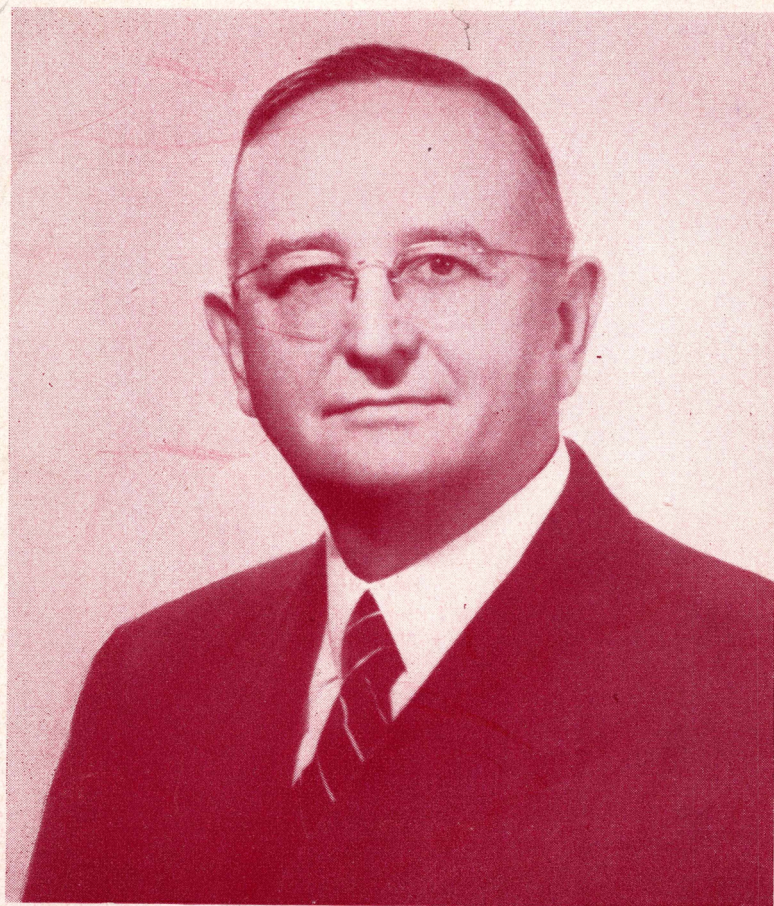


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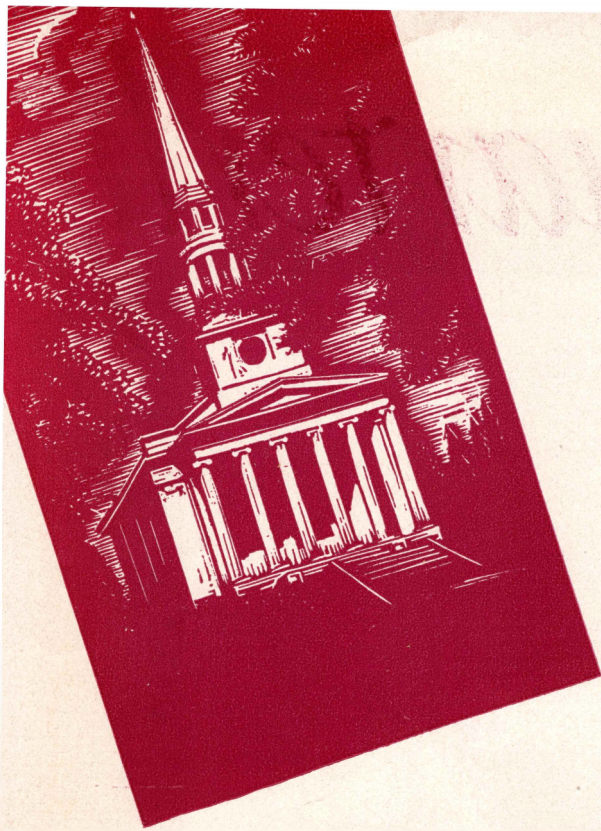
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For the first time in the recorded history of Southern Baptist churches, the number of full-time churches exceeded the number of quarter-time churches in 1945. The record of pastoral service on page 63 shows 9,399 churches having service each Sunday. There were 8,127 churches having preaching service one time a month, and 8,322 churches having services twice a month.

The record of pastoral service also shows that the average salary paid by a full-time church was \$2,124, a 25 per cent gain over the 1944 salary.

Southern Baptists are giving new emphasis to the Co-operative Program and Dr. Duke McCall presents a brief outline of Baptist strategy on page 7. You will want to refer to the Southern Baptist Convention Calendar many times during the year. You will find it on pages 3-6.

To build or not to build? That is the question many Southern Baptist churches are facing today. W. A. Harrell, secretary of the Church Architecture Department of the Sunday School Board, knows the answer to that question as well as any man in the South. We asked him to report his findings. You will find the answers he has found, starting on page 68.

More is being heard about the work of the Royal Ambassadors in Southern Baptist churches. Mr. J. I. Bishop, director for the work sponsored by the W.M.U., presents an outline of "R.A." activities, starting on page 36.

Usual features to be found in this issue are the sermon outlines by Dr. J. O. Williams and the book reviews submitted by Southern Baptist pastors. Several articles of interest were crowded out of this issue—but look for them next quarter.

The Editor

More than 500,000 divorces were obtained in the United States during 1945, according to an estimate released by the Census Bureau. This number represents a 102.4 per cent increase over the 1937-39 average. There were 1,618,331 marriages in 1945.

The cost to the United States for World War II, measured in dollars, is now estimated at \$335,-000,000,000. This amount nearly equals the prewar value of the entire national wealth. The national public debt is now \$297,000,000,-000.

**College enrolment in the United States has reached 1,800,000, almost twice the number enrolled a year ago. More than 800,000 of the students are war veterans.*

Average per capita income in the United States climbed from \$1,133 to \$1,150, according to the Department of Commerce. New York had the highest per capita income with \$1,595, and Mississippi had the lowest with \$556. The average per capita income in 1940 was \$575.

THE COVER

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The Southern Baptist Convention Calendar

CO-ORDINATED DENOMINATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR 1947

First Quarter

—PROGRAM MONTH

- (1) Co-operative Program Emphasis
- (2) Student Life-Enlistment Day, January 19
- (3) Church Schools of Missions
- (4) Southwide Simultaneous Associational Sunday School Meetings, January 21

January

—STEWARDSHIP MONTH

- (1) Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 2
- (2) Stewardship Sunday, February 9
- (3) Student Evangelistic Week, February 9-15
- (4) Y.W.A. Focus Week, February 9-15

February

- (1) Home Missions
- (2) W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering, March 3-7
- (3) Home and Foreign Mission Day in Sunday School and Offering, March 30
- (4) Training Union Study Courses

March

Second Quarter

April

- (1) Training Union Youth Week in the Churches,
April 6-13
- (2) Relief and Annuity Board (and Offering for the
Relief of Aged Ministers)
- (3) Christian Literature and Church Libraries
- (4) Sunday School Training Courses

May

- (1) Christian Home Week, May 4-11
- (2) Hospital Day on Mother's Day, May 11
- (3) Sunbeam Focus Week, May 11-17
- (4) W.M.U. Annual Meeting, May 4-6
- (5) Southern Baptist Convention, May 7-11

June

- (1) Vacation Bible Schools
- (2) Ridgecrest, State Assemblies, and Camps
- (3) Christian Education Day (preferably June 29)
- (4) Radio—The Baptist Hour

Third Quarter

- (1) New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary
- (2) Ridgecrest, State Assemblies, and Camps
- (3) Student Volunteer Summer Service
- (4) Baptist World Alliance, Copenhagen, July 29—August 3

July

- (1) Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
- (2) W.M.U. Young People's Organizations
- (3) Ridgecrest, State Assemblies, and Camps
- (4) G.A. Focus Week, August 10-16

August

- (1) Southern Baptist Theological Seminary
- (2) W.M.U. Training School
- (3) W.M.U. Season of Prayer for State Missions and Offering
- (4) Training Union Study Courses

September

Fourth Quarter

October

- (1) Student Join-the-Church Day (Sunday following college opening)
- (2) Layman's Day, October 12
- (3) State Mission Day in Sunday School and Offering, October 26
- (4) Sunday School Training Courses

November

- (1) Every-Member Canvass
- (2) Church Schools of Missions and Stewardship
- (3) State Papers and Missionary Magazines
- (4) R.A. Focus Week, November 9-15
- (5) Orphanage Day and Offering

December

- (1) Foreign Missions
- (2) W.M.U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, December 1-5
- (3) Southwide Simultaneous Associational Training Union Meetings, December 8
- (4) Every-Member Canvass (completed)
- (5) Student Night at Christmas, December 28

*At some time during the year, emphasize the service to all types of Southern Baptist work, at home and abroad, which the American Bible Society renders by supplying the Scriptures, without profit and often below cost, and explain its need for contributions from the churches.

SOUTHWIDE STRATEGY FOR 1947

By DUKE K. McCALL

The co-operative strategy for the Southern Baptist Convention for next year has been blueprinted. It was developed in conference between the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, the state secretaries, and the editors of the state papers. With the unanimous endorsement of this group of leaders it was adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami.

The D-Day for the attack upon a sin-cursed world under this strategy is the day of the every-member canvass in each local church. The strategy will unfold through the division of funds between the local church program and the Co-operative Program. It will gather momentum as each state convention determines what percentage of the receipts from the churches will be held in the states and what percentage will be sent on to Southwide objects. In the end each Southwide agency will undertake to achieve the objectives allotted to each agency.

Here is the greatest danger in the Southern Baptist use of the Co-operative Program. Co-operation of itself has no virtue. It is the purpose of the co-operation which gives value to this unity. Southern Baptist churches must not co-operate just in order to be known as co-operating people and pastors. Our co-operation is for the purpose of claiming the world for Jesus Christ. This conception gets rid of the designations, our money and your money, for it is all Christ's money, Christ's program, Christ's work.

Southern Baptists have only one unchanging characteristic. That is loyalty to an inspired word of God which controls our convictions and our conduct. The very genius of Baptists is flexibility and adaptability. As we enter this new era our program must be designed not for days of debt and financial difficulty, but for days of aggressive attack and expansion.

\$10,000,000 Goal

A Southwide goal of \$10,000,000, including both designated gifts and undesignated Co-operative Program contributions, has been adopted for 1947. This is almost double what was done in 1945 and will be at least one-fourth larger than 1946. To reach it will involve faithful stewardship on the part of the individual, a world visioned division of funds by the local churches, and full promotion and co-operation by the state conventions.

The first \$5,000,000 of undesignated on the following percentages: Foreign Missions, 46 per cent; Home Missions, 18 per cent; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5 per cent; Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, 5 per cent; New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, 5 per cent; W.M.U. Training School, 1 per cent; American Baptist Theological Seminary, 2 per cent; Relief and Annuity Board, 15 per cent*; Radio Committee, 1.9 per cent; Baptist Brotherhood, 1 per cent; Southern Baptist Hospital, 0.1 per cent.

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* Eight and one-third per cent is for the servicing of its old annuity contracts.

Each agency has been consulted and has indicated that these funds will be sufficient to take care of current operating needs. It should be noted that the 8 per cent preferred item heretofore taken out of Southwide funds has been dropped. According to the old division used since the Atlanta Convention of 1944, 8 cents out of each dollar were spent after which the percentage divisions were applied. For example, the Foreign Mission Board received 50 per cent of the 92 cents and therefore actually got 46 cents out of each Co-operative Program dollar. The 1947 percentage table makes it immediately apparent that the Foreign Mission Board will get 46 cents out of each dollar. This example could be applied to the other agencies.

Survey Is Made

In September of 1945 a number of survey committees made their reports to the Executive Committee. Some seven months had been spent in making a careful investigation of the needs of each Southern Baptist agency. The resulting report reflected not only what the head of each agency said his institution needed but what, in the judgment of an impartial committee, was actually required. This survey indicated that the long-range needs of the Southwide agencies would be approximately \$20,000,000.

The second \$5,000,000 of distributable Co-operative Program funds in 1947 is expected to provide a part of the long-range need as indicated by the survey. The amounts which each agency has indicated it needs to have in hand by the end of 1947 are as follows: Home Mission Board, \$500,000; Southern Seminary, \$967,000; Southwestern Seminary, \$829,000; New Orleans Seminary, \$829,000; American Seminary, \$75,000; Relief and Annuity Board, \$250,000; Radio Committee, \$50,000; Foreign Mission Board,* \$3,500,000.

Percentages Change

All distributable Co-operative Program receipts above the first \$5,000,000 will be divided on the ratio of these figures. The amounts are used instead of percentages be-

cause any agency which secures its full amount will cease to participate until all other agencies have had their needs met. An agency may reach its goal through designated gifts as well as through the distributable Co-operative Program receipts.

While the right of designation is recognized and respected, the practice, except in the instance of very large gifts, is discouraged. No effort is being made or will be made to discount the effect of a designation, however. The most equitable distribution will be achieved by using the Co-operative Program as outlined.

The leaders of each agency who know better than anyone else what is needed have provided the information on the basis of which the strategy for 1947 has been worked out. The strategy, however, must be transferred from the blueprint paper records to the personal efforts of Southern Baptists. Strategy must become Christian stewardship.

* To be raised in the 1946 special emergency campaign.

WORLD RELIEF OFFERING— Through November 7, 1946

*Alabama	\$ 215,737
*Arizona	6,560
*Arkansas	111,407
California	1,581
District of Columbia	16,593
*Florida	245,576
*Georgia	311,807
Illinois	48,882
*Kentucky	291,410
Louisiana	96,082
Maryland	25,734
Mississippi	132,298
Missouri	140,171
*New Mexico	37,894
North Carolina	389,398
Oklahoma	160,224
*South Carolina	277,458
Tennessee	222,893
*Texas	702,891
Virginia	275,641
Miscellaneous	42,215
Total	\$3,752,452

*Over goal.

The Co-operative Program, Our Major Interest

By WALTER M. GILMORE

The time has come when Southern Baptists should devote their major attention to the Baptist Co-operative Program, the principal source of supply for all mission agencies and institutions.

Due to unparalleled emergencies around the world, primarily as a result of the war, Southern Baptists have turned aside temporarily, and rightly so, to take care of the urgent needs of the starving multitudes. Now that these needs have been met, at least partially, we can get back on the main line of our denominational program and, with renewed interest and zeal, reinforce all missionary efforts through the Co-operative Program.

What Is the Co-operative Program?

The Co-operative Program is a simple plan Southern Baptists developed several years ago by which they give regular equitable, and adequate support to all agencies through which they are endeavoring to carry out the Great Commission. Up to the time of its adoption by the Southern Baptist Convention, the state conventions, associations, and churches, the support of all agencies was spasmodic, uncertain, and often inadequate.

Of course, the Co-operative Program has not cured all the denominational ills, but it is a vast improvement over the former methods of support for the agencies. No plan, however nearly perfect it may be, will work itself. The success of the Co-operative Program is measured by the fidelity of pastor and people in promoting and supporting the Bible doctrine of stewardship in its relationship to the whole denominational program.

How It Works

In order to get the best results, the individual church adopts a budget including its offerings for state, home and foreign mis-

sions, Christian education (Baptist schools, colleges, and seminaries), ministers relief and annuity, Baptist orphanage, Baptist hospital and other causes. This plan presupposes that adequate information will be furnished each member about all these agencies in advance of the Every-Member Canvass as well as continuous teaching on the great doctrine of Christian stewardship.

Each member is supposed to make a pledge as to the amount he will give to all these benevolent causes each week, to be divided according to a ratio adopted by his state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Then, as an act of worship, each member is expected to make his offering through his church each Lord's Day. The treasurer of the church forwards to the executive secretary of the state convention regularly each week or month the total amount given by all the members during the month for all benevolences.

The state mission secretary divides this amount between state causes and Southwide causes according to the proportion fixed by his state convention. The ideal division is 50-50. Several states divide on that basis. The state secretary sends the part belonging to the Southwide causes to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention in Nashville, Tennessee, where it is distributed each week to all the agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention according to the percentage fixed by the Convention.

Many churches prefer to use a single budget, including all local expenses of the church and all outside benevolences, and divide the whole on a percentage basis agreed upon by the church. If this plan is used, a worthy percentage should go to take care of great missionary, educational, and benevolent enterprises.

Schools of Missions

January is designated on the Calendar of Denominational Activities as the month to

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emphasize Schools of Missions. Actually, this is a year-round proposition. The alert pastor will be emphasizing missions in practically every sermon. The W.M.U., Sunday school, and Training Union leaders will constantly seek opportunities to enlist the interest of members in missions. After all is said and done, is not this the chief mission of the entire church organization? Christ established his church that it might make salvation known to every creature.

March, according to the Calendar, is devoted largely to missions, particularly Home Missions. The W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Home Missions, March 3-7, culminates in the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions, amounting to approximately a half million dollars annually. During the years of the staggering indebtedness of the Home Mission Board, and during the depression years, this special offering saved the day for the Board, enabling it to continue its work.

Another event of outstanding interest in March is Home and Foreign Mission Day in the Sunday school, March 30. The primary purpose of this day is to inform those in the Sunday school constituency about the vital mission of every individual Christian to make Christ known to the end of the earth. Since impression without expression produces depression, an opportunity is given to each member of the Sunday school to make a special offering to home and foreign missions on the basis of 38 per cent for home and 72 per cent for foreign missions. This is not only good training, but it yields thousands of dollars for missions each year that otherwise would not be received.

Simultaneous Sunday School Meetings

Tuesday, January 21, 1947, will go down in the history of Baptist Sunday school work as a most significant day. On that day, there will be held at some central point in each of the 923 district associations throughout the Southern Baptist Convention a special Sunday school planning meeting. This meeting will serve as a "kick-off" for the year. A team of workers from the state and Southwide Sunday school organizations will be on hand to assist in the planning of an association-wide campaign during the first two weeks in

February, reaching each individual church with a definite plan of promoting the best methods of Sunday school work during 1947.

Baptist World Alliance Sunday

In view of the recent world upheaval, peculiar interest is felt in the Baptist World Alliance of which Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, London, England, is president. Through its secretary, Dr. W. O. Lewis, Washington, D. C., announcement has been made of the forthcoming session of the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 29-August 3, 1947. This will be the seventh session of the Congress.

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, an honorary secretary of the Congress, recently visited President Rushbrooke, on his way home from his trip to Russia, to perfect plans for the Congress. It is expected that hundreds of messengers from the South will attend this meeting. At the last session of the Congress held in Atlanta in 1939, more than 50,000 messengers and visitors attended.

The theme of the coming session of the Congress will be "The World Responsibility of Baptists," which may well be the theme for discussion on Baptist World Alliance Sunday, February 2. When the whole world is in a state of reconstruction, Baptists have a supreme opportunity and responsibility of introducing the Christian way of life, with democratic principles, religious freedom, and separation of church and state. These principles are sorely needed in the world today.

Stewardship Sunday, February 9

Stewardship encompasses the whole of life. Until the individual realizes that God is owner of everything, including himself and all his possessions, he will not recognize his responsibility to the Giver of every good and perfect gift. He will not feel that his life with all its potentialities and powers, as well as his possessions, is simply entrusted to him to be developed and used for the glory of God, and that one day he will be called upon to account for his stewardship. It is the pastor's supreme opportunity as well as duty to utilize this Sunday wisely and well.

"God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

"God so loved the world"

HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONS
MARCH 30

Presentation of this program requires very simple platform arrangement. A missionary is visiting a Student Forum of ten members. If it is desired to reduce the number of students, one person could take several parts.

9:30—OPENING WORSHIP—30 MINUTES

Song: "O Zion, Haste"

Prayer

Superintendent: This is Home and Foreign Missions Day in all Southern Baptist Sunday schools. In our program we see a group of students as they interview a missionary. The program will be presented at this time.

The Program

Chairman of Forum: We are happy to have with us a missionary. He has agreed to discuss any questions we care to raise about the missionary enterprise. The meeting is entirely informal and everyone should feel free to speak. I turn the meeting over to the missionary now.

Missionary: I am happy to be with you. As you know, I spent one term of six years on a foreign field. Providential circumstances

then made necessary my return to this country, and I am now happily doing the Lord's service on a home mission field. Please ask me any questions you may desire, either about foreign missions or about home missions, or about missions in general. Indeed the value of this meeting will depend largely on the questions you ask.

Law Student: Why do we send missionaries to people who already have their own religions? I have heard it suggested that we are interfering with the affairs of other people by so doing.

Missionary: The missionary enterprise rests upon the authority of Jesus Christ. He said: "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matt. 28:18-20). If we are disciples of Christ we must obey his command.

Science Student: Yes, but that command was given nearly two thousand years ago to Christ's immediate followers? Is it still binding on us?

Missionary: Jesus said, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matt. 24:35). This charge has never been carried through to completion. It is still just as valid for us as when it was spoken.

Engineering Student: It seems to me that one religion is about as good as another. We worship Christ, and they worship some other. What is the difference?

Missionary: Our Master said, "Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:16). The Bible clearly states, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

If you should visit the lands where non-Christian religions have long prevailed, or home mission fields in the South where superstitions and false beliefs abound, you would

see the utter inadequacy of these religions to meet the needs of human hearts. The task of the missionary, at home and abroad, is not simply to persuade men to abandon one set of ideas, ceremonies, and doctrines in order to adopt some other. It is rather to bring men to know Christ whom to know is life eternal. Only the living Christ, who is preached by our missionaries, is able to answer the needs of men.

Student of Journalism: Is it true that vast numbers of people are yet without knowledge of the gospel?

Missionary: After nearly two thousand years of Christian history vast multitudes are still in spiritual darkness. In Africa there is only one evangelical Christian out of every 44 people; in India, only one out of 175; in Japan, only one out of 400; in China, only one out of 700; and in the Mohammedan lands, only one Christian out of every 2,200.

In the Southland, too—even in what we call Christian America—less than half of the people profess Christ. Many right here in our own land have never even heard of Christ. Yes, there are some so neglected on home mission fields that they are without any knowledge of the gospel of salvation. This is especially true of the Indians, the Mexicans, the French, and other foreigners. On every home mission field the people look to the missionaries for the word of life.

Economics Student: How do you go about spreading the gospel of Christ on the mission field?

Missionary: First of all, we preach the gospel. This is the major task on every field, whether at home or abroad, whether among the Indians of Arizona or in the great cities of China. There are vast opportunities for preaching on the mission field today. In churches, chapels, and schools there is continuous opportunity for preaching Christ. Gospel tents are used to carry the message widely. The radio is coming into increasing importance.

Ministerial Student: Can a missionary

really do much good as a preacher? Would he not spend his time more wisely in training others?

Missionary: The work of training is of major importance. To this end we establish Bible schools, colleges, and seminaries. The work of these institutions is of the greatest value.

Ministerial Student: Pardon my asking another question, but will the people listen to and respond to a missionary? Does not the fact that he is a foreigner prevent his effectiveness?

Missionary: The people are very interested in hearing missionaries. Sometimes they are prompted by curiosity to listen but then are gripped by the truth of the message. On most of the mission fields of the world there is today a great welcome for missionaries from this land. On home mission fields Mexican, French, Indians, and other bilingual groups welcome sincere Anglo-missionaries who come in the name of Christ to give them the gospel.

Music Student: Is it possible to learn the language so as to preach with freedom?

Missionary: To be sure, the handling of the language is difficult. It takes hard study, patience, and the grace of God. Sometimes one grows discouraged, but he finds that in time he is able to speak with real power. On most home mission fields, the language used is English, since the people almost invariably speak both English and their native tongues.

Ministerial Student: Frankly, would it not be better for a man with a talent for preaching to stay in his own environment, rather than go to a mission field where because of language and cultural differences his talent might be wasted?

Missionary: There is no waste in the will of God. The preacher on a mission field will find opportunities which will challenge his best. The experiences of preaching Christ to those who have never heard is singularly sweet. Often a missionary will preach in the language of the people, sometimes he will

preach through an interpreter, or, especially on a home field, he may speak to those who understand English imperfectly. But always he will be happily surprised by the effectiveness of the preaching God enables him to do.

Student of Social Service: Do you simply spend all your time preaching, or do you do something about the physical suffering of the people?

Missionary: Physical distress calls out our best efforts. Such distress is always both a problem and an opportunity on a mission field, whether among the neglected groups in the South or in a foreign land. Just now, due to the after effects of the war, it presents an imperative need in foreign missions. Poverty, disease, homelessness, the distress of blind and afflicted, and the awful horrors of famine confront us. Hospitals and clinics are established; relief is distributed to the poor. To be sure, what we are able to do is inadequate, but it blesses many lives and opens many doors for the message of our Master. It is one of our most effective means of making known the love of Christ.

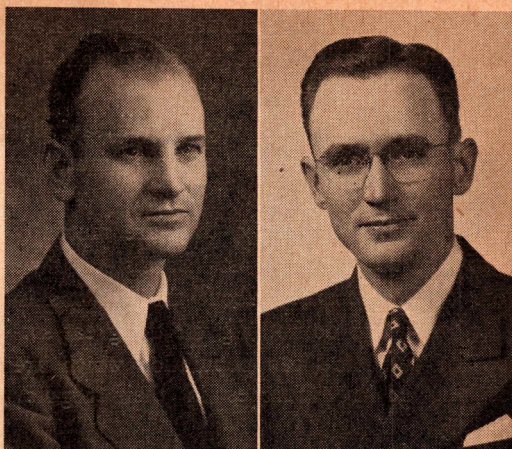
We recognize, to be sure, that man's deepest need is not met simply when he is fed, clothed, and restored to health. He must be led to God. It is, therefore, our duty to tell him of the Great Physician who can heal the soul even while we minister to his body.

Music Student: What is done on the mission field about education?

Missionary: Everywhere the gospel is preached we seek to bring the blessings of education. Schools of many kinds have been established. These schools lift the educational level of the Christian community, give training to Christian leaders, and provide many non-Christian students with opportunity to hear the message of Christ.

Student of Social Service: Does becoming a Christian make a real difference in the life of the people?

Missionary: Indeed it does. It brings the individual into the same experience with Jesus Christ as you and I know. Whatever



JOE W. BURTON and BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN

Dr. Joe Burton, Sunday School Board, and Dr. Baker James Cauthen, Foreign Mission Board, have prepared the missionary program presented.

Christ means in our lives, he means in their lives. They become new creatures in him. There is a consciousness of sins forgiven and aspiration to live nobly for their Lord.

As a consequence of new life in Christ, the person on the mission field seeks to improve the life all about him. Families and communities are transformed. Christians enter into places of leadership. They influence the whole life of their people. Nothing can so vitally transform a people as the planting of the gospel of Christ in their midst.

Law Student: Do the people on the mission field observe our treatment of minorities in America?

Missionary: This is most important, as you would know, in home missions, for our home mission work is largely with minorities. One of the most vital elements of support needed in home missions, therefore, is genuine Christian good will for these minorities expressed by our constituency. As much as we need missionaries to preach on these neglected mission fields in America, and as much as money is required to support them, perhaps the greatest need of all is a genuinely Christian friendliness on the part of the Baptist church members toward the very people to whom we send home missionaries.

This is also important in foreign missions.

Unfair treatment of minorities, racial prejudice, and unchristian attitudes in America are keenly felt on mission fields abroad and hinder the labor of the missionary.

Ministerial Student: Would you say that home and foreign missions are mutually helpful?

Missionary: Certainly, they are mutually helpful. It would be most inconsistent if we were to be concerned about the millions in other lands and do nothing for the great sections of our American population which are not reached by churches in their regular ministry.

Economics Student: What has been the influence of the war on missions?

Missionary: It has produced terrible suffering and loss. Buildings have been destroyed. Christians have been scattered. They have carried on their work for Christ in the face of greatest danger.

Suffering has caused the hearts of the people to become hungry for the gospel. Doors are open wide just now. If we do not enter these doors, the opportunity will pass away.

Because of widespread suffering Christianity is now on trial. While millions face starvation we are called in the name of Christ to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and care for the homeless. If we are indifferent in this hour of trial, the sincerity of our religion will be doubted.

The war has created a deep conviction that we must bring the world to Christ before peace can ever be made lasting. The hearts of men must be united in the love of God, else all efforts for world peace will be resting on foundations of sand.

Science Student: But I thought we already were doing enough.

Missionary: We thank God for all which has been done, but it is so very little. Do you know that it takes 10,000 Southern Baptists to send out one foreign missionary? We face this great day of opportunity with only 560 foreign missionaries to serve all the nations

of the earth. On home mission fields we have only 645 missionaries.

Music Student: I think Southern Baptists ought to send 10,000 missionaries right away.

Missionary: I agree with you that we ought to have that many missionaries, but let us face the facts. Just paying the salary of a missionary is not all that is required. We must pay his travel and other expenses. We must put money into the work he is doing. Altogether, we must consider that we can have only one foreign missionary for every \$4,000 in the budget.

On that basis, the Foreign Mission Board must have a dependable annual income of at least \$4,000,000 before we can have even 1,000 missionaries. In addition there must be reserve funds for emergencies and funds to provide buildings and other equipment.

Similarly the Home Mission Board, with less expenses for each missionary, would need at least \$2,000,000 annually for the support of 1,000 missionaries at home.

Ministerial Student: I think Southern Baptists should have at least 1,000 foreign missionaries and 1,000 home missionaries. A few years ago we were burdened by debt. It was hard even to pay the interest on our obligations. Now those debts are gone. Churches, conventions, schools, and Boards are free of debt. God has set us free. He has set before us an open door such as we have never faced. Only our own unwillingness or lack of vision can keep us from having a truly great worldwide witness in his name.

Law Student: If the missionary enterprise is such a big business, there is something for all of us to do. Supporting this cause by prayer and giving of money is of vital importance.

Missionary: I agree with you thoroughly. Many of us ought to go, but others should stay to provide the support. Whatever God wants, we must do. We must each find his place in the will of God. I would not say that you ought to go to the mission field, but I would urge you to ask God what he would

have you to do. Ask yourself, "Why shouldn't I go? If somebody ought to go, why should not I?" Go to the mission field only if God leads you. Stay here, only if God leads you. Rest not content until you have found the will of God for your life.

Medical Student: How may we find the will of God?

Missionary: God has many ways whereby he makes his will known to us. Usually, it is a deep impression fixing itself upon us that God would have us take a certain step. We hear of the needs. Our hearts reply, "We ought to go." When we read the Bible certain Scripture passages stand out to command our attention and point the way to duty. We pray, and the conviction grows upon us. We consider the providential leadership we have known, and find direction for our task. We look at the cross of our Lord and hear Jesus say, "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me" (Matt. 16:24). We come to feel that this is God's will for us and that we must lay hand to this task unless God blocks the way.

Chairman of Forum: Surely there is a place for each of us in the will of God. He may want some of us to serve as missionaries, others to become pastors, teachers, or engage in other forms of special service. Doubtless he would have each of us lay hand to his task regardless of what it might be because of a belief that God is leading us so to do. Every Christian ought to undertake his work, whether in business or profession, only because he has found in prayer the leadership of God.

There may be some present today whom God definitely is calling to give their lives as missionaries and they are now ready to accept that call. Let us pray that if God is saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" our hearts will reply, "Here am I; (Lord) send me" (Isa. 6:8).

We will be led in prayer by, after which we will sing.

Song: "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go"

(*Note.*—During the singing of this hymn opportunity may be given to those who would like to commit themselves to the task of missions or some other form of special service. They could do so by coming to the front and the pastor or superintendent would be there to receive them. Others may wish to dedicate themselves to find and to do the will of God in their lives regardless of what the Master may want them to do.)

Superintendent: An offering will be taken in each class today for home and foreign missions. Everyone will give as he is able and as his heart responds to the need.

Order free offering envelopes for Home and Foreign Missions Day in Sunday School from COMMITTEE ON DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Secure extra programs by ordering *The Sunday School Builder* for March (10 cents a copy), or *The Quarterly Review*, first quarter (at 25 cents each), from the Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Sixty-two Million Live In Southern Convention Area

More than sixty-two million people now live in the states where Baptist forces are co-operating with the Southern Baptist Convention. There are at least forty-one million of all ages and all races in this territory who need to be won to Jesus and his church. Approximately twenty-six million of these are white and ten years of age or above. There are twenty-eight cities in the Southern Baptist Convention territory with a population of 100,000 or more. There are 35 cities in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention with a population of 50,000 to 100,000. In the South, 38.8 per cent live in cities, and 61.2 per cent live in the rural sections.



This Church Divides Its Budget ...

40 for Self—60 for Missions

By C. E. BRYANT

The white population of Marianna, Arkansas, is about 2000. There are ten white churches. One of these churches, the First Baptist, has a resident membership of about 350.

Except for one fact there is nothing unusual about this Baptist church. But that one thing makes a lot of difference—the congregation gives 60 per cent of its income to the Co-operative Program. And where a church's money goes, one can believe its heart is there also.

Pastor W. F. Couch, who came to the church in the fall of 1943, is exceedingly modest about it all. He sums it up in one sentence: "We were just asked to start giving 60 per cent of our offerings to the Co-operative Program, and we did it, and that's all there is to it."

Never before January 1945 had the church given to missions in excess of 10 per cent of its income. It was continuing along with an average program and with complacent hearts. The resident membership was then 275.

Building Destroyed

The church's building was destroyed by fire in 1941. It took two years for the congregation, fighting wartime shortages of building materials, to complete a new structure costing \$50,000. Approximately \$15,000 was still owed when Couch became pastor.

It was in November 1944 that Pastor Couch and Deacon J. G. Willis, who had been build-

ing committee chairman as well as chairman of the board of deacons, urged the congregation to finish payment on its indebtedness. A victory day, the last Sunday in November, was set, the pastor appealed for gifts to clear the church of debt, and the members individually placed their money in a little model church building set before the pulpit. When all the gifts were in, there was enough to finish paying the building debt—and \$600 left over. The church instructed Treasurer Mabrey Oglesby to send the \$600 overage to the office of State Secretary B. L. Bridges in Little Rock, as an extra gift for the Co-operative Program, and voted the same day to begin January 1 giving 60 per cent of their offerings to the Co-operative Program.

The pastor's appeal (it was ninety-minutes long and stands as endorsement for the lengthy sermons of pioneer preachers!) for stronger support of the Co-operative Program that victory Sunday fell on ears prepared to hear. The people had learned of Baptists' mission program through the sermons of its pastor and through the pages of the *Arkansas Baptist*, and its own evangelistic program had warmed the hearts of church members for soul-winning. And the church increased, at Program contribution from 10 per cent to that one service, mind you, its Co-operative 60 per cent of its budget!

Last year (1945) the church sent \$8,555.83 to the undesignated Co-operative Program. Money spent on other mission causes shoved

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the 1945 total for missions above \$10,000. Gifts the first six months of 1946 are even larger than 1945, indicating the spirit of giving grows on the giver and stimulates even greater liberality. Pastor Couch has noted another evidence of unselfish pocket books: Not since the church adopted the present mission program has the congregation failed to reach its quota in special offerings. The church exceeded its goal of the special Centennial Thank offering in 1945 and also the Relief and Rehabilitation offering in 1946, and makes many special gifts to Christian causes.

Baptisms Increase

But the story goes down deeper than comparison of financial gifts. It is a matter of hearts also. There were seventy-seven additions by baptism in 1945, compared with

forty-four in 1944. State Secretary Bridges visited the Marianna church recently, and came back to the office to write the following commentary:

"Never was the Marianna church happier; never was it more convinced that a worldwide mission program must be liberally supported if the church expects to please its Lord.

"If you will study the program and achievements of the Marianna church and Pastor Couch, you will be convinced that if you take care of the Lord's causes he will take care of us at home.

"We challenge other pastors and churches to try this unselfish practice of dividing the budget between the work at home and the work away from home. The Lord challenges us saying, 'Try me and prove me.' God give us more and more churches that will not put



The First Baptist Church of Marianna, Arkansas, building pictured above, believes in missions. Sixty per cent of the budget goes to missions and 40 per cent for local work.

the brakes on when they appropriate for missions. Give more for missions. It pays."

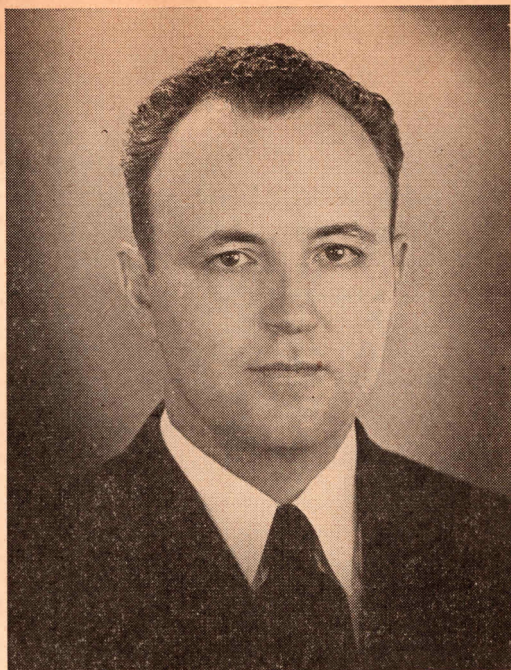
Pastor Couch is very grateful for the fine co-operation he receives from the board of deacons, of which J. G. Willis is chairman. Among many other fine members in this church is Mrs. P. R. Turner, widow of the late P. R. Turner who was for many years chairman of the board of deacons and superintendent of the Sunday school.

William Franklin Couch was born June 16, 1908, in Graysonia, Clark County, Arkansas, the son of John Andrew and Mary Thomasson Couch. His mother died when William was 5 years old, but the father's religious influence helped his son. Until he was 15 years old Couch's background was that of farming and sawmilling in Clark County, and his frequent references to "the hills of Clark County" bring smiles to his hearers. He has always been of the disposition to apply himself determinedly to the task at hand, and especially was this noted during early years in school. In an oratorical contest he found himself the rival of the talented son of the owner of the big sawmill, but to his delight Couch won.

When he was fifteen years old he was encouraged by his schoolteacher to make arrangements to enter Magnolia A. & M. College to further his education. With very meager funds he did so and worked his way through high school and junior college there. His leadership ability was quickly recognized by both faculty and students as he was placed in a number of responsible positions.

