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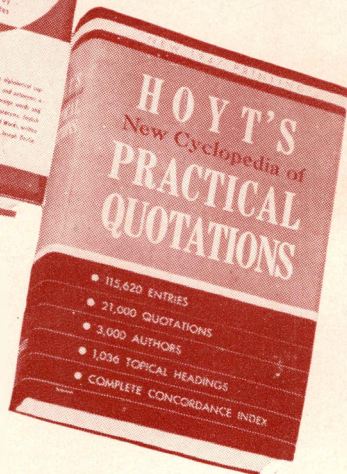
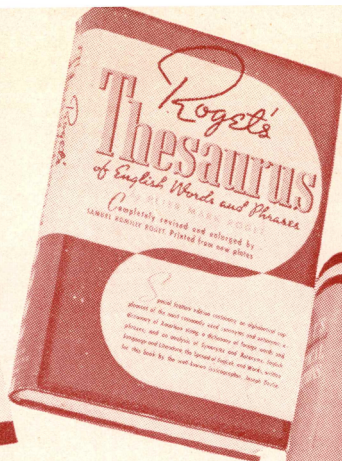
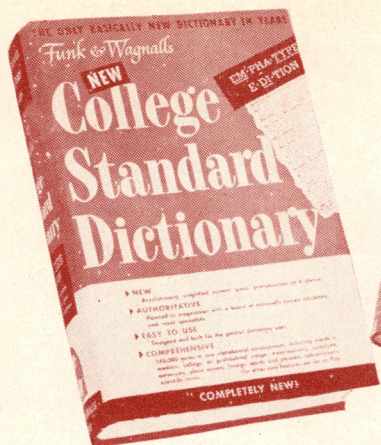
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The Southern Baptist Historical Society has adopted the *Quarterly Review* as the its official publication, and each issue of the Review, starting with this issue, will contain an article of historical interest. Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, professor of church history at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has been asked by the Historical Society to serve as an associate editor of the *Review*. We welcome Dr. Stealey to the editorial staff. Dr. W. O. Carver tells something of the Historical Society.

Dr. Hight C Moore contributes an article of historical interest in the story of Ridgecrest. Two Southern Baptist personalities are presented in this issue. Harold Dye writes interestingly of W. R. Parrott, a rural pastor in New Mexico. Beth Prim paints a graphic word picture of C. Oscar Johnson, pastor of the Third Church, St. Louis, and president of the Baptist World Alliance.

Dr. J. E. Lambdin reports on the youth program in the Training Union, and Dr. L. L. Carpenter, editor of the *North Carolina Biblical Recorder* explains "How North Carolina Baptists Work Together."

Edwin S. Preston reviews the rapid growth of Southern Baptist radio consciousness, and C. E. Bryant, Executive Committee publicist, points up some of the issues Southern Baptists will face at the meeting of the Convention in Memphis. Dr. J. O. Williams continues his helpful feature on suggested sermon outlines.

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The Editor

The 1948 Southern Baptist Handbook will be packed with many surveys of vital interest and concern. Here are a few of the interesting things which you will find in your Handbook:

Of the 26,764 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 15,-293 are located in the open country, 4,238 are located in villages of less than 500 population, 3,619 are found in towns of 501 to 2,500 population, and only 3,614 are located in cities of more than 2,501 population.

One interesting thing about Southern Baptist churches has been the growth of full-time churches. In 1933, there were 14,897 "fourth-time" churches, compared with 10,313 in 1943, and 6,558 in 1947. The number of churches with preaching each Sunday climbed from 4,203 in 1933 to 7,638 in 1943, and to 11,133 in 1947. The number of churches with "half-time" preaching jumped from 4,978 to 8,752 in 1947.

During 1947, Southern Baptists gave more than \$28,000,000 for all education, missions, and benevolences. Of this amount, more than \$3,000,000 was used in promoting associational missions. The states reported receipts of more than \$25,000,000. More than \$18,000,-000 of this went for state causes and a little more than \$7,000,000 went for Southwide causes.

Southern Baptist Sunday schools have grown during the past three years. The records show that gains of more than 600,000 have been made during the period to boost the total enrolment above the 4,000,000 mark.

THE COVER

Samuel F. Lowe has seen the dream of many years come true in the development of the Baptist Hour. He is now the director of the Radio Commission.

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Southern Baptists Look Toward Memphis

by C. E. BRYANT

Do you remember those long months and years during the war when we day dreamed about our postwar program for Christ?

"If only the Lord will give us a chance," we said, "we'll work and give unreservedly for the kingdom." We recalled that missions could have prevented the war. "Bibles a generation ago would have made unnecessary the bullets and bombs of this war," we said.

We promised ourselves and we promised the Lord that as soon as shortages were lifted, as soon as ships sailed again, as soon as men were free from the limitations of war, as soon as the all-out war of bullets was over we'd stage an all-out war for the spread of the gospel to all the world.

In those days when we looked into the future, we thought of giving money as willingly for kingdom investments as we were giving then for taxes and bonds for the waging of war. We thought that people would volunteer and answer willingly the call of the Lord for service, whether that call was for service in our own church or in foreign lands.

Yes, we did a lot of wishful planning in those days of war as we looked to an era of peace—peace which we would make everlasting by the spread of God's message of love to all the world.

We were still planning when an atomic bomb burst in Japan and the war was over.

But suddenly—as sudden in fact as the end of the war burst upon us—we seemed to forget our visions of a globe-encircling program for Christ. The postwar era for which we had been planning was upon us . . . and we were not ready.

The armistice with Japan was signed in September, 1945—it will soon be three years ago. What have we done to alleviate the conditions of a sin-sick world? Of course we have made some progress; possibly our progress in these two years and some odd months has been faster than some of the prewar years. But, what of those plans and those resolutions made in good faith for the waging of an all-out mission to evangelize the world?

The time for our mission is not long. Already there is talk of a third world war. History calls for a war every generation. Scientists have estimated an atomic war may come within ten years.

Our mission must be accomplished quickly and efficiently in these next few years. Will we win, or will we lose by default?

A Time of Decision

The decisions of messengers at the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, May

19-23, 1948, will largely determine the future of Southern Baptist work and ultimate success in the accomplishment of the Great Commission of our Lord.

Two factors, at least, are necessary in the accomplishment of this mission. First, there is the challenge, the acceptance of that challenge, and the consecration that determines our own willingness and bulldog tenacity for the doing of that which the Lord would have us do. This factor is personal, a victory that must be won within the heart and soul of each individual Christian.

The second factor, or group of factors, has to do with plans and programs and means. It is the matter of how we are going to do what the Lord has instructed us to do, a determination of the procedure to be followed. It is further a matter of personnel and money to make possible the execution of those well-planned procedures.

Thus, one factor must be accomplished in the individual hearts of our members. It must come in Bible study and prayer. It must be a spiritual revival of our membership. The other factor must be accomplished in the co-operative endeavors of the whole constituency. It must add to the background of the spirit the means at our disposal in a twentieth-century world.

There is the question, Are we big enough for the task that is set before us? It has been said that one plus God is enough. Paul wrote that he could do all things through Christ. The question more appropriately should be, Are we going to get on God's side? As soon as we parallel our objectives with his, our strength will be unlimited.

Southern Baptists number well over six million. We are the world's largest evangelical group excepting the united Methodist Church with eight million. But with our fellow Baptists of other

conventions, our number is above fifteen million. Surely we are strong enough: six million, or fifteen million, plus God.

But, Southern Baptists fall pitifully short of our potentialities. Compared with the giving of our fellow Christians in other denominations, we rank on a per capita basis 19th in a field of 26. (On actual mission expenditures, we rank second to the Seventh Day Adventists; but the Adventists number only 200,000 compared with our more than six million!)

Our Future Program

What needs to be our future program? Certainly I am not able to answer that question in its details. But in our gloriously democratic sessions at Memphis, when representatives from twenty states get together for prayerful planning, the answer can and should emerge. I have no doubt that the Lord will show us the way; the danger is that our faith will be too short, for the way will not be an easy one. Lord, give us the faith to move mountains!

Accepting without debate the Great Commission, in its varied wordings in the Gospels and the Acts, as our objective, what are some of the means at our disposal for its accomplishment? Let us list them here:

1. *Evangelism.* The year round is open season for evangelism. Summer and winter, spring and fall, day in and day out, Southern Baptist churches and people must be evangelists. Let the world know we are Christians. Let the world know that Christ died for the sins of every man, and that salvation is available to all who in faith accept that gift.

This evangelism has been one of the chief secrets of the growth of Southern Baptists. We must not be afraid of emotional religion. A study of charts reflecting growth of the various denominations reveals unmistakably that the victory

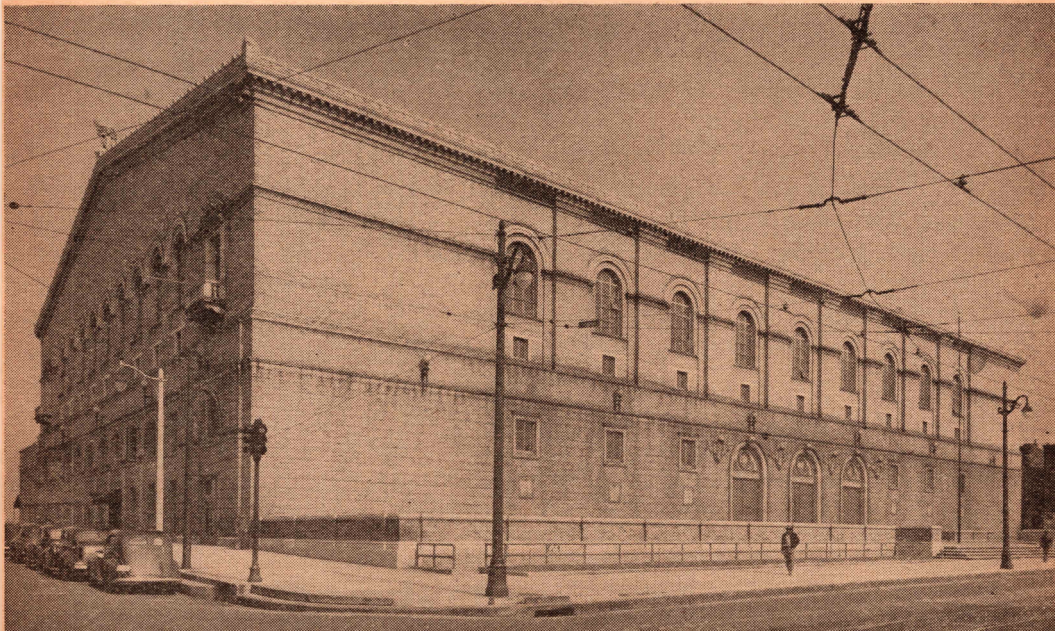
comes to those who do not mind shedding tears and shouting the praises of God. We need more of the brush arbor type of revivals. Not only will these revivals bring more lost people into the church; they will make workers out of those already in the church. None can see God win victories in the hearts of unsaved men without being warmed personally until their own souls are set afire for kingdom service.

