.
- (4) The Annie W. Armstrong offering of the W.M.U. of the South reached the splendid total of \$157,009.28 in 1940.
- (5) The Bottom's Trust yielded an income of \$46,473.51 during the year—the largest returns yet realized.

A Large, Aggressive Missionary Force

The Home Mission Board had 391 missionaries in 1940. In addition to the churches served, some 915 mission stations were cared for. Altogether, there were 5,375 professions of faith under Home Board workers, or almost 14 per worker.

The Mexican Missions remain the most fruitful and encouraging of all Home Mission work, there being one baptism for every 12 members of the Mexican churches, as compared to one baptism to every 17 Cubans, and one baptism to 20.7 whites in our Southern Baptist churches.

The past year, 1940, has witnessed the largest ingathering of Jewish souls which have been brought to Christ during the past ten years.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD COMES TO JUBILEE YEAR 1891 - 1941

A Year of High Achievements

The year 1940 proved to be the best year the Sunday School Board has known: The receipts of the Board mounted up to \$2,322,329.15—an increase of \$138,586.15 over the preceding year.

The Sunday school work showed a net increase of 468 in the number of Sunday schools and 66,521 net gain in the enrolment. The Training Union work showed a net increase of 2,114 Unions and 44,898 increase in membership. The student work had its best year of manifold service to the multiplied thousands of young men and women in the schools and colleges of the South.

The publication work of the Board is a story of unbelievable achievements. Over 325 books are now being published by the Board. Its 85 periodicals have now reached a circulation of over 35,000,000 a year. And some 1,750,000 additional free tracts are being published and sent out each year.

The Vacation Bible schools reached a total of 5,756 with 541,206 enrolled, representing a net gain of 1,407 schools and 119,829 enrolled.

Since October 1, 1934, the Sunday School Study Course awards have reached a grand total of 953,672 by April 1, 1941.

The Training Union Study Course awards have reached the staggering total of 1,160,858 by the end of 1940.

During the past year, the Board has erected a splendid new building, to be known as the Administration Building, at 127 Ninth Avenue, North, in Nashville. The cost was \$287,000.

Missionary Services Increasing Every Year

In the meantime, the missionary services of the Board are increasing and broadening every year. We mention seven special features:

- (1) In 1940, for example, the Board gave away \$26,003.86 worth of Bibles and good books and periodicals.
- (2) It published and sent out gratis over 1,750,000 tracts on evangelism, Baptist doctrine and other topics.
- (3) Out of its surplus earnings the Board appropriated a total of \$520,240.51 to denominational causes in 1940—which was \$12,000 more than the year before.
- (4) To 12 causes wholly outside its own work, the Board donated \$50,074.47 in 1940.
- (5) In addition, the Board gave \$165,027.41 to co-operative work in the several states of the Convention.
- (6) In 21 bookstores over the South, the Board has made an investment of \$234,378.11, and is rendering one of its largest benevolent services.
- (7) The Board is also carrying an investment of \$92,434.31 in Ridgecrest Assembly as a special service for the whole Convention.

PROGRESS OF RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD, 1940

Here are the high points of the marvelous record of the Relief and Annuity Board covering the year 1940:

1. Assets of the Board—

In 1918	\$ 106,482.53
In 1930	3,698,554.74
In 1940	5,149,663.24

2. Income of the Board—

In 1939	715,342.47
In 1940	1,005,024.94

3. Disbursements in 1940—

(1) Annuity benefits paid out	314,895.00
(2) Relief benefits paid out	100,205.77
(3) Withdrawals and cancellations	38,610.72
(4) Gift annuities	35,355.88
(5) Administrative and promotional expense	75,394.15
(6) Upkeep and losses on property	29,304.21

Total disbursements\$ 593,765.73

4. High Points of Year's Advance—

- (1) Annuity memberships reached 6,680 in 1940—2,342 new contracts issued and only 502 cancelled.
- (2) Annuity dues and contributions in 1940, \$628,910.30, as compared with \$359,757.33 in 1939.
- (3) Income of Board rose from \$715,342.47 to \$1,005,024.94 in 1940.
- (4) Assets of Board increased from \$4,774,475.26, to \$5,149,663.24 in 1940.
- (5) Annuity benefits increased from \$250,794.94 to \$314,895.00 in 1940.
- (6) All 18 states in the bounds of the Convention have now adopted the Ministers' Retirement Plan.
- (7) Investments of the Relief and Annuity Board earned an average of 4.40 per cent in 1940.

5. Relief Beneficiaries in 1940—

Ministers	598
Widows	674

6. Valuable Property to Be Improved—

In 1940 the Relief and Annuity Board bought a well-located and valuable piece of property in Dallas, Texas, which is to be improved by the expenditure of \$190,000, and to be known as the Baptist Building. It will house the Board's offices, also other Baptist interests in Texas.

HOSPITAL PROGRESS IN 1940

Items	1939	1940	Gains & Losses	
Number of Hospitals	20	20	None	
*Value of Hospital Property	\$15,268,099	\$14,279,730	Loss	\$ 988,369
Indebtedness Reported	\$ 2,619,219	\$ 2,426,104	Loss	\$ 193,115
Number of Buildings	81	87		6
Number of Hospital Beds	3,529	3,804		275
Total Operating Receipts	\$ 3,693,016	\$ 4,974,688		\$1,281,672
Net Operating Earnings	\$ 804,087	\$ 557,023	Loss	\$ 247,064
Receipts from the Denomination	\$ 197,784	\$ 243,100		\$ 45,316
Nurses in Training	1,810	1,590	Loss	220
Surgical Cases Treated	56,471	55,377	Loss	1,094
Total Number of Patients	116,709	114,568	Loss	2,141
Total Patient Days of Service	876,000	912,454		36,454
Charity Patients Cared for	40,608	18,586	Loss	22,022
Expended on Charity Patients	\$ 875,441	\$ 990,978		\$ 115,537
Baptist Patients Cared for	28,103	20,158	Loss	7,945
Patients of Other Denominations	51,451	36,405	Loss	15,046
Patients Without Church Affiliation	26,283	22,531	Loss	3,752

*Hospital property was revaluated and reduced in valuation in several states.

PROGRESS OF SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES, 1940

Items	1939	1940	Gains & Losses	
1. Number of Schools and Colleges	67	65	Loss	2
2. Faculty	1,728	1,714	Loss	14
3. Students Enrolled	28,892	26,684	Loss	2,208
4. Ministerial Students	2,972	2,824	Loss	148
5. School Property	\$45,165,412	\$46,279,717		\$1,114,305
6. School Endowment	\$28,392,825	\$29,630,845		\$1,238,020
7. Total Property Endowment	\$73,558,237	\$75,909,562		\$2,351,325
8. Amount of Indebtedness	Not reported	\$ 3,566,877		\$3,566,877
9. State Convention Appropriations	Not reported	\$ 329,620		\$ 329,620

Section III

BAPTISMS AMONG SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, 1940

THIRTEEN GREAT YEARS IN EVANGELISM

Southern Baptists have had thirteen great years in evangelism, in the last twenty-one years of their history, as follows:

Baptisms in 1921	233,571
Baptisms in 1922	224,844
Baptisms in 1924	209,676
Baptisms in 1925	224,191
Baptisms in 1931	211,253
Baptisms in 1932	226,855
Baptisms in 1933	211,393
Baptisms in 1934	209,364
Baptisms in 1935	202,047
Baptisms in 1937	204,567
Baptisms in 1938	256,814
Baptisms in 1939	269,155
Baptisms in 1940	245,500

SERIOUS FALL-OFF IN 1940

As splendid as these gains are, however, they do not in fact come up to the record of Southern Baptists in 1932, according to the church membership of Southern Baptists—and this is the real test. Note the record of Southern Baptists for the last nine years:

In 1932, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 17.9 church members.
 In 1933, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 19.7 church members.
 In 1934, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 20.4 church members.
 In 1935, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 21.7 church members.
 In 1936, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 23.35 church members.
 In 1937, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 22.46 church members.
 In 1938, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 18.5 church members.
 In 1939, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 18.4 church members.
 In 1940, Southern Baptists baptized one person for every 20.7 church members.

DECREASED BAPTISMS AMONG SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, 1940

States	Baptisms in 1939	Baptisms in 1940	Decreases in 1940	
Alabama	21,154	17,618	Loss	3,536
Arizona	331	368	Gain	37
Arkansas	11,854	11,665	Loss	189
District of Columbia	732	675	Loss	57
Florida	11,281	8,902	Loss	2,379
Georgia	23,820	23,351	Loss	469
Illinois	4,710	3,784	Loss	926
Kentucky	20,091	19,116	Loss	975
Louisiana	11,326	9,943	Loss	1,383
Maryland	1,084	782	Loss	302
Mississippi	12,882	13,367	Gain	485
Missouri	14,665	12,847	Loss	1,818
New Mexico	1,790	1,820	Gain	30
North Carolina	25,567	21,893	Loss	3,674
Oklahoma	17,883	15,183	Loss	2,700
South Carolina	11,561	10,661	Loss	900
Tennessee	22,161	20,237	Loss	1,924
Texas	44,224	40,895	Loss	3,329
Virginia	12,039	12,393	Gain	354
Totals	269,155	245,500	Loss	23,655

NUMBER AND RATIO OF BAPTISMS BY STATES, 1940

States	Church Members 1940	Total Baptisms 1940	Ratio of Baptisms to Membership
Alabama	402,670	17,618	1 to 22.8
Arizona	3,457	368	1 to 9.3

Arkansas	160,714	11,665	1 to 13.7
District of Columbia	20,469	675	1 to 30.3
Florida	164,440	8,902	1 to 18.4
Georgia	544,496	23,351	1 to 23.3
Illinois	83,362	3,784	1 to 22.0
Kentucky	411,181	19,116	1 to 21.5
Louisiana	198,204	9,943	1 to 19.9
Maryland	22,660	782	1 to 28.9
Mississippi	287,885	13,367	1 to 21.5
Missouri	276,536	12,847	1 to 21.5
New Mexico	23,105	1,820	1 to 12.6
North Carolina	522,022	21,893	1 to 23.8
Oklahoma	243,972	15,183	1 to 16.0
South Carolina	289,927	10,661	1 to 27.1
Tennessee	418,001	20,237	1 to 20.6
Texas	756,784	40,895	1 to 18.5
Virginia	274,442	12,393	1 to 22.1
Total, 1940	5,104,327	245,500	1 to 20.7
Total, 1939	4,949,174	269,155	1 to 18.3

GREATEST RECORD OF EVANGELISM IN MODERN TIMES 1890 - 1940

During the past fifty years (1890-1940), Southern Baptists have won to Christ and baptized into the churches a grand total of 7,603,955 persons, or an average of 152,079 per year for fifty years—a record which no other single denomination in America has ever approached. What is more, they began this marvelous record by baptizing only 77,507 in 1890, but have gradually increased this number up to 269,155 in the year of 1939. The ratio of baptisms per church member, however, was actually better in 1890 than it was in 1940. For in 1890, there was one baptism to every 15.4 members in Southern Baptist churches; whereas in 1940, there was only one baptism to every 18.4 members in these churches.

As may be seen by the table which follows, the record of baptisms by decades makes an interesting study:

In the first decade (1890-1899) there were, for example, a total of 879,113 baptisms, or an average of only 87,911 baptisms a year.

In the second decade (1900 to 1909), however, there were 1,138,519 baptisms, or an average of 113,852 baptisms a year.

In the third decade (1910 to 1919) there were 1,393,477 baptisms, or an average of 139,347 baptisms a year.

In the four decade (1920-1929), there came the greatest gain in Southern Baptist history—a total of 2,010,826 baptisms, or an average of 201,083 baptisms annually.

While in the fifth decade (1930 to 1939), there were 2,182,020 baptisms, or an average of 218,202 baptisms a year.

The record for the fifty years, taken year by year, also by decades, stood as follows:

Years	Baptisms	Years	Baptisms
1890	77,507	1900	80,465
1891	81,800	1901	95,610
1892	82,478	1902	108,517
1893	93,842	1903	103,241
1894	105,190	1904	103,021
1895	90,877	1905	105,905
1896	97,557	1906	124,911
1897	98,984	1907	129,152
1898	77,243	1908	146,717
1899	73,635	1909	140,980

Total, 1st decade 879,113
Yearly average 87,911

Total, 2nd decade 1,138,519
Yearly average 113,852

Years	Baptisms	Years	Baptisms
1910	134,440	1916	160,497
1911	132,396	1917	148,699
1912	123,471	1918	113,833
1913	137,396	1919	123,069
1914	151,441		
1915	168,235		

Total, 3rd decade 1,393,477
Yearly average 139,347

Years	Baptisms	Years	Baptisms
1920	173,595	1930	198,579
1921	233,571	1931	211,253
1922	224,844	1932	226,855
1923	195,864	1933	211,303
1924	209,676	1934	209,364
1925	224,191	1935	202,047
1926	193,279	1936	191,993
1927	197,155	1937	204,567
1928	183,020	1938	256,814
1929	175,631	1939	269,155
		1940	245,500
Total, 4th decade	2,010,826	Total, 5th decade	2,182,020
Yearly average	201,083	Yearly average	218,202
		Grand Total	7,603,955
		50 year average	152,079

BAPTISMS AND NET GAINS OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, 1900-1940

Years	Church Members	Baptisms	Net Gains in Members
1900	1,657,996	80,465	49,583
1901	1,683,039	95,610	25,043
1902	1,737,446	108,517	54,407
1903	1,805,889	103,241	68,443
1904	1,832,638	103,021	26,749
1905	1,899,427	105,905	66,789
1906	1,946,948	124,911	47,521
1907	2,015,080	129,152	68,132
1908	2,139,080	146,717	124,000
1909	2,218,911	140,980	79,831 *
1910	2,332,464	134,440	113,553
1911	2,421,203	132,396	88,739
1912	2,446,296	123,471	25,093
1913	2,522,633	137,396	76,337
1914	2,588,633	151,441	66,000
1915	2,685,552	168,235	96,919
1916	2,744,098	160,497	58,546
1917	2,844,301	148,699	100,203
1918	2,887,428	113,833	43,127
1919	2,961,348	123,069	73,920
1920	3,149,346	173,595	187,998
1921	3,220,383	233,571	71,037
1922	3,366,211	224,844	145,828
1923	3,494,189	195,864	127,978
1924	3,574,531	209,676	80,342
1925	3,649,330	224,191	74,799
1926*	3,616,964	193,279	Loss 32,366
1927	3,673,712	197,155	56,748
1928**	3,705,876	183,020	32,164
1929	3,770,645	175,631	64,769
1930	3,850,278	198,579	79,633
1931	3,944,566	211,253	94,288
1932	4,066,140	226,855	121,574
1933	4,173,928	211,393	107,788
1934	4,277,052	209,364	103,124
1935	4,389,417	202,047	112,365
1936	4,482,315	191,993	92,898
1937	4,595,602	204,567	113,287
1938	4,770,185	256,814	174,583
1939	4,949,174	269,155	178,989
1940	5,104,327	245,500	155,153

*In 1926, the apparent loss is in fact due to withdrawing of 91,289 Baptists affiliated with the American Baptist Missionary Association.

**In 1928 we deducted all the others affiliated with the B.M.A.'s amounting to 26,569—there being a total of 117,857 of these people which have not cooperated with Southern Baptists since 1902, but have been numbered with us heretofore.

THE RECORD OF THE CHURCHES IN BAPTISMS, 1940

Summary of the Records of the Churches

Baptizing none	5,348
Baptizing only one each	1,664
Baptizing two to ten each	10,377
Baptizing 11 to 25 each	4,974
Baptizing 26-50 each	1,597
Baptizing 51-100 each	547
Baptizing 101-200 each	109
Baptizing 201-300 each	5
Baptizing 301 to 400	None
Unclassified baptisms	394

Churches Leading in Baptisms in 1940

Little Rock, Ark., First (Pulaski Asso.)	244—Joe H. Hankins, Pastor
Crossett, Ark. (Bartholomew Asso.)	224—Aubrey Halsell, Pastor
Abilene, Texas, First (Sweetwater)	211—Millard A. Jenkins, Pastor
Fort Worth, Texas, Travis Ave. (Tarrant)	209—C. E. Matthews, Pastor
Augusta, Ga., Curtis Ave. (Hephzibah)	208—E. C. Sheridan, Pastor
Oklahoma City, Okla., First (Oklahoma)	200—W. R. White, Pastor

"NORTHERN BAPTISTS GO FORWARD IN EVANGELISM"

Under the foregoing title **Southern Baptist Home Missions** for April, 1941, published a most encouraging article from Dr. Walter E. Woodbury, Secretary of Evangelism for the American Baptist Home Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention. Among other things, Dr. Woodbury reported the following:

Northern Baptists are thanking God for a new day in evangelism. Along with many denominations during the four years 1934-1937, we reported fewer and fewer baptisms year by year. This is the record:

1934	65,257 baptisms
1935	59,067 baptisms
1936	51,852 baptisms
1937	47,507 baptisms

But the tide has turned.

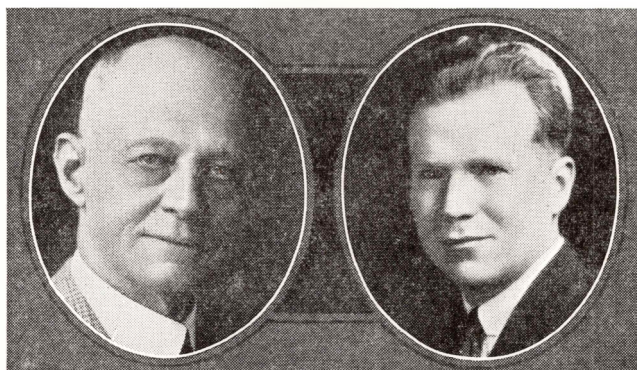
During the past four years our baptisms have been steadily increasing, as follows:

1937	47,507 baptisms
1938	51,139 baptisms
1939	59,473 baptisms
1940	60,623 baptisms

This upswing indicates great improvement in percentage. In 1937 it took thirty-one Northern Baptists a year to win one convert; during 1940 it took only twenty-four.

Section IV

SUNDAY SCHOOL GAINS AND LOSSES, 1940



SUNDAY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION LEADERS
MR. ARTHUR FLAKE, 1919-1936; MR. HAROLD INGRAHAM SINCE 1936

States	Sunday Schools 1940	Gains in Sunday Schools 1940	1940 Sunday School Enrolment	1940 Enrolment Gains
Alabama	2,244	53	243,677	Loss 2,050
Arizona	18	2	3,453	811
Arkansas	937	37	126,012	7,957
Dist. of Col.	32	Loss 2	18,047	Loss 542
Florida	753	3	121,118	1,842
Georgia	2,304	31	292,474	2,148
Illinois	571	9	63,988	1,256
Kentucky	1,946	50	275,845	6,939
Louisiana	894	44	118,727	5,749
Maryland	101	1	21,926	380
Mississippi	1,367	Loss 3	150,133	1,830
Missouri	1,667	34	212,208	4,804
New Mexico	144	5	24,040	3,077
North Carolina	2,602	36	434,935	4,899
Oklahoma	1,071	25	183,322	3,449
South Carolina	1,196	10	221,469	89
Tennessee	2,099	87	285,242	8,518
Texas	3,130	32	566,112	14,496
Virginia	1,146	14	227,646	869
Totals	24,222	468	3,590,374	66,521

SOUTHERN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS, 1891

(Reported in American Baptist Yearbook, 1892)

States	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Total Enrolment
Alabama	606	2,975	27,752	30,727
Arkansas	264	616	8,538	9,154
Dist. of Columbia	51	948	10,053	11,001
Florida	205	1,057	7,762	8,819
Georgia	665	3,938	46,485	50,423
Kentucky	762	4,529	42,510	47,039
Louisiana	138	488	4,264	4,752
Maryland	54	1,085	9,765	10,850
Mississippi	435	1,295	15,638	16,933
Missouri	878	5,971	51,508	57,479
New Mexico	6	21	132	153
North Carolina	995	6,176	59,246	65,422
Oklahoma	55	1,750	16,000	17,750
South Carolina	608	3,742	32,606	36,348

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL SECRETARIES



Tennessee	562	2,391	31,876	34,267
Texas	628	3,038	32,476	35,514
Virginia	736	7,606	59,396	67,002
Totals	7,648	47,626	456,007	503,633

FIFTY YEARS GAINS IN SOUTHERN BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS 1891 - 1941

States	Sunday Schools 1891	Sunday Schools 1941	50 Years Gains in S. Schools	S. School Enrolment 1891	S. School Enrolment 1941	50 Years Gains in S. School Enrolment
Alabama	606	2,244	1,638	30,727	243,677	212,950
Arizona		18	18		3,453	3,453
Arkansas	264	937	673	9,154	126,012	116,858
Dist. of Col.	51	32	Loss 19	11,001	18,047	7,046
Florida	205	753	548	8,819	121,118	112,299
Georgia	665	2,304	1,639	50,423	292,474	242,051
Illinois		571	571		63,988	63,988
Kentucky	762	1,946	1,184	47,039	275,845	228,806
Louisiana	138	894	756	4,752	118,727	113,975
Maryland	54	101	47	10,850	21,926	11,076
Mississippi	435	1,367	932	16,933	150,133	133,200
Missouri	878	1,667	789	57,479	212,208	154,729
New Mexico	6	144	138	153	24,040	23,887
North Carolina ..	995	2,602	1,607	65,422	434,935	369,513
Oklahoma	55	1,071	1,016	17,750	183,322	165,572
South Carolina ..	608	1,196	588	36,348	221,469	185,121
Tennessee	562	2,099	1,537	34,267	285,242	250,975
Texas	628	3,130	2,502	35,514	566,112	530,598
Virginia	736	1,146	410	67,002	227,646	160,644
Totals	7,648	24,222	16,574	503,633	3,590,374	3,086,741

RECORD OF FIFTY YEARS IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS AND ENROLMENT 1890 - 1940

Years	Sunday Schools	Enrolment in Sunday Schools
1890	8,556	493,490 (A. B. Y.)
1891	7,648	503,633 (A. B. Y.)
1892	8,862	492,775 (Frost)
1893	8,648	527,692 (A. B. Y.)
1894	9,147	556,971 (A. B. Y.)
1895	9,442	584,399 (Estimated)
1896	9,738	611,828 (S. B. C. A.)
1897	9,770	611,612
1898	9,540	628,002
1899	9,711	636,944
1900	10,115	670,569
1901	10,404	712,012
1902	11,071	745,474
1903	11,409	761,059
1904	11,386	776,248
1905	11,587	844,040
1906	12,058	876,682
1907	12,923	959,795
1908	13,563	1,055,721
1909	14,093	1,131,981
1910	14,522	1,248,116
1911	15,321	1,288,014
1912	15,649	1,329,720
1913	16,298	1,491,426
1914	17,223	1,705,871
1915	18,075	1,760,802
1916	18,394	1,784,992
*1917	18,134	1,835,811
*1918	17,648	1,759,208
1919	17,686	1,835,936
1920	19,584	1,926,610
1921	20,150	2,147,654
1922	20,935	2,220,035
1923	20,601	2,381,717

1924	21,570	2,536,953
1925	21,760	2,691,828
**1926	21,147	2,683,331
1927	21,556	2,780,043
1928	21,399	2,797,129
1929	20,972	2,776,665
1930	20,679	2,839,183
1931	21,004	2,952,910
1932	21,531	3,051,469
1933	21,784	3,069,484
1934	22,072	3,104,411
1935	22,383	3,157,458
1936	22,704	3,173,356
1937	23,311	3,211,707
1938	23,514	3,368,851
1939	23,754	3,523,853
1940	24,222	3,590,374

*Effects of World War seen in Sunday school statistics.

**In 1926 some 918 Sunday schools, with 62,348 enrolled withdrew and were numbered with the American Baptist Association.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS REACHING ONE OUT OF THREE PERSONS IN SOUTH

(White Population and White Sunday Schools Only Considered)

States	Persons per Sunday School in States	Average Sunday School Enrolment, All Denominations	Average Unreached Persons per Sunday School
South Carolina	358	132	226
Tennessee	314	75	239
North Carolina	377	123	254
Mississippi	363	87	276
Virginia	408	130	278
Georgia	441	104	337
Arkansas	424	82	342
Alabama	428	84	344
Texas	518	101	417
Kentucky	545	102	443
Florida	571	119	452
Missouri	605	111 (18.3%)	494
Oklahoma	633	110	523
Maryland	700	160	540
New Mexico	635	93	542
Arizona	701	130	571
Illinois	769	133	636
Louisiana	916	113	803
*Gen. Average	505	129 (25.5%)	376 (74.5%)

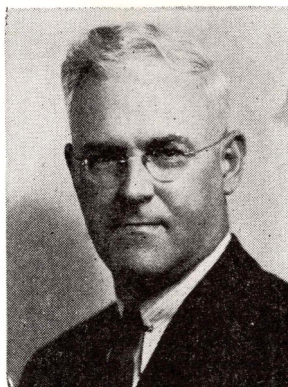
*Figures in this table prepared by Mr. Jasper N. Barnett, Associate Secretary, Department of Sunday School Administration, Sunday School Board.

TWENTY YEARS' GROWTH OF SUNDAY SCHOOLS TEN MAIN DENOMINATIONS, 1916-1936

Denominations	Sunday School Enrolment in 1916	Sunday School Enrolment in 1936	Twenty Years' Gains & Losses
1. Baptists, National	1,305,087	*2,600,000	1,294,913
2. Baptists, Northern	1,141,853	1,150,891	9,038
3. Baptists, Southern	1,826,167	3,173,356	1,347,189
4. Disciples of Christ	1,027,475	1,117,700	90,225
5. Episcopalians	537,804	517,022	Loss 20,782
6. Lutherans (22 groups)	1,401,269	1,713,173	311,904
7. Methodists, Northern	4,264,213	3,608,742	Loss 655,471
8. Methodists, Southern	1,840,736	1,875,565	34,829
9. Presbyterians, Northern	1,522,438	1,268,881	Loss 253,557
10. Presbyterians, Southern	345,477	407,586	62,109
Totals, 10 Denominations	15,212,519	17,432,916	2,220,397
Twenty Years' Gains of Southern Baptists			1,347,189
Twenty Years' Gains of All Other Denominations			873,208

FIVE-YEAR RECORD OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

(Taken from the Statistical Summary of This Department's Published Records)



DR. HOMER L. GRICE, Founder and Leader
Daily Vacation Bible School Department Since 1924

Below, and on the next page, is a record by churches and associations of Southern Baptist Vacation Bible school growth during the five years of 1936-1940, when the Sunday School Board was promoting its work through the district association.

The figures for 1935 are set apart from those of the five years that follow so that this growth may more easily be noted. During the five years, schools were held in probably 850 of the 900 associations one or more years. As a result, it is now possible for nearly any church to get training help from a church near by that has had Vacation Bible school experience.

When one studies the results achieved in the five years of 1936-1940, one wonders what will happen during 1941-1944 of the Four Year Program. Indications are that there will probably be 7,000 schools in 1941; and there are good reasons for believing that in 1944 there will be approximately 10,000 schools.

Vacation Bible Schools Growth

Year	Associations	Schools	Enrolment	Average Attendance	Conversions
1935	900*	390	1,044	140,878	106,195
1936	900	511	1,810	213,581	162,900
1937	900	610	2,520	264,247	198,122
1938	900	703	3,548	375,455	279,196
1939	900	733**	4,349	421,377	315,296
1940	900	805	5,756	541,206	409,931

*The number fluctuates from year to year, but it is kept approximate for this table.

**A summer-long, statewide quarantine against infantile paralysis in South Carolina reduced its schools to 15, and associations to 10.

Number of Schools Each Year, 1935-1940

State	Five Year Program				
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Alabama	66	67	122	151	285
Arizona	2	1	2	7	8
Arkansas	29	52	83	122	111
District of Columbia	1	1	5	3	7
Florida	23	39	67	88	122
Georgia	56	84	113	122	147
Illinois	33	55	53	64	142
Kentucky	113	167	234	387	507
Louisiana	37	62	85	96	106
Maryland	3	14	15	16	27
Mississippi	48	54	109	184	283
Missouri	85	114	184	302	306
New Mexico	15	21	45	64	80
North Carolina	70	177	270	383	483
Oklahoma	99	147	180	181	216
South Carolina	59	144	143	176	14*
Tennessee	87	271	428	649	746
Texas	145	196	236	312	457
Virginia	68	144	146	241	302
Total	1,044	1,810	2,520	3,548	4,349

SUNDAY SCHOOL "POSSIBILITIES" IN THE SOUTH

How many people in Sunday school in the South? How many not in Sunday school, white and colored? Here is the answer in 1926 and in 1933:

States	In Some Sunday School	Not in Any Sunday School	Total (Estimated) Population
1. Alabama	671,788	1,877,212	2,549,000
2. Arizona	49,539	345,461	395,000
3. Arkansas	430,696	1,492,304	1,923,000
4. District of Columbia	91,139	448,861	540,000
5. Florida	348,523	1,014,477	1,363,000
6. Georgia	629,191	2,541,809	3,171,000
7. Illinois (S $\frac{1}{4}$)	265,388	1,558,612	1,824,000
8. Kentucky	546,439	1,991,561	2,538,000
9. Louisiana	271,317	1,662,683	1,934,000
10. Maryland	364,009	1,232,991	1,597,000
11. Mississippi	438,804	1,351,814	1,790,618
12. Missouri	720,738	2,789,262	3,510,000
13. New Mexico	44,589	347,411	392,000
14. North Carolina	1,044,522	1,852,478	2,897,000
15. Oklahoma	462,836	1,921,164	2,384,000
16. South Carolina	557,773	1,287,227	1,845,000
17. Tennessee	663,762	1,821,238	2,485,000
18. Texas	1,219,951	4,177,049	5,397,000
19. Virginia	758,120	1,787,880	2,546,000
Totals for S. B. C. in 1926	9,579,124	31,501,494	41,080,618
1935 Totals	11,021,932	33,000,000	44,021,932

SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT AND THE POPULATION

Departments	Age Groups of Population	Average Enrolment Sunday Schools
1. Cradle Roll	9.0%	4.62%
2. Beginners	4.7%	6.61%
3. Primaries	7.1%	9.59%
4. Juniors	8.9%	14.63%
5. Intermediates	8.2%	12.10%
6. Young People	15.0%	13.19%
7. Adults, including Officers and Extension	47.1%	39.26%

WORLD SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS

(Reported in the *Christian Observer*)

An interesting summary of the Sunday school statistics of the world was presented to the twelfth World's Sunday School Convention, held in Oslo, Norway, in summer of 1936. The figures show that in the six major geographical groupings, with a population in excess of two billion persons, the Sunday school enrolment is 37,285,519. This is an increase since 1913, when the first statistics were gathered, of more than seven million pupils. Considerably more than half of the total enrolment was in the Sunday schools of North America. It is estimated that in the six continents there are over sixty million Protestant children under fourteen years of age, and that probably one-third of the pupils now in the schools are over fourteen years of age. More detailed figures are presented in the following table:

Continent	No. of Sunday Schools	Total Membership	1932-36 Increase Scholars
Africa	31,197	1,669,511	581,721
Asia	34,353	1,886,519	40,199
Australasia	12,833	975,985	64,534
Europe	105,915	9,431,236	*13,888
Latin America—			
Central America and Mexico	1,222	82,141	
South America	5,512	309,514	193,566
West Indies, and so forth	3,067	296,830	
North America	175,411	22,633,783	28,447
Totals—1936	369,510	37,285,519	894,579
1932	361,145	36,546,829	
1913	301,057	30,015,037	

SUNDAY SCHOOLS WITH ENROLMENT OF 900 OR MORE, 1940

Summary of Large Sunday Schools, 1940

	Number	Enrolled
Alabama	22	29,188
Arkansas	15	20,546
District of Columbia	5	8,570
Florida	18	24,908
Georgia	41	54,381
Illinois	4	4,491
Kentucky	34	42,377
Louisiana	17	23,598
Maryland	1	1,312
Mississippi	12	15,650
Missouri	19	27,508
New Mexico	4	4,729
North Carolina	34	44,931
Oklahoma	33	47,228
South Carolina	17	23,684
Tennessee	29	41,465
Texas	101	151,496
Virginia	35	46,374
Totals, 1940	441	612,436
Totals, 1939	423	586,285
Totals, 1938	395	536,423
Gains, 1940	18	26,151
Gains, 1939	28	49,862

LARGE SUNDAY SCHOOLS, 1940

List by states showing all Sunday schools with 900 and over enrolled

Alabama

Sunday Schools	Members	Superintendents
Ensley, First (Birmingham)	929	L. M. Smith, Ensley
Birmingham, Calvary (Birmingham)	962	Miss Amber Liles, Birmingham
Birmingham, South Avondale (Birmingham)	962	Sam C. Dykes, Birmingham
Mobile, Oakdale (Mobile)	965	L. A. Parrish, Mobile
Tuscaloosa, First (Tuscaloosa)	974	Dr. J. P. Montgomery, Tuscaloosa
Fairfield, First (Birmingham)	1,007	C. W. Litcher, Fairfield
Gadsden, 12th St. (Etowah)	1,030	W. R. Fletcher, Gadsden
Selma, First (Selma)	1,076	Frank Hardy, Selma
Dothan, First (Columbia)	1,154	C. C. Bennett, Dothan
Montgomery, Highland Ave. (Montgomery)	1,191	E. E. Capps, Montgomery
Mobile, First (Mobile)	1,203	R. B. Redwood, Mobile
Gadsden, First (Etowah)	1,224	John T. Ray, Gadsden
Montgomery, Clayton St. (Montgomery)	1,246	W. D. Hart, Montgomery
Birmingham, West End (Birmingham)	1,254	E. A. Chapman, Birmingham
Birmingham, Central Park	1,363	Royce Bryant, Birmingham
Montgomery, First (Montgomery)	1,451	John T. Clark, Montgomery
Birmingham, Hunter St.	1,518	W. L. Sanders, Birmingham
Birmingham, First (Birmingham)	1,612	A. W. Wynn, Birmingham
Ruhama (Birmingham)	1,904	Hugh Roberts, Birmingham
Birmingham, Woodland	1,914	H. D. Thompson, Birmingham
Mobile, Dauphin Way (Mobile)	2,115	J. B. Kimsey, Mobile
Birmingham, Southside	2,134	M. C. Jeter, Birmingham

Total 22 Sunday schools, enrolling 29,188

Arizona

None

Arkansas

Blytheville, First (Miss.)	931	Russell Baugh, Blytheville
Arkadelphia, First (Red River)	958	Not given
Hope, First (Hope)	964	J. T. Bowden, Hope
Eldorado, Second (Liberty)	987	E. T. Harris, Eldorado
Crossett (Bartholomew)	1,002	Frank Parrish, Crossett
North Little Rock, First (Pulaski)	1,024	J. C. Raper, North Little Rock
Eldorado, First (Liberty)	1,139	Rev. C. B. Hall, Eldorado
Paragould, First (Greene)	1,156	R. C. Johnson, Paragould
Paris (Concord)	1,160	Wylie Elliott, Ft. Smith
Pine Bluff, First (Harmony)	1,467	Harlow Sanders, Pine Bluff
Ft. Smith, Immanuel (Concord)	1,549	Conrad Dupree, Ft. Smith
Little Rock, Second (Pulaski)	1,741	H. C. Harris, Little Rock

Sunday Schools	Members	Superintendents
Ft. Smith, First (Concord)	1,786	Alton De Black, Ft. Smith
Little Rock, First (Pulaski)	2,092	F. L. Shamburger, Little Rock
Little Rock, Immanuel (Pulaski)	2,590	Luther A. Harrison, Little Rock

Total 15 Sunday schools, enrolling 20,546

District of Columbia

Washington, Fifth (Columbia)	901	N. G. Richards, Washington
Washington, Brookland (Columbia)	1,045	C. M. Long, Washington
Washington, Nat'l Baptist Memorial (Columbia)	1,360	L. R. Torpy, Alexandria, Va.
Washington, Metropolitan (Columbia)	2,231	E. B. Shaver, Alexandria, Va.
Washington, Calvary (Columbia)	3,033	Bert H. Wise, Chevy Chase, Md.