Worked as Salesman

After graduation in 1926 Couch entered upon a career as traveling salesman for a feed company with territory in Arkansas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. During college life he had shown little interest in church. However, while visiting in Magnolia during a Spring revival he was converted and joined Central Baptist Church April 14, 1931, at the age of twenty-two years. May 31, 1931, he married his sweetheart of college days, Miss Ruth McDaniel of Magnolia. The depression of the



William Franklin Couch is pastor of the Marianna church. He memorized nearly half of the New Testament while attending the Southern Seminary.

times soon was felt by this couple, but Couch's indomitable will saw him through three years as city salesman for feed, flour, and cookie concerns in Little Rock, Arkansas.

Soon after transferring his church membership to the First Baptist Church there (L. R.) his interest in church showed up considerably under the preaching of the late Arden P. Blaylock and Couch's teaching of a Sunday school class of Intermediate boys. The Sunday morning in July, 1933, that Couch made public his call to preach the gospel, three other young men did the same. Couch's statement was that he had felt God calling him to preach ever since one day when he was a lad of ten years, even though he was not a Christian.

He entered Ouachita Baptist College as a ministerial student in the fall of 1933 and was busily engaged in two revivals, schoolwork, and first pastoral work. During the Christmas holidays of that year Couch was ordained by First Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. He can count on both hands the number

of Sundays he hasn't preached somewhere during these past thirteen years. As those who know him express it: "He lives to PREACH, PREACH, PREACH!" During his last year at Ouachita, Couch was pastor of three half-time churches in the Ozark Mountains: Marshall, Leslie, and Clinton. With encouragement from the State Board he had held a revival meeting and organized the First Baptist Church in Clinton, county seat of Van Buren County. Even with such a heavy schedule Couch won the Peter Zeller's Greek Testament award with a grade point average of 98.4 his senior year.

Couch attended Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, and Southwestern Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Although unusually busy while in Seminary he memorized 40 per cent of the New Testament, identifying each verse and chapter, solely for his own knowledge and development. He traveled 500 miles every week end while in Southwestern to fill his pulpit in two Arkansas churches.

In the summer of 1936 he bought a tent and equipment and launched out on his own resources into evangelistic work for about a year and a half, with the Lord adding daily such as should be saved. The ingathering was sufficient evidence and reward for his labors. Some of the towns where revivals were held were Heber Springs, Batesville, Tuckerman, Hope, Bearden, Conway, Prescott, Marshall, and Nashville. In the fall of 1937 Couch accepted the call of the Bearden Church to be pastor. This first resident pastorate showed many gratifying results, one being that in this small town there were 400 people in Sunday school one morning at the Baptist Church and a splendid average was maintained.

Twin Sons Born

October 10, 1939, twin sons were born. They were named for their father and two of his Seminary professors—Dana Franklin and Kyle William—Dana for Dr. Dana and Kyle for Dr. Kyle M. Yates.

During his ministry at Marked Tree, Couch conducted a six-weeks tent revival there doing both the preaching and leading the singing. He led to Christ and baptized almost 130 people while there two years.

Couch's accomplishments have been marked by prayer. He states quite often that his faith is increased by prayer—he puts his trust not in visible circumstances but in the invisible God. The present missions program in his church at Marianna was preceded by much prayer on the part of the pastor who felt led of God to propose the 60 per cent missions to his congregation. He believes a church as well as an individual must be a good steward in handling God's money. Sayings that seem to guide him in his activities are such as: "Attempt great things for God, expect great from God"; "Find a way or make one"; "For a great door and effectual is opened to me, and there are many adversaries." As to personal characteristics Couch is energetic, determined, resourceful, reserved, sincere, humble before God, a lover of lost souls, and a forceful speaker. He loves to read religious books and takes occasional automobile rides for relaxation.

Public Opinion Control Concentrated by Papers

Control of public opinion through daily newspapers and radio is rapidly becoming concentrated in a smaller number, according to recent surveys.

In 1909, there were approximately 2,600 daily newspapers in the United States with a circulation of 24,200,000. By 1942, there were only 1,787 newspapers with a circulation of 43,000,000. By 1945, the number has decreased by 38, even though the circulation had climbed 5,000,000.

The survey also shows that 238 radio stations are directly controlled by newspaper publishers and 270 stations are indirectly controlled by publishers. There are 886 radio stations in the United States.

Mostly About People

Many times, the state Baptist conventions are mentioned in terms of budgets or promotion. A survey will show that the progress has been built around people, dedicated wholly to Christian service. The writers have been asked in their informal essays to center their thoughts "mostly about people."

Alabama

By L. L. GWALTNEY

The first Baptist church organized in Alabama, known as the Flint River Church, was founded in 1808 and was located in the northern part of the state. In 1810 the Bassett's Creek Church was organized in the southern part of the state. The Baptist people, largely immigrants from Virginia and South Carolina, came into the state rapidly, and the center of Baptist influence came to be Marion, Alabama. There, Judson College was founded and still stands. There, Howard College was founded, but many years after was transferred to Birmingham. There, the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention was first located. There, the State Executive Board was organized. And there the *Alabama Baptist* was published for many years.

In 1819 the territory known as Alabama was admitted to the Union as a state, and in 1823 the State Baptist Convention was founded at the Salem Church, a rural church in Hale County. The names of two men must be mentioned for one to get the faintest concept of Baptist beginnings and growth in Alabama. One was Rev. Hosea Holcomb, who came to Alabama from Edgefield, South

Carolina, and the other was an Alabamian by birth and rearing, namely, W. B. Crumpton.

Hosea Holcomb was present when the State Convention was organized, and from then on until his death in 1841 he was the most influential Baptist in the state. He wrote the first history of the Baptists of Alabama, which was published after his death. It was a running story of the organization of certain associations with mention made of the leading men of his day. Not many copies of his history exist and when found they sell for from \$15 to \$20 each.

Crumpton Was Leader

He and others laid the foundation upon which W. B. Crumpton builded so nobly more than a third of a century. Dr. Crumpton became the secretary of the State Sunday School and Mission Board in 1886 and held the position for thirty-three years. He gave his eventful life to organizing Baptist churches wherever he found a group of as many as seven people. It was his ambition while he lived to see a Baptist church in every county seat town in the state, and his ambition, in the Providence of God, was realized.

It has now come about that there are 2,455 Baptist churches in Alabama which have a membership of 434,844. (There are about as many Negro Baptists in the state as there are white.) All Baptist institutions in Alabama are now out of debt. Contributions to benevolent objects are constantly increasing. Last year there were 20,311 people baptized and the total contributions amounted to \$5,426,703.92.

Arizona

By WILLIS RAY

The Gambrell-Memorial Assembly of Arizona met in its twenty-first session, August 12. S. S. Bussell, educational secretary, was the only person present who had attended every one of the twenty-one sessions. He has pioneered in religious work in New Mexico and Arizona since 1917.

The First Southern Baptist Church of Arizona was instituted in 1921 under the leadership of C. M. Rock. This church now has a membership of 1,500, with C. Vaughan Rock, son of the senior Rock, observing his tenth year as pastor by baptizing 100 new converts into the membership.

Three deacons have recently been ordained by the First Baptist Church of Coolidge, Dr. J. N. Campbell, pastor. It was an unusual service, in that the sermon was preached at the 11 o'clock hour and the ordination completed in the afternoon. Dr. Campbell gave the candidates one of the stiffest examinations the writer has ever heard of and they passed with every evidence of being sound in the doctrine. Arizona Baptist churches are trying and proving men in a careful manner before they lay hands upon them as deacons.

The building of the \$78,000,000 Davis Dam, thirty-five miles from Kingman, has brought into existence Bull Head City, with 2,000 residents and no gospel preaching.

T. T. Reynolds, pastor of First Baptist Church, Kingman, led this new church, in a city of 6,000, to lead the state in per capita gifts to world relief by giving \$4 for each member.

Baptists have carried the gospel into another Mormon frontier in the mountains of Northeast Arizona. A one-time Texas Ranger, Joe Place, moved into this section of the state as a highway contractor four and a half years ago. This Methodist man and his wife, in their daily devotions, began asking God to send a gospel preacher to their community. God answered their prayers four and a half years later when Field Worker William Barclay of the Home Mission Board knocked at their door delivering gospel tracts. A church has been organized with twenty

members. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Place were the first candidates to be baptized into the fellowship of the new church.

Joe Place can pull his Bible as quickly as he used to pull his pistol and use it as effectively.

In the Fort Lowell section of Tucson, with a population of 4000, a family was so hungry for the gospel to be preached in their section of the city that they invited Field Worker E. M. Skinner to hold a revival in their unfinished five-room house, while they continued to live in their trailer home. Because of the faith and co-operation of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Crisp, a two weeks revival resulted in the organization of a church with twenty-eight members. The church continued to worship in their unfinished home until a temporary tabernacle was started on an acre of land given to the church. A windstorm swept the temporary tabernacle away. The church then turned to the Home Mission Board's revolving loan fund, and erected a permanent church home.

Twelve new churches have been added in 1946 to the Baptist General Convention of Arizona up to August 1. The healthiest one is the North Phoenix Baptist Church, which was organized with 100 members. Paul H. Vercher is pastor.

Harold Dillman, a layman, went from Carizo Springs, Texas, to Roosevelt, Utah, five years ago to enter business, and to be used in taking the gospel to the Mormons. After three years of preparatory work, a revival was held, resulting in the organization of a church with eight members. Another two years has passed and the membership of the church has doubled, a \$5,000 church house has been erected, and their first pastor is now on the field. Roosevelt is a city of 2000 population with a Mormon church and a closed Episcopal church. One-third of the population of Utah is Mormon and 50 per cent are unchurched. The city of Provo, with 60,000 population, has three weak Protestant churches, six Mormon wards, and no Baptist church.

Fifty per cent of the churches in the Baptist General Convention of Arizona have

either bought property or have been in a building program during the year 1946. A like number will have to build during 1947, due to the rapid growth in numbers.

The one-year-old church in the Mormon city of Mesa, 15,000 population, has just completed a \$5,000 auditorium with an educational unit and property totaling \$10,000. Eugene Slone, pastor, took a census of a portion of the city, using five summer workers from Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Texas. Out of 350 homes contacted, 165 of them were Baptist prospects. The Mormons have a \$1,000,000 temple in this city, with seven wards.

Our Baptist church in Prescott, Arizona, the mile-high city, was organized in February and became self-supporting within three months time. The aggressive young pastor, Lester Probst, came to the field from a church in St. Louis, Missouri. He is making an average of ten visits each day, and as a result the church is receiving new members nearly every Lord's Day.

Arkansas

By C. E. BRYANT

L. Compere, Arkansas' new representative on the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, is listed in Who's Who as a lawyer and military man. He holds the rank of Brigadier General in the U. S. Army and has served throughout the war as State Director of Selective Service.

General Compere is definitely more proud of his Baptist affiliations than any other of his many connections. Son of a Baptist minister, he is a graduate of Ouachita College and the University of Arkansas law school, was ordained a deacon in 1933 by the First Baptist Church of El Dorado, and has served on the boards of trustees of Ouachita College and Baptist State Hospital. He also has been a member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. At present he is vice-president of the Ouachita Board. While

practicing law in south Arkansas, he served three years as clerk and three years as moderator of Bartholomew Association. He is one of the most respected members of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, serving ably as deacon and teacher of a men's Bible class.

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The one man who is coming nearer setting Arkansas Baptist life afire than any other is also a layman—Nelson F. Tull, state secretary of the newly organized state Brotherhood work. He is an Arkansan, the son of the late Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Tull. An Arkansas school man for many years, he was extremely active in the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, and one of the greatest soul-winners of the city. He left school work in 1942 to become educational director and pastor's assistant at Walnut Street Church, Louisville, and from there he went to First Church, Nashville, Tennessee. Launching the state Brotherhood work, he immediately set out to plant seeds of enlistment and evangelism among laymen in the state. His calendar has been filled with laymen's revivals ranging in length from one night to a week. He literally has touched every nick and cranny of the state with enthusiasm akin to the power of the atom bomb.

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Central College, junior school for girls, initiated a new president, Dr. Robert L. Whipple, by chalking up a new enrolment record for recent years at the opening of the fall term. Dr. Whipple came to Arkansas in June from the vice-presidency of East Texas Baptist College. He spent the summer visiting prospective students and had a full house signed up before he called his first assembly. A Georgian, Dr. Whipple was educated at Mercer University, Texas Christian University, and Southwestern Seminary. He was pastor at Jessup, Georgia, several years before entering education work. Other positions include professorships of Bible and psychology at Georgia Baptist Academy, the vice-presidency at Campbell Baptist College in North Carolina, and the East Texas Col-

lege post. The Whipples (she was Miss Ruth Ricketson of Macon, Georgia) have four children.

California

By FLOYD LOONEY

It is not presumptuous to say that in our day—"As goes California, morally, spiritually, politically and economically, so goes the nation."

California is a nerve center as to population. It is made up of people from every state in the union and from most every foreign country. It is truly a cosmopolitan state. It follows then, that its almost 10,000,000 people represent a cross section of the thinking, moral ideals, culture, and customs of the people, not only of the United States but the world as well.

California is the nerve center of religious ideas. Most Holy Rollers spring from the prolific religious soil of California. While Christian Scientists name Boston as their headquarters, their strong advocates are in California. Multitudes of religious cults have been started by fugitives from justice and religious renegades who have made their way into the West. It is truly a nerve center of heresy, cults, and religious ideas.

There are nearly 7,000,000 unchurched people in California. In a land so rich materially, with a population equal to Arkansas, Oklahoma, Missouri, and New Mexico combined, there are less than 140,000 members in Baptist churches of both the Northern and Southern Baptist Convention, according to a survey conducted by Rev. A. C. Ferguson of Sacramento. There are less than 300 Northern Baptist churches with a total membership numbering less than 125,000. There are seventeen counties where Northern Baptists have never organized a Baptist Church.

Southern Baptists have carried on work in the state for about eight years. They have more than 100 churches with a membership numbering more than 10,000. Dr. A. F. Crittendon, executive secretary, is leading in a constructive evangelistic and denominational program. In co-operation with the Home Mission Board, nine missionaries are busy holding meetings, organizing churches, and

building church buildings. The Sunday School and Brotherhood Departments, led by John A. Farmer, the Training Union and Baptist Student Union Departments, under the direction of Russell Ware, and the Women's Missionary Union led by Mrs. W. C. Howell are making creditable progress. The California Southern Baptist paper, edited by Floyd Looney, has quadrupled its mailing list during the past two years.

Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in Oakland, is operated by California Southern Baptists with Dr. B. O. Herring serving as president. It is a growing institution of which Baptists will be justly proud.

In view of the fact that Los Angeles, San Francisco, and San Diego and their extended areas have more lost people than the total population of Mississippi, Arkansas, and New Mexico, California affords an unequal opportunity for evangelism and enlistment. Surely California is a nerve center of spiritual potentialities. Since California will continue to exert such a pronounced influence upon the nation, it is not presumptuous to say "AS CALIFORNIA GOES RELIGIOUSLY, SO GOES THE NATION."

Georgia

By LESLIE S. WILLIAMS

J. L. Fortney became the manager of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home at Hapeville in 1938. He went to this position from the superintendency of the city schools at Griffin, Georgia. At the First Baptist Church there, he was a deacon and a teacher of the Men's Bible Class. His message was broadcast each Sunday over radio station WKEU of that city.

Since taking over the leadership of the Home, many new buildings have been erected and the assets have increased about \$1,000,000. The entire program has been remodeled. The Home now has dining rooms in the cottages. Small groups live under conditions much like normal homes. Mr. Fortney has been able to make the 400 children more comfortable. He has often worked sixteen hours a day. Obsolete equipment has been replaced. A new gymnasium and swimming pool have

been completed. A fifty piece band adds to the achievements of recent years.

Mrs. Fortney is the associate manager. She was Miss Ruth Powell of Sylvania before her marriage. They have a daughter, Ione, who is with the Red Cross. The son, Austin, is a physician.

All legal matters have just been cleared, and the Industrial Home at Baxley, in south Georgia, with its 100 children and all resources has become a division of the Children's Home. This is also under the management of Mr. Fortney.

Three additions to the leadership in Baptist Colleges have just been made. At Brewton-Parker Junior College, Mt. Vernon, Charles T. Ricks, an alumnus of the institution, has been made president. He holds degrees from Mercer, Oklahoma A. & M., and the Louisville Seminary. He returns to his home state from the First Baptist Church, Checotah, Oklahoma. Mrs. Ricks is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University. Brewton-Parker was chartered in 1904. It has more than 200 students.

L. Clinton Cutts has resigned the pastorate of the McCaysville Baptist Church to become president of the Truett-McConnell Junior College. This is the newest institution in the state work. Mr. Cutts leaves the church of which his father was pastor for a number of years. He studied at Mercer and the Louisville Seminary. He and Mrs. Cutts have a son and two daughters. One daughter is on the faculty at Brewton-Parker.

Major George B. Connell became the vice-president of Mercer University, Macon, effective October 1. For seventeen years he has been associated with Gordon Military College, Barnesville, Georgia, as professor, vice-president, and dean. He is the son of a Baptist minister. He has been a deacon and Sunday school teacher in the First Baptist Church, Barnesville, for years. Before her marriage, Mrs. Connell was Miss Doris Collier of Barnesville. They have a son, Hulett.

Edwin B. Peel became administrator of the Georgia Baptist Hospital, Atlanta, on June 1. He came to Georgia from New Orleans, where he had served as associate administrator of the Southern Baptist Hospital. He was

a deacon in the Napoleon Avenue Baptist Church there. He and Mrs. Peel have a four-year-old son, Eddie.

Illinois

By B. J. MURRIE

A stride motorized cultivators, the sun-tanned farmers plow two rows of corn at a time through fields which stretch across unending prairies. A mighty glacier in prehistoric days had leveled four-fifths of the state of Illinois for their convenience. Their great-grandfathers came in covered wagons from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and New York states. Thus the central and northern sections of the Prairie State were settled by pioneers who lived north of the Mason and Dixon Line. The creaking tar lubricated wagons hauled other things than brave wives and sturdy children.

The ancestors of the bronzed farmers brought their axes with them. They were the instruments as well as the symbols of industry. Log houses were hewn and rail fences marked the homesteads. But a house and a livelihood was not enough to satisfy the needs of the settlers.

The Bible on the stand table of the farmers is an exact copy of the one carried across the mountains inside the horsehide covered trunks in the wooden schooners by their great-grandparents. Religion was vital. Church houses sprang up everywhere but they did not stand alone.

Along with the Bible was the old "Blue-backed Spelling Book." It was the symbol of education. Together and often in the same building, the church and school stood together.

Inheritance carries responsibility. The rural churches in the great farming region are not neglected. Some of the country churches now have the best of modern houses and equipment. Baptist churches in this area are not as numerous as others because the original settlers came from the New England and Middle Atlantic States.

The smell of garlic is in the air at breakfast time on the south edge of the plain where the icy bulldozer quit the job of grading. Farmers gave way to a half million people

from thirty nations who have come to dig soft coal in the world's largest mines. In this cosmopolitan center are the largest Baptist churches in the state.

The ancestors of the rural folk in the southern end of Illinois came from Kentucky, Tennessee, and the Carolinas because of their antislavery attitude. Baptists abound here. They dwell in the crux of three rivers among familiar hills that are beautiful and fragrant with apple and peach blossoms.

Kentucky

By L. O. GRIFFITH

Dr. W. C. Boone, general secretary of Kentucky Baptists, is the oldest Baptist in the state. He dates back to 1769 when Squire Boone came into Kentucky as the first Baptist preacher with the explorers. From him to Dr. W. C. Boone there have been nine generations, each with a Baptist preacher. From that first Baptist preacher's entrance into Kentucky to today, there has been a tremendous growth of Baptists. The first several churches and preachers in Kentucky were Baptist. Today, one person out of every five in Kentucky is a Baptist.

Dr. J. W. Black, general secretary of Kentucky for seven years prior to Dr. Boone, saw Kentucky Baptists grow from a membership of 368,232 to about 450,000, receipts increase from \$379,747.94 to over \$1,000,000 and missionaries from four to over forty. Dr. Black was one of the leading pastors in the State before assuming the Kentucky secretaryship.

J. S. Bell, mountain missionary, has led his mission church to sponsor missions in several churchless communities. Hindman, where he is pastor, county seat of Knott County, has the only Baptist church in the entire country. Ninety-four people out of each 100 do not belong to any church in that county. This mission church has not only been led to feel responsible for the people in Hindman, but a number of the members go out on Sunday afternoons and during the week to teach in Sunday schools, or help in Vacation Bible schools and revival services. Missionary Bell holds as high as eighteen services a week.

In 1897, A. S. Petrey, a mountain lad, heard his pastor preach on foreign missions. Brother Petrey said, "If those people need the gospel like that, I am willing to go." Instead he was led across the mountains from his home near Williamsburg, where Missionary Baptists had scarcely touched. At least thirteen other kinds of Baptists were found in that section: Free Wills, Hard Shells, Soft Shells, Hellers, No-Hellers, Regular, Primitive, Forty Gallon, Spittin', Hopers, No-Hopers, United, and Resurrectionists. There were many "isms." For forty years Brother Petrey preached the clear gospel message without any compromise. His work was largely supported by the State Mission Board. During this period he organized, and helped build in most cases, the house of worship of thirteen Baptist Churches, three of these being in county seat towns.

Dr. W. J. Bolt came to First Baptist Church, Harlan, Kentucky as pastor in 1931. The gifts of this church, during his ministry, have more than tripled. Of the 1,632 added to the church, 958 were by baptism. Dr. Bolt has offered a spiritual leadership which has radiated an influence throughout the entire area.

These men represent the continuous way Baptists in Kentucky have been preaching the gospel from the very beginning. They illustrate the stand which Kentucky Baptists have taken in being fundamental and in uniting to sponsor a great mission program.

Louisiana

By FINLEY TINNIN

The coming of Dr. Roland Q. Leavell to the presidency of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary is hailed by Louisiana Baptists generally. Dr. Leavell will be a distinct addition to our Baptist ministry in Louisiana.

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Louisiana Baptists lose one of their best workers in the going of Miss Virginia Wingo, for the past four years Young People's Leader in the State W.M.U. organization, to Louisville, Kentucky, to join the faculty of the Woman's Mission Union Training School. She will teach missionary education. Miss Wingo,

by her faithful and efficient service, has made a big place for herself among Louisiana Baptists.

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A survey committee has been appointed by the Shreveport First Church to study the desirability of moving the location of the church to a more accessible residential section of the city and to erect a million-dollar plant.

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The Baptist State Executive Board has authorized the letting of a contract for the erection of an addition to the Baptist Hospital at Alexandria, which will cost about a million dollars.

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Work on the new million-dollar Baptist Hospital at Baton Rouge is progressing slowly, due to the scarcity of building materials. It is believed, however, the hospital will be ready for service by the first part of next year.

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Some of the chaplains who have located in pastorates recently are: Dr. Geo. A. Ritchie, First Church, Mansfield; Rev. Gerald W. Trussell, First Church, Homer; Rev. Finley W. Tinnin, Jr., First Church, Hammond; Dr. R. L. Holmes, First Church, Lafayette, and Rev. Earl Whitsitt, First Church, Bastrop.

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A number of Bible institutes for Negro preachers have been held in the delta section of the state this summer, under the leadership of Missionary A. N. Murray of our State Board. These institutes have been well attended, and the Negro ministers have expressed great appreciation of this service by their white brethren.

Maryland

By J. T. WATTS

Maryland was one of the original thirteen colonies of our country. There is at present a population of approximately two million. Baptist work in Maryland dates from 1742 when Henry Sater, an English layman, began

services in his home at Chestnut Ridge, about ten miles northwest of Baltimore. The congregation now known as Sater's Church still worships in the original building erected by Mr. Sater and his followers, and his remains rest under the pulpit of the church. The present pastor is the venerable John D. Clark, and services are held every Sunday.

As late as 1835 there were only eighteen churches in Maryland. Most of these were on what we call the western shore and were connected with the "old Baltimore Association," from which the mission-minded churches were excluded in 1836 at Black Rock. In the same year the Maryland Baptist Union Association was constituted with six churches, one of which was located in Washington city, having 478 members.

Negro Baptists outnumber the white Baptists. They have around one hundred churches in Baltimore alone, in which there are more than 70,000 members. There are 102 white Baptist churches in the state, thirty-five of which are in Baltimore and the whole membership is now something more than 26,000. Our Sunday school enrolment is nearly the same. There has been a growth during the past twenty years of 30 per cent, and we now face the most challenging opportunities in our history of 204 years.

During the first half century of the work of the Maryland Baptist Union Association the Baptists had such preachers as Richard Fuller, J. W. M. Williams, William T. Brantly, J. B. Hawthorne, John Pollard, Jr., F. H. Kerfoot, W. S. Penick, and A. J. Rowland.

Since 1886 the pastoral leadership of the state has also been strong. For example, we have had such men as A. C. Barron, E. Y. Mullins, Frank M. Ellis, W. J. E. Cox, Curtis Lee Laws, Sparks W. Melton, Charles Hastings Dodd, A. C. Dixon, John Roach Straton, O. C. S. Wallace, John Henry Strong, Henry M. Wharton, and John Falconer Fraser.

Some of the present outstanding preachers in Maryland are W. Clyde Atkins of Eutaw

Place, W. H. Brannock of Gregory Memorial, J. N. Stewart at Allen Memorial, Salisbury; George Arthur Clarke, Towson, Theodore E. Miller, First Church, Baltimore, C. C. Meeden, Temple Church, Baltimore, W. C. Royal, First Church, Frederick; Paul B. Watlington, First, Hagerstown; Vernon B. Richardson, University, Baltimore; Laurence T. Beers, Brantly; E. W. Saylor, First, Cumberland; J. Truman Anderson at Lee Street Memorial, and John Henry Day at Seventh.

The lay leadership of Maryland Baptists has been most significant throughout the long years of our history. The Cranes, Joshua and Eugene Levering, the Bagbys, the Tylers, the Biggs brothers, the Davis brothers, the Martiens, the Nesses, Custis Woolford, Hiram Woods, R. H. Edmunds, Simon G. B. Cook, W. M. McCormick, and many others.

Miss Annie Armstrong served the Woman's Missionary Union under its various names, including W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention with great efficiency and without compensation, until under the leadership of Miss Kathleen Mallory the headquarters were moved to Birmingham. Mrs. Kathryn H. Barnes has served as Executive Secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of Maryland over a period of twenty-five years with remarkable efficiency and success, and Mrs. W. C. Lowndes, of blessed memory, served as Treasurer of the W.M.U. of the Southern Baptist Convention until she was disabled.

At long last, Maryland Baptists have occupied a mission station in St. Mary's County at a government base known as Cedar Point. St. Mary's County has been a Catholic stronghold since the days of Lord Baltimore. Now we know of hundreds of Baptists at that place and we are co-operating with them looking toward the establishment of a strong church.

The financial condition of Maryland Baptist work is now better than ever before except the period 1919 to 1924 when the Seventy-five Million Dollar Campaign was waged and Maryland Baptists, with only 15,000 members actually contributed \$729,000.

New Mexico

By G. WARD FENLEY

Fourth in size among the forty-eight states, New Mexico is as primitive, as undeveloped, as un-Christianized as it is vast in domain. Dozens of Southern Baptist cities in Alabama, Tennessee, or Texas have far more Baptists than the entire state of New Mexico with its 31,000 members. Pastors and state workers are almost without exception new in their work. Earl Keating did remain at Alamogordo seventeen years; Harry P. Stagg, present executive secretary, at Gallup for thirteen years; Harold Dye, former New Mexico editor, at Las Cruces for twelve years. But by and large, the pastorates run something as follows: Alamo Starkey at Calvary, Albuquerque seven years, S. C. Morgan at Artesia six years, L. M. Walker at Fruit Avenue, Albuquerque six years, and A. A. DuLaney at Roswell five years.

Among state workers, George Elam is the dean with twenty-four long, solid years back of him with all his escapades, including the time when a snow blizzard barred him up in a barn in northern New Mexico and froze both feet. Brother George is still the famous "Everybody-Happy" Elam. State Secretary Harry P. Stagg came west from Louisiana, a casualty of World War I, and characteristically asked for the "hardest assignment in the state" twenty-two years ago. He was rewarded with a pastorate at Gallup, a mining town with twenty-one different nationalities and predominantly Catholic. He left a thriving work there thirteen years later and has been State Baptist leader to present date. Nineteen years ago, the present Bookstore manager, H. C. Reavis, became editor of the Baptist New Mexican, manager of the bookstore, bookkeeper for the Convention, and mission secretary. He is now manager of the Albuquerque Baptist Book Store which has an annual volume of \$50,000.

The other state workers are comparatively new: W. J. Lites in Sunday School Depart-

ment, imported from Texas; Miss Eva Inlow, W.M.U. Secretary and a product of Oklahoma; Miss Bernice Elliott, Young People's Secretary, a native New Mexican; Jimmy Ward, new R. A. Leader; G. Ward Fenley, newly elected editor of the *Baptist New Mexican*, also from Texas.

It is next to impossible to do justice to a state full of outstanding pastors in an article of 500 words. Hitting the high spots, we would mention several who are on fire with evangelistic fervor: Eual Lawson at Alamogordo, Virgil Hunton at Texico-Farwell, Sigmund Morgan at Artesia, W. E. Barnes at Portales. Among the many capable of "pulling a church from a hole," of burning the old notes and leading them on to greater things are Clint Irwin at Santa Fe, Johnny J. Cole at Las Vegas, L. M. Walker at Albuquerque, and A. A. DuLaney at Roswell. It has been the miracle of the twentieth century that Santa Fe and Las Vegas have at long last lifted the debt burden.

Outstanding missionaries among the tall pines, the mule pack trails, and unexplored territory would rank Earl Brock, R. A. Long, F. O. Polston, and R. L. Pattillo among the great of all ages.

Few churches in New Mexico—the list is growing—can afford music-educational directors. Of these, V. F. (Pete) Forderhase, Albuquerque; Joe Daniel, Roswell; D. A. Benson, Artesia; Broughton Hardin, Hobbs; E. H. Robinson, Clovis, are capable men.

Dr. A. L. Aulick teaches the one chair of Bible at Portales Eastern New Mexico College and we have Baptist Student Union secretaries at the other four universities.

But you can't run a Baptist denomination without good laymen such as Harry Latham, Deming; Joe Hill, Albuquerque; A. W. Hockenhull, former governor, Clovis; R. Lee Greebon, J. A. Miller, Clyde Groseclose, James Berryman, and C. D. Luper, official fisherman for Elephant Butte Brotherhood Rallies.

Not forgetting the ladies we mention: Mrs. D. C. Setzer, Mrs. Walker Hubbard, Mrs. Lucy Link, Mrs. J. H. Coleman, Mrs. R. I. Creed, Mrs. T. W. Bruce, Mrs. O. E. Carmon.

North Carolina

By L. L. CARPENTER

M. A. Huggins, energetic and progressive general secretary of the North Carolina Convention, rejoices in the 15 per cent increase in gifts to all causes. The outstanding event of the summer was the acceptance of the Smith Reynolds Foundation offer to Wake Forest College of the income from more than \$10,000,000 which provides for moving the college from the village of Wake Forest near Raleigh to the city of Winston-Salem. Moving spirits in this big affair were President Thurman Kitchin, C. J. Jackson, director of the Wake Forest Enlargement Program, and former Governor J. M. Broughton, who was chairman of the special committee which worked out the details and presented the offer to the special meeting of the Convention July 30.

The expanded School of Religion at Wake Forest College has a staff of six, all new, except J. Allen Easley. Other members of the department are Dean Sankey L. Blanton, former pastor of the First Church, Wilmington, Owen F. Herring, Mark H. Lovelace and two part-time instructors, Fon Scofield and Garland Hendricks.

Not so many pastoral changes in the State but among them might be mentioned Charles A. Maddry from Louisville, Kentucky, to the First Church, Wilmington; and A. M. Carr from Princeton, West Virginia, to Watts Street Church, Durham. Pastor J. C. Canipe of Boone has taken up his duties as secretary of evangelism for the Convention; Fon Scofield, director of visual education and publicity. Miss Mary Ayscue has succeeded Mrs. Roger Marshall as manager of the Baptist Book Store in Raleigh.

Sunday School Secretary L. L. Morgan and

Training Union Director Harvey Gibson were busy during the summer with training work and directing the activities of many college and seminary students. Outstanding in the work of the state was the holding of four pastors' schools during the summer on college campuses and fifteen one-week regional pastors' schools held in different parts of the State. J. C. Canipe was leader in this work along with other state missionaries, such as J. C. Pipes, E. L. Spivey, and Earl Bradley. A special six weeks' school was held at Fruitland Institute during the fall. Hundreds of pastors attended these schools. A unique character in attendance at two or three of these pastors' schools was W. J. Farthing, a layman, training union director of the Three Forks Association, and a man more than seventy years of age.

Claude Gaddy, superintendent of Rex Hospital in Raleigh, assumed his new duties on July 1 as executive secretary of the Council on Christian Education. Miss Ruth Provence, Greenville, South Carolina, has become secretary of the W. M. U. of the state; and Bill Jackson, full-time Royal Ambassador worker. L. A. Martin, executive secretary of the Allied Church League, is leading a vigorous campaign for temperance and sobriety. Every county contest in recent months for the establishment of liquor stores has been defeated.

Oklahoma

By ALBERT McCLELLAN

Odd in shape, you will recognize the map of Oklahoma by its long panhandle jutting three whole counties from the main rectangular body out into the West. But however odd the shape of the map the people in Sooner state are as regular and noble as the hardy pioneer ancestors who moved into the Indian country from every state of the South, and half of the North.

Our grandfathers and grandmothers grew up in your communities. They brought your customs and ideals into our borderlands.

They pioneered for Christ, establishing homes and churches in the best Baptist tradition.

And the finest are still coming. Three of the newest pastors are from Georgia, South Carolina, and Tennessee. A quick canvass of eighteen other prominent churches show four pastors from Texas, four from Tennessee, three from Arkansas, two from Texas, and one each from South Carolina, Kentucky, and Missouri. In the state headquarters there are two Missourians, one Texan, three Tennesseans, and one Oklahoman.

To further understand us, you must remember we are both old and new. We are so old that our first Baptist church was established 1832, the year following the success of the first steam drawn train in America and three years before the Texas revolution. We are old enough to have celebrated in 1944 the centennial of the establishment of the first Baptist journal within our borders.

Yet we are also new, so to speak, for our exciting and vigorous Oklahoma Baptist University is only a little more than thirty years old, and we have had only four state mission secretaries, three of them yet living. Many a living man remembers the formation of the State convention. And there are many who actively participated in the earlier territorial conventions.

One new pastor was heard to exclaim, "the thing that amazes me is that there are not many traditions. It scares me to think of my opportunity. Where today on a busy city street there stands an immense church edifice, just fifty-seven years ago there was nothing but a cow pasture." He might well have added that his tremendous congregation was organized that very year 1889. From all that has transpired in these three score years it could be sanely concluded that Oklahoma's finest tradition is "rapid hardy growth."

In 1898 there were only 20,000 Baptists in the state, now there are 280,000 white Baptists alone. Churches have grown accordingly until now there are more than 1,000. Our

mission offerings in 1946 will be six times what they were in 1933.

The state convention itself is planning a quarter million dollar headquarters.

There is a new steady maturity in Oklahoma, young maturity, upon which the mantle of leadership in world matters is sure to fall. We have already sent our sons to teach in your seminaries, and nearly a score of our best have gone out to serve as missionaries.

But remember, whatever our achievements, whatever our prospects, we here in Oklahoma like to think that you are a part of us and that we are carrying on that for which you and those gone before have so courageously striven.

South Carolina

By CHARLES F. SIMS

People are a most important part of all kingdom work. They cannot be separated from it, for there would be no work without them. To present some of these who reflect the denominational tenor in South Carolina is the purpose of this writing.

State-Wide Workers

Secretary-Treasurer W. S. Brooke recently completed his fourth year as general leader of the work of the denomination in the state and begins his fifth year well established in the confidence of our people. Associated with him as heads of the various departments of the work are: J. L. Corzine, Sunday school; John B. Lane, Baptist Training Union; Miss Vonnice Lance, W.M.U.; Jas. A. Howard, evangelism; R. H. Ayers, Baptist Student Union; A. L. Gross, Relief and Annuity; and Chas. F. Sims, enlistment.

For length of service some of these deserve special recognition. To J. L. Corzine goes the honor for the longest term of service among the present staff of workers. He has been connected with the Sunday school work of the state for twenty-four years and has been director of the department for twenty years. Next to Mr. Corzine with twenty-two years of

service to their credit are Miss Vonnice Lance, executive secretary of the W.M.U. and Miss Elizabeth Nuckols in the elementary work of the Sunday School Department. For more than twenty years Miss Merle Sherer and Miss Pauline Coleman have rendered consecrated and efficient service in the office of the General Board.

In the Institutions

The Furman University Building and Endowment Campaign for \$2,000,000, endorsed by the State Baptist Convention and led by President J. L. Plyler, has netted, since its launching two years ago, about one-fourth the goal in cash and pledges. The result is not encouraging for those who would resort to special offerings over and above contributions to the Co-operative Program as a means of meeting the capital needs of our church schools.

The future is bright for the South Carolina Baptist Hospital. The veteran superintendent, Rev. W. M. Whiteside, is rejoicing since all arrangements have been completed for the building of the new hospital at an estimated cost of \$300,000. Work will begin as soon as material is available. No man among us has wrought with more diligence and perseverance than W. M. Whiteside, who for twenty-eight years has piloted the hospital, and sometimes through troubled waters.

All South Carolina Baptists join in congratulations to Dr. A. T. Jamison, upon his retirement after a blessed ministry of forty-six years as head of the Connie Maxwell Orphanage. Succeeding this great Baptist leader is Mr. Sam Smith, an alumnus of the institution. The new orphanage head will find a yoke-fellow amicable and capable in Rev. John Murdock who succeeds Dr. Jamison as pastor of the Orphanage Church.