Dr. C. E. Matthews and the Home Mission Board are accomplishing much in their emphasis on simultaneous revival efforts in the cities and other geographical areas. These meetings allow for co-operative publicity efforts, and in their publicity and their simultaneous services present a unified Christian impression on the whole community.

America must be made Christian if America's influence on the world is to be what we want it to be. The national

policies must be Christian, the government's representatives must be Christian, businessmen whose interest reach around the world must be Christian. This can come only as churches and communities, one by one, make Christ the guiding light in all their affairs. It is possible only through undying evangelistic emphasis.

2. *Christian Education.* This phase of ministry trains born-again Christians for fullest Christian service. I think of Christian homes as being the foremost Christian education agency. The Sunday schools, Training Unions, the Woman's Missionary Union and its auxiliaries, the Brotherhood, and all other teaching ministries of the local churches contribute to the Christian education picture. These agencies reach all people to educate them in the needs of the kingdom and to point their thoughts to their place in the reaching of Christian goals.



The huge Memphis Municipal Auditorium, seating more than 6,000, will be the scene of the ninety-first session of the Southern Baptist Convention, May 19-23. The W.M.U. Convention will be held May 17-18.

As we speak of Christian education as a part of the denominational program, we think primarily, however, of colleges and seminaries supported by the denomination for reaching young people with "education plus." And no one dares dispute the fact that the plus factor is needed. Science without God works for destruction, but science with God accomplishes miracles. Knowledge leads to doubts and fears, unless that knowledge is conditioned by the One who is the way, the truth, and the light.

Dr. E. C. Routh has written challengingly of the new avenues for Christian missions through the consecration of Christian laymen who travel foreign shores in the interests of their business. The world today is no larger than was Texas a generation ago. Within 48 hours one can travel from his home to practically any point on the globe. The skies are filled with fast commerce, and every passenger and every bit of cargo in those planes outward bound from America reflects favorably or unfavorably on this so-called Christian nation.

If all these businessmen were Christians, living daily a testimony for Christ, what a marvelous mission they could accomplish for God along with their commercial pursuits. Dr. Routh reminds us that the winning of these businessmen is one of the great challenges now open to the Christian church. And how can they be better fitted for this Christian mission than through the "education plus" of the Christian college? Our colleges and our universities, training these businessmen, thus share with our seminaries, training missionaries, a vital responsibility in evangelization of the world.

Some of our colleges are accepting the challenge with enthusiasm. The expanded journalism at Oklahoma Baptist University is an example—an effort to train journalists so that their reports may be

seasoned more with Christian background than with barroom influences. And Dr. J. W. Marshall's plans for Wayland College, where he has recently gone as president, herald a Christian center for the training of government-sent diplomats as well as Christ-sent missionaries.

3. *Missions.* To the average church member this is the romantic part of the churches' program. Because of that romantic element it has more appeal, and the solicitation of gifts for missions always brings larger response than for any other cause. Members like to know that their money represents them in a foreign land where people need the good news of Christ plus the physical and material aids that missionaries dispense along with the gospel.

Southern Baptists are not doing anything like as much as we should for foreign countries. The six hundred missionaries on the foreign field representing the six million of us here at home means that it takes ten thousand of us to send one missionary abroad. What a shame that we do not do more. I am sure that the Lord will hold us accountable for this inadequacy.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin's statement that 25 to 50 qualified mission volunteers must be kept home this year because of inadequate funds is appalling. We can thrill however, at his hopes of appointing 100 new missionaries each year in the future. Certainly Southern Baptists should do as much and can do as much. Let us outline an ambitious program, tell our people about it, and have faith that they will supply the money! Southern Baptists plus God are able to do anything within God's will.

An aggressive Southern Baptist evangelistic, educational, and benevolent program around the world costs money. There is no mistake about that. Where is it coming from? True enough, it is the

sixty-four dollar question, but it answers itself when our people are made spiritually conscious of their obligations to the Saviour. What man, knowing that God made the heavens and the earth and all the wealth that is on the earth, a God that holds the breath of man's life in the palm of his hand—what man, recognizing this Lordship of God, dares to withhold from God the tithe that he asks?

Properly this discussion of the means of financing a worldwide Baptist program does not belong here as a conclusion. It belongs instead perhaps as number one—yes, even ahead of evangelism—in our planning. It is a recognition that must come to all born-again Christians before they can honestly serve the Lord in any of the other objectives. The teacher must know before he can teach. He must have given his life—including his abilities and his earnings—to the Lord before he can win others to a knowledge of the Lordship of God.

Southern Baptists must by all means continue our emphasis on the tithe. If we forgot entirely about the money it brings into kingdom service and concentrated only on the making of better Christians through the acceptance of stewardship obligations, the promises of Malachi 3:10 would be fulfilled. It is said that when Sam Houston was baptized, he carried his pocketbook into the water with him. What a shame that so many of our number are willing to surrender everything to God except our pocketbooks!

A million Southern Baptist tithers should be our minimum. Two million or three million would be a more worthy aim. Or dare we compromise by accepting as a goal a figure that—high though it seems—means that only half or fewer of our people are following God's plan of stewardship? We cannot afford to stop until every one of our members is tithing to the Lord!



The Rev. Merrill D. Moore has accepted a position as Director of Promotion and Associate Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee at Nashville.

Dr. Moore, for nineteen years a pastor and for two years president of Tennessee College for Women (Baptist), came to the South-wide office January 12 from the pastorate of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville.

As director of promotion, Dr. Moore succeeds Dr. J. E. Dillard who retired last June after eleven years service in the post during which time Southern Baptists retired their debts and launched a Convention-wide stewardship crusade. As associate to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, he will assist in administrative phases of the Committee's work.

Dr. Moore's first major undertaking will be promotion of a campaign to push the slogan "Every Baptist a Tither" into the consciousness and program of all Southern Baptists. The slogan was adopted by the Executive Committee at its December meeting as a successor to "A Million Baptist Tithers for Christ." Leaders estimate that the number of tithers in the Convention territory exceeded the million mark as a result of the special three-months "Prove Me" appeal in October, November, and December 1947. The new drive will be for permanent tithers.

Using Funds Unselfishly

And in addition to the victory of winning our members to unselfish giving, the churches themselves must unwrap the robes of unselfishness. Yes, churches themselves are guilty. When extra money comes into the church treasury, do we not generally use it for some local church beautification project or perhaps for a new building? How can we afford to use these funds for additions to an already adequate—or even almost adequate—local plant, when many of our fellow Baptists across the seas do not have any building? Let us think of others.

The Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists deserves our absolute support. There is a maximum of money that can be used wisely to carry on the local church program. Money above that mark of wise local expenditure should never be kept at home. The Lord has need of it elsewhere. And the Lord frowns as readily on the unwise handling of moneys

given to the kingdom as he does on the failure of the individual to give it in the first place.

Practically every church can give 50 per cent of its receipts to denominational causes outside its own local ministry. The larger churches can give 60 per cent or even 75 per cent. Let our churches not be selfish with the Lord's money. Let us thriftily use what we need to carry on the local needs efficiently, and share the rest with others throughout the world.

And these moneys, pouring into state headquarters from all the churches, and similarly used wisely and unselfishly for state causes, then being shared generously with Southwide and worldwide causes, will provide adequate funds for the world mission of evangelism, teaching and benevolence the Lord has assigned to us.

Let us pray earnestly that our decisions at Memphis in May will make us good stewards of the money entrusted to us as a denomination.

How North Carolina Baptists Work Together

by L. L. CARPENTER

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was organized at Greenville in March, 1830. At that time there were 272 Baptist churches in the state, 14 associations, and 15,530 members. Today, 117 years later, there are 2,780 churches, 70 associations, and 601,688 members. Approximately one-half of all church members in North Carolina are Baptists. To be more exact, Secretary M. A. Huggins estimated in 1943 that 48 out of every 100 church members were Baptists.

North Carolina Baptists are a great people, at least in numbers. There has been a spirit of harmony and progress among North Carolina Baptists throughout their long history, but with limitations and shortcomings at many points. One

hundred years ago the Primitive Baptist influence was very strong, and it was anti-Sunday school and antimissionary. However, at the present time there are very few Primitive Baptists in the state and very few Baptists who are antimissionary, in theory at least. North Carolina Baptists have learned how to work together through the years, but always there has been Baptist independence and sometimes Baptist stubbornness. In fact a good hard fight on the floor of the State Convention on some issue is interpreted by some people as being especially characteristic of Baptists and a sign of progress. However, we would not agree to this, for we believe that even when there is a wide difference of opinion, an issue

should be faced with open minds and hearts and with a spirit of love and generosity toward those who may disagree.

The center of Baptist life, activity and progress, of course, is to be found in the local church. Here is where Baptists must learn, first of all, to work together. The pastor is the key to the situation, but in the average church the deacons and other leaders play an important part. During the last two or three years, General Secretary Huggins and his staff have given much attention to the training and development of deacons. Many schools for deacons have been held in churches and some of them have been association-wide. Many times in these schools, dozens of deacons have indicated that they have never read a book on the privileges and responsibilities of deacons or given much thought to the matter.

The associations, of course, are closest to the life of the local church. The annual meeting of the association is a big occasion in the section where it is held. Leaders of the churches meet together for fellowship, for reports on the progress of the churches and on the various phases of our denominational work, and helpful discussions on these reports are engaged in. The annual meeting of the association is of great inspirational and educational value for the leaders of our churches, for as a rule only the leaders attend. It would be a very helpful thing if many more of the rank and file church members could be encouraged to attend.

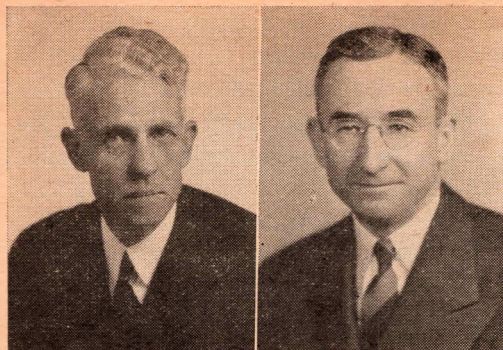
Organization of the State Convention

As we have indicated, the Baptist State Convention was organized in 1830. Of course many Baptist churches were organized preceding that time, the earliest being Shiloh Church, organized in 1729. The beginning of organization took place as missionary societies were organized in these local churches and, in turn, these

local groups co-operated one with another. The simple resolution in 1830 which marked the beginning of the Baptist State Convention read as follows: "Resolved: That this Society be transformed into a State Convention." It was only natural that those who thought and felt alike should desire to organize themselves for more effective work. The purpose of the Convention, in the language of the original constitution, was as follows: "The primary object of this Convention shall be the education of young men called of God to the ministry, and approved of by the churches to which they respectively belong; the employment of missionaries within the limits of this State, and co-operation with the Baptist General Convention of the United States in the promotion of Missions in general." The object of the Convention as stated in the new constitution adopted in 1946 means approximately the same thing, but with the emphasis also on social service and religious literature, as follows: "The object of the Convention shall be to promote Missions, Education, Social Service, the distribution and study of the Bible and sound religious literature; and to co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention in its work." (Annual of the Baptist State Convention, 1946, page 13.)