Total 5 Sunday schools, enrolling 8,570

Florida

Jacksonville, Southside (Jacksonville)	950	No report
Tampa, Seminole Heights (Tampa Bay)	956	W. F. Jaudon, Tampa
Miami, Stanton Memorial (Miami)	1,007	No report
Lakeland, First (South Florida)	1,073	E. W. Willis, Lakeland
Jacksonville, Riverside (Jacksonville)	1,090	G. W. Thomas, Jacksonville
Gainesville, First (Santa Fe River)	1,131	A. W. Tenny, Gainesville
Allapattah (Miami)	1,161	No report
West Palm Beach, First (Palm Lake)	1,193	No report
Tallahassee, First (Florida)	1,241	Mrs. W. T. Richardson, Tallahassee
Pensacola, East Hill (Pensacola Bay)	1,265	W. B. Ramsey, Pensacola
Ft. Pierce, First (Indian River)	1,305	Hon. Dewey Crawford, Ft. Pierce
Pensacola, First (Pensacola Bay)	1,321	E. R. Gaston, Pensacola
St. Petersburg, First (Pinellas)	1,334	O. V. Bassett, St. Petersburg
Orlando, First (Wekiwa)	1,443	Alex E. Young, Orlando
Tampa, First (Tampa Bay)	1,489	W. C. Milton, Tampa
Miami, Riverside (Miami)	1,615	No report
Miami, Central (Miami)	2,519	No report
Jacksonville, Main St. (Jacksonville)	2,815	H. G. Matthews, Jacksonville

Total 18 Sunday schools, enrolling 24,908

Georgia

Cedartown, First (Polk County)	909	J. W. Mize, Cedartown
Canton, First (Noonday)	914	W. L. Blackwell, Canton
Macon, First (Rehoboth)	923	F. Spencer Holdcroft, Macon
Decatur, First (Atlanta)	931	H. B. Carreker, Atlanta
College Park (Atlanta)	934	Grant E. Allen, College Park
Tifton (Mell)	936	Not given
Atlanta, Park Ave. (Atlanta)	982	J. Roy Hays, Atlanta
Atlanta, Oakhurst (Atlanta)	987	W. Hatch Cook, Atlanta
Macon, Vineville (Rehoboth)	1,003	Wm. C. Blount, Jr., Macon
Hapeville, First (Atlanta)	1,032	F. C. Garrard, Hapeville
Rome, First (Floyd)	1,032	Dr. P. M. McNeil, Rome
Atlanta, Grant Park (Atlanta)	1,033	H. E. McDaris, Atlanta
Savannah, First (New Sunbury)	1,072	F. T. Nichols, Savannah
Columbus, Rose Hill (Col.)	1,080	J. Stacey Jones, Columbus
Atlanta, Inman Park (Atlanta)	1,106	Robert R. Andrews, Atlanta
Gainesville, First (Chatta.)	1,115	J. W. Jackson, Gainesville
Athens, Prince Ave. (Sarepta)	1,119	R. N. Wilson, Athens
Athens, First (Sarepta)	1,130	E. B. Mell, Athens
Atlanta, Capitol Ave. (Atlanta)	1,167	W. Blanton Brown, Atlanta
Griffin, First (Flint)	1,174	J. H. Cheatham, Griffin
Augusta, Crawford Ave. (Hep.)	1,177	O. O. McGahee, Augusta
Thomasville, First (Thomas)	1,209	H. M. Goodwin, Thomasville
Savannah, Calvary (New Sunb.)	1,275	H. M. Carter, Savannah
LaGrange, First (Troup)	1,290	T. G. Polhill, LaGrange
Albany, First (Mallory)	1,304	E. H. Heidt, Albany
Macon, Tabernacle (Rehoboth)	1,374	Homer McGinty, Macon
Atlanta, Moreland Ave. (Atlanta)	1,453	John H. Phillips, Atlanta
Columbus, First (Columbus)	1,456	K. C. Kierce, Columbus
Atlanta, Tabernacle (Atlanta)	1,510	Frank K. Creech, Atlanta
Savannah, Bull St. (New Sun.)	1,556	D. Kirkland, Savannah
Augusta, First (Hephzibah)	1,577	C. A. Scruggs, Augusta
Atlanta, West End (Atlanta)	1,580	Horace A. Moore, Atlanta
Augusta, Curtis (Hephzibah)	1,606	W. A. McCollock, Augusta
Atlanta, Second-Ponce de Leon	1,607	Carlton W. Binns, Atlanta
Atlanta, Capitol View (Atlanta)	1,615	Logan R. Castleberry, Atlanta
East Point, First (Atlanta)	1,652	Prof. B. D. Purcell, East Point
Atlanta, Gordon St. (Atlanta)	1,677	Buren C. Smith, Atlanta
Moultrie, First (Colquitt)	1,679	Dr. C. G. Watson, Moultrie
Atlanta, Kirkwood (Atlanta)	2,089	B. G. Nash, Atlanta
Atlanta, First (Atlanta)	2,257	J. Frazer Durrett, Atlanta
Atlanta, Druid Hill (Atlanta)	2,859	Chas. A. Shaw, Atlanta

Total 41 Sunday schools, enrolling 54,381

Illinois

DuQuoin (Nine Mile)	925	H. L. Daily, DuQuoin
Marion, First (Williamson)	1,052	R. W. Short, Marion
Herrin, First (Williamson)	1,089	Herschel Hopkin, Herrin
Granite, First (East St. Louis)	1,425	Roger Hamilton, Granite City

Total 4 Sunday schools, enrolling 4,491

Kentucky

Sunday Schools	Members	Superintendents
Williamsburg, First (Mt. Zion)	915	J. M. Boswell, Williamsburg
Paducah, Immanuel (West Union)	924	Ted Cooper, Paducah
Ashland, First (Greenup)	927	No report
Latonia (North Bend)	930	L. C. Dietz, Covington
Georgetown (Elkhorn)	932	G. M. Newell, Georgetown
Louisville, Eastern Parkway (L. R.)	973	H. R. Childress, Louisville
Louisville, Highland Park First (L. R.)	990	A. A. Ernst, Louisville
Bowling Green, First (Warren)	992	Dr. Vero Graham, Bowling Green
Louisville, 23rd & B'way (L. R.)	1,022	R. T. McGinty, Louisville
Louisville, Parkland (L. R.)	1,040	J. T. Dorsey, Louisville
Princeton, First (Caldwell)	1,063	L. M. Caldwell, Princeton
Hopkinsville, First (Christian)	1,067	Gilmer B. Pursley, Hopkinsville
Ashland, Unity (Greenup)	1,068	No report
Harrodsburg (So. District)	1,075	No report
Louisville, West Broadway (L. R.)	1,081	N. R. Thurman, Louisville
Danville, Lexington Ave. (S. D.)	1,081	No report
Hazard, First (Three Forks)	1,110	J. F. Snyder, Hazard
*Lexington, Ashland Ave. (No. asso)	1,120	No report
Louisville, 9th & O (L. R.)	1,122	Yewell Smith, Louisville
Louisville, Clifton (L. R.)	1,125	Roman Fry, Louisville
Corbin, First (Mt. Zion)	1,144	R. R. Rudder, Corbin
Middlesboro, First (Bell)	1,148	B. H. Weekley, Middlesboro
Louisville, Franklin St. (L. R.)	1,191	James E. Miller, Louisville
Lexington, Porter Mem. (Elk.)	1,254	J. B. Day, Lexington
Lexington, Calvary (Elk.)	1,290	E. C. Vaughn, Lexington
Mayfield (Graves)	1,348	No report
Owensboro, Third (Dav. McL.)	1,418	Otto E. Bryant, Owensboro
Louisville, Carlisle (L. R.)	1,447	H. C. Raymond, Louisville
Harlan (Upper Cumberland)	1,497	E. N. Chandler, Harlan
Ashland, Pollard (Greenup)	1,581	No report
Owensboro, First (Dav. McL.)	1,625	Geo. S. Wilson, Owensboro
Newport, First (Campbell)	1,786	Howard Gosney, Ft. Thomas
Frankfort (Franklin)	2,210	C. D. Redding, Frankfort
Louisville, Walnut St. (L. R.)	2,881	J. T. Barriger, Louisville

Total 34 Sunday schools, enrolling 42,377

Louisiana

Natchitoches, First (Natchitoches)	931	F. A. Ford, Natchitoches
Istrouma (Judson)	945	J. D. Reynolds, Baton Rouge
Bossier, First (Bossier)	956	C. M. Kyzar, Bossier City
Winnfield, First (Winn)	958	W. L. Sowers, Winnfield
Alexandria, Calvary (La.)	1,070	C. T. Hodges, Alexandria
New Orleans, First (New O.)	1,107	E. D. Matheny, New Orleans
Baton Rouge, Immanuel (Judson)	1,177	J. L. Pollard, Baton Rouge
West Monroe, First (More-O)	1,260	J. F. Jones, West Monroe
Shreveport, Highland (Caddo)	1,289	P. M. Cowden, Shreveport
Pineville, First (Big Creek)	1,325	J. M. Gray, Pineville
Shreveport, Ingleside (Caddo)	1,384	D. L. Lindsey, Shreveport
Minden (Webster)	1,473	W. M. Mattingly, Minden
Alexandria, Emmanuel (La.)	1,534	W. H. Souther, Alexandria
Shreveport, Queensboro (Caddo)	1,744	J. I. Dalrymple, Shreveport
Monroe, First (Morehouse-O)	1,808	E. H. Miller, Monroe
Baton Rouge, First (Judson)	2,133	E. Rogers Jones, Baton Rouge
Shreveport, First (Caddo)	2,504	F. W. Middleton, Shreveport

Total 17 Sunday schools, enrolling 23,598

Maryland

Baltimore, Gregory Memorial (Baltimore)	1,312	S. A. Eppley, Baltimore
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Mississippi

Laurel, First (Jones)	905	Sam Lindsay, Laurel
Clarksdale (Riverside)	1,001	C. S. Longino, Clarksdale
Gulfport, First (Gulf Coast)	1,056	E. S. Taylor, Gulfport
Brookhaven, (Lincoln)	1,049	C. H. Lipsey, Brookhaven
Meridian, First (Lauderdale)	1,098	R. H. Phillips, Meridian
Laurel, West (Jones)	1,109	Horace Headrick, Laurel
Columbus, First (Columbus)	1,266	No report
Tupelo, First (Lee)	1,266	W. C. Adams, Tupelo
Jackson, Griffith Mem'l (H. W.)	1,338	J. L. Mahaffey, Jackson
Greenville (Deer Creek)	1,385	A. N. Alexander, Greenville
Jackson, Calvary (H. W.)	1,975	A. T. Whitten, Jackson
Jackson, First (Hinds-Warren)	2,202	A. L. May, Jackson

Total 12 Sunday schools, enrolling 15,650

Missouri

Kansas City, Swope Park (K. C.)	943	E. S. Longfellow, Kansas City
Sedalia, First (Harmony)	988	W. A. Harbaugh, Sedalia
Jefferson City, First (Concord)	1,031	V. B. Elder, Jefferson City
Hannibal, Calvary (Bethel)	1,036	H. C. Keith, Hannibal
St. Louis, Fourth (St. Louis)	1,050	A. T. Jeffrey, St. Louis
St. Joseph, First (St. J.)	1,123	F. W. Werner, St. Joseph

Sunday Schools	Members	Superintendents
St. Louis, Euclid (St. Louis)	1,141	D. L. Feaser, St. Louis
Kansas City, Centropolis (K. C.)	1,153	G. R. Critchlow, Kansas City
St. Louis, Lafayette Park (St. L.)	1,164	O. W. Bedell, St. Louis
Kansas City, Bethany (K. C.)	1,178	E. W. Poore, Kansas City
Kansas City, Bales (K. C.)	1,281	J. R. King, Kansas City
Kansas City, Kensington (K. C.)	1,335	H. B. Parrish, Kansas City
Joplin, First (Spring River)	1,336	L. L. McRae, Joplin
Kansas City, Maywood (K. C.)	1,488	Cordes Schwenk, Kansas City
St. Louis, Water Tower (St. L.)	1,503	Howard Kinsella, St. Louis
Springfield, First (Greene)	1,691	O. H. Fuson, Springfield
St. Louis, Tower Grove (St. L.)	1,997	Paul Barger, St. Louis
St. Louis, Third (St. Louis)	2,177	C. E. Copeland, St. Louis
Kansas City, First (K. C.)	3,893	Wm. Shirt, Kansas City
Total 19 Sunday schools, enrolling 27,508		

New Mexico

Hobbs, First (Southeastern)	966	Chas. Wilson, Hobbs
Clovis, First (Portales)	1,039	Fred Stump, Clovis
Albuquerque, First (Central)	1,316	H. C. Reavis, Albuquerque.
Roswell, First (Pecos Valley)	1,408	Rodman Cookson, Roswell
Total 4 Sunday schools, enrolling 4,729		

North Carolina

Kannapolis, Centerview (Cab.)	910	W. N. Allen, Kannapolis
Morganton, Calvary (Catawba)	917	P. E. Smith, Morganton
Asheville, West (Buncombe)	941	E. B. Roberts, Asheville
Charlotte, Allen St. (Meck)	945	Joel L. Williams, Charlotte
Goldsboro, First (Neuse)	953	M. A. Shaver, Goldsboro
Hendersonville, First (Caro.)	955	W. B. Sinclair, Hendersonville
Durham, Temple (Mt. Zion)	991	M. W. Tucker, Durham
Gastonia, First (Gaston)	1,011	D. C. McSwain, Gastonia
Concord, First (Cabarrus)	1,047	Stahlee Funderburk, Concord
Concord, McGill St. (Cab.)	1,052	O. T. Pclik, Concord
Hickory, First (South Fork)	1,064	T. P. Pruitt, Hickory
Gastonia, Temple (Gaston)	1,072	C. A. Truitt, Gastonia, Rt. 1
Charlotte, St. John (Meck)	1,072	Dr. A. S. Baumgarner, Charlotte
Lumberton, First (Robeson)	1,098	H. D. Ward, Lumberton
Durham, Angier Ave. (Mt. Zion)	1,104	W. E. Stanley, Durham
Durham, First (Mt. Zion)	1,122	H. S. Boyce, Durham
Rocky Mount, First (Roanoke)	1,129	J. A. Harper, Rocky Mount
Greensboro, Asheboro St. (Pied.)	1,142	M. D. Teague, Greensboro
High Point, Green St. (Pied.)	1,143	Walter E. Crissman, High Point
Kannapolis, First (Cabarrus)	1,155	T. R. Harris, Kannapolis
Gastonia, Loray (Gaston)	1,163	C. H. Stroup, Gastonia
Salem (Pilot Mountain)	1,183	Geo. E. Tucker, Winston-Salem
High Point, First (Piedmont)	1,233	Dr. W. F. Clayton, High Point
Burlington, First (Mt. Zion)	1,242	R. H. Andrews, Burlington
Raleigh, First (Central)	1,295	Jas. M. Sapp, Raleigh
Durham, West (Mt. Zion)	1,428	W. P. Phillips, Jr., Durham
Charlotte, Pritchard Mem. (Meck)	1,454	H. G. Ashcraft, Charlotte
Asheville, First (Buncombe)	1,634	Grover B. Eaker, Asheville
Shelby, First (Kings Mountain)	1,637	B. H. Easom, Shelby
Asheville, Calvary (Buncombe)	1,683	L. J. Lawrence, Asheville
Winston-Salem, First (P. M.)	2,109	D. H. Wilcox, Winston-Salem
Greensboro, First (Piedmont)	2,435	O. E. Lee, Greensboro
Raleigh, Tabernacle (Ral.)	2,584	Jas. M. Wilder, Jr., Raleigh
Charlotte, First (Meck)	3,028	C. C. Martin, Charlotte
Total 34 Sunday schools, enrolling 44,931		

Oklahoma

Ardmore, First (Enon)	902	J. L. Pike, Ardmore
Edmond, First (Oklahoma)	916	E. V. Duncan, Edmond
El Reno (Central)	931	Frank Cochran, El Reno
Pawhuska (Delaware-Osage)	932	R. E. Bivins, Pawhuska
Tulsa, Nogales (Tulsa-Rogers)	933	Geo. R. Wikoff, Catoosa, Rt. 1
Hobart (Concord-Kiowa)	973	J. M. Smith, Jr., Hobart
Okmulgee, First (N. Canadian)	1,022	R. V. Longwith, Okmulgee
Durant, First (Bryan)	1,037	R. H. Swearingin, Durant
Enid, First (Perry)	1,049	H. V. Grits, Enid
Bartlesville, First (Del. O.)	1,050	B. M. Toland, Bartlesville
Lawton, First (Comanche-Cot.)	1,091	P. C. Monroe, Lawton
Ponca City, First (Perry)	1,160	T. B. Rolling, Ponca City
Altus, First (Jackson-Greer)	1,180	P. E. Bellenger, Altus
Frederick, First (Tillman)	1,233	W. L. Bohannon, Frederick
Shawnee, Immanuel (Pott. L.)	1,259	E. J. Hicks, Shawnee
Oklahoma City, Olivet (Oklahoma)	1,262	Joe D. Heacock, Oklahoma City
Stillwater (Pawnee-Creek)	1,265	W. W. McCollom, Stillwater
Cushing (Pawnee-Creek)	1,288	J. E. Lewallen, Cushing
Shawnee, First (Pott. Linc.)	1,289	W. H. Williams, Shawnee
Norman, First (Union)	1,319	R. W. Harris, Norman
Ada, First (Banner)	1,387	John R. Harris, Ada
McAlester, First (Pittsburgh)	1,519	Dave Dodd, McAlester
Chickasha, First (Chickasaw)	1,558	G. B. Dunlap, Chickasha
Tulsa, Immanuel (Tulsa-Rogers)	1,591	O. C. Griggs, Tulsa

Sunday Schools	Members	Superintendents
Oklahoma City, Capitol Hill (O.)	1,594	R. N. Duckworth, Oklahoma City
Oklahoma City, Kelham Ave. (O.)	1,621	R. B. Cherry, Oklahoma City
Muskogee, First (Muskogee)	1,653	A. B. Wilkinsen, Muskogee
Oklahoma City, Exchange Ave. (O.)	1,755	J. Earl Mason, Oklahoma City
Oklahoma City, Trinity (O.)	1,924	W. W. Bates, Oklahoma City
Miami (Northeastern)	1,934	Clarence Plannett, Miami
Seminole (North Canadian)	2,191	W. O. Tipton, Seminole
Oklahoma City, First (Oklahoma)	3,131	W. E. Young, Oklahoma City
Tulsa, First (Tulsa-Rogers)	3,279	W. Dan Wilbanks, Tulsa

Total 33 Sunday schools, enrolling 47,228

South Carolina

Anderson, Oakwood (Saluda)	916	E. N. Dove, Anderson
Greer, First (No. Greenville)	919	R. M. Hughes, Greer
Great Falls, First (Chester)	937	D. C. Peach, Great Falls
Gaffney, Cherokee Ave. (Broad R.)	940	J. W. Godfrey, Gaffney
Greenwood, First (Abbeville)	976	C. C. Sanders, Greenwood
Mullins (Marion)	1,094	B. B. O'Neal, Mullins
Shandon (Fairfield)	1,138	M. B. Woodward, Columbia
Hartsville, First (Welsh Neck)	1,141	P. L. McCall, Hartsville
Spartanburg, Southside (Spartan)	1,304	C. H. Trammell, Spartanburg
Greenville, First (Greenville)	1,480	G. C. Gaskin, Greenville
Columbia, First (Fairfield)	1,546	Ellison Smith, Columbia
Greenville, Pendleton St. (Green.)	1,657	B. C. Wright, Greenville
Florence, First (Florence)	1,756	L. H. Hite, Florence
Columbia, Park St. (Fairfield)	1,765	M. R. Mobley, Columbia
Spartanburg, First (Spartan)	1,851	W. O. Ezell, Spartanburg
Anderson, First (Saluda)	2,083	E. C. Simpson, Anderson
Charleston, Citadel Square (C.)	2,181	J. P. Thomas, Charleston

Total 17 Sunday schools, enrolling 23,684

Tennessee

Nashville, Judson Mem'l (Nashville)	917	Will E. Gupton, Nashville
Johnson City, Temple (Holston)	930	Steve Tholmsen, Johnson City
Nashville, Eastland (Nashville)	937	C. C. Wootten, Nashville
Kingsport (Holston)	954	J. B. Carson, Kingsport
Nashville, Lockeland (Nashville)	962	T. H. Darden, Nashville
Nashville, Edgefield (Nash.)	963	T. W. Jarrell, Nashville
Chattanooga, Avondale (Ocoee)	967	F. M. Lowery, Chattanooga
Elizabethton, First (Watauga)	1,039	J. D. Brooks, Elizabethton
Knoxville, Bell Ave. (Knox Co.)	1,067	L. T. McSpadden, Knoxville
Springfield, First (Robertson)	1,070	C. W. Cook, Springfield
Memphis, Highland Hgts. (Shelby)	1,113	Nolan Smith, Memphis
Dyersburg, First (Dyer Co.)	1,140	J. P. Tipton, Dyersburg
Maryville, First (Chilhowee)	1,148	A. B. Smith, Maryville
Jackson, West (Madison)	1,148	F. L. West, Jackson
Chattanooga, Highland Park (O.)	1,169	F. L. Tallant, Chattanooga
Memphis, LaBelle (Shelby)	1,191	Lynn Funk, Memphis
Jackson, First (Madison)	1,262	Spencer Truex, Jackson
Johnson City, Central (Holston)	1,373	H. A. Smith, Johnson City
Nashville, Grace (Nashville)	1,590	J. R. Bethune, Nashville
Knoxville, 5th Ave. (Knox Co.)	1,591	Herman Wilhite, Knoxville
Nashville, Belmont Hgts. (Nash.)	1,608	Ernest J. Moench, Nashville
Knoxville, Broadway (Knox Co.)	1,657	J. G. Price, Knoxville
Memphis, First (Shelby)	1,708	W. E. Miller, Memphis
Chattanooga, First (Ocoee)	1,817	A. D. Anthony, Chattanooga
Knoxville, First (Knox Co.)	1,820	A. C. Bruner, Knoxville
Memphis, Temple (Shelby)	1,951	C. O. Barbour, Memphis
Memphis, Union Ave. (Shelby)	1,993	O. L. Ledbetter, Memphis
Nashville, First (Nashville)	2,752	N. R. Drummond, Nashville
Memphis, Bellevue (Shelby)	3,628	F. G. Crain, Germantown

Total 29 Sunday schools, enrolling 41,465

Texas

Amarillo, Buchanan St. (Palo D.)	906	J. T. Sizemore, Buchanan St., Amarillo
Cleburne, Field St. (Johnson Co.)	908	Leland Burton, Cleburne
Houston, Calvary (Union)	910	J. W. Bailey, Houston
Austin, West Austin (Austin)	925	A. L. Fogle, Austin
Big Spring, First (Big Spring)	934	J. A. Coffee, Big Spring
Big Spring, East 4th (Big Sprg.)	934	A. B. Lightfoot, Big Spring
Houston, Lindale (Union)	927	J. W. Watson, Houston
Austin, University (Austin)	941	L. R. Pylant, Austin
Gatesville (Leon River)	944	S. L. Bellamay, Gatesville
Ft. Worth, College Ave. (Tar.)	944	J. L. Hill, Ft. Worth
Texarkana, First (Red River Tex.)	948	A. J. Pryor, Texarkana
Commerce, First (Hunt Co.)	955	G. E. Myrick, Commerce
Waco, Calvary (Waco)	963	Clyde McMahan, Waco
Plainview, First (Staked Plains)	964	A. A. Siuts, Plainview
Odessa, First (Big Spring)	971	A. H. Dennison, Odessa
Beaumont, South Park (S. E.)	983	C. D. Owen, Beaumont
Houston, Magnolia (Union)	991	I. T. Gunn, Houston
Freer (Laredo)	999	J. H. Cowley, Freer
Hillsboro (Hill County)	1,003	J. M. Boone, Hillsboro
Bryan, First (Creath-Brazos)	1,005	W. R. Carmichael, Bryan

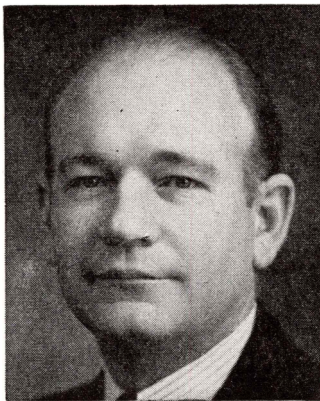
Sunday Schools	Members	Superintendents
Childress (Red Fork)	1,015	H. M. Baker, Childress
Corpus Christi, Park Ave. (C. C.)	1,031	Clarence Tillman, Corpus Christi
Ft. Worth, North (Tarrant)	1,031	W. L. Faircloth, Ft. Worth
Marshall, First (Soda Lake)	1,050	J. P. Meadows, Marshall
Dallas, Colonial (Dallas)	1,053	Edgar Bailey, Dallas
Ft. Worth, Riverside (Tarrant)	1,054	Bradley Allison, Ft. Worth
Corpus Christi, First (Cor. Chr.)	1,066	C. E. Burnett, Corpus Christi
San Antonio, Harlandale (S. A.)	1,068	T. F. Barton, San Antonio
Temple, First (Bell Co.)	1,075	A. C. Barnett, Temple
Dallas, East (Dallas)	1,077	Randall Odom, Dallas
Ft. Worth, Tabernacle (Tarrant)	1,077	Wayne Murphy, Ft. Worth
Denison, First (Grayson Co.)	1,077	E. W. Rodgers, Denison
Kilgore, First (Soda Lake)	1,079	J. C. Pollard, Kilgore
Goose Creek, First (Union)	1,081	A. H. Wheatley, Goose Creek
Henderson (Rusk-Panola)	1,089	R. C. Lee, Henderson
Lufkin, First (Unity)	1,100	A. G. Pritchett, Lufkin
Gainesville, First (Cooke Co.)	1,112	Ray Winder, Gainesville
Pampa, First (Palo Duro)	1,116	T. D. Alford, Pampa
Temple, Memorial (Bell)	1,127	P. B. Leath, Temple
Paris, First (Lamar Co.)	1,128	Shelby Collier, Paris
Lamesa (Lamesa)	1,140	J. E. Banon, Lamesa
Midland, First (Big Spring)	1,163	E. F. Connor, Midland
Corsicana, First (Corsicana)	1,201	Tommie Godfrey, Corsicana
Brownwood, First (Brown Co.)	1,203	G. A. Brooks, Brownwood
Waxahachie, First (Ellis Co.)	1,204	Jack Eastham, Waxahachie
Gladewater, First (Soda Lake)	1,227	L. E. Payne, Gladewater
Beaumont, Calvary (Southeast)	1,243	Z. H. Cain, Beaumont
Sweetwater, First (Sweetwater)	1,259	W. W. Harris, Sweetwater
Palestine, First (Saline)	1,266	R. H. Bunnell, Palestine
Houston, First Heights (Union)	1,267	T. H. Pugh, Houston
Baytown (Union)	1,268	W. J. Bennett, Baytown
Houston, Texas Ave. (Union)	1,272	L. E. Posey, Houston
Ft. Worth, Rosen Heights (Tarrant)	1,275	R. F. Anderson, Ft. Worth
Dallas, Forney Ave. (Dallas)	1,276	G. W. McGuire, Dallas
Sulphur Springs (Rehoboth)	1,280	D. R. Bonner, Sulphur Springs
Wichita Falls (Wichita-Archer)	1,292	J. O. Wadsworth, Wichita Falls
Waco, Emmanuel (Waco)	1,295	W. Y. Reaves, Waco
Borger (Palo Duro)	1,305	Ira M. Powell, Borger
Dallas, Highland (Dallas)	1,316	J. R. Jones, Dallas
Greenville, First (Hunt Co.)	1,328	R. E. Tarpley, Greenville
Dallas, Forest Ave. (Dallas)	1,330	Genter L. Stephens, Dallas
Dallas, Hillcrest (Dallas)	1,373	V. L. Jones, Dallas
Sherman, First (Grayson Co.)	1,388	T. M. Van Pelt, Sherman
Waco, 7th & James (Waco)	1,388	W. F. Howard, Waco
Tyler, First (Smith Co.)	1,397	J. R. Moore, Tyler
Port Arthur, Memorial (Southeast)	1,425	C. R. Burks, Port Arthur
Brownwood, Coggin Ave. (Brown Co.)	1,441	H. L. Ehrke, Brownwood
Waco, First (Waco)	1,442	J. B. Fisher, Waco
Ft. Worth, Polytechnic (Tarrant)	1,449	A. D. Walters, Ft. Worth
San Antonio, Baptist Temple (S. A.)	1,470	C. A. Slimp, San Antonio
El Paso, First (El Paso)	1,473	L. A. Stulce, El Paso
Houston, Trinity (Union)	1,474	V. E. Foderhase, Houston
Houston, Park Memorial (Union)	1,488	S. B. Williams, Houston
Houston, Woodland (Union)	1,491	L. N. McRae, Houston
Breckenridge (Cisco)	1,521	Raymond Waller, Breckenridge
Dallas, East Grand (Dallas)	1,538	Claude W. Lawson, Dallas
Vernon, First (Wilbarger-Board)	1,644	E. M. Maddin, Vernon
Port Arthur, First (Southeast)	1,647	Joe Dodson, Port Arthur
Houston, West End (Union)	1,727	O. M. Spivey, Houston
Austin, First (Austin)	1,755	R. O. Feather, Austin
Dallas, Calvary (Dallas)	1,815	Mrs. A. F. Whiddon, Dallas
Denton, First (Denton)	1,840	Mrs. Jack Pitts, Denton
San Angelo, First (Concho Valley)	1,868	Gus Jones, San Angelo
Galveston, First (Union)	1,918	O. B. Wigley, Galveston
Waco, Columbus Ave. (Waco)	1,923	J. L. Tucker, Waco
Beaumont, First (Southeast)	2,039	A. C. Head, Beaumont
Houston, South Main (Union)	2,104	J. K. Durst, Houston
Houston, First (Union)	2,392	J. D. Burress, Houston
Houston, Baptist Temple (Union)	2,231	E. A. Scarbrough, Wichita Falls
Wichita Falls, First (Wichita-Archer)	2,391	J. E. Leverton, Houston
Abilene, First (Sweetwater)	2,519	J. D. Riddle, Abilene
Longview, First (Soda Lake)	2,521	C. E. Barbee, Longview
Houston, Second (Union)	2,714	J. J. Keith, Houston
Lubbock, First (Lubbock)	2,733	L. E. Waite, Lubbock
Amarillo, First (Palo Duro)	2,868	H. C. Pipkin, Amarillo
Dallas, Gaston Ave. (Dallas)	3,113	H. P. Wootan, Dallas
Ft. Worth, Broadway (Tarrant)	3,144	W. L. Howse, Ft. Worth
Ft. Worth, Travis Ave. (Tarrant)	3,401	C. E. Matthews, Ft. Worth
San Antonio, First (San Antonio)	3,659	T. V. Campbell, San Antonio
Dallas, Cliff Temple (Dallas)	4,087	J. Earl Mead, Dallas
Dallas, First (Dallas)	4,885	Robt. H. Coleman, Dallas