Associational Leaders

The first district association of Baptists in the South was the Charleston Association of South Carolina, formed in 1751, which elected

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The Rich Fruitage of a Tree of Life

By THOMAS J. WATTS

In view of its twelve ministering retirement plans, the Relief and Annuity Board may be reverently likened to that divinely planted, continually watered, and perpetually nurtured tree of life, envisioned by John the evangelist on Patmos, as recorded in Revelation 22:2. That tree of life bore "twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month." Even "the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations."

The Relief and Annuity Board is in certain ways a "tree of life bearing twelve manner of fruits, yielding its fruit every month." The leaves of this tree (its promise of fruit) are as healing balm to many erstwhile anxious minds among the host of aged and aging ministers, missionaries, teachers, and widows in the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

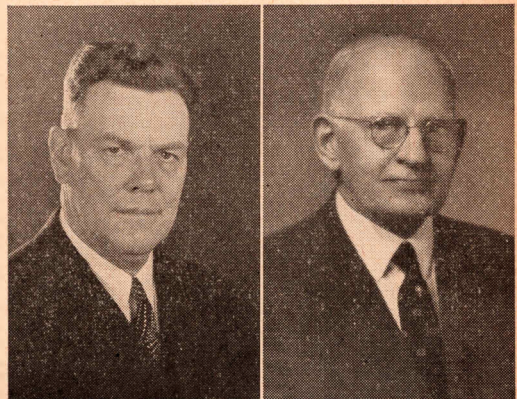
The very existence of this growing and fruitful denominational tree is in an ever increasing measure bringing assurance and reassurance of an unfailling supply for life's necessities to all who are now giving themselves with such righteous abandon and heroic sacrifice to the cause of our blessed Redeemer. Thus "they that proclaim the gospel" shall "live of the gospel."

Now, the tree of life which John saw was superlatively fruitful because it was planted by "a river of water of life." Trees have to be planted and it matters much where they are planted. The source of the living water by means of which the tree grew and bore twelve manner of fruits was "the throne of God and the Lamb." So also the denominational tree (the Relief and Annuity Board) owes its planting and continued life and fruitfulness to God. Surely Southern Baptists as they look upon this tree of God's own planting, watering, and nurturing will be

constrained exultantly to exclaim "what hath God wrought!"

Twelve Plans Yielding Twelve Manner of Fruits

1. The Relief Fund
2. The Old Annuity Fund
3. The Service Annuity
4. The Foreign Mission Board Pension Plan
5. Age Security Plan for Lay Employees
6. The Institutional Retirement Plan for Orphanage Employees
7. The Institutional Retirement Plan for Employees of the Seminaries and Colleges
8. The Special Annuity Plan for Individual Provision
9. The Special Deferred Annuity Plan for Individual Provision
10. The Savings Annuity Plan
11. The Baptist Board's Employees Retirement Plan
12. The Ministers' Retirement Plan with its supplemental Widows Plan



Dr. Wallace Bassett, (left) Dallas pastor, is president of the Relief and Annuity Board. Dr. Thomas J. Watts, (right) is completing his twenty-first year of service with the Board.

Each of these twelve plans yield their fruit every month in the year. Thus there is a possible denominational provision for every church or other denominational employee in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Fruitage

When the books were closed for the 1946 fiscal year, the aggregate sum sent to members and beneficiaries of the twelve plans was approximately one million dollars. Within a few years the annual beneficiary payments through the twelve plans will probably reach several millions of dollars.

Since 1918, the year in which the tree was planted, there has been sent to the members of one or more of the twelve retirement plans the total sum of approximately nine million dollars.

What a boon these regular monthly checks have been to the three thousand beneficiaries of one or more of the twelve plans! The number of beneficiaries who have passed to their heavenly reward is legion several times over! If these latter could now speak would they not "rise up and call" this denominational tree "blessed"? Certainly, very few of those who have received these checks did not poignantly need them. Yet, not one of

these beneficiaries need ever think they have ever received charitable offerings from the denomination. These benefits are rather in the nature of deferred compensation.

No one can properly conclude in the light of the foregoing remarks that the fruit of this denominational tree is of a pecuniary character only. It does and must ever abound in material fruit for the physical well-being of God's veteran servants. Money is an economic necessity for preachers and missionaries. Money must be loved for its own sake to be evil. Properly acquired and properly used, it becomes a factor in righteousness and Christian service. However, the fruit of this denominational tree has a spiritual quality which constitutes very definitely a means whereby God fulfills his promises of provision for the temporal needs of his servants.

A Growing Tree

Yes, this tree (the Relief and Annuity Board), is an institutional entity; it is a general Southwide Board; it is a legally chartered corporation; it is an authorized fiduciary agency of the Southern Baptist Convention. This agency is as strong financially as Southern Baptists are able, and as dependable as Southern Baptists are moral.



The enlarged Baptist Building in Dallas, Texas, is pictured above as it will appear when completed. The building, now three stories high, is owned by the Relief and Annuity Board. It houses the Board and the Texas Baptist offices.

The year, 1946, was the banner year of this ever-growing convention agency. From first to last there have been approximately twenty thousand certificates of membership issued in the eleven annuity plans, including the supplemental widow's plan. More than 2,000 persons are now beneficiary members, 1,300 others are beneficiaries of the Relief department. The present number of active or contributing members of the Annuity Plans is approximately 15,000. While many certificate holders have died or withdrawn from membership, dues are now being remitted each month by the members on approximately twenty-two million dollars of salaries. Thirteen thousand churches, boards, and institutions are participating with their pastors or other employees in these plans. A greater number of preachers, missionaries, and other denominational employees are participating in the Board's group contributory annuity plans than has been

reported by any other denomination in the United States.

The combined assets of the Board, December 31, 1946, were eleven million dollars. The Board's excess of income over expenditures during 1946 was more than a million and a half dollars.

The Relief and Annuity Board confidently expects a still richer fruitage from its invested energies and funds, and a more abundant yield because of the nurturing care of this instrumentality on the part of the denomination.

Someone has said, "When faith goes to market it always takes a basket." This, the Relief and Annuity Board has done during the twenty-nine years of its life. This, the Board doubtless will continue to do through all the unfolding future. Its basket, the Board believes, will be filled to overflowing for thus God continually rewards the faith of his servants.

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

By E. H. HEAD

In contemplating plans and prospects for Southwestern Seminary for 1947, the new buildings which are so necessary to the physical equipment of the institution are of foremost consideration. Two such buildings are in the foreground of our planning, namely, the Scarborough-Truett-Fleming Memorial Library-Administration Building and the Religious Education Building.

We are happy over the attainment of the goal, in cash and pledges, for the Memorial Building. This goal was \$750,000. We have more than \$600,000 of this raised. The balance is in good pledges, now being paid systematically. No special campaign has been conducted for the building for the School of Religious Education. However, there is \$28,043.96 on deposit. A corresponding total of pledges brings the full amount in prospect to \$57,192.32. The goal for this building is \$250,000. It will make possible the most modern equipment to be found anywhere for the great field of religious education.

There are other buildings, of which we mention two—a gymnasium and an apartment home for our missionaries, who are on furlough from their fields, and come to the Seminary for rest and study. Someone who wants to make a great investment in values which are undying could and should provide these two buildings. The astounding rise in prices, the scarcity of materials, and the uncertainty as to labor conditions, have prevented us from going forward with actual construction. The fact is that the funds we have raised are inadequate in the light of the present economic situation. When we shall be able to begin work on any of these buildings we cannot tell.

Books Are Added

Another commanding phase of our planning for the Seminary is that of a larger number of carefully selected books for the library. Our budget for this item has been very materially increased for the past two or three years. Plans are made to continue this

more adequate cash provision. All of this must be administered by a librarian, with a trained and experienced staff. The present librarian and those associated with him possess these qualifications. The trend in institutions of learning is to magnify more and more the educative function of the library. Hence, the librarian is a teacher in the full sense of the word, with the responsibility of giving direction to the instruction given in the various departments and classes through the instrumentality of the materials available in the library. Books are indispensable as sources for study and research. Yet, they

must be wisely selected and properly administered.

The Seminary, through the approval of its Trustees, has established a research professorship in American Baptist history. This will have the special supervision of Dr. W. W. Barnes, outstanding scholar in the field of church history, who has taught in the Seminary for thirty years, giving himself without stint to study in this field. We believe that this action not only blazes a new trail, but also opens the way for enriching study and research, the possibilities of which cannot now be fully appraised.

New Orleans Seminary Has New Name

By ROLAND Q. LEAVELL

The New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary started the session with a new name and a new president.

The name, *New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary*, replacing the name *Baptist Bible Institute*, which the institution had for twenty-eight years, in no way indicates a change of policy on the part of the school nor any change in the type or qualifications of the students. Last semester there were 338 students enrolled, of whom 135 were college graduates, 47 others had some college work, and 156 were without any college training. One distinctive feature of this Seminary is, and under the present administration will remain, that students without college training who can keep up with their classroom work may enter and be trained for ministerial and missionary service.

McCall Resigned

On July 1, 1946, the writer succeeded Dr. Duke K. McCall who resigned after three years of progressive and useful service to accept the position as executive secretary of the Executive Committee. The members of the faculty of the previous session are all teaching again this year, which insures that the instruction is of the highest quality.

The student body is at its peak of enrollment, due to the added possibilities of housing since the completion of the new men's dormitory. Also twenty family apartment units for former service men and their families have been made possible by removal of two buildings from Camp Plouche to our property. Even so, there is not enough housing space for scores who applied for admission. Every possible effort will be put forth to secure enlarged housing facilities for students who desire to come to New Orleans for seminary training.

Three Departments

New Orleans Seminary maintains three departments, the seminary department for ministers, the missions and religious education department, and the department of sacred music. These are not separate schools, for the work is intermeshed. Every student in any department should have a sympathetic knowledge of all the work and some training in all fields. The Seminary also maintains an extension department which is growing in usefulness, although correspondence courses are never encouraged as a substitute for resident work, and credit on work done through correspondence cannot count toward a degree.

Southern Has New Buildings

By ERWIN L. McDONALD

With the recent completion of the new classroom annex to Norton Hall, the addition of several new offices, and the installation of a cafeteria, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has solved some of its major housing problems.

For the first time since its student body passed the 500 mark—several years ago—the seminary has adequate classroom space. As compared with four large rooms which were previously the only available space for classes totaling 900 students, the seminary now has nine large rooms and more than a dozen smaller rooms for seminary groups.

Mailbox Space

Located on the first floor of the new annex is a large, well-stocked student supply center; a full-time book store operated by the Baptist Sunday School Board; and a sub-post office with adequate mailbox space for the entire seminary family, and with all of the usual services of a standard post office. Before

this year, there was no student supply center, the book store was open on a part-time schedule only, and the post office, located in Mullins Hall, was far from adequate, being open only a few minutes at a time and limiting its service to putting up incoming mail, selling stamps, and receiving outgoing first-class mail. Students wanting money orders or having packages to mail found it necessary to go to the nearest post office several blocks away. Other features of the new building include a well-equipped lounge for women and two soundproof speech rooms for use in the making of recordings.

Offices for faculty and staff members adequate for the seminary's needs for a generation are now available. Several additional offices have been added in Norton Hall in recent months. This has made several additional reading and conference rooms for graduate students available to the library solving the problem of overcrowding of the library's large reading room.

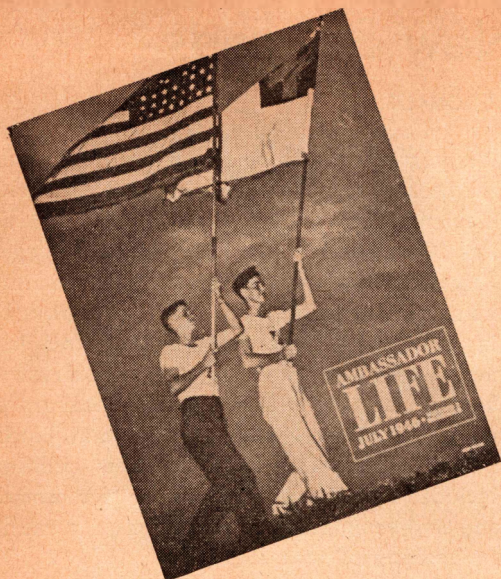
For a Neglected People

By LOUIS J. BRISTOW

The principal item of development in plans of the Southern Baptist Hospital for 1947 is the establishment of a home for the chronically ill. Cost of the building and equipment will be approximately \$500,000.

After thirty years' observation, I came to see the chronically ill as probably the most neglected of all human sufferers. Our Board of Directors has been considering the matter for several years, and last Spring undertook to raise money for the construction of a building to be especially adapted to the care of chronics. About \$300,000 was subscribed by friends in New Orleans, after we publicized the need of such a hospital. We hope friends throughout the South will contribute the balance needed.

The chronically sick are among the most neglected of human sufferers. They are to be found in homes for the aged, homes for "incurables," general hospitals, boarding houses, poor houses, and private homes. There is a mistaken notion that the chronically sick are synonymous with the aged. Nearly 8 per cent of persons with chronic sickness are under the age of fifteen years; 43 per cent are between fifteen and forty-five years of age; 34 per cent are between forty-five and sixty-five; and only 15 per cent are more than sixty-five years old. There is unanimity of opinion among students of the problem of the chronically sick that failure to deal with it results in much avoidable human suffering and economic loss.



What Is "R. A."?

By J. I. BISHOP

and his mission program supreme as it is projected through Christian citizenship.

The further purpose of the Royal Ambassador chapter is to help the member see how the accomplishment of this mission ideal is dependent upon Christian stewardship. Fundamental in the purpose of Royal Ambassadors is the idea that missions begin at home with a definite effort to point out to every boy his own need for Christ, as well as people in foreign countries. In the end the purpose is to give expression to the mission challenge in the community in which we live. Through community mission projects and service to the church the Royal Ambassador chapter becomes a real service organization.

Boys Are Wanted

The methods employed to accomplish these purposes are designed to reach and teach boys in the most effective way. The meetings are held on week days or nights and open avenues for a correlated program of study and activity not practical in any other church organization. This includes recreation, hikes, camping trips, and mission projects. This type of meeting, when no one is around but the boys and their counselors, gives the best opportunity the church has for reaching the unenlisted boys of the community. The story of the fifteen-year-old boy from Georgia illustrates this point. Enlisted and won to Christ through Royal Ambassador activities by his pastor, who was also an Intermediate counselor, he was not satisfied until he had won his father, mother, and younger sister to Christ and active church membership. When the pastor left this church the boy wrote, "I cannot put into writing what he has meant to me. He has been more than a pastor." The pastor gives the credit to the Royal Ambassador

The teen-age boys of the world are the hope for the world's peace. The American boy is equipped physically for leadership in relieving the injustices that destroy peace. And the Southern Baptist boy has the message that must undergird any movement for peace if it is to be successful. Are these boys to grow up motivated by hate, greed, prejudice, and an utter lack of vision of God's true purpose for world fellowship? Men with a world vision, as Christ saw the brotherhood of nations in his mind, do not just happen to be. They are built.

The purpose of the Royal Ambassador organization is to build from these boys in our Southland missionary-minded men, who from boyhood have worshiped Christ as the greatest hero heaven or earth has to offer. Christ was a real man physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually and yet more than a man—the Saviour of their souls. Every program and activity stems from the desire to lay on the heart and mind of the boy God's missionary vision for the world, the universality of the purpose of Christ's death and the imperative need of all mankind for salvation. Christ



Royal Ambassadors visualize missions by preparing maps of foreign mission fields.

chapter in his church because it gave him the chance to contact and get to know the boy.

Promotion Possible

The ranking system is a big cog in fulfilling the purpose of a Royal Ambassador chapter. Every boy has an inborn desire to go higher. Why not use this desire to climb, to stimulate interest in missions and people of other nations and races. A boy must pass the first rank before he becomes a full-fledged member of his chapter. This insures his getting the basic ideals of the organization as incorporated in the Allegiance, the meaning of the insignia, and the plan of salvation. The ranking system is worked out to use boy-interest hobbies to teach missions. These include handicraft, building models, stamp collecting, radio work, drawing, journalism, and almost any other interest a boy may have. The boys are recognized by ranks with attractive awards in pins and arm bands.

Mission study is made more interesting when a group of boys with their counselors do it between play, cooking, swimming, and sleep

on an overnight hike. A mission program from the monthly mission magazine is more effective when it is given around the camp-fire. For these reasons outdoor meetings and hikes are a part of Royal Ambassador's program of activities.

The two methods which are possibly doing most to make effective this mission effort among boys are Royal Ambassador state and district camps and the Royal Ambassador magazine, *Ambassador Life*.

There were well over 10,000 boys attending Royal Ambassador camps this past summer. The length of camp varies from four days to one week. The camp programs are filled with everything a boy likes in camps; swimming, handicraft, hikes, good food, and athletic contests, along with mission study, Bible study, forums on boy problems, and worship services. When conducted in the right way boys will come to appreciate the latter as the most interesting and beneficial meetings in camp. God has a chance to speak to boys when they are out in his great out-of-doors. They are listening. Missionaries, pastors, and laymen are used of God to lead when they have won the friendship and confidence of boys through living together in camps.

Results Demonstrated

The scene is in a pastor's room in a Royal Ambassador camp. The pastor is talking to a fine fourteen-year-old about becoming a Christian. The boy says, "I would like to be a Christian, but I am afraid to." When asked what he was afraid of, his reply was "my mother." The pastor asked if he didn't think his mother would be glad to see him become a Christian. His reply was an emphatic no, and he went on to add that she was not a Christian nor was any member of his family. He knew his two older brothers would make fun of him. His father, who had the reputation of being one of the roughish men in his city, had died some two years earlier. With the help of the pastor the boy

not only found Christ as his Saviour but found courage to profess faith in him in a service at camp and to repeat the act in his home church the first Sunday he returned. When he left camp he had a gleam in his eyes because he had an ambition in his heart which he felt God would help him accomplish. It was to win his mother and two brothers to Christ.

Volunteers Asked

The need for men volunteers for missions for Southern Baptist work has become pathetic as well as tragic. One boy to every five girls will not man the staff for postwar years. Dr. Bill Marshall, personnel secretary for the Foreign Mission Board, says, "We are looking to Royal Ambassadors for male recruits." Camps give the inspiration and contact with missionaries for the final decisions that have been deepening from chapter mission activities and programs through the year. The son of a wealthy cotton mill executive remarked to the camp director that it surely would take lots of building to put the war-torn countries back in shape. He said it seemed to him if we had some missionaries over there who were trained, they could do lots of good and win people to Christ. He said, "I will be entering college this fall to study engineering and I believe God wants me to be a missionary, but what I want to ask you is will Southern Baptists be ready for that kind of mission work by the time I get my training?" The director's only reply was, "Bill, I hope Southern Bap-



Bible study and devotion is a part of the activity at the church and on the hike.

tists will be ready for that kind of mission work by the time you get your training." Southern Baptists can get ready for an expanding mission program because the male recruits are coming.

A pastor who served as counselor gives the following testimony in his state paper: "At the closing service Wednesday as we sat beside the river and watched the little blocks with lighted candles floating down the Shenandoah, representative of the lives of those present at camp, I thanked God for the privilege I had enjoyed in helping to make the lights of some burn brighter for Christ in the all-but-consuming darkness of this hour." Camp is the place to get close to God, the fellows, and the needs of the world.

Royal Ambassadors and counselors have waited a long time for a magazine all their own and truly pitched to a boy's level and interest. *Ambassador Life* is a world outlook for Baptist boys. It seeks to give information



Camping is a part of the Royal Ambassador program. Boys are taught to appreciate nature.

and inspiration to both boys and counselors. It contains live-wire mission stories, and keen suggestions on all phases of Royal Ambassador work with recreational and handicraft suggestions. Articles by boys themselves, pictures of Royal Ambassador chapters here at home and on mission fields, and lots of illustrations, give it personal appeal as well as a feeling that it is for them. *Ambassador Life* portraying the real life of an Ambassador for Christ has possibly the greatest opportunity for reaching boys with a mission message and helping counselors to make effective their chapter programs, of any medium used in promoting the work.

Dr. H. C. Goerner, professor of missions at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, says: "The boys who are now Royal Ambassadors are the best hope Southern Baptists have for male missionary recruits in the postwar period." For this reason the secretaries of our Foreign Mission Board have their eyes upon Royal Ambassadors. R. A.'s who do not go to mission fields themselves, as pastors and laymen, become the strong supporters of the mission cause at home. Royal Ambassador organizations are truly building mission-minded men for tomorrow's tasks. Whatever the methods may be, this will always be its purpose and the goal for its work.

The Sunday School Board Faces 1947

By T. L. HOLCOMB

Every unit of the Board's organization has a definite assignment. Responsibility is placed and sufficient freedom of action is given for leadership in any field to secure satisfactory results.

Some Major Objectives

Literature: True to the Bible and to the doctrines as held by Southern Baptists; beautifully designed and clear in type; graded to meet the needs of all age-groups. The Board is grateful for the co-operation of the churches. In return we pledge them our best in service.

Two new monthly publications have been added to the list of periodicals: *HOME LIFE, A Christian Family Magazine*; and the other is a publication in Braille, which will be issued as a gratuitous service to blind people. It is a hope that through this medium the Sunday School Board can make a large contribution to the spiritual growth, happiness, and usefulness of the blind in our constituency.

Sunday School: Theme, "Advancing with Christ." All shall faithfully endeavor to increase the enrolment, enlarge the organization, improve Bible teaching, and enrich the fellowship through regular visitation.

The primary purpose of all the program

will be *evangelism*.

Training Union: Theme, "The Book of Books." The aim is to enrol one million people in fifteen thousand churches. A balanced program of Christian education is offered for every church.

Our desire: Every member trained and utilized in service for the advancement of the cause of Christ.

Baptist Student Union: "To Live Is Christ" will be the theme for the state student conventions. The Baptist Student Union now reports the largest number of full-time state and campus secretaries in the history of the work.

Evangelistic fires are burning in the hearts of many students, and the hope of a new day grows brighter.

Vacation Bible School: This is a definite part of the Sunday school. All church workers rejoice over the marvelous growth made in recent years. The Board's staff has been increased in that department and confidently expects continued increase in the number of schools.

Church Libraries: Great progress is being made in this field. Almost a score of trained workers has been secured to render this ministry through the Baptist Book Stores.

Visual Aids: The Board proposes to keep step with the rapid developments that are being made and offers constructive help to the churches.

Church Architecture: This department is well staffed and ready to render service to all churches planning new buildings or remodeling. Plans made now will determine the church program of tomorrow.

Church Music: The Board's proposition to co-operate in setting forward the entire church music emphasis has been accepted by several states. Many churches have inaugurated the *age-group* plan of choir work and are magnifying a church-wide ministry of music.

Baptist Book Stores: Every book store is to be a spiritual and cultural center. These centers are destined to render a service to our people comparable to a Baptist institution.

Broadman Press: Nineteen hundred and forty-seven should be a great year in the books. Announcements of interest will be made regularly through the denominational press.

This is just a glimpse of the Sunday School Board. It is owned and controlled by the Southern Baptist Convention. The earnest desire of the Board is to serve every interest of the denomination. We request the prayers and co-operation of our entire constituency.

Foreign Mission Board—1947

By E. C. ROUTH

Since this forecast of the work of the Foreign Mission Board for 1947 must be prepared for the *QUARTERLY REVIEW* two months before the semiannual meeting of the Foreign Mission Board in October, at which time the budget for 1947 will be set up, it is difficult to do more than call attention to urgent world needs and opportunities and suggest minimum goals.

The present world conditions demand enlarged missionary budget for next year, both because of increased costs and because of the appointment of additional missionaries. The gospel of Jesus Christ and the application of Christian principles constitute the only deliverance from the present desperate world plight. The threat of Communism, for instance, around the world can be forestalled only by the application of the teachings of the Christian religion in social, economic, national, and international relationships. Southern Baptists face the greatest missionary challenge in their history.

There are open doors and many adversaries. The conflict between the National Government and Communists in China; the spirit of suspicion and the strict censorship in the countries dominated by Russia, particularly

the Balkan countries; Fascist trends in Spain and Italy; the tensions between Jews and Arabs in Palestine—all require more diligence, more prayer, and more sacrifice in the world missionary program.

New Missionaries

The Miami Convention adopted a Co-operative Program budget for current expenses of \$5,000,000, of which the Foreign Mission Board receives 46 per cent, or \$2,300,000. In April the Board appointed forty-four new missionaries; at the October meeting the total for the year will probably be brought up to sixty new missionaries. The minimum requirements for next year are at least \$3,000,000 of current funds and one hundred new missionaries. Six million Southern white Baptists should go far beyond that minimum goal. In the light of world need and the vast resources of Southern Baptists, the appointment of a thousand new missionaries within the next two years would be a large undertaking. Five hundred recruits could be used in the countries where Southern Baptists are already at work, and open doors in other areas would quickly absorb the additional five hundred.

New Conception Needed

But this is much more easily said than done. First, churches, colleges, seminaries, and training schools will not be able within the next two years to provide a thousand well-equipped, well-trained new missionaries. If the missionary personnel is to be greatly increased there must be a clearer conception of the place and importance of world missions in the world missionary program. There must be a spirit which will match the military achievement of World War II when millions of soldiers were provided.

In the second place, there must be an increase in personal and church budgets and a greatly intensified program of enlistment to the point where there will be an adequate financial basis for the enlarged missionary program. For every missionary there must be provided not only the modest salary, but traveling expenses, a place to live, support for the children, adequate equipment, cost of language study, etc., which brings the minimum total required for each new missionary close to \$4,000. For every one hundred missionaries added to its total staff, the

Foreign Mission Board must add approximately \$400,000 to its annual budget. Southern Baptists risk financial disaster if a budget is adopted on any other basis. Jesus himself taught us that we must count the cost, and God has provided the resources with which to enlarge the missionary program. The difficulty is not that we do not have the resources, but we do not have a deep enough conviction concerning our stewardship of these resources.

Fields Are Open

New fields are opening. Plans are already made to enter Southern Arabia where there is such a great opportunity for medical missions. Urgent calls are coming to expand the work in Nigeria, particularly in the Gold Coast area, and later in the Cameroons on the other side. Ultimately, South America should be encircled with mission stations, Latin American republics not already occupied by Baptists should be entered and plans made to touch every part of Mexico, Central America, and South America with the message of divine redemption as proclaimed and lived by our Southern Baptist missionaries.

Home Missions in Tomorrow's World

By J. B. LAWRENCE

A new world is emerging; a new day is breaking. The scriptural injunction, to discern the signs of the times, was never more imperative than now.

This involves at least two things: First, our duty to see things as they are with objective and dispassionate accuracy; and second, to see the present situation in its relations and perspective.

No time is isolated from its antecedent and its consequence. In one sense, to be sure, every age is separate and unique and supreme for those who live in it. It is their opportunity to fulfill their task. But all times are related in God's kingdom program, and those who work in any age for the coming of the kingdom must work in the

light of all the past and with a view to all the future.

Therefore, in each generation the basic issues have to be grasped afresh. The conditioning environment shifts its emphasis and proportions, and new demands as well as new difficulties replace the old. It is because of this shift in conditions that new appraisals of Kingdom work are necessary from age to age.

Facing Changes

We are today facing major changes in world life. The foundation principles on which our social order in the world of yesterday was based are being rearranged and human relationships are being readjusted so that individual, national, and international

life will be given a new pattern. The Home Mission Board is endeavoring to fit its work into the pattern of tomorrow's world.

During the past few years several new departments have been added to the Board's work. The principal among these new departments are: City Missions work; Rural Program; Church Schools of Missions; the "Good News Hour," (a radio program); a Spanish-speaking, and a French-speaking program over the radio; a Church Extension Revolving Loan Fund with which to help newly organized churches in building houses; a new and vastly enlarged mission work to the Negroes; and a department for the returning soldiers designed to enlist the G. I.'s in church and religious work.

Old Work Continued

These new departments are in addition to the work which the Board has been doing all along. For years the Board has been working among the Indians, the Mexicans, the Spanish-Americans, the Italians, the French, the Russians, the Poles, the Jews, the Chinese, the underprivileged in the congested sections in our cities, and in Cuba and Panama. All of this work will be enlarged and intensified in 1947.

The Home Mission Board now has a vast field of operations stretching from the sun-kissed shores of the Atlantic seaboard to the Golden Gate in the Pacific. This great territory, together with the four western provinces of Cuba, the Canal Zone and the Dominion of Panama, contains at least seventy million people, thirty million of whom are unchurched.

In our S. B. C. homeland, there are at least twenty-six million unchurched people above the age of ten. This is more than twice the number of our armed forces at the break of war. This great group would fill ten states with a population of Mississippi; six states with the population of Georgia; eight states with the population of Alabama; eleven states with the population of Florida; three states with the population of Texas; and twenty states with the population of New Mexico.

This group numbers more than the entire population of Old Mexico; one-half the

population of France; one-half the population of Brazil, and four times the population of Chile.

In our homeland there are sixty cities with a hundred thousand population, and more, and in these sixty cities there are thirteen million people with seven million, eight hundred thousand of them unchurched. In the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention there is one Baptist to every eight people, but in our cities, only one out of every 34 people is a Baptist.

Large Rural Areas

In the rural sections we find a great field for service. At least 65 per cent of Southern Baptists belong to rural churches; 85 per cent of our preachers and workers come from rural churches. In the rural program, the Home Mission Board, in co-operation with the state mission boards, is working to revitalize the country church, and there is great need right now for that service. There are five thousand churches in the country with fewer members than they had ten years ago. There are over six thousand churches that had no conversions last year; three thousand are constantly without a pastor; four thousand give nothing to missions, and two-thirds of all the country churches do not have Baptist Training Unions, Woman's Missionary Societies, or Brotherhood organizations.

Believe it or not, there are few, if any, of our city churches which would have been able to hold their own if it had not been for the members received from rural churches, and in the future the population of our land will come largely from the country, for in our cities the average family has one and two-thirds children, while in the country the average family has three and three-fourths children.

It is the purpose of the Home Mission Board to carry the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to every group in the homeland. We shall not have completed our task until there is a mission and religious service within the reach of every single family in this land of ours. In this changing world there is one thing which changes not, and that is, the saving power of the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Churches with More than 750 Members

Alabama

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Mobile, Springhill Ave.....	753	443	W. H. Black, Mobile
Montgomery, Madison Ave.....	756	408	John C. Coggin, Jr., Montgomery
Phenix City, First.....	763	448	F. T. Woodward, Phenix City
Haleyville, First	765	337	W. T. Mims, Haleyville
Jasper, First	773	659	Gilbert L. Guffin, Jasper
Greenville, First	782	535	Joseph Avery, Greenville
Tallassee	789	389	Paul Dixon, Tallassee
Auburn	792	723	Hoyt A. Ayers, Auburn
Pratt City	798	588	Herman W. Cobb, Birmingham, Pratt City Sta.
Russellville, First	807	322	T. B. Bealle, Russellville
Bay Minette	825	354	J. W. Fagan, Bay Minette
Union	832	361	Jas. B. Cambron, Bessemer
Attalla, First	836	869	Chas. J. Granade, Attalla
Pleasant Ridge	868	468	Judson Jones, Bessemer
Tuscumbia, First	872	326	D. W. Edwards, Tuscumbia
Clanton, First	877	480	Roswell E. Owens, Clanton
Opelika, First	882	763	W. E. Waterhouse, Opelika
Fairfax	890	444	R. G. Crowe, Fairfax
Wylam	906	568	H. L. Tully, Wylam
Langdale	911	697	Otis Williams, Langdale
Sheffield, First	927	580	W. Albert Smith, Sheffield
Alabama City, Dwight.....	930	487	Joseph B. Britton, Alabama City
Inglennook, Birmingham	939	596	
Atmore	945	736	E. M. Arendall, Atmore
Birmingham, Tenth Ave.....	947	507	J. D. Wyatt, Birmingham
Enterprise	949	436	B. R. Justice, Enterprise
Birmingham, Calvary	964	1107	James G. Harris, Birmingham
Sylacauga	986	871	J. H. Butler, Sylacauga
Mobile, Central	994	429	A. E. Carpenter, Mobile
Florence, First	995	535	Samuel E. Maddox, Florence
Tarrant, Central	1013	422	C. M. Crossway, Tarrant
Huntsville, First	1021	525	Jno. J. Milford, Huntsville
Tarrant, First	1053	309	Dewey Adams, Tarrant
Powderly	1067	515	Dalton Leath, Birmingham
Cullman, First	1077	559	J. E. Marion, Cullman
Talladega, First	1123	878	Perry Claxton, Talladega
Montgomery, Capitol Heights.....	1146	986	Robt. C. Edge, Montgomery
Gadsden, Twelfth St.....	1181	1040	C. A. Alexander, Gadsden
Bessemer, First	1193	600	Leon Macon, Bessemer
Birmingham, South Avondale.....	1235	935	J. E. Rouse, Birmingham
Birmingham, 66th St.....	1290	609	Geo. Hugh Dozier, Birmingham
Birmingham, Norwood	1291	674	Cecil S. Ward, Birmingham
Prichard, First	1306	1410	Henry S. Inabnit, Prichard
Birmingham, Pike Ave.....	1388	588	Theo. Harris, Ensley
Gadsden, East	1389	1368	V. L. Wyatt, Gadsden
Lanett	1408	687	W. P. Reeves, Lanett
Anniston, Parker Memorial.....	1409	905	B. Locke Davis, Anniston
Tuscaloosa, Calvary	1544	820	H. G. Williams, Tuscaloosa
Mobile, Oakdale	1625	1158	P. D. Walker, Mobile
Andalusia, First	1641	584	J. A. Cook, Andalusia
Anniston, First	1782	372	L. N. Claxton, Sr., Anniston
Gadsden, First	1808	1113	Oscar A. Davis, Gadsden

Selma, First	1882	1242	Jno. A. Davison, Selma
Troy, First	1908	808	C. T. Ammerman, Troy
Fairfield, First	1910	1619	E. J. Daniels, Fairfield
Birmingham, Central Park	1963	1806	Wiley D. Ogletree, Birmingham
Decatur, Central	1985	1047	Paul Roberts, Decatur
Birmingham, Ensley	1986	1144	W. C. Kirk, Birmingham
Birmingham, Ruhama	2073	1497	Selwyn Smith, Birmingham
Birmingham, West End	2089	881	Jas. Allen Smith, Birmingham
Tuscaloosa, First	2133	793	N. D. Timmerman, Tuscaloosa
Dothan, First	2158	1819	Henry A. Parker, Dothan
Montgomery, Clayton St.	2345	1215	John H. Avery, Montgomery
Birmingham, Woodlawn	2435	1977	Carlton S. Prickett, Birmingham
Birmingham, Hunter St.	2465	1613	Carl J. Giers, Birmingham
Montgomery, Highland Ave.	2466	1131	Henry L. Lyon, Montgomery
Mobile, First	2524	1442	Howard M. Reaves, Mobile
Birmingham, First	3182	2050	Jno. L. Slaughter, Birmingham
Montgomery, First	3336	1106	Frank Tripp, Montgomery
Birmingham, Southside	4314	1673	Jno. H. Buchanan, Birmingham
Mobile, Dauphin Way	4787	1990	H. H. Hobbs, Mobile
71 churches with membership of 102,984 and Sunday school 60,376			

Arizona

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Phoenix, First	1503	961	C. Vaughan Rock, Phoenix

Arkansas

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Monticello, First	751	427	R. D. Washington, Monticello
Russellville	755	490	Fritz E. Goodbar, Russellville
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	760	520	Paul Fox, Pine Bluff
McGehee	772	603	Theo. T. James, McGehee
West Memphis	792	841	Aubrey Halsell, West Memphis
Fordyce	792	539	C. W. Caldwell, Fordyce
Magnolia, Central	798	627	Lloyd L. Hunnicut, Magnolia
Harrison, First	802	512	E. E. Griever, Harrison
Malvern, First	836	510	T. K. Rucker, Malvern
West Helena, First	845	586	D. D. Smothers, West Helena
Helena, First	854	360	Jas. T. McNew, Helena
Forrest City	885	516	Minor E. Cole, Forrest City
Pine Bluff, Southside	892	789	L. A. Sparkman, Pine Bluff
Hot Springs, Second	896	902	W. J. Hinseley, Hot Springs
Camden	948	801	T. L. Harris, Camden
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	978	768	W. H. Hicks, Little Rock
Paris, First	990	520	Harold C. Seefeldt, Paris
Hot Springs, Park Place	1010	630	Jesse Reed, Hot Springs
Conway, First	1014	857	H. B. Tillman, Conway
Jonesboro, First	1081	501	C. Z. Holland, Jonesboro
Benton, First	1091	740	Virgil A. Rose, Benton
Ft. Smith, Calvary	1096	693	L. H. Davis, Ft. Smith
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	1101	892	L. H. Roseman, Little Rock
Texarkana, Beech St.	1122	689	Bruce H. Price, Texarkana
Pine Bluff, Ohio St.	1142	389	H. H. Bridges, Pine Bluff
Hope, First	1214	960	S. A. Whitlow, Hope
Crossett, First	1261	696	Wilford M. Lee, Crossett
Warren, First	1331	527	Paul Aiken, Warren
Booneville	1383	574	W. W. Grafton, Booneville
Little Rock, Baring Cross	1402	956	H. A. Elledge, North Little Rock
Paragould, First	1464	1036	Irving M. Prince, Paragould
Blytheville, First	1492	1066	E. C. Brown, Blytheville
Arkadelphia, First	1577	858	J. G. Cothran, Arkadelphia
Fayetteville, First	1610	519	O. L. Gibson, Fayetteville
North Little Rock, First	1666	938	

Little Rock, Second.....	1742	1088	M. Ray McKay, Little Rock
El Dorado, Second	1901	867	James E. Carroll, El Dorado
El Dorado, First.....	2067	1458	Sam C. Reeves, El Dorado
Ft. Smith, Immanuel.....	2590	1354	Victor H. Coffman, Sr., Ft. Smith
Pine Bluff, First.....	2730	1535	Alton B. Pierce, Pine Bluff
Little Rock, Immanuel.....	2890	2359	W. O. Vaught, Jr., Little Rock
Little Rock, First.....	3908	2096	Chas E. Lawrence, Little Rock
Ft. Smith, First.....	3969	1279	B. V. Ferguson, Ft. Smith