The organization of the Convention at the beginning was very simple, and the work contemplated was of a very limited nature. John Armstrong was elected corresponding secretary and Henry Austin, treasurer. For many years the purpose was to strengthen the churches already existing and to establish new ones in needy and strategic places. To accomplish this purpose, a "Board of Directors" was appointed. A general agent, Elder Samuel Wait, was elected, and several "voluntary agents" were named.

This work of State Missions was primary and fundamental at the beginning



M. A. Huggins (left) has served as secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention for fifteen years. L. L. Carpenter is the editor of the North Carolina Baptist paper, *The Biblical Recorder*.

and has been even up to this day. However, very early these founders set themselves to the creation of two other agencies, namely, the *Biblical Recorder*, "founded in 1833 by Thomas Meredith," and Wake Forest College, founded in 1834. Thus Christian education and Christian literature became prominent in the work of the Convention.

In more recent years, there were two main boards, the State Mission Board and the Education Board, with an executive secretary for each board. In 1926 these two boards became the General Board of the Convention with the executive secretary called "General Secretary and Treasurer." The organization and the relationship between the different agencies and institutions may be seen by studying the diagram included in this article.

M. A. Huggins has been general secretary and treasurer of the Convention for 15 years. Preceding that time, he served for five years as secretary of the Education Board of the Convention and also for a brief period as professor of education in Meredith College. Under his leadership the work of the Convention has shown remarkable expansion and progress. He is an unusually hard and faithful worker and a very wise denominational statesman. He, of course, is out in front as the main leader in stimulating North Caro-

lina Baptists to work together in a big and worth-while program.

Primacy of State Missions

The work of state missions is much wider and all-inclusive at the present time than in the early years of the Convention. There are something like a dozen main phases of Baptist work in the state listed under state missions, including Sunday school, Training Union, and B.S.U. work, preachers' schools, summer assemblies, visual education, in addition to all the work of helping weak churches and preaching the gospel in needy sections of the State.

L. L. Morgan has been the faithful and efficient Sunday school secretary for many years. He unifies the Sunday school work of the state and teaches North Carolina Baptists how to work together in reaching the multitudes and teaching them the Word of God. There is an annual State Sunday School Convention, and several Better Bible Teaching Clinics and enlargement campaigns are conducted in different cities and associations during the year. A group of about 20 college and seminary young people go afield in the summer for the training and enlistment of our Sunday school forces.

Harvey T. Gibson is Training Union secretary and renders a similar service for the Training Union people as Brother Morgan for the Sunday school. Mr. Gibson also uses a force of college young people in the summer and puts on a good many training and enlargement campaigns during the year.

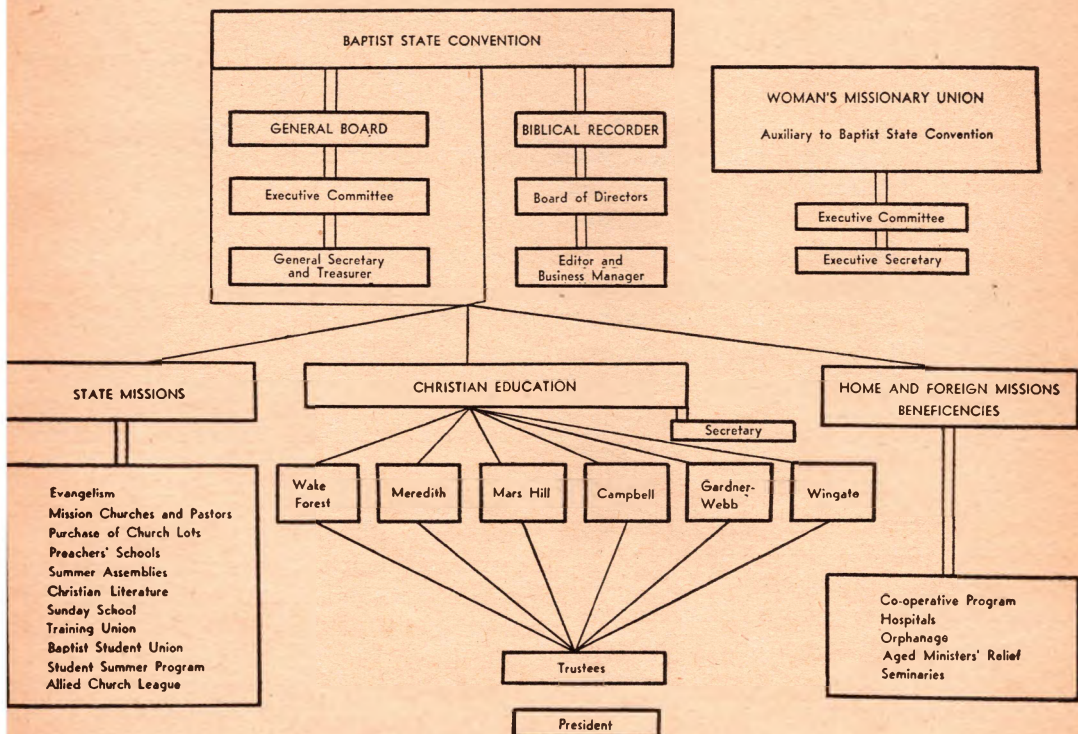
James W. Ray is the new Student Union secretary. He leads in holding an annual B.S.U. Convention and works with the secretaries on the different college campuses in training and developing the Baptist college students and tying them up with the work of the Convention.

Fon H. Scofield, Jr., is the secretary in

charge of visual education and publicity. Horace Easom is now leading the campaign to raise \$1,500,000 for the new Wake Forest to be built at Winston-Salem; but after this campaign is over, he will become Baptist Foundation and Brotherhood secretary. Secretary Huggins has three main assistants called field secretaries. These men are Earle L. Bradley, E. L. Spivey, and J. C. Pipes. These men give their time to schools of missions, deacons' schools, helping in summer assemblies and attending associational meetings. They also give a good deal of their time to evangelistic work and in conferring with pastors along the lines of their problems and needs, in developing their churches, and in supporting the various causes of the Convention. Their work is invaluable in unifying and developing North Carolina Baptists and in teaching them how to work together.

Schools and Colleges

Wake Forest College was founded in Wake County near Raleigh in 1834, with Samuel Wait as the first president. This school started in a very small way. Steps were taken by the Convention looking to the establishment of a college by adopting the following resolution in 1832: "Resolved unanimously, That the Convention deem it expedient to purchase a suitable farm, and to adopt other preliminary measures for the establishment of a Baptist Literary Institution in this State on the Manual Labor principle." (*History of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention* by Johnson, page 18.) Wake Forest became the foundation and center for Christian education on the college level and so continued through the years. Dr. Thurman D. Kitchin has been president of the institution for 17 years, and the present enrolment of the college is al-



The organization of the agencies and institutions of the North Carolina Baptist Convention as outlined by Dr. Carpenter is shown above.



Dr. C. C. Warren, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, is president of the North Carolina Convention.

most 1,900. Wake Forest has been a boys' school for most of its history, but became co-educational in 1943.

As is well known, the income from the Smith Reynolds Foundation has been given to Wake Forest on condition that the institution be moved to Winston-Salem. This income amounts to an endowment for the college of approximately \$11,000,000. A campaign is on now to raise \$6,000,000 to construct the first units on the new site at Winston-Salem. This big expansion will include also the moving of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital and the Bowman Gray School of Medicine to a new site on the adjoining Gray estate in Winston-Salem and the investment of something like \$6,000,000 in new plants for these institutions. The new Wake Forest will be built on the beautiful Reynolds estate just across the street from the Gray property.

The second senior college established by Baptists of the state was the Baptist

Female University, chartered in 1891 and opened in the city of Raleigh in 1899. Some years later the name was changed to Meredith College in honor of Dr. Thomas Meredith, the first editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, who advocated a Baptist college for women more than a hundred years ago. Dr. Carlyle Campbell is the present president of the college and the student enrolment for the current year is 578. From the beginning Meredith has maintained high standards, and has received academic accreditation from all the national agencies, including the Association of American Colleges, the Association of American Universities, and the National Association of Schools of Music, which has given this recognition to only five colleges in North Carolina.

North Carolina has been blessed with several excellent junior colleges. Mars Hill, situated in the extreme western part, was opened in 1856, and has had a remarkably useful career in educating mountain boys and girls as well as a large circle of young people from other states. Dr. and Mrs. R. L. Moore have served the institution for more than 50 years, Dr. Moore being president most of that time. Dr. Hoyt Blackwell succeeded Dr. Moore and is leading in the excellent work and expansion of the college in a very successful way. The present enrolment of students is 1,020.

The other three junior colleges in the State are Campbell College, with Professor Leslie Campbell as president and a student enrolment of 687; Gardner-Webb, with Phil Elliott as president and a student enrolment of 378; and Wingate, C. C. Burris, president, and a student enrolment of 345.

Each of these colleges has its own board of trustees and is answerable directly to the Baptist State Convention. However, in recent years the Convention has estab-

lished a Council on Christian Education which works to unify the program of the colleges and do what it can to promote an interest in Christian education throughout the State. Claude F. Gaddy is the executive secretary of this Council and is working very faithfully at the task of trying to get North Carolina Baptists to work together in more adequate support of the colleges and in the development of these colleges.

Biblical Recorder

One of the earliest institutions founded by North Carolina Baptists was the *Biblical Recorder*, "founded in 1833 by Thomas Meredith."

The immediate forerunner of the *Biblical Recorder* was the *North Carolina Baptist Interpreter*, a monthly publication founded by Thomas Meredith at Edenton, North Carolina, the first issue of which appeared January 17, 1833. This grew into a weekly paper called the *Biblical Recorder and Journal of Passing Events*, January 4, 1834, and then the *Biblical Recorder* in the shortened form, the first issue of which appeared at New Bern, North Carolina, January 7, 1835. The purpose and character of the paper is indicated by the statement that it was to be "a medium of communication for all such matter as may be thought to have a tendency to promote the cause of Religion and Morals, with special reference, however, to the prosperity of the Denomination and the important interests and objects of the Convention."