Total 101 Sunday schools, enrolling 151,496

Virginia

Lynchburg, First (Strawberry)	905	T. W. Gilliam, Lynchburg
Norfolk, First (Portsmouth)	911	J. T. Harrell, Norfolk

Sunday Schools	Members	Superintendents
Hopewell, First (Petersburg)	915	R. S. Kegley, Hopewell
Newport News, Tabernacle (Penn.)	933	P. F. Ragland, Newport News
Martinsville, First (Blue Ridge)	965	J. C. Kerfoot, Martinsville
Danville, Lee St. (Pittsylvania)	977	C. R. Dodson, Danville
Portsmouth, South St. (Ports.)	1,015	W. H. Harrison, Portsmouth
Fredericksburg (Goshen)	1,039	S. E. Payne, Fredericksburg
Richmond, Venable St. (Dover)	1,041	F. W. Harrison, Richmond
Lynchburg, Rivermont Ave. (Stw.)	1,063	W. A. Ambrose, Lynchburg
Richmond, Pine St. (Dover)	1,104	J. B. Wiltshire, Richmond
Suffolk, First (Blackwater)	1,107	Dr. F. A. Ward, Suffolk
Petersburg, West End (Petersburg)	1,124	J. A. Rucker, Petersburg
Portsmouth, Port Norfolk (Ports.)	1,126	H. W. Dickerson, Portsmouth
Union (Accomack)	1,136	No report
Clifton Forge (Augusta)	1,158	W. H. Smith, Jr., Clifton Forge
Charlottesville, First (Albem.)	1,174	Dr. J. M. Herr, Charlottesville
Alexandria, First (Potomac)	1,178	No report
Roanoke, Waverly Place (Valley)	1,192	L. B. Ellis, Roanoke
Richmond, Weatherford (Mid. Dist.)	1,212	Dr. J. G. Loving, Richmond
Richmond, Bainbridge Street (Mid. Dist.)	1,216	C. H. Sheppard, Richmond
Clarendon (Potomac)	1,220	No report
Lynchburg, College Hill (Stw.)	1,286	W. L. Driskill, Lynchburg
Norfolk, Park Place (Portsm.)	1,436	H. E. Ewell, Norfolk
Richmond, Northside (Dover)	1,455	H. W. Templeman, Richmond
Roanoke, First (Valley)	1,520	David Wellons, Roanoke
Newport News, First (Peninsula)	1,530	J. W. Jenkins, Newport News
Newport News, Orcutt Ave. (Pen.)	1,533	E. M. Curtis, Newport News
Richmond, Leigh St. (Dover)	1,647	C. O. Alley, Richmond
Roanoke, Melrose (Valley)	1,877	C. C. Coon, Roanoke
Richmond, Tabernacle (Dover)	1,925	J. A. Kimsey, Richmond
Roanoke, Calvary (Valley)	1,986	T. J. Traylor, Roanoke
Richmond, Barton Hgts. (Dover)	1,993	W. B. Wakeham, Richmond
Roanoke, Belmont (Valley)	2,231	W. K. Key, Roanoke
Richmond, First (Dover)	2,244	Dr. J. B. Lester, Richmond
Total 35 Sunday schools, enrolling 46,374		



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Section V

CONTRIBUTIONS AND FINANCES OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS, 1940

THREE SIMPLE PROBLEMS IN CHURCH FINANCES

Believe it or not, but there are only three simple problems in church finances, any sort of church finances, in any church, anywhere. Here they are:

1. **Problem One: To Get 90 Per Cent of the Resident Members to Give Something.** At present, on the average, only 45 per cent of the members in Southern Baptist churches give anything to the support of the local work of the churches; and only 32 per cent give anything to missions and benevolences.

2. **Problem Two: To Get Them to Give Not Sacrificially, But as God Prospers Them.** It is a shame for Southern Baptists—even the enlisted 35 per cent to 40 per cent of us—to speak of giving “sacrificially.” We do not know what the word means. The tenth of our income can’t be less than \$30 per year, and is perhaps \$40 or more; whereas in 1940 we gave \$7.91 per member.

3. **Problem Three: To Get Them to Give Regularly, Month by Month, or Sunday by Sunday.** Let me illustrate: In 1940 we had 3,590,374 persons enrolled in our Sunday schools (and 5,104,327 members in our churches). But if that 3,590,374 we had in Sunday school would have given 5 cents per week to our great mission and benevolent causes for the 52 weeks in 1940, Southern Baptists would have given \$9,334,972 for missions and benevolences, instead of \$6,787,626!

Take another illustration: The \$40,359,038 which Southern Baptists gave to all causes in 1940, both local and denominational, is what? It is less than 20 cents per week for 4,000,000 Southern Baptists, and for the entire group of 5,104,327 Southern Baptists, it is a little more than 15 cents per week, when given regularly!

All of this is to say that our financial problems and failures, grievous as they may be, are due not to the poverty of our church members, nor to the unwillingness of our people to help on the great causes we support, but mainly, if not wholly, to the unwillingness of the pastors and deacons to plan wisely and well the financial programs of the churches and to work out these programs to the last man, regardless of the toil and time and tears that may be required.

CHURCHES LEADING IN CONTRIBUTIONS TO MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES, 1940

	Pastor	
1. Alabama—Southside, Birmingham	J. H. Buchanan	\$45,603.43
2. Arizona—First Southern, Phoenix	C. Vaughn Rock	2,565.83
3. Arkansas—First, Eldorado	Chas. W. Daniel	10,287.25
4. District of Columbia—Calvary, Washington	W. S. Abernethy	21,083.46
5. Florida—Central, Miami	C. Roy Angell	14,197.98
6. Georgia—Second, Ponce de Leon, Atlanta	Ryland Knight	25,775.06
7. Illinois—First, Marion	T. V. Wheeler	3,862.04
8. Kentucky—Walnut St., Louisville	F. F. Gibson	23,790.96
9. Louisiana—First, Shreveport	M. E. Dodd	22,881.22
10. Maryland—University, Baltimore	J. F. Fraser	10,271.84
11. Mississippi—First, Jackson	W. A. Hewitt	11,641.62
*12. Missouri—Third, St. Louis	C. O. Johnson	21,369.46
13. New Mexico—First, Albuquerque	A. Hope Owen	5,770.93
14. North Carolina—First, Winston-Salem	Ralph A. Herring	50,037.21
15. Oklahoma—First, Oklahoma City	J. Howard Williams	22,537.76
16. South Carolina—First, Greenville	L. M. Latimer	14,911.52
17. Tennessee—First, Knoxville	F. F. Brown	49,071.23
18. Texas—First, Dallas	Geo. W. Truett	61,645.50
19. Virginia—First, Richmond	T. F. Adams	28,873.62

First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, leads the South.

*First Church, Kansas City, Mo., leads the state; but it affiliates wholly with the Northern Baptist Convention.

GIFTS FOR LOCAL WORK OF THE CHURCHES, 1940

States	Gifts in 1940	Gifts in 1939	Gains
Alabama	\$ 1,829,777	\$ 1,753,432	\$ 76,345
Arizona	40,899	36,942	3,957
Arkansas	1,093,893	968,745	125,148
District of Columbia	371,793	330,441	41,352
Florida	1,357,553	1,296,077	61,476
Georgia	2,673,882	2,342,846	331,036
Illinois	554,998	441,858	113,140
Kentucky	2,253,289	2,169,216	84,073
Louisiana	1,345,101	1,255,606	89,495
Maryland	278,219	263,977	14,242
Mississippi	1,366,374	1,265,137	101,237
Missouri	1,905,276	1,748,569	156,707
New Mexico	218,640	208,848	9,792
North Carolina	3,248,554	3,075,961	172,593
Oklahoma	1,762,662	1,685,113	77,549
South Carolina	1,895,094	1,731,260	163,834
Tennessee	2,446,966	2,225,946	221,020
Texas	6,530,934	5,835,152	695,782
Virginia	2,397,509	2,234,144	163,365
Totals	\$33,571,413	\$30,869,270	\$2,702,143

GIFTS TO ALL MISSIONS AND BENEVOLENCES, 1940

States	Gifts in 1940	Gifts in 1939	Gains
Alabama	\$ 369,559	\$ 332,866	\$ 36,693
Arizona	7,723	6,443	1,280
Arkansas	196,693	174,976	21,717
District of Columbia	102,459	99,845	2,614
Florida	256,017	235,065	20,952
Georgia	516,348	495,337	21,011
Illinois	92,689	81,024	11,665
Kentucky	460,035	436,511	23,524
Louisiana	285,164	265,510	19,654
Maryland	55,090	50,988	4,102
Mississippi	268,284	243,303	24,981
Missouri	399,982	353,989	45,993
New Mexico	43,582	40,209	3,373
North Carolina	782,849	706,065	76,784
Oklahoma	309,016	293,353	15,663
South Carolina	421,057	417,343	3,714
Tennessee	447,637	419,249	28,388
Texas	1,166,024	1,043,357	122,667
Virginia	607,419	571,830	35,589
Totals	\$6,787,627	\$6,267,263	\$520,364

TOTAL GIFTS FOR ALL PURPOSES—LOCAL AND MISSIONS, 1940

States	Gifts in 1940	Gifts in 1939	Gains
Alabama	\$ 2,199,336	\$ 2,086,298	\$ 113,038
Arizona	48,622	43,385	5,237
Arkansas	1,290,587	1,143,721	146,866
District of Columbia	474,252	430,286	43,966
Florida	1,613,569	1,531,142	82,427
Georgia	3,190,231	2,838,182	352,049
Illinois	647,687	522,882	124,805
Kentucky	2,713,323	2,605,727	107,596
Louisiana	1,630,264	1,521,116	109,148
Maryland	333,309	314,965	18,344
Mississippi	1,634,657	1,508,440	126,217
Missouri	2,305,259	2,102,559	202,700
New Mexico	262,223	249,057	13,166
North Carolina	4,031,403	3,782,026	249,377
Oklahoma	2,071,678	1,978,466	93,212
South Carolina	2,316,151	2,148,602	167,549
Tennessee	2,894,602	2,645,195	249,407
Texas	7,696,958	6,878,509	818,449
Virginia	3,004,927	2,805,974	198,953
Totals	\$40,359,038	\$37,136,532	\$3,222,506

TOTAL VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY, 1940

States	Valuation in 1940	Valuation in 1939	Gains and Losses
Alabama	\$ 13,354,477	\$ 13,019,251	\$ 335,226
Arizona	162,550	191,725	Loss 29,175
Arkansas	5,971,877	5,714,722	257,155
District of Columbia	3,413,964	3,378,000	35,964
Florida	9,026,323	8,661,957	364,366
Georgia	19,314,969	18,335,726	979,243

Illinois	2,914,888	2,805,699	109,189
Kentucky	16,880,409	16,616,669	263,740
Louisiana	6,644,805	6,200,342	444,463
Maryland	3,262,387	3,164,735	97,652
Mississippi	9,191,977	8,911,380	280,597
Missouri	14,343,435	14,114,735	228,700
New Mexico	921,950	871,305	50,645
North Carolina	23,413,018	22,878,569	534,449
Oklahoma	9,629,387	9,263,416	365,971
South Carolina	13,059,759	12,738,891	320,868
Tennessee	15,057,689	14,657,273	400,416
Texas	36,022,585	34,395,182	1,627,403
Virginia	19,388,030	18,805,118	582,912
Totals	\$221,974,479	\$214,724,695	\$7,249,784

SOUTHERN BAPTIST LOSSES IN THE DEPRESSION

The record of Southern Baptists during the seven depression years (1929-1935), and the years following:

	Local Gifts	Mission Gifts	Total Gifts
1928	\$32,525,122	\$7,402,788	\$39,927,910
1929	31,695,819	7,641,330	39,337,149
1930	30,725,184	6,763,837	37,489,021
1931	26,798,753	5,819,375	32,618,128
1932	22,390,477	4,951,011	27,341,488
1933	19,408,587	3,880,774	23,289,361
1934	20,401,608	4,251,668	24,653,276
1935	22,264,052	4,624,515	26,888,567
1936	24,201,802	4,986,885	29,188,687
1937	26,563,537	5,702,150	32,265,687
1938	29,466,811	5,798,529	35,265,340
1939	30,869,268	6,267,263	37,136,531
1940	33,571,411	6,787,626	40,359,038

PERCENTAGE DIVISION OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST GIFTS

Years	To Local Work of Churches	To State Con-vention Causes and Work	To Southern Con-vention Causes and Work
1925	78.85%	9.14%	12.01%
1926	79.05%	10.47%	10.03%
1927	80.26%	12.45%	7.29%
1928	81.46%	10.96%	7.58%
1929	80.57%	13.76%	5.66%
1930	81.96%	11.85%	6.19%
1931	82.16%	11.54%	6.30%
1932	81.89%	10.64%	7.47%
1933	83.40%	10.12%	6.48%
1934	82.75%	10.08%	6.52%
1935	82.80%	10.45%	6.65%
1936	82.9 %	10.40%	6.70%
1937	82.3 %	10.45%	7.25%
1938	83.6 %	10.4 %	6.0 %
1939	83.2 %	10.8 %	6.0 %
1940	83.2 %	10.8 %	6.0 %

PER CAPITA RECORD OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

In this connection, it is interesting to note the per capita gifts of Southern Baptists and also to see how these gifts were divided.

Years	Southern Baptist Membership	Per Capita Gifts to Local Expenses	Per Capita Gifts to Missions, Etc.
1900	1,657,996	\$1.56	\$.53
1901	1,683,039	1.81	.58
1902	1,737,446	2.01	.63
1903	1,805,889	2.17	.62
1904	1,832,638	2.27	.66
1905	1,899,427	2.47	.78
1906	1,946,948	2.77	.87
1907	2,015,080	3.00	.90

1908	2,139,080	3.05	.93
1909	2,218,911	3.24	1.02
1910	2,332,464	3.41	1.06
1911	2,421,203	3.47	1.03
1912	2,446,296	3.37	1.07
1913	2,522,633	3.70	1.11
1914	2,588,633	3.87	1.17
1915	2,685,552	3.56	1.10
1916	2,774,098	3.67	1.16
1917	2,844,301	4.14	1.25
1918	2,887,428	4.48	1.70
1919	2,961,348	4.73	2.47
1920	3,149,346	6.62	4.45
1921	3,220,383	6.98	3.54
1922	3,366,211	6.63	2.92
1923	3,494,189	7.17	2.86
1924	3,574,531	7.69	2.75
1925	3,649,330	8.43	2.26
*1926	3,616,964	8.81	2.27
1927	3,673,712	8.70	2.14
1928	3,705,876	8.87	2.03
1929	3,770,645	8.41	2.03
1930	3,850,278	7.98	1.76
1931	3,944,566	6.79	1.48
1932	4,066,140	5.51	1.22
1933	4,173,928	4.70	.93
1934	4,277,052	4.77	.99 +
1935	4,389,417	5.07	1.05
1936	4,482,315	5.40	1.11
1937	4,595,602	5.78	1.24
1938	4,770,185	6.17	1.27
1939	4,949,174	6.23	1.27
1940	5,104,327	6.58	1.33

*The apparent loss in membership here noted is due to dropping 117,000 Landmarks and B. M. A.'s in Arkansas and Texas.

COST OF LIVING

The National Resources Planning Board has just issued the following figures on how Americans spent their (\$59,300,000,000) income in 1935-1936:

Food	29 %
Housing (rent, etc.)	16 %
Household expenses	9 %
Clothing	9 %
Automobiles	6.5 %
Medical care	4 %
Incidental expenses	3 %
Recreation	3 %
Personal care	2 %
Tobacco	2 %
Transportation	1.5 %
Education	1 %

Total for current expenses	86 %
Savings	10 %
Gifts to all causes	4 %

—Quoted in **Supreme Council 33° Bulletin**, January 2, 1940.

DOCTORS BEST PAID GROUP

The Associated Press, November 22, 1937, reporting the average income of the various professional groups, presented the following schedule of incomes:

Doctors	\$4,850 yearly
Lawyers	4,730 yearly
Dentists	4,170 yearly
Architects	3,820 yearly
College teachers	3,050 yearly

Journalists	2,120 yearly
Librarians	2,020 yearly
Ministers	1,980 yearly
Skilled workers	1,430 yearly
Public school teaching	1,350 yearly
Nursing	1,310 yearly
Unskilled labor	795 yearly
Farmers	580 yearly
Farm labor	485 yearly

WHAT DO WE SPEND MONEY FOR?

1. For Armaments Rather Than Churches:

In 1927 the United States contributed to the work of the church \$833,000,000, and to armaments \$680,000,000. In 1936 the contributions to the church had dropped to \$550,000,000, and the armaments bill had increased to \$788,000,000. Thus during the depression the expenditures for armaments increased more than \$100,000,000, and the contributions to religion decreased more than \$300,000,000.—**Religious Telescope.**

2. One Dollar Out of Every Fifteen Goes for Liquor:

Bert H. Davis, writing in the January **Allied Youth**, says that, combining best estimates on the subject, the American people are now spending at the rate of nearly \$5,000,000,000 a year for liquor. For 1935 the proportion was one-fifteenth of the national income so spent. He says: "Put in another way, the year's net income from farming was almost offset by the amount turned over to the alcohol trade for legal and illegal drinks. Those proportions will differ somewhat for 1936, on which the figures are not yet in but the 1935 estimates give you the idea. If the \$5,000,000,000 figure is about right, consider further that it means a liquor cost per family of about \$125 a year."

According to 1935 estimates Mr. Davis says that the liquor industry collects about six dollars from the public for every dollar that is turned back in taxes. In the fiscal year the Federal Government took in a little more than \$500,000,000 in taxes on the liquor business. State and local governments took in about \$125,000,000.—(Nashville) **Christian Advocate.**

3. Movies Collect Over a Billion in 1936:

Statistics recently published indicate that 81,000,000 persons, on the average, attended the movies every week in 1936. At an average of 25 cents a ticket, this means an expenditure of \$1,053,000,000, or about \$8.20 for every man, woman, and child in the 128,469,000 population of the United States.

4. American Tourists Spent \$5,000,000,000 for Pleasure Travel in 1936:

America's tourist trade totaling \$5,000,000,000 in 1936 has become one of the nation's major industries, a survey shows. More money is spent for pleasure travel in the United States per capita than in any other country in the world. Albert K. Dawson, of the American Express Company, estimates that the money spent for tourist travel actually compares with the expenditures for automobiles. Statisticians have placed the total expenditure for travel as 11 per cent greater than for the clothing business, 45 per cent more than the printing business, and 60 per cent greater than for the lumber business.—**Christian Observer.**

5. Gamblers Took Seven Billion Dollars in 1937:

If the President of the United States had asked for an appropriation from the Congress amounting to \$7,000,000,000 in 1937, for the help of the poor and needy of the nation the "statesmen" of the nation would have publicly condemned him and the Congress would have impeached him. But when the gamblers raked in this huge sum in their nefarious business, not a politician nor a so-called statesman, in the nation publicly protested. Why is this?—See **New York Times**, August 2, 1938.

6. Tobacco Calls for and Gets \$1,500,000,000 Yearly:

Some years ago (1931) the **Tobacco Leaf**, a trade journal, estimated that the people of America were spending \$1,177,000,000 (wholesale price) on tobacco consumption. This sum has increased every year since 1931 and now aggregates more than \$1,500,000,000, or over \$11.70 each for every man, woman and child one day old and up in the United States.

7. Almost \$1,000,000,000 Spent in Beauty Shops and for Cosmetics:

Several authorities estimate that the total bill for cosmetics and beauty parlor charges in 1936 ran up to more than one billion dollars.

8. Public Education Claims \$2,600,000,000 Yearly:

The Department of the Interior indicates that the people of the United States are now expending \$2,600,000,000 or more yearly on public education.

9. About \$3,500,000,000 Spent on Medical Care:

It is estimated that the people of the United States are once again (after the depression) spending almost \$3,500,000,000 yearly on medical care; whereas the cost of ill health and accidents in the United States now aggregates \$10,000,000,000 yearly.

10. Church Expenditures in 1936 Down to \$550,000,000:

In 1926, the expenditures of the American people on their churches and church work amounted to \$817,000,000; whereas in 1936 these expenditures had fallen to \$550,000,000.

11. Life Insurance the Big Business of America:

The people of America are said to carry the sum of \$110,000,000,000 in life insurance—and there are only 64,000,000 policyholders. And the life insurance companies paid \$2,854,771,623 in 1937 to the beneficiaries of these policies.

12. Crime or National Defense?

National defense has been costing the United States about \$806,000,000 a year; while Americans were forced to pay \$15,000,000 for crime.

13. Christmas a Big Business:

Americans spent for Christmas, 1939, \$6,100,000,000 and \$6,400,000,000 in 1940, or \$46.25 per capita; while they spent approximately \$4.46 per capita for all religious purposes.

14. Cosmetics Alone Cost \$400,000,000 Yearly (see No. 7 above):

The women of America spent \$400,000,000 in 1938 for cosmetics, according to Lois Mattox Miller in *The American Mercury*. That is to say they bought and used 52,000 tons of cleansing cream; 27,000 tons of skin lotion and 20,000 tons of complexion soap. This means that every woman, fifteen years old and up in America, white and black, spent on the average of \$9.40—for cosmetics in 1938.

15. The Average New York Working Girl spends her money as follows:

Food, 31.4 per cent of her salary; rent, 20.6 per cent; clothing, 17.7 per cent; fun, 9.1 per cent; carfare, smokes and candy, 7.4 per cent; insurance and savings, 6.1 per cent; medical care, 4.8 per cent; personal care, 2.9 per cent.

16. The Main Sports Call for and Receive \$4,000,000,000 a Year:

According to Frank G. Menke in his *Encyclopedia of Sports*, \$4,000,000,000 a year are spent on sports in U. S., as follows:

Angling	\$1,200,000,000
Firearms	650,000,000
Motor Boats	600,000,000
Golf	500,000,000
Bowling	450,000,000
Skiing	150,000,000
Attendance Groups	260,000,000
Miscellaneous	190,000,000

SOUTHERN BAPTIST FINANCES—WHICH WAY?

Dr. Austin Crouch of the Executive Committee has recently issued a report of the comparative receipts for Southwide causes covering the years of 1939 and 1940. It is a very illuminating document.

Among other things, this document certainly shows three very dangerous trends in Southern Baptist contributions to Southwide causes—trends which if not soon corrected will certainly lead to serious trouble within a few more years.

1. Designations Growing Alarminglly

Designated gifts, for example, are increasing much faster than gifts to the Co-operative Program. Look at this list:

Alabama: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$4,542.77, while designated gifts increased \$5,846.67.

Arkansas: Co-operative Program gifts increased only \$111.81, while designated gifts increased \$2,313.12.

Arizona: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$305.01, while designated gifts increased \$475.84.

District of Columbia: Co-operative Program gifts **decreased** \$272.36, while designated gifts increased \$2,789.44.

Florida: Co-operative Program gifts **decreased** \$7,732.09, while designated gifts increased \$9,746.07.

Georgia: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$5,214.16, while designated gifts increased \$23,869.18.

Illinois: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$6,149.34 (almost doubled in one year), while designated gifts increased \$3,901.56.

Kentucky: Co-operative Program gifts **decreased** \$565.45, while designated gifts increased \$1,755.40.

Louisiana: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$1,481.76, while designated gifts increased \$5,443.17.

Maryland: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$1,229.81, while designated gifts increased from nothing in 1939 to \$10.00 in 1940.

Mississippi: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$1,020.91, while designated gifts increased \$10,070.26.

Missouri: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$5,327.64, while designated gifts increased \$6,693.99.

New Mexico: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$614.96, while designated gifts increased \$1,894.63.

North Carolina: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$5,602.30, while designated gifts increased \$15,824.50.

Oklahoma: Co-operative Program gifts increased only \$117.98, while designated gifts increased \$12,957.92.

South Carolina: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$6,313.32, while designated gifts increased \$17,956.84.

Tennessee: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$4,387.72, while designated gifts increased \$13,012.32.

Texas: Co-operative Program gifts **decreased** \$7,958.33, while designated gifts increased \$48,847.57.

Virginia: Co-operative Program gifts increased \$26,200.14, (the largest increase in the South), while designated gifts increased from \$78.29 to \$19,784.55 with a net increase of \$19,706.26.

2. The Co-operative Program Being Crushed

Another ruinous trend set out in these figures is the fact that the **Co-operative Program is being systematically smashed.**

(1) Every single state showed decided increases in designated gifts; and 15 states and the District of Columbia showed much greater increases in designated gifts than Co-operative Program gifts. **Only Virginia, Maryland and Illinois showed greater increases in Co-operative Program gifts than in designated gifts.**

(2) The District of Columbia, Florida, Kentucky, and Texas, showed actual decreases in Co-operative Program gifts.

(3) Out of a total net increase of the gifts for Southwide causes, amounting to \$254,829.92 for the year, \$203,848.75 of this increase was in designated gifts and only \$52,149.70 of this increase was for the Co-operative Program.

(4) Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas, were already giving larger sums to designated causes than to the Co-operative Program.

(5) If this present trend continues to 1950, the Co-operative Program will be smashed.

3. Hundred Thousand Club Treated Unfairly

Still another trend set out in this report is as plain as the day—the Hundred Thousand Club is not being treated fairly or honorably. By every right known to Southern Baptists, this debt-paying agency, the Hundred Thousand Club, has a definite claim to the increasing support of Southern Baptists up to 1945 when, please God, we shall have a debtless denomination. Are we treating this sacred cause honorably? Note these three facts:

(1) Today, when times are good, compared to 1933, 1934, and 1935, and when Southern Baptists have a half million more church members than we had back there,

we are giving less for the payment of our debts on Southwide causes than we did in those hard years. Shame on us all!

(2) This report of Dr. Crouch shows that Arizona, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Tennessee, while making distinct increases in their gifts to other causes, are failing in their support of this holy cause.

(3) Some of these states which are falling down in this matter of helping to pay our Southwide debts, are doing so after claiming half of the Hundred Thousand Club funds for the payment of state indebtedness!

Let God be praised for the splendid increase of \$254,829.92 made last year in Southern Baptist gifts to Southwide causes! But let us be highly resolved (1) that we will stand by the Co-operative Program and make it first and above all in our financial plans; and (2) that we will increase our support to the Hundred Thousand Club, until all our debts are paid by 1945.