43 churches with a membership of 59,200 and Sunday school 35,868

District of Columbia

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Washington, Fifth	775	604	J. Herrick Hall, Washington
Washington, Grace	850	562	
Washington, Centennial	919	532	Wilson Holder, Washington
Washington, Brookland	1046	815	
Washington, Petworth	1218	654	Jas. P. Rodgers, Washington
Washington, Second	1280	903	J. Ray Garrett, Washington
Washington, First	2000	584	Edward H. Pruden, Washington
Washington, National Memorial.....	2107	1163	Edward B. Willingham, Washington
Washington, Metropolitan	3202	1616	K. Owen White, Washington
Washington, Calvary	3625	2416	Clarence W. Cranford, Washington

10 churches with a membership of 17,022 and Sunday school 9,849

Florida

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Wauchula, First	762	504	M. J. Schultz, Wauchula
Jacksonville, Brentwood	766	717	A. E. Lightfoot, Jacksonville
West Palm Beach, Northwood.....	768	480	Guy Henderson Marlow, West Palm Beach
Jacksonville, Franklin St.....	770	571	Harry Leichty, Jacksonville
Miami, Little River	770	645	
Sarasota, First	794	360	H. G. Wayman, Sarasota
Tampa, Buffalo Ave.....	794	443	Roy Mason, Tampa
St. Augustine, Ancient City.....	801	496	J. L. Rosser, St. Augustine
Tampa, Bay Shore.....	839	580	Robert E. Lee, Tampa
Bartow, First	841	517	J. E. Martin, Bartow
Winter Garden, First.....	905	429	A. A. Stulck, Winter Garden
Pensacola, Whitfield Memorial.....	916	571	B. A. Hawkins, Pensacola
Lake City, First	920	467	Jas. T. Mashburn, Lake City
Tampa, Palm Ave.....	949	590	William M. Jones, Tampa
Clearwater, Calvary	991	465	Walter B. Feagin, Clearwater
Ocala, First	1008	576	M. B. Knight, Ocala
Marianna	1036	516	A. C. Abney, Marianna
Jacksonville, Avondale	1042	697	Jno. S. Rasco, Jacksonville
St. Petersburg, Fifth Ave.....	1043	711	Vaughan M. Johnson, St. Petersburg
Sanford, First	1045	611	W. P. Brooks, Jr., Sanford
Leesburg, First	1078	749	Carl E. Bates, Leesburg
Winter Haven, First.....	1080	479	Arthur Stovall, Winter Haven
Miami, First	1083	1051	W. E. Denham, Miami
Fort Lauderdale	1087	524	Hoke H. Shirley, Fort Lauderdale
Quincy	1108	697	Nolan M. Kennedy, Quincy
Tampa, Riverside	1117	644	E. C. Abernathy, Tampa
Plant City, First.....	1135	964	L. Don Miley, Plant City
Fort Pierce	1139	968	J. R. White, Ft. Pierce
Panama City	1155	993	E. D. McDaniel, Panama City
Tampa, Seminole Heights.....	1161	1062	A. W. Mathis, Tampa
DeLand, First	1262	692	R. Grady Snowden, DeLand
Daytona, First	1325	1384	Lee Nichols, Daytona Beach
Lakeland, Southside	1341	1193	J. S. Day, Jr., Lakeland
Jacksonville, Woodlawn	1426	1216	Albert L. Carnett, Jacksonville
Jacksonville, Riverside	1556	769	Millard J. Berquist, Jacksonville
West Palm Beach, First.....	1720	1057	R. Kelly White, W. Palm Beach

Miami, Allapattah	1749	1795	Jno. H. Haldeman, Miami
Miami, Stanton Memorial.....	1881	1053	Ralph E. Gwin, Miami
Jacksonville, Southside	1915	1254	A. M. Herrington, Jacksonville
Lakeland, First	1916	1351	T. S. Boehm, Lakeland
Pensacola, East Hill.....	1945	858	W. G. Stracener, Pensacola
Tallahassee, First	2023	1013	Harold G. Sanders, Tallahassee
St. Petersburg, First.....	2104	1226	Earl B. Edington, St. Petersburg
Miami, Riverside	2207	1489	C. H. Bolton, Miami
Pensacola, First	2235	1398	W. R. Rogers, Pensacola
Gainesville, First	2343	952	T. V. McCaul, Gainesville
Orlando, First	2371	1353	J. Powell Tucker, Orlando
Jacksonville, First	2414	1777	Homer G. Lindsay, Jacksonville
Tampa, First	2600	1409	
Jacksonville, Main St.....	4036	683	Thos. Hansen, Jacksonville
Miami, Central	4048	693	C. Roy Angell, Miami

51 churches with a membership of 73,320 and Sunday school 47,692

Georgia

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Carrollton, First	752	461	H. B. Benson, Carrollton
Chattahoochee, First	755	478	T. P. Tribble, Chattahoochee
Lagrange, Southwest	757	384	C. M. Goforth, Lagrange
Washington	757	464	Raymond Collier, Washington
Dublin, Jefferson St.....	757	346	Earle F. Stirewalt, Dublin
New Harmony	759	80	P. W. Tribble, Cumming
Camilla	773	411	
Cross Roads	784	312	W. T. Phillips, Jr., Hartwell
Douglas, First	785	404	B. E. Donehoo, Douglas
Augusta, The Hill.....	802	575	L. Bert Joyner, Augusta
La Fayette, Second.....	802	482	M. M. Youngblood, La Fayette
McCaysville	802	473	L. C. Cutts, Copperhill, Tenn.
Atlanta, Jackson Hill.....	820	536	J. E. Dillard, Jr., Atlanta
Savannah, Immanuel	828	508	H. E. Gaddy, Savannah
Hawkinsville, First	838	312	E. B. Collins, Hawkinsville
Americus, Central	858	402	M. C. Gardner, Americus
Macon, Mabel White.....	863	569	Jas. M. Windham, Thomaston
Rome, N. Broad.....	873	529	O. E. Rutland, Rome
Cairo, First	879	542	W. S. Smith, Cairo
Thomaston	900	833	W. W. Williams, Macon
Milledgeville	903	312	J. M. Teresi, Milledgeville
Macon, Second	909	508	Roy C. Matthews, Macon
Carrollton, Tabernacle	930	566	E. G. Kilpatrick, Carrollton
Macon, East Side.....	934	633	B. F. Rogers, Macon
Toccoa, First	955	925	A. T. Cline, Toccoa
Fitzgerald, First	957	781	Carey T. Vinzant, Fitzgerald
Macon, Mikado	977	310	John Tippet, Jr., Macon
Albany, Bayne Memorial.....	984	475	G. A. Cooper, Albany
Dublin, First	991	350	R. D. Hodges, Dublin
Cordele, First	1004	586	
Canton, First	1011	616	C. R. Pittard, Canton
Macon, Cherokee Hgts.....	1015	470	J. Seabon Winn, Macon
Cartersville, Tabernacle	1024	414	
Dalton, First	1024	631	J. L. Clegg, Dalton
Center Hill	1041	443	A. C. Marshall, Marietta
Atlanta, North Side Park.....	1046	368	Ed H. McGee, Atlanta
Atlanta, Edgewood	1052	571	Wm. Courtney Oakes, Atlanta
Cedartown	1055	827	Walter L. Moore, Cedartown
Barnesville, First	1057	546	Henry R. Mitchell, Barnesville
Atlanta, Eastside Tabernacle.....	1066	79	Guy Rainwater, Atlanta
Valdosta, First	1068	808	T. Baron Gibson, Valdosta
Atlanta, Bellwood	1081	303	
Rome, First	1112	766	Bunyan Stephens, Rome
Newnan, First	1123	945	L. O. Leavell, Newnan
Augusta, Second	1127	710	
Augusta, Woodlawn	1143	550	C. A. Forester, Augusta
Atlanta, Central	1157	657	Jno. F. Mitchell, Atlanta

Brunswick, First	1163	783	Brooks H. Wester, Brunswick
Elberton, First	1166	733	
Bainbridge, First	1184	851	H. H. Shell, Bainbridge
Americus, First	1186	671	
Marietta, First	1191	1071	G. F. Brown, Marietta
Gainesville, Central	1236	710	R. C. Moore, Gainesville
Macon, Vineville	1248	1051	C. G. Campbell, Macon
Atlanta, Oakland City	1265	776	Warren M. Marshall, Jr., Atlanta
Atlanta, Oakhurst	1271	1020	L. H. Miller, Decatur
Waycross, Central	1282	999	
Waycross, First	1341	625	
Tifton, First	1383	1169	Davis M. Sanders, Tifton
Gainesville, First	1430	1006	
Athens, Prince Ave.	1453	892	T. R. Harvill, Athens
College Park, First	1555	1067	Jas. L. Baggott, College Park
Athens, First	1562	884	J. C. Wilkinson, Athens
Griffin, First	1592	1056	Hugh M. Lindsay, Griffin
Atlanta, Capitol Ave.	1596	1064	Marshall Nelms, Atlanta
Valdosta, Lee St.	1600	989	Grady D. Feagan, Valdosta
Atlanta, Inman Park	1618	936	J. LeRoy Steele, Atlanta
Atlanta, Park Ave.	1621	1020	L. E. Smith, Atlanta
Columbus, Rose Hill	1660	1090	A. J. Burrell, Columbus
Macon, Tattnal Square	1707	1033	Eric A. Oesterle, Macon
Atlanta, N. Atlanta	1715	1051	C. C. Buckalew, Atlanta
Hapeville, First	1744	1033	Z. E. Barron, Hapeville
Savannah, First	1760	931	L. G. Cleverdon, Savannah
Albany, First	1793	1355	Leonard A. Stephens, Albany
Lagrange, First	1848	1110	Montague Cook, Lagrange
Atlanta, Grant Park	1884	1022	E. M. Altman, Atlanta
Atlanta, Moreland Ave.	1896	1513	W. B. King, Atlanta
Augusta, Crawford	2009	1726	D. V. Cason, Augusta
Augusta, First	2057	1231	A. Warren Huyck, Augusta
Decatur, First	2088	1441	D. H. Hall, Jr., Decatur
Thomasville, First	2105	1137	T. F. Callaway, Thomasville
Atlanta, Colonial Hills	2153	692	J. M. Hendley, East Point
Atlanta, Gordon St.	2164	1674	D. J. Evans, Atlanta
Atlanta, Kirkwood	2178	1677	W. Herschel Ford, Atlanta
Atlanta, Capitol View	2312	1731	W. Lee Cutts, Atlanta
East Point, First	2317	1718	W. A. Duncan, East Point
Atlanta, Second Ponce De Leon	2402	1975	Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., Atlanta
Atlanta, Tabernacle	2493	1484	Paul S. James, Atlanta
Macon, First	2541	1237	W. E. Denham, Jr., Macon
Columbus, First	2592	1438	F. S. Porter, Columbus
Augusta, Curtis	2625	1342	E. C. Sheridan, Augusta
Atlanta, West End	2725	1509	Jno. L. Waldrop, Atlanta
Savannah, Bull St.	2925	1671	S. S. Garrison, Savannah
Atlanta, Druid Hills	3616	2626	Louie D. Newton, Atlanta
Atlanta, First	4171	2806	Jas. W. Middleton, Atlanta
Savannah, Calvary	4461	1104	J. S. Wilder, Savannah
Macon, Tabernacle	5205	1084	

97 churches with a membership of 143,979 and Sunday school 85,247

Illinois

Church	Membership	S. S. Enrol.	Pastor and Address
Eldorado, First	809	588	H. R. Moore, Eldorado
Harrisburg, McKinley Ave.	826	668	A. L. Cox, Harrisburg
Johnson City	841	492	Paul Higgins, Johnson City
Carmi, First	849	501	W. J. Pardue, Carmi
Pinckneyville	853	677	Ewell Payne, Pinckneyville
E. St. Louis, Rosemont	872	495	A. B. Constanz, E. St. Louis
Carbondale, Walnut St.	886	762	C. H. Warren, Carbondale
McLeansboro	946	628	I. E. Miller, McLeansboro
E. St. Louis, Lansdowne	1038	660	Paul Weber, Jr., E. St. Louis
Anna, First	1084	1133	L. H. Moore, Anna
Granite City, First	1123	845	Wm. Ed. Walker, Jr., Granite City
Marion, First	1188	1037	T. W. Nelson, Marion

DuQuoin, First	1269	990	I. E. Lee, DuQuoin
Harrisburg, First	1319	689	S. H. Frazier, Harrisburg
Salem, First	1339	680	Jas. M. Baldwin, Salem
W. Frankfort, First	1339	817	T. H. King, W. Frankfort
E. St. Louis, Winstanley	1349	994	E. V. Lamb, E. St. Louis
Herrin, First	1674	1309	Paul A. McCasland, Herrin
18 churches with a membership of 19,604 and Sunday school 13,965			

Kentucky

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Franklin	750	678	T. Emerson Wortham, Franklin
Catlettsburg	779	810	Dewey H. Jones, Catlettsburg
Sand Spring	779	363	Roy A. Hamilton, Lawrenceburg
Louisville, Virginia Ave.	790	462	
Winchester, First	798	403	Jno. R. Jester, Winchester
Owensboro, Walnut St.	801	449	H. F. Parker, Owensboro
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	803	882	Albert H. Cullen, Evansville, Ind.
Audubon	812	302	
Paducah, East	819	555	T. J. Tichenor, Paducah
Louisville, Grace	815	600	W. L. Crumpler, Louisville
Richmond, First	823	537	E. N. Perry, Richmond
Owensboro, Hall St.	842	706	J. Ray Dobbins, Owensboro
Louisville, Franklin St.	843	1233	L. Ferd Graves, Louisville
Russellville	864	441	Wm. Payton Thurman, Russellville
Louisville, Immanuel	871	502	R. H. Alston, Louisville
Pineville, First	881	860	Wayne Dehoney, Pineville
Central City	901	657	Ray Dean, Central City
Corbin, Central	918	816	Leslie Gilbert, Corbin
Fulton, First	928	496	Sam E. Bradley, Fulton
Hopkinsville, Second	951	489	I. H. Maddox, Hopkinsville
Louisville, Fourth Ave.	953	417	M. A. Cooper, Louisville
Campbellsville	956	646	Harvey Morrison, Campbellsville
Louisville, So. Jefferson	961	456	D. E. Jones, Louisville
Greenville	987	674	Roy M. Gabbert, Greenville
Louisville, Deer Park	1007	775	L. M. Polhill, Louisville
Winchester, Central	1033	472	R. Don Gambrell, Winchester
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle ..	1035	1199	Lewis C. Ray, Louisville
Louisville, Third Ave.	1041	731	T. E. Williams, Louisville
Georgetown	1050	713	E. L. Skiles, Georgetown
Lexington, Felix Memorial	1058	491	Wm. G. Walker, Lexington
Murray, First	1063	839	B. B. Sawyer, Murray
Williamsburg, First	1063	460	Herbert C. Gabhart, Williamsburg
Covington, Madison Ave.	1081	603	F. H. Malone, Covington
Danville, First	1086	678	Wayne Todd, Danville
Corbin, First	1099	712	E. O. Edwards, Corbin
Paris, First	1112	510	
Lexington, First	1119	357	George Ragland, Lexington
Hazard, First	1125	623	W. F. Badgett, Hazard
London	1134	931	Harold D. Tallent, London
Berea	1136	664	O. B. Mylum, Berea
Lexington, Grace	1146	577	W. L. Shearer, Lexington
Barbourville	1180	540	H. C. Chiles, Barbourville
Louisville, Clifton	1191	1176	Paul G. Kirkland, Louisville
Louisville, Highland	1202	753	
Somerset, First	1207	900	Preston L. Ramsey, Somerset
Henderson, First	1211	619	E. Keevil Judy, Henderson
Shelbyville	1224	874	C. W. Elsey, Shelbyville
Louisville, Eighteenth St.	1254	947	Oscar Gibson, Louisville
Louisville, Victory Memorial	1254	1097	D. E. Montgomery, Louisville
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	1265	1141	Roy L. Puckett, Louisville
Glasgow	1297	586	Chas. W. Knight, Glasgow
Danville, Lexington Ave.	1319	819	R. R. Couey, Danville
Princeton, First	1327	995	H. G. M. Hatler, Princeton
Louisville, Highland Park, 1st ..	1338	705	E. H. McElroy, Louisville
Ashland, First	1347	911	Carroll Hubbard, Ashland
Severn's Valley	1370	814	L. E. Martin, Elizabethtown

Louisville, 23rd & Broadway.....	1371	832	H. E. Rowlett, Louisville
Madisonville	1375	958	Harold J. Purdy, Madisonville
Paducah, First	1424	987	H. H. Stenbridge, Jr., Paducah
Ashland, Pollard	1435	885	Donald W. Wells, Ashland
Lexington, Immanuel	1443	801	Elvin N. Wilkinson, Lexington
Louisville, Crescent Hill.....	1531	1148	R. S. Burhans, Louisville
Hopkinsville, First	1545	961	P. C. Walker, Hopkinsville
Harrodsburg	1628	1466	J. M. Carter, Harrodsburg
Middlesboro, First	1672	823	Marvin Adams, Middlesboro
Owensboro, Third	1720	1551	H. B. Kuhnle, Owensboro
Covington, Latonia	1817	1570	Jno. E. Huss, Covington
Harlan	1850	1510	W. J. Bolt, Harlan
Louisville, W. Broadway.....	1890	1106	E. F. Estes, Louisville
Louisville, Carlisle Ave.....	1981	1641	A. W. Walker, Louisville
Mayfield, First	2052	978	W. H. Horton, Mayfield
Louisville, Parkland, First.....	2065	1254	H. Leo Eddleman, Louisville
Newport, First	2073	1340	W. H. Rone, Newport
Lexington, Porter Memorial.....	2238	1181	Connie Hargrove, Lexington
Paducah, Immanuel	2250	762	Carlyle L. Marney, Paducah
Bowling Green, First.....	2291	914	
Louisville, Ninth & O.....	2393	1911	M. D. Morton, Louisville
Owensboro, First	2437	1298	Robt. E. Humphries, Louisville
Lexington, Ashland Ave.....	2500	1500	Clarence Walker, Lexington
Frankfort, First	2512	2125	Fred T. Moffatt, Frankfort
Lexington, Calvary	2942	1229	T. C. Ecton, Lexington
Louisville, Walnut St.....	4395	3153	W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville

82 churches with a membership of 110,829 and Sunday school 72,530

Louisiana

Church	Membership	S. S. Enrol.	Pastor and Address
Tallulah, First	759	298	Clarence Crow, Tallulah
Denham Springs	762	373	E. N. Weaver, Denham Springs
Jena, First	773	215	A. L. Russell, Jena
Shreveport, Caddo Heights	781	529	E. P. Smith, Shreveport
Cotton Valley	801	584	R. W. Singleton, Cotton Valley
Springhill, Central	804	690	L. V. Fortenberry, Springhill
**Lafayette, First	829	482	R. L. Holmes, Lafayette
Ponchatoula	838	263	J. Price Brock, Ponchatoula
Hammond, First	875	546	Finley W. Tinnin, Jr., Hammond
Shreveport, Broadmoor	886	613	Stanley E. Wilkes, Shreveport
Leesville	940	751	E. E. Field, Leesville
Shreveport, Calvary	956	616	H. G. Buchanan, Shreveport
Jonesboro	1000	590	J. W. Buckner, Jonesboro
Bogalusa, Superior Ave.....	1013	768	Chas. A. Webb, Bogalusa
De Ridder, First.....	1024	249	C. W. Williams, DeRidder
Vivian, First	1052	537	Joe W. Bailey, Vivian
Bogalusa, First	1058	674	J. Pat Horton, Bogalusa
Bastrop, First	1120	813	Earl C. Whitsitt, Bastrop
Homer, First	1143	748	G. W. Trussell, Homer
Shreveport, Southside	1203	642	J. F. Kane, Shreveport
Haynesville, First	1210	905	W. T. Holland, Haynesville
Ruston, First	1215	740	C. S. Cadwallader, Sr., Ruston
Winnfield	1273	719	H. H. McBride, Winnfield
Oakdale, First	1304	684	H. T. Sullivan, Oakdale
*Bossier, First	1336	886	Earl Guinn, Bossier City
Lake Charles, Trinity	1355	811	E. B. Abington, Lake Charles
Baton Rouge, Weller Ave.....	1356	700	Luther B. Hall, Baton Rouge
Ruston, Temple	1389	696	Leroy Smith, Ruston
New Orleans, Central.....	1426	761	Horatio Mitchell, New Orleans
Lake Charles, First.....	1454	624	W. L. Stagg, Jr., Lake Charles
New Orleans, Coliseum Place.....	1483	445	E. E. Wheelless, New Orleans
Shreveport, Parkview	1514	564	A. T. Pilgreen, Shreveport
New Orleans, St. Charles Ave.....	1578	684	H. T. Whaley, New Orleans
Natchitoches	1603	631	Troy V. Wheeler, Natchitoches
Mansfield, First	1803	495	Geo. Ritchie, Mansfield
Baton Rouge, Istrouma.....	1874	1414	S. C. Rushing, Baton Rouge
**Alexandria, Emmanuel	2099	1208	F. M. Segler, Alexandria

Shreveport, Ingleside	2146	1187	T. C. Pennell, Shreveport
**Alexandria, Calvary	2254	1049	C. R. Shirar, Alexandria
*Baton Rouge, Emmanuel.....	2274	1167	T. D. Sumrall, Baton Rouge
Minden	2495	1724	V. G. Miles, Minden
Shreveport, Queensboro	2628	1702	Ira H. Peak, Shreveport
Shreveport, Highland	2733	1535	R. O. Cawker, Shreveport
Monroe, First	2765	1705	L. T. Hastings, Monroe
Pineville, First	2789	1270	R. Houston Smith, Pineville
New Orleans, First	2945	1489	J. D. Grey, New Orleans
West Monroe	3244	1423	C. E. Autrey, Monroe
Shreveport, First	4619	2296	M. E. Dodd, Shreveport
*Baton Rouge, First.....	4864	1966	J. Norris Palmer, Baton Rouge

49 churches with a membership of 79,645 and Sunday school 42,461

Maryland

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Baltimore, Fulton Ave.....	752	357	H. Otis Mayhew, Baltimore
Baltimore, Hampden	808	396	B. F. Richards, Baltimore
Hagerstown, First	944	795	Paul B. Watlington, Hagerstown
Baltimore, Gregory Memorial.....	1145	1319	W. H. Brannock, Baltimore
Baltimore, Seventh	1272	588	Jno. Henry Day, Baltimore

5 churches with a membership of 4,921 and Sunday school 3,455

Mississippi

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Petal, Harvey	757	367	Virgil Ratcliff, Hattiesburg, Rt. 2
Liberty	760	268	M. C. Waldrup, Liberty
Canton, First	769	365	J. W. Landrum, Canton
Meridian, Highland	784	534	Edward L. Byrd, Meridian
Pontotoc	792	356	
Macedonia	818	214	A. W. Talbert, Jackson
Yazoo City	820	511	Webb Brame, Yazoo City
Oxford, First	844	521	F. M. Purser, Oxford
Blue Mountain, Lowery Memorial.....	917	684	Clifford J. Smyly, Blue Mountain
Leland	922	655	Chester L. Quarles, Leland
Meridian, 41st St.....	933	433	Ray F. Dykes, Meridian
Kosciusko, First	930	680	R. C. Holcomb, Kosciusko
Starkville	956	570	J. D. Ray, Starkville
Water Valley	963	239	W. C. Howard, Water Valley
Biloxi, First	967	480	G. C. Hodge, Biloxi
Jackson, Davis Memorial.....	968	400	A. Sidney Johnson, Jackson
Corinth, First	973	502	D. L. Hill, Corinth
Louisville	978	758	W. L. Day, Louisville
McComb, East	989	538	
Philadelphia, First	993	655	W. L. Johnson, Philadelphia
Meridian, 15th Ave.....	1039	834	Paul G. Horner, Meridian
Picayune, First	1066	597	O. P. Estes, Picayune
New Albany	1067	721	J. R. Davis, New Albany
Laurel, Second Avenue	1108	634	B. B. Hilbun, Laurel
West Point, First	1112	792	
Natchez, First	1126	384	W. A. Sullivan, Natchez
*Pascagoula, First	1130	823	L. E. Green, Pascagoula
Jackson, Parkway	1175	842	
Grenada, First	1202	582	G. E. Wiley, Grenada
Crystal Springs	1206	836	J. T. Odle, Crystal Springs
Hattiesburg, First	1258	893	W. A. Bell, Hattiesburg
Hattiesburg, 5th Ave.....	1390	608	I. E. Rouse, Hattiesburg
Laurel, First	1397	975	J. W. Parrish, Laurel
Laurel, West	1399	796	H. J. Rushing, Laurel
Greenwood, First	1400	718	Edw. J. Caswell, Greenwood
Clarksdale	1427	1040	F. K. Horton, Clarksdale
Clinton, First	1439	559	Dr. H. E. Spell, Interim Pastor

Columbia, First	1456	564	J. T. Horton, Columbia
Brookhaven, First	1503	887	
Greenville, First	1724	919	E. D. Elliott, Greenville
Hattiesburg, Main Street	1731	875	J. E. Barnes, Jr., Hattiesburg
Gulfport, First	1839	593	
Vicksburg, First	1919	953	D. S. Haworth, Vicksburg
McComb, First	1970	913	Wyatt R. Hunter, McComb
Tupelo, First	1994	1075	H. R. Holcomb, Tupelo
Jackson, Griffith Memorial	2256	1126	L. W. Ferrell, Jackson
Meridian, First	2297	1203	Norman W. Cox, Meridian
Columbus, First	2561	1254	J. D. Franks, Columbus
Jackson, Calvary	3612	1987	Claude B. Bowen, Jackson
Jackson, First	4437	1683	Douglas Hudgins, Jackson
50 churches with a membership of 68,073 and Sunday school 36,396			

Missouri

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
California	754	389	Loren J. Belt, California
Webster Groves	755	265	Robert J. White, Webster Groves
Charleston	762	732	
Caruthersville	764	466	D. K. Foster, Caruthersville
Trenton, First	777	665	Wilson Hammon, Trenton
Kansas City, Beaumont	780	729	Joe Jilbert, Kansas City
Excelsior Springs	786	190	Paul D. Brinkley, Excelsior Springs
St. Louis, St. Johns	791	964	James T. Shirley, St. Louis
Fulton	792	577	C. E. Hanan, Fulton
Independence, Waldo Ave.	807	691	John L. Phillips, Independence
Springfield, Second	807	389	Herbert J. Miles, Springfield
Kennett	814	335	Owen Sherrill, Kennett
St. Louis, Jewel	814	474	J. H. Wright, Jr., St. Louis
Flat River	820	465	Authur R. Hicks, Flat River
Poplar Bluff, First	827	619	Chester B. Pillow, Poplar Bluff
St. Louis, Second	831	506	W. R. Pankey, St. Louis
Springfield, National Blvd.	832	358	Dale Hufft, Springfield
Springfield, East Ave.	840	447	Leamon D. Eppinette, Springfield
Red Star	846	385	J. B. Ragsdale, Cape Girardeau
Chillicothe	857	1056	Alfred S. Day, Chillicothe
Louisiana	864	591	J. E. Chappell, Louisiana
Lebanon	867	428	V. L. McKee, Lebanon
Marshall	874	475	W. M. Taylor, Marshall
De Soto	880	614	Chase Jennings, De Soto
Kansas City, Tabernacle	904	790	R. F. Jaudon, Kansas City
Elvins	908	514	S. S. Borum, Elvins
Kirksville	920	594	Ralph M. G. Smith, Kirksville
Festus, Crystal City	935	628	Leo B. Golden, Festus
Liberty	954	934	Allen S. Cutts, Liberty
St. Joseph, Wyatt Park	973	759	W. W. Pierce, St. Joseph
Kansas City, Maywood	983	815	W. H. Allison, Independence
Warrensburg	983	653	W. Ross Edwards, Warrensburg
Baxter Springs, Kansas	993	333	H. Ellis Ogden, Baxter Springs, Kans.
Hannibal, Fifth St.	1001	695	Fred Pulliam, Hannibal
Independence, First	1008	580	H. M. Hunt, Independence
Sikeston	1016	521	E. D. Owen, Sikeston
St. Louis, Water Tower	1027	1118	D. F. Risk, St. Louis
Kansas City, Wornall Road	1034	982	H. Guy Moore, Kansas City
Kansas City, Kensington Ave.	1039	1255	E. J. Rogers, Kansas City
Clinton	1050	491	Bradley Allison, Clinton
Columbia, First	1051	633	Gene E. Bartlett, Columbia
St. Louis, Maplewood	1051	690	H. E. De Lozier, Maplewood
Kansas City, Swope Park	1060	1076	A. J. Kondy, Kansas City
Sedalia, East	1093	681	
Moberly, First	1096	389	Joseph P. Grant, Moberly
St. Louis, West Park	1106	864	U. S. Randall, St. Louis
St. Louis, Delmar	1114	511	Rolland N. Dutton, St. Louis
Springfield, Grant Ave.	1126	499	Loyd Collins, Springfield
Kansas City, Centropolis	1155	812	Gordon Carpenter, Kansas City
St. Joseph, Savannah	1185	694	W. I. McClung, St. Joseph

St. Joseph, First.....	1207	1140	A. J. Moncrief, St. Joseph
St. Louis, Euclid.....	1211	1086	J. E. Rains, St. Louis
Sedalia, First.....	1216	843	T. W. Croxton, Sedalia
Kansas City, Temple.....	1219	828	R. L. Decker, Kansas City
Kansas City, Bethany.....	1227	1627	J. Clark Hensley, Kansas City
Mexico.....	1258	597	G. A. Hammon, Mexico
Springfield, Hamlin Memorial.....	1334	445	H. T. Abbott, Springfield
Kansas City, Bales.....	1346	1300	Alvin G. Hause, Kansas City
Carthage.....	1347	676	H. C. Bass, Carthage
Kansas City, Calvary.....	1454	805	D. M. Nelson, Jr., Kansas City
Cape Girardeau.....	1540	672	H. H. McGinty, Cape Girardeau
Jefferson City, First.....	1621	1238	James Heaton, Jefferson City
St. Louis, Fourth.....	1650	1084	Oliver Shank, Pine Lawn
St. Louis, Lafayette Park.....	1929	1485	O. R. Shields, St. Louis
Springfield, First.....	2181	965	Fred C. Eastham, Springfield
Joplin, First.....	2250	1085	B. A. Pugh, Joplin
Kansas City, First.....	2676	3165	R. I. Wilson, Kansas City
St. Louis, Tower Grove.....	2960	2250	F. A. Lowry, St. Louis
St. Louis, Third.....	5941	2367	C. O. Johnson, St. Louis

69 churches with a membership of 81,873 and Sunday school 54,979

New Mexico

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Alamogordo.....	796	534	E. F. Lawson, Alamogordo
Artesia, First.....	832	650	S. M. Morgan, Artesia
Carlsbad, First.....	835	745	J. T. Barbee, Carlsbad
Clovis, Central.....	1028	571	Harold Dye, Clovis
Clovis, First.....	1231	819	B. Petty Maddox, Clovis
Hobbs, First.....	1239	971	Earl R. Keating, Hobbs
Portales, First.....	1322	560	W. E. Barnes, Portales
Roswell, First.....	1907	1269	A. A. Du Laney, Roswell
Albuquerque, First.....	1943	1515	P. C. McGahey, Albuquerque

9 churches with a membership of 11,133 and Sunday school 7,634.

North Carolina

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Kannapolis, Centerview.....	756	639	J. S. Tyson, Kannapolis
Boone.....	767	415	
Morganton, Calvary.....	771	611	Elbert F. Hardin, Morganton
Roxboro, First.....	774	473	J. Boyce Brooks, Roxboro
Kinston.....	776	341	Howard G. Dawkins, Kinston
Asheville, Merrimon Ave.....	777	290	G. C. Cox, Asheville
Mount Holly, First.....	778	426	L. S. Clark, Mount Holly
Durham, Grace.....	805	640	H. B. Anderson, Durham
Gastonia, Loray.....	808	693	L. M. Dixon, Gastonia
Burlington, Glen Hope.....	811	654	G. W. Swinney, Burlington
Gastonia, Calvary.....	812	304	Bruce B. Littleton, Gastonia
Monroe, First.....	824	415	Jack T. Akin, Monroe
Concord, McGill St.....	836	870	W. V. Tarlton, Concord
Belmont, East.....	837	793	
Dunn, First.....	837	626	S. L. Morgan, Jr., Dunn
Burlington, Hocutt Memorial.....	844	632	A. P. Stephens, Burlington
Canton, First.....	845	638	R. A. Kelly, Canton
Salisbury, Stallings Memorial.....	849	748	C. A. Rhyne, Salisbury
Hamlet, First.....	854	400	J. B. Willis, Hamlet
Lenoir, First.....	860	657	O. R. Mangum, Lenoir
Wilson, First.....	867	882	C. E. Baucum, Wilson
Greensboro, Eller Memorial.....	876	495	R. Von King, Greensboro
Albemarle, First.....	877	457	W. J. Bradley, Albemarle
South Lenoir.....	877	659	W. F. Woodall, Lenoir
Winston-Salem, Waughtown.....	889	768	A. M. Church, Winston-Salem
Thomasville.....	901	574	Chas. F. Leek, Thomasville

Winston-Salem, Southside	904	477	W. R. Grigg, Winston-Salem
Rocky Hook	909	250	W. C. Francis, Tyner
Morganton, First	947	758	F. A. Bower, Morganton
Spencer, First	953	671	F. R. Wagner, Spindale
Lexington, First	954	650	Roy Clifford, Lexington
Reidsville, First	965	625	Jno. McGinnis, Reidville
Asheville, West	979	825	Nane Starnes, Asheville
Ahoskie	984	694	Oscar Creech, Ahoskie
Elizabeth City, Blackwell Memorial.....	996	608	T. S. Lawrence, Cliffsides
Cliffside	985	764	Ronald E. Wall, Elizabeth City
Durham, Edgemont	999	564	J. Samuel Johnson, Durham
Elizabeth City, First.....	1012	628	Wm. W. Finlator, Elizabeth City
Hickory, First	1029	1068	R. K. Benfield, Hickory
Forest City, First.....	1050	547	W. E. Pettit, Forest City
Charlotte, Ninth Ave.....	1061	544	A. B. Wood, Charlotte
Edenton, First	1086	425	E. C. Wells, Edenton
Concord, First	1105	673	E. S. Summers, Concord
Henderson, First	1108	1048	E. Norfleet Gardner, Henderson
Gastonia, Temple	1121	455	C. E. Phillips, Gastonia
Winston-Salem, Winston	1140	932	Jas. M. Hayes, Winston-Salem
Raleigh, Hayes Barton.....	1158	977	Carl M. Townsend, Raleigh
Statesville, Western Ave.....	1161	644	R. H. Satterfield, Statesville
Oxford, First	1199	591	
Gastonia, First	1224	1107	V. Ward Barr, Gastonia
Charlotte, Allen St.....	1235	912	J. Clyde Yates, Charlotte
Salisbury, First	1235	1005	R. A. Ellis, Salisbury
Roanoke Rapids	1238	497	G. L. Price, Roanoke Rapids
Lumberton, First	1250	995	J. Glenn Blackburn, Lumberton
Winston-Salem, Salem	1273	1148	Chas. H. Stevens, Winston-Salem
Durham, Temple	1281	1081	H. G. Hammett, Durham
Greensboro, Asheboro St.....	1284	1099	J. Ben Eller, Greensboro
Wilmington, Calvary	1290	380	E. W. Pate, Wilmington
Charlotte, St. Johns.....	1373	1200	Claude U. Broach, Charlotte
Goldsboro, First	1428	873	A. J. Smith, Goldsboro
Fayetteville, First	1458	990	L. S. Gaines, Fayetteville
Durham, West	1479	1217	B. E. Morris, Durham
Durham, Angier Ave.....	1499	910	C. N. Royal, Durham
Hendersonville, First	1519	980	O. M. Seigler, Hendersonville
Kannapolis, First	1529	886	W. Walter Jones, Kannapolis
Wilmington, First	1529	840	Chas. A. Maddry, Wilmington
Asheville, Calvary	1534	1409	C. D. Bessinger, Asheville
High Point, First.....	1536	1277	W. Wilbur Hutchins, High Point
Burlington, First	1559	1035	A. D. Kinnett, Burlington
High Point, Green St.....	1710	1342	J. S. Hopkins, High Point
Charlotte, Pritchard Memorial.....	1738	1158	Wm. Harrison Williams, Charlotte
Raleigh, First	1902	902	Broadus E. Jones, Raleigh
Durham, First	1927	1104	J. Winston Pearce, Durham
Rocky Mt., First.....	2027	1185	J. W. Kincheloe, Rocky Mt.
Asheville, First	2227	1423	W. Perry Crouch, Asheville
Greensboro, First	2438	1905	J. Clyde Turner, Greensboro
Shelby, First	2438	1603	Zeno Wall, Shelby
Charlotte, First	2956	2536	C. C. Warren, Charlotte
Winston-Salem, First	2999	1611	Ralph A. Herring, Winston-Salem
Raleigh, Tabernacle	3240	2237	F. Orion Mixon, Raleigh

80 churches with a membership of 98,668 and Sunday school 67,365

Oklahoma

Church	Membership	S. S. Enrol.	Pastor and Address
Sulphur, First	754	338	Chas. E. Myers, Sulphur
Commerce	770	477	J. Grover Scales, Commerce
Oklahoma City, So. Memorial.....	776	492	T. G. Netherton, Oklahoma City
Tulsa, Phoenix Ave.....	787	533	L. E. Stith, Tulsa
Elk City	813	813	Horace L. James, Elk City
Cordell	832	386	Roy L. Hurst, Cordell
Vinita, First	834	491	J. Harvey Scott, Vinita
Bartlesville, Va. Ave.....	840	534	V. F. Cloninger, Bartlesville
Poteau, First	851	371	Jas. O. Kincannon, Jr., Poteau