The *Recorder* was under private ownership for more than 100 years, up to 1938, but it was always defined as the "Organ of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina," and the Convention gave to the paper its endorsement and support. The place of publication was moved from New Bern to Raleigh in 1838. Thomas Meredith continued as editor until his death in 1850. During the 114 years of

its history the *Recorder* has had 15 different editors, most of them able and influential men. The paper began with less than 300 subscribers but its strength and influence grew with the years and the people soon realized that it was indispensable in the life and work of North Carolina Baptists.

The present editor is Dr. L. L. Carpenter, and the present circulation is approximately 44,000. In order to preserve freedom in the policies of the paper, the *Recorder* has its own board of directors, which board elects the editor and staff and is answerable directly to the Convention itself.

Under benevolences North Carolina Baptists have usually included the Orphanage, the Hospital, and aged ministers' relief. The Baptist Orphanage of North Carolina was founded by Dr. John H. Mills as an independent enterprise apart from the Convention in 1885. He had a passion for helping orphan children, and he worked tirelessly to build up a home to take care of as many as possible. The Orphanage had no organic connection, however, with the Baptist State Convention until 1904; and even at the present time it does not share in Co-operative Program funds. The leaders of the Orphanage prefer to go direct to the people in their appeals. The churches are encouraged to make a special offering through the Sunday school one Sunday in the month and another offering at the Thanksgiving season in the fall. As a result of these appeals, the Orphanage is supported financially better than any other of our institutions. The Orphanage also publishes a weekly paper, *Charity and Children*, which is ably edited by John Arch McMillan and has a circulation of approximately 36,000. Dr. I. G. Greer is general superintendent of the Orphanage which now has two branches, the Mills Home at Thomasville



Miss Ruth Provence (left) is executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of North Carolina. Mrs. J. S. Farmer is the president.

and the Kennedy Home Branch, near Kinston. There are approximately 700 children being supported in these homes.

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital was authorized by the Convention on November 17, 1920, but did not begin operation until May 28, 1923. Reid T. Holmes is administrator, and the Hospital is located in Winston-Salem. The Hospital has 300 beds, and it reports 8,000 patients treated inside the Hospital in 1946. The cost of charity work alone exceeds \$150,000 per year. The Hospital has been built and supported financially through special gifts, through the Co-operative Program, and through a special offering on Mother's Day.

For a good many years North Carolina Baptists provided aged ministers' relief through a special effort in this State, but

in recent years this has been incorporated in the work of the Southern Baptist Relief and Annuity Board.

Woman's Missionary Union

The women in this State as well as in other parts of the country have been the pioneers in missionary interest and support. In the early years small missionary societies were organized in the local churches. In 1886 the North Carolina Baptist women organized the W.M.U., auxiliary to the Baptist State Convention, which primarily was to educate and develop the women in the various phases of Christian missions and to get their financial support for this great cause. Miss Fannie E. S. Heck and Mrs. Wesley N. Jones were outstanding leaders in the work of the W.M.U. from its beginning in 1886. Miss Heck became the first president and served as such for 29 years until her death in 1915. Miss Heck was also president of the Southern Woman's Missionary Union for 15 years. Mrs. Jones succeeded Miss Heck as president of the North Carolina Woman's Missionary Union in 1915 and continued in this office for 21 years.

Miss Ruth Provence is the executive secretary at the present time and Mrs. J. S. Farmer, president. There are 4,382 organizations in the State and a membership of 90,000. Total contributions reported in 1946 were \$635,543.41.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTISTS — 1922-1947

	1922	1947	Gains
Churches	2,250	2,824	574 (25.5 %)
Membership	326,065	627,123	301,058 (92.3 %)
Baptisms	20,616	26,451	5,835 (28.3 %)
Sunday School Enrolment.....	264,475	472,059	207,584 (78.5 %)
Training Union Enrolment.....	41,767	73,694	31,927 (76.4 %)
Gifts for Local Work.....	\$ 1,938,223	\$10,963,819	\$12,902,042 (665.6 %)
Gifts for Missions and Benevolences	985,802	3,164,843	2,179,041 (221.0 %)
Value of Church Property.....	\$11,479,424	\$38,363,125	\$26,883,701 (234.2 %)

Southern Baptist Radio Grows Up

By EDWIN S. PRESTON

Southern Baptists have been at work in the field of radio for nearly twelve years. This challenging and spectacularly-growing industry has from its beginning made interested Christian groups desire it for service in kingdom work. For some three years Southern Baptists showed their interest through a committee working out from the Executive Committee of the Convention. Then came the appointment of the Radio Committee of the Convention some nine years ago, followed by a gradual growth of interest and increasing results through these years.

In a recent twelve-month period Southern Baptists presented over two thousand hours of broadcasting over stations in states across the southern part of the United States. This represented more than four thousand programs on nearly four hundred stations, including many of the most powerful, as well as local and regional stations. The Radio Commission is building up a library of transcribed programs covering a wide range of subjects, and frequently provides a musical setting as well. These transcribed series include over 3000 programs such as sermons by the late Dr. George W. Truett, sufficient to supply a full year of broadcasting a half-hour program once a week; thirteen evangelistic messages by Dr. M. E. Dodd; a series by Dr. Ralph A. Herring; a popular series on the Christian Home by Dr. Theodore F. Adams; sixteen programs in a Centennial series that cover every major phase of Baptist belief and work; a Bible study series by Dr. Harold W. Tribble; programs by Dr. W. O. Vaught, Dr. Chester Swor, Dr. C. C. Warren, Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins; two

programs on Intermediate boys and girls work; the annual Layman's Day program; and others on special areas of denominational life.

One of the most interesting uses of the transcribed programs has been by chaplains on the seas and overseas. Many of these men found the programs ideal for loud speakers and radio equipment in camps and on ships. One chaplain used the programs on the flagship on which he was stationed, and broadcast it to the smaller ships in the fleet where it was presented over loud-speakers. The Chief of Chaplains commended this service of Southern Baptists as a great help in alleviating the serious shortage of chaplains during the war.

During the first quarter in 1948 Southern Baptists heard another series of thirteen Baptist Hour programs over a net-work of stations across the South. Some of the best stations in the nation were included in the plans for this series. No national net-work has a better outlet in the South than have Southern Baptists over the independent net-work of stations which includes some of the best on all national net-works.

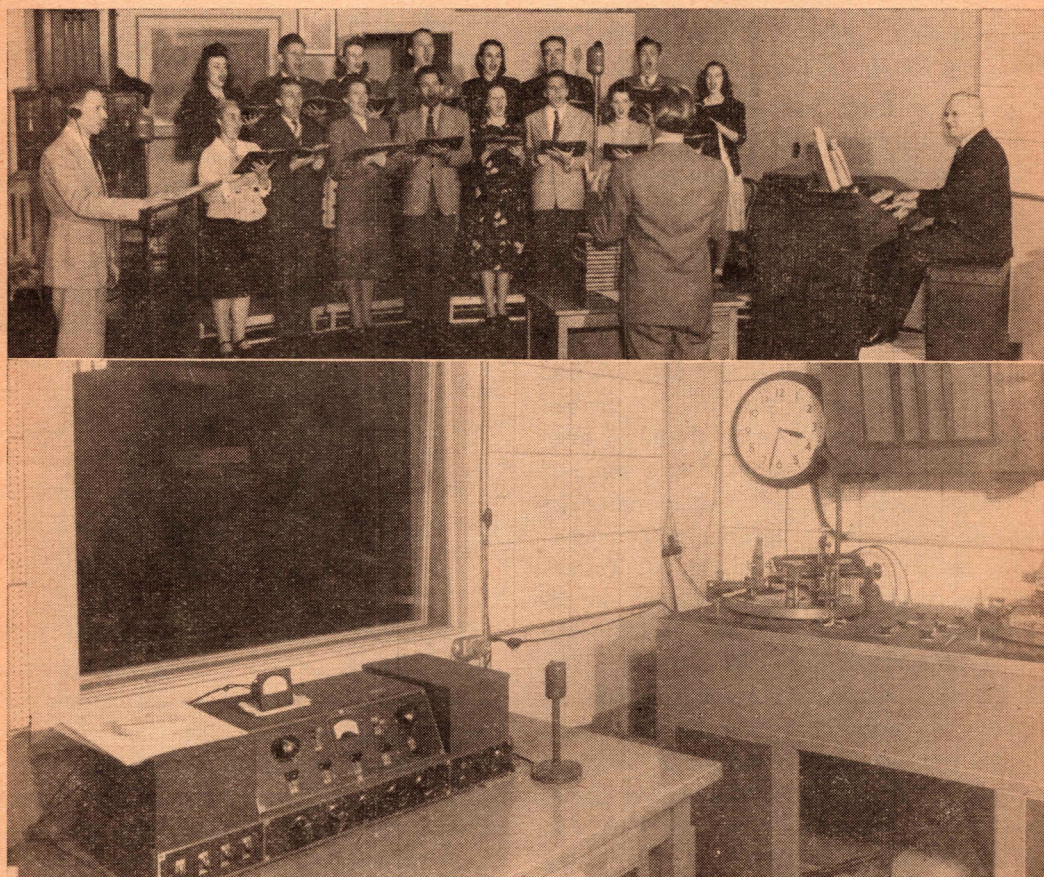
The Baptist Hour was begun in 1938 and was presented for thirteen weeks over ten stations, many of them using delayed broadcast since the afternoon hour was not available over all stations at the same time. The following year, by moving to an early Sunday morning hour, the net-work included more than thirty stations, and virtually all of them broadcast the program at the time the live net-work carried it.

The committee of Southern Baptists sought to be alert for an advantageous time for the broadcast. The early hour has served with splendid results especially during the times when the nation has been on Standard Time. During War Time this hour was not as desirable. An understanding with the stations and with other groups in the Southern Religious Radio Conference gives hope of ultimate improvement as to time.

Much care is exercised by the Commission in the selection of subjects and speakers. The Commission seeks to present great and timely subjects that are true to Baptist verities, and which set

forth the distinctive principles for which we as a people have stood throughout the centuries. In choosing speakers the Commission seeks to choose those who have the confidence of the brethren, and have a worthwhile message which they can present in a way that will prove satisfactory over the radio. Every major section of the South is represented in every series. New voices predominate in each new series.

The radio industry has given commendation in many ways to the Baptist Hour. The responses as evidenced by the mail received is beyond that of any other religious program. The radio men say



The Baptist Hour choir is shown above (top) preparing for one of the Baptist Hour broadcasts. Transcription equipment in the Baptist Hour studio is shown in the bottom picture. The studio is located at the Druid Hills Baptist Church in Atlanta.

that one out of every one thousand listeners will write in for a printed message. Their estimates made on the basis of the so-called "fan mail" received on the average broadcast of the Baptist Hour net-work program is that the audience is about three million persons.

On this basis it would then cost one dollar to carry the Baptist message to two thousand persons. Perhaps few enterprises of Southern Baptists touch as many people for as little cost.