DR. AUSTIN CROUCH'S REPORT

Comparative Statement of Receipts by States, January-December, 1939-1940

AUSTIN CROUCH, Executive Secretary

	1939	1940	Increase
Alabama:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 53,826.93	\$ 58,369.70	
Designations	31,919.59	37,766.26	
Bapt. H. T. Club	9,091.49	9,485.46	
Total	\$ 94,838.01	\$ 105,621.42	\$ 10,783.41
Arkansas			
Cooperative Program	\$ 23,789.55	\$ 23,901.36	
Designations	14,934.60	17,247.72	
Bapt. H. T. Club	5,479.23	5,713.92	
Total	\$ 44,203.38	\$ 46,863.00	\$ 2,659.62
Arizona:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 877.85	\$ 1,182.86	
Designations	138.30	614.14	
Bapt. H. T. Club	567.35	519.16	
Total	\$ 1,583.50	\$ 2,316.16	\$ 732.66
District of Columbia:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 10,127.46	\$ 9,855.10	
Designations	2,887.10	5,676.54	
Bapt. H. T. Club	906.86	830.51	
Total	\$ 13,921.42	\$ 16,362.15	\$ 2,440.73
Florida:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 40,799.34	\$ 33,067.25	
Designations	22,693.55	32,439.62	
Bapt. H. T. Club	7,640.77	7,348.23	
Total	\$ 71,133.66	\$ 72,855.10	\$ 1,721.44
Georgia:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 68,663.96	\$ 73,878.12	
Designations	55,943.74	79,812.92	
Bapt. H. T. Club	28,125.58	28,882.55	
Total	\$ 152,733.28	\$ 182,573.59	\$ 29,840.31
Illinois:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 6,507.86	\$ 12,657.20	
Designations	6,412.86	10,314.42	
Bapt. H. T. Club	2,341.65	2,547.00	
Total	\$ 15,262.37	\$ 25,518.62	\$ 10,256.25
Kentucky:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 112,024.69	\$ 111,459.24	
Designations	38,588.68	40,344.08	
Bapt. H. T. Club	12,364.86	11,415.41	
Total	\$ 162,978.23	\$ 163,218.73	\$ 240.50
Louisiana:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 24,697.07	\$ 26,178.83	
Designations	26,174.13	31,617.30	
Bapt. H. T. Club	7,445.97	7,116.66	
Total	\$ 58,317.17	\$ 64,912.79	\$ 6,595.62
Maryland:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 18,144.66	\$ 19,374.47	
Designations		10.00	
Bapt. H. T. Club	630.75	691.05	
Total	\$ 18,775.41	\$ 20,075.52	\$ 1,300.11

Mississippi:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 29,036.64	\$ 30,057.55	
Designations	29,610.53	39,680.79	
Bapt. H. T. Club	7,423.32	6,534.09	
Total	\$ 66,070.49	\$ 76,272.43	\$10,201.94
Missouri:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 57,011.50	\$ 62,339.14	
Designations	27,195.61	33,889.60	
Bapt. H. T. Club	11,877.01	12,291.58	
Total	\$ 96,084.12	\$108,520.32	\$12,436.20
New Mexico:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 1,551.45	\$ 2,166.41	
Designations	2,905.37	4,800.00	
Bapt. H. T. Club	1,061.60	1,228.14	
Total	\$ 5,518.42	\$ 8,194.55	\$ 2,676.13
North Carolina:			
Cooperative Program	\$113,891.30	\$119,493.60	
Designations	77,183.50	93,008.60	
Bapt. H. T. Club	11,866.19	11,487.12	
Total	\$202,940.99	\$223,989.32	\$21,048.33
Oklahoma:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 23,337.70	\$ 23,455.68	
Designations	31,586.35	44,544.27	
Bapt. H. T. Club	6,508.53	6,632.80	
Total	\$ 61,432.58	\$ 74,632.75	\$13,200.17
South Carolina:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 94,300.35	\$100,613.67	
Designations	3,418.39	21,375.23	
Bapt. H. T. Club	5,015.93	5,022.36	
Total	\$102,734.67	\$127,011.26	\$24,276.59
Tennessee:			
Cooperative Program	\$110,513.30	\$114,901.02	
Designations	39,521.37	52,533.69	
Bapt. H. T. Club	10,874.43	10,090.25	
Total	\$160,909.10	\$177,524.96	\$16,615.86
Texas:			
Cooperative Program	\$128,583.33	\$120,625.00	
Designations	82,816.15	131,663.72	
Bapt. H. T. Club	24,463.88	25,118.39	
Total	\$235,863.36	\$277,407.11	\$41,543.75
Virginia:			
Cooperative Program	\$160,094.59	\$186,294.73	
Designations	78.29	19,784.55	
Bapt. H. T. Club	2,124.78	2,394.99	
Total	\$162,297.66	\$208,474.27	\$46,176.61
Specials:			
Cooperative Program	\$ 113.18	\$ 171.48	
Designations	538.57	1,271.98	
Bapt. H. T. Club	3,637.78	2,929.76	
Total	\$ 4,289.53	\$ 4,373.22	\$ 83.69

Comparative Statement of Total Receipts January-December, 1939-1940

	Cooperative Program	Designations	Baptist H. T. Club	Total
Year 1939	\$1,077,892.71	\$494,546.68	\$159,447.96	\$1,731,887.35
Year 1940	1,130,042.41	698,395.43	158,279.43	1,986,717.27
	\$ 52,149.70*	\$203,848.75*	\$ 1,168.53†	\$ 254,829.92*

*Increase
†Decrease

Section VI

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF THE SOUTH

RECORD OF W.M.U. ORGANIZATIONS

(Reports prior to 1900 are too incomplete to compile)

Year	W.M.S.	Young People	Total
1897			2,325
1900	Less than 5,000	Societies and Bands	
1901	1,883	531	2,414
1902	1,903	431	2,316
1903	1,421	214	1,635
1904	2,083	733	2,816
1905	3,967	1,189	5,156
1906	4,407	2,178	6,585
1907	4,161	2,694	6,855
1908	5,655	3,596	9,251
1909	6,168	3,885	10,053
1910	6,503	4,124	10,627
1911	6,654	3,909	10,563
1912	6,914	4,469	11,383
1913	7,181	4,917	12,098
1914	7,913	5,511	13,424
1915	8,203	6,460	14,663
1916	8,767	7,073	15,840
1917	8,998	7,200	16,198
1918	9,010	6,004	15,014
1919	9,967	6,997	16,964
1920	10,522	8,963	19,485
1921	10,677	4,201	20,878
1922	10,889	11,220	22,109
1923	10,615	11,711	22,326
1924	10,646	12,191	22,837
1925	10,623	13,321	22,944
1926	10,739	13,169	23,908
1927	10,989	15,162	26,151
1928	11,628	18,787	30,415
1929	11,107	18,670	29,777
1930	10,940	19,080	30,020
1931	10,888	19,261	30,149
1932	10,459	21,090	31,549
1933	11,002	22,676	33,678
1934	11,053	21,809	32,863
1935	11,407	23,238	34,645
1936	11,360	22,868	34,228
1937	11,423	23,171	34,594
1938	12,326	26,271	38,597
1939	12,648	27,072	39,720
1940	12,722	27,892	40,614

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEMBERS

Year	W.M.S.	Young People
1932	284,045	279,785
1933	282,114	299,328
1934	282,505	289,197
1935	293,883	299,883
1936	297,594	298,258
1937	315,613	296,462
1938	361,159	354,243
1939	389,129	358,716
1940	399,003	359,148

Reports prior to 1931 are too incomplete to compile.

STATISTICAL TABLE COMPILED AT W. M. U. HEADQUARTERS

January 1, 1940 to January 1, 1941

STATE	Number of New Organizations						Total Number of Organizations						Number of Members		Number of Tithers		Churches Having	
	Sunbeams	Junior and Intermediate Royal Ambassadors	Junior and Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries	Young Women's Auxiliaries	Women's Missionary Societies	Total	Sunbeams	Junior and Intermediate Royal Ambassadors	Junior and Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries	Young Women's Auxiliaries	Women's Missionary Societies	Total	Women's Missionary Societies	Young People	Women's Missionary Societies	Young People	A-1 Full Graded W. M. U. System	Full Graded W. M. U. System
Alabama.....	47	56	85	38	92	318	453	360	638	318	948	2,717	25,624	21,951	5,650	2,563	35	188
Arizona.....	1					1	12	14	18	11	16	71	379	598	208	430	2	9
Arkansas.....	31	42	51	35	42	201	229	179	345	191	494	1,438	15,299	12,476	3,394	1,759	11	101
District of Columbia.....	2	2	1			5	7	3	15	19	26	70	2,109	671	354	187		2
Florida.....	22	11	35	29	21	118	323	255	423	241	515	1,757	17,282	15,076	4,100	1,921	6	166
Georgia.....	50	77	85	45	97	354	575	407	681	372	1,175	3,210	37,070	23,998	6,905	1,282	42	243
Illinois.....	14	22	29	14	16	95	110	122	190	98	211	731	4,298	5,953	1,342	472	9	67
Kentucky.....	48	64	92	38	66	308	524	382	689	415	850	2,860	29,000	25,289	6,697	1,875	15	232
Louisiana.....	13	12	13	10	26	74	226	212	348	157	448	1,391	14,231	12,692	4,349	1,796	22	102
Maryland.....	7	5	6	1	19	39	59	39	55	42	90	285	2,540	1,947	953	217	2	18
Mississippi.....	72	58	82	43	47	302	415	284	490	253	689	2,131	22,534	19,017	6,840	3,120	15	180
Missouri.....	61	67	91	45	63	327	382	338	625	318	799	2,462	22,772	20,454	4,616	2,550	10	198
New Mexico.....	11	9	19	9	7	55	58	52	91	49	94	344	2,410	1,896	842	262	29	29
North Carolina.....	109	135	158	106	108	616	650	523	856	571	1,292	3,892	40,432	40,665	4,993	1,953	31	290
Oklahoma.....	21	12	29	16	22	100	348	232	490	363	654	2,087	18,000	10,842	6,910	2,472	4	118
South Carolina.....	55	35	40	27	19	176	640	461	658	462	861	3,082	27,416	32,403	6,342	3,474	46	298
Tennessee.....	65	71	111	63	87	397	472	491	730	477	837	3,007	23,800	23,082	7,201	4,468	44	278
Texas.....	109	108	156	119	162	654	775	535	1,089	628	1,760	4,787	59,390	42,159	18,249	4,822	10	162
Virginia.....	35	68	73	37	32	245	815	822	1,034	658	963	4,292	34,417	47,379	10,032	3,451	98	526
Totals.....	773	854	1,156	675	907	4,365	7,073	5,711	9,465	5,643	12,722	40,614	399,003	359,148	99,977	39,074	*402	3,207

*Figures in this column are included respectively in next column.

STATISTICAL TABLE COMPILED AT W. M. U. HEADQUARTERS

January 1, 1940 to January 1, 1941

SOCIETIES OBSERVING SEASONS OF PRAYER						DISTRIBUTION OF LITERATURE				STATE	MISSION STUDY									
State Missions		Home Missions		Foreign Missions		Leaflets and Pamphlets	Stewardship Cards Titling Boxes	Alabaster Boxes Y. P. Offering Boxes	Offering Envelopes		Classes		Small Seals		First Large Silver Seal	Second Large Silver Seal	Honor Certificates		Garnet Seal	Y. W. A. Large Seal
W. M. S.	Young People	W. M. S.	Young People	W. M. S.	Young People						W. M. S.	Young People	W. M. S.	Young People			W. M. S.	Young People		
643	960	633	1,046	667	1,008	48,200	9,500	1,500	130,000	Alabama.....	1,876	1,489	8,348	6,750	47	30	23	5	11	-----
16	56	16	56	16	56	4,674	1,446	400	2,500	Arizona.....	44	37	456	340	8	2	1	-----	7	-----
310	354	333	419	356	383	42,280	6,600	500	62,000	Arkansas.....	1,185	623	7,610	2,950	89	45	13	8	43	-----
22	10	22	14	21	10	1,251	350	-----	650	Dist. of Columbia.....	103	15	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
239	275	239	265	242	294	45,696	9,600	2,500	67,000	Florida.....	750	418	7,141	5,986	49	39	13	4	30	1
845	1,113	884	1,185	874	1,152	56,350	5,300	2,850	73,000	Georgia.....	1,750	1,022	6,513	4,567	26	22	6	4	11	4
137	172	137	174	135	172	16,333	250	90	30,500	Illinois.....	595	495	3,196	2,026	7	5	-----	-----	5	-----
578	829	597	887	610	829	56,911	11,700	3,600	130,000	Kentucky.....	2,306	955	-----	-----	-----	2	-----	-----	-----	-----
339	520	348	607	323	507	31,892	7,300	1,950	88,000	Louisiana.....	1,348	679	13,275	3,755	172	133	13	3	196	13
86	110	85	114	88	117	3,265	-----	-----	16,000	Maryland.....	181	117	1	329	669	4	1	-----	-----	-----
478	732	505	773	612	899	43,831	4,300	4,100	139,000	Mississippi.....	1,769	797	5,660	3,675	54	25	14	-----	18	1
507	721	540	893	550	848	58,720	8,400	800	84,000	Missouri.....	1,659	1,149	9,010	7,499	52	22	14	1	1	1
65	58	66	57	69	63	9,265	3,300	200	8,600	New Mexico.....	208	55	1,450	271	6	4	1	-----	-----	-----
747	1,126	780	1,175	886	1,201	70,915	8,000	4,000	112,000	North Carolina.....	1,830	1,224	7,373	6,112	116	66	11	3	62	15
492	596	572	562	608	601	51,625	6,600	1,500	94,000	Oklahoma.....	1,707	779	15,923	4,123	110	84	24	8	28	1
609	1,172	639	1,270	665	1,245	67,875	10,300	2,900	110,000	South Carolina.....	2,065	1,283	10,517	8,620	62	25	16	3	31	5
465	863	473	901	510	1,011	55,550	11,100	2,000	155,000	Tennessee.....	2,387	1,543	12,193	8,528	93	79	22	5	70	1
893	903	1,097	1,689	1,327	1,784	88,456	10,100	6,500	135,000	Texas.....	4,529	2,268	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
728	2,164	728	2,160	728	2,151	61,375	7,010	4,500	225,000	Virginia.....	3,240	3,753	365	2,447	2	-----	1	1	-----	-----
8,199	12,734	8,694	14,247	9,287	14,421	814,464	121,156	39,890	1,662,250	Totals.....	29,532	18,701	109,359	71,473	897	584	172	45	514	42

RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS
January 1 to December 31, 1940
WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, AUXILIARY TO S. B. C., COMPILED BY W. M. U. TREASURER

STATES	Reported by State Treasurers as Having Been Contributed by W. M. U. Members						Received by W. M. U. Treasurer			Total
	Debt Paying Campaign	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Minis-terial Relief	Christian Education	State and Other Objects in S. B. C. Program	W. M. U. Training School		Special Gifts	
							State App't Training School	Scholar-ship Fund		
Alabama.....	\$ 12,855.35	\$ 30,662.80	\$ 15,170.98	\$ 2,643.40	\$ 21,664.86	\$ 37,217.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 785.00	\$ 4,745.11	\$ 126,944.50
Arizona.....	229.11	305.36	405.14	24.23	59.44	1,353.53	28.00	-----	247.69	2,652.50
Arkansas.....	3,145.25	16,181.42	8,153.58	1,103.14	10,025.72	31,274.38	697.56	200.00	2,372.84	73,153.89
District of Columbia.....	317.50	1,084.59	504.80	-----	-----	388.00	135.00	100.00	473.90	3,003.79
Florida.....	8,640.25	26,845.73	11,332.08	2,435.38	11,271.27	29,600.66	500.00	350.00	2,407.04	93,382.41
Georgia.....	19,421.20	30,752.65	14,261.02	71.27	95.63	156,275.70	2,710.87	1,400.00	8,329.14	233,317.48
Illinois.....	1,675.28	5,596.34	2,754.07	1,546.43	4,294.91	28,305.14	275.16	400.00	1,645.88	46,493.21
Kentucky.....	11,036.22	45,098.39	22,613.99	5,622.89	18,500.28	63,907.00	2,027.28	1,206.38	5,554.78	175,567.21
Louisiana.....	7,747.56	18,651.60	10,347.29	1,115.47	6,032.74	35,794.21	300.00	300.00	2,397.95	82,686.82
Maryland.....	597.30	7,073.15	3,398.92	534.87	1,069.73	23,345.38	-----	100.00	866.72	36,986.07
Mississippi.....	3,277.07	25,138.79	14,508.47	833.97	8,092.76	38,576.66	1,400.00	1,400.00	1,167.98	94,395.70
Missouri.....	6,154.71	22,770.15	13,262.69	2,095.06	13,579.90	50,342.13	1,430.00	435.00	5,262.28	115,331.92
New Mexico.....	771.00	1,999.30	1,220.65	-----	40,110.91	-----	75.65	-----	487.12	44,664.63
North Carolina.....	17,200.59	75,296.90	30,921.32	6,258.37	79,580.22	61,453.85	1,700.00	1,400.00	2,948.00	276,759.25
Oklahoma.....	4,350.00	29,681.83	7,773.21	768.01	9,078.10	30,070.34	1,200.00	550.00	5,519.00	88,990.49
South Carolina.....	2,723.12	70,057.72	26,614.47	6,397.42	5,914.29	87,990.16	1,200.00	1,250.00	2,591.39	204,738.57
Tennessee.....	13,567.98	55,500.00	27,434.22	6,408.30	34,090.00	54,243.02	1,500.00	1,200.00	6,569.35	200,512.87
Texas.....	18,430.40	127,389.40	40,605.21	15,675.07	77,987.45	257,140.80	1,200.00	-----	10,349.45	548,777.78
Virginia.....	1,573.07	113,556.35	47,725.36	10,760.12	53,475.64	103,019.82	2,000.00	720.00	10,014.00	342,844.36
Miscellaneous.....	-----	1,474.89	309.40	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	322.00	2,106.29
Total Contributions.....	\$ 133,712.96	\$ 705,117.36	\$ 299,316.87	\$ 64,293.40	\$ 354,812.94	\$ 1,130,408.69	\$ 19,579.52	\$ 11,796.38	*\$ 74,271.62	\$ 2,793,309.74

*This amount includes \$70,749.83 for the Maud R. McLure Memorial gifts to the Training School; Mrs. J. H. Anderson, Knoxville, Tennessee gave \$5,000 and Mrs. Columbus Roberts, Columbus, Georgia, \$1,000.

†This amount includes \$12,000 given to Foreign Missions by Miss Varina Brown, Anderson, S. C.

Value of Boxes to Missionaries, Orphanages and Hospitals \$85,666.80.

Total Cash and Boxes \$2,878,976.54.

Section VII

TRAINING UNION GAINS IN ORGANIZATIONS AND MEMBERSHIP, 1940

B.T.U. GAINS IN 1940, BY STATES

States	Total Unions 1939	Total Unions 1940	Gains and Losses	Enrolment 1939	Enrolment 1940	Gains and Losses
Alabama	3,393	3,440	47	59,517	57,842	Loss 1,675
Arizona	73	102	29	978	1,306	328
Arkansas	2,507	2,731	224	45,100	49,252	4,152
District of Columbia	105	105	None	2,377	2,411	34
Florida	1,859	2,048	189	32,477	35,838	3,361
Georgia	3,217	3,424	207	63,369	67,687	4,318
Illinois	831	837	6	12,907	13,190	283
Kentucky	2,799	2,751	Loss 48	51,083	50,423	Loss 660
Louisiana	2,306	2,435	129	39,339	41,579	2,240
Maryland	281	273	Loss 8	4,563	4,441	Loss 122
Mississippi	2,515	2,587	72	44,133	47,104	2,971
Missouri	3,360	3,420	60	50,345	51,429	1,084
New Mexico	453	524	71	6,857	7,989	1,132
North Carolina	3,880	3,919	39	70,810	76,344	5,534
Oklahoma	3,958	4,055	97	68,373	70,133	1,760
South Carolina	2,525	2,664	139	46,165	49,007	2,842
Tennessee	3,660	3,813	153	67,043	70,016	2,973
Texas	9,883	10,459	576	175,034	187,565	12,531
Virginia	1,784	1,916	132	34,321	36,133	1,812
Totals	49,389	51,503	2,114	874,791	919,689	44,898

CHESTER L. QUARLES ON THE FOUR YEAR PROGRAM

The Four Year Program has succeeded the Five Year Program. Since last November Training Union workers have been going up and down the Southland holding one day associational conferences in all of the associations of the Southern Baptist Convention. These teams of workers have sought to organize the associations when they were found to be unorganized. They have sought to complete the associational organizations when they were found partially organized. In every instance, the associational leaders have been led to consider a better and more aggressive extension program within the bounds of their own association. Definite goals have been set for achievement this year in most of these meetings. Moderators, in many instances, have been called in to remind the workers of the full work of the district associations and also to magnify the possibilities of even closer bonds of unity and strength in all of our denominational agencies within the associations. Of particular note is the fact that in these meetings there has been a crystallization of the idea that there can be a fully graded Training Union in every church. All Baptist churches, small and large, rural and city, should have graded Training Unions and the possibility of such has been clearly stated and pointed out in and through these meetings with such a specific interest. We feel that all of Baptist life and activity has been given a definite impetus. The Training Union has been magnified as the great conservation agency of our Baptist churches. Evangelism and training march side by side. A man's soul and a man's life must be saved.—See **Board Reports** of 1941 (pages 121 and 122).

TOTAL ORGANIZATIONS AND TOTAL MEMBERSHIP OF B.T.U.'S OF SOUTH, 1940

States	Reported *Unions	Non-reporting Unions—and Percentages	Reported Enrolment	Non- Reporting Enrolment	General Average Per Union	General Officers	Grand Total	
							Unions	Enrolment
Alabama	3,010	430—12.5%	49,063	4,564	15.6	4,215	3,440	57,842
Arizona	91	11—10.8%	1,231	12.1	75	102	1,306
Arkansas	2,338	393—14.4%	39,746	6,681	17.0	2,825	2,731	49,252
District of Columbia	83	22—21.0%	2,207	109	22.0	95	105	2,411
Florida	1,749	299—14.6%	28,859	4,934	16.5	2,045	2,048	35,838
Georgia	3,001	423—12.4%	55,819	7,868	18.6	4,000	3,424	67,687
Illinois	755	82—9.8%	11,023	1,197	14.6	970	837	13,190
Kentucky	2,199	552—20.1%	38,263	9,605	17.4	2,555	2,751	50,423
Louisiana	2,062	373—15.3%	33,399	6,005	16.1	2,175	2,435	41,579
Maryland	230	43—15.8%	3,552	654	15.4	235	273	4,441
Mississippi	2,354	233—9.0%	39,383	3,821	16.7	3,900	2,587	47,104
Missouri	2,844	576—16.8%	39,532	8,007	13.9	3,890	3,420	51,429
New Mexico	476	48—9.2%	6,712	677	14.1	600	524	7,989
North Carolina	3,289	630—16.1%	60,124	10,810	18.1	5,410	3,919	76,344
Oklahoma	3,273	782—19.3%	54,005	12,903	16.5	3,225	4,055	70,133
South Carolina	2,291	373—14.0%	39,634	6,453	17.3	2,920	2,664	49,007
Tennessee	3,398	415—10.9%	59,125	7,221	17.4	3,670	3,813	70,016
Texas	9,263	1,196—11.4%	155,618	20,093	16.8	11,854	10,459	187,565
Virginia	1,611	305—15.9%	28,998	5,490	18.0	1,645	1,916	36,133
Total	44,317	7,186—13.9%	746,293	117,092	16.8	56,304	51,503	919,689

*Both Unions and Story Hours are counted throughout this tabulation.

Section VIII

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITALS AND ORPHANAGES

NAME AND LOCATION	SUPERINTENDENT	When Opened	Value of Property	Indebtedness on Property	No. of Buildings	Bed Capacity	Total Operating Receipts
Ala., The Baptist Hospital, 708 Tuscaloosa and 2236 Highland, Birmingham.....	C. L. Sibley, Birmingham.....	1922	\$ 262,010.51	\$ 100,976.72	5	177	\$ 364,062.87
Ark., Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock.....	Lee C. Gammill, Little Rock.....	1934	655,493.09	60,000.00	1	340	261,185.67
Ark., Davis Hospital, Pine Bluff.....	John O. Steele, Pine Bluff.....	1909	100,000.00	No report	*1	*35	55,199.67
Ga., Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta.....	W. D. Barker, Atlanta.....	1903	732,361.55	206,500.00	5	184	336,209.93
Ky., Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville.....	H. L. Dobbs, Louisville.....	1924	591,517.84	75,000.00	3	150	291,869.42
La., Baptist Hospital, Alexandria.....	H. O. Barker, Alexandria.....	1917	177,452.49	None	4	88	148,045.17
La., Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans.....	Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans.....	1926	1,593,455.60	291,000.00	7	364	626,078.20
Miss., Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.....	Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, Jackson.....	1910	411,141.73	40,000.00	5	185	333,792.00
Mo., Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis.....	E. E. King, St. Louis.....	1884	1,270,391.84	320,000.00	11	400	404,615.94
N. C., North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem.....	Smith Hagaman, Winston-Salem.....	1923	262,595.88	36,000.00	2	106	168,339.97
Okla., Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami.....	Florence M. Worley, Miami.....	1919	155,741.26	None	2	App. 50	28,922.66
Okla., Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Muskogee.....	Gracia Farman, Muskogee.....	1909	243,437.56	111,000.00	3	125	72,578.95
S. C., South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia.....	W. M. Whiteside, Columbia.....	1914	450,000.00	135,000.00	6	109	130,279.76
Tenn., Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.....	George D. Sheats, Memphis.....	1912	3,000,000.00	None	3	500	No report
Texas, Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene.....	E. M. Collier, Abilene.....	1924	350,000.00	25,000.00	3	100	131,255.75
Texas, Baylor University Hospital, Dallas.....	Geo. M. Hilliard, Dallas.....	1907	1,945,246.17	825,646.14	12	441	886,398.28
Texas, Valley Baptist Hospital, Inc., Harlingen.....	Elizabeth Baylor Henderson, Harlingen.....	1925	46,165.37	18,584.37	2	50	46,468.97
Texas, Memorial Hospital, Houston.....	Robert Jolly, Houston.....	1907	1,081,915.37	85,000.00	8	215	476,994.44
Texas, Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco.....	Lawrence Payne, Waco, Texas.....	1920	313,803.83	86,396.89	1	85	104,274.09
Va., Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg.....	Miss Mary F. Cowling, Lynchburg.....	1924	637,000.00	10,000.00	3	100	108,117.45
Totals—21.....			\$ 14,279,730.09	\$ 2,426,104.12	87	3,804	\$ 4,974,688.29

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITALS, 1940 (Continued)

NAME AND LOCATION	SUPERINTENDENT	Net Operating Earnings	Receipts from the Denomination	Planning Extensions	Patients Turned Away for Lack of Room	Research Work	Nurses in Training	Total Surgical Cases	Total Number of All Patients	Total Patient- Days of Service Rendered
*Ala., The Baptist Hospital, 708 Tuscaloosa and 2236 Highland, Birmingham	C. L. Sibley, Birmingham	\$ 6,952.85	None	Yes	200	No	100	4,227	6,349	51,153
Ark., Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock	Lee C. Gammill, Little Rock	41,412.68	9,288.63	No	None	Yes	88	2,218	5,051	46,540
Ark., Davis Hospital, Pine Bluff	John O. Steele, Pine Bluff								1,746	10,975
Ga., Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta	W. D. Barker, Atlanta	1,153.35	45,000.00	{	Ap. 1,500	Yes	132	4,694	7,354	58,182
Ky., Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville	H. L. Dobbs, Louisville	27,202.58	23,775.27			No	65	3,088	4,669	47,627
La., Baptist Hospital, Alexandria	H. O. Barker, Alexandria	21,057.94	None		290	Yes	None	901	5,349	14,665
La., Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans	Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans	107,178.28	25,419.52	Yes	10	Yes	168	4,012	14,357	79,171
Miss., Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson	Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, Jackson	33,628.85	761.97	No	No rec.	No	95	3,260	6,381	44,621
Mo., Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis	E. E. King, St. Louis	27,447.80	13,823.51	Yes	None	No	121	3,073	6,083	89,015
N. C., North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem	Smith Hagaman, Winston-Salem	211,692.89	26,974.93			No	56	2,604	4,038	42,967
Okla., Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami	Florence M. Worley, Miami	1,374.71	1,326.81	Yes	No rec.	No	None	575	1,018	5,420
Okla., Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Muskogee	Gracia Farman, Muskogee	5,558.86	12,000.00	No	None	No	31	1,086	1,728	15,160
S. C., South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia	W. M. Whiteside, Columbia	7,143.79	26,448.73	No	None	Yes	65	795	2,584	28,032
Tenn., Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis	George D. Sheats, Memphis	No report	App. 8,100.00	No	25	No	Av. 275	10,387	16,626	138,388
Texas, Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene	E. M. Collier, Abilene	2,025.27	5,658.00	Yes	None	No	60	1,645	3,605	22,229
Texas, Baylor University Hospital, Dallas	Geo. M. Hilliard, Dallas		12,477.87	No	None	Yes	174	7,234	14,573	111,405
Texas, Valley Baptist Hospital, Inc., Harlingen	Elizabeth Baylor Henderson, Harlingen	2,028.48	548.73	No	No rec.	Yes	None	682	1,079	7,806
Texas, Memorial Hospital, Houston	Robert Jolly, Houston	51,050.60	4,979.11	Yes	80	No	120	3,551	7,876	65,747
Texas, Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco	Lawrence Payne, Waco, Texas	6,650.51	8,972.43	Yes	3,000	None	411	2,037	13,395	
Va., Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg	Miss Mary F. Cowling, Lynchburg	3,463.54	17,544.26	Yes	App. 100	No	40	934	2,065	19,956
Totals—21		\$ 557,022.98	\$ 243,099.77	9	5,205+	7	1,590	55,377	114,568	912,454

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITALS, 1940 (Continued)

NAME AND LOCATION	SUPERINTENDENT	Charity Patients	Expended on Charity Patients	White Patients	Colored Patients	Foreign Patients	Baptist Patients	Other Denominations	Non-Church Member Patients	Approved by A. C. S.
*Ala., The Baptist Hospital, 708 Tuscaloosa and 2236 Highland, Birmingham	C. L. Sibley, Birmingham	2,116	\$ 28,123.35	5,380	319	650	1,589	4,231	529	Yes
Ark., Baptist State Hospital, Little Rock	Lee C. Gammill, Little Rock	803	41,513.31	3,995	478	No rec.	1,185	1,277	2,011	Yes
Ark., Davis Hospital, Pine Bluff	John O. Steele, Pine Bluff		9,000.00+							
Ga., Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta	W. D. Barker, Atlanta	1,510	68,865.55	7,354	None	19	3,052	4,302	551	Yes
Ky., Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville	H. L. Dobbs, Louisville		14,853.30	4,669	None	None	1,718	1,575	376	Yes
La., Baptist Hospital, Alexandria	H. O. Barker, Alexandria	492	5,300.17	2,464	60	2	979	1,426	58	Yes
La., Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans	Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans	1,920	70,487.13	14,357	None	No rec.	2,301	8,275	3,781	Yes
Miss., Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson	Mrs. Karenza Gilfoy, Jackson	1,962	53,673.38	6,001	380					Yes
Mo., Missouri Baptist Hospital, St. Louis	E. E. King, St. Louis	423+	46,889.55	6,083	None	No rec.	1,069	3,613	1,401	Yes
N. C., North Carolina Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem	Smith Hagaman, Winston-Salem	501	62,097.75	4,052	None					Yes
Okla., Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami	Florence M. Worley, Miami	App. 50	App. 5,000.00	1,016	2		202	282	510	No
Okla., Oklahoma Baptist Hospital, Muskogee	Gracia Farman, Muskogee	No rep.	6,046.28	1,598	130		400	468	860	Prov.
S. C., South Carolina Baptist Hospital, Columbia	W. M. Whiteside, Columbia	595	34,303.18	2,584	None	None				Yes
Tenn., Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis	George D. Sheats, Memphis	5,723	311,458.96	16,626	None	No rec.	4,353	6,315	5,958	Yes
Texas, Hendrick Memorial Hospital, Abilene	E. M. Collier, Abilene	447	22,071.44							Yes
Texas, Baylor University Hospital, Dallas	Geo. M. Hilliard, Dallas	1,128	121,911.99	14,111	462	No rec.	No rec.	No rec.	No rec.	Yes
Texas, Valley Baptist Hospital, Inc., Harlingen	Elizabeth Baylor Henderson, Harlingen	182	5,348.91	950	18	212				Yes
Texas, Memorial Hospital, Houston	Robert Jolly, Houston	400	68,805.77	10,497	400		1,905	3,204	5,788	Yes
Texas, Hillcrest Memorial Hospital, Waco	Lawrence Payne, Waco, Texas	94	3,614.21	2,019	17	1	734	553	527	Yes
Va., Virginia Baptist Hospital, Lynchburg	Miss Mary F. Cowling, Lynchburg	240	11,613.78	2,065	None	None	671	884	181	Yes
Totals—21		18,586	\$ 990,978.01	105,821	2,266	884	20,158	36,405	22,531	

*Last report.

NAME AND LOCATION

Ala., Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Troy.....	
Ark., Bottoms' Baptist Orphanage, Monticello.....	
D. C., Baptist Home for Children, Washington, D. C.....	
Fla., Florida Baptist Children's Home, Arcadia.....	
Ga., Georgia Baptist Orphans Home, Hapeville.....	
Ill., Carmi Baptist Orphanage, Carmi.....	
Ky., Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale...	
Ky., Louisville Baptist Orphans Home, Louisville.....	
La., Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, Monroe.....	
Miss., Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, Jackson.....	
Mo., Missouri Baptist Orphans Home, Pattonville.....	
N. M., Baptist Children's Home, Portales, N. M.....	
N. C., Baptist Orphanage of No. Carolina, Thomasville	
Okla., Oklahoma Baptist Orphans Home, Okla. City	
S. C., Connie Maxwell Orphanage, Greenwood.....	
Tenn., Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home, Franklin....	
*Tex., Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas, Texas.....	
Va., Baptist Orphanage of Virginia, Salem.....	