Tahlequah	862	461	J. A. Hogg, Tahlequah
Woodward	864	564	E. L. Stark, Woodward
Marlow	914	425	Russell Trammel, Marlow
Lawton, Central	918	620	P. Boyd Smith, Lawton
Oklahoma City, Northwest	921	551	Jno. T. Daniel, Oklahoma City
Walters	925	536	Jno. J. Evans, Walters
Pryor	934	648	E. R. Jacks, Pryor
Tulsa, University	939	785	Leo M. Perry, Tulsa
Oklahoma City, Crestwood	944	709	G. C. Howard, Oklahoma City
Okemah, First	962	385	E. A. Spiller, Okemah
Drumright	973	668	Harry Roark, Drumright
Oklahoma City, Ky. Ave.	976	494	Jno. N. Goss, Oklahoma City
Muskogee, Calvary	978	594	Ford F. Gauntt, Muskogee
Wewoka	985	551	H. B. Woodward, Wewoka
Tulsa, Hillcrest	995	777	
Sand Springs	1018	531	D. H. Corwin, Sand Springs
Oklahoma City, Downtown	1035	542	W. E. Cook, Oklahoma City
Hollis	1049	478	Frank Baugh, Hollis
Oklahoma City, Northeast	1077	681	E. L. Smith, Oklahoma City
Paul's Valley, First	1099	466	Tom E. Carter, Paul's Valley
Henryetta, First	1100	525	O. L. Bayless, Henryetta
El Reno	1106	705	J. W. Hodges, El Reno
Holdenville, First	1119	401	J. E. Kirk, Holdenville
Hugo	1127	507	J. F. Murrell, Hugo
Tulsa, Springdale	1145	917	Carlos Berry, Tulsa
Edmond, First	1157	759	M. E. Ramey, Edmond
Bristow	1160	547	P. D. Bragg, Bristow
Blackwell	1175	523	N. M. Stigler, Blackwell
Pawhuska	1175	829	LeRoy Raley, Pawhuska
Tulsa, Glenwood	1177	549	J. C. Mulhelm, Tulsa
Muskogee, Central	1194	880	Geo. C. Boston, Muskogee
Mangum	1249	1000	Jeff Moore, Mangum
Claremore, First	1269	708	L. C. Robbins, Claremore
Hobart	1284	876	J. Thurmond Georga, Hobart
Ada, Oak Ave.	1371	871	Chester L. Mason, Ada
Clinton	1373	601	H. W. Stigler, Clinton
Guthrie, First	1411	1059	Don J. Milam, Guthrie
Sapulpa, First	1528	521	Chas. H. Black, Sapulpa
Lawton, First	1570	1014	H. Tom Wiles, Lawton
Norman, First	1587	944	E. F. Hallock, Norman
Bartlesville, First	1599	1196	Harold K. Graves, Bartlesville
Lawton, Calvary	1599	689	Dewey C. Squyres, Lawton
Cushing	1716	840	
Durant, First	1746	1107	Robt. S. Scales, Durant
Ponca City, First	1850	998	Wm. A. Carlton, Ponca City
Tulsa, Immanuel	1850	1983	H. R. Howard, Tulsa
Altus	1851	1032	Jas. W. Reed, Altus
Shawnee, Immanuel	1855	1395	Claybron Deering, Shawnee
Stillwater	1876	845	C. DeWitt Matthews, Stillwater
Oklahoma City, Immanuel	1931	753	Max Stanfield, Oklahoma City
Okmulgee, First	1995	726	Harold E. Lindsay, Okmulgee
Ardmore, First	2039	881	Karl Moore, Ardmore
Tulsa, Nogales Ave.	2044	1682	J. A. Pennington, Tulsa
Chickasha, First	2069	1095	R. E. Miller, Jr., Chickasha
Duncan, First	2126	1077	
Fredrick	2141	1043	Milo B. Arbuckle, Fredrick
Muskogee, First	2192	1651	Wm. D. Wyatt, Muskogee
Shawnee, First	2306	1121	R. Lofton Hudson, Shawnee
Miami	2344	1892	B. M. Jackson, Miami
Oklahoma City, Olivet	2607	1294	Rupert Naney, Oklahoma City
McAlester, First	2657	1853	Augie Henry, McAlester
Enid, First	2800	1281	Robert E. Naylor, Enid
Oklahoma City, Kelham Ave.	2817	1440	R. C. Howard, Oklahoma City
Oklahoma City, Capitol Hill	2987	1321	Hugh R. Bumpass, Oklahoma City
Seminole	2994	1322	M. F. Ewton, Seminole
Ada, First	3129	1024	C. C. Morris, Ada
Oklahoma City, Exchange Ave.	3146	1110	Roy S. Holloman, Oklahoma City
Oklahoma City, Trinity	3456	1980	I. L. Yearby, Oklahoma City
Tulsa, First	5043	2960	J. W. Storer, Tulsa
Oklahoma City, First	7015	2974	Willis D. Howard, Oklahoma City

79 churches with a membership of 127,682 and Sunday school 71,202

South Carolina

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Belton, Second	752	609	Lewis G. Prince, Belton
Walterboro	752	512	J. A. Ward, Walterboro
Lake City	761	589	Archie W. Brickle, Lake City
Greenville, Brandon	782	1134	J. R. Bruce, Greenville
North Augusta	808	648	J. P. Sheffield, N. Augusta
Anderson, Garner Memorial	810	487	J. Yates Frady, Anderson
Conway, First	818	762	D. H. Daniel, Conway
Fort Mill, First	834	731	Oswell Smith, Fort Mill
Camden, First	841	634	J. B. Caston, Camden
Duncan	846	764	A. Howard Wilson, Greenville
Bamberg	865	510	J. P. Carroll, Bamberg
San Souci	866	853	Thomas D. Lide, Greenville
Greenville, City View	886	774	D. A. Martin, Greenville
Union, First	888	788	Francis M. Warden, Union
Lancaster, First	888	729	J. F. Burriss, Lancaster
Greenwood, So. Main St.	890	1044	G. H. Moore, Greenwood
Boiling Springs	893	394	J. G. Wood, Spartanburg
Inman, First	903	450	J. E. Lehman, Inman
Columbia, Eau Claire	917	722	L. G. Payne, Columbia
Sumter, Grace	919	608	J. H. Simpson, Sr., Sumter
Chester, First	923	721	Broadus E. Wall, Chester
Mon Aetna	969	806	Roy R. Gowan, Union
West Columbia	970	747	T. A. Snyder, West Columbia
Florence, Immanuel	977	738	P. H. Bussey, Florence
Laurens, First	983	912	J. H. Kyzar, Laurens
Ware Shoals, First	994	861	H. G. Wheeler, Ware Shoals
Mount Bethel	1006	296	Charles A. Arrington, Due West
Mullins, First	1021	702	Percy B. Upchurch, Mullins
Aiken, First	1031	620	A. D. Howard, Aiken
Columbia, Tabernacle	1036	771	D. G. Anderson, Columbia
Charleston, N. Charleston	1038	1591	Paul M. Pridgen, North Charleston
Spartanburg, Calvary	1083	760	C. O. Lamoreaux, Spartanburg
Victor	1088	744	R. P. Lamb, Greer
Greenville, Earle St.	1093	895	Nathan C. Brooks, Jr., Greenville
Lancaster, Second	1144	856	E. K. Anderson, Lancaster
Hartsville, First	1145	938	Mark M. Goss, Hartsville
Greenville, Central	1170	792	C. Frank Pittman, Greenville
Spartanburg, Green St.	1183	649	J. S. Cobb, Spartanburg
Sumter, First	1193	785	W. G. Moore, Sumter
Greenwood, First	1212	870	J. A. Bowers, Greenwood
Charleston, Hampton Park	1220	708	W. O. Kersey, Charleston
Orangeburg, First	1231	950	J. E. Rawlinson, Orangeburg
Gaffney, First	1239	842	D. M. Rivers, Gaffney
Greer, First	1239	1137	J. Roy Robinson, Greer
Charleston, Rutledge Ave.	1403	616	O. K. Webb, Charleston
Gaffney, Cherokee Ave.	1450	1048	C. A. Kirby, Gaffney
Columbia, Shandon	1562	1069	F. Clyde Helms, Columbia
Spartanburg, Southside	1603	1384	Lewis H. Wright, Spartanburg
Rock Hill, First	1633	1362	A. B. Hawkes, Rock Hill
Anderson, Oakwood	1635	1668	E. C. White, Anderson
Charleston, Charleston Hgts.	1830	1909	
Columbia, Park St.	1905	1881	Paul Wheeler, Columbia
Greenville, First	2046	1283	Leon M. Latimer, Greenville
Greenville, Pendleton St.	2076	2140	J. D. Crain, Greenville
Spartanburg, First	2340	1752	
Florence, First	2391	1442	Harold W. Seever, Florence
Columbia, First	2456	1729	R. C. Campbell, Columbia
Anderson, First	2649	2054	F. C. McConnell, Anderson
Charleston, Citadel Square	4084	2291	John W. Inzer, Charleston (Interim)

59 churches with a membership of 74,170 and Sunday school 57,061

Tennessee

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Columbia, First	750	791	
Cleveland, Big Spring	756	322	Samuel Melton, Cleveland
Nashville, Third	766	335	Bunyan Smith, Nashville
Knoxville, Euclid	773	310	C. S. McCoy, Knoxville
Chattanooga, Tabernacle	774	539	C. H. Petty, Chattanooga
Martin, First	778	542	H. W. Boston, Martin
Memphis, McLean Blvd.	780	500	D. A. Ellis, Memphis
Knoxville, Lonsdale	786	528	J. B. Cooper, Knoxville
Ripley, First	795	412	C. L. Bowden, Ripley
Chattanooga, Chamberlain ..	811	439	A. A. McClanahan, Chattanooga
Bristol, Calvary	812	543	J. M. Gregg, Bristol
Nashville, Inglewood	815	851	J. H. Stephens, Nashville
Chattanooga, East Lake	829	657	J. B. Hester, Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Brainard	856	641	B. F. Collins, Chattanooga
Memphis, Merton Ave.	870	585	R. C. Cannon, Memphis
Memphis, Lamar Hgts.	885	492	J. W. Bass, Memphis
Nashville, Judson Memorial ..	888	796	H. B. Cross, Nashville
Clinton, First	889	584	C. E. Wright, Clinton
Johnson City, Unaka Ave.	891	309	D. B. Bowers, Johnson City
Knoxville, Immanuel	933	472	A. R. Pedigo, Knoxville
Harriman, Trenton Street	941	531	O. C. Rainwater, Harriman
Jackson, Calvary	953	525	Walter Warmath, Jackson
Paris, First	961	553	O. E. Turner, Paris
Knoxville, Lincoln Park	970	873	D. N. Livingston, Knoxville
Cookeville, First	971	533	B. N. Ramsey, Cookeville
Shelbyville, First	975	459	H. A. Cate, Shelbyville
Sweetwater, First	980	575	O. D. Fleming, Sweetwater
Chattanooga, Red Bank	981	783	H. L. Smith, Chattanooga
Nashville, Shelby Avenue	983	686	P. F. Langston, Nashville
Knoxville, Oakwood	991	505	L. C. Roberts, Knoxville
Knoxville, Elm Street	994	213	Dewey Jackson, Knoxville
Erwin, First	999	591	T. C. Meador, Erwin
Etowah, First	999	625	R. W. Selman, Etowah
Johnson City, Temple	1000	341	J. M. Strother, Johnson City
Nashville, Edgefield	1002	884	W. H. Barton, Nashville
Memphis, Calvary	1005	606	J. G. Lott, Memphis
Morristown, First	1027	614	C. R. Widick, Morristown
Springfield, First	1048	723	L. J. Thompson, Springfield
Nashville, North Edgefield ..	1062	343	W. P. Young, Nashville
Humboldt, First	1079	770	S. R. Woodson, Humboldt
Memphis, Central Ave.	1079	1138	J. S. Riser, Jr., Memphis
Dyersburg, First	1098	668	W. R. Hamilton, Dyersburg
Nashville, Park Avenue	1162	680	C. F. Clark, Nashville
Chattanooga, Ridgedale	1179	1277	J. A. Ivey, Chattanooga
Nashville, Immanuel	1197	642	M. D. Moore, Nashville
Memphis, Seventh St.	1197	745	E. P. Woodroof, Jr., Memphis
Murfreesboro, First	1209	642	Griffin Henderson, Murfreesboro
Chattanooga, Northside	1222	986	Carl Rogers, Chattanooga
Fountain City, Central	1224	909	C. S. Bond, Fountain City
Nashville, Lockeland	1242	972	L. S. Sedberry, Nashville
Memphis, Boulevard	1250	1064	C. M. Pickler, Memphis
Cleveland, First	1252	698	F. M. Dowell, Jr., Cleveland
Jefferson City, First	1275	523	A. S. Hale, Jefferson City
Old Hickory	1322	1386	Floyd Starke, Old Hickory
Nashville, Eastland	1333	885	E. B. Crain, Nashville
Clarksville, First	1407	831	R. N. Owen, Clarksville
Chattanooga, Avondale	1483	1093	R. D. Field, Chattanooga
Knoxville, South Knoxville ..	1512	631	J. K. Haynes, Knoxville, Retired
Memphis, Prescott Memorial ..	1515	946	Charles Morgan, Memphis
Knoxville, McCalla Ave.	1549	754	C. C. Bowls, Knoxville
Union City, First	1563	882	W. A. Boston, Union City
Jackson, West Jackson	1567	1276	R. E. Guy, Jackson
Elizabethton, First	1620	1158	
Jackson, First	1772	995	W. F. Kendall, Jackson
Maryville, First	1814	987	C. L. Hammock, Maryville
Knoxville, Fifth Ave.	1860	1483	F. W. Wood, Knoxville
Knoxville, Bell Ave.	1861	1169	A. T. Allen, Knoxville

Kingsport, First	1896	1042	L. B. Cobb, Kingsport
Nashville, Grace	1914	1421	W. Leonard Stigler, Nashville
Johnson City, Central.....	1996	1270	W. R. Rigell, Johnson City
Memphis, Speedway Terrace.....	2002	1024	Mark Harris, Memphis
Nashville, Belmont Heights.....	2029	1824	James L. Sullivan, Nashville
Memphis, LaBelle	2210	1385	D. M. Renick, Memphis
Chattanooga, First	2270	1489	J. A. Huff, Chattanooga
Chattanooga, Woodland Park.....	2299	1297	E. L. Williams, Chattanooga
Memphis, Highland Hgts.....	2303	1531	S. A. Murphy, Memphis
Memphis, Union Avenue.....	2368	2048	J. G. Hughes, Memphis
Chattanooga, Highland Park.....	2727	2031	Lee E. Roberson, Chattanooga
Memphis, First	2851	1408	R. P. Caudill, Memphis
Memphis, Temple	3054	2335	E. G. Davis, Memphis
Knoxville, Broadway	3257	1491	Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville
Knoxville, First	3697	1635	Henry J. Stokes, Jr., Knoxville
Nashville, First	3764	2800	W. F. Powell, Nashville
Memphis, Bellevue	6980	3497	R. G. Lee, Memphis

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Texas

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Mineral Wells, Calvary	750	320	C. R. Campbell, Mineral Wells
Brownwood, Melwood Ave.....	752	459	Russell Dennis, Brownwood
Winters	756	576	L. L. Trott, Winters
Kermit, First	758	912	Strauss Atkinson, Kermit
San Benito	758	445	Joe Sullivan, San Benito
Burkburnett	760	618	A. E. Harrison, Burkburnett
Port Arthur, Trinity.....	762	718	D. O. Covington, Port Arthur
Houston, West University.....	762	878	R. V. Mayfield, Houston
Eastland	771	488	Fred H. Porter, Eastland
Dalhart	771	549	A. J. Quinn, Dalhart
Nocona, First	772	483	Loyd Lester, Nocona
Georgetown, First	773	425	A. F. Russell, Georgetown
Amarillo, Pierce Street.....	779	515	J. D. Horton, Amarillo
Amarillo, Buchanan	785	512	A. E. Wilson, Amarillo
Kilgore, East View.....	787	623	Deckert Anderson, Kilgore
Rotan	793	469	O. T. Brown, Rotan
Santa Anna, First	796	426	S. R. Smith, Santa Anna
Dallas, Pleasant Grove.....	801	634	Randall Odom, Dallas
El Paso, Grandview.....	801	575	J. F. Cole, El Paso
San Marcos, First.....	802	610	G. E. Stewart, Jr., San Marcos
Cleveland, First	804	448	C. M. Spalding, Cleveland
Ft. Worth, Connell Memorial.....	806	444	I. A. Bently, Ft. Worth
Abilene, Immanuel	809	494	D. G. Reid, Abilene
Wichita Falls, South Side.....	816	737	N. A. Sanders, Wichita Falls
Cameron, First	820	531	Lester L. Morriss, Cameron
Winnsboro, First	824	483	R. G. Baucom, Winnsboro
Slaton	825	519	W. F. Ferguson, Slaton
Ft. Worth, Turner Memorial.....	826	354	J. B. Davidson, Fort Worth
Nederland, First	830	729	J. M. Garner, Nederland
Mart	831	636	O. O. Seger, Mart
Dublin	834	524	Obey Nelson, Dublin
Ft. Worth, Harmony.....	836	261	
Houston, Memorial	837	709	D. E. Sloan, Houston
Graham, First	840	580	Dallas, Lee, Graham
Dayton, First	841	238	W. E. McGraw, Dayton
Austin, Hyde Park.....	843	538	Scott L. Tatum, Austin
Uvalde	844	730	M. M. Fulmer, Uvalde
Ft. Worth, White Settlement.....	845	755	D. C. Bandy, Ft. Worth
Dallas, Hampton Place.....	845	513	R. F. Sutton, Dallas
Teague, First	848	532	A. P. Hamrick, Teague
Tulia	849	418	H. E. East, Tulia
Tyler, East	854	407	E. B. Brooks, Tyler
Handley	859	418	J. E. Stallings, Handley
Mineola	861	621	R. E. Streetman, Mineola
Brownsville	866	431	E. G. Gregory, Jr., Brownsville
Comanche	867	545	

Cleburne, First	868	507	Albert Venting, Cleburne
Highlands	868	694	
Weslaco	869	575	A. D. Norris, Weslaco
Hearne	870	195	C. W. Sanders, Hearne
Bowie, First	872	710	G. B. Bradshaw, Bowie
McAllen	872	592	T. A. Gray, McAllen
Wellington	875	545	H. J. Jones, Wellington
Houston, Kashmere	875	784	T. S. Burress, Houston
Jacksonville, Central	876	722	J. T. Draper, Jacksonville
Silsbee, First	880	542	C. B. Bass, Silsbee
Wichita Falls, North Side	883	491	A. J. Ward, Wichita Falls
Canyon	886	612	R. L. Johnson, Canyon
Dallas, Hickory Street	887	408	E. H. Egge, Dallas
Houston, Riverview	890	666	J. M. Lunsford, Houston
Dallas, Forney Avenue	893	739	A. C. Turner, Dallas
San Angelo, Park Heights	898	325	Carroll Aly, San Angelo
Waco, Turner Street	900	490	Verlon A. Geeo, Waco
San Saba, First	901	511	Cecil Meadows, San Saba
Olney, First	903	465	J. H. Wright, Olney
Wichita Falls, Highland Heights	904	537	A. C. Huff, Wichita Falls
McKinney, First	909	463	R. A. Clifton, McKinney
Dallas, Trinity	909	587	J. R. Hickerson, Jr., Dallas
Edinburg	911	592	A. E. Riemann, Edinburg
Gainesville, Grand Avenue	912	409	
Arlington	915	868	C. E. Meredith, Arlington
Atlanta, First	925	458	Dean Elkins, Atlanta
San Antonio, South	925	705	J. D. Brown, San Antonio
Bonham, First	927	749	
Littlefield	938	636	Lee Hemphill, Littlefield
Cisco, First	940	560	Arthur Johnson, Cisco
San Antonio, Beacon Hill	944	299	O. M. Thompson, San Antonio
Sherman, North Park	947	746	Claude Johnston, Sherman
Ballinger, First	952	651	B. J. Martin, Ballinger
Seymour	961	542	J. R. Balch, Seymour
Quanah	961	790	George R. Wilson, Quanah
Kingsville, First	967	630	M. R. Soileau, Kingsville
Beaumont, Magnolia Avenue	968	583	W. S. Haley, Beaumont
Garland	972	1212	C. L. Cockrell, Garland
Colorado City, First	978	573	R. Y. Bradford, Colorado City
Ft. Worth, Diamond Hill	979	787	E. W. Hatchett, Ft. Worth
Bay City	980	592	H. C. Goodman, Bay City
Houston, Norhill	983	831	Cooper Waters, Houston
Pampa, Central	1000	535	R. Q. Harvey, Pampa
Marlin	1004	623	W. O. Wright, Marlin
Austin, West Austin	1006	461	J. M. Reynolds, Austin
Gonzales, First	1006	547	J. W. Parker, Gonzales
Mexia, First	1013	585	W. H. James, Mexia
San Antonio, Riverside Pk.	1018	750	C. J. Childers, San Antonio
Dallas, Second Avenue	1019	470	C. E. Jackson, Dallas
Overton	1027	426	C. W. Holmes, Overton
San Antonio, Harlandale	1029	988	Byron Bryant, San Antonio
Weatherford, First	1037	577	H. J. Starnes, Weatherford
Houston, Park Place	1048	1009	Joseph Stiles, Houston
Waco, Immanuel	1049	889	T. F. Maynard, Waco
Snyder	1051	514	
Texas City, First	1058	1002	R. P. Hood, Texas City
Hereford	1061	592	R. H. Cagle, Hereford
Texarkana, Highland Park	1066	729	L. E. Holt, Texarkana
Beaumont, North End	1087	630	J. R. Breland, Beaumont
Mount Pleasant, First	1096	803	O. J. Chastain, Mt. Pleasant
Victoria	1102	367	Avery Rogers, Victoria
Houston, Texas Avenue	1109	474	J. T. DeLoach, Houston
El Paso, Immanuel	1112	731	Ira Patishall, El Paso
Dallas, Munger Place	1114	337	Earl Anderson, Dallas
Ranger, First	1116	555	D. C. Ham, Ranger
Houston, Emmanuel	1118	760	C. B. Ray, Houston
Monahans, First	1119	712	C. J. Pearson, Monahans
Kerrville	1124	625	Vernon Shaw, Kerrville
Dallas, Ervay Street	1137	680	Charlie Cluck, Dallas
San Antonio, Calvary	1137	610	C. R. McGinnis, San Antonio
Dallas, Ross Avenue	1137	824	H. B. Reynolds, Dallas

Henderson, First	1145	857	T. P. Lott, Henderson
Waco, Brook Avenue.....	1147	593	Roy L. Smith, Waco
Beeville	1166	724	A. A. Sanders, Beeville
Ft. Worth, Trinity.....	1166	835	Floyd Lefevers, Ft. Worth
Sherman, East	1175	806	L. O. Evans, Sherman
Galena Park	1180	1001	L. L. Hanson, Galena Park
Irving	1194	921	Jack Merritt, Irving
Marshall, Second	1195	445	J. S. Bates, Marshall
Dallas, North Dallas.....	1199	791	L. C. Craig, Dallas
Stamford, First	1204	619	M. B. Hays, Stamford
Freer	1213	796	B. C. Brown, Freer
Belton, First	1217	543	James Basden, Belton
Freeport	1220	821	P. R. Brown, Freeport
Texarkana, Rose Hill.....	1226	1039	G. C. Ivins, Texarkana
Abilene, South Side.....	1231	629	W. C. Ashford, Abilene
Stephenville	1240	820	H. M. Smith, Stephenville
Tyler, Calvary	1240	882	J. R. Bryant, Tyler
Lubbock, Calvary	1246	804	C. J. McCarty, Lubbock
San Angelo, Immanuel	1280	362	Roy Shahan, San Angelo
Austin, Congress Avenue.....	1283	718	F. A. Williams, Austin
Waco, North Waco.....	1292	763	Kirby McGuire, Waco
Corpus Christi, Morgan Ave.....	1293	938	N. B. Moon, Corpus Christi
Pelly, Central	1294	494	L. C. Bell, Pelly
Groves	1297	1138	F. L. Gayer, Groves
Amarillo, San Jacinto.....	1301	600	L. M. Hill, Amarillo
Houston, North Main.....	1304	485	Leroy Pearson, Houston
Houston, Lindale	1308	874	A. A. Palmer, Houston
Grand Prairie, First.....	1315	1380	S. R. McClung, Grand Prairie
Alice, First	1319	1130	W. B. Billingsley, Alice
Paris, Immanuel	1339	117	L. L. Armstrong, Paris
Electra, First	1365	744	W. W. Rivers, Electra
Brownfield	1376	982	A. A. Brian, Brownfield
Dallas, Colonial	1386	1007	J. G. Moore, Dallas
Bryan, College Avenue.....	1387	942	Wilbur McDaniel, Bryan
Houston, West 14th Street.....	1391	839	R. L. Hollems, Houston
Coleman, First	1399	972	T. L. Stewart, Coleman
Ft. Worth, Sagamore Hill.....	1399	992	W. F. Swank, Ft. Worth
Levelland, First	1399	823	F. E. Swanner, Levelland
Baytown	1423	1041	E. R. Couch, Baytown
Memphis	1423	637	
Cleburne, Field Street.....	1424	855	Jones Weathers, Cleburne
Houston, Magnolia Park.....	1427	872	John Taylor, Houston
Lamesa, First	1437	902	C. A. Morton, Lamesa
Goose Creek, First.....	1441	1213	A. L. Jordan, Goose Creek
Waco, Bell Mead.....	1456	666	E. D. Dunlap, Bellmead
Gladewater, First	1467	848	B. R. Stripling, Gladewater
Sweetwater, First	1467	887	L. D. Ball, Sweetwater
*Hillsboro, First	1489	767	R. E. Day, Hillsboro
Big Spring, East Fourth.....	1493	708	J. R. Clark, Big Spring
Harlingen, First	1494	839	R. D. Hebard, Harlingen
Oak Cliff, First	1503	707	Albert W. Luper, Dallas
Conroe, First	1517	772	M. H. Godfrey, Conroe
Houston, Calvary	1526	617	J. D. Thorn, Houston
Pasadena, First	1534	1366	L. D. Morgan, Pasadena
Big Spring, First.....	1535	707	P. D. O'Brien, Big Spring
Ennis, Tabernacle	1536	717	R. C. Fling, Ennis
College Station, First.....	1551	483	R. L. Brown, College Station
Houston, Broadway	1553	1109	W. H. Barsh, Houston
Odessa, First	1558	1541	Arthur DeLoach, Odessa
Houston, Tabernacle	1560	684	L. B. Quarles, Houston
Kilgore, First	1570	1158	H. C. Bennett, Kilgore
Houston, Woodland	1587	1246	W. M. Harrell, Houston
Waco, Calvary	1593	877	A. J. Holt, Waco
Temple, Memorial	1652	863	G. H. Brown, Temple
Paris, First	1658	481	L. B. Reavis, Paris
Waxahachie, First	1678	1008	J. P. Boone, Waxahachie
Brownwood, Coggins Avenue.....	1681	1128	H. H. Hargrove, Brownwood
Bryan, First	1686	805	William Andrew, Bryan
Dallas, East Dallas.....	1693	1085	P. E. Hand, Dallas
Mineral Wells, First.....	1704	823	C. G. Watt, Mineral Wells
Abilene, University	1712	950	W. E. King, Abilene

Huntsville, First	1720	651	H. M. Ward, Huntsville
Dallas, Fernwood	1722	633	R. H. Riley, Dallas
Orange, First	1728	746	W. A. Corkern, Orange
Sulphur Springs	1739	1160	C. W. Freeman, Sulphur Springs
Orange, North	1756	1276	Jaroy Weber, Orange
Gatesville, First	1764	1025	Lawrence Hayes, Gatesville
Palestine, First	1766	683	D. D. Sumrall, Palestine
Texarkana, First	1768	1279	J. B. Leavell, Texarkana
Nacogdoches, First	1777	842	L. E. Lamb, Nacogdoches
Corpus Christi, Park Avenue	1778	1094	L. L. Roloff, Corpus Christi
Commerce	1783	631	A. A. Duncan, Commerce
Sherman, First	1786	1206	J. A. Ellis, Sherman
Austin, University	1794	685	Blake Smith, Austin
Gainesville, First	1805	1005	T. H. Epton, Gainesville
Terrell	1829	1165	T. J. Doss, Terrell
Greenville, First	1831	1006	
Beaumont, South Park	1837	1140	J. J. Strickland, Beaumont
Ft. Worth, Riverside	1845	1303	Judson Prince, Ft. Worth
Childress, First	1846	862	W. H. Colson, Childress
Port Arthur, Memorial	1847	1293	Oscar Perkins, Port Arthur
Wichita Falls, Lamar Avenue	1915	1193	J. B. McLeroy, Wichita Falls
Corpus Christi, First	1949	1112	C. E. Hereford, Corpus Christi
Temple, First	1983	983	G. W. Metcalf, Temple
Denison, First	1994	1882	Guy Newman, Denison
Corsicana, First	2021	535	J. I. Cartledge, Corsicana
Ft. Worth, College Avenue	2038	1067	A. B. Van Arsdale, Ft. Worth
Houston, First Heights	2042	1574	M. L. Rhodes, Houston
Beaumont, Calvary	2045	1345	J. M. Sibley, Beaumont
Borger, First	2045	1413	P. B. Cullen, Borger
Waco, First	2063	1303	Forrest C. Feezor, Waco
Midland, First	2117	1145	Vernon Yearby, Midland
Breckinridge, First	2152	1234	Truman Aldrege, Breckenridge
Ft. Worth, Evans Avenue	2157	1377	L. R. Simmons, Ft. Worth
Pampa, First	2157	1205	E. D. Carver, Pampa
Houston, W. End	2170	1833	C. L. McClain, Houston
Marshall, First	2246	1758	A. B. Rutledge, Marshall
San Antonio, Baptist Temple	2247	1472	S. G. Posey, San Antonio
Dallas, Forrest Avenue	2251	1203	Odell Jamison, Dallas
Galveston, First	2347	1775	H. L. Fickett, Sr., Galveston
Ft. Worth, Polytechnic	2401	1465	Floyd Chaffin, Ft. Worth
Dallas, Highland Avenue	2414	1405	Julian Atwood, Dallas
Brownwood, First	2415	1312	H. L. Spencer, Brownwood
Plainview, First	2450	1242	A. Hope Owen, Plainview
Dallas, Hillcrest	2475	1526	J. C. Sisemore, Dallas
Dallas, E. Grand Avenue	2493	1866	T. A. Patterson, Dallas
Dallas, Calvary	2502	1365	W. O. Barnett, Dallas
Houston, Park Memorial	2605	1683	W. L. Shuttleworth, Houston
Waco, Columbus Avenue	2626	1296	W. W. Melton, Waco
Lufkin, First	2636	1937	J. M. Bradford, Lufkin
Waco, Seventh and James	2653	1391	Woodson Armes, Waco
El Paso, First	2723	1079	W. H. Rogers, El Paso
Vernon, First	2746	2021	E. S. James, Vernon
Port Arthur, First	2794	1503	J. M. Wright, Port Arthur
Austin, First	2851	2284	W. R. White, Austin
Houston, Trinity	2855	1235	E. S. Hutcherson, Houston
Fort Worth, North Fort Worth	3020	1490	J. N. Morgan, Ft. Worth
Ft. Worth, Rosen Heights	3022	1479	Jesse Garrett, Ft. Worth
Tyler, First	3096	1407	P. M. Bailes, Tyler
Denton, First	3215	1566	
Houston, Baptist Temple	3218	2123	T. C. Jester, Houston
San Angelo, First	3272	919	A. C. Donath, San Angelo
Beaumont, First	3675	2123	
Houston, South Main	3747	2370	E. H. Westmoreland, Houston
Longview, First	3888	1936	W. M. Ford, Longview
Abilene, First	4090	2648	M. A. Jenkins, Abilene
Ft. Worth, Broadway	4240	2556	
Wichita Falls, First	4335	2222	J. H. Landes, Wichita Falls
Houston, Second	4399	3027	Kyle M. Yates, Houston
Amarillo, First	4506	3264	A. D. Foreman, Jr., Amarillo
Houston, First	5070	2436	Boyd Hunt, Houston
Lubbock, First	5542	2823	J. Ralph Grant, Lubbock

Dallas, Gaston Avenue.....	5931	5510	W. M. Craig, Dallas
Ft. Worth, Travis Avenue.....	5967	3660	Ellis Carnett, Fort Worth
Dallas, Cliff Temple.....	6664	3869	Wallace Bassett, Dallas
San Antonio, First.....	7661	3704	P. F. Webb, San Antonio
Dallas, First.....	8253	4144	W. A. Criswell, Dallas

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Virginia

<i>Church</i>	<i>Membership</i>	<i>S. S. Enrol.</i>	<i>Pastor and Address</i>
Norfolk, South Norfolk.....	756	598	C. S. Sawyer, South Norfolk
Hilton.....	770	742	Jno. V. Tinnin, Hilton
Portsmouth, Park View.....	775	456	R. W. Wallis, Portsmouth
Crewe.....	783	506	Frank B. Handley, Crewe
Danville, Moffett Memorial.....	793	877	G. D. Stevens, Danville
Petersburg, Second.....	802	388	Clyde N. Parker, Petersburg
Danville, Lee Street.....	810	853	G. M. Turner, Danville
Roanoke, Villa Heights.....	814	597	G. L. Maddex, Roanoke
Staunton, First.....	817	509	C. C. Thomas, Staunton
Petersburg, First.....	819	680	W. W. Leathers, Jr., Petersburg
Roanoke, Tabernacle.....	824	590	E. M. Vaughan, Rt. 3, Roanoke
Bluefield, First.....	839	459	Cecil V. Cook, Jr., Bluefield, W. Va.
Portsmouth, Jackson Memorial.....	839	863	Jno. W. Wood, Portsmouth
Lynchburg, Franklin Street.....	846	469	Geo. R. M. Rumney, Lynchburg
Alexandria, Del Ray.....	849	923	J. P. Gulley, Alexandria
Hampton.....	855	777	Jno. H. Garber, Hampton
South Boston.....	866	627	F. C. Riley, South Boston
Ocean View.....	870	572	A. M. Coltharp, Norfolk
Newport News, Tabernacle.....	875	912	
Martinsburg, First.....	877	416	Jno. Ward Brown, Martinsburg, W. Va.
Roanoke, Jefferson Street.....	878	467	Jno. T. Coburn, Roanoke
Lynchburg, West Lynchburg.....	883	733	P. T. Harman, Lynchburg
Richmond, Calvary.....	885	631	David F. White, Richmond
Covington.....	914	560	Roy R. McCulloch, Covington
Princeton.....	916	484	
Roanoke, Oakland.....	916	1006	W. D. Morris, Roanoke
Newport News, Calvary.....	918	649	Albert E. Simms, Newport News
Richmond, Second.....	929	549	J. H. Ivey, Richmond
Culpeper.....	933	644	J. T. Edwards, Culpeper
New Bridge.....	954	588	M. J. Hoover, Sr., Richmond, Rt. 3
Portsmouth, Court Street.....	979	392	Archer B. Bass, Portsmouth
Vinton.....	1006	816	
Richmond, Grove Avenue.....	1022	607	Byron M. Wilkinson, Richmond
Norfolk, Central.....	1023	448	P. Roland Wagner, Norfolk
Richmond, Fairmount Avenue.....	1033	718	W. I. Barkley, Richmond
Richmond, Ginter Park.....	1042	978	T. Rupert Coleman, Richmond
Danville, First.....	1048	898	L. D. Johnson, Danville
Portsmouth, Calvary.....	1078	815	Ralph J. Kirby, Portsmouth
Lynchburg, Rivermount Ave.....	1104	832	Josef Nordenhaug, Lynchburg
Richmond, Grace.....	1104	617	Garis T. Long, Richmond
Richmond, Park View.....	1107	921	E. Y. Roberston, Richmond
Bristol, First.....	1110	645	J. P. Allen, Bristol
Roanoke, Virginia Heights.....	1116	735	Jesse E. Davis, Roanoke
Arlington, Clarendon.....	1126	1147	Frank L. Snyder, Arlington
Norfolk, Trinity.....	1126	811	G. T. Terrell, Norfolk
Clifton Forge.....	1129	811	W. A. Brooks, Clifton Forge
Norfolk, Freemason Street.....	1139	552	S. W. Melton, Norfolk
Hopewell, First.....	1151	552	G. Bartow Harris, Hopewell
Salem.....	1154	727	R. P. Downey, Salem
Portsmouth, South Street.....	1160	603	T. A. Russell, Portsmouth
Bristol, Euclid Avenue.....	1239	1123	Garrett R. Graham, Bristol
South Richmond, Woodland Heights.....	1241	1016	M. Jackson White, Richmond
Lynchburg, First.....	1246	742	W. Wesley Shrader, Lynchburg
Portsmouth, Port Norfolk.....	1253	1299	H. L. Arthur, Portsmouth
Richmond, Venable Street.....	1314	621	W. W. Ferguson, Richmond
South Richmond, Weatherford M.....	1333	1301	J. Levering Evans, Richmond
Lynchburg, College Hill.....	1430	1025	H. M. Fugate, Lynchburg
Petersburg, W. End.....	1440	1080	G. T. Tunstall, Petersburg

Portsmouth, 4th Street.....	1448	680	E. F. Chauncey, Portsmouth
South Richmond, Bainbridge Avenue.....	1465	1091	J. W. Hughston, Richmond
Richmond, Pine Street.....	1500	1072	Chas. S. Norville, Richmond
Roanoke, Melrose	1554	1467	W. B. Denson, Roanoke
Martinsville, First	1592	775	J. P. McCabe, Martinsburg
Richmond, Leigh Street.....	1619	1395	F. E. Morris, Richmond
Suffolk, First	1736	1013	J. Lester Lane, Suffolk
Roanoke, Waverly Place.....	1775	1025	C. S. Trammel, Roanoke
Alexandria, First	1809	1114	E. F. Campbell, Alexandria
Richmond, Northside	1860	1216	R. Wade Kay, Richmond
Frederickburg	1886	901	R. F. Caverlee, Frederickburg
Newport News, First.....	1905	1124	Strother Campbell, Newport News
Newport News, Orcutt Avenue.....	1958	1770	Herman T. Stevens, Newport News
Charlottesville, First	1975	1311	Allen W. Graves, Charlottesville
Norfolk, Park Place.....	2033	758	H. W. Tiffany, Norfolk
Norfolk, First	2168	981	J. W. Kincheloe, Jr., Norfolk
Roanoke, Belmont	2203	1583	E. D. Poe, Roanoke
Roanoke, First	2301	1122	Wade H. Bryant, Roanoke
Richmond, Barton Heights.....	2400	1898	Clyde V. Hickerson, Richmond
Richmond, Tabernacle	2418	1559	R. A. Williams, Richmond
Richmond, Calvary	2487	1370	Harry V. Gamble, Richmond
Richmond, First	2906	1611	T. F. Adams, Richmond

80 churches with a membership of 100,856 and Sunday school 68,792

Mostly About People

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John Brown, a minister of note, the first moderator. Following the early example of their Charleston brethren, South Carolina Baptists have continued to choose their best men as moderators of the associations. In addition to the outstanding pastors who are now associational moderators E. C. Hardee, Horace Adams, T. W. Eddins, R. B. Bell, A. L. Gross, J. T. Anderson, R. T. Hallums and P. L. McCall are all honored laymen now serving their associations in this capacity.