For the first six years of the life of the Radio Committee, the work was done on a voluntary basis by the members of the committee. Later, on the authority of the Convention, the committee began to receive funds from the Southern Baptist Convention for the radio program. Previous to this the funds had come from the state conventions and the Sunday School Board. Then Dr. Sam F. Lowe of Atlanta was employed as director, and much of the progress in recent years has been a result of this action. Dr. Lowe had served several years as chairman of the committee and had led out in the radio activity of Southern Baptists.

The popularity of the Baptist Hour with the radio industry is contributed to by three things: production, publicity, and fan-mail response.

The planning of the Baptist Hour as to its technical arrangement and production details is done with the most helpful counsel of the radio men themselves. The best production men in radio have gladly made their contribution to working out the present degree of smoothness of production. These suggestions do not affect the truths being presented but they do make it possible for the Baptist Hour to be presented alongside some of the programs on the national radio chains without embarrassment to Southern Baptists or to the friends interested in good religious broadcasting.

The second thing which contributes to the popularity of the Baptist Hour with the men in the radio industry is the adequate publicity which the Commission gives the series. The Sunday School Board has been most helpful and co-operative in carrying notices of the Baptist Hour in their several publications. The editors of the state Baptist papers have generously presented the news of the speakers and subjects week by week. Pastors in towns and cities throughout the Southern States have arranged for announcements of the speakers along with their pictures. At least once a month every country and city paper in the South is offered a story about the program of the series. Postcards have been used also to carry the notice to all pastors. Special speakers to particular groups have been heralded to the leaders of those groups throughout the South. The result of this is that few if any religious radio programs are supported by as definite publicity as is the Baptist Hour. This was done at a cost for one series of slightly more than five thousand dollars. Radio men appreciate the fact that the people were being invited to listen.

All Time Given

Every bit of station time is given as a public service by the radio stations on the net-work. The cost of this, if we had to pay for it, would amount to more than Southern Baptists are now putting in the radio work. As long as Southern Baptists can produce a superior radio program which serves the listeners in the field of religion, the radio stations will look with favor on our programs.

The third factor in the popularity of the Baptist Hour with radio men is the so-called "fan mail" which is received. One series brought in 45,302 letters and cards, a gain of more than ten thousand over the corresponding period a year before. Copies of addresses were sent to

men and women overseas in response to requests. Fifty-two stations were on the net-work a year ago and in this number were several 50,000 watt stations.

In the Miami convention in 1946, the Radio Committee was made a Commission with one member from each state and nine members at large. One-third of the Commission retires each year.

The immediate future will see many changes affecting the whole radio industry. The frequency modulation, the wire recording, the short wave, television, and other changes and improvements will all affect broadcasting by Baptists. The possibilities in these fields are being studied by the Radio Commission. The possibility of a radio station owned by Southern Baptists has been carefully considered. All these, inter-related as they are, will form the background for the program of

Southern Baptists as they forge ahead to carry the gospel message to millions by radio.

Through the Southern Baptist Convention Commission and through the committees in the states, much is being done in radio. Texas and North Carolina are outstanding in presenting state-wide series annually. The Southern Baptist Radio Committee has co-operated with state committees and with the agencies and boards of the Southern Convention in the production of series and individual programs which meet their special needs. This co-operation and the enlarging work on hospital broadcasts and dramatic productions in the field of religion, as well as the technical advances referred to earlier in this program, will be goals towards which to work as Southern Baptists continue on the air.

SURVEY ON EVANGELISM OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CHURCHES — 1946

(By Membership Groups)

<i>Membership Groups</i>	<i>No. Churches</i>	<i>No. Churches Having Baptisms</i>	<i>Churches Having No Baptisms</i>	<i>No. Baptisms</i>	<i>Ratio to Membership</i>
1- 100	9,283	5,441 (58.6%)	3,842 (41.4%)	30,935	One to 17.6
101- 200	8,331	6,681 (80.2%)	1,650 (19.8%)	54,505	One to 21.8
201- 300	3,785	3,400 (89.8%)	385 (10.2%)	38,779	One to 22.9
301- 400	1,673	1,588 (94.9%)	85 (5.1%)	24,619	One to 23.1
401- 500	786	774 (98.5%)	12 (1.5%)	16,437	One to 21.1
501-1,000	1,715	1,696 (98.9%)	19 (1.1%)	40,696	One to 26.0
1,001-1,500	449	446 (99.3%)	3 (0.7%)	19,080	One to 27.8
1,501-2,500	273	273 (100%)	16,636	One to 33.0
2,501-over	106	106 (100%)	11,674	One to 33.3
Total	26,401	20,405 (77.3%)	5,996 (22.7%)	253,361	One to 24.0

Preacher on the Staked Plains

By HAROLD E. DYE

FROM the fearsome crags of the Himalayan "Hump" to the vast stretches of the *Llano Estacado* (Staked Plains) of New Mexico is about as far as a man can go physically upon the earth; and from the bloody Ganges to the pulpit of a Southern Baptist church in those mighty plains is quite as long a spiritual journey. W. R. Parrott came from the Indian-Burma-China war theater to the House Baptist Church to lead it into becoming a mighty force for God.

Eight times Parrott had flown the Hump, twice with Japanese Zeroes making a sieve of the fuselage of the giant cargo plane which lumbered close to the bristling ground through narrow canyons where the Japanese fighter craft could not maneuver. He knew the icy fingers of fear which clutched his heart and closed about his throat to choke him. He vowed that if the Lord spared his life he would dedicate that life in the greatest service which he could render. He came through the war without a scratch and is keeping that vow which he made high above the snow-capped peaks of death.

Wirt Parrott is twenty-four years old. Born 'way back in the Great Smokies of Tennessee, he obtained his higher education at a small Baptist college in Arkansas. Then came the war. Scorning to plead his call to the ministry as a chance to escape what he felt to be his duty, he enlisted in the Air Corps. Then, in California where he was stationed for a while,

he met the pretty girl from New Mexico who waited for him and prayed for him through the long, long years of war. She is the mother of his two children—babies—Elaine and Elizabeth. Her name—and it fits her temperament and sunny disposition—is Dawn.

I have just finished assisting Wirt and his church at House in a revival. I came to know him intimately, to observe and appreciate the way he carries on his part of the Lord's work. Whether anyone else was helped or not, the visiting preacher was revived.

Church Out in Country

House is so far out in the country that you need two compasses to find it—one to check the other by. It is not a town, just a tiny settlement named after a prominent family of days gone by. The consolidated school, Baptist and Methodist churches and the Farmer's Co-operative are the centers of attraction. At night you can see the lights of the Baptist church from ten miles in any direction. It gives one a feeling of spiritual warmth as he drives through the night. In the daytime the farms are visible stretching against the far horizons. The fertile dry-land farms which produced a bumper crop of \$2.75 wheat this year lie toward the east. On the west is the belt of irrigated land where aromatic alfalfa drinks the gurgling water from highspeed centrifugal pumps. Now and then beyond

the farms cattle ranches sprawl, some of them a hundred sections (one hundred square miles!) where cowboys still ride the range with their well-worn leather chaps flapping with each jerk of the saddle. Rangy coyotes skulk through the sagebrush and now and then a fleet antelope tries to outrun the wind. This is the old West!

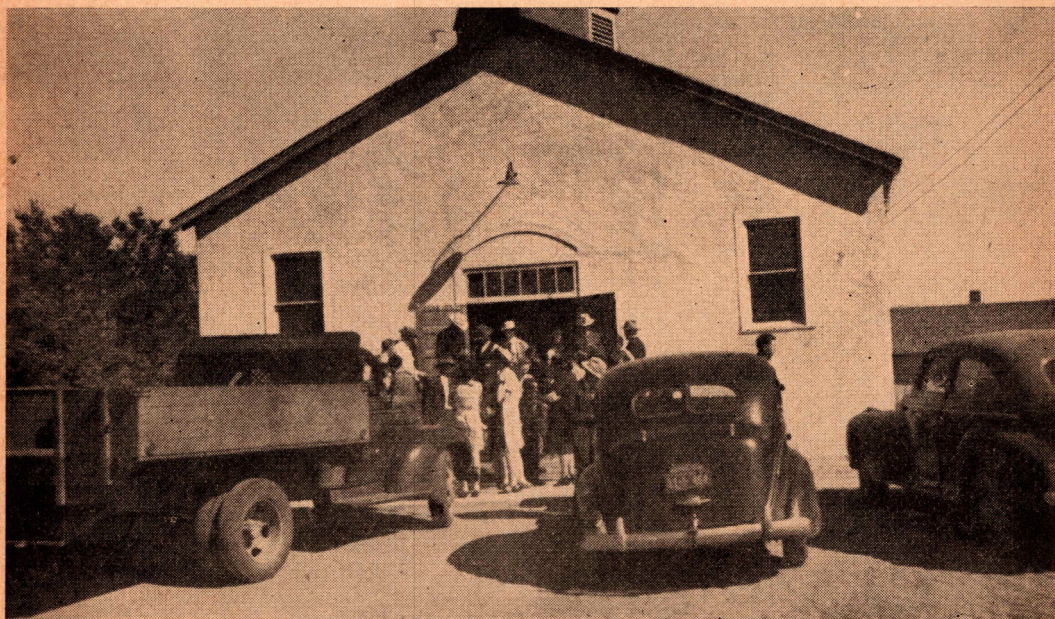
The members of the House Baptist Church live from the soil: they know how to pray for rain! They know God and have built a beautiful house of worship in his name. What is more, with his help they have built a church second to no rural church in this gigantic state. There are not many residents of the farming community. Many of the members drive a total of forty and fifty miles each Sunday to attend morning and evening worship.

The House Sunday school is standard. It averages 115 per Sunday. The Training Union always has more in attendance than the Sunday school and the evening

service is larger than the morning. The first evening I was there the Training Union had 120 present with a total enrolment of 114; the next Sunday it had 136! One of the liveliest Brotherhoods in any state meets regularly at House. The W.M.U. has all auxiliaries. The church regularly supports the Co-operative Program and every interest of Baptists. It furnishes its pastor with a comfortable home and pays him a living salary. It is a deeply spiritual congregation.

Visits Each Home Monthly

The young pastor of this thriving church has a man-sized job. He manages to get into every home in his membership once a month in addition to the regular visitation of the ill and the unsaved and unenlisted. This means driving two thousand miles a month over jolting country roads. If Wirt Parrott were that kind of careful Christian, he could charge off seventy-five dollars a month car expense before he ever began to tithe. The



The building of the House Baptist Church in New Mexico is pictured above. This building is typical of many of the rural churches in the Southwest.