Totals—18.....

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SOUTHERN BAPTIST ORPHANAGES, 1940

SUPERINTENDENT	Value of Property	Indebtedness	Acreage in Farms	Value of Farm Grounds	No. of Buildings	Value of Buildings	Value of Equipment and Furnishings	Children Cared for Last Year
J. O. Colley, Sr., Troy.....	\$ 277,138.83	\$ 38,800.00	897	\$ 22,811.33	12	\$ 199,046.11	\$ 31,813.52	196
C. R. Pugh, Monticello.....	200,884.50	None	240	14,487.00	*4	160,581.06	21,849.18	92
Mary N. Talmadge, Bethesda Sta., Washing- ton, D. C.....	250,000.00	83,857.00	128	No report	2	163,000.00	10,000.00	64
T. M. Johns, Arcadia.....	135,281.82	15,000.00	80	20,000.00	14	65,600.00	7,500.00	159
J. L. Fortney, Hapeville.....	548,722.37	None	96	66,069.35	28	381,484.74	Inc. val. bl.	310
Harry Wilson, Carmi.....	142,712.66	None	440	12,000.00	5	91,500.00	15,371.33	101
T. E. Ennis, Glendale.....	157,000.00	23,000.00	321	30,000.00	12	110,000.00	17,000.00	220
Miss Grace Bartlett, Louisville (Ass't.).....	74,358.88	None	None	No report	1	No report	2,899.51	147
Dr. T. W. Gayer, Monroe.....	250,000.00	432	*	86,000.00	14	165,500.00	20,000.00	125
W. G. Mize, Jackson.....	300,000.00	None	112	150,000.00	12	150,000.00	10,000.00	218
R. H. Nolte, Pattonville.....	147,640.00	None	14	14,000.00	11	123,140.00	6,500.00	153
Walker C. Hubbard, Portales.....	36,376.76	1,450.00	160	8,207.20	3	21,569.01	6,600.55	48
I. G. Greer, Thomasville.....	674,617.71	None	2,725	79,279.73	78	499,911.99	95,425.99	762
H. Truman Maxey, Oklahoma City.....	129,340.83	None	40	12,000.00	9	117,340.83	10,000.00	160
A. T. Jamison, Greenwood.....	769,786.65	None	750	185,121.25	32	493,916.34	84,123.31	345
W. J. Stuart, Franklin.....	514,500.00	5,000.00	465	75,000.00	8	339,500.00	90,000.00	240
Hal F. Buckner, Dallas.....	1,400,000.00	None	2,000	400,000.00	18	900,000.00	100,000.00	650
R. F. Hough, Salem.....	800,000.00	None	775	* 18,000.00	20	400,000.00	30,000.00	340
.....	\$ 6,808,361.01	\$ 167,107.00	9,675	\$ 1,192,975.86	283	\$ 4,382,090.08	\$ 559,083.39	4,330

SOUTHERN BAPTIST ORPHANAGES, 1940 (Continued)

NAME AND LOCATION	SUPERINTENDENT	Capacity of Home	Children Declined for Lack of Room or Equipment	Expended on Maintenance of Home	Average Expended on Each Child	Surgical and Dental Treatment	Medical Treatment	School Maintained	School Hours per day	No. of Teachers	Number of Grades Taught	Number of Vocational Training	Provide Regular Recreation	Religious Services Maintained	Children Placed in Private Homes	Extension Planned
Ala., Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Troy.....	J. O. Colley, Sr., Troy.....	165	125	\$ 62,595.67	288.45	Yes	Yes	At.	Pub.	School	-----	6	Yes	Yes	23	Yes
Ark., Bottoms' Baptist Orphanage, Monticello.....	C. R. Pugh, Monticello.....	125	None	13,939.31	151.50	Yes	Yes	At.	Pub.	School	-----	3	Yes	Yes	-----	No
D. C., Bap. Home for Children, Washington, D. C.	Mary N. Talmadge, Bethesda Sta., Washington, D. C.	57	None	15,157.55	303.00	Yes	Yes	At.	Pub.	School	-----	5	Yes	Yes	None	No
Fla., Florida Baptist Children's Home, Arcadia...	T. M. Johns, Arcadia.....	190	96	36,948.39	232.40	Yes	Yes	At.	Pub.	School	-----	12	No	Yes	6	Yes
Ga., Georgia Baptist Orphans Home, Hapeville...	J. L. Fortney, Hapeville.....	300	Many	114,801.57	414.44	Yes	Yes	No	-----	-----	-----	7	Yes	Yes	None	Yes
Ill., Carmi Baptist Orphanage, Carmi.....	Harry Wilson, Carmi.....	86	None	26,400.83	300.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	-----	6	2	8	4	Yes	None	Yes
Ky., Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale	T. E. Ennis, Glendale.....	215	100	40,000.00	180.00	-----	-----	At.	Pub.	School	-----	3	Yes	Yes	38	-----
Ky., Louisville Bap. Orphans Home, Louisville...	Miss Grace Bartlett, Louisville (Ass't.)	150	-----	36,419.52	311.27	-----	-----	At.	Pub.	School	-----	-----	Yes	Yes	40	No
La., Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, Monroe.	Dr. T. W. Gayer, Monroe.....	130	None	42,384.72	318.00	-----	-----	At.	Pub.	School	-----	-----	Yes	Yes	None	Yes
Miss., Mississippi Baptist Orphanage, Jackson...	W. G. Mize, Jackson.....	160	None	55,724.60	142.40	Yes	Yes	Yes	5½	5	8	5	Yes	Yes	74	Yes
Mo., Missouri Baptist Orphans Home, Pattonville.	R. H. Nolte, Pattonville.....	135	-----	34,764.77	299.70	Yes	Yes	At.	Pub.	School	-----	3	No	Yes	9	Unc
N. M., Baptist Children's Home, Portales, N. M.	Walker C. Hubbard, Portales.....	60	30	7,798.64	162.47	Yes	Yes	No	-----	-----	-----	-----	No	Yes	1	No
N. C., Bap. Orphanage of N. C., Thomasville...	I. G. Greer, Thomasville.....	567	-----	189,547.06	27.76	Yes	Yes	At.	Pub.	School	-----	7	Yes	Yes	4	-----
Okla., Oklahoma Bap. Orphans Home, Okla. City	H. Truman Maxey, Oklahoma City.....	125	40	32,122.03	250.00	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	Yes	Yes	4	Yes
S. C., Connie Maxwell Orphanage, Greenwood...	A. T. Jamison, Greenwood.....	295	-----	96,350.86	306.60	Yes	No	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	Yes	Yes	22	No
Tenn., Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home, Franklin	W. J. Stuart, Franklin.....	250	None	46,342.06	196.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	4¾	9	11	4	Yes	Yes	-----	Yes
*Tex., Buckner Orphans Home, Dallas, Texas.....	Hal F. Buckner, Dallas.....	650	-----	153,942.00	236.00	Yes	Yes	Yes	6	23	11	7	Yes	Yes	-----	-----
Va., Baptist Orphanage of Virginia, Salem.....	R. F. Hough, Salem.....	252	130	89,896.61	300.00	Yes	Yes	-----	-----	-----	-----	10	Yes	Yes	45	No
Totals—18.....	-----	3,912	521+	\$1,095,136.22	245.55	15	14	-----	-----	-----	-----	78	15	18	266	8

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Section IX

BAPTISTS OF THE SOUTH, THE NATION, AND THE WORLD

BAPTIST GROWTH IN THE SOUTH AND U. S.

Period I: 1683-1814

A study of the growth of Baptists in the South and in the United States from the establishment of the first Baptist church in the South (at Charleston, S. C.) to the organization of the (Triennial) Convention of American Baptists at Philadelphia in May, 1814.

Years	Southern Baptists (White and Colored)	Baptists in the United States	Authorities
1683	23	1,125	Estimated
1734	694	2,775	Newman and Others
1770	1,192	5,736	C. B. E.
1784	21,469	35,101	C. B. E.
1790	40,124	65,233	Asplund
1792	44,184	71,493	C. B. E.
1800	61,980	100,000	Newman, Etc.
1807	75,950	122,500	Sam Jones
1812	110,616	179,120	C. B. E.
1813	No Records	204,185	Benedict
1814	No Records	No Records	

BAPTIST GROWTH IN THE SOUTH AND U. S.

Period II: 1815-1845

Growth of Baptists in the South and the United States from the organization of the (Triennial) Convention of American Baptists to the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Years	Southern Baptists	Baptists in the U. S.	Authorities
1816		178,508	C. B. E.
1817	107,537	183,245	B. P.
1819	115,540	239,073	L. D. L.
1820	118,280	253,918	L. D. L.
1821	120,469	256,636	L. D. L.
1825	156,011	295,306	Estimated
1830	193,866	336,987	A. B. M.
1831	205,921	343,430	Allen's Register
1832	217,093	391,654	Allen's Register
1833	235,428	403,429	R. B. C. Howell (The Baptist)
1834	244,900	464,610	Allen's Register
1835	255,680	492,328	Allen's Register
.....	No Records		
1840	323,518	611,619	C. B. E.
1841	267,701*	587,206*	A. B. A.
1842	284,817*	623,702*	A. B. A.
1843	306,091*	661,527	C. B. E.
1844	338,834	708,328	J. M. Peck (B. M. M.)
1845	352,950	811,935	A. B. A.

*Incomplete reports.

BAPTIST GROWTH IN THE SOUTH AND U. S.

Period III: 1846-1875

Growth of Baptists in the South and United States from the organization of the Southern Baptist Convention to the close of the Reconstruction following the Civil War.

Years	Southern Baptists	Baptists in the U. S.	Authorities
1846	367,017	805,119	A. B. A.
1847	376,851	813,921	A. B. A.
1848	385,803	820,101	A. B. A.
1849	404,600	838,884	A. B. A.
1850	No statistics available		
1851	123,507	871,367	A. B. A.
1852	466,912	920,538	A. B. A.
1853	467,334	925,662	A. B. A.
1854	496,748	948,569	A. B. A.
1855	519,421	980,509	A. B. A.
1856	542,717	1,008,321	A. B. A.
1857	570,123	1,036,577	A. B. A.
1858	581,587	1,063,760	A. B. A.
1859	617,643	1,140,223	A. B. A.
1860	639,240	1,172,810	A. B. A.
1861	646,518	1,188,124	A. B. A.
	No statistics available from 1861-1871		
1871	No Records	1,695,100	A. B. Y. B.
1872	1,054,016	1,791,141	A. B. Y. B.
1873	1,098,808	1,839,848	A. B. Y. B.
1874	1,200,165	1,921,171	A. B. Y. B.
1875	1,249,073	1,989,487	A. B. Y. B.

BAPTIST GROWTH IN THE SOUTH AND U. S.

Period IV: 1876-1899

Year	Southern Baptists	Baptists in the U. S.
1876	1,342,422	2,106,572
1877	1,413,420	2,276,221
1878	1,488,660	2,307,231
1879	1,516,341	2,470,514
1880	1,672,631	2,510,209
1881	1,725,710	2,612,129
1882	1,771,066	2,692,158
1883	1,839,364	2,735,189
1884	1,857,521	2,799,674
1885	*1,006,631	2,976,635
1886	1,065,171	3,163,234
1887	1,115,276	3,236,757
1888	1,157,080	3,346,098
1889	1,194,520	3,411,786
1890	1,235,765	3,483,090
1891	1,282,221	3,664,017
1892	1,321,540	3,753,104
1893	1,363,351	3,928,980
1894	1,431,041	4,011,794
1895	1,468,991	4,130,706
1896	1,529,191	4,380,193
1897	1,568,906	4,479,261
1898	1,586,709	4,511,726
1899	1,608,413	4,563,260

*White Baptists only are indicated from 1885 onward.

BAPTIST GROWTH IN THE SOUTH AND U. S.

Period V: 1900-1940

Year	Southern Baptists	Baptists in the U. S.
1900	1,657,996	4,635,719
1901	1,683,039	4,685,292
1902	1,737,446	4,736,213
1903	1,805,889	4,921,482
1904	1,832,638	5,015,574
1905	1,899,427	5,131,168
1906	1,946,948	5,241,841
1907	2,015,080	5,399,539
1908	2,139,080	5,544,920
1909	2,218,911	5,710,084
1910	2,332,464	5,725,984
1911	2,421,203	5,897,068
1912	2,446,296	5,978,698
1913	2,522,633	6,248,133
1914	2,588,633	6,366,537
1915	2,685,552	6,532,210
1916	2,744,098	6,662,726
1917	2,844,301	7,212,844
1918	2,887,428	7,315,206
1919	2,961,348	7,822,852
1920	3,149,346	7,926,904

1921	3,220,383	8,149,192
1922	3,366,211	8,388,005
1923	3,494,189	8,470,138
1924	3,574,531	8,588,469
1925	3,649,330	8,619,663
1926	3,708,053	8,995,153
1927	3,765,001	9,100,432
1928	3,828,734	9,066,214
1929	3,770,645	9,136,020
1930	3,850,278	9,236,293
1931	3,944,566	9,343,002
1932	4,066,140	9,495,799
1933	4,173,928	9,668,808
1934	4,277,052	9,813,326
1935	4,389,417	9,969,622
1936	4,482,315	10,101,860
1937	4,595,602	10,299,267
1938	4,770,185	10,548,673
1939	4,949,174	10,894,826
1940	5,104,327	11,142,842

BAPTISTS AND OTHER FAITHS IN THE SOUTH, 1939

Population in bounds of the Southern Baptist Convention	45,505,000
(1) Affiliated with some religious faith	(46.58%) 21,200,000
(2) Wholly unchurched persons, all ages	(53.41%) 24,305,000
The 21,200,000 church people are divided approximately as follows:	
(1) In Jewish congregations	(1.88%) 400,000
(2) In Roman Catholic churches	(14.62%) 3,100,000
(3) Protestant Christians, all groups	(43.16%) 9,150,000
(4) Baptists, all groups, white and colored	(40.33%) 8,550,000
Of the 24,305,000 of wholly unchurched persons in the South, 20% are under 10 years of age	4,861,000
While 80% are 10 years old and up	19,444,000

BAPTISTS IN UNITED STATES, 1940

Baptist Bodies	1940	1939
National Baptist Convention (colored)	3,968,524	3,890,710
Northern Convention	1,519,991	1,504,942
Southern Convention	5,104,327	4,949,174
Miscellaneous Groups (15 bodies)	550,000	550,000
Total Baptists in United States	11,142,842	10,894,826
Net gain in 1940	248,016	

Year	Population	Total Church Members	Total Baptists (White and Colored)
1790	3,929,214	250,000*	65,843
1800	5,308,483	364,872	122,500*
1810	7,239,881	621,489	170,250*
1820	9,638,453	1,082,410*	253,918
1830	12,866,020	1,715,450*	336,987
1840	17,069,453	2,474,000*	579,700*
1850	23,191,876	3,529,988	904,270*
1860	31,443,321	5,240,554	1,278,995
1870	39,818,449	6,742,391	1,674,902*
1880	50,155,783	10,065,963	2,582,038
1890	62,947,714	20,618,307	3,717,869
1900	75,994,575	27,383,804	4,533,252
1910	91,972,266	35,245,296	5,603,137
1920	105,710,620	42,140,997	7,804,449
1925	114,311,000	46,645,871	8,619,563
1926	117,136,000	47,550,902	8,751,754
1927	118,628,000	48,594,163	9,100,432
1928	119,220,000	49,709,150	9,066,214
1929	120,000,000	49,948,895	9,136,020
1930	122,775,000	50,008,181	9,236,293
1931	124,000,000	59,268,764	9,343,002
1932	125,690,000	60,157,392	9,495,799
1933	126,140,000	60,812,874	9,668,808
1934	126,425,000	62,035,688	9,813,326
1935	127,500,000	62,600,000	9,969,622*
1936	128,429,000		10,239,982
1938	130,000,000	62,371,904	10,548,673
1939	130,215,000	63,848,094	10,894,826
1940	131,409,881	*65,500,000	11,142,842

*Estimates

A STUDY OF THE UNCHURCHED FORCES, 1939

1. UNCHURCHED PEOPLE IN THE WORLD	
Total Population of World	2,250,000,000
Total church members (all faiths) (30%)	686,000,000
Total unchurched in world (70%)	1,564,000,000
Baptists, white and colored	12,472,000
2. UNCHURCHED PEOPLE IN UNITED STATES	
Total population (1938)	130,215,000

Total church members, all faiths	63,848,000
Total unchurched, all ages and all races	66,367,000
Unchurched Negroes, all ages	6,400,000

3. UNCHURCHED PEOPLE IN SOUTHLAND

Total population in Southland	45,505,000
Total church members, all faiths	21,200,000
Unchurched—All ages and all races	24,305,000
Unchurched Negroes, all ages	5,778,965
Unchurched whites, all ages	18,526,035

STANDING OF MAIN DENOMINATIONS IN UNITED STATES, 1939

1. Roman Catholics (population 21,403,136) Communicants	18,192,666
2. Baptists, all groups, white and colored	10,894,826
3. Methodists (17 bodies, white and colored)	9,199,359
4. Lutherans (17 bodies, white and colored)	4,572,339
5. Jewish Congregations	4,081,242
6. Presbyterians (12 bodies)	2,758,000
7. Episcopalians	1,980,000
8. Disciples of Christ	1,647,654
9. Congregational-Christians	1,030,914
10. All others (200 smaller bodies)	9,643,000
Totals in 1939, approximately	64,000,000

RATIO OF BAPTISTS IN FOUR MAIN GEOGRAPHICAL SECTIONS OF U. S.

I. Northeastern States

States	Population 1940	All Baptists	Ratio of Baptists
1. Maine	845,139	36,924	1 to 22.9
2. New Hampshire	489,716	14,672	1 to 33.4
3. Vermont	357,598	11,076	1 to 32.3
4. Massachusetts	4,312,332	107,764	1 to 40.0
5. Rhode Island	711,669	23,822	1 to 29.9
6. Connecticut	1,710,112	35,451	1 to 48.2
7. New York	13,379,622	256,993	1 to 52.0
8. Pennsylvania	9,891,709	232,893	1 to 42.5
9. New Jersey	4,148,562	111,236	1 to 37.3
10. Delaware	264,603	3,104	1 to 85.2
11. West Virginia	1,900,217	126,804	1 to 14.9
12. Ohio	6,889,623	259,844	1 to 26.5
13. Indiana	3,416,152	127,469	1 to 26.8
14. North Illinois	6,359,324	350,766	1 to 18.1
15. Michigan	5,245,012	108,637	1 to 48.3
16. Wisconsin	3,125,881	27,121	1 to 115.3
Total, 16 States	63,047,271	1,834,576	1 to 34.4

II. Northwestern States

States	Population 1940	All Baptists	Ratio of Baptists
1. Iowa	2,535,430	52,017	1 to 48.7
2. Nebraska	1,313,468	26,128	1 to 50.3
3. Kansas	1,799,137	81,714	1 to 22.0
4. Colorado	1,118,820	27,700	1 to 40.4
5. Utah	548,393	1,612	1 to 340.2
6. Nevada	110,014	1,119	1 to 98.3
7. North California	3,436,844	49,221	1 to 69.8
8. Oregon	1,087,717	18,926	1 to 57.5
9. Idaho	523,440	6,805	1 to 76.9
10. Wyoming	246,763	5,661	1 to 43.6
11. South Dakota	641,134	11,093	1 to 57.8
12. Minnesota	2,785,896	36,865	1 to 75.6
13. North Dakota	639,690	7,178	1 to 89.1
14. Montana	554,136	6,057	1 to 91.5
15. Washington	1,721,376	27,604	1 to 62.4
Total, 15 States	19,062,258	359,700	1 to 53.0

III. Southeastern States

States	Population 1940	All Baptists	Ratio of Baptists
1. Maryland	1,811,546	103,400	1 to 17.5
2. Virginia	2,664,847	620,000	1 to 4.3
3. Kentucky	2,839,927	520,000	1 to 5.5
4. North Carolina	3,563,174	850,000	1 to 4.2
5. Tennessee	2,910,992	620,000	1 to 4.7
6. South Carolina	1,905,815	580,000	1 to 3.3
7. Georgia	3,119,953	1,100,000	1 to 2.8
8. Alabama	2,830,285	840,000	1 to 3.4
9. Mississippi	2,181,763	575,000	1 to 3.8
10. Florida	1,877,791	300,000	1 to 6.3
11. Southern Illinois	1,514,831	130,000	1 to 11.7
Total, 11 States	27,220,924	6,238,406	1 to 4.4

(Note: All Baptists, White and Colored, Tabulated)

IV. Southwestern States

States	Population 1940	All Baptists	Ratio of Baptists
1. Missouri	3,775,737	330,000	1 to 11.4
2. Arkansas	1,948,268	380,000	1 to 5.1
3. Oklahoma	2,329,808	310,000	1 to 7.5
4. New Mexico	528,687	21,323	1 to 24.8
5. Arizona	497,789	12,519	1 to 39.8
6. Southern California	3,436,844	81,349	1 to 42.2
7. Louisiana	2,355,821	360,000	1 to 6.5
8. Texas	6,418,321	1,120,000	1 to 5.7
Total, 8 States	21,291,275	2,615,191	1 to 8.1

Summary of Four Main Sections

States	1940 Population	Baptists	Ratio of Baptists
I. Northeastern (16)	63,047,271 (N.)	1,091,951	1 to 57.7
II. Northwestern (15)	19,062,258 (N.)	313,220	1 to 60.9
III. Southeastern (11)	27,220,924 (S.)	3,327,920	1 to 8.2
IV. Southwestern (8)	21,291,275 (N. & S.)	1,674,298	1 to 12.7
Totals	130,621,728 (N. & S.)	6,407,389	1 to 20.4

Northern Baptists number about 1,520,000.

Northern Baptists have only 13.9 per cent of the Baptists in this nation; but they claim the right to hold 63.2 per cent of the area of the United States and 65 per cent of the population of the nation.

Southern Baptists number 5,104,000.

Southern Baptists have 46.4 per cent of the Baptists of the nation; but only 36.8 per cent of the area of the United States; and only 35 per cent of the population.

GROWTH OF CHURCH BODIES IN AMERICA

The following statistics, recently compiled, appeared in the January 10 issue of the bulletin of the First Church, Berkeley, Calif., Dr. U. S. Mitchell, pastor, and reveal some interesting facts concerning church growth in America. And lo, the Baptists head the list.

Church	1916 Membership	1939 Membership	% Gain
Baptist*	7,153,313	10,519,288	47
Presbyterian and Reformed	2,811,797	3,825,420	36
Roman Catholic	15,721,815	21,322,688	34
Lutheran	3,445,883	4,624,713	34
Congregational	950,317	1,131,863	33
Episcopal	1,480,898	1,942,322	31
Disciples of Christ	1,226,028	1,597,779	30
Methodist	7,166,815	9,126,321	27

*The Baptists in 1939 reported 10,894,826 church members.

—The Watchman-Examiner February 27, 1941.

TEN YEARS' GROWTH OF MAIN DENOMINATIONS, 1925-1935

Main Denominations	1925	1935	Ten Yrs.' Gains
1. Baptists, National (Negro)	3,065,398	3,550,044	484,646—15.81%
2. Baptists, Northern	1,382,460	1,475,540	93,080—6.73%
3. Baptists, Southern	3,574,531	4,277,052	702,521—19.65%
4. Campbellites (2 bodies)	1,668,906	2,029,768	360,862—21.62%
5. Congregationalists and Christian	969,668	1,020,894	51,226—5.28%
6. Episcopalians	1,139,192	1,401,129	261,937—22.99%
8. Methodists (Northern) Episcopal	4,438,494	4,311,270	L. 127,224—2.87%
9. Methodists, Southern	2,470,407	2,719,635	249,228—10.09%
10. Methodists, African (2 bodies)	1,115,874	1,240,625	124,751—11.18%
11. Mormons (2 bodies)	623,744	747,320	123,576—19.81%
12. Presbyterians (Northern)	1,791,559	1,931,694	140,135—7.82%
13. Presbyterians (Southern)	438,818	473,521	34,703—7.93%
14. Presbyterians (Cumberland)	62,474	67,431	4,957—7.93%
15. Reformed Churches (3 bodies)	532,668	747,084	214,416—40.25%
16. Roman Catholics	15,995,964	17,338,733	1,342,769—8.39%
17. United Brethren (2 bodies)	405,103	424,839	19,736—4.87%
Totals for 17 Groups	42,178,902	46,967,804	4,788,902—11.35%

BAPTISTS OF THE WORLD BY NATIONS, 1939

(War conditions prevented us from receiving 1940 reports.)

Belgium	158
Bulgaria	676
Czecho-Slovakia	3,155
Denmark	6,427
Estonia	7,508
Finland	940
France	1,600
Germany	72,595
Great Britain and Ireland	385,706
Holland	5,701
Hungary	14,187
Italy	3,650
Jugo-Slavia	2,177
Latvia	11,908
Lithuania	994
Norway	7,217
Poland	15,354
Portugal	665
Roumania	65,880
Russia—No report	
Spain	1,484
Sweden	49,090
Switzerland	1,740
Total for Europe	658,812

ASIA

Indian, 10 districts, Burma	380,358
Palestine and Syria	138
China (eight fields)	79,895
Ceylon	1,563
Japan	6,883
Philippine Islands	12,235
Siam	102
Totals for Asia	481,174

AFRICA

Cameroun	3,888
Congo (six fields)	65,418
Liberia	800
Nigeria	21,314
Nyasaland	1,500
Sierra Leona, and so forth	7,998
Union of South Africa, etc.	17,412
Total for Africa	118,330

NORTH AMERICA

Canada (three regular conventions)	139,308
United States (three regular conventions)	10,344,826
United States (fifteen miscellaneous bodies)	550,000
Total for North America	11,034,134

CENTRAL AMERICA AND WEST INDIES

Bahama Islands	12,225
Bermuda Islands	32
Cuba	7,851
Haiti (five fields)	10,357
Honduras (two provinces)	298
Jamaica, and so forth	25,500
Mexico	7,500

Nicaragua	1,067
Panama	1,297
Porto Rico	4,806
Salvador	1,000
Trinidad	1,269
Turks and Caicos Islands	897

Total for Central America 74,099

SOUTH AMERICA

Argentina	5,970
Paraguay	49
Uruguay	204
Bolivar	378
Brazil	53,666
Chile	4,062
Columbia	350
Dutch Guiana	79
Peru—Irish Baptists	36

Total for South America 64,794

AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

Australia (six provinces)	31,526
New Zealand	9,190

Total for Australia and New Zealand 40,716

Grand Total for World 12,472,059

Gains in 1939 357,476

*Russia with over 1,000,000 Baptists no longer counted.

BAPTISTS IN THE MODERN WORLD

1891	3,903,881	1921	9,146,822
1892	4,049,984	1922	9,346,219
1903	5,140,494	1923	9,962,617
1904	5,339,996	1924	10,098,614
1905	5,446,960	1925	10,276,179
1906	5,593,570	1926	10,635,704
1907	5,736,263	1927	10,672,512
1908	5,910,690	1928	11,040,321
1909	6,066,753	1929	11,098,444
1910	6,240,272	1930	11,075,701
1911	6,283,833	1931	11,661,090
1912	6,482,046	*1932	10,767,166
1913	6,516,483	1933	10,952,929
1914	6,846,286	1934	11,136,541
1915	7,003,737	1935	11,312,092
1916	7,200,324	1936	11,503,303
1917	8,070,762	1937	11,659,416
1918	8,158,064	1938	11,856,072
1919	8,643,814	1939	12,472,059
1920	8,965,995	1940	12,720,075

CHRISTIANITY'S GROWTH BY CENTURIES

100 A.D.	500,000
200 A.D.	2,000,000
300 A.D.	5,000,000
400 A.D.	10,000,000
500 A.D.	15,000,000
600 A.D.	20,000,000
700 A.D.	24,000,000
800 A.D.	30,000,000
900 A.D.	40,000,000
1000 A.D.	50,000,000
1100 A.D.	70,000,000
1200 A.D.	80,000,000
1300 A.D.	75,000,000
1400 A.D.	80,000,000
1500 A.D.	100,000,000
1600 A.D.	125,000,000
1700 A.D.	155,000,000
1800 A.D.	200,000,000
1900 A.D.	450,000,000
1925 A.D.	550,000,000
1940 A.D.	612,000,000

NON-CHRISTIAN RELIGIONS

Jews	16,500,000
Mohammedans	230,000,000
Animists	150,000,000
Buddhists	170,000,000
Confucianists and Taoists	380,000,000
Hindus	250,000,000
Shintoists	36,000,000
Others	409,500,000

Total Non-Christians 1,642,000,000

MAIN GROUPS OF CHRISTIANS IN WORLD, 1940

Roman Catholics	340,000,000
Eastern Orthodox	128,000,000
Protestants and Evangelicals	160,000,000
Total Nominal Christians	628,000,000
Total Non-Christians	1,642,000,000
Grand Total Population World	2,270,000,000

THE GREAT FOREIGN MISSIONS ENTERPRISE

Few people realize how great is the work of foreign missions, that is the movement to Christianize the heathen people of the earth, as carried on by the various Christian denominations, Catholics and non-Catholics.

The International Missionary Council, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York, in 1938, published **The Interpretative Statistical Survey** of world missions (price \$5.00) which presents the following astounding summary:

Countries or Islands occupied	92
Missionaries at work	27,577
Native pastors, teachers, physicians and nurses	203,468
Christian schools maintained, all types	56,891
Pupils under instruction	2,925,134
Hospitals maintained	1,092
Nurses in attendance	13,090
In-patients cared for	843,367
Surgical operations performed (1938)	348,210
Dispensaries maintained	2,351
Individual patients treated	8,126,268
Foreign Missions contributions	\$30,938,450
Contributions of native Christians	\$28,738,790
Total contributions for foreign mission work	\$59,677,240

RUTHLESS INVASION OF CHINA GOES ON!

The March (1941) issue of **Missions**, the splendid magazine of the Northern Baptists thus describes the ruthless and long-drawn-out invasion of China:

Japan is now well along in the fourth year of the attempted conquest of China which began with the "China Incident" at Peiping in the summer of 1937. At the end of these nearly four years Japan occupies more than one-fourth of China's 3,000,000 square miles in which approximately 150,000,000 people live. Japan has absolute control of the entire Chinese coastline and occupies many of China's great cities, Peiping, Shanghai, Nanking, Canton, Hankow and others. During this long and ruthless venture in Japanese imperialism more than 2,000,000 Chinese have been killed or wounded. How many million have died from starvation, exposure, disease, and other causes cannot even be estimated. More than 50,000,000 people have been disrupted from their homes and have moved westward into the interior in the greatest mass migration in history. (See "The Greatest Trek in Human History," by David C. Graham, **Missions**, April, 1940, page 206.)

It has been a costly experience. At present there are said to be 43 Japanese Army Divisions in China. Japan's casualties are estimated to exceed 1,800,000. What this means in terms of home life in Japan is intimated by a reporter whose name cannot be divulged. "Between the ages of 25 and 35," he writes, "there is only one man left in Japan for every 18 women. This ratio obviously cannot be continued indefinitely." The financial cost of the war presses with ever increasing weight upon the Japanese people. How much longer they can stand the financial strain is anybody's guess.

In the meantime, having lost cities and railroads, China nevertheless continues strong resistance. The constructive energy of the nation has been devoted to building great highways connecting interior China with Russia and Burma. The Burma road, over which Secretary J. W. Decker made his memorable trip two years ago, is today the world's most famous highway. China's vastness is also her strength. Her enormous population of more than 400,000,000 means so high a birth rate that China could continue to turn out armies long after Japan's own man power had been exhausted. Apparently Japan is expecting a long effort and has abandoned all thought of a short, victorious conclusion. More than a year ago, Premier Abe declared in Tokyo: "It will require from three to ten years to settle the China incident. I only hope that the Japanese nation will double its determination to bear the stress and strain that is to come." A Japanese victory seems far remote.