New Pastors

In keeping with Baptist freedom, and we believe good judgment, some of our churches have been going beyond the boundaries of the state to find their pastors. Among those coming from other states and being welcomed into the ranks as South Carolina pastors in recent months are such men as Francis Marion Warden, O. E. Burton, J. Roy Robinson, E. R. Eller, J. S. Wimbish, P. H. Upchurch, Nathan Brooks, B. F. Broadway, William F. Sherin, W. L. Ball, Jr., H. G. Bryant, John C. Searcy, A. L. Gregg A. E. Lanier, A. L. Phillips.

Cost of Crime, Drinking, Gambling Set at 34 Billion

According to Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, the cost of crime, drinking, and gambling in the United States is now above thirty-four billion dollars. The National W.C.T.U. research bureau reports the following:

Bet through Mutuels at race tracks	\$ 1,306,514,314
Bet through bookies	3,275,000,000
Numbers	3,500,000,000
Twenty-six, Hooligan and other dice games, mostly in bars and night clubs.....	2,000,000,000
Other mis'cl, including roulette, cards, lotteries, slot and claw machines, bingo, et cetera	2,500,000,000
ALCOHOL BEVERAGES, consumer expenditures	7,100,000,000
COST OF CRIME.....	15,000,000,000
TOTAL	\$34,681,514,314

Pastoral Services and Average Salaries—1945

States	<i>Chs. in State</i>	<i>Full Time Chs.</i>	<i>Aver- age Salary</i>	<i>¼ Time Chs.</i>	<i>Aver- age Salary</i>	<i>½ Time Chs.</i>	<i>Aver- age Salary</i>	<i>¾ Time Chs.</i>	<i>Aver- age Salary</i>	<i>Chs. not Reporting Information</i>
Alabama	2,456	485	\$2,162	14	\$1,001	785	\$405	1,172	\$210	....
Arizona	33	30	1,674	....	....	3	No report	....	....	....
Arkansas	987	361	2,144	3	825	315	336	308	158	....
California	90	90	1,424	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
District of Columbia.....	33	33	3,366	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Florida	837	480	2,197	4	900	170	440	183	184	....
Georgia	2,561	579	2,313	11	1,282	706	598	1,355	228	....
Illinois	586	200	1,520	....	....	232	358	154	162	....
Kentucky	2,149	829	1,747	8	969	563	484	749	198	....
Louisiana	950	435	2,177	2	725	353	483	160	245	....
Maryland	103	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	103
Mississippi	1,566	317	2,666	9	1,085	589	592	651	253	....
Missouri	1,729	554	2,317	5	645	548	408	622	190	....
New Mexico	148	76	1,787	....	....	15	455	57	170	....
North Carolina	2,716	865	2,060	33	750	1,139	425	679	290	....
Oklahoma	1,045	657	1,761	2	1,000	260	318	126	154	....
South Carolina	1,234	623	2,164	27	750	503	470	81	240	....
Tennessee	2,359	712	2,264	7	705	737	405	903	177	....
Texas	3,268	1,624	2,390	14	700	956	510	674	167	....
Virginia	1,194	449	2,219	44	600	448	375	253	218	....
Totals	26,134	9,399	\$2,124	183	\$ 853	8,322	\$441	8,127	\$203	103

Average full-time salary for 1944 was \$1,693. The 1945 average full-time salary increased 25 per cent.

On the Mountains with the Master

By JEROME O. WILLIAMS

This is a series of six Bible lessons which were prepared for use in the Student Retreat at Ridgecrest, June, 1496. The fact that the class of more than 250 students received the messages so heartily and requested that they be published prompts me to present them for publication here. Though they are not sermons, they are filled with sermonic material. For instance the one on "The Mountain of Instruction" is a brief outline of the entire Sermon on the Mount and a series of sermons should be preached from this one study, using the general outline presented here. Also, the one on "The Mountain of Authority" could form the basis for a series of seven sermons.

The studies present briefly six mountain-top experiences in the life of Jesus: that of conquest, instruction, prayer, glory, atonement, and authority. It is our prayer that pastors may find these studies most helpful.

The Mountain of Conquest

Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-14

"The devil taketh him up into an exceeding high mountain" (Matt. 4:8).

The temptations of Jesus were desperate, personal, powerful, progressive, official, and universal.

I. The Preparation of Jesus for Meeting and Overcoming Temptation

1. *Home Training.* The spirit, ideals, teachings, example, and training in the home prepared him for this hour.

2. *Consciousness of God.* Jesus was aware of the presence of God in his life and in all the world. He knew the Word of God and used it (Psalm 119:11).

3. *Consecration to God.* This was marked by the baptism, the prayer, the Holy Spirit, and the approving voice of the Father (Matt. 3:13-17).

II. The Purpose of the Temptation of Jesus

1. It perfected him in Saviourhood. His "being tempted" enabled him to be High Priest for the sins of the people (Heb. 2:16-18; 4:15).

2. It enabled him to fix and declare principles of conduct (Rom. 13:14).

3. It enabled him to fix the interest that would control his life, and the goal that he sought.

III. The Plan of the Temptations of Jesus

1. "Command this stone that it become a loaf of bread" (Luke 4:3).

An appeal to the physical: a temptation to doubt God; to satisfy a personal need; to serve himself with power given to serve others and God; to make physical gratification the test of his life.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every work of God" (Deut. 8:3).

2. "The devil taketh him up into an high mountain" (Luke 4:5).

An appeal to ambition: a temptation to ignore God; to gratify an ambition; to use the kingdom of God to exalt himself; to make the kingdom material and political rather than spiritual.

"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve" (Deut. 6:13; 10:20).

3. "Set him on the pinnacle of the temple" (Luke 4:9).

An appeal to the spectacular: a temptation to use God to accomplish his own ends; to display a possession; to relieve himself of toil and trouble to win his kingdom; to seek recognition by physical display rather than spiritual transformation of men.

"Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God" (Deut. 6:16).

The Mountain of Instruction

Matthew 5:1 to 8:1

"And seeing the multitudes, he went up into a mountain" (Matt. 5:1).

The time had come in the life of Jesus when it was important for him to define the ideals and objectives of his ministry, to set up some organization for the results of his work, and to point out the character of the people who would promote the kingdom which he would preach, inaugurate, and project. In the Sermon on the Mount, he confines himself to the characteristics which he desires, expects, and will cultivate in kingdom men. It is a message to his disciples. A brief outline of the message follows:

1. *The Qualities of Disciples* (5:3-12)

Political, economic, and religious conditions at the time made men unhappy. Jesus wishes his disciples to be "blessed" or "happy." He mentions the qualities of soul and attitudes of life which would bring this about. True disciples must be in the inward self "poor in spirit," "meek," "pure in heart," etc., and toward others they must be "peacemakers," "merciful," etc.

2. *The Function of Disciples* (5:12-16)

They must be "prophets" to tell God's thought about man's conduct, ways of living, society, government, religion. They must be "salt" to arrest corruption, decay, and death in the world and to stimulate and strengthen forces of life. They must be "light." Must be pure, rightly placed, and allow the light of Christ to illuminate the world and to rebuke sin in others through them.

3. *Moral and Ethical Standards of Disciples* (5:17-48)

The kingdom requires righteousness. Man must practice it as well as profess it. Jesus points out concrete examples, selecting outstanding commands and the corresponding sins: murder (5:21-26); adultery (5:27-32); swearing (5:33-37); retaliation (5:38-42); and unneighborliness (5:43-48).

4. *The Religion of Disciples* (6:1-18)

Disciples must be honest with God. Jesus calls for sincerity in worship. He illustrates this call by three characteristic religious acts:

almsgiving (6:2-4); prayer (6:5-15); and fasting (6:16-18).

5. *The Chief Objective of Disciples* (6:19-34)

Disciples must have one single objective. Divided loyalties dissipate energies, nullify power, harass the soul, and obscure the vision. The disciple must seek heavenly treasures (6:19-21); see with clear vision (6:22-23); serve one Master (6:24-32); and seek first the kingdom of God (2:33).

6. *The Social Rule for Disciples* (7:1-12)

Disciples must be right in themselves, judge others righteously, seek divine leadership, and treat others as they would be treated.

7. *Warnings for Disciples* (7:13-27)

Disciples must be willing to accept hardship, beware of false teachings, stand before the Lord for testing, and accept the ideals which Jesus has stated for them.

The Mountain of Prayer

"He went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God" (Luke 6:12).

Jesus went into the mountain to pray. His hours of prayer were mountaintop experiences. He prayed as man, as King, as Servant, and as the Son of God. Take a bird's eye view of his prayer life.

1. *When Did Jesus Pray?*

On being baptized—Luke 3:21

In the early morning—Mark 1:35

All night long—Luke 6:12

Before feeding the people—Matthew 14:19

Before selecting disciples—Luke 6:12

As he instituted the Supper—Matthew 26:26

With his last breath—Luke 23:46

These references show that Jesus prayed earnestly to the Father before engaging in any type of activity.

2. *Where Did Jesus Pray?*

In "a solitary place"—Mark 1:35

In the wilderness—Luke 5:16

In the mountains—Luke 9:27-36; Matthew 14:23

At the grave of Lazarus—John 11:41-42
In Gethsemane—Matthew 26:36-46
On the cross—Luke 23:34

In these passages we are taught that any place could be “a place of prayer” for Jesus.

3. *For Whom Did Jesus Pray?*

The little children—Matthew 19:13-15
The deaf and dumb—Mark 7:31-35
Himself—John 17:1-5
The eleven disciples—John 17:6-19
All future disciples—John 17:20-24
His murderers—Luke 23:34

Not one needy person is neglected in the prayers of Jesus. He makes intercession to the Father for all.

4. *Why Did Jesus Pray?*

To praise the Father—Matthew 11:25-26
That men might believe—John 11:41-42
To encourage disciples—John 17:6-19
That Simon's faith fail not—Luke 22:31-34

To learn the will of the Father—Luke 22:39-46

The purpose of the prayers of Jesus is clearly stated here.

5. *What Does Jesus Teach Us About Prayer?* (Luke 11:1-4)

It should be to the Father (Luke 11:2); in the name of Jesus (John 14:13-14; 15:16); without fear (Rom. 8:14-17); and in faith (John 15:7; James 1:6).

It should be in accord with the will of the Father and will be when inspired by the Holy Spirit (Rom. 8:26-27).

It should be unselfish—“our”—not for ourselves only, but for all men.

It should be solely spiritual—of the seven petitions in the Lord's Prayer only one is for earthly blessing, and that the simplest.

We should pray always, or live in the spirit of prayer (Luke 18:1; Eph. 6:18; 1 Thess. 5:17; Col. 4:2).

The Mountain of Glory

Matthew 17:1-9; Mark 9:2-13; Luke 9:28-36

“He took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray” (Luke 9:28).

This event in the life of Jesus most likely

occurred in the neighborhood of Caesarea Philippi. It was one of the most supreme moments in his earthly life.

1. *The Setting of the Transfiguration of Christ*

It was at the changing point in his ministry, when he ceased to speak to multitudes and turned his face to Jerusalem and the cross (Mark 9:30-32).

It was after some days of searching and revealing conversation with his disciples about his doctrine (Matt. 16:6-12); his church (Matt. 16:13-20); and his followers (Matt. 16:24-27).

It was while he was praying. Christ had perfect trust, firm assurance, and clear vision of God. He became radiant.

It was when he needed the encouragement of heavenly visitors (Luke 9:30) and the voice of the Father (Luke 9:35).

2. *The Significance of the Transfiguration*

It has significance to Christ, to the three, and to all future believers.

To Christ. The conversation with Moses and Elijah about his decease (Luke 9:31) and the sudden passing of the cloud (Mark 9:8) indicate that Jesus was tempted to go back to the Father, but chose shame and death for the sins of men. Moses represented the age of law; Elijah, prophecy; and Jesus, grace (Luke 16:16). Death of Moses, (Deut. 34:1-7; Elijah, 2 Kings 2:1-11).

To the three. It was to fix permanently and definitely and finally in their minds that Jesus is the Messiah, so that they would not waver in future events.

To All Future Believers. They are to “hear him” as:

- (1) Completer of the law (Matt. 5:17)
- (2) Last and greatest of God's messengers (Heb. 1:1-3)
- (3) The suffering Saviour (Matt. 16:21)
- (4) The final Judge (Matt. 16:27)

3. *The Message of the Transfiguration of Christ*

It is the message of the *love* of God for all men, and the *costliness* of Christ's passion for souls (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:3; 1 John 2:2).

The Mountain of Atonement

Matthew 27:29-50; Mark 15:15-37;
Luke 23:27-46; John 9:13-30

"When they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him" (Luke 23:33).

Calvary is a place. It is a hill—a small mountain in the shape of a skull. There the Christ was crucified, making atonement for the sins of the people of all the world (1 Cor. 15:3; 1 Tim. 2:5-6; Rom. 5:8). Calvary was the place where:

1. *The Person Was Crucified*

"There they crucified him." Jesus, the Christ, the Lord, the Son of God, our Saviour, was nailed to the cross. Nails pierced his hands and feet, and his body was suspended on the cross. The Person, the divine One, the Greatest of all ages was crucified.

2. *The People Were Assembled*

Crowds gathered on Calvary to see the crucifixion—Jews, Greeks, Romans, Syrians, Assyrians, Egyptians, Babylonians were there. Scribes, Pharisees, Sadducees, Sanhedrists, soldiers, disciples, and common people were there. These represented the people of the whole world for whom Christ died.

3. *Prayer Was Offered*

"Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them" (Luke 23:34). The prayer of Jesus was sincere. It was for Judas, Pilate, Herod, the Chief of Priests, Scribes, members of the Sanhedrin, the centurion, the soldiers, the people, all who had a part in the crucifixion and all who would sin against him in ages to come.

4. *Praise Was Proclaimed*

"Jesus of Nazareth, the king of the Jews" was the superscription which Pilate placed above the head of Jesus, in Greek, Latin, and Hebrew. Greek is a symbol of culture, Latin of power, and Hebrew of piety. Thus, Pilate crowned the Christ king in the realm of culture, power, and piety. He is King of kings and the Lord of lords.

5. *Protection Was Provided*

"Woman, behold thy son," Jesus said to his mother, as he looked at John and said,

"Behold thy mother" (John 19:26-27). John understood and accepted the sacred trust.

6. *Pardon Was Completed*

"Today shalt thou be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43), Jesus said to the penitent thief on the cross by his side. The power of the blood was tested as the first drop fell to the earth. It worked.

7. *Great Pain Was Endured*

"My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" (Matt. 27:46), Jesus cried in desperate physical, mental, and spiritual agony. Unspeakable pain and agony hastened the death of Christ.

8. *The Plan of Salvation Was Completed*

"It is finished" (John 19:30). Jesus cried and said, "Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit" (Luke 23:46), and he breathed his last. The way to God was completed. Christ died that all men might live.

The Mountain of Authority

Matthew 28:16-20

"The eleven disciples went away into Galilee, into a mountain where Jesus had appointed them" (Matt. 28:16).

Each of the four Gospels records the Great Commission of Christ in some form (Mark 16:14-20; Luke 24:36-49; John 20:19-23; also Acts 1:8). We study the Great Commission as given by Matthew.

1. *The Place of the Commission*

"A mountain where Jesus had appointed." It was a sacred place, for there they could see and hear the risen Christ. It was in Galilee, the center of the largest number of disciples and away from jealous rulers of Jerusalem. It is possible that "above five hundred brethren" were present with "the eleven" (1 Cor. 15:6).

2. *The Person of the Commission*

"And Jesus came." The Commission was given by the Lord Jesus Christ, the greatest Person of all ages. He is great in his nature, power, knowledge, message, and influence. He is the greatest general, teacher, preacher, physician, friend, and the only Saviour.

3. *The People of the Commission*

"Jesus came and spoke unto *them*." The commission was given to disciples: those who had found Jesus, believed in him, accepted him as Lord and Master, and given themselves to him for extending his kingdom. They had found true wealth, enduring knowledge, and became a great influence.

4. *The Power for the Commission*

"All *power* is given unto me in heaven and in earth." Jesus had universal authority given unto him by the Father. In this authority the commission is given. He had the right, privilege, and permission to give it, and the power to make it effective through those who will believe and serve.

5. *The Purpose of the Commission*

"*Teach* all nations." "Make disciples of all nations." "Teaching them to observe."

The purpose of the commission is to give the benefits of the gospel to all people of all nations of all the earth. The purpose is supreme and must be carried out by disciples through the church.

6. *The Promise with the Commission*

"Lo, I *am with you* always, even unto the end of the world." Disciples are to have the presence of Christ and sufficient power for all service on condition that they "go" and "teach" and "observe" the will of Christ. Who could ask more? Who could use more? Who can use all the power he offers?

7. *The Passion in the Commission*

"For God *so loved* the world" (John 3:16). "God commendeth his love toward us" (Rom. 5:8). It was love that brought Jesus to earth to reveal God, to die for sinners, and to set up the movement to bring all men into the kingdom of God.

Is It Time to Build?

By WILLIAM A. HARRELL

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All thought that by this time Southern Baptists would be well into the largest church building program ever experienced. However, we find ourselves still making preparation and the actual building has not yet been started with the exception of a few isolated cases. Debts have been paid, millions of dollars have been raised and we are now ready for new and remodeled church buildings. One-half of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention are ready to enter into a building program.

The answers to two questions are not easy. First, "Why can't we build churches now?" And second, "Is this the time to build even if we could get materials?" The answer to the first question is more obvious even though not exactly understood. Some say, "We cannot build for the government will not let us." And while this is true, it is really not the whole answer.

The first reason we cannot build now is because of the acute shortage of houses in every part of the country. Millions of new families have been started and they do not have any place to live. Certainly the churches would be the last group to raise any question regarding the necessity for these homes. The government officials have instituted a program for securing these homes. In order to secure them as quickly as possible they are turning all material and workmen in this direction. Certainly, this is the best way to accomplish the task as quickly as possible. The few isolated cases of permission for commercial and recreational buildings have caused some concern and the churches do not propose to stand idly by if the government is to hand permits out the back door, and fail to heed those knocking at the front door. Many churches are tremendously handicapped until they are able to construct new buildings.

Five Building Suggestions

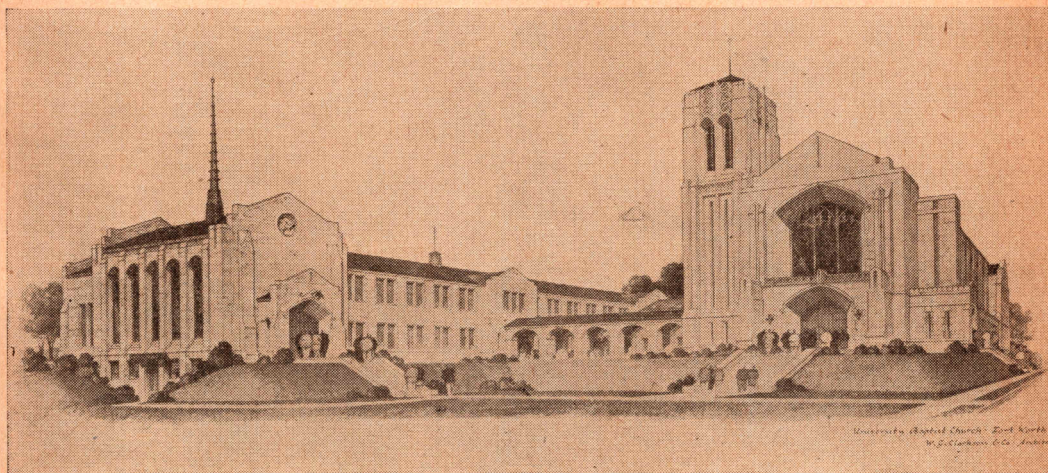
1. Make a careful study of all needs.
2. Write down the needs on paper.
3. Outline a practical financial program.
4. Consult with others who have had experience in church building.
5. Employ a competent architect and builder.

The churches will co-operate with the program of furnishing homes for the returned service men and others as long as available materials and workmen are needed and used for these homes. It is the desire of all concerned, however, that this situation shall be very carefully studied, and that churches be given every consideration as soon as possible.

Another reason churches cannot build is as real as the first; and yet, it is hard to realize

that materials are actually not available. The material shortage is a grave reality. Many things have entered in to make this true, re-conversion, strikes, slow-downs, hold-backs, and other factors have worked together to produce this shortage. It is anticipated that more materials will become available from this time on.

Still another reality in not being able to build church houses at this time is the fact that *desirable* materials in given cases are not yet available. Our church buildings should not be constructed of second choice materials, and no imitations should be used. The churches should be sure of the best materials and it will be necessary to wait a little longer if this be true. On the other hand a caution may be offered at this point to the effect that our churches should not postpone their building programs until all the new and marvelous materials that have been promised have been developed and put on the market. The fact is that the same fundamental materials, construction methods, and decorative materials will be used in the postwar church construction. We will continue to make progress in materials and methods. However, this progress will continue as long as man lives; and therefore, we cannot wait for perfection or we will never build. It behooves us to use the best we know at the time of undertaking such a



The completed building, which includes the main sanctuary, is shown above. Dr. Paul C. Walthall is chairman of the building committee and W. G. Clarkson & Company are the architects.

building program. We should not be disillusioned by advertised promises.

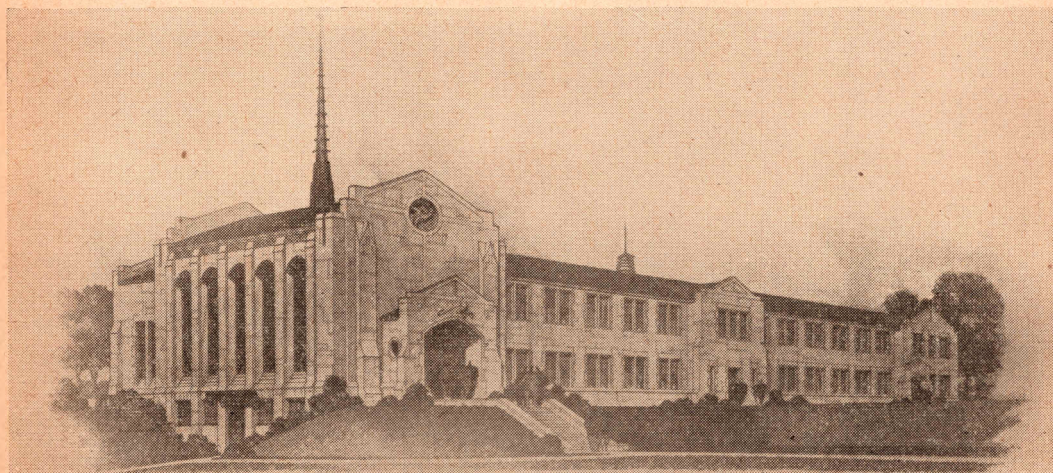
The second question, "Is it time to build?" is even harder to answer. For some, it is yes; for others, no. There are at present three groups of churches in Southern Baptist Convention needing some type of building. The first group will suffer irreparably if they are not able to build very shortly. Many of them are losing people. They are losing their places of leadership. Their job can never be accomplished until more space has been created and better working conditions are made possible. This group of churches must build regardless of conditions. The work of the church must go on. The second group of churches, as we see it, desires to build and plans to do so, but as yet they do not have their money nor have they decided on their plans. It is not necessary to question this group for it will take them some time yet to prepare for actual building. The third group of churches perhaps have their money or can get it. They may also have their plans and be reasonably well committed to the procedure they will follow. At the same time they do not find it absolutely necessary to undertake the new building at this time. It is our opinion that they should wait for more favorable conditions. We come back to the first group and say that this group constituting from one-fourth to one-third of our churches, some of them small

and some larger, must proceed with the actual building just as soon as materials are available.

There are some churches which seem to be very much distressed when they realize the increase in building costs and difficulties which they face in their building programs. We should not give up our dreams and plans. Now is the time to continue to raise money and to make plans. Some churches are waiting for costs to come down even before they make their plans. In the judgment of those who seem to know it will perhaps be necessary for them to wait a long time. Others are thinking of using inferior materials and trying to go on with their plans. This should never be true. The church building should not be constructed of inferior building materials. Substitutes and imitations should not be used in the construction of houses for the worship of God.

Plan Building Now

Still other churches realize full well the difficulties they face and yet they are going ahead with the entire plan for the new building and will either complete the super structure and furnish the interior as seems wise or they will undertake the building one unit at a time until the entire building has been completed. This means that the entire overall plan must be well understood and adopted. The unit plan of constructing a



Proposed design for the University Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, Rev. William Ray Watson, pastor. The illustration above shows a part of the building which may be constructed in either one or two units. The sanctuary in this unit will later be used as a chapel.

church building is the most practical method for a long time building program.

Many churches are still only in the planning stages of their new buildings. These churches do not need to worry over increasing costs and material shortages for yet a while. There are several steps which every church should very carefully take if their building process is to be a success.

First, a very careful study of the overall needs must be made. The church must study its location, it must decide the total amount of property needed and by all means secure sufficient lot space. The church should conduct study courses for deacons, Sunday school workers, Training Union workers, women, and others regarding church buildings. The denominational department of church architecture and others who have had church building experience should be consulted. A careful study of all needs should be made.

Second, a prepared written building program of the building should be undertaken. The church through its proper leaders and committees should write out the program of what is needed and desired in the new building. Again, study courses should be conducted and again denominational church building authorities should be consulted. This part of the building program should not be hurried. After a written program has been secured as to the desired needs and demands of the new building the church will know what kind of a financial program is needed.

Third, it is necessary that the church have a well-defined financial program for the new building. Money will be needed for the new property and at least from one-third to one-half of the total cost of the new building should be in hand before construction is started. The financial program should include not only a plan for raising money but a program for financing whatever balance may be needed for completing and furnishing the building. It has been proven that long time pledges are rarely ever wise. It is better to have several campaigns of six months duration. It is not necessary to undertake to raise the entire amount needed for the new building at one time. It seems

better to break it down in smaller amounts and set a goal for each campaign.

Fourth, the Department of Church Architecture, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee is prepared to furnish preliminary studies; that is, floor plans, elevations, perspectives, and other items of information. The Department will help in the survey which should be made. It will also help in preparing a written program for outlining the building needs.

Fifth, the employing of the proper architect is of the utmost importance. When the church leaders have made a survey, conducted investigations, secured worthy counsel, and prepared a written program, they are ready to employ the best available architect and begin definite plans for the new building. The architect's work, of course, will be done in several stages. First, he will prepare preliminary studies, floor plans, elevations and perspectives suited to the location and meet the needs of the church. Second, after the preliminary studies have been accepted the architect will then proceed with detailed working drawings and specifications. Usually a second part of this procedure will call for still more detailed drawings and specified choices, mechanical, decorative, and otherwise. Third, after at least one year and more often two years if conditions are favorable and the church so desires, they will be ready to begin construction. The architect will supervise the construction of the building.

The work of the architect should not be hurried. In fact this entire process of surveys, studies, written programs, drawings, specifications and the like are the most important time of the entire process of building a new church house. It will take time, therefore it is not too early to enter into this phase of your undertaking even though actual construction cannot be undertaken for yet some time.

We may face difficulties in our building programs and yet we should not delay nor turn away from the tremendously important task of providing more space needed in our church buildings. Southern Baptists face the greatest opportunities of all time.



The Purpose of Visual Aids

By EARL WALDRUP, Secretary Visual Education Service

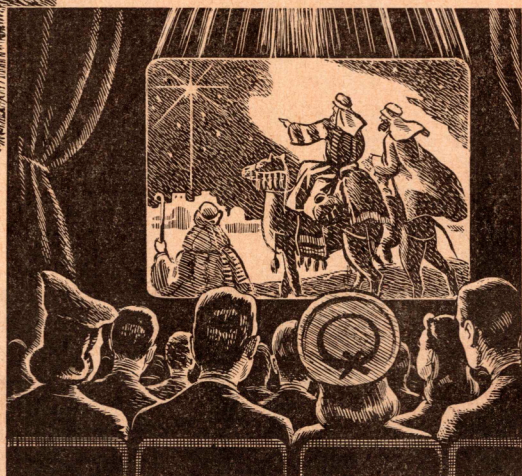
Part 2 in A Series

In a day when so many are interested in the use of visual aids, it is well to give some serious thought to the purpose back of their use. Without the right purpose, our work is likely to be haphazard and ineffective. In the following paragraphs an effort has been made to set forth a few ideas which seem basic to any use a church may make of visual aids.

I. A General Statement—Primarily for Teaching

Visual aids will continue to be used for many purposes, but in a church's program one stands out above all others—the purpose of teaching. Some types of visual aids are effective in worship, some few are good for entertainment, but if they are to serve a church on any major scale, they must become an integral part of its teaching program.

The churches have a life-giving message which the world must hear, believe, and live by. To effectively proclaim this we must have an ever increasing and improved teaching program. Visual aids will be an asset in this program to the extent that we plan and produce materials designed to meet specified needs, and then use them as a vital and integral part of the total teaching procedure.



II. Negatively

1. Visual aids are not a substitute for other methods unless their value and use are proven.

The use of visual aids in religious education is still in its infancy. Many of our theories and techniques are still unproven. A bigger problem is faced in selecting suitable materials that fit our program. Therefore, all should exercise a great deal of caution before abandoning proven methods of teaching even though in general the superior value of the visual method is well established. "Be not the first to adopt the new nor the last to lay the old aside," is good sense with regard to visual aids.

The idea of a few that a teacher is out of date unless he abandons all but the visual method of teaching is conceived in an ignorance of the facts and usually dies in disappointment. When we have more experience

with the method, teachers have access to a plentiful supply of equipment and materials designed specifically for the subject matter to be taught, and there is a larger and increasing number of teachers trained in the use of visual aids, we will be justified in beginning a general substitution of the visual for other less effective methods of teaching. Until then let us be cautious, study the visual method, use it when we can to advantage, and in general, go only as fast in the inevitable change as sound judgment and the leadership of God will permit.

2. Visual aids are not simply for entertainment. Though visual aids have some place in our entertainment program, their use for this purpose should be kept to a minimum. Suitable materials for this purpose are hard to get, and such a procedure is often too much like the program of the commercial amusement houses. Most of the materials available for this purpose are distributed by concerns which have no scruples about what they send out, or their standards are so low that most anything is all right. Until the Sunday School Board or other denominational agencies prepare lists of recommended materials for entertainment, churches should be extra cautious, and even then, remember visual aids are primarily for teaching.

More Than Entertainment

The misplaced emphasis on using visual aids as aids to entertainment may be explained by two closely related facts. Since some people think of visual aids as simply motion pictures, and motion pictures in the commercial theaters have been used almost exclusively for entertainment, many conclude that herein lies the purpose of visual aids. Such an idea seldom leads to any worthwhile achievement.

3. Visual aids are not a crowd-getter or a cure-all. Having become alarmed by seeing the churches almost empty while theaters and other amusement houses are packed, and having tried desperately and failed, or unwilling to work, sweat, and pray enough to keep an attractive church program going, many have pounced on the idea that they will pack their churches and put the com-

mercial amusement houses out of business by a regular program of visual instruction, with particular emphasis on motion pictures. These need to be reminded that rough sailing is not far ahead, and disappointment will likely result if such a course is pursued. The one who dashes into the church Sunday after Sunday and runs a film through the projector expecting the audience to just "eat it up" and come back for more, needs to go back and study the ABC's of visual education.

Requires Work

There are several reasons why such a thing is not possible. In the first place, the effective use of visual aids requires more work and planning than the other more familiar methods of teaching and preaching. They are not something to be used where there is not time to prepare for something else.

A factor overlooked by many is that for some time churches will have a limited supply of materials which are technically comparable to those seen by our people in circles outside of the church. As an added and entertainment feature, designed to attract the boys and girls, a church secured a series of motion picture comedies to show in its Vacation Bible school. Though the church got the best available for church use, the films were old and amateurish. One Junior boy who frequently attends the commercial theater turned to his neighbor, after one of the films had been shown, and said, "Wasn't it corny!" Though many will be too kind to say such a thing, most people will think just as the Junior boy did if their church tries to compete with the theatres.

Another very important thing to consider when thinking specifically of motion pictures is the fact that the supply of suitable films is so limited that a church which jumps into too extensive a motion picture program must soon slow up or else use inferior films. Either course will have its bad effect.

All this is not to say the visual method is not attractive. It is one of the most attractive methods of teaching there is, but the one who uses it effectively must do it after much work, planning, and prayer, and even then, it cannot cure all of a church's ills.

III. Positively

1. Visual aids are to aid in reaching predetermined objectives. Successful teaching and preaching necessitate clearly defined objectives and a definitely outlined procedure in reaching them. If visual aids are to serve their purpose, they will be selected and used so as to fit into this procedure and become an aid to reaching the objectives. They are not something to be tacked on at the end as an added feature, and generally for some time yet, they should be used in already existing church programs.

2. Visual aids are to supplement and enrich other methods of teaching.

Storytelling is a very interesting method of teaching, but stories take on new life when supplemented with suitable visual aids. The lecture will likely always be used, but much of the yawning, sleeping, twisting, and general lack of attention can be removed from the classroom if the lecture is visualized. The discussion method of teaching is still a favorite of many, but teachers are rapidly finding that few things are more thought-provoking than carefully selected visual aids. Many class projects afford wonderful opportunities for using visual aids. Often actual experiences, the most effective visual aids, can be enjoyed in class projects. In most all teaching situations we use several methods. Many of them can be enriched, made more interesting and effective, if they are supplemented by suitable visual material.

3. Visual aids are to speed up and make learning more permanent and enjoyable.

That learning is faster when visual aids are used is an established fact. For proof one needs only to examine the facts about the training program of the armed forces during World War II and compare them with those of World War I. However, in most cases there are too many uncontrolled factors to determine exactly how much faster learning is when visual aids are used. Many experiments have been made and several figures have been suggested, but most are agreed that 33-1/3 per cent is not too high.

There is the same abundance of evidence to support the fact that learning is more permanent when the teaching is visualized. The

material is made more concrete. Therefore, it becomes more a part of the student's thought. Visual aids make it easier for the student to associate the facts with past experience. Consequently, he remembers longer. Again it is hard to arrive at definite figures but many say material is remembered as high as 55 per cent longer.

Visualize Teaching

If these things be true, and there can be no doubt that they are, with our limited time to teach Bible truths, can we afford not to visualize our teaching? If we can achieve a third more in the fifty-two Sundays we have, and then make the impressions 50 per cent more permanent, we are spiritually obligated to do it. The question is not, "Shall we do it?" but rather, "How soon can we do it?"

To decide whether learning is more enjoyable when visual aids are used, one needs only to sit in on a class where they are used. Class interest and class response are indications of increased interest. The old idea that learning must be the hard way, if it is to be effective, has been abandoned long ago. Educators recognize the necessity of making the whole teaching situation as pleasant, attractive, and enjoyable as possible. However, the use of visual aids does not remove the need for pupil and teacher work. Both must work as hard as before. The advantage is simply that the work becomes more delightful, more is achieved in a given time, and what the pupil learns is retained longer.

IV. Facing the Future

With the only message that will cure the ills of the world and so much inexperience in using such an effective method of proclaiming our message, it is the duty of every church officer to study, experiment with, and use visual aids to the greatest advantage. Get all the material you can, purchase all the equipment which need and funds will justify, use it all consistently and constructively, and teach others its importance and use. But remember: be cautious, do not go overboard, start out on a small scale, use all types of visual aids, make them a vital part of your program, and do not forget the purpose for using them.

Cultivating the Voice

By GEORGE W. CARD

The preaching voice, the teaching voice, and the singing voice have much in common. Pastors will do well to read this book. Ralph Morse Brown in *The Singing Voice* is masterfully convincing as to his thorough knowledge of the subject.

The Singing Voice

Ralph Morse Brown. Macmillan, \$2.50

The author deplores the fact that "at present anyone who wishes may proclaim himself a singing teacher without diploma or any assurance of his preparation, ability, or experience, other than his own word."

Despite repeated appeals for public protection, we do not have in America today any licensing board for vocal instructors. Until our country establishes adequate controlling standards there will be multiplied pathetic cases of "the blind leading the blind." Under present conditions it must be expected that many choice voices will be ruined by amateurs posing as voice instructors.

Mr. Brown inherited his talent from his father who was connected with the Conservatory of Music at Mt. Union College in Alliance, Ohio, and from his mother who taught singing there. He is a graduate of that school and studied music at various other schools and colleges.

From the age of eighteen until his recent retirement the author has always directed church choirs, glee clubs, and other singing groups. In one season he held four church positions, which called for singing in English, Latin, Serbian, and Yiddish. His teaching experience covered nearly fifty years. His writing on singing is second only to teaching.

In this treatment Mr. Brown cleverly avoids the arbitrary attitude. He writes for the voice student, discusses the problems serious pupils will face and must conquer for success.