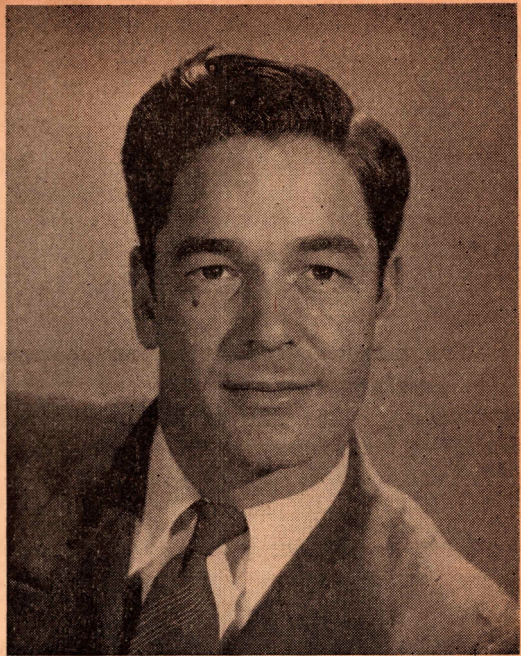
city pastor feels upset if he drives five blocks and finds a family away from home and his call wasted. Wirt frequently drives twenty miles only to find a locked house and the residents gone to town—a mere matter of sixty miles each way. That is why the glove compartment of Wirt's faithful Willys has a box of cards which say: "Rev. W. R. Parrott, House Baptist Church, called today." The tiny card can help salvage a couple of gallons of gasoline.

The association in which House is located is almost three times as large as Palestine: two hundred by one hundred miles across. It has a monthly worker's conference, a bimonthly youth rally, and a quarterly Associational Brotherhood meeting. This all makes added travel expense for the pastor, but he never misses a meeting.

House church is a good church and it has a good preacher. Wirt Parrott is not a copyist: he preaches his own sermons. They are worked out in detail but preached with freedom. He studies hard and conscientiously. He is a soul-winner. He is devoid of jealousy, the bane of many preachers. He is a man's man, a crack shot with a rifle, and as may be supposed of a Tennessee hills boys, is an ardent fisherman. It is sixty miles to any body of water larger than a stock tank, so fishing trips are far between. Several of his deacons own fast little out-board motor boats, and they invite their pastor to go with them to Alamogordo Lake—seventy miles away—for a afternoon of bass fishing now and then. There is little recreation, or time for it, on the Great Staked Plains.

Visit All Unsaved

When our revival started the pastor had a list of forty names of unsaved. There were four prospects in the entire Sunday school. This, to my mind, shows



Wirt Parrott is the young pastor of the House Baptist Church

an efficient school in a situation such as House where the enrolment is as large as can be reasonably expected from the number of residents within twenty miles of the church. The forty unsaved which we had were all old-timers. They were hard. They had been on the prayer list of the church for many years and had been approached time after time for Christ. Some of them appeared to have resisted the Holy Spirit beyond the time of redemption. We were ordered out of three such homes. One woman refused to open the door to us and stood watching until we left. One man was working with his water pump and would not answer us. After nearly twenty such trips I asked if the other twenty were that bad. The answer was, "Probably worse." I am pretty certain that my spirit was wrong, but I got to enjoying the situation and wondering how long it would be before some irate rancher faced us with his shotgun in his hands.

We went to see one obstreperous old fellow. He was working on his windmill tower and began hammering furiously as we approached. Wirt spoke to him and he turned his weather-beaten old face toward us with a snarl. "I don't like preachers!" he shouted.

"Then it's even," said Wirt, "I am not so sure I like you, or anything about you."

The man stood with his hammer raised. He slowly put it down even while I was getting ready to dodge. "Well, is that so?" he said, with the suspicion of a grin. "Then if you don't like me, why are you cluttering up my place by being here?"

"Because you are lost and are going to hell," quietly stated my sturdy young friend. "We came to see you because of that and also because as servants of

Christ we have to do his bidding."

For a moment I thought the pastor's audacity would win out. Finally the man shrugged and said, "All right, maybe I'll come to church. Now, good-by."

There was nothing to do but to leave. Somehow I feel that that rough old man will think many times of the straight-backed young preacher who refused to crawl.

While I was there, Wirt had a chance to go to a town church at a larger salary. I asked him what he thought about the proposition. This was the reply I half expected:

"My work here is not finished. I do not feel that I would be serving my Lord by leaving now. Besides, I love these people and our work is prospering. No; I am content to stay."

Christianity is His Business

By BETH PRIM

Even before the milkman comes around in St. Louis, Missouri, a big, husky man named Charles Oscar Johnson rolls out of bed at 4:30 a. m. and begins a day of big business.

The business is big, partly because Dr. Johnson is chief participant and partly because of the nature of his work.

His business is Christianity.

Last summer in Copenhagen, Denmark, he was elected president of the Baptist World Alliance, probably the biggest job evangelical Christianity has to offer, with approximately fourteen million Baptists in its worldwide fold. For the next two years, he will hold that strategic (though unpaid) job in addition to his pastoral job in St. Louis and a half-dozen others which have been dropped into his willing lap the past few years.

Among his other chores in 1948, he must raise more than a million dollars from ordinary, time-worn pockets such as yours and mine—and lay hold of that million for Christianity. But that shouldn't be too difficult for a man who last year persuaded Northern Baptists to pledge fourteen million spare dollars to the Baptist cause.

In St. Louis, as pastor of the gigantic Third Baptist Church, he has always been the topic of conversations, from the saloon to the pew, before his name ever became involved in world religious news.

Anything which has an aura of sin, he hates violently and fights with unbelievable vigor. He particularly loathes the evils he says whiskey and tobacco produce and he doesn't hesitate to pounce on their proponents.

Once, some brave new soul opened a whiskey store across the street from Dr. Johnson's mid-town Third Church. The pastor virtually rolled up his sleeves when he discovered the gleaming showcase directly in front of his Sunday school. The owner, sensing trouble, called the church's attorney the following week.

"I've spent a lot of money opening this store," he said. "I can't help it if somebody's Sunday school happens to be across the street."

The attorney listened attentively, then smiled to himself. "Take my word for it, mister," he advised. "Move now and save trouble. You'll have to move eventually. Dr. Johnson won't stand for it."

A few weeks later, the whiskey store closed business.

Dr. Johnson just wouldn't stand for it.

Naturally, he is the topic of St. Louis conversations.

He is that kind of a man. Big and booming and smiling and genuine, he generally makes friends—real, life-long friends—immediately. Either he is wholeheartedly okayed or violently disliked by the millions of people who have crossed his variegated path. Mostly, though, he is wholeheartedly okayed.

There are 6,000 members in his mid-town church at Grand and Washington in St. Louis, and about 2,200 of them—in diamonds and Stetsons and in shirt sleeves and working clothes—crowd into the century-old church, which was built to seat 1,800 persons, and overflow into the church parlor, every Sunday morning.

There are thousands of college students affected by the denominational educational boards of which Dr. Johnson is a member and recently he was elected president of the St. Louis Board of Education. He is first vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention and has been president of the Northern Baptist Convention. Those



Dr. and Mrs. Charles Oscar Johnson are pictured above as they looked as bride and groom.

jobs, in themselves, are mute testimonies of his capacities.

Reaches Office Early

He arrives at his church office not later than seven on mornings he is in town, and a little later each week-day morning the big kitchen downstairs in the Third Church steams up—because the pastor believes in good food for his people, and for their pastor, too. Eating together around the table was one of the Master's methods, he says. So a huge pot roast and a ham go into the ovens, the potato peelers prepare pounds of potatoes, the greens are washed, the hot fruit pies and Parker-house rolls are in the process, cream is whipped, and the three full-time chefs of the Third Baptist Church are otherwise busily engaged in preparing one of the thousands of meals that come from the modern church kitchen. After the meals, the new streamlined dishwasher (which cost \$6,000 installed) will do its part in the teamwork which keeps the big church going efficiently.

Charles Oscar Johnson, who despises to be called "Reverend," and refuses to include his honorary doctors' degrees on his stationery because he feels it would separate him from his people, beams at his flock from his pulpit one minute and

fumes at them the next for their wrongdoings.

And they thrive on it.

His sincere platform personality is his greatest asset among the multitudes. Only occasionally do strangers object to his wit in the pulpit.

Once when he was invited to preach in a conservative Northern Baptist church where custom demanded that the preacher wear a robe during the sermon (robes are not worn by the pastor at the Third Baptist Church), Dr. Johnson characteristically jested about his attire. Instead of being amused, the congregation bristled. He looked out to see their smiles frozen, instead of spreading as smiles are supposed to do for C. Oscar Johnson.

Nevertheless his stories and witticisms are quoted across the nation. And when his friends start to tell him a good joke, they hesitate because the chances are good that he was the originator of the joke.

But there is more than a successful personality behind the volume of jobs he turns out each day.

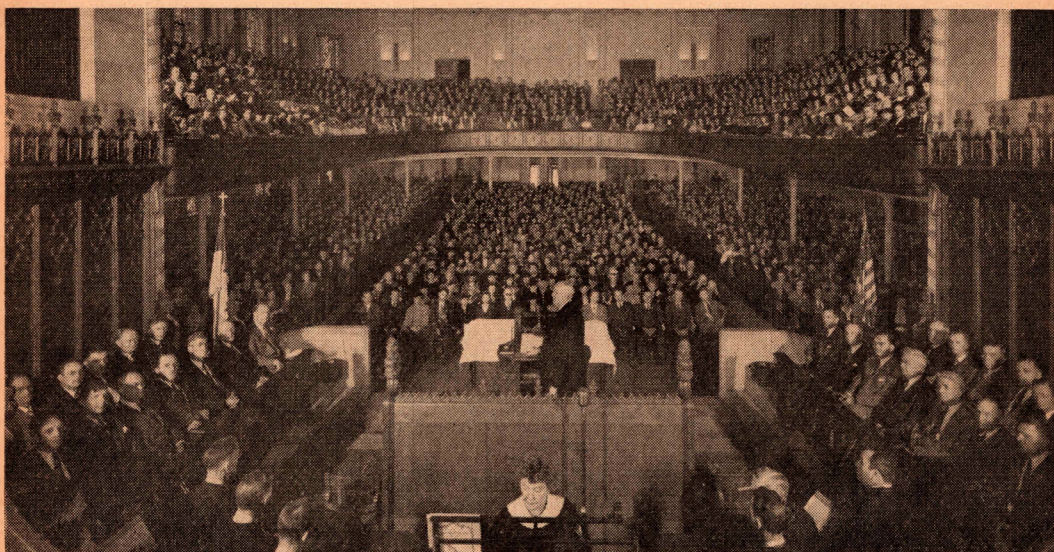
There is work. He probably turns off more work than any one of his big staff of 23 full-time workers and scores of volunteers. Last year he missed only six Sundays from his pulpit besides his vacation (which he spent preaching and attending the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Denmark), and he insists on coming home to lead his Wednesday night church meetings even though he has to fly back (as many as 500 miles) from his far-flung engagements to do so.