Whatever the final outcome, this is no time for curtailing the missionary service of the Christian church. Today because of his relief ministry, his fellowship with the people, his own steadfastness in remaining at his post amid the danger and havoc of war, the missionary in China has won the esteem and confidence of the Chinese people to a degree never before experienced in missionary history.

FOREIGN MISSION FORCES OF NORTHERN BAPTISTS

From the **Watchman-Examiner** of April 3, 1941, we clip the following summary of Foreign Mission forces of the Northern Baptist Convention:

Last year, there were added to our Northern Baptist foreign mission churches 17,997 new members. The total membership of these churches is now 380,952. Of all grades, there are 3,600 schools in foreign lands, with 153,402 students. We have 37 physicians and 41 nurses supervising and conducting the work in 31 hospitals and 63 dispensaries. There are 450 medical co-workers and assistants. Patients receiving treatment last year numbered 458,600.

THE GOSPEL MESSAGE BEING OUTLAWED IN EUROPE AND ASIA

In a recent issue of the *Christian Century*, Dr. Henry P. Van Dusen sums up in a sentence the meanings of the conflicts for Christianity. "Within a short time after Britain's capitulation, the Western hemisphere, possibly the North American continent, will be the last considerable area on the earth's surface where men and women will be permitted to gather for worship without police surveillance; where the elemental truths of Christian faith can be preached without imminent threat of concentration camp; where it will be permissible to pray for all nations and peoples, especially the needy and oppressed; where it will be legal to declare one's belief in all mankind as of one blood." He quotes from two Nazi publications, one of which says, "We will forbid all religious missions." The other says, "There is, therefore, no further place for missionary societies in the German colonial empire."—*The Baptist Record*.

JAPAN'S NEW ORDER FOR CHRISTIANITY

Historically, Japan has taken four very definite steps toward establishing a new order for Christianity in the Japanese controlled section of the Orient.

In plain English, this New Order is totalitarianism—the supremacy of the state in all areas of life. These four steps are as follows:

1. **The passage of the so-called Religious Organization Bill.** This bill was passed by the Diet and was signed by the Emperor in 1939. Moreover, it was ordered to become effective April 1, 1940.

2. **In July, 1940, the Premier, Prince Konoe, outlined the future policy of the Government of Japan,** definitely committing the whole Japanese Empire to a revolutionary program of reconstruction along totalitarian lines. His address called for reconstruction and unification of all areas and all activities of Japanese life. Among other things, he declared that "an end must be put to all differences of opinion"—religious or otherwise.

3. **On October 17, 1940 (Empire Day), representatives of 27 non-Catholic denominations were called together in conference and committed themselves, without reserve, to the task of carrying out the orders of the Japanese Government,** looking to (1) a definite union of all non-Catholic religious groups and denominations in the Japanese Empire and (2) to complete separation from all non-Japanese mission boards and agencies of all nations, pledging themselves to receive no further financial aid from any non-Japanese mission agency and to become in name and in fact an independent Japanese Christian Church.

4. **On the next day, October 18, 1940, moreover, they—these representatives of the 27 denominations—went about their revolutionary task by appointing four subcommittees—**(1) to work out a form of organization for the new unionized Japanese Christian Church; (2) to select an old creed or work out a new one for the new body; (3) to devise some definite plan of financing the work of the new church, and (4) to determine what orders of the Gospel ministry the new church would have.

As might have been expected, these four subcommittees have run into all sorts of difficulties which are delaying the completion of their several revolutionary tasks; and it may be months yet before the problems are worked out and the new, unionized Japanese Church is set up and launched on her course.

One of the chief obstacles encountered in the efforts to launch the new unionized Church in Japan has been the unyielding opposition of the great American denominations which have fostered the work of Christianity in Japan—Baptists, Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians, etc. To overcome this obstacle, Kagawa, and Bishop Abe, are now in the United States, speaking and pleading for the new unionized Japanese Christian Church.

Few persons, however, doubt that the difficulties will be worked out and the new, unionized Protestant Japanese Church will be launched on its course. In fact, three features of the new unionized Japanese Church have been practically agreed upon:

(1) The form of organization, or the ecclesiastical set-up, of the New Japanese Church will be a mixture of Episcopalianism and Presbyterianism. No democracy, thank you!

(2) The creed of the new church will be Apostle's Creed.

(3) The new unionized church will have a *torisha*, or director (as the Catholic Church, the Buddhists, and Shintoists will each have a *torisha* or director), and this director will be a member of the Japanese Government and have supreme power over the new church.

Section X

SUGGESTIONS FOR SERMONS

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THE IDEAL SOUL-WINNER

Every believer in the Lord Jesus Christ should be interested in reaching people who do not know him for a personal trust in Christ. Distinct efforts to win people to Christ should be made constantly. With this in mind I would like to present some facts about Deacon Philip as an ideal soul-winner. I suggest that the following scripture references be studied closely: Acts 6:1-8; Acts 8:4-8; Acts 8:26-40. These passages present many facts about Philip as a soul-winner. Some of these are noted as follows:

1. Philip was a good man.

The statement is, "A man of honest report." People in the community knew him to be a good man. Not all men can be good teachers, or speakers, or singers, or organizers, or givers. But it does seem that it is in the power of all to be good. Philip was a good man.

2. Philip was full of faith.

This is indicated in every move of his life. He had faith in God, in Christ, in the Holy Spirit, in the Word of God, in men, and in himself, and in his mission and ministry in living. His intercessory faith lifted Philip out of the realm of the ordinary man into the realm of the extraordinary man.

3. Philip was led by the Holy Spirit.

He was one of the men to whom the statement applies, "Full of the Holy Spirit." His life was dominated by the Spirit. He was moved by the impressions of the Spirit. This is seen in his going from Jerusalem to Samaria to enter the hard task of preaching to the despised Samaritans. Every move of the life of Philip seemed to have been directed by the Holy Spirit.

4. Philip was wise in his work.

He was wise first in his choice of work and then in his manner of doing it. All men have a three-fold nature—physical, mental, and spiritual. Those who deal with men have a far greater opportunity than those who deal with material things. But even in the realm of dealing with men the ministry to the spiritual is the highest. Philip chose this good part.

5. Philip had love for lost people.

His love for lost people prompted him to minister to the needy in Jerusalem, and to the needy and neglected people of Samaria. His love for the lost went beyond

race lines and seemed to have included all people of all nations. He not only loved lost people but sought to do something about it in his daily activities.

6. Philip was obedient unto the Lord.

Philip was one man who seems to have delighted in his response and obedience to the Word of the Lord. This is seen in his going to Samaria, in his going from Samaria to the desert on the road toward Gaza, and in his willingness to join himself to the chariot of the passerby and to speak to the man who greatly needed his message. An obedient messenger can be an effective messenger for the Lord.

7. Philip was enthusiastic in his work.

The Bible states that when the Spirit told him to join himself to the chariot he **ran**—he put his heart into the matter. He put his mental, physical, and spiritual energy into the effort of winning a soul for Christ. Enthusiasm tempered with wisdom and consecration will count greatly for the progress of the kingdom of God. Philip had this consecrated enthusiasm.

8. Philip knew the Scriptures.

A knowledge of certain parts of the Scripture is necessary if a person is to be a soul-winner. Philip knew the Scriptures well enough to recognize the exact passage that the traveler was reading. His knowledge of the Scripture and his use of the Scripture qualified him as an ideal soul-winner.

9. Philip preached Jesus.

When he recognized the traveler as being interested in the passage of Scripture he was reading and in the person about whom the passage speaks, Philip began at that very Scripture and preached unto him Jesus. What a great theme! How this world needs Jesus! Surely in this day preachers cannot be content to preach any other message than that of the Lord Jesus Christ.

10. Philip could lead a soul to a decision.

This good man had power, as he was led by the Holy Spirit, to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in an enthusiastic manner until the lost person understood the message, accepted the message, and made a definite decision for Christ and Christianity. Blessed is the speaker who can lead lost souls to a decision like this.

II

A BOY AND HIS FATHER

Mark 9:14-30

Study closely the passage of Scripture, Mark 9:14-30, and note especially the things that are said about the boy and father in their relationship to the Lord:

1. The bound boy.

This boy possessed of the devil was in the center of the multitude and the attention of the multitude. The boy was both deaf and dumb and entirely dominated by an evil spirit which tore his life and would often cast him into the fire and water to destroy him.

Any boy who has an evil habit that literally dominates his life is possessed by the devil. These evil habits can be overcome by the help of the Lord.

2. The faltering father.

The passage shows that this father was interested in his son and was most earnest in his efforts for the son and that he had faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and brought his son to him. Any father with a heart and love like this can be a blessing to his boy.

Blessed is that father today who is able and willing to take his son to Jesus. Some fathers possibly had rather send them away to the streets, dives, gambling dens, and other places of idleness, sin, and ruin but the best place is to take them to the Lord Jesus.

3. The loving Lord.

The first attitude of Jesus is seen in his gracious invitation, "Bring him to me." When the boy was brought Jesus rebuked the foul spirit and commanded him to leave the boy, and the spirit left him. Jesus then put his hand on the boy and raised him up and sent him on rejoicing. Jesus is always ready to command the evil spirits to go and to give life and right and righteousness.

As there is help in the presence and power of the Lord Jesus Christ, there is also inspiration in the touch of the hand of a consecrated Christian. The defeated disciples were not able to cope with the evil spirit because of their lack of prayer and fasting.

III

COMMANDING FAITH

Text: "Concerning the work of my hands, command ye me" (Isaiah 45:11).

The highest grace of the human heart is faith in Christ. The mightiest lever of power with God and man is an abiding, reliant confidence in the power of God.

There are many kinds of faith spoken of in the Bible:

Begging Faith is the faith that pleads with God for his blessings.

Walking Faith is the faith that enables us to go on in the dark road without light on the whole way.

Living Faith is the faith that draws supplies from the treasury of God for the maintenance of life.

Conquering Faith is the soul's confidence that wins victory over sin and opposition.

Commanding Faith is the kind of faith that links the power of God with the problems of man and makes possible the success of every undertaking in the name of the Lord and for his sake. This is the act of the redeemed soul which stands steadfastly upon the rock of God's elective love and connects divine power to kingdom movements.

I desire to present four characteristics of **Commanding Faith** and give a brief illustration out of the Bible of each characteristic.

1. Commanding Faith looks only to the personality of God.

Commanding faith has the power to take its eyes off of difficulties and look only to the Lord in the hour of need.

This characteristic of commanding faith is illustrated by Moses and the Children of Israel as they came to the Red Sea, when they were fleeing the bondage of Egypt. To their left were high hills—impassable. To their right were the hot sands of the desert—impossible to pass over with the army of Israel. In front of them was the Red Sea—too deep to wade, too wide to swim, and no bridge to cross. To the back of them was the raving, advancing army of the Pharaoh of Egypt, with swords drawn ready to slay every one of the Israelites.

In this grave hour Moses lifted his eyes from the difficulties and dangers unto God and said to the Children of Israel: "Fear not, stand still and see the salvation of the Lord." Then with his eyes on the Lord Moses lifted the rod and the water was assuaged, the God of power did his work, and the Children of Israel marched dry-shod across the sea while the Egyptian army was drowned.

2. Commanding Faith leans on every promise of God.

Those who have studied the Bible seeking to know the number of promises God has made to his people tell us that there are more than three thousand two hundred promises in the Bible. These promises assure human hearts every blessing on condition that the heart will only believe, trust, and obey. Commanding faith is the kind of faith that takes hold of every promise of God and accepts it as a promise of God and looks to him to make good each promise. Commanding faith can say: "God said it, I believe it, and that settles it."

This characteristic of commanding faith is illustrated by Joshua and the Children of Israel in the conquest of Jericho. The Lord came to Joshua and told him that he would conquer the city by forming a line of march and going about the city one time each day for six days and seven times on the seventh day, and have the priests blow the trumpets and the people shout and the walls would fall down. Joshua believed the Lord. He formed the line of march, obeyed the command of the Lord to the letter. He did exactly as the Lord told him to do and when he had complied with the commands and followed the instructions of the Lord the walls of the city fell down and the city was taken. Commanding faith is victory for the Lord.

3. Commanding Faith longs for the hidden power of God.

Faith realizes that the power of God is unlimited. Commanding faith is the way to connect this power with the problems of man and use it for the glory of God.

This characteristic of commanding faith is illustrated by Elisha at Dothan. Elisha had revealed the secret military plans of the Syrian enemy and now it was known to the king of Syria that this power was given to the prophet by the God of Israel.

The Syrian king found he was at Dothan and sent for chariots and horses and a great host to slay the prophet. The army arrived at night and encompassed the city. When the servant of Elisha arrived the next morning and saw the army of the enemy he was almost too excited to speak. He rushed to the servant of the Lord crying, "Master, what shall we do?" And Elisha answered, "Fear not; for they that be with us are more than they that be with them" (2 Kings 6:16). and Elisha prayed: "Lord, I pray thee, open his eyes that he may see." "And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire about Elisha."

The Syrians were all blind and were led to Samaria by Elisha. Elisha took his eyes off of the army of Syria and longed for the hidden power of God to help him in the hour of need. The Lord blessed the prophet and the people.

4. Commanding Faith lingers in perseverance before God.

Commanding faith which is directed by the Holy Spirit does not give up but continues until the answer comes.

This characteristic of commanding faith is illustrated by the prayer of the Syro-phenician woman. She came to Jesus when he went aside to rest in the coast of Tyre and Sidon. She rushed into where he was, and cried: "Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil." Jesus did not reply at first for he was testing her faith. When she turned to the disciples, they came to Jesus and asked him to send her away. Jesus then said to her, "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped him, and said: "Lord, help me." Jesus again answered, saying, "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to dogs." She replied, "Truth, Lord: yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus said to her, "O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt." In other words, this commanding faith persevered in the presence of the Lord Jesus until he expressed a meaning to the woman like this: "Your faith is so great that you can have anything in th world that you desire." Commanding faith pleads at the throne of God until the answer comes.

Thus commanding faith will look into the face of the Lord, accept at full value all the promises of the Lord, depend upon the hidden resources of God to accept needful things in life, persevere in earnest until the answer comes.

Section XI

THE PERISCOPE BOOK REVIEWS

GEORGE W. CARD

Secretary of Sales and Advertising Department

Organized to Serve Southern Baptists

Salesmanship may be termed fully successful only when both seller and purchaser are completely satisfied. The discerning buyer of merchandise seeks the most reputable sources. Through actual experience or experimentation one may finally select the most desirable grocer, druggist, dentist, mechanic for perpetual service.

When a progressive manufacturer recently was asked why he was so liberal in the free service rendered to his patrons, he replied: "One cannot make any permanent investment in a dissatisfied customer—I operate on the principle that I must satisfy my customer—he is more important than I am—I cannot afford not to please him." He knows that the secret of success is the secret of service.

The Baptist Sunday School Board, through its Sales and Advertising Department, reaches out through twenty-one affiliated Baptist Book Stores to carry book service to all our people. The staff is large, the responsibilities are heavy, many things contribute to round out a practical service for our constituency.

The Department has undertaken to make available to Southern Baptists the most practical lists of books, Bibles, and supplies from all desirable sources. This in-

volves the publication of various catalogs, booklists, pamphlets, folders, and other listings. This promotional material, mailed free on request, includes:

The Master Key, a catalog of supplies for all phases of church work. Approximately 125,000 copies of this catalog are distributed among Southern Baptists every year. It presents not only Bibles, song books, and general supplies, but features choice groups of books in classified and illustrated form. *The Master Key* is designed to help pastors, superintendents, and leaders of all organized groups. Other catalogs include:

The Bookcrest, a summer book catalog, which serves especially during the summer months at assemblies and similar gatherings. Contains the latest and best books of all publishers.

The Treasure Chest catalog magnifies books as gifts. It serves during the pre-Christmas season and throughout the winter months. Popularly known as our holiday catalog.

The World in Books presents in a practical and classified way all mission books and those publications dealing with world conditions, including supplemental reading on subjects of interest to mission leaders.

Another popular publication is *Book Budings*, released semi-annually—spring and

autumn—which brings seasonally to the attention of our reading public the latest books of all publishers.

The Young Reader lists books of first interest to the younger boys and girls. The very best literature from all publishers is selected and classified by age.

The Reference and Reading List pamphlet is published for the benefit of Sunday school teachers. It presents in brief compass the preferred books for supplemental reading.

The Church Library Booklist is for the purpose of promoting and enlarging church libraries. It is of real value to those churches interested in enlisting wide reading of wholesome books.

The Visual Education Catalog is meeting a more recent need among our people, since it presents the best equipment for educational purposes, such as projectors, movie machines, films, and so forth.

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ATLAS

An Atlas of World Review

By Clifford H. MacFadden. Crowell, 1940. \$1.95

Reviewed by Rev. Hoyt Ayres, Pastor, Shawmut Baptist Church, Shawmut, Alabama.

AUTHOR: Connected with Department of Geography, University of Michigan.

Clifford H. MacFadden has had much cartographic experience in the illustration of numerous books and papers in political and economic geography. His rare skill and politico-economic background are thoroughly demonstrated in this volume. This graphic book is a concise summary of world history from the world of Columbus to our present day. Mr. MacFadden presents the earth's great stage and drama in review from a standpoint of geography, typography, politics, economics, and other current facts. This is an atlas for tomorrow as well as today. It contains 160 of the latest maps with a page of facts for every page of maps. Each state, nation, and empire of the world is illustrated and summarized as to its history, population, government, and economic importance. The oceans and seas, their importance, and the nations con-

trolling them are adequately set forth. I know of no other source where one could find at a moment's glance, the important facts concerning every nation of the world. This is a convenient size volume and I sincerely believe that every minister and teacher should keep a copy at hand for daily reference.

Other Reviewers: Rev. D. Chester Sparks, Pastor, Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, Tennessee, and Rev. Carey Cox, Pastor, Terry, Mississippi.

BIBLE

Gems from Genesis

By W. G. Heslop. Zondervan, 1940. \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Carl A. DeVane, Pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

AUTHOR: Other books: *Diamonds from Daniel*, *Gold from the Gospels*, *The Secret of a Happy Wedded Life*, and many others.

The author gathers out nuggets of scriptural truth setting forth Christ the Son of God as Saviour. In this unique analysis he finds Christ fully revealed in type in the book of Genesis. There are events used which sometimes require a most vivid imagination on the part of the reader to

follow and coherently see, as the author does, the application of the typical reference. Aside from some phases of detailed analysis, the study is beautiful, unique, and stimulating in one's effort to see and understand Christ as the theme of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. The author is adept in finding types and his interpretation is beautiful and suggestive, written in fine, readable style. This little book will prove interesting and helpful to preachers, teachers, and students who are interested in studying the Old Testament types in which Christ is set forth.

Other Reviewers: Rev. L. G. Payne, Pastor, Claire Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina, and Rev. Wilburn S. Smith, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cairo, Georgia.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

A Man Who Found a Country

By A. Nakashian. Crowell, 1940, \$2.75

Reviewed by Rev. Aubrey S. Tomlinson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina.

AUTHOR: Armenian refugee; veteran of the first World War in the Turkish Medical Corps; country and city doctor in the land of Abraham.

Yet some there are who contend that one "religion" is as good as another! Dr. Nakashian placards Islam and Christianity side by side in the same land for centuries. Take your choice, the way of love, unselfish service over against bitter hate, inhuman cruelty, and avaricious greed.

The book is the autobiography of a man of the Christian Armenians in the land of their fathers subjugated by the Ottoman Turks centuries ago. His life is portrayed against the background of the history of his race. One reads with the breathless haste reminiscent of the Arabian Nights. Little wonder that the Orient produces such tales where actual experience can be so fantastic.

All of us have heard of the massacre of the Armenians by the Turks in this and the last century. In this book of weirdly incredible experiences we are face to face with those persecutions, presenting contrasting characters of gentility and barbarity. We catch sight of the surging hordes of fanatical Moslems murdering and looting; of one lone American woman missionary standing off that horde in the doorway of her church armed with an American flag and saving those seeking refuge there. One realizes the futility of depending on established governments in so-called Christian lands, as the British fleet, the French army, and the Italians in turn betray these people to their merciless masters. Jealousy, the motive and actuation!

Then last we are conducted on a tour of our own institution of Ellis Island. Suffice it to say that our treatment of helpless immigrants compares odoriously with those still in the darkness of medieval barbarity.

If you begin this book you will finish it. Rarely do men succeed in finding the humor amid such conditions. But their mode of life has led the Armenians to realize the humorous side of life. Delightfully he presents this, often at his own expense. I thoroughly enjoyed the book.

Other Reviewer: Rev. Harold Dye, Pastor, Las Cruces Baptist Church, Las Cruces, New Mexico.

BIBLE DOCTRINES

Sabbath Observance

By W. O. Carver. Broadman, 1940, 65c

Reviewed by Rev. O. E. Northen, Pastor, Scottsville Baptist Church, Scottsville, Virginia.

AUTHOR: Professor of Comparative Religion and Missions, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Other books: *Missions in the Plan of the Ages*, *The Bible a Missionary Message*, *The Course of Christian Missions*, *The Acts of the Apostles*, and others.

I have never read a more complete study of the Sabbath Day. A book with a message much needed in this modern day, by a man qualified to bring that message. Dr. Carver, out of ripe scholarship and his knowledge of the Bible, has really shown what the Sabbath means and stands for, and why it should be observed by all.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Bailey Davis, Sr., Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, Kentucky, and Rev. Jack R. DeVore, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pinckneyville, Illinois.

BIBLE EXPOSITION

Expository Messages on The Epistle to the Galatians

By H. A. Ironside. Loizeaux, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. E. F. Hallock, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Norman, Oklahoma.

AUTHOR: Pastor, Moody Memorial Church, Chicago, Illinois, and noted Bible expositor and teacher. Other books: *Except Ye Repent, Charge That to My Account*, and many others.

This is an excellent book for both preachers and laymen. The messages will prove helpful, as the author hopes, to all who are confused regarding law and grace. The book sets forth the gospel of grace as preached by the matchless preacher, the apostle Paul. It also makes clear that the struggle to discern the gospel of grace by men is an endless struggle. Although the author says his book is not intended for "the learned or the theologians," it will greatly help even these to refresh and revitalize their own gospel message. It is plainly apparent in our day that confusion about the gospel and grace is not confined to the levels of the common people. Learning and theology are no special assurance that one sees and understands God's gospel of grace. This book, therefore, will commend itself to all men of every rank of learning.



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Pastors who are seeking aid for evangelistic preaching will find this book invaluable. Reading it, coupled with the study of the text of Galatians, will inspire the mind and heart in the preparation of many an evangelistic sermon. It is written in the simple style of the strong preacher who preaches in plain terms to be understood by all who listen. I commend it especially to Sunday school teachers as an aid for the acquisition of the plain understanding of the gospel that is the power of God unto salvation.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Madison Flowers, Pastor, Goodman, Mississippi, and West Vaiden, Mississippi, and Rev. James S. Abernethy, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Las Vegas, New Mexico.

BIBLE HISTORY

The Origins of the Bible

By Theodore Gerald Soares. Harper, 1941, \$2.50

Reviewed by Dr. R. C. Gresham, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Moultrie, Georgia.

By the author's own admission the title of this book should be *My Idea of the Origins of the Bible* for in the Introduction he says, "After considering the many possibilities in each situation I have selected that which appealed to me as most likely to be true." Further, "I have used imagination rather freely, even venturing to invent conversations and debates. . . ."

A fair sample of the author's treatment of specific books may be found in his statement concerning Revelation. "We may quite definitely say that it has no reference to our own time, and it is not a program of what is to happen in the future." In direct contrast Mr. Martin Kiddle in the *Moffatt New Testament Commentary on Revelation* just off the press says that whenever the state exalts itself and the church is threatened then this book, often neglected, becomes a "tract for the times."

A much more accurate and helpful treatment of the origins of the New Testament may be found in Dr. W. O. Carver's little book *How the New Testament Came to Be Written*. (Other reviewer: "Speaking from the standpoint of higher criticism, the author presents the religious experience of ancient Israel and of early Christianity out of which the Old and New Testaments are supposed to have developed. While many will not agree with the author, everyone will find the book interesting and valuable as a source book for the field of thought which it represents. The author seeks to avoid technical terminology in an effort to render it intelligible to even the untrained individual.")

Other Reviewers: Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, Pastor, Clayton Street Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama, and Dr. J. R. Hickerson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Commerce, Texas.

BIBLE NEW TESTAMENT

An Exegetical Grammar of the Greek New Testament

By William Douglas Chamberlain. Macmillan, 1941, \$4.00

Reviewed by Rev. D. H. Hall, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

AUTHOR: Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Louisville Presbyterian Seminary.

Faced with the constant necessity of careful exegesis, a busy pastor's attention is arrested by the word "Exegetical" in the title of the book.

Here is a Greek grammar written chiefly for seminary students, but which has splendid possibilities as a pastor's working tool. What pastor does not need the refreshing which is offered by a book written "to condense, arrange, or simplify the work of the great pioneers in the grammatical field"?

Interest is quickened as one reads in Part I the discussion of the "Five Vest Pocket Rules of Exegesis: Namely to interpret lexically, syntactically, contextually, historically, and according to the analogy of Scripture."

But when the author in Part II, "Building a Greek Vocabulary," says: "Instead of developing a vocabulary by sheer mental drudgery, the student may learn certain principles of word formation which will enable him to achieve this end with pleasure," along with a "born thirty years too soon" feeling, there comes a real desire to try to discover happiness in a very unexpected realm!

Without controversy it may be said that the reading of Part III, "The Parts of Speech and Their Function," may not sustain an excited interest, but the student will find this part of great value for reference and the minister will often find the Index of Scripture Passages very helpful.

This should be a useful reference book in one's library.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. P. McBeth, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dumas, Texas, and Rev. William Kay McGee, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Thomasville, North Carolina.

BIBLE STUDY

Behold the Bridegroom! A New Life of Christ

By A. Eugene Holt. Ledyard, 1940, \$2.00

Reviewed by Rev. James A. Overton, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

AUTHOR: Public Accountant, Council Bluffs, Iowa.

This book is a rather unique approach to the life of Christ. It begins where any complete story of the life of our Lord must begin—before the foundation of the world.

Though not written especially for young people and children, the fact that the story is told in fairy story style should make the book a great favorite with them.

The book is well written, and the number and arrangement of the Scripture quotations keep the story securely connected to the Bible. To read this book is to see anew the unity of the Scripture narrative, and to be impressed again with the centrality of Christ in the Bible message.

There are some digressions in the book that seem unnatural, and this reader thinks there is an over-emphasis on baptism in the closing chapter which deals with the new birth. But the book as a whole is an interesting and helpful presentation of the story of Jesus up to the early part of his earthly ministry. Those who read this volume will, no doubt, await with much interest the appearance of the next.

Other Reviewer: Rev. F. V. McFatrige, Pastor, Plantersville Baptist Church, Plantersville, Mississippi.

BIOGRAPHY

Rulers of the World

By Maurice Crain. Crowell, 1941. \$2.00

Reviewed by Rev. W. A. Bell, Pastor, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

AUTHOR: Newspaper man born in New Mexico, brought up in Texas. Graduate of University of Texas. Worked on two large metropolitan dailies and did work in publicity for the Newspaper Publishers' Association.

This very interesting and delightfully written book goes back to the boyhoods of the world's most famous men in this critical world hour. Traits of character and circumstances of environment, which aid us in trying to understand them in their present historical roles, are set forth with clearness and vigor. The author's experience as a newspaper man helps him in making a candid, unprejudiced evaluation of these characters. He does this in a brilliant way, giving bad traits as well as good ones. This frankness helps us understand many puzzles hitherto unexplained concerning the actions of these great actors in the present world drama. For someone who does not have the time to search out the "why" of world conditions this book will be of great help, for it answers many questions about the men who rule and the countries ruled.

The characters selected are Winston Churchill, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Eamon de Valera, Benito Mussolini, Adolf Hitler, Francisco Franco, Ibn Saud, Chiang Kai-shek, Mahatma Gandhi, and Josef Stalin. A lover of biography, or a student of world conditions, will be greatly benefited by the reading of this book.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Otto Sutton, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Dr. Allen S. Cutts, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Liberty, Missouri.

CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

Manifest Victory

By J. R. Moseley. Harper, 1941. \$1.50

Reviewed by Dr. J. E. Sammons, Pastor, Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

AUTHOR: Editorial writer, *Macon Telegraph*; formerly professor, Mercer University, Macon, Georgia; horticulturist.

The author is easily one of the most beloved of a long line of noble men who have served on the faculty of Mercer University, as is also true of Dr. W. H. Kilpatrick, who has written the very impressive Foreword of this interesting volume.

The book, while having two main divisions referred to as "Book One" and "Book Two" and subdivided into a number of chapters, is in reality practically a continuous story, almost an autobiography; religiously speaking, it is. It relates in a most interesting fashion the experiences of this good man in his upreach towards God and in his outreach towards man. His intimacy with both God and man is beautiful to behold.

This book is different. Perhaps there isn't another like it. To know the man and read his book will inspire anyone to want to live on a higher spiritual level, to want to walk and talk with Jesus and to deal with frail humanity in the spirit of Jesus, which is the spirit of love. This word is gladly given by one who sat at his feet as a student and whose life has been made better for knowing him.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Charles S. Henderson, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. James B. Leavell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Leland, Mississippi.

CHRISTIAN FAITH, CONDUCT

Candles in the Wind

By Allan Knight Chalmers. Scribner's, 1941. \$2.00

Reviewed by Rev. J. L. Clegg, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dalton, Georgia.

AUTHOR: Pastor, Broadway Tabernacle, New York City. Other books: *As He Passed By*, *Give Me Another Chance*, and *The Commonplace Prodigal*.

The author of this vigorous volume is pastor of the famous Broadway Tabernacle in New York, and a right worthy successor to the late Charles E. Jefferson. What he lacks in Jefferson's theological poise and literary style, he makes up in vigorous application of the Christian ethic to modern-day problems of our world. As a distinguished veteran of the first World War and as pastor for more than a decade of this great church on one edge of old Hell's Kitchen, "where the city's scums make fevered and fetid the air we breathe," he has felt the sting and the chill of the blowing winds. He is keenly aware of the winds of hate, of social and economic in-

justice, of racial discrimination and segregation. He has dealt firsthand with human misery and wreckage. He has felt the hurt of the world's ills.

And out of such experience he has written this book. His deep conviction is that flickering candles are not sufficient to light the way in the howling winds of today's tempest. The light of the individual Christian must be more than a flickering candle; it must be a flaming torch. And a few flaming torches here and there are not sufficient. There must be a solid front, a united effort, if the Christian witness is to change conditions in our world.

He believes that conditions can and must be changed. It is futile, he thinks, to spend all of our energy saving a few human wrecks and to leave untouched the conditions which are producing the wreckage. A few rescue missions cannot clean up the slums so long as conditions which produce slums remain unchanged. But he believes that these conditions can be changed. He believes in the power of light over darkness. Darkness cannot put out light, but light can drive out darkness. If the Christian forces will really let their light shine, the darkness of sin with its vast crop of evil fruits can be driven out—even out of our community, social, economic, and political life.

This is not an ordinary book. It is vigorous and challenging. The author's style is not suggestive of the deft strokes of the artist; it more nearly suggests the jarring punches of the boxer. It is a little ambiguous in places, and at times one feels that the author is "word conscious." But it is altogether a good book, well worth reading.

Other Reviewers: Rev. I. M. Prince, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Paragould, Arkansas, and Rev. Carl E. Bates, Pastor, Louisville, Kentucky.

Christ and Human Personality

By J. C. Massee. Revell, 1941, \$1.25

Reviewed by Rev. J. Paul Carleton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Illinois.

AUTHOR: Guest Lecturer in Homiletics, Evangelism, and Pastoral Theology in Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Philadelphia. Other books: *The Holy Spirit*, *Revival Sermons*, and *Conflict and Conquest in Holiness*.