He emphasizes the proper relations between teacher and pupil, gives suggestions regarding voice lessons, and other aspects of voice training.

Mr. Brown is masterful in his discussion of the psychology and the mechanics of singing, personality, breathing, types of voices, diction. All phases of voice culture are covered clearly and effectively.

The fourteen chapters are: "The Vocal Cords," "Classification of Voices," "Various Voices," "Posture and Breath Control," "Resonance, or 'Placement,'" "Phonetics," "Every Singer an Actor," "Negative Thoughts and Sensations," "Volume," "Confidence and Self-Assurance," "The Ears," "Articulation," "Keeping Well," and "The Teacher."

In his prologue the author presents six endowments for a successful singer: *Intelligence, Good Health, Stubborn Determination, Personality, Voice, Musicianship*. The function of the vocal cords and the other singing organs are simply described. The singing voices are charted in thirteen groups and each explained under "Various Voices" from basso profundo to coloratura soprano. Breathing and voice placement are finely treated along with phonetics and mannerisms.

Here you have study of acoustics, volume, tempo, expression, temperament, hearing, articulation, and health so essential to good singing, good teaching, and good preaching.

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Popular Religious Books Listed

Each book listed here is reviewed by three pastors in different states, who are asked to give unbiased reviews. In event of disagreement, a representative statement from the dissenting review is quoted.

BIBLE

The Apostle Peter

By W. H. Griffith Thomas. Eerdmans, 1946, 293 pages, \$2.50

AUTHOR: English preacher, lecturer, and author. Other books: *Devotional Commentaries on Genesis*, and on Romans.

Reviewed by Rev. W. Lowrey Compere, Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi.

All who are interested in the study of Bible characters will welcome the new American publication of this book first printed in England some years ago. It is a study of a character in whom we are all interested and about whom much has been written, but this book makes a distinct contribution to such a study.

The first part deals with the life and character of Simon Peter as shown in the Gospel. There are logical outline studies of all the incidents in the ministry of Christ in which Simon featured. The latter part of the book deals with the epistles of Peter.

We are impressed with the thorough, scholarly treatment of the subject matter. These thought-provoking outlines will prove most helpful for devotional study and as a source book for messages on Simon Peter.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Hampton C. Hopkins, Pastor, South Highland Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama, and Rev. J. L. Clegg, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dalton, Georgia.

Bible Questions Explained

By Louis T. Talbot. Eerdmans, 1938, 279 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: President of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, California.

Reviewed by Rev. Hoyt A. Ayers, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Auburn, Alabama.

Bible Questions Explained is a carefully prepared book on Bible questions asked by a radio audience and answered by Dr. Talbot over a period of years. Dr. Talbot is an outstanding Bible scholar and the answers cover almost every Bible question possible. The questions and answers are practical, spiritual, doctrinal, and prophetic. Although one may not agree with Dr. Talbot in every interpretation, his conclusions are sound.

A topical index and an index to biblical

passages make it easy to find what you want. You will find Bible answers to your everyday problems.

This is an excellent book for ministers, laymen, and students. One's knowledge will be greatly increased and one's life strengthened through such an excellent book prepared by an earnest, beloved follower of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every church library should purchase one immediately.

(Other reviewer: "As a whole it is a good book, and I have enjoyed reading it. It contains much helpful information for the teacher and layman. Its weakness is in its dispensational interpretation of the Bible which leads the author, at places, to a narrow view of the Scriptures. He leans heavily on Dr. Schofield and Rev. William L. Pettingill for support.")

Other Reviewers: Dr. Howard P. Giddens, Pastor, First Baptist Church, West Point, Georgia, and Rev. E. Douglas Carver, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pampa, Texas.

The Corinthian Letters of Paul

By G. Campbell Morgan, Revell, 1946, 275 pages, \$3.00

AUTHOR: Internationally known Greek scholar, biblical expositor, and teacher. Other books: *The Parables and Metaphors of Our Lord*; *The Crises of the Christ*; *Studies in the Four Gospels*; and many others.

Reviewed by Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky.

Any book from the spiritual brain of G. Campbell Morgan demands instant attention. He has the ability to give one some food for thought. This book will fast become a standby for the Bible student. He will find himself removing it from his bookshelf for use frequently. It is not just another commentary on 1 and 2 Corinthians. It is at the same time a commentary with practical and beneficial suggestions, as well as a running narrative of the letters.

I have checked his remarks on various passages of the two messages to the Corinthians with those of other commentaries on my shelves and found in Dr. Morgan's book something extra and helpful. The carefully prepared

series of charts are a help to the reader in studying the expositions.

For those who are fond of Dr. Morgan's writing this book will become a favorite, and to those who are not acquainted with him as a great Bible scholar the book will serve well to introduce a great mind controlled by a regenerated heart.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. I. Edwards, Pastor, Dawson Memorial Church, Homewood, Alabama, and Rev. C. Ford Deusner, Pastor, Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, Kentucky.

God's Plan of the Ages

By Louis T. Talbot. Eerdmans, 1936, 199 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: President, Bible Institute of Los Angeles.

Other books: *Bible Questions Explained*.

Reviewed by Rev. R. Wade Kay, Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia.

The author sets forth the eternal plan of God and traces it in its development with interpretations from Genesis to Revelation. A clear cut diagram is included showing the author's conception of the dispensational history of humanity. Scripture passages are used as a basis for each statement. The author's view is premillennial.

It is always interesting to read another's view as to the meaning of the apocalyptic passages of the Bible. Some will not agree with his interpretation—but for all the reading of the book will prove helpful as he seeks to understand God's plan of the ages.

(Other reviewer: "Many will find difficulty in agreeing with the author's interpretation and outlined scheme. I doubt if the book makes any new or helpful contribution, or if it would be generally valuable to a large number of readers.")

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. H. Kyzar, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Laurens, South Carolina, and Dr. James W. Middleton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The Golden Words of Moses

By Maynard D. Follin. Bruce Humphries, 1945, 668 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Other books: *Ezekiel Speaks Today*.

Reviewed by Rev. J. D. Thorn, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

The author makes a studious attempt to interpret the book of Genesis in such a manner as to harmonize its teachings with the modern conceptions of science. While strongly maintaining his belief in the Bible as the inspired word of God, he at the same time questions

the historicity of Moses' account of creation and God's dealings with men on the earth.

To the author not only is the story of creation on allegory but the whole book of Genesis is allegorical. In other words, he belongs to the school of "spiritualizers," and on the basis of this interpretation he may well be considered as a strong contender for the presidency of that school.

The Golden Words of Moses represents a prodigious amount of work on the part of the author and reveals a scholarly understanding of the Hebrew language, but we doubt that many, apart from the religious dreamers and stargazers, will follow him very far. The extremity of his spiritualizing is revealed in his interpretation of Genesis 1:11, to wit: " 'Grass,' 'herb,' and 'trees' seem to be terms for men of varying degrees of spiritual development, or rather, for their teachings, which have grown out of, or above the 'earth' of natural man." As a further example of the author's extreme interpretations we note that he questions the existence of Shem, Ham, and Japheth as real persons, but to him, " 'Ham' is the name of a backward cultural group," "We would place 'Shem' as the scriptural figure of the teachings of a group in which the Ineffable Name of the Lord Jehovah was of supreme importance; this points to the Hebrews of the Jewish dispensation," " 'Japheth' would mark the group given to enlarging and spreading those teachings in the world; that is, the Christians during their dispensation now drawing to a close." When the author comes to his interpretation of historical incidents in the lives of the patriarchs he is even more fanciful.

Outside of a few extremists, it is doubtful if many readers will ever follow the author through to the end of this copious work.

Other Reviewers: Rev. C. B. Hall, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winnsboro, Louisiana, and Rev. Preston Sellers, Pastor, Northwood Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida.

Introducing the New Testament

By Archibald M. Hunter. Westminster, 1946, 117 pages, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Professor of New Testament, University of Aberdeen, Scotland. Other books: *Paul and His Predecessors* and *The Meaning of the New Testament*.

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

Professor Hunter has brought to focus within the brief scope of these pages the "findings" of the best scholarship in the field of the New Testament. He does not take his readers into the workshop to carry them through the tedious processes by which the conclusions of scholarship are reached. He simply and succinctly gives them the finished product, with just enough detail to give authenticity to his statements.

As the title indicates, this book is introductory and not expository, but rarely has this reviewer found so rich a gem of New Testament scholarship within so brief a compass. It is comprehensive enough to be used as a college textbook, yet it is simple enough to be used profitably in classes in Christian education in the churches. Any student of the New Testament will find it to be a very valuable help.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Charles J. Granade, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Attalla, Alabama, and Dr. Carl G. Campbell, Pastor, Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

The New Testament, Its Making and Meaning

By Albert E. Barnett. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1946, 304 pages, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Professor of New Testament Interpretation, Garrett Biblical Institute. Other books: *Paul Becomes a Literary Influence and Understanding the Parables of Our Lord*.

Reviewed by Dr. Allen W. Graves, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.

This is a book written chiefly to serve as a textbook for college and seminary students studying the New Testament. Professor Barnett has arranged the New Testament in what he thinks to be the chronological order of its writing and discusses each of the twenty-seven books in turn. He seeks to answer six questions about each book, the first five of which have to do with the writing of the book: its author, original readers, date, where written, the situation causing its writing. The sixth question deals with the message and meaning of the book and is usually brief with little effort at interpretation.

It is the reviewer's conviction that by far the most important matter is the message and meaning of the New Testament books. The other factors are essential to a proper understanding of the books, however. If we were forced to conclude, as Professor Barnett does,

that John the beloved disciple wrote none of the five books ascribed to him, that Paul did not write Ephesians 1 and 2, Timothy, or Titus, we could still receive great benefit by reading these books. Their values are not bound up with the traditional views of their authorship. However, in the reviewer's opinion, the evidence concerning the authorship, date, etc., of the New Testament books does not require our agreement with Professor Barnett's conclusions.

His necessarily limited space in an introductory survey, which this book is, prevents the presentation of sufficient evidence to be conclusive. The readers of this book will profit by having other sources available for further study before accepting the conclusions of Dr. Barnett.

This book will be well worth the reading if it stimulates its readers to personal investigation of the "making and meaning" of the New Testament. The wealth of information and opinion gathered compactly in this volume will be helpful in presenting the conclusions of a large part of modern scholarship concerning the New Testament.

Other Reviewers: Rev. M. M. Fulmer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Uvalde, Texas, and Dr. S. W. Eubanks, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Nevada, Missouri.

St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans

By W. H. Griffith Thomas. Eerdmans, 1946, 464 pages, \$3.50

AUTHOR: Professor of Old Testament Literature and Exegesis, Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada; Bible Conference speaker, and great English expositor of the Bible. Other books: *Genesis* and *The Apostle Peter*.

Reviewed by Rev. Clyde Burke, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee.

This is a good book. When we say "a good book" we do not mean to give assent to every interpretation in it; we mean that the author has done an amount of honest investigation with a view of setting forth his labors in writing. Whether or not he has always arrived at the correct interpretation will be a matter for the judicious reader himself to decide, but the work is certainly well done. A clear and well-defined outline makes for easy reading, and the frequent recapitulations keeps the salient points before the reader all the time.

For all who read the book carefully, there

is a blessing. An admiration and a sense of gratitude will come because this good man has tried, and succeeded, in producing a worth-while book for all students of the Bible.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Harold L. Fickett, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Galveston, Texas, and Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

BIOGRAPHY

Breakfast Table Autocrat

By Richard Ellsworth Day. Moody, 1946, 317 pages, \$3.00

AUTHOR: Biographer. Other books: *The Shadow of the Broad Brim*; and *Bush Aglow*; *Man of Like Passions*; and *The Borrowed Glow*.

Reviewed by Dr. Claude T. Ammerman, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Troy, Alabama.

The author of *The Shadow of the Broad Brim*, and *Bush Aglow* has made the religious world his debtor again in bringing forth *Breakfast Table Autocrat*—the life of Henry Parsons Crowell. In this, his most recent book, Dr. Day employs the same thoroughness, sympathy, and writing ability displayed in his other books.

A scion of prominent New England families, Henry Parsons Crowell embodied great business sagacity and profound Christian faith. Born in Cleveland in 1855, later moving to Chicago, his life paralleled the great cultural and industrial development of the Middle West. Though denied a college education because of ill health, his shrewd business acumen enabled him to rear giant enterprises and acquire immense wealth. He became the Quaker Oats magnate, changing the breakfast habits of the world, and thus received through his biographer's clever play of words the sobriquet, "Breakfast Table Autocrat."

But wealth, the snare of many, was to have no peril for Mr. Crowell. A religious heritage and early religious experiences were a prophylactic against money love. He developed a high sense of Christian stewardship and bestowed his fortune on religious and humanitarian enterprises. Coupled with this noble conception of life was his unwavering loyalty to the evangelical faith. He left the denomination of his nativity because of its taint of modernism, and became a protagonist of conservative biblical religion. He was for many years a supporter of Moody Bible In-

stitute, and shared equal honor with Moody, Torrey, and Gray in its phenomenal growth.

In a materialistic and secular age this is a timely book, and merits wide reading. Placed in the hands of a young business executive it might turn a life to Christ and large moneys into the service of the kingdom of God.

Kagawa

By William Axling. Harper, 1932 and 1946, 195 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Great missionary to the Orient. Reviewed by Dr. John A. Davison, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama.

This is a most interesting book to the American Christian because of its appearance just at this time. All during World War II there was a big question mark in the minds of all of us with regard to the development that had taken place in the life of the great Christian leader, Kagawa. We were wondering just how he could be true to his country and at the same time be a true Christian. During these years rumors came out of Japan that Kagawa was compromising his Christian position and making tragic concession to the Emperor's party. Earnest Christians in this country were accepting as true even that Kagawa had been guilty of espionage in his last trip over here when he tried through his lectures to do everything in his power to prevent war between the country that gave him birth and the land that sent a missionary who opened up the way for him to be a power in the Kingdom of God.

This book is a revised edition of the biography published in 1932. The author has added some chapters which give the story of Kagawa's life and his service for the Master to date.

In the light of Dr. Axling's portrayal of Kagawa, he stands greater than ever as a Christian and not a modern mystic.

Any person who reads this book carefully will be greatly blessed. It is difficult to see how any person who does so can fail to agree that Kagawa is still probably the greatest living Christian leader in the world.

Other Reviewers: Dr. W. E. Denham, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, and Rev. David N. Livingstone, Pastor, Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Prince of the Pulpit

By Joe W. Burton. Zondervan, 1946, 87 pages, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Home Curriculum Editor, Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Other books: *Epochs of Home Missions* and *Missionary Illustrations*.

Reviewed by Dr. Henry T. Brookshire, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi.

The author's purpose is to give a close-up and intimate view of Dr. George W. Truett. This purpose is performed in a few brief, but graphic, sketches. Dr. Truett is strikingly presented in the various phases of his work as a minister: in his study; in his contacts and conferences; in convention halls; in promoting the missionary enterprise of his denomination; in personal evangelism; and above all things in his pulpit at Dallas where he preached for nearly half a century.

Both preachers and laymen will profit from reading this little book. Those who heard Dr. Truett only as he spoke to great throngs of people will get a new impression of the man himself. As a preacher he was a world figure, but he was primarily a pastor of a local church. In a marked manner, "He walked with God, but never lost touch with men." Literally, "He went about doing good." His greatness is not explained purely in terms of individual talent or genius or in the strength of personal attraction, but his towering stature grew out of the high esteem in which he held Christ, and his readiness at all times, to serve the humblest of human beings.

The sketches appropriately close with the scene of Dr. Truett's funeral services held in Dallas. Dr. Louie D. Newton, the principal speaker on this occasion, explained Dr. Truett's ministry in two thoughts from the Bible: "Thy will be done" and "That I may know Him." Mr. Burton has made a definite contribution with his inspiring and thoroughly human portrayal of one of the world's most renowned preachers of the gospel.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Sankey L. Blanton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina, and Rev. W. T. Cost, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sayre, Oklahoma.

St. Paul, Apostle and Martyr

By Igino Riordani. Macmillan, 1946, 278 pages, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Italian teacher, journalist, and writer, associated with Vatican Library. Other books: *The Social Message of Jesus* and *The Social Message of the Apostles*.

Reviewed by Dr. Roy L. Johnson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Canyon, Texas.

The reviewer has read many books on the apostle Paul, but this is the first one to be written by a Roman Catholic priest and translated by two nuns. It bears the authentic "Imprimatur" and "Nihil Obstat" of proper Roman authorities.

It is interesting and at times enticing. The author carefully traces the life and ministry of Paul and cites numerous Bible references, but he is most careful to remind his reader that Paul was careful to confer with the "Mother Church" and the "Prince of the Apostles" concerning both his teaching and his place of ministry. Even Paul's trip to Rome was more desirable to him because he would see Peter, the first Pope, and visit the Roman church which had become the chief church of Christendom.

This book is interesting reading for one already acquainted with the New Testament and with the life of Paul, but might be misleading for one not familiar with both the New Testament fundamentals and the Roman Church teachings.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Harold L. Rutledge, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Winnfield, Louisiana, and Rev. James A. Stewart, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

The True Woodrow Wilson

By Harold G. Black. Revell, 1946, \$3.00

AUTHOR: Contributor to American periodicals and member of the Authors' Guild of America. Other books: *The Upward Look*; *The Prodigal Returns*; and *Broken Pillars*.

Reviewed by Rev. Joe B. Currin, Pastor, Olive Branch and Rock Grove Baptist Churches, Roxboro, North Carolina.

The fact that the late President F. D. Roosevelt wrote the Introduction to this book constitutes a good recommendation of it.

I do not see how anyone could write a better review of the book than the one on the jacket. Therefore, were it not for the length, I would be willing to endorse the same and pass it on. The following I am taking mostly from that source: "The author has succeeded well in his plan to give in most readable form an authoritative, factual, well-rounded, and impartial account of a notable but greatly misjudged American. The result is a fascinating recital which deals in detail with all the phases of Wilson's career—a

story that makes no attempt to disguise his errors or faults."

Approximate space is given to Wilson's interest, activities, and convictions during and after the World War. The author gathers the material and marshalls it in such a manner as to leave "each reader to draw his own conclusions concerning Wilson, his actions, motives, and place in world history."

The author has not neglected Mr. Wilson's family life, strong religious beliefs, nor his interest in literary and historical works. "A summary of his chief characteristics, a clear idea of his political philosophy, and a rational explanation of a seemingly contradictory personality" are given.

Here we have "pointed out the grave dangers we face if we fail to profit by the mistakes we made at the close of the first World War."

Other Reviewers: Rev. O. L. Bayless, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Henryetta, Oklahoma, and Rev. D. W. Edwards, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tusculum, Alabama.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

Christ and Man's Dilemma

By George A. Buttrick. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1946, 224 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Lecturer, Author, and Pastor, Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, New York City. Other books: *Prayer*; *The Christian Fact and Modern Doubt*; *Jesus Came Preaching*; and *The Parables of Jesus*.

Reviewed by Dr. Hampton C. Hopkins, Pastor, South Highland Baptist Church, Bessemer, Alabama.

Christ and Man's Dilemma by Dr. Buttrick is one of the finest and most interesting books I have ever read. If you want to be challenged to the best that is within you read this book. This book is a *must* book for pastors and teachers. It is scholarly written, factual in content, and is theologically sound in every way—truly a masterpiece of literary production.

In the reading of this book one is made to cry out with joy and thanksgiving "Blessed be the name of Christ," for he is shown to be sufficient for our every need. Dr. Buttrick has so challenged science and education that they must answer back with a recognition that in Jesus Christ and his way of life there is to be found a solution sufficient for the deliverance of man from his awful dilemma.

Yes, in this volume we have eight great

chapters showing clearly man's need and Christ's all sufficiency to meet that need. In the reading of this book we are made to love Jesus Christ more and to long to see his message made known to a lost and needful world.

Other Reviewers: Rev. C. W. Williams, Pastor, First Baptist Church, De Ridder, Louisiana, and Rev. A. A. McClanahan, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Christian Vocation

By Douglas Horton, Ernest Tittle, and William B. Lampe. Pilgrim, 1945, 72 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Douglas Horton, Minister of the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches; William B. Lampe, Minister West Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, Missouri; Ernest Tittle, Minister, First Methodist Church, Evanston, Illinois.

Reviewed by Rev. Bailey Fulton Davis, Sr., Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Springfield, Kentucky.

These sermons were preached over Columbia's Church of the Air in 1945. There are some paragraphs in this booklet that will grate on the ears of some of us. We do not look upon Moses "looking back toward the creation of things, in his primitive naivete" imagining the Creator walking in the garden, because we have a higher conception of Moses' story of that ancient era. In the main, one will find deep thoughts and scholarly approaches to the theme involved. The pastor does well to acquaint himself with what his people are hearing over the air from the lips of other modern day prophets. These sermons are not sugary pellets and they have in them some bitter doses for those who feel that we modern day saints are doing all that needs to be done in winning the world for Christ.

Other Reviewers: Dr. T. A. Patterson, Pastor, East Grand Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, and Dr. Pierce S. Ellis, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Virginia.

CHURCH

Building a Church Training Program

By J. E. Lambdin. Sunday School Board, 1946, Cloth, 60c, Paper 40c

AUTHOR: Secretary and Editor-in-Chief of the Training Union Department, Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention. Other books: *The Baptist Adult Union Manual* and *The Baptist Training Union Manual*.

Reviewed by Dr. Pierce S. Ellis, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Virginia.

The author is well known among Southern Baptists for his immeasurable contribution to the ever increasing value of the Training Union in the life and work of the church. This book has been written for churches which

do not need department organization in their Training Unions. Mr. Lambdin's purpose is to provide a graded church training program for those churches which do not have a program for training their members in church membership. A careful study of this valuable book by church leaders will doubtless bring new life and power to the work of Christ. *Building a Church Training Program* is interesting and thought-provoking, with helpful suggestions and plans for making the church more effective.

Other Reviewers: Rev. James P. Harrelson, Pastor, Cottageville Baptist Church, Cottageville, South Carolina, and Rev. J. E. Hewlett, Pastor, Southwest Baptist Church, St. Louis, Missouri.

Can These Bones Live?

By Roger Babson and Dudley Zuver. Harper, 254 pages, 1945, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Roger Babson, business statistician; Dudley Zuver, a graduate in theology from Harvard, and editor of religious books.

Reviewed by Dr. W. C. Boone, Pastor, Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

The jacket containing this volume carries the slogan: "On Restoring Religion to the Church." It is another in the lengthening list of books criticizing organized religion. This is done in a radical, thorough-going, and uncompromising way. The authors see nothing good in the modern churches or any of their ways. Religious education is all wrong, including that in the home, Sunday school, and seminary.

The churches are pictured as after money and power and popularity; church leaders and "ecclesiastics" are roundly condemned as a bunch of hypocrites and timeservers. One wonders what kind of company these distinguished authors have been keeping!

Other Reviewers: Dr. Blake Smith, Pastor, University Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, and Rev. Iven E. Boles, Martinsburg, West Virginia.

The Church the Body of Christ

By Thomas A. Lambie. Revell, 1946, 117 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Medical missionary to Africa for many years. Other books: *A Doctor Without A Country*; *A Doctor Carries On*; and *Books and Saddles In Africa*.

Reviewed by Dr. P. D. O'Brien, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Big Spring, Texas.

This is a book you will want to read before you put it down. Written by a man who knows the structure and functions of the human body as only a physician knows them, and who knows the Lord and the Bible better

than many preachers, this is a profitable book to read. Most Baptist readers will not agree with the good doctor on some of his church history and will probably feel, with this reviewer, that he got the "church" and the "kingdom" idea in the New Testament confused. But it is one of the most refreshing books that has come to hand in a long time.

The title indicates perfectly the nature of the book, and the chapter headings will give you some idea of what to expect. There are ten short chapters, all fresh, readable, and helpful. His description is graphic and his applications clear and scriptural. The book kindles sermonic fires, and should lead any Christian to deeper consecration. It could easily be worked into a sermon series.

(Other reviewer: "I have read the above-titled book very carefully. It is, to me at least, a worthless book. The book is small with few pages and for its size immensely expensive.

"The author has an idea of a church as an 'invisible and wholly spiritual organism. It is the Church within the Church. The believers within each organization, as well as many who belong to no earthly organization at all, comprise the Body of Christ.' (p. 17) Yet he treats the church as an organization, and make his analogy apply to the individual Christian rather than to the church itself. It is so confusing that the analogy between the functions of the body and the church break down completely.

"The book is not vicious or in great error, just poorly written and trite and worthless. The author seems to be of no particular denomination but greatly emphasizes his own variety of 'fundamentalism.'")

Other Reviewers: Dr. Charles A. Maddry, Pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, and Dr. Jesse Mercer Rogers, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama.

Minding Your Church's Business

By Leonard M. Spangenberg. Beacon Hill, 142 pages, 1942, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Vice-President, Babson's Statistical Organization, Inc.

Reviewed by Rev. T. B. Lackey, Nogales Avenue Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The book ought to be placed in the hands of every pastor, educational director, and others interested in the affairs of the church.

Dr. Spangenberg covers the field thoroughly in the twenty-two chapters of the book. Some of the most interesting and helpful chapters are as follows: "Whose Business is Church Business?" "Removing Splinters from the Church Board," "Borrowing Money and Paying it Back," "Missions at Home and Abroad," and "Youth's Place in the Church."

Roger W. Babson in the Foreword states, "The church definitely is on the way back; or if not, then civilization undeniably is on the way out. This restoration and expansion of the church requires that its business matters shall be administered with business integrity."

The writer's experience in business and his active religious life make this book unique and valuable. I am glad to recommend it to my fellow pastors and other leaders in our Southern Baptist churches.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Malcolm B. Knight, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Ocala, Florida, and Rev. Wayne Rosecrans, First Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

CONSOLATION

The Secret

By Margaret Lee Runbeck. Appleton-Century, 1935, 1937, 1945, 56 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Other books: *Our Miss Boo*; *For Today Only*; *The Great Answer*; and *Time For Each Other*. Reviewed by Rev. W. R. Hamilton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

This is a little book with a great message. Not by preaching, but by gripping, easily read stories, the author points the way out for those who suffer poignant sorrow. With an insight which makes fine discriminations in human experience, the writer carries us with her into a broader outlook and a more abundant life.

Other Reviewers: Dr. William Marshall Burns, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Madison, Florida, and Rev. L. E. Holt, Pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas.

DEVOTIONS

Acts of the Apostles

By J. C. Macaulay. Eerdmans, 1946, 278 pages, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Pastor, Wheaton Bible Church, Wheaton, Illinois. Other books: *A Devotional Commentary on the Gospel of John*.

Reviewed by Rev. R. R. Couey, Pastor, Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Kentucky.

This is not a critical commentary. It is not offered as such. It is a highly profitable "Devotional" commentary. The author is an

expository preacher and as such seeks to maintain such a ministry for his people. The author says, "As a record of action and experience, the Book of Acts is vibrant with interest, and one becomes more and more aware of the up-to-dateness of the ancient volume. Its applicability to modern life, both for the individual and the church, lends it perennial freshness." He has been able to prove this by his chapter by chapter exposition. He has given us a book that shows us what Christianity ought to be and also challenges us to be aware of what we may be by God's grace and power.

This volume of devotional studies has a wealth of application to modern problems of the church. One other statement that tends to show the character of the book: "Whenever the Church has deflected from her calling of being 'Witness unto Me' she has brought herself into Philistian bondage."

A book the average preacher and worker can use with great profit. It gives one a new outlook and hope that the gospel message may get through to our needy day.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Paul B. Cullen, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Borger, Texas, and Rev. R. Knolan Benfield, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hickory, North Carolina.

Genesis

By W. H. Griffith Thomas. Eerdmans, 1946, 507 pages, \$3.50

AUTHOR: Great English Commentator and Expositor. Former Professor in Wycliffe College, Toronto, Canada. Other books: *The Devotional Commentaries: Genesis, Romans, Peter*.

Reviewed by Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

The Eerdmans Publishing Company has performed a great public service by publishing an American Edition of these famous commentaries that have been out of print for some time. This splendid new and complete edition will bequeath a tried and true textbook to the present generation and preserve it to posterity.

Dr. Griffith Thomas takes the conservative position and gives us an invaluable Devotional Commentary on this great Book of Beginnings, so rich in creative acts, and gives us a pictorial panorama of God's dealings with the human race from creation to the death of Joseph. But more particularly, it gives the

history of Abraham, progenitor and founder of the Jewish nation, and his descendants.

Here we have the foundation, explanation, and preface, as well as the key, to the rest of the Word of God. In three all-inclusive words Dr. Griffith Thomas gives us a perfect summary of Genesis: generation, degeneration, regeneration. Dr. Thomas says: "The red thread of redemption binds every chapter together, and gives the book one of its essential marks of unity."

This is a valuable commentary that ought to be in the hands of every preacher, Sunday school teacher, and religious worker. By all means buy these commentaries as fast as they are available.

Other Reviewers: Rev. H. G. Hammett, Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, and Rev. H. P. Giddens, Pastor, First Baptist Church, West Point, Georgia.

The Way, the Truth and the Life

By Glenn Clark. Harper, 1946, 179 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Retired, formerly Professor of English, Macalester College; editor of the quarterly, *Clear Horizons*; conductor of "The Camps Farthest Out." Other books: *I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes*; *How to Find Health Through Prayer*; *Two or Three Gathered Together*.

Reviewed by Rev. H. Grady Ketchum, Pastor, First Church, Jackson, Alabama.

Here is a rich devotional interpretation in one volume of The Sermon on the Mount (THE WAY to the Kingdom), the Parables of Jesus (THE TRUTH about the Kingdom), and some phases of the life of Jesus (THE LIFE). In addition, four lessons from Jesus on Prayer are set forth in the Prelude, the Postlude, and in the two interludes. These four lessons are concerned with the "Lord's Prayer," "Asking, Seeking, and Knocking," "In His Name," and "Christ's Prayers" in John 17 and on the cross.

The author thinks of the Kingdom as "within us" and as "the ever-expanding activity of the love of God." "When Jesus said, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life,' He gave us the entire formula for entering the Kingdom. All we need to do is to let our little ego die and let Christ be born in us. His truths are to be taken into one's mind and heart and soul as living things and allowed to breathe there and in time bring forth through the rebirth process new revelations and new experiences of the Kingdom of Heaven." Dr. Clark

insists that these truths are to be put into practice, that while "rational truth may be grasped by analysis and synthesis, spiritual truth can be grasped only by practice and parable."

The approach is that of a mystic who is gifted with, and has cultivated, keen spiritual insight. One wonders if there is not too much spiritualizing of some of the Scripture passages treated. Reference to the Lord's Supper as a sacrament will not be pleasing to Baptist readers. All of the discussions are stimulating, thought-provoking, and quite out of the ordinary.

Other Reviewer: Dr. Edwin Richardson, former pastor, First Baptist Church, Columbia, Tennessee.

DOCTRINES

Baptist Distinctives

By W. R. White. Broadman, 1946, 122 pages, 60c

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

Reviewed by Rev. H. M. Ward, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Texas.

This book is indispensable in our present-day effort to indoctrinate our Baptist people. This is the outstanding book on Baptist doctrines coming from the press for a quarter of a century. It is so written that it is extremely useful for class study or for individual study, and brings a clear and pungent discussion of all the teachings of the Bible referred to in our Baptist articles of faith. It is written with a world-wide vision, is both evangelistic and missionary in its aim, and devotedly true throughout to the fundamentals of our Baptist faith.

The chapter on the "Primacy of the Individual" is comparable to the discussions of Dr. Mullins on the "Competency of the Individual Soul." Another great chapter is entitled, "Working With Other Christians."

One of the greatest needs of our Baptist people today is that they might be informed as to what they believe. This book meets the requirements for that purpose and should be taught in every Baptist church in the world.

It is a small book, yet mighty in its power to challenge us.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Don J. Milan, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Guthrie, Oklahoma, and Rev. W. W. Warmath, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee.

Jesus the Messiah

By William Hanson. Westminster, 1946, 267 pages, \$2.75

AUTHOR: Born in England, educated at Glasgow and Oxford. He is Professor of New Testament Language, Literature, and Theology at the University of Edinburgh. Other book: *A Gospel of Luke*. Reviewed by Rev. E. L. Smothers, Pastor, Magness Memorial Baptist Church, McMinnville, Tennessee.

This book incorporates the Cunningham Lectures delivered by the author in New England College, Edinburgh, at the close of 1940. In this volume you will find much scholarly research in many schools of thought relating to the Scriptures. This is not a book of inspirational messages to be leisurely read but one that will require much thought and effort.

The purpose of the book is to show how on the basis of the great confession of Jesus as Messiah, the early Church built up the structure of its distinctive belief and witness to the Christian Revelation of God. There is a large place given to the teaching of Jesus as a revelation of God to the human heart and spirit.

There are many references to the various ancient manuscripts, early texts, and Form-Critics. The approach of the author is strictly from the intellectual point of view.

Other Reviewers: Rev. T. Lynn Stewart, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Coleman, Texas, and Rev. C. Paul Rich, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clayton, New Mexico.

Truths Men Live By

By John A. O'Brien. Macmillan, 1946, 419 pages, \$2.75

AUTHOR: Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Notre Dame University. Other books: *Silent Reading*; *The Faith of Millions*; and *The Church and Marriage*.

Reviewed by Rev. R. O. Cawker, Pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana.

This is one of the most scholarly, well written, intriguing books I have read recently. The chapters on God in Part I are excellent. The conclusions reached based on scientific facts, scriptural truths, and personal experiences are both valid and true to God's Word. The author's statement, "It will be a sad day or America and its future when our children know more about Donald Duck and Mickey Mouse than they do about their Creator and its son, Jesus Christ, our Divine Redeemer," is a warning needed. The picturesque lan-

guage, apt quotations, descriptive illustrations add to the reader's interest and enjoyment.

This book cannot be read casually—the material is too important, too comprehensive, too deep for superficial treatment. It may be that a more emphatic statement of the fact that Jesus is God revealed in the flesh would add to the book's surety. While I could not agree with everything, it is my firm conviction that this volume is worthy of a very wide reading. I heartily commend this book to my ministerial brethren. It will do you much good.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Joe Weldon Bailey, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vivian, Louisiana, and Rev. Lloyd T. Householder, Pastor, Mount Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Whom Thou Seekest

By Anonymous. Macmillan, 1946, 229 pages, \$2.00
Reviewed by Rev. H. Marshall Smith, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stephenville, Texas.

Whom Thou Seekest is a book with many fine devotional thoughts, infused with doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. It is a challenge to followers of Catholic teachings to give themselves, their best, to exemplary living.

One might say, from several statements found in the book, that it is a plea for the Church (Roman Catholic) and a desire to discount other faiths. There is much repetition, especially in an effort to establish the mystery of the Eucharist.

This is a good study of Romanism, if one has time and a desire for such reading, after one is well grounded in the true biblical teachings.

Other Reviewers: Rev. W. Dawson King, Pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Rev. James P. Wesberry, Pastor, Morningside Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

EVANGELISM

Winning Men

By John Timothy Stone. Revell, 1946, 108 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Former President of the McCormick Theological Seminary, and former Minister of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Illinois. Other books: *Footsteps in a Parish*; *Recruiting for Christ*; and *Places of Quiet Strength*.

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

Winning Men is most worthy of wide reading and thoughtful study. This book is composed of the lectures given under the auspices

of the T. V. Moore Foundation at the San Francisco Theological Seminary. In the treatment of the subject the author gives an urgent appeal for the pastor and layman to spread the gospel by personal contact. The author built a great church in Chicago by the use of the methods set forth in these lectures.

The chapter headings tell us about what to expect. They are: "Christ's Method, and That of the Early Church," "The Evangelistic Appeal of Today," "Methods and Invitations," "Personal Experiences and Testimonials," and "Following Up." Those who read this book will be greatly helped.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Roy Boatwright, Pastor, Brookfield, Missouri, and Rev. D. D. Sumrall, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Palestine, Texas.

The Bulwark

By Theodore Dreiser. Doubleday, 1946, 337 pages, \$2.75

AUTHOR: Famous American Novelist. Other books: *A Gallery of Women*; *Dreiser Looks At Russia*; *An American Tragedy*; *A Book About Myself*; *A Traveller at Forty*; *The Financier*; *The Genius*; *Sister Carrie*; and *The Titan*.

Reviewed by Rev. B. Frank Collins, Pastor, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Bulwark is a story based on the experiences of a strict Quaker family giving the background of the early settlers who held this faith. The descriptive powers of the author makes the book a very interesting novel. He brings out marvelous lessons—how money and position in this modern age will separate the individual from the deepest convictions and the best of training. The book will no doubt become popular and widely read because of the author's reputation as a writer.

If chapters 53, 54, 55, and 58 were left out of the book I would consider it one of the best novels it has been my pleasure to read. These chapters are too suggestive toward an immoral life. My fears may be impractical, but it seems to me that they would cause those who read it carelessly to try out some of the vivid suggestions.

We certainly need the lessons taught in this book for our modern youth, but I doubt very seriously that the good in the book will overbalance the evil that might come from reading it.

No one can find fault with the fine arrange-

ment and drama from the first page to the last one. The author has the happy capacity of writing so as to keep one in suspense and anxious to see what is coming in the next chapter.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Thomas L. Harris, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Camden, Arkansas, and Rev. Carl J. Giers, Pastor, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Sermon Nuggets in Stories

By William L. Stidger. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1946, 150 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Head of the Department of Preaching, Boston University School of Theology. Other books: *There are Sermons in Stories*; *More Sermons in Stories*; and *The Human Side of Greatness*.

Reviewed by Rev. Harold J. Purdy, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Kentucky.

Again Dr. Stidger has produced one of those very helpful volumes packed with brief, pungent illustrations. There are more than ninety dramatic stories in this book, each of them drawn from everyday life. Those who have used Dr. Stidger's other books will surely welcome this similar collection.

In his Foreword the author says, "Stories are windows in the Dark Tower of a sermon to let the light in." These splendid human interest sketches will illuminate many a point of doctrine which would otherwise be obscure to the average member of a church congregation. I found this to be one of the best books of illustrations which I have read in a long while.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Garland A. Hendricks, Pastor, Olive Chapel Baptist Church, Apex, North Carolina, and Rev. J. D. Thorn, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Belton, Texas.