Those engagements are a part of his personality.

He is known as one of the best "money-raisers" in the country. And his methods are as varied as his life.

Can Raise Money

Once in his own pulpit, he faced his congregation in a beaming mood. The



Usually, 2200 pack into the auditorium each Sunday morning, and others go to the two overflow auditoriums. Plans are being made to enlarge the present auditorium to provide more seating space.

church had just bought a complete set of songbooks for the auditorium.

"Tell you what I want you to do," he challenged. "Put a dollar bill in the song book you are holding. All of you."

Amused but suspicious, the jammed congregation followed his magnetic instructions almost without exception.

"Now close your books," he ordered. "Leave those dollar bills alone, too."

The congregation closed its books.

"Now," he said. "Ushers, take up the songbooks." And in such a few words and such a short space of time, and the church's new songbooks were bought, with money left over.

The congregation, instead of being insulted, laughed with him about it.

But in raising "big money" for his denomination, he shines brightest.

Under his leadership, the fourteen million dollar campaign in the Northern Baptist Convention recently pledged over its goal by two million dollars.

In the future, \$100,000 has to be raised for the new world headquarters building for the Baptist World Alliance (which has been moved from London) in Washington, D. C. He has assumed responsibility for \$50,000 of that amount.

He is also chairman of the "chapel committee" of the alumni of Southern Baptist Seminary (where he was graduated in 1920). That calls for \$250,000 for a new chapel building. Another \$250,000 must be raised for the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. The Third Baptist Church budget calls for more than \$100,000 in 1948. In addition, a drive to raise \$300,000 of the needed \$650,000 for his own church expansion will start in 1948.

Asked where he expected to get all of that money, he pointed to the writer and chuckled: "From people—like you, for instance."

PUBLIC OPINION POLL

(DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME)

	YES	NO
1. I attended Sunday School about.....times during 1947		
I attended Church about.....times during 1947		
I attended Sunday nights	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I attended Sunday mornings	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I listen by radio	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. How I give to the Third Baptist Church:		
a. I tithe	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I give all I can spare	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I give approximately.....% of my income		
d. My income per year is \$.....		
3. Why I did not sign a pledge card:		
a. I never obligate myself	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. I place my gift in the church collection tray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. I place my gift in the Sunday School collection tray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. I place my gift in the BTU collection tray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. I place my gift in another collection tray	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. I do not believe the Third Baptist Church needs support	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. They have too much money now	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. I have no money	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. I barely have enough upon which to live	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. They ask for money too often	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. I do not like the preaching	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. I do not like certain members	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. My feelings have been hurt by letters	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
n. I consider the members to be unfriendly	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
o. I do not believe in home missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
p. I do not believe in foreign missions	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
q. I do not believe in giving to hospitals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
r. I do not believe in giving to colleges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
s. I do not like Sunday School	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
t. I want to be an anonymous giver	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
u. I intend to give in 1948	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
v. I dislike personal solicitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
I intend to sign a pledge card in 1948	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Suggestions for improvement of any Department of the Church or Sunday School or in the raising of our expenses will be appreciated		
DO NOT SIGN YOUR NAME		

The "Public Opinion Poll" shown above was used in the recent campaign for the church budget.

A few blocks east of the church in a high-powered law and finance office, David B. Lichtenstein, chairman of the ways and means committee for Dr. Johnson's church, and executive vice-president of a national financial concern, gets out his pencil to write down some ideas for getting more money from the members of the Third Baptist Church. This time he addresses members who give less than \$72 a year.

Some people say the tall, dark-haired, Jewish financial wizard stays awake at night thinking of new ways to get money for the church off his fellow Baptists at Third Church. But they like him immensely and highly respect the way he carries on the financial job of the church with his committee.



Miss Gertrude Ward, financial secretary, and David B. Lichtenstein, chairman of the ways and means committee, look over reports.

Uses Business Methods

C. Oscar Johnson, in a swivel chair in his pastoral study, figures a minute and estimates the church property to be worth approximately a million and one-half dollars. Then he takes his desk pen and approves of Mr. Lichtenstein's ideas for the budget with a mighty flourish.

But the Third Baptist Church wasn't always so prosperous.

In January, 1936, there wasn't enough money to pay the church's December bills. Although Mr. Lichtenstein believes there must have been more tithers in 1936, he could find a record of only thirty-one. Now, there are about six hundred tithers and approximately 3,500 members help support the church by annual written pledges.

Contrary to the practices of most of the thousands of Baptist churches in the nation, there is no "every member canvass" to raise funds to operate the church.

All contact for the church budget is by mail.

Clearly and briefly, Mr. Lichtenstein writes business letters to the membership, stating the financial set-up of the church and the proportionate share figured for the recipient of the letter. Then the pastor backs him up with a pastoral letter.

"We have found that people like to give because the church ISN'T broke," Mr. Lichtenstein says. "Here they can have exact facts as to where their money will go. And an intelligent person has a right to know."

In line with this policy, Mr. Lichtenstein carefully works out graphs showing where the giver's dollar will go. He employs nine hundred people in his own firm and when he needs statisticians for his church statistics, all he has to do is push a button. Consequently, many of his employees find themselves doing church work instead of company business.

For instance, in 1945, Mr. Lichtenstein sent out a printed circular graph to each member with a short, mimeographed letter, showing that 12 cents of the subscribed budget would go to the Foreign Mission Board, that 01.68 cents would go to the Missouri Baptist Children's Home, that 07.68 cents would go to state mission work, and so on, until each penny requested by the budget was accounted for.

Asks More for Missions

"The more I ask for missions, the more they give to the church program," Mr. Lichtenstein says. "More than 50 per cent of the budget goes to missions."

Now, other churches are copying the plan of contacting members for financial income by mail. And those churches have increased the giving in their churches from two to three times, the ways and means chairman points out.

"People don't like high-pressure financial solicitation in a church," he in-

sists. "The church is no place for such a practice and many times an individual given a name to 'solicit' does more to retard the campaign than to help it."

Apparently the members of the Third Baptist Church like the plan. The number of pledges since Mr. Lichtenstein became chairman of the ways and means committee in 1942 have increased from 938 to about 3,500 for 1947.

Some told him when he became chairman of the financial ways and means committee that a church could not be run like a business.

"Why not?" he and the pastor asked simultaneously. "There's no reason why a church shouldn't be run on a business-like basis."

Since he became chairman, he has opened the books for inspection at any time. For even greater efficiency, a CPA auditing firm is employed once a year to audit the books.

The church has about \$200,000 invested now which will be used in the building expansion in the future. In 1948, they will raise \$300,000. But they are prepared, too, for a sudden recession.

There is a \$50,000 "recession" fund invested in liquid assets. That was the pastor's idea. He figures the church could operate for seven months on the "recession" fund, though such an operation seems most unlikely here.

C. Oscar Johnson says it does folks good to part with their money. "People get stale when they don't give generously to their church," he chuckles.

"When I was a boy on a farm in the hills of Tennessee my father always told me to strip the cows when I milked them because if I left any, they wouldn't give so much next time."

Then he laughs deeply: "People are like that, too. They need to give away



Dr. C. Oscar Johnson was told to relax for this picture. He replied "I don't know how to relax."

their money to their church." And he tells them so over and over.

Nobody can complain that the pastor doesn't practice what he preaches. Though he has refused to let his church raise his salary (Mr. Lichtenstein says they have tried several times), he is one of the most liberal givers in the church.

His letters to his members are like his sermons—positive and confident. "Dear Friends," he writes. "Your pledges to our church budget have, for the past several years, enabled us to accomplish great things in the Master's name. Those gifts, which demonstrate your loyalty, continue their Christian work. . . . Well over 150 Christian agencies, in addition to our own Church, are dependent on your gifts. None of us can afford not to give. All must give according to the measure in which God has prospered them. Pledge cards will be mailed to you, so that you can bring or send them to Church on Loyalty Sunday. . . ."

And they bring them in.

On that one Sunday each year, C. Oscar Johnson preaches on tithes and offerings. And he points out by letter and in the pulpit that the budget does not include the new building construction offerings and "other special needs."

Budget Raised by Mail

Each year the church budget is presented by the ways and means chairman in an open meeting. Discussion is open. Questions about the budget are welcomed. When the meeting closes, the budget for the coming year has been approved.

Mr. Lichtenstein says there probably aren't more than eight members of the church who make more than \$10,000 a year, that the average income is from \$2,500 to \$3,000 a year. Yet he has planned the biggest budget in the history of the church for 1948.

Services are as punctual and efficient as the business of the Third Baptist Church. They open on time, and almost without fail, C. Oscar Johnson closes them on time because he believes in being fair with his congregation. There is a time for everything. There is congregational singing, then a junior choir sings. One Sunday he appeals for "B or O type blood" for an aged, hospitalized Baptist preacher; another Sunday it is for some other worthy cause. As the pastor begins his offertory prayer, the lights of the big church fade.

"We thank Thee for The Rock—even Jesus Christ," his deep voice resounds firmly in the semi-darkness. "We're so busy finding places for our bodies to live in this world a few years, and yet we do not make provision for our souls' habitation—in eternal life. . . . Now, we come with joy in our hearts, a song on our lips and offerings in our hands. Bless us, O Lord."

The lights gradually fill the sculptured auditorium again. There is a reverent rustle of bills and pledge envelopes. And another part of the gigantic church program is underway.

From Proverbs, the pastor reads, "You sluggards, how long will you sleep?" From Ephesians, he calls upon the congregation to wake up, rise from the dead and "Christ will call upon you." His subject is "Asleep in Church."

Sermons Are Positive

His sermon is solid and Baptist and positive. There is nothing radical or new in his ideas. His church is a century old. Its thinking is stable. C. Oscar Johnson preaches that kind of sermons, with just enough of his wit included to keep everybody listening.

He closes by appealing for new members. On this part of his sermon he obviously spends more effort than any other. During this time every word is serious.

As the new members and converts come down the aisle, deacons and deaconesses of the church unobtrusively sit beside them and help them fill out membership cards. At the close of the service, they go together into the prayer room.

The following Monday morning, the evangelistic committee goes to work headed by Mr. Paul W. Baker. This is one of the most important and most active committees of the church for it contacts all the visitors (who live in St. Louis) who have signed the visitors' cards as requested during the services the day before.

Thousands of prospective members for the Third Baptist Church are contacted each year in this way. The laymen do this work, just as the laymen attend to the church's finances, because the pastor and the church's leaders feel that this is

laymen's work. The same is true with other committees of the church.

C. Oscar Johnson has an ingratiating way of turning a job entirely over to a person, once he has proven himself capable. He believes in recognizing good work. Typical is the stationery printed for the church's use. Printed in small type on the left-hand side of the letter-head stationery are the names of the church's committee chairmen, the chairmen of the boards, the Sunday school teachers, and the Training Union presidents.