"We present Christ Who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died a vicarious death, rose bodily from the grave, ascended into heaven from which He sent the Holy Spirit to transform life, and has promised to return and set up His Kingdom under His personal rule. He lives! He is here! Rally to Him!"

Thus may be summarized the author's message, in one brief paragraph from this book. The title may be misleading. This is no erudite study in psychology for proud scholars. Its merit, moreover, is not to be judged by the first chapter or two. The author forgets himself and the technique

of writing after a while and opens his heart and soul to the reader. The book is a simple, though moving and dynamic statement of his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, a faith that has grown and deepened through years of fellowship with Him. As one closes the last great chapter on "The City Foursquare" he will find himself "taking knowledge" of this man "that he has been with Jesus." How welcome is his message at such a time as this! It is the voice of Christian optimism, the trumpet sound of hope, for lost men and a lost world.

The sectarians won't like the author's universal church nor his liberal doctrine of election, but his insistence on regeneration and the finality of Christ will thrill the hearts of many.

It is too bad that he made such a nasty remark in his Foreword about ministers who preach sermons they find in books. Some of us might have wanted to use some of these messages.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Sam P. Martin, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky, and Dr. R. T. Russell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waycross, Georgia.

One Altogether Beautiful

By George L. Rulison. Zondervan, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. E. D. Dunlap, Pastor, Polytechnic Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

AUTHOR: Teacher, preacher, lawyer. Has been the United States District Attorney for Northern Indiana and Prosecuting Attorney for St. Joseph County, Indiana; pastor of several Methodist churches. Other book: *A Bundle of Myrrh*.

The author has given us a marvelous work on the One altogether beautiful. He takes the lovely and beautiful things of nature and so relates them to Christ Jesus that a halo is seen by the reader. The heavenly is made to live on the earth. His language is descriptive and his choice of words is superb. Though he has a large vocabulary, his book is easily read. In reading this volume you will forget the world about you for the time, then you will awake to realize that you are stronger for the journey ahead.

This book is an oasis in a desert. It will be refreshing to many a tired and thirsty heart in this day of turmoil. Dr. Rulison's faith is as simple as that of a child, as sublime as that of a saint, and as beautifully expressed as that of a poet. In order to express the evident personal experiences with Christ, he uses such terms as "affection," "love," "beauty," "heavenly," "beatific," "lilies," "devotion," "vicarious sacrifice," etc. This book is not just a thing of beauty, but the expression of a great man's soul.

The illustrations and poems are worth the price of the book. Most of the illustrations are taken from history. Jesus Christ is made to shine as the brightness of the firmament. If you have not loved Jesus, you will after reading this book.

Other Reviewers: Dr. J. W. Kincheloe, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rocky Mount, North Carolina, and Rev. J. M. Dameron, Pastor, Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Kentucky.

The World Today

By Alfred M. Rehwinkel. Concordia, 1940, 50c

Reviewed by Dr. J. Elwood We'sh, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Orangeburg, South Carolina.

AUTHOR: Professor of Theology in Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

Here is a dashing, gripping little book of hardly more than one hundred pages. Yet, few books have come to my attention this year which have held me more tightly. I found myself racing across its pages in my eagerness to follow the brilliant, well-informed, currently wise mind of its able author.

A Lutheran preacher and professor of theology, this writer knows the world in which we live. He is keenly sensitive to the challenge before the Christian church today. His historical perspective leaves little to be desired. He knows secular and church history; he is familiar with modern thought-trends and philosophy; he has read widely in the fields of economics and sociology; he is thoroughly aroused as to the need of Christianity and the churches in our day and yet senses most keenly the cruel and secular atmosphere in which the churches must strive to do their work.

I read this book at one sitting. In the near future, I intend delivering the meat of it to my congregation at our Wednesday evening services. Mission study circles would do well to use a book such as this. Groups of our best minds in all of the churches would better gird themselves to be understanding helpers of the undershepherds by reflecting on the contents of this book.

Most of us think of the Lutheran Church as still being quite other worldly in its emphases and more or less backward in its social studies and approaches to our modern problems as they affect our organized religious life. But, if that be true, then here certainly is one who cannot be so classified.

There are only three chapters in this book, but they are comprehensive, arresting, thought-provoking, and superbly challenging.

Baptist preachers and laymen of the South, get this book!

Other Reviewer: Rev. Frank Weedon, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Denton, Texas.

COMFORT AND CONSOLATION

What We Know About Life After Death

By Ross H. Stover. Zondervan, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Lawrence Fitzgerald, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mexico, Missouri.

AUTHOR: Pastor, Messiah Lutheran Church, Philadelphia. Professor of Public Speaking, Temple University School of Theology.

This is the publication of a series of lectures by the author on the life after death. He answers many questions that have been put to him about the future life; the book is, therefore, vital. He answers with the Word of God; it is, therefore, trustworthy. His answers are cogent and reasonable; it is, therefore, intellectual. Truly, "The author has the knack of saying much in few well-chosen words;" the book is, therefore, brief, only 105 pages.

Eleven questions are raised and answered. Is there a life after death? What happens to souls at death? Is heaven a place? Shall we know each other in heaven? Are the fires of hell real? Is there a purgatory? Can the dead communicate with people on earth? Shall we pray for the dead? Do our departed loved ones know what we are doing? Will our bodies arise from the grave? Is it right to cremate the body?

The author believes strongly, and proves from the Scriptures, that there is a life after death; that both heaven and hell are real places; that the soul goes immediately either to heaven or hell; that we will know each other in heaven. He exposes the fallacies of belief in purgatory; in spiritualism. He does not believe in the cremation of the body. He says that the only kind of resurrection the Bible talks about is a resurrection of the body.

This little book will be helpful to people who have lost loved ones; and to people who are asking any of the above questions about life after death. I commend it heartily.

Other Reviewers: Rev. B. Frank Collins, Pastor, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Dr. T. W. Medearis, First Baptist Church, Miami.

CURRENT RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

American Mirror

By H. E. Luccock. Macmillan, 1940, \$2.50

Reviewed by Dr. John H. Day, Pastor, Seventh Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

AUTHOR: Dean of Yale Divinity School.

In this book the author attempts to do for the American Literature of 1930-1940 what in *Contemporary American Literature and Religion*, published in 1934, he did for the period of the post-war years. That is, he gives a rapid survey and interpretation of outstanding books published in this country during what he calls the "dismal" or "doleful" decade.

The reader of this volume wonders if Dr. Luccock has found magic eye-glasses which enable him to read more than one book at a time, for more than two hundred volumes are discussed or quoted.

The author has one outstanding virtue: he is never dull. And what an eye the man has for the striking phrase, the illuminating quotation! Consider the opening sentence of his Foreword to the book, taken

from *Green Pastures*: "Everything nailed down is comin' loose." There, in a sentence, is the epitaph of a decade.

Dr. Luccock makes plain that his interest is not aesthetic. "The basis of selection is closeness of impact and relationship to life as experienced at the present time." His concern is with the panorama of American life as painted by the authors and with their reactions to what they saw and heard. The economic chaos of the time casts its shadow over nearly every page even as it left few lives in our land undarkened. The author is keenly conscious of the inequality and injustice of much of our contemporary social order and a man's conscience would have to be callous indeed did he not wince more than once at the bitter reality mirrored in these chapters.

No minister who wants to understand the life of America today can afford to overlook this book.

A challenging statement in the first chapter is: "Let it be realized that democracy is a child of religion."

This is a book for our times particularly valuable to place in the church library and to be given wide reading.

Other Reviewers: Rev. W. P. Davis, Pastor, Lebanon Baptist Church, Springfield, Tennessee, and Rev. H. E. Fowler, East Grand Avenue, Dallas, Texas.

Christian Roots of Democracy in America

By Arthur E. Holt. Friendship, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. J. Ivey Edwards, Pastor, L. O. Dawson Memorial Baptist Church, Homewood, Alabama.

AUTHOR: Professor of Social Ethics, Chicago Theological Seminary and Divinity School, University of Chicago. Other books: *The Bible as a Community Book*, *Christian Ideals and Industry*, *The Fate of the Family*, and *This Nation Under God*.

Here is a clear cut, concise, vigorous book dealing with one of the most, if not the most, important questions of our day—democracy and its future. The author clearly and firmly defines democracy as the form of living that gives equal opportunity for Oklahoma.

all races and all individuals. He points out very distinctly the need of a revision of our practical application of democracy so that the servants, the laborers, the Negroes, and all under-privileged people in our nation have a living wage. Attention is also called to the need for the weaker nations to have access to the resources of the world. This is one of the aims of world democracy.

The author shows that democracy is rooted in the conception of God as found in the Old and New Testaments. Then he traces the growth and spread of the principle in America in connection with the work of home missions and the founding of the many Protestant churches. The church with its doctrine of the fatherhood of God

and brotherhood of man applied without fear or favor holds the future of democracy.

This book is a collection of stories of American life dealing with the heart of the problems besetting our democracy.

The stories deal with corrupt civil practices, race problems, conditions that breed crime and bigotry, the unemployment situation, and the economic slavery of a cross section of our life.

Dr. Searle particularly emphasizes the citizen's responsibility to preserve the ideals of democracy which rest upon the foundations of our Christian faith.

EDUCATION, RELIGIOUS

Easy Object Lessons

By Elmer L. Wilder. Zondervan, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Carey T. Vinzant, Pastor, Sandersville Baptist Church, Sandersville, Georgia.

AUTHOR: Other books: *Talking Objects*, *101 Eye-Catching Objects*, and *Heart Reaching Object Lessons*.

I have read with pleasure and profit this volume of fifty-two striking object lessons which will be welcomed by those who work with younger boys and girls. Vacation Bible School and Sunday school workers will find this volume of inestimable worth in presenting the great truths of the Word of God. It presents lessons on the Bible, Christ, salvation, giving, prayer, witnessing, and other central themes.

He appeals earnestly for faithfulness to the church and its work to insure the safety of our form of government.

This book is of far-reaching and vital import to our present day society.

Other Reviewers: Rev. A. J. Holt, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Waco, Texas, and Rev. Thomas L. Harris, Pastor, First Baptist Church, North Little Rock, Arkansas.

DEMOCRACY AND RELIGION

Author of Liberty

By Robert W. Searle. Friendship, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. John A. Ditto, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pocomoke City, Maryland.

AUTHOR: Graduate of Rutgers University, former pastor of First Reformed Church of Albany, New York, and Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church of New York, now General Secretary of the Greater New York Federation of Churches.

Each lesson is clear, interesting, and true to the teaching of the Bible. The author's method of presenting truth is in keeping with the best of modern pedagogy, but best of all he uses the method of the great Teacher of all times, even Christ. The materials used in the lessons can be easily prepared by the teacher.

Other Reviewers: Dr. L. C. Kelly, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pineville, Kentucky, and Dr. Thos. Eugene West, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

FICTION

Beyond the Lifted Gates

By Wynema Atherton. Zondervan, 1940. \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Walter L. Moore, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cedartown, Georgia.
AUTHOR: Writer of religious fiction.

This is the story of Gene Meredith, a promising young surgeon, who is black-listed and forced out of his profession when he accepts the blame for an accident, of which he is innocent, involving his fiancée and his brother. He encounters apparently insurmountable difficulties in his struggle to remold his life but wins the love of a beautiful Christian girl, Thalia Hamilton, and is led to give his heart to Christ. Then "the gates were lifted," and under the divine touch the loose threads of his life were gathered up into a strong cord.

The author is more gifted in describing an experience of conversion than in telling a human story, but the plot is fairly convincing and gives a definite spiritual lift to the reader.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Kentucky, and Rev. A. E. Prince, Pastor, First Baptist Church, West Monroe, Louisiana.

The Girl of the Crimson Rose

By J. R. Turnbull. Zondervan, 1940. \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. W. M. Seay, Pastor, Beaufort Baptist Church, Beaufort, South Carolina.

This novel is a very well-written and interesting story of the Northland. The imagination revels in the freshness of the northern lakes. Interest in the story is continuous and moves to a climax. The characters are drawn true to life. It is a book that carries the teaching of evangelical religion all through its pages without being specifically a religious novel. It is a wholesome book which melts the heart in many places, and is the kind of book Christian parents should put in the reach of growing young people, as it is very influential in the formation of Christian character.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John J. Milford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama, and Rev. F. O. Mixon, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tifton, Georgia.

The Good Shepherd

By Gunnar Gunnarsson. Bobbs-Merrill, 1940. \$1.50

Reviewed by Rev. T. O. Baldwin, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vero Beach, Florida.

AUTHOR: An Icelandic; author of many novels, plays, and poems, some of which have been translated into many languages. Other books: *Ships in the Sky*, *The Night and the Dream*, and others.

This is a charming, interesting, and gripping story which should be in every church library. It is the story of an Icelandic

shepherd by the name of Benedikt who, with the help of his comrades, Leo his shepherd dog and Gnarly, the wether, made many perilous journeys into the waste places seeking out the sheep which were left behind in the autumn roundup. He did this gracious service because of his love for the dumb animals and to help his neighbors. The character of this shepherd is evidenced by his faithfulness, perseverance, and loving compassion. Also his sacrificial and unselfish service is Christlike. There is a parallel running through this story of the Christ who went out to seek and to save the lost from the waste places of sin. This little book will help to enrich your life.

Other Reviewers: Dr. J. Pat Horton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bogalusa, Louisiana, and Rev. Joseph B. Underwood, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mansion House of Liberty

By Phyllis Bottome. Little, Brown, 1941. \$2.50

Reviewed by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Augusta, Georgia.

AUTHOR: English novelist. Other books: *Old Wine, Private Worlds*, *Danger Signal*, *Masks and Faces*, *Innocence and Experience*, and *The Mortal Storm*.

In this book the gifted novelist, Phyllis Bottome, has given us a first-hand report of what has been going on in England during these tragic months of her fiery ordeal.

The author has succeeded in a remarkable degree in setting down a readable account, more gripping than fiction, of what she has seen, learned, and come to understand during the unpredictable months of observation that have been hers since her return from the United States to England in June, 1940.

The book is exceptional for its keen perspective. The author literally runs the gamut of human experience as she seeks to unfold the saga of England's bold and spirited efforts and dogged resolve to keep the fires of liberty ever burning.

Quietly, and with gifted poise and charm, the author moves in her running narrative from London to Ramsgate, from Sea Coast to Midlands, from the Royal Air Force to the British Army, from the public official to the private man in the streets, from the stately home to the air-raid shelter—where all find a common ground.

And all the time the book rings with a vibrant note of intelligent optimism, sprung from a deep conviction that out of it all will emerge a new world order—an order in which freedom shall prevail.

If one desires a clearer concept of the present conflict in England as it concerns the everyday man and woman, he will find this book delightfully helpful—if the word "delightfully" can be associated with the tragic drama now being enacted across the sea.

(Other reviewer: "The book is strongly partisan. The writer hates Hitler and loves

England, and she makes no effort to hide her feelings.")

Other Reviewers: Rev. T. W. Gayer, Chaplain, Louisiana Baptist Children's Home, Monroe, Louisiana, and Rev. Jesse Earl Davis, Pastor, Virginia Heights Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

Mystery of Parkview

By Kenneth Anderson. Zondervan, 1940, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. J. Pendleton Scruggs, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, Kentucky.

AUTHOR: Writer of religious fiction.

This is a simple story with a thread of romance which brings to notice two families widely different in mode of life, interests, and influence. Ann Williams is the sensible, courageous, and resourceful daughter of an irreligious and selfish family whose father was not only godless and unscrupulous in trading but had murdered his brother, Silas, owner of Parkview.

When his ill-gotten fortune was swept away he died, a suicide, boasting that the Williamses never believed in God.

Ann Williams was relieved of the possibility of marrying Craig Abott, another unscrupulous character. Fate led her to meet and marry David Nordin, the noble son of a family leading modest lives of active and altruistic Christian work, who led her to know for the first time what the Bible teaches and to become a Christian.

It proves to be a happy union for both Ann and David and they enter upon special training for the religious work long conducted by the elder Nordin.

Other Reviewers: Dr. W. C. Royal, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick, Maryland, and Dr. W. Dawson King, Pastor, Gallatin Baptist Church, Gallatin, Tennessee.

Out of the Mist

By Robert L. Allison. Eerdmans, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. W. L. Meadows, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Quitman, Mississippi.

AUTHOR: Son of the author, David P. Allison.

The author wisely selected the title that so marvelously describes the message of this good book. It is a timely and interesting story. The book has a gripping message that is fascinating from the first chapter unto the last word of the last chapter. It is easy reading with a lasting message.

The author deals with life in various stages and experiences, and makes each new experience stand out in living reality. The characters are so well introduced and described as to vividly portray the attitude and characteristic suited to each name.

The story of a young man, left alone in his teen-age, who found encouragement and continued his education through college, and then special preparation for his life's work, thus entering his chosen field of service. Through disappointment he became hardened and cynical. Always an unbeliever,

but now an atheist, broken in health and in spirit, he faced life with hopelessness and gave up in despair.

Brought in contact with Christian characters and under the influence of a Christian home, he came under the power of the gospel of Christ. He found new friends, new atmosphere for his soul, and to his heart's delight and soul's satisfaction he found God. The transforming power of the Son of God wrought the change that made life worth living, bring him "out of the mist" and revealing to him in the name of God and for the sake of humanity that God had a marvelous plan and program for his life and talents.

I commend this book heartily. It will prove a blessing to any Christian and show the unbeliever the way of life everlasting. It should be read by young men and young women, as well as by adults. I bespeak for this book a wide circulation. I am quite sure that no one can read this book conscientiously and be the same again. May it prove a great blessing to a multitude of readers.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John R. Jester, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winchester, Kentucky, and Rev. J. E. Marion, Pastor, Cullman Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama.

Random Harvest

By James Hilton. Little-Brown, 1941, \$2.50

Reviewed by Rev. A. H. Hicks, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Whiteville, Tennessee.

AUTHOR: English novelist. Other books: *Good-Bye, Mr. Chips*; *Ill Wind*; *Without Armor*; *Lost Horizon*; and *We Are Not Alone*.

When Charles Ranier is introduced in Part One of this book there is a mysterious setting that promises the reader a host of surprises and an interesting plot.

The setting of the story is England; the time—the years before the present war. Although the book has been designated as a "war story," there is in no instance the sound of the guns in battle, or the pictures of the blood-stained, body-torn wounded. On the contrary, the leading character is living as "a man who was" because of the results of the last World War.

The story is very progressive and gripping. Mr. Hilton has a way of character portrayal that seems to be magic story telling. This is the author's first full-length novel in seven years and many people, the publishers included, believe that it is his best novel. Happily for the reader, the author saves the climax for the very end of the story. Any reader will enjoy the full thrill of discovering the touching and sympathetic love story, as well as the well-constructed and well-completed plot.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. B. Currin, Pastor, Rock Grove and Olive Branch Churches, Roxboro, North Carolina, and Rev. A. C. Turner, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tyler, Texas.

Swamp Water

By Vereen Bell. Little-Brown, 1941, \$2.00

Reviewed by Dr. R. T. Russell, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waycross, Georgia.

AUTHOR: Georgian by birth, graduate of Davidson College, Davidson, North Carolina. Former editor *The American Boy*; serial writer, *Saturday Evening Post*.

This is a novel of adventure picturing the moods and life of the great Okefenokee Swamps.

Although there is a story running through the book, the best thing the author accomplishes is his description of the swamps as they are. To one who loves the awesome wilds, this book offers an accurate picture.

Having lived here on the edge of the Okefenokee for more than six years, I feel sure that the author made his characters too extreme to picture a normal Okefenokee life. But, at that they do not fail to hold one's interest to the last page.

Its best appeal is to one's love of nature in the raw.

Other Reviewer: Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi.

HISTORY

Just Among Friends

By William Wistar Com'ort. Macmillan, 1941, \$2.00

Reviewed by Rev. A. B. Wood, Pastor, Forest Baptist Church, Forest, Mississippi.

AUTHOR: President Emeritus of Haverford College.

Another has said that this book is a gem. It really is. It is a valuable source-book of information about Friends (Quaker) faith and way of life. Here is a graphic story of a people who, three hundred years ago, determined to make the world their friends. Though small in numbers they have, according to the author, become a holding company for great ideas. Among these ideas are: tolerance, peace, Christian kindness to the enemy, economic and social justice, and active recognition of the brotherhood of man. Others share these ideas but fail to practice them. Friends believe in practicing what they preach. Dr. Comfort puts it this way: "For them it is not the talk but the walk that counts." This is a timely book for these times.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Ronald Edwin Wall, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sanford, North Carolina, and Rev. J. C. Wells, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lafayette, Louisiana.

They Preached Liberty

By Franklin P. Cole. Revell, 1941, \$1.50

Reviewed by M. O. Patterson, Professor, Department of Christianity, Mississippi College, Clinton, Mississippi.

AUTHOR: Minister of the Williston Church in Portland, Maine; commentator on weekly radio program, "News on the Religious Front."

Many earnest students of American history have desired to know what the colonial preachers contributed to political and religious liberty during the heroic struggle of the American colonies for their independence. Were they men of sufficient intellectual caliber and influence to mold public opinion on these vital problems? Were they "conscientious objectors" to "taking up the sword" in defense of these inalienable rights of mankind? Where were these religious leaders when their parishioners were facing shot and shell, and wading through blood to make men "free and equal," and to vindicate the right of free men to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience? Where were they?

Dr. Cole introduces in this volume a sufficient representation of the preachers of colonial days who tell their own story of how they stood on these vital questions and where they were while that memorable contest was in the making and in the conflict which followed. In this anthology of quotations we find how these "patriot-parsons" proclaimed their convictions regarding civil and religious liberty, molded in the hot fires of personal experience, as they drank deep at the springs of divine truth to find the true interpretation of liberty to their day and generation. In the Bible they found the "basis for American democracy." Jonathan Mayhew is called "The Father of Civil and Religious Liberty in America." A sermon preached by him in Boston, 1750, was called "The Morning Gun of the American Revolution." It may be that many lovers of American liberty have fallen from their first love. A careful reading of this book will be good medicine for the malady and a preventive of dangerous complications which destroy liberty.

Other Reviewers: Rev. W. Edwin Richardson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee, and Dr. R. S. Owens, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Roanoke, Virginia.

HOME

Life's Intimate Relationships

By Talmage C. Johnson. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1941, \$1.50

Reviewed by Dr. Howard E. Spell, Pastor, Drew Baptist Church, Drew, Mississippi.

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kinston, North Carolina.

This volume deals with all those relationships encountered in homemaking. Dr. Johnson discusses the problem and mastery of sex, but he does not do so in a cheap or objectionable way. His sane and scholarly treatment of the relationships of parents, children, and in-laws centers around a Christian-psychological approach. In addition to all the excellent material

found in the main body of the book there is an Appendix containing questions for further thought and discussion and an admirable Bibliography on each of the fifteen chapters.

Here is a book which no pastor will feel ashamed to lend to members of his congregation for it avoids the objectionable features found in some books of a similar nature. For the pastor who contemplates a series of sermons or messages for discussion groups on any phase of courtship or home life the materials in this book and the excellent Bibliography will prove invaluable. As a book to be given or lent to young couples or to homes where there exist misunderstandings on the part of parents and children it will prove extremely useful. Furthermore, it will become an excellent personal guide to the pastor who has a family of his own. He will be a better husband and father for having read this book.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Peris G. Woodruff, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Portales, New Mexico, and Rev. Guy H. Turner, Pastor, Central Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee.

HYMNS, HYMN STORIES

Stories of Favorite Hymns

By Kathleen Blanchard. Zondervan, 1940, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. John E. Huss, Pastor, Latonia Baptist Church, Covington, Kentucky.

Almost any Christian worker could find a place in his library whether it be large or small for this little volume. We could use superlatives without sacrificing sincerity in labeling this as a splendid book in its field. If a choir director would read to his choir the story of some of these hymns there would be a new note in the singing at the church services. This reviewer is sufficiently impressed with the book to order the companion volume previously written by Kathleen Blanchard.

Other Reviewers: Professor Inman Johnson, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, and Rev. G. W. Ellers, Pastor, Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky.

ILLUSTRATIONS

He Started from Nowhere

By W. R. Siegart. United Lutheran, 1940, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. W. R. Hamilton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hope, Arkansas.

AUTHOR: Pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, Reading, Pennsylvania.

This is an attractive little book containing forty-seven sparkling stories suitable for points of contact and illustrations. Each story carries a moral which is usually just obvious enough to be effective.

These stories may be included in talks, sermons, worship programs, or may be used

just as they are as stories. The average Junior or Intermediate department superintendent will find that they will fill a real need.

The book would be welcomed as a gift by children, pastors, teachers, and parents.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Troy V. Wheeler, First Baptist Church, Pastor, Marion, Illinois, and Rev. Jesse M. Rogers, Penrod Baptist Church, Pastor, Penrod Baptist Church, Penrod, Kentucky.

MISSIONARY HISTORY

The Great Century: 1800-1914

By Kenneth Scott Latourette. Harper, 1941, \$3.50

Reviewed by Dr. James G. Harris, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bunkie, Louisiana.

AUTHOR: Professor of Missions and Oriental History, Yale University. Other books: *The Chinese: Their History and Culture*, *The Development of China*, *The Development of Japan*, *History of Christian Missions in China*, and *Missions Tomorrow*.

The distinguished scholar who wrote this book is worthy of a place with the great church historians of Christian history. This is Volume Four of a series on the history of the expansion of Christianity. But one is not to become confused into thinking that he must secure the entire set in order to benefit by this volume. This book is complete within itself, and though it creates the desire in the reader to secure the other volumes in the set, nevertheless one does not feel the slightest handicap in understanding it, even if lacking in knowledge of historical background.

This volume covers the expansion of all forms of Christian activity in Europe and the United States from A.D. 1800 to A.D. 1914. The author's greatest difficulty is that of condensation. His amazing Bibliography reflects the fact that he is a voluminous reader. The abundant material from which he had to draw would dismay most stout-hearted historians. He has handled the material admirably.

Every alert pastor is aware of the need for a book which, in condensed but complete form, gives one an insight into this critical period in history, so filled with enormous changes in the social, economic, political, and intellectual structure of Europe and America. Dr. Latourette traces with impartial accuracy the processes and advances of Protestant and Catholic movements, of the new "off brand" religious cults arising, the rise of the modern missionary movement, work among the Negroes, the Indians, and the immigrants, and traces with keen insight the effects of wars and revivals of this period.

This is more than a mere reference book. One gets no impression of being burdened with nonessential details or treatment of the material with technical formalities. The book is interesting and instructive throughout. It is filled with a glowing account of

Baptist activity, as Baptists made their missionary contribution in that day.

Other Reviewers: Rev. S. Lewis Morgan, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton, North Carolina, and Dr. H. I. Hester, Professor of Bible, William Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri.

MISSIONS

Signs of the Times

Edited by Una Roberts Lawrence. Home Mission Board, 1941, 35c

Reviewed by Rev. W. T. Waring, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Anna, Illinois.

AUTHOR: Mission Study Editor, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

This book is a challenging diagnosis of present-day conditions, with no attempt made to soften the picture. However, with each chapter the various writers have agreed that a strong, militant, evangelistic program is the only possible solution to present conditions. Of the five chapters in the book two have been written by Mrs. Lawrence; the first chapter is a stirring one by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller of our Home Mission Board and the third chapter is written by Home Missionary J. F. Plainfield, and the fourth by Lawson H. Cooke, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

While this book has been written as a study course book it really should be considered a "must" book for everyone really interested in missions and present conditions at home and abroad. Pastors, Sunday school, and Training Union workers could advantageously read and study this book. Though the picture of present conditions is naturally and truthfully dark and gloomy yet the book is vibrant with faith in a living and victorious Christ, and leaves the reader seeing the sunshine rather than the clouds.

Other Reviewers: Rev. A. W. Walker, Pastor, Shively Baptist Church, Shively, Kentucky, and Rev. E. T. Miller, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corsicana, Texas.

The Trail of Seed

By Una Roberts Lawrence. Home Mission Board, 1941, 25c

Reviewed by Rev. N. D. Timmerman, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clarksdale, Mississippi.

AUTHOR: Mission Study Editor, Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention. Other books: *Just Around the Corner Tales*, *Home Mission Trails*, *The King's Own*, and *Lottie Moon*.

"The Romance of the Revival of the Home Board Mission Work!" That could be the fitting title to characterize the period of 1930-40, known and stated by the author as, "The Thundering Thirties." We are shown that out of the smarting setbacks of "The Roaring Twenties," bringing on the stark realism of clogging debt and a general apathy towards mission support,

there emerged with a glorious upsurge of determined effort and devotion, the new phase of the Home Board missionary activity of the Southern Baptist Convention. The glimpses of that work, herein depicted, are strategically culled out and placed, and they fairly breathe through these chapters with the spirit of Christian heroism closely akin to other revivals of distinct Christian progress.

This renaissance of mission work in the broadened territory of the home mission field is due to several potent factors. These are firmly established by the unfolding drama. There was a great secretary, and under him was that intrepid and adjustable band of missionaries and workers. The keynote of these people was the fact that they went to the people in byways and highways and crowded ways and preached the gospel to them. They sowed the seed that not only brought in the golden harvest of converts, but what is more, they aroused Baptists far and wide and gifts came to the rescue of a sorely pressed cause. Fitting tribute is paid to the Home Mission Board. We are left with the impressive figures and facts to indicate that a good work has been done on little means and in spite of a lack of auspicious hopefulness.

Graphically climactic is the last chapter, under the caption of "Unsown Trails." It reminds us that even in the Bible Belt there is a gigantic work to do. But perhaps the study of this book by the Woman's Missionary Union will result in increased moneys, and more sowers who will go down those trails that lead to the teeming cities, the mountain heights, the reservations of the Indians, to the isles fanned by tropical breezes, and like Philip of old will join the ever-moving caravan of shifters, that they may know the salvation of the Lord. Let us pray that the desire of the author will come to pass that the solitary places will bloom with spiritual flowers fit to adorn the kingdom of God "way down in Dixie."

Other Reviewers: Rev. Chas. Y. Dossey, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Salem, Illinois, and Rev. E. N. Perry, Carrollton, Kentucky.

MODERN TRENDS

Our Prodigal Son Culture

By Hugh Stevenson Tigner. Willett, Clark, 1940, \$1.50

Reviewed by Dr. John F. Vines, Superintendent of Evangelism, Missouri Baptist General Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

AUTHOR: Graduate of the Canton Theological School, Canton, New York.

Here is a book so timely, inspiring, and helpful it will be read again and again. It is sane, sound, and stimulating; it is plain, profound, and powerful; it is convincing, convicting, and courageous! The reader is led through false doctrines and philosophies so intelligently he finds his

feet at last planted on the solid rock of truth. In the beginning of the book the author tells us what to expect and in the end we are not disappointed. This author is a real gladiator, who walks right into the center of the arena and with mighty sword thrusts, mercilessly, clearly, and positively cuts through the veneer of would-be-wise modernism; boasting culture; selfish big-business; blind science and silly egotism.

Mr. Tigner believes in true Christianity and the final triumph of the kingdom of God. There is not a dull page in the thirteen vital chapters. The book is true to its name. The author trails the prodigal down the road to ruin and returns him to his father's house. He follows the march of Christianity and shows how and wherein error has been allowed to enter into the life of the church until so weakened it is unable to stand before its enemies; namely, false education, selfishness, pride, and general godlessness. Big-headed leadership has become dictatorship, resulting in bondage; promised prosperity has become bankruptcy; power so-called has become weakness and helplessness; coated culture is revealed as ignorant of the fundamental principles of real life and these shining serpents have brought us to the end of the trail to face gloom and doom.

Yet the author does not leave us in hopeless despair but brings us to the truth in Christ and God and the Bible as "The Way" back to security and salvation. We must give ourselves back to the church, the trustee of the truth, and stand for, fight for, and die for the cause of righteousness and in doing this we shall find life, real and eternal. I quote a few sentences from this book of books: "Science has taken the poison out of the liver and put it in the soul"; "Men have acted as if they were gods and have thus become demoniac and self-destroyers"; and another, "The question is, shall we live under God or play God?" The author reminds us that "God is love" and justice and by repenting, returning to, and enthroning this law we shall find life and, refusing, we shall meet destruction.