MARRIAGE AND THE HOME

So You Are Thinking!

By S. C. Michelfelder. Wartburg, 1946, 83 pages, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Other book: *Like Adjustments*.

Reviewed by Dr. A. B. Wood, Pastor, Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The frontispiece for this book is Rodin's statue, *The Thinker*. The author says that the church is the best place for one to sit down and think. In this book he represents the reader, the "You" of the title, as thinking on some of the vital questions of life. The subjects of the chapters are as follows: "So You Are Thinking of Getting Married"; "So You Are Thinking of Having a Family"; "So

You Are Thinking of Joining a Church"; "So You Are Thinking of Calling It Off"; "So You Are Thinking of Making a Will."

One can readily see these are important topics on which to do some thinking. Enough of it would help to avoid many mistakes and failures. It is a good book for such a time as this. It will be helpful to parents, teachers, leaders of young people, young people, and all who are seeking help along these lines.

Other Reviewers: Rev. W. P. Reeves, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lanett, Alabama, and Rev. J. E. Kirk, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Holdenville, Oklahoma.

MISSIONS

The Hand of God in the Sudan

By Albert D. Helser. Sudan Interior, Mission, 1946, 144 pages, 50c

AUTHOR: Missionary to Africa. Other books: *In Sunny Nigeria*; *African Stories*; *The Glory of the Impossible*; and *Two Hundred Thousand Lepers in Nigeria*.

Reviewed by Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Booneville, Mississippi.

This book presents in a series of brief experiences, the work of the Sudan Interior Mission, a faith mission serving French West Africa, Nigeria, Anglo-Egyptian Sudan, and Ethiopia. It is international and interdenominational.

In his Foreword the author says that this book is looking for men and women who are ready to say, "If God will show me anything I can do for the evangelization of the Sudan which I have not already attempted, by His Grace I will do it and I will do it at once."

In the nature of the case, the author makes no reference to any effort to enlist those won to Christ in an organization, or church.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. F. Stegall, Pastor, Clemmons Baptist Church, Clemmons, North Carolina, and Rev. Wilbert V. Snider, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Taylor, Texas.

India at the Threshold

By L. Winifred Bryce. Friendship, 1946, 117 pages, Cloth, \$1.00, Paper, 60c

AUTHOR: Lived for thirty-two years in India serving under International Y.M.C.A., Presbyterian Church of Canada, and United Church of Canada. Now teaching at Indore Christian College, India. Other books: *The Child in the Midst* and *Comrades of the Road*.

Reviewed by Rev. George J. Griffin, Pastor, Zebulon Baptist Church, Zebulon, North Carolina.

This book, prepared as one of a series of studies for the Missionary Education Movement, fills a definite need for this particular

hour. It presents a comprehensive picture of the economic, the rural, the racial, the social, the health, and the religious conditions in India. One is impressed with all the vast problems confronting India at this turning point in her history. The author points out that although only 2 per cent of the population belongs to the Christian church, the influence of these Christians has far out-weighted their numbers.

Dr. Bryce has presented this study not to be "just another book about India," but to give a clear picture of the Christian enterprise in India. She has succeeded in a remarkable way in her task. Choice illustrative material greatly enhances the style of the writer.

Other reviewer: ("The book is helpful in understanding present-day conditions in that land [India]. It is fairly well written, but is from the viewpoint of one who is convinced that all real Christian progress is movement toward organic church union. It is well worth reading, but should be read with discrimination.")

Other Reviewers: Dr. Walter L. Moore, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cedartown, Georgia, and Dr. T. A. Patterson, Pastor, East Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

On Good Ground

By G. Louise Lynip. Eerdmans, 1946, 149 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Missionary to the Philippines from the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism.

Reviewed by Rev. C. E. Wright, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clinton, Tennessee.

In the eleven brief chapters the author gives us an eye-witness account of the results of sowing the words of the gospel in the hearts of the savage people of Bukidnon Province, Mindanao, in the Philippines. The author was forced to take refuge with the Philippine guerrillas for two years, after which time General Douglas MacArthur arranged for her rescue with an American submarine.

This is not a "war story." This is a story, told through character sketches, of what God has done even during a global war to reveal Himself in love and power through a devoted Christian missionary nurse ministering to people who were at one time Satan worshipers. She was able to lead them to know Christ as their personal Saviour.

This book vividly shows the contrast of

Christian missions against the dark background of war savagery and hatred. No one can read this book without believing more in Christian missions as the only plan to bring a confused world to the feet of Jesus. The book is well written and very convincing. One sees the glorious harvest springing up from "Good Grounds."

Other Reviewers: Dr. Carl M. Townsend, Pastor, Hayes-Barton Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina, and Rev. R. H. Tharp, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona.

The Return to Japan

By members of the Christian Deputation to Japan. Friendship, 1946, 64 pages, 25c

AUTHORS: Douglas Horton, Chairman of the American Committee for the World Council of Churches; Bishop James C. Baker, Chairman of the International Missionary Council; Dr. Walter W. Van Kirk, Executive Secretary of the Commission on International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America; and Dr. Luman J. Shafer, the chairman of the Japan Committee of the Foreign Mission Conference of North America.

Reviewed by Rev. Wilburn M. Turner, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pecos, Texas.

The Return to Japan is a report given by a deputation of four men who went to Japan, not as members of their several denominations, nor of their denominational boards, but as representatives of the ecumenical Church, which claims no denominational or national boundaries. The report covers what they found concerning some conditions, political, economic, social, and religious, in Japan, during the months of October and November of 1945. While the *Report* brings to our attention the great need of Japan and presents the idea that the Japanese Christians are not at all satisfied with the Church union there brought about by government pressure and mandate, it is easy to see that this deputation would recommend the union of all the churches and Christians in Japan, with one central organization. This report can well be read for its information, but not with the idea of accepting all of its recommendations.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Guy S. Wilson, Pastor, Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, and Rev. Merrill D. Moore, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

This Is India

By Arthur T. Mosher. Friendship, 1946, 24 pages, 25c

Reviewed by Rev. Robert S. Scales, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Durant, Oklahoma.

This Is India is one of a series of graded books, leaders' guides, plays, pamphlets, and maps on the 1946-47 literature program of the Missionary Education Movement. This twenty-four page book is about 50 per cent pictures and maps of India and 50 per cent reading material. The pictures are attractive and interesting. The maps are pictograms showing the distribution of Indian population by religions, languages, etc. The subject matter, which is of necessity very brief in a booklet of this size, deals with the land and its people, the village, the city, the growing of a nation, and the Christian task in India.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. M. Sibley, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Beaumont, Texas, and Rev. W. Albert Smith, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sheffield, Alabama.

MUSIC

Lyric Religion

By H. Augustine Smith. Revell, 1931, 517 pages, \$2.95

AUTHOR: Director of Fine Arts in Religion and Professor of Church Music, Hymnology and Allied Arts at Boston University. Other books: *American Student Hymnal*; *Hymns For the Living Age*; and others.

Reviewed by Rev. Carson Brittain, Pastor, Ridgecrest Boys' Camp, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

Here is a book that is decidedly different from the usual book of the stories of famous hymns. In this book the author writes in an understandable, attractive, and practical style of 150 hymns including old favorites and some less known yet beautiful hymns.

The distinctive value of this book lies not in the stories of the hymns themselves, because many other books have treated of this, but in the fact that here is a gold mine of source material for new and unusual programs featuring the old hymns. Many usable suggestions are made regarding the use of certain hymns in regular worship services.

Here, indeed, is a book that should occupy a place in every religious leader's library.

Other Reviewers: Dr. G. Allen West, Jr., Pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. N. M. Stigler, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Blackwell, Oklahoma.

PRAYER

Our Father

By Alexander Maclaren. Eerdmans, 1946, 93 pages, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Late internationally-known English Baptist pastor and expositor. Other books: *Expositions of the Holy Scriptures*, and many others.

Reviewed by Rev. Roy L. Johnson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Canyon, Texas.

This is a "resurrection" of the comments of the famous Alexander Maclaren on "The Lord's Prayer" and is arranged for home devotional study. It is in language easily understood and is a classic exposition of the meaning of "After this manner pray ye" of the model prayer. It will be most helpful to anyone interested in knowing more of the real meaning and power and purpose of prayer as revealed in the Bible.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Joseph P. Boone, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waxahachie, Texas; and Rev. R. B. Jones, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Prayers of the Free Spirit

By Stephen H. Fritchman. Woman's Press, 1945, 63 pages, \$1.00

Reviewed by Rev. W. Dawson King, Pastor, Hebron Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

This book is not one that will lend itself to the use of Baptist groups. It is addressed to liberal young people "experienced in the discipline of worship." Fifty-four prayers are presented for use. The instructions for use rule out the leading of the Spirit. None is in the name of Jesus. All bluntly end, "Amen." The Jewish mind would not be offended in their utterance. The fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man seem to be the expression of the belief of the author.

The Communion Service for Youth is dangerous teaching for the youth of today. It does not present the true spirit of the Lord's Supper as Baptists accept it.

Other Reviewers: Rev. L. E. Holt, Pastor, Highland Park Baptist Church, Texarkana, Texas. and Rev. E. R. Eller, Augusta, Georgia.

PREACHING

Preaching From Samuel

By Andrew W. Blackwood. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1946, 256 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Professor of Homiletics, Princeton University; formerly pastor in several states; lecturer in various colleges and seminaries. Other books: *The Fine Art of Public Worship*; *Pastoral Work*; *Preaching from the Bible*; *Evangelism in the Home Church*; and *Planning a Year's Pulpit Work*.

Reviewed by Dr. J. W. Hodges, Pastor, First Baptist Church, El Reno, Oklahoma.

Dr. Andrew W. Blackwood's *Preaching From Samuel* lends itself to restful, reassur-

ing, and most helpful reading. The author's approach to this section of the Scriptures is that of the reverent historian and the earnest, believing minister of the Word. In the twin books of Samuel he finds, therefore, many fact-incidents, exhortations, prayers, and character studies out of which to draw numerous texts and challenging subjects for the best kind of preaching in the world, namely, expository preaching.

This scholarly author does not hesitate to put his finger on the weaknesses of the Bible heroes of the two Samuels. Neither does he fail to show that in spite of these weaknesses, God used them to accomplish mighty things. His estimate of the prophet Samuel himself is indeed a very high one.

The quality of preaching in our day would, I believe, be greatly improved if more of God's preachers would follow Dr. Blackwood's example of analysis and exposition.

Other Reviewers: Dr. G. Allen West, Jr., Pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi.

PROPHECY

Prophetic Messages for Modern Times

By R. J. Wells. Sword of the Lord, 1945, 235 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Former Pastor, Galilean Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas; Founder, Dallas Bible Institute; now an evangelist.

Reviewed by Rev. Joe T. Odle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs, Mississippi.

This book contains the messages delivered at the Colonial Hills Prophetic Conference held at the Colonial Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, March 19-26, 1944. Some of the outstanding prophetic preachers and teachers of America appeared on the program, among them Vance Havner, Dan Gilbert, Louis S. Bauman, Paul S. James, J. Palmer Muntz, W. H. Rogers, Jessie M. Hendley, and Robert J. Wells.

As the title implies, the twenty-four sermons all deal with prophecy and cover a wide field of prophetic truth. Such themes as the Jew, the New Testament Church, the Second Coming of Christ and related events, Peace, etc., are thoroughly discussed. The messages are timely, scriptural, clear in thought, and

well-developed. They are all from the pre-millennial point of interpretation.

Not every Southern Baptist will agree with the interpretations presented in these messages, but every Southern Baptist would be well repaid for taking the time to read them. A number of Southern Baptist preachers and several other Baptist preachers are among those who preached these sermons. The person who does not understand pre-millennial truth will find much instruction here; the person who is familiar with it will find great joy in these messages; and the person who does not accept this interpretation will find real Scripture study in them with much food for thought. I recommend for it a wide reading.

Other Reviewers: Rev. E. R. Wall, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Albion, Illinois, and Rev. Tom E. Walters, Pastor, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

The Shadow of Coming Events

By Dr. Harry Rimmer. Eerdmans, 1946, 294 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Scientist and Bible conference lecturer. Other books: *The Harmony of Science and the Scripture*.

Reviewed by Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Dr. Rimmer has the rare combination of simplicity of style with spiritual power and thought-provoking substance in his writings. You can agree or disagree with his conclusions and still deeply enjoy his book.

The title of this book indicated that which is plainly stated on page 143, "I still hold to the Blessed Hope, and am a Pre-millennialist of the deepest conviction"; but he further states "But I have departed from the conventional and I believe, baseless, interpretations of certain of the prophetic passages, especially in the book of Daniel."

Other reviewer: "The author stoutly maintains that he does not prophesy, but all of his contentions are based on his own predictions, rather than on the Scriptures . . . Dr. Rimmer has many admirable gifts, but the interpretation of the Scriptures is not one of them; at least not in this book."

Other Reviewers: Rev. Harold L. Fickett, Pastor First Baptist Church, Galveston, Texas, and Rev. Clyde Burke, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee.

PSYCHOLOGY

How You Can Help Other People

By Samuel M. Shoemaker. Dutton, 1946, 189 pages, \$1.75

AUTHOR: Rector Calvary Church, Episcopal, New York City. Other books: *Religion That Works; The Gospel According to You; Confident Faith; Twice-Born Ministers; The Conversion of the Church; Christ and This Crisis*, and many others. Reviewed by Rev. J. A. Cook, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama.

I have been a student of pastoral counseling for twenty years. It has been interesting to watch the growth of this side of a minister's life during these years. The need was never greater than today, but most of us feel utterly helpless in this capacity. There are many fine books to help the pastor find himself in this field, but none are better in my opinion, than this little volume by Samuel Shoemaker. It comes out of the experience of a pastor who understands people, believes in them, and loves them. He believes that the need for this kind of work today is urgent. His chapter on "What It Takes to Help People" is most searching. He reveals the secret of most of our failures.

Careful attention is given to understanding people, of how to develop in them the spirit of fellowship.

A fine technique is given for dealing with the physically sick, the mentally sick, the fearful, the defeated, the conscientious, and self-deceived. This should be a must book for every pastor.

Other Reviewers: Dr. C. M. Coalson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cordele, Georgia.

RACE

Portrait of a Pilgrim

By Buell C. Gallagher. Friendship, 1946, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Professor of Christian Ethics, Pacific School of Religion. Other books: *American Caste and the Negro College and The Ethical Crisis*. Reviewed by Dr. Harry P. Clause, Pastor, Huntingdon Baptist Church, Baltimore, Maryland.

The book is an honest attempt to find a Christian solution to the problems of race relations. Dr. Gallagher is a Congregationalist clergyman who was at one time president of Talladego College, Alabama, where white and colored students live together in a summer conference.

The book revolves about the plot of a clergyman who preached a sermon on race rela-

tions. A banker in the congregation deposited \$1,000 for the clergyman to use to secure information to prove that it is possible to be Christian in race relations. The clergyman traveled all over the country and made his report. As a result the banker and the church are convinced.

Dr. Gallagher came to the conclusion that the basic cause of most of the discord between races is segregation. He resents the dual system of education in the South. An integrated church where white and colored are equal and worship together is the Christian ideal. He says that we can have color caste or Christianity, we cannot have both.

There are certain basic principles which the author overlooks. The Negro and the white races are very different. Their songs, their sermons, their humor, and their church architecture are very different. The Negroes are more emotional. There is much that we can learn from each other. There need be no race tension because we are different. The Negroes must be treated fairly and given equal opportunities. Both races have definite contributions to make to the Christian life of the world.

The author sees no biological reason whites and Negroes should not marry, but sees strong sociological discouragements. He points to Hawaii and Brazil as having ideal race relations. He fails to see that amalgamation is the curse of the nations rather than a blessing. Race riots and race tension cannot be solved by amalgamation which most of the Negro leaders are crusading for. There can be Christian unity in mutual helpfulness and Christlikeness.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John M. Carter, Pastor, Harrodsburg Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and Rev. George Bond, Pastor, Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, Kentucky.

SERMONS

Best Sermons—1946 Edition

By G. Paul Butler—Compiler. Harper, 1946, 324 pages, \$2.75

AUTHOR: Lecturer and writer on books and religion, has held five pastorates, and at present is a religious editor and book reviewer for a New York newspaper. Other books: *Best Sermons—1944*, and *Best Sermons—1945*.

Reviewed by Rev. Bailey F. Davis, Sr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Springfield, Kentucky.

This is the second annual compilation of such sermons by this compiler. He is assisted in his selection by a committee of prominent men from Non-Roman Catholic, Roman Catholic, and Jewish circles. This volume should be on the shelf of every minister who is anxious to keep abreast of current religious thought. It is interesting to study the preaching of other men and to see how they develop their themes and texts.

In this particular volume one senses the alarm of the modern pulpiteer over the tendencies of the atomic era which has so recently been ushered in. There is a unanimity of opinion about scientific arrogance and a trumpet call to humility before God. One need not agree with every utterance, but the good outweighs the things which we reject—such as the emphasis upon veneration of Mary which crops out, naturally, in the sermons of the Roman Catholics. Good illustrations abound in this treatise and you will thoroughly enjoy reading and owning this book.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Homer G. Lindsay, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and Dr. G. Allen West, Jr., Pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Christ Is the Answer

By W. Dale Oldham. Warner, 1945, 144 pages, \$1.50

Reviewed by Rev. M. M. Fulmer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Uvalde, Texas.

A volume of eighteen sermons, taking its title from the first message. The sermons are both inspirational and evangelistic, and are characterized by a deep reverence for the Word of God. The reader discovers at once that the author has had a deep religious experience and that he really loves the Lord. The book rings with the fundamentals of the Christian faith, yet nowhere is it a polemic. It challenges both Christian and church to more lofty endeavor. It was a help to me and I believe will be of value to any reader.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John S. Rasco, Pastor, Avondale Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, and Rev. Braxton B. Sawyer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Murray, Kentucky.

The Faithful Word

By John Hess McComb. Revell, 1946, 106 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Pastor, Broadway Presbyterian Church, New York City. Other books: *God's Purpose in This Age* and *Wondrous Truths from the Word*.

Reviewed by Rev. Vaughn M. Johnson, Pastor, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida.

This is an attractive little book of thirteen sermons that have their appeal in being fundamentally sound rather than in any effort to be sensational or different. Many of the tried and true doctrines of the New Testament are treated in a simple, clear, and concise manner.

The main appeal of the book lies in the earnest sincerity of the author, which is magnified from every page. No one could possibly doubt the appeal of such preaching from an old time preacher in the largest city on earth. I can heartily recommend this book to all lovers of God's Word. Dr. McComb's sermon on "Seven Promises in Romans Eight" is worth the price of the book.

Other Reviewers: Dr. J. C. Canipe, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Boone, North Carolina, and Rev. J. Perry Carter, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism, Louisville, Kentucky.

Junior Sermons for Special Occasions

By Jacob J. Sessler. Revell, 1946, 96 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Other books: *The Fact of God*; *Junior Object Sermons* and *Junior Magic Sermon-Talks*. Reviewed by Rev. T. Emerson Worthan, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Franklin, Kentucky.

In this book the author presents his sermons for Juniors with directness, conciseness, and clearness. He succeeds rather admirably in achieving the goal which he has set for himself as stated in the Foreword—that of presenting a *single thought* in each sermon without a confusing mixture with other thoughts.

I do not agree with the author's statement in his first sermon, "Why Are We Protestants?" that "there was no other church in existence," other than Roman Catholic, when Martin Luther, early in the sixteenth century, became dissatisfied with the Catholic Church and started the Protestant Reformation. Baptists did not originate with the Protestant Reformation but were in existence long before that time, and for this reason, strictly speaking, Baptists are not to be classified as "Protestants" in the usually-accepted interpretation of that term. However, in the broad and general classification of religious bodies, Baptists are so classified.

These sermons as a whole are a rather fine collection of timely messages, and it is my humble judgment that any pastor can use

with great profit to his Junior boys and girls many of the fine and challenging thoughts presented in them. They will richly repay careful study and thoughtful usage.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Arnold Long, Pastor, North Side Baptist Church, Neosho, Missouri, and Rev. John S. Rasco, Pastor, Avondale Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

The Keeper of the Door

By George E. Sweazey. Bethany Press, 1946, 190 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Secretary, Department of Evangelism, Board of National Missions, Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Reviewed by Dr. G. Earl Guinn, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana.

The minister who is constantly pressed for fresh material to aid in the preparation of appropriate sermons for Mother's Day will find this book a valuable reference. Mothers who are faced with the problem of "keeping the door" in this day when so many undesirable elements are trying to invade the home will find helpful suggestions and encouragement here. The eleven messages of this book are thought-provoking, unique, scripturally sound, refreshing, and militant. Illustrations and brilliant humor adorn each chapter. Let us have more books by this author.

Other Reviewers: Rev. H. G. M. Hatler, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Princeton, Kentucky, and Dr. A. B. Wood, Pastor, Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

My Notes for Addresses at Funeral Occasions

By Rev. W. P. Van Wyk. Baker's Book Store, 1946, 140 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Other books: *My Sermon Notes On the Lord's Supper*; *My Sermon Notes On John's Gospel*; *My Sermon Notes On the Parables* and *My Sermon Notes On the Twelve Patriarchs*.

Reviewed by Rev. T. Hollis Epton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Texas.

This is a collection of thirty-six funeral outlines. They are full outlines, and are based on passages of Scripture which are not used frequently as bases of funeral messages.

There is nothing outstanding in the book, but all the messages outlined are helpful and suggestive. The book speaks with a pastor's voice to people in trouble. The outlines are clear and logical. Any minister will find the book worth its price and his attention.

Other Reviewers: Dr. W. Ross Edwards, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Warrensburg, Missouri, and Rev. E. L. Smothers, Pastor, Magness Memorial Baptist Church, McMinnville, Tennessee.

Now to Live

By Ralph W. Sockman. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1946, 214 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Minister of Christ Church, New York City, and preacher of the National Radio Pulpit. Other books: *Date With Destiny*; *The Highway of God*; *Live for Tomorrow*; and many others.

Reviewed by Dr. Gilbert L. Guffin, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jasper, Alabama.

Any book by one as popular as this author will be welcome to the public. To the hosts of Americans familiar with Dr. Sockman's voice over the National Radio Pulpit, and with the quality of his former books, this new volume will not be disappointing. Beginning with a sermon entitled "Now to Live!" the book is a collection of messages of timely and enduring significance. Arresting themes such as "Are You Fighting Yourself?" and "Our Prosperous Prodigals," as well as sermons for special occasions like Christmas and Easter, are included.

A sample of the gems of thought contained in the volume is as follows:

"We need to remember that the good things of life are paid for in advance, the bad things are paid for afterward. Love is paid for in advance—by self-restraint and service. Lust is paid for afterward—by remorse and perhaps disease. Peace is paid for in advance by mutual trustfulness, by making overtures of good will, by lowering trade barriers, by limiting sovereignty, and by numerous other costly procedures. War is paid for afterward in rubble-strewn, lifeless cities, in smouldering hatreds, in blinded eyes and broken bodies."

Other Reviewer: Rev. O. C. Rainwater, Pastor, Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, Tennessee.

Pointed Story Sermons for Young Folks

By P. G. S. Hopwood. Revell, 1946, 127 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Other books: *The Religious Experience of the Primitive Church*; *The Other Mary*; and others. Reviewed by Rev. Eddie S. Lieberman, Pastor, Holly Springs Baptist Church, Inman, South Carolina.

This small book of short story sermons is divided into two sections: general stories and stories from the great poems. The illustrations are "down to earth" and ones in which young folks will be interested. The applications are not pronounced for the lessons are drawn throughout the stories.

The second section of the book is particularly interesting. Stories are based on the poems of Robert Browning, William Blake, and others. These stories may be easily used for Junior church services and many of the illustrations may be used for sermon material.

Other Reviewers: Rev. L. H. Moore, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Anna, Illinois, and Dr. J. L. Rosser, Pastor, Ancient City Baptist Church, St. Augustine, Florida.

Seven Sayings About the Crucified

By A. Milton Smith. Beacon Hill Press, 1946, 124 pages, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Nazarene Church, Dallas, Texas. Other books: *The Twelve Apostles*.

Reviewed by Rev. B. B. Powers, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Middletown, Kentucky.

This is a book of seven sermons preached by the author from his pulpit in Dallas. The book is well written in plain, simple language with well-chosen words and phrases. It is taken from the Gospel accounts of the crucifixion and is based on what those watching the cross had to say about the Crucified One. It is a most unique presentation of familiar and well known truths.

There is nothing new or startling in these messages yet they glow with a spiritual warmth that holds the attention. That they are true to the Scriptures cannot be questioned. It is stated in the Preface, "Because the discussions deal with the very heart of redemption, Christians of all stations and positions will enjoy what is herein written." With this we heartily agree.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Morris Ford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, and Rev. A. B. Hawkes, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Some Vital Questions

By George W. Truett, edited by Powhatan James. Broadman, 1946, 200 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Pre-eminently the outstanding preacher of America for almost half a century, late pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Dr. James, president of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, the son-in-law of Dr. Truett.

Reviewed by Dr. G. Allen West, Jr., Pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. James has done Southern Baptists a great blessing in publishing the sermons of the "Prince of the Pulpit." He is the biographer of Dr. Truett and has the sole legal right to publish these sermons.

Some Vital Questions is a group of sermons preached on various occasions by Dr.

Truett. For instance, "What Is Your Life?" is a New Year's message; "Whom Say Ye That I Am?" is an Easter message; "What Are You Living For?" is a Commencement sermon, and so on. Each message is full of the heart power by which the author's preaching was so well known.

There is a Foreword by Dr. James in which he explains that there will be other volumes in this "Truett Memorial Series." A short biographical sketch is given by Dr. Louie D. Newton. There are fourteen sermons, all of which makes for a worthy addition to one's library.

Other Reviewers: Dr. C. E. Hereford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Corpus Christi, Texas, and Rev. C. A. Molpus, Pastor, Belzoni Baptist Church, Belzoni, Mississippi.

Ten Vital Messages

By John R. Sampey. Broadman, 1946, 134 pages, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Former President, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Reviewed by Rev. L. C. Roberts, Pastor, Oakwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

All of the friends and former students of Dr. John R. Sampey will welcome this book. To read them is to sit again under the spell of this teacher for fifty-eight years and a preacher for more than sixty-five years. All of these messages were delivered over WHAS in Louisville, Kentucky. The response that Dr. Sampey received from his unseen audience have proved the value of the messages.

They are biblical messages presented in a very practical manner. In each one the reader will catch the heart throb of the author. They are simple and direct and are typical of Dr. Sampey's sermonizing. They will be a source of inspiration to the hearts of readers everywhere.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John Newport, Pastor, Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Mississippi, and Rev. H. O. Morris, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Del Rio, Texas.

THEOLOGY

Christianity According to St. John

By W. P. Howard. Westminster, 1945, 226 pages, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Principal and Lamplough Professor of New Testament Language and Literature at Handsworth College, Birmingham, England. Other book: *The Fourth Gospel in Recent Criticism and Interpretation*.

Reviewed by Rev. P. H. Anderson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Plaquemine, Louisiana.

Christianity According to St. John, by Dr. W. F. Howard, contains eight lectures, retaining their original form in print, which were given at Oxford in 1940 under the terms of the Dale Trust. These lectures treat of the great subjects of Johannine theology and its purpose is that of setting forth the main features of Johannine Christianity.

A survey of critical questions concerning the gospel is given in the opening chapter and presents a valuable summary of the different views among scholars. The other chapter headings indicate the material presented and are: "The Logos of Life"; "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit"; "Man, Sin, and Salvation"; "Eschatology and Mysticism"; "Church, Ministry, and Sacraments"; "Faith, Knowledge, and Love"; and "The Way, The Truth, and The Life."

Informing as to the vital contents of the Fourth Gospel, this book is thought-provoking and a real contribution to the literature on the New Testament. It is not recommended for the average reader but those with a more scholarly knowledge of the Scriptures, such as ministers and teachers will profit by a careful and thoughtful reading of the book.

Other Reviewers: Rev. G. Earl Guinn, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana, and Rev. H. H. Hobbs, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama.

The Devil and God

By William Robinson. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1945, 125 pages, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Principal of Overdale College, Professor of Christian Doctrine and the Philosophy of Religion in the Selly Oak Colleges, England.

Reviewed by Dr. N. D. Timmerman, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

The intriguing problem of evil raises the inevitable question "From whence does it come? Does it come from God? If so, then the God we know has been irreparably qualified or limited. Then, God becomes the author of evil. Does it come from a being with influencing power as we ascribe to one called the Devil? If so, then we must make sure we do not exalt him to a position of 'Almightiness.'"

This is part of the problem the author has faced. He does not enter into a full discussion of the problem of evil. He merely seeks to reveal how the problem arises for anybody

who would hold to a central purpose in this world of being. The core of his discussion is set forth in his own words in the third chapter, "The Bible and The Devil." He says of his intentions: "It is the question of being able to account for evil in the world—both physical and moral evil—while at the same time preserving belief in the goodness, integrity, and all-sufficiency of God."

The book recognizes most emphatically that there is a "personal Devil," and contends that he must be vanquished. This can not be done by the principle of denial that he exists, or a human resignation to his wiles—"lying down to evil." The solution is in the Christian process—the redemptive and regenerative power of Jesus, by which the power of the Devil is defeated, and from which the believer is given a peace within and a coping power. This furnishes a fighting spirit and a vibrant hope.

This book has a value to all of us. For one thing, it is readable and illustrative, lacking much of the theological terminology. It also brushes aside some of the hurtful phobias developed by some as a solution for man's battle against evil. The author walks a tight rope in places, but always he has his eyes on this fact—God's judgments are sure, and "an eternal now" appears in the matrix of history, transforming and transfiguring the whole scene so that progress, though by no means straight-line progress, is possible here and now. He believes in a world of sin and woe, but man can win through Christ.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Paul Wheeler, Pastor, Park Street, Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Dr. H. G. Williams, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

Faith and Reason

By Nels F. S. Ferre. Harper, 1946, 251 pages, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Abbot Professor of Christian Theology, Andover Newton Theological Seminary. Other books: *Return to Christianity*; *The Christian Fellowship*; and *The Christian Faith*.

Reviewed by Dr. Preston L. Ramsay, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky.

The author purposes to write a series of volumes dealing with the Christian Faith. This is the first. The second volume will be entitled *Faith, Society, and the Problem of Evil*. The thesis upon which this volume is written is that faith and reason are inter-

related and are not to be thought of as separate and distinct. The chapter headings are: "Religion and Reason," "The Circle of Science," "The Circle of Religion." The two Appendices are: "Faith and Reason," and "Reason Must Become Religious."

The author states that our present crisis of civilization is greatly due to basic confusion with regard to the meaning and use of both faith and reason. He shows how true science and true philosophy are related to religion.

The book is highly technical and philosophical and will prove of little value to the average reader. Its only practical use will be for teachers of religion and of philosophy. Since the reviewer does not belong to either field of labor he found the book very dull and boring.

Other Reviewers: Dr. H. K. Masteller, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Asheboro, North Carolina, and Dr. John J. Milford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

WAR AND PEACE

The Peace That Is Left

By Emile Cammaerts. Harper, 1945, 150 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Belgian poet, occupies the Chair of Belgian Studies at the University of London. Other books: *Upon This Rock* and *The Flower of Grass*.

Reviewed by Dr. I. D. S. Knight, Pastor, Memorial Baptist Church, Williamston, North Carolina.

This book has nine chapters, or "discerning reflections," on solutions of the various problems of peace. The chapters are not cold essays, nor are they sermons, though they begin with a biblical text and look to the teachings of the Bible and the doing of God's will as the roadway to lasting peace. The author's brilliant mind and lucid pen send out pithy paragraphs and striking sentences like sparks flying from the blacksmith's anvil.

Read this book. It is not a novel nor a story book but it offers much pleasure in reading. Each chapter concludes with a devotional prayer for a practical and lasting peace. The preacher will find many sermon suggestions and helpful hints in this brilliant and wise book.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. Perry Carter, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism, Louisville, Kentucky, and Rev. James H. Landes, First Baptist Church, Wichita Falls, Texas.

WORLD AFFAIRS

The New Leviathan

By Paul Hutchinson. Willett Clark, 1946, 233 pages, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Former missionary to China, now Managing Editor of the *Christian Century*. Other books: *Storm Over Asia*; *The Ordeal of Western Religion*; *From Victory to Peace*; and others.

Reviewed by Rev. Carl J. Giers, Pastor, Hunter Street Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Here is a MUST book for all—preacher and layman—who want the curtain pulled back on the drama of national and world affairs in which all mankind (even the most insignificant person) plays the leading role.

Leviathan was the name the seventeenth century philosopher, Thomas Hobbes, gave to the Power centered in the state to secure peace and order for its citizens. The New Leviathan is the name the author gives to the modern state with its constantly multiplying powers.

Dr. Hutchinson is no starry-eyed visionary. He says, "the purpose is not prophecy but analysis." With the skill of a surgeon with a scalpel the author makes the incision which reveals the infection which threatens all our freedoms. Here is a revelation of the rapidly mounting crisis which the Christian Church must face—and do something about it. In the words of the author, "haste makes waste, but delay may mean destruction."

I read every word of this book—some paragraphs many times. To me the author put into words that which is the lurking and underlying cause of much of our individual and social fear and unrest.

If you are looking for a book to read that does not disturb—don't read *The New Leviathan*.

Other Reviewers: Dr. O. L. Bayless, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Henryetta, Oklahoma, and Rev. W. L. Stagg, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

Trouble Zone

By Leon Dennen. Ziff-Davis, 1945, 173 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Editor of the *New Leader* and director of public relations for the League of Human Rights (American Federation of Labor). Other books: *Where the Getto Ends*, and *Soviet Russia's Foreign Policy*.

Reviewed by Rev. Thomas B. Lackey, Pastor, Nogales Avenue Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The author believes that the seed are being sown for another world war and that the real trouble zone is in the Balkans and the Middle East. The conflict is raging between Russia and the British Empire. Russia is striving to secure control of the Balkans and to undermine British prestige in the Arab countries.

The author believes that the people of the Balkans feel that they have been betrayed by London, Moscow, and Washington because they have been unable to establish democratic governments in these countries as was promised. He stresses the need of democratic federations based on co-operation, frankness, understanding, and truth.

Every Christian worker would be benefitted by reading this interesting and informing book.

Other Reviewers: Dr. John A. Davidson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Selma, Alabama, and Rev. J. V. Carlisle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rolla, Missouri.

YOUTH

We Have This Ministry

By J. Oliver Nelson. Association, 1946, 93 pages, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Head of the Commission on the Ministry of the Federal Council of Churches. Other book: *Work At This Ministry*.

Reviewed by Dr. Bunyan Stephens, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia.

We Have This Ministry is a small book of eleven chapters, each chapter being written by a different person. It is intended as a book for young people and the ministers of young people that they may be challenged to full time Christian service.

There is nothing profound or new in the discussions but it is always of interest because of the variety of work and opportunity presented. Pastors will find this is a good book to place in the hands of young people anticipating church vocations.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Charles Treadway, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cleveland, Mississippi, and Rev. G. Thurston Rock, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Gallup, New Mexico.

Cultivating the Voice

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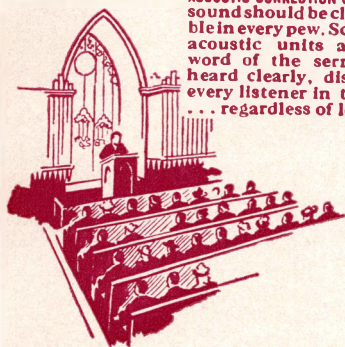
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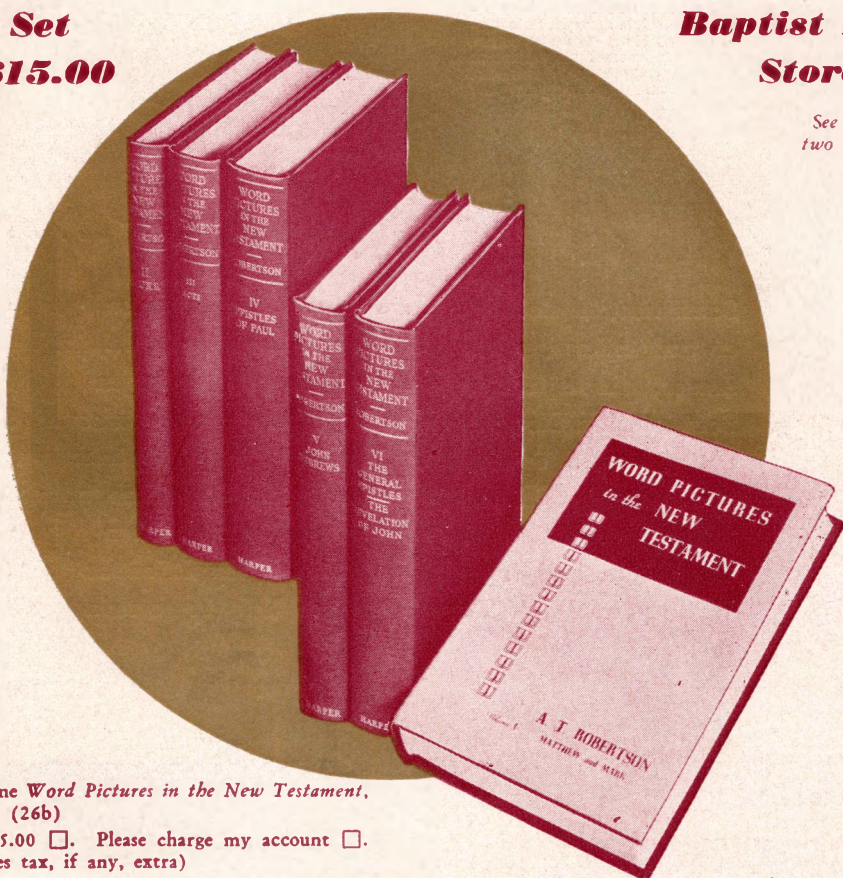
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