Finally we are told that the acceptance of God and his Christ and obedience to his truth is eternal life, is living in God, is entrance into the kingdom of God, which exists today imperfectly but is still to come in completeness. Our sure and only hope in a crazy, cringing world, and a sin-sick age will be found in returning to God.

Read this book and meditate upon its message and you will find that the fixed star is still fixed and will not fail us.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Robert E. Naylor, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Arkadelphia, Arkansas, and Rev. Ira Dance, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Etowah, Tennessee.

PEACE

America Is Worth Saving

By Theodore Dreiser. Modern Age, 1941, \$2.50

Reviewed by Rev. H. G. Hammett, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waynesville, North Carolina.

AUTHOR: Novelist, playwright, propagandist. Other books: *An American Tragedy*, *The Genius*, and others.

Look out "war-mongers," "propagandists," and the rest of us! Theodore Dreiser, the George Bernard Shaw of America, is on the warpath! When this eminent novelist and writer wants to attack some real or fancied wrong or champion some unpopular cause he writes a polemic unmistakably "Dreiseristic." Such a book is this one.

In this book Dreiser denounces the speed of America in entering the war without clarifying the reasons for doing so. He insists that a democracy has a right to know all the facts involved in this national issue. The body of his argument contrasts peace, democracy, and the inevitable effects of war. He takes sharp issue with England's vaunted democracy and draws his distinction between the democracy of America and England. The author then concludes with a challenging appeal that his fellow Americans remember the great principles of the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. These principles are not to be sacrificed for partisan passions but are our guides to the real, free, and happy America. He then suggests that this true democracy must be practiced in local politics where we live.

This book deserves careful reading by thinking Americans, no matter what the partisan feelings. The chapters, "Practical Reasons for Keeping Out of War," "What Is Democracy?" and "What Should Be the Objectives of the American People?" are especially thought-provoking. Though we may not agree with the author in all his argument, or mode of expression, there is still food for thought in this book. The author's knowledge of world conditions and his prestige in literary circles lend weight to this treatment of this critical national issue as to America's attitude and participation in this holocaust. In spite of frequent stabs at Christianity Baptists can at least rejoice in the author's affirmation of their long-fought cardinal principles of freedom of worship, freedom of speech, and other like human rights. For the man who can discriminate, this book will prove stimulating. All others had better leave it alone.

Other Reviewers: Rev. A. W. Luper, Pastor, First Baptist Church of Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Herman T. Stevens, Pastor, Newport News Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia.

PRAYER

How to Find Health Through Prayer

By Glenn Clark. Harper, 1940, \$1.50

Reviewed by Rev. J. S. Compere, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hayti, Missouri.

AUTHOR: Professor of English, Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota. Other books: *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*, and *The Soul's Sincere Desire*.

The author discusses "How to Find Health," and his fundamental principle is that the condition of the body is determined by one's thought, including in the meaning of the word "thought" all mental and spiritual states. Sickness is caused by wrong thoughts, such as anger, fear, worry, and greed. We can get rid of it by substituting for these wrong thoughts the corresponding right thoughts, such as love, faith, peace, and joy. This can be done, however, only by coming into right relation with God and putting the whole thing in his hands and leaving it there with perfect confidence that he will dispose of it in the very best way possible.

A considerable list of diseases is given, along with the wrong thoughts that produce each one, and then a similar list with suggested right thoughts that must be cultivated to get rid of each disease.

A rather fine-spun line of distinction is drawn between *fact* and *reality*. Disease is a fact, but not a reality. The author speaks of "Christ's knowledge of the unreality of sickness." In casting out a demon, Jesus "ascribed no reality to the spirit whatsoever," and demons are "indeed, empty of reality." In the main, as stated in this book, the prayer through which health is to be found is prayer that is offered by someone else for the sick.

The author says a good many really fine things about prayer, and how to prevail in prayer. In a good part of the book the style is fascinating and makes the reading easy. I would say that it has value for those who are thoroughly grounded in the faith and are familiar with what the Bible teaches about prayer. I could not advise others to read it.

(Other reviewer: "The book smacks a little of Christian Science, and, occasionally, may lean a bit toward Buchmanism, but on the whole it is a good book.")

Other Reviewers: Rev. W. P. Reeves, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sheffield, Alabama, and Rev. H. Lee Scott, Farmville Baptist Church, Farmville, Virginia.

PREACHING

Preaching from the Bible

By Andrew W. Blackwood. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1941, \$2.00

Reviewed by Dr. I. E. Lee, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Du Quoin, Illinois.

AUTHOR: Professor of Homiletics, Princeton Theological Seminary, also lecturer on public worship at Westminster Choir College. Other books: *The Prophets—Elijah to Christ*, *Bible History—Genesis to Esther*, *The Fine Art of Preaching*, and others.

If we say our message is the Word of God and if, as Dr. Blackwood says, biblical preaching is the kind of preaching for which laymen are asking, then this book is of utmost importance to preachers. In fact the very title of the book is thought-provoking. The title shocked me a bit as there was the suggestion that maybe some of my preaching was not biblical, and I began to examine my own preaching.

As I read the first chapter where the author singles out cases worthy of note, I wanted to do more biblical preaching. I found satisfaction in reading his discussion on "The Present-Day Varieties" as I realized one could do strictly Bible preaching and yet the forms of one's preaching might be "as diverse as the stars." Topical, textual, biographical, and expository preaching may all be directly biblical. The author helps to create a desire on the part of the preacher to do this wholesome type of biblical preaching from week to week, and he actually tells him how, not by giving him a few sermons but by a thorough, suggestive discussion of the different types of preaching. Suggestive themes and how to grow sermons from them are presented in a most practical way. The use of a paragraph, a whole book, and Bible reading, as well as the right use of imagination are all helpfully discussed. Surely here is a book that every preacher should not only read but study. If one's knowledge of homiletics seems not quite complete, here are the finishing touches put most interestingly. It is an unusual book and bound to do much good.

Other Reviewers: Dr. C. E. Autrey, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Union City, Tennessee, and Rev. Luther Holcomb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Durant, Oklahoma.

PROPHECY

The Coming League and the Roman Dream

By Harry Rimmer. Eerdmans, 1941, 50c

Reviewed by Dr. E. C. Masden, Pastor, First Baptist Church, White Pine, Tennessee.

AUTHOR: Scientist, lecturer, preacher and evangelist; noted contender for accuracy of the Bible. Other books: *Harmony of Science and Scripture*, *The Coming War and the Rise of Russia*, *Modern Science and the Genesis Record*, *Internal Evidence of Inspiration*, and others.

Must the Roman Empire be revived? This is the chief concern of the author in this volume. He gives a negative answer to the above question, but in doing so he takes cognizance of the arguments to the contrary. The author confesses that for twenty years he also believed and taught that the Roman Empire would be restored in the last days of the age in which we live, but now he repudiates that belief, contending that such a theory is based on human deductions and is not from the Bible itself.

The following line of argument is followed by the author. First, Dr. Rimmer states that a careful study of Daniel shows that there are no grounds for holding to the belief of the revival of the Roman Empire. The author also contends that the Italians are historically, culturally, and psychologically unsuited to fulfil the prophecy of Daniel. Second, England is not the "Tarshish" of the Bible. Third, Daniel does have some definite things to say concerning the final form of human government on the earth. There will be an alliance of ten nations, forming *The Coming League*, which in turn will be superseded by a super-dictator who will control all phases of human life. At the peak of his reign, when the whole world is deathly sick of this super-dictator's misrule, the Lord Jesus Christ shall return.

The reader may not agree in every detail with the author, but I believe that he will agree that Dr. Rimmer is honest and sincere in his desire to be a faithful interpreter of God's Word.

Other Reviewers: Rev. H. P. Amos, Pastor, Acipco Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and Dr. William McMurry, Pastor, Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Prophetic Questions Answered

By Keith L. Brooks. Zondervan, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Chase W. Jennings, Pastor, East Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

AUTHOR: President of the American Prophetic League, Inc., and editor of *The Prophecy Monthly*. Other books: *Prophecy and the Tottering Nations*, and *Prophetic Research Course*.

This book has the gift of answering the spectacular in the unspectacular way. For those who have not done much work on prophecy this little book will start you thinking along a line that is all too much neglected among many.

The sixty-one prominent questions presented by the author are dealt with in a brief, concise, and unextended manner. No one question covers more than four pages. Abundant Scriptures are used and whether you agree with the application made with some it will put you on your mettle to prove that your position is better. There are few complex statements and no attempt is made to set forth long proofs. The frank and easy style of the author leads you to be tempted to follow his conclusions.

Two questions of interest are: "General signs of the end of the Age." This is listed under three heads, using both Old and New Testament Scriptures. The divisions are International and Religious Conditions and then the Climax. This is an interesting array that is thought-provoking. The other question states, "No Bible-taught Christian wants to come under the rod that is certain to fall upon those who persecute the Jews." There are many Scriptures quoted from Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Revelation.

The book is the result of many questions submitted to the American Prophetic League, Inc., and answered by its president. The League was organized April 4, 1938, for the purpose of disseminating sane literature dealing with present world events and the fulfillment of prophecy. They propose to give "more intelligent premillennial witness."

(Other reviewer: "The book doubtless will prove interesting to those who have a special interest in the subject. To most readers, however, it will seem far-fetched and unconvincing.")

Other Reviewers: Rev. William W. Leathers, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Conway, South Carolina, and Rev. Roy L. Johnson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winnsboro, Texas.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Effective Public Reading

By Henry E. Ashmun. Prentice-Hall, 1940, \$1.50

Reviewed by Dr. John A. Davison, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama.

This is a handbook written especially for salesmen, students of public speaking, radio announcers, ministers, and lawyers. Rightly used it can be a very helpful book. It deals with such questions as "How to Win Attention," "The Development of Poise in Public Speaking," "The Proper Use of the Voice," and "The Cultivation of Diction as an Effective Means for the Transmission of Ideas." It has valuable suggestions to make as to the effective presentation of the contents of a speech or address through voice inflection and emphasis. It is well for every preacher to have this book on his table.

However, when all the valuable suggestions which have ever been made about public speaking are in hand, it is well to bear in mind Dr. Faustus' advice to one of his students in Goethe's immortal play. He was asked by a student for instruction in the fine art of public speaking. The substance of his answer was, "Get a message and let it burn its way into your heart and you will not want for words and sentences with which to express it, nor for eloquence in its delivery."

Other Reviewers: Rev. C. Roy Angell, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, and Rev. J. Allan Easley, Professor, Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

The Encyclopedia of Creative Thought

Edited by Martha Lupton. Maxwell Droke, 1941, \$5.00

Reviewed by Dr. W. E. Waterhouse, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama.

Here are seven books, bound into one volume, presenting a course in speaking and writing. Over half of the volume is given to quotations taken from sources from Sen-

eca to Bernard Shaw. Under most of the subjects there is given a list of synonyms, antonyms, and apothegms. Its value over other books of quotations lies in the number of quotations from modern sources. The remainder of the volume is suggestive of the textbook. The authors use the conversational style in presenting their ideas, leaving the impression that they are talking with the reader.

There are sections on "public talking," conversation, vocabulary building, and word tools that have helpful suggestions to even experienced speakers in their freshness and modern applications. Especially timely are the chapters on speaking and writing for the radio. The last section of the volume has a number of suggestive speech outlines.

This book will be most helpful to those who have had no training in public speaking, but who may be called on in civic clubs, women's meetings, and other such occasions as now are calling for talks. For those who have dreamed of writing for publication there is included a section on "How to Write."

(Other reviewer: "The book hardly justifies the weight and implication of the title. It is not as well made as a volume should be that gives such large space to quotations and will be used for reference.")

Other Reviewers: Rev. T. W. Lamkin, Pastor, South Jefferson Baptist Church, Valley Station, Kentucky, and Rev. Phillip J. McLean, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Abbeville, South Carolina.

SERMONS

Christ's Marching Orders

By B. H. Carroll, edited by J. B. Cranfill.
Helms, 1941, \$1.50

Reviewed by Rev. Thomas E. Swearingen, Pastor, Oakdale Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama.

AUTHOR: For thirty years pastor, First Baptist Church, Waco, Texas; founder and first president, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas. Other books: *Jesus the Christ*, *The Holy Spirit*, *Christ and His Church*, and others.

A book of sermons! But not "just another book of sermons." This one is unique and in a class to itself. Though delivered some forty years ago, these messages are well suited to our own day. They are well outlined, the themes are thoroughly developed, and the subject matter is easily followed. Though the well might be deep, Dr. Carroll seems to draw out every drop of truth. He gives abundant reasons for all he says. Nothing is left to conjecture. He contemplates every conceivable objection and has ready a plausible answer for each one. Any apparent repetitions are for the sake of unity and coherence. The author is thoroughly conversant with history, both biblical and secular, and the themes are well illustrated with events from these sources.

These pages present the warm heart of one intensely indued with the Holy Spirit who has given himself wholeheartedly to prayer, in which he unstaggeringly believed. The Triune God is highly exalted and the Bible is given its rightful place.

The author waxes eloquent in presenting unanswerable arguments in behalf of missions in four messages. Through these, men were informed of mission conditions, inspired to think seriously about these conditions, and stimulated to give liberally for the kingdom of God causes. Three sermons are especially devoted to the discussion of stewardship and the subject is indirectly treated elsewhere. Responsibility is squarely placed upon every Christian to be a faithful steward. The ordinances, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are faithfully presented in the chapter, "The Joy of Following Christ." The two final chapters are warm, evangelistic sermons. Sinners are shown clearly their lost condition, warned of their imminent and impending doom, and challenged to accept Christ immediately as their personal Saviour.

Other Reviewers: Rev. D. Kelly Barnett, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Central City, Kentucky, and Rev. Virgil M. Gardner, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lafayette, Alabama.

Nature Sermons

By Fred Hartley Wight. Zondervan, 1940, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Paul G. Horner, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg, Kentucky.

AUTHOR: Bible Teacher, Conference Speaker for the Biblical Research Society, Los Angeles, California.

These ten sermons are an interesting revelation of the goodness and greatness of God in nature. It is refreshing to have pointed out to one who yearns for a personal God as revealed in the Bible, to find such a one so captivately clear in the "work of Thy hands" as these sermons reflect. The author's approach is simple yet unique. He looks upon the things of nature in the light of the Bible, and he finds a lesson peculiar to the spiritual needs of man from the "fragrance of the flowers" to the "benefits from desert experiences."

The language of these sermons is concise and clear. The author does not elaborate very much but keeps new thoughts before his reader in rapid-fire order. Each sermon is replete with poetry, some being his own compositions as well as many famous gems of the "singing pen." Many illustrations likewise abound which show the author's first-hand study of nature both from a general and scientific standpoint.

In our day of mechanization of men and materials I believe that every pastor would do well to divert his people at times to the peaceful beauty and wonderment of the divine stamp on the objects of nature. In this pursuit this book will be able to assist one most favorably.

Other Reviewers: Rev. T. C. Meador, Pastor, Orinda Baptist Church, Orinda, Tennessee, and Rev. B. M. Jackson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Enid, Oklahoma.

The Overcoming Christ

By Karl H. Moore. Zondervan, 1940, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. George R. Wilson, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona.

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brownwood, Texas.

This is a series of sermons on the Gospel of John. The author does not attempt any detailed exegesis of the book, but rather gives a running account of the life of our Lord as presented by the beloved disciple. He is portrayed as "The World Illuminating Christ, The Friend of Sinners, The Comforter of the Sorrowing, The Living Lord of the Redeemed." "The Christ of Comfort and Promise" is perhaps the best chapter in the book. The author has interspersed an abundance of quotable poetry gathered from various sources which will prove both helpful and inspiring. It is amply illustrated by many helpful and timely experiences growing out of the writer's ministry of more than twenty-five years.

Other Reviewers: Dr. J. O. Williams, Business Manager, Baptist Sunday School Board, and Dr. E. L. Watson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

The Parable of the Empty Soul

Edited by Paul Zeller Strodach. United Lutheran, 1941, \$1.75

Reviewed by Rev. Edward L. Byrd, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Holly Springs, Mississippi.

The sermons of this volume, written by outstanding preachers of the United Lutheran Church, are designed for the special days during the pre-Lenten and Lenten season and the days of Holy Week. Baptists are not familiar with the names of these special days. If one gets beyond the Index and into the message of each sermon, he will find some very profitable reading. He will discover intimations of a theology with which he does not have to agree, and will observe signs of a ritualism that he does not practice. But one cannot read these sermons without being forced to see anew the meaning, the tragedy, and at once the victory of the cross of Christ. The language is graphic. The many fresh thoughts will certainly provoke thought. The three series of meditations on the "Seven Words from the Cross," each series by a different author, is absolutely worth the price of the volume. Other sermons are also worthy of special note.

The authors of this book have given Christ the pre-eminence in these messages, and have given correct interpretation to the deep meaning of his cross.

Since Baptists do not make much ado over special seasons, the message of these sermons is worthy of being preached at any and all seasons of the year.

Perhaps it would prove altogether profitable for us to keep up with what the leading minds of other denominations are thinking and preaching.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. P. Allen, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Newport, Tennessee, and Rev. Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Pastor, South Avondale Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Portraits of Jesus

By Mary Hurd. Association, 1940, \$1.75

Reviewed by Rev. B. R. Justice, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama.

AUTHOR: Pastor of a rural church in Maine. Graduate of Wells College and Union Theological Seminary with high honors. Engaged actively in organizations for peace and social justice. Died at the age of twenty-eight.

These sermons are presented just as they were delivered to the people of the author's small parish. They were not written for publication.

The first six sermons are portraits of Jesus taken from the presentation of Mark, Matthew, Luke, John, James, and Paul, as the Doer, the Teacher, the Friend of all, the Eternal Light, Comrade Jesus, and the Victor over death. The last four sermons cover various subjects. "We Are Not Divided" is an appeal to youth and age to understand and help each other. "Why Worship?" is a treatment of the meaning and value of worship. "Do We Want a Christian America?" treats of Christian patriotism and its cost. "The Army of No Retreat" pleads the cause of love and peace and shows the attitude of mind and heart that will make war impossible.

There is much in this stimulating book which we can commend. One will read it for what it is worth without accepting many of its conclusions. In spite of the reverent spirit of the author, we must reject much of her views, as for example, her rejection of the virgin birth and the miracle of raising from the dead. One wonders why the writer had difficulty in accepting these truths along with her apparent acceptance of Christ as the Son of God and the Risen Lord. Her sermons on "socialism" will have to be read with respect for a youthful crusader for social righteousness, but allowance must be made for statements which require modification.

Other Reviewers: Rev. B. R. Justice, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Enterprise, Alabama, and Dr. B. V. Ferguson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Questions Jesus Answered

By William Ward Ayer. Zondervan, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Ira Harrison, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Snyder, Texas.

AUTHOR: Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, New York City. Other books: *Seven Saved Sinners*, *These Men Live*, and *God's World of Tomorrow*.

This is an able discussion on many of the great questions in the Bible. The author gives the occasion for the questions asked and with the Bible answers them. The volume has ten chapters and each is full of new thought. The author has a unique way in his presentation. He magnifies Jesus in these sermons.

Other Reviewers: Rev. A. B. Hawkes, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Thomaston, Georgia, and Rev. W. F. Kendall, Pastor, Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Kentucky.

The Strong Name

By James S. Stewart. Scribner's, 1941, \$2.00

Reviewed by Dr. Lloyd T. Householder, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Tennessee.

AUTHOR: Pastor, North Morningside Church, Edinburgh, Scotland. Other books: *The Gates of New Life*, and *A Man in Christ*.

This volume is composed of twenty-four intensely interesting sermons, taking its title from the last sermon in the book.

Too much cannot be said about this splendid volume of sermons fresh from the pen of this noted Scotch preacher. It is at once inspiring and thought-provoking. It is written in a very scholarly, yet simple, manner. The sermons are filled with that which any reader would expect to find in this kind of preaching. One discovers evidences of ripe scholarship, familiarity with the Scriptures, wide knowledge of literature and history, and many other branches of learning. Fine reasoning and logical conclusions are very much in evidence. In addition to these things, there is found also the warm heart-throb of the preacher, indicating a vital contact with him whom he seeks to exalt and to honor in these fine sermons.

Most of the sermons have been prepared during the past eighteen months, and it is easy to discover that the trying conditions under which the author and his people have been living, have influenced his writing. They reveal the faith of the writer, and point definitely to the Lord as the one who is able to bring victory to his people if their trust is in him. The sermon on the subject, "The Triumphant Adequacy of Christ," is but an example of his effort to show that Christ is superior to all others, and his followers must believe this in order to understand how adequate he is in the face of every emergency.

This is indeed a timely volume of sermons. It will inspire the hearts of those who read it, and will furnish many suggestions to preachers in connection with their preaching. It is a notable contribution to sermonic literature, and deserves wide reading. Most any sermon in the volume is worth the price of the book.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Guy N. Atkinson, Pastor, Cartersville, Georgia, and Rev. D. B. Lloyd, Jacksonville, Texas.

Windows That Let in the Light

By Dallas C. Baer. Zondervan, 1940, \$1.00

Reviewed by Dr. Roy R. McCulloch, Pastor, Clayton Baptist Church, Clayton, North Carolina.

AUTHOR: Minister, Trinity Lutheran Church, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania.

This is a book of brief sermons on certain parables. It is of commanding interest, enabling the reader to see the truth through the parables, as the title of the book indicates. The author's style is simple and direct. He makes use of mature, comprehensive, and accurate scholarship, and his insight is keen. He neither "reads into" the parables nor gives fanciful interpretation. Rather with quietness and ease he removes the shutters and lets the reader see the truth through these beautiful Christ-made "windows." The book is valuable for the excellent sermon composition, its messages of truth, and its splendid help in the study of the parables, and in sermon preparation. The author has, and preaches, a positive faith in the living, divine Christ.

Other Reviewers: Dr. J. Maurice Trimmer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, and Rev. G. G. Graber, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Franklin, Kentucky.

STEWARDSHIP

Christian Ownership

By Charles A. Maddry. Broadman, 1940, 65c

Reviewed by Rev. R. Carrington Paulette, Pastor, Fulton Avenue Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

AUTHOR: Pastor, Leigh Street Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

A brief and very refreshing presentation of Christian stewardship is found here. The little book was written primarily for our Baptist college students, and it appeals to active minds. Questions at the end of each chapter make it more valuable for study. The analysis is concise and clear, the conclusions, logical and plain, the applications, concrete and helpful. It will be as good for our deacons and finance boards as for our students.

The position taken is the sound one of God's complete ownership of all the things of life, with the Christian as mere possessor or steward. Dr. Maddry's presentation is strongest from the individual standpoint, but he gives equal attention to church finances and international economics. He clearly shows that the practice of Christian ownership is of the utmost importance. His last chapter, dealing with the earning, giving, and spending of money, and with the responsibility to win others to the practice of Christian ownership, is especially fine.

The last paragraph is unfortunate. It insults the reader's mentality by pointing the moral which is surely clear enough, but even with this fault, the book is a worthy addition to the Christian's personal library.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. Paul Carleton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vandalia, Illinois, and Rev. William A. Carlton, Pastor, Duncan Baptist Church, Duncan, Oklahoma.

More Stewardship Stories

By Guy L. Morrill. Harper, 1941. 50c

Reviewed by Rev. H. H. Boston, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Guthrie, Oklahoma.

AUTHOR: Other books: *Laughing Stewardship Through, You and Yours*, and others.

This volume of stewardship stories is one of the best. They are well written and arranged to include the whole range of stewardship, based upon the Scripture, illustrated by a story, and clinched by a hymn. The author has presented the old story of stewardship in a unique, attractive, and inspiring way.

A greater conception of this great Bible doctrine is given to us. Teachers, superintendents, and all religious workers should have a copy and use these stories frequently for the young and adults.

Other Reviewers: Rev. L. O. Griffith, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Whitesburg, Kentucky, and Rev. H. J. Huey, Pastor, Milan Baptist Church, Milan, Tennessee.

SURVEYS, STATISTICS

My Country 'Tis of Thee

By Lucy Sprague Mitchell, Eleanor Bowman, Mary Phelps. Macmillan, 1940. \$3.50

Reviewed by Rev. J. H. Street, Pastor, Durant Baptist Church, Durant, Mississippi.

This rather large book seems devoted to such a discussion of our natural resources as will finally induce the reader to be willing to let the national government direct in planning for controlled use, preservation, and development of the materials that form the basic needs of our society. The book makes a study from a very warm, human-interest point of view of coal, soil, and oil. Many of the difficulties of modern life are laid to the mismanagement and non-management of these resources. The discovery, use, misuse, and waste of these resources are reviewed.

The burden of the authors' arguments seems to be that we can no longer follow the pathways of the pioneers, but that we must now frame through government direction, a plan for the long-range control, development and use of all natural resources.

A special point is made of the treatment by the writers of their material whereby the emotional element is always interwoven with the factual material. It seems that the authors feel that our hearts must be warmed before we will be willing to turn from our old paths of rugged individualism and let the government have the hand it must have to save us from further grief in the direction of waste, misuse, and selfish exploitation of our resources.

Other Reviewer: Rev. W. Stuart Rule, Pastor, Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

THEOLOGY

Christ Is God

By Archibald Rutledge. Revell, 1941. 75c

Reviewed by Rev. H. A. Selves, Pastor, Cedar Creek Baptist Church, Buechel, Kentucky.

AUTHOR: Teacher and naturalist. Other books: *Life's Extras*; and *It Will Be Daybreak Soon*.

A book of seven chapters written by a layman who has implicit faith, complete and reasoned confidence in the deity of Jesus Christ.

"Little messengers bringing great news" is typical of the interesting way the author has of writing his evidence of the fact that "Christ is God." The plain evidence shows that there is something in Christ very different from every other person in human history, and, therefore, one not only has the right to presume but is by reason compelled to admit that he was more than human. From the New Testament narratives, illustrations are presented to show that Christ had more than just a natural effect upon individuals; he is God in each instance.

The book is written in a pleasing style; is intended both to confirm the believer, and to convince the unbeliever of the divine character of Christ.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John F. Measells, Pastor, Amory Baptist Church, Amory, Mississippi, and Rev. Wirt L. Davis, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Darlington, South Carolina.

The Meaning of Revelation

By H. Richard Niebuhr. Macmillan, 1941. \$2.00

Reviewed by Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

AUTHOR: Associate Professor of Christian Ethics, Divinity School of Yale University.

This is not a book for easy reading but it is extremely worth-while for any one who wishes to plough deep and discover the roots of modern Christian thought. The author gives to us in the book a general substance of the Nathaneal W. Taylor lectures given in the Divinity School of Yale University in April, 1940.

Dr. Niebuhr presents the theory of progressive revelation from the standpoint of confessional Christianity basing his theology on three convictions—that man is justified by grace, that God is sovereign, and that there is an eternal life. In a brilliant survey of the historical method of Christian faith, he discusses historic and religious relativism and sums his discussion up in these words, "Christian Theology must begin today with revelation because it knows that men cannot think about God save as historical communal beings and save as believers."

The author states, "Revelation means for us that part of our inner history which illuminates the rest of it and which is itself intelligible." Affirming that we believe in a personal God who does reveal himself to men, Dr. Niebuhr stresses the fact that we ourselves as individuals in the stream of history have a very real part to play in a meaningful revelation. True revelation calls us to a greater faith in which revelation and reason both have a part. "Without knowledge, reason is limited and guided into error; without reason, revelation illuminates only itself." Once we have found a satisfying revelation, we begin a never-ending "Pilgrim's Progress." "When we speak of revelation, we mean that something has happened to us in our history which conditions all our thinking and that through this happening, we are enabled to apprehend what we are, what we are suffering and doing, and what our potentialities are." This Christian revelation, of course, finds the heart of its illumination for the believer in the revelation of God in Jesus Christ. From him all history takes a new meaning and from the apprehension of him, all of life obtains a new significance.

Not all will agree with the author's conception of revelation but every reader will be stimulated in his own thought as he seeks to find the significance of his faith in history.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Leslie S. Williams, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Barnesville, Georgia, and Dr. Horace G. Williams, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The Witness of His Enemies

By George R. Pettigrew. Zondervan, 1941, \$1.00

Reviewed by Dr. L. E. Martin, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Hopkinsville, Kentucky.

AUTHOR: Pastor, Saluda Baptist Church, Chappells, South Carolina.

The title indicates the nature of the contents of this book. The author is a student of both law and theology, holding degrees in both. In a masterly fashion, Dr. Pettigrew takes the "unwilling and unwitting" admissions of Christ's foes and uses them as testimony against themselves and their position, and as evidence in favor of "Christ and His exalted claims and mission." Along with this, and sustaining it, he presents strong arguments from the uniqueness of the character and life of the God-man.

By a close analysis of the words and actions of Christ's enemies, the author vividly and forcefully reveals their fallacy and evil designs. Throughout the discussion both comparison and contrast are made between those ancient critics and the liberals and rationalists of modern times.

The discussion is based upon two assumptions, (1) "The integrity of the New Testament as a record of truth," and, (2) "The openness of the reader's mind as a recipient of truth."

The clarity of thought, the accuracy of expression, and the forcefulness of argument to be found in this presentation make it, without question, one of the most salient weapons in defense of "the faith once delivered" to be found in modern literature.

Other Reviewers: Rev. James P. Daniel, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Maryland, and Rev. T. G. Nanney, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wewoka, Oklahoma.

WORSHIP

Form and Freedom in Worship

By Clarence Seidenspinner. Willett-Clark, 1941, \$2.00

Reviewed by Dr. William L. Ball, Pastor, Earle Street Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina.

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Methodist Church, Racine, Wisconsin. Writes for *The Christian Century Pulpit*.

When we reach the age of retirement, we become more or less reminiscent. The question is frequently raised: "If I had my life to live over again, what changes would I make?" After reading Dr. Seidenspinner's book that question would be answered in all probability by saying: "I would give more attention to worship." The average Protestant minister is so burdened with affairs of one sort or another that he fails to give proper attention to the art of worship. While there are a number of worth-while books on the subject, *Form and Freedom in Worship* will make a real contribution to the life and work of the busy pastor.

While the author of this timely and valuable book seeks to enrich worship, he does not fail to give due emphasis to prayer and preaching. He will make many a pastor wish that while he had insisted on "freedom" in worship, he might have given a little more time and place to the "form" of worship. There is a mass of fine material that should prove very helpful to ministers, choir directors, Sunday school teachers, and others who desire to enrich their programs of worship.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Ramsey Pollard, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, and Rev. L. B. Cobb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

YOUTH

Youth's Courtship Problems

By Alfred L. Murray. Zondervan, 1940, \$1.35

Reviewed by Rev. A. Warren Huyck, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Paducah, Kentucky.

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lausdale, Pennsylvania, Chairman of Committee on Evangelism in Pennsylvania Baptist Convention. Member of Committee on Evangelism on the Federal Council of Churches, The Evangelistic Congregation, The Supreme Test, Youth's Problems No. 1, and Psychology for Christian Teachers.

A healthy interest in the problems of our young people and an intimate contact with youth are revealed in this well-illustrated

book. Widely distributed among our young people and carefully read, it would contribute inestimably toward a more wholesome relationship between the sexes. Practically every problem that arises in the courtship life is here freely and frankly discussed. High-school and college young people are eager for just the help and counsel this versatile author has given us. The minister who desires to be a more sympathetic pastor to his young people should read these chapters. Parents of teen-age young people need to read these pages carefully. Dating, petting, the essence of popularity, and true love are discussed without prudery and without dogmatism. The chapters on etiquette, cigarettes and cocktails, and "When Parents Object" are particularly instructive. The book will accomplish much toward its purpose, as stated by the author, "to decrease post-marital separation by increasing pre-marital information."

Other Reviewers: Rev. C. E. Hereford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lubbock, Texas, and Rev. Frank W. Wood, Pastor, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The Son of Consolation

By J. G. Hughes. Broadman, 1941. \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. Howard Bennett, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vivian, Louisiana.

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