"Why not?" says the pastor. "They deserve mention, too. After all, it's the people in Third Church who make it great."

As president of the Baptist World Alliance, C. Oscar Johnson will make a detailed tour of Europe next summer. Right now he is interested in promoting relief to stricken Europeans.

"They need more than oratory—they need help," he points out.

"And we in America need to give. 'Character,' he says, 'becomes flabby when everything else is provided. What I'm afraid of is that we won't give enough for our own sakes.

"Then, WE'LL have the riches and THEY will have the character."

Dr. Johnson had a chance to find out such things the hard way.

He was baptized in an east Tennessee river where he grew up on the farm. In 1910 he was graduated from Carson-Newman college and struck out for California with his bride, but with no job.

He was pastor of the South Park Church in Los Angeles for four and a half years before going to the Seminary and then went to become pastor of the First Baptist Church, Tacoma, Washington. Records show 2700 added to the church during his ten-year ministry there.

From there he went to the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis where he is pastor today.

He no longer belongs to the Third Baptist Church, and they accept the fact in his home church and encourage him by giving him \$2,000 for his use in connection with the Baptist World Alliance.

Recently the writer asked a member of the Roman Catholic church in St. Louis if he had heard of this Baptist named C. Oscar Johnson.

"Certainly," he replied. "Everybody has. He has a good, Christian reputation."

"Everybody," he concluded, "in the Lord's work ought to have a good reputation."

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State Conventions Plan Progress

Record programs involving the expenditure of more than \$10,000,000 for various state objects were adopted by the twenty Southern Baptist state conventions held from the District of Columbia to California during 1947. All conventions reported large attendance, a spirit of harmony, and a realistic approach to present-day problems and opportunities. Plans were made in every state for a state-wide evangelistic meeting during the year.

Alabama

By D. HAMILTON REID

The one hundred twenty-seventh annual session of the Alabama Baptist State Convention was held at Montgomery on November 11-13 with the largest attendance ever in its history. Dr. John L. Slaughter, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, was elected president, and Rev. Grover C. Walker, Trussville, was re-elected as recording secretary.

The co-ordination of Howard and Judson Colleges on adjoining campuses at a new site in Birmingham was a major consideration that came before the Convention. It was decided that Howard College should remain at Birmingham and Judson College should remain at Marion, Alabama. The Convention approved an attractive new campus site for Howard in the suburbs of Birmingham, and historic Jewett Hall, which was destroyed by fire during the past summer, will be rebuilt at Judson.

The reports indicate that Alabama Baptists reached a high peak in almost every phase of work during the past year.

Co-operative Program contributions were increased \$117,000.00 over the preceding year or practically double what they were three years ago. All the organizations climbed up to a new high record.

For the coming year the Convention set forth the following objectives:

1. A greater emphasis on evangelism with 30,000 baptisms as the goal.
2. Continued emphasis on stewardship and tithing with 125,000 tithers as the goal.
3. Continued emphasis on the Co-operative Program with \$750,000.00 as the goal.
4. A special campaign for \$1,000,000.00 for new buildings at Howard College.

The next annual session of the Convention will be held at the First Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, on November 16, 17, 18, 1948.

Arizona

By WILLIS J. RAY

Dr. R. H. Tharp, pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church of Tucson, was re-elected president of the Baptist General Convention of Arizona in the nineteenth annual session at First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, November 4-6.

Rev. Jack Maben, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Glendale, was re-elected vice-president, and Alfred T. Royer, assistant pastor of the First Southern Baptist Church, Phoenix, was elected clerk.

Mrs. Harold Hensley was re-elected president of the W.M.U., and Alton Riddle is the newly elected Brotherhood president.

The date of the next year's meeting was not set but the convention voted to go to the First Baptist Church of Chandler.

The trustees of the proposed Baptist college renewed the election of Dr. D. A. McCall as president of the college. Dr. McCall represented the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and brought two challenging messages on the Co-operative Program and Christian Education.

W. Barry Garnett, editor of the *Arizona Baptist Beacon*, reported the paper in every church budget with 2850 subscribers.

State Executive Secretary Willis J. Ray reported nine new churches and a total membership of 7845 in the 57 churches. A record in baptisms of 867 was revealed with the churches giving to all causes 366,302.40. Property owned by Southern Baptist churches in the state was valued at \$962,310.00. A year ago 1050 tithers were reported and 3300 this year. The Trust and Memorial Fund for assisting new churches was started three years ago and now exceeds \$50,000, through the assistance of the Texas W.M.U. and the Home Mission Board.

A ten-point Five-Year Program was adopted as follows:

1. The church to divide its budget 50-50—fifty per cent for local work and fifty per cent to the Co-operative Program. The state to divide its Co-operative Program receipts 50 per cent for State Missions and 50 per cent for world-wide causes.

2. A Christian college with an enrolment of 500 or more.

3. Forty churches with a membership of 500 or more.

4. Every church establishing and operating at least one mission Sunday school.

5. Visual education for our fieldworkers and churches.

6. \$100,000 in our Trust and Memorial Fund.

7. Lengthen the ministry of our pastors by adequate salaries and church budgets.

8. One hundred churches affiliating with our convention. (50 new ones.)

9. As many in the evening services as attended the morning services.

10. Every member of every church a scriptural steward living a positive Christian life for Jesus and his church.

Arkansas

Arkansas Baptists will celebrate the centennial of their organization in 1948 with the meeting of their annual state Convention November 16-18 at the Immanuel Baptist Church in Little Rock.

At the 1947 Convention, Arkansas Baptists voted to adopt their largest budget, \$516,660, and voted to divide Co-operative Program receipts on a 50-50 basis. The Convention approved the action of the Central College in accepting the 365 acre tract at Camp Robinson as the site for the school near Little Rock. The school is scheduled to open at its new site in September, 1948.

Arkansas Baptists voted \$10,000 to assist in the purchase of the National Negro Baptist Hospital in Hot Springs. Ouachita College reported that \$750,000 had been raised on its campaign for \$1,000,000. Dr. Otto Whittington, director of the campaign for two years, offered his resignation because of ill health.

Rev. E. C. Brown, Blytheville, was elected president of the Convention to succeed Dr. W. H. Hinsley, Hot Springs. Other officers elected were Rev. T. K. Rucker, Malvern, first vice-president;

Rev. Irving M. Prince, Paragould, second vice-president; Rev. Taylor Stanfill, recording secretary; and Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary-treasurer.

California

By A. F. CRITTENDON

California reports its greatest year of progress during 1947, with a large attendance at the annual convention.

Officers elected are Rev. Hollis A. Burge, San Diego, president; S. G. Posey, Vallejo, vice-president; Clyde L. Jackson, Dos Palos, vice-president; H. B. Long, Santa Ana, recording secretary; Louis Hendricks, Pasadena, assistant recording secretary; J. B. Sims, Banning, historical secretary; and A. F. Crittendon, Fresno, executive secretary-treasurer.

Report of the Board of Directors revealed total receipts for the year \$175,034.47, with \$45,292.83 of this amount going through the Co-operative Program. The report further revealed that ten general missionaries are now on the field, and that thirty-seven new churches were organized during 1947.

The Convention adopted an over-all goal of \$212,000 for the new year, with \$115,000 of the amount to go through the Co-operative Program. The operating budget for the new year was set at \$175,000, with \$90,000 expected through the Co-operative Program. Co-operative Program funds for the new year are to be divided 25 per cent for Southwide causes and 75 per cent for state causes. Twenty per cent of the state portion will go to the Golden Gate Seminary.

The 1948 Convention will meet in Sacramento. The date has not yet been set.

District of Columbia

By M. CHANDLER STITH

District of Columbia Baptists voted to launch an intensified evangelistic program during 1948 at their annual meeting

held November 17 at the Grace Baptist Church.

The Convention also voted to continue the emphasis on tithing and stewardship, and adopted a mission budget of \$208,000. An effort will also be made to provide clothing for 25,000 persons and additional funds for food in connection with the relief program being sponsored by the Baptist World Alliance and the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions.

Officers elected for the new year are Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, president; H. W. Ludwig, vice-president; Mrs. Lee Ella Harp, secretary; Everett F. Haycraft, assistant secretary; and Elgin Smith, treasurer.

The 1948 annual session of the convention will be held November 15-17 at the National Baptist Memorial Church.

Since the meeting of the convention, the District of Columbia Baptists have joined with the Baptist World Alliance to purchase a Baptist building in Washington. The new building is located at 1628 16th Street, N. W., Washington.

Florida

By M. DeWITT JACKSON

Florida Baptists will meet for their new annual convention at Miami, November 16-18.

At the 1947 meeting, Florida Baptists adopted a Co-operative Program goal of \$678,000 and voted to divide these receipts 50-50 for state and Southwide causes. The Convention also voted authorization of a campaign to raise funds for the construction a men's dormitory at Stetson in honor of Dr. W. S. Allen. A Christmas offering for the Florida Baptist Children's Home at Lakeland was authorized.

Officers elected were Dr. Doak S. Campbell, Tallahassee, president; Dr. J. Powell Tucker, Orlando, first vice-president; Rev. W. J. Norton, Umatilla, second vice-president; Rev. M. DeWitt Jackson, Orlando, recording and statistical secretary; and

John Maguire, Jacksonville, executive secretary-treasurer.

Since the Convention, Ollie Edmunds, prominent Florida attorney and Baptist layman, has been elected president of Stetson to succeed Dr. W. S. Allen, who had to retire because of ill health.

Georgia

By JAMES W. MERRITT

The Georgia Baptist Convention, meeting November 11-13 in Atlanta in its 126th session, re-elected Mr. Columbus Roberts, outstanding layman and friend and generous contributor to Christian education, as its president. Four vice-presidents were elected: Rev. Grover F. Tyner, Sr., Metter; Dr. James W. Middleton, Atlanta; Rev. W. M. Marshall, Jr., Atlanta; and Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., Decatur. Other officers re-elected were Rev. J. L. Clegg, secretary, Rev. L. E. Smith and Rev. James A. Ivey, assistant secretaries, Rev. Z. E. Barron, treasurer.

The Executive Committee's report to the convention showed substantial increase in the support of the Co-operative Program with progress in every phase of the work. Attention was called to the creation of a department of Brotherhood Work during the year and the opening in September of the Convention's new educational institution, Truett-McConnell Junior College at Cleveland, with an enrolment of 54 students. The report of *The Christian Index* indicated a substantial gain in subscriptions with definite progress toward the goal of 50,000 circulation.

Mention was made of the successful completion of the Georgia Baptist Hospital's state-wide campaign for \$1,000,000 to provide funds for new buildings and of the effort now under way to raise \$2,500,000 additional for this purpose in Atlanta. Progress was set forth in the

work of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, which now includes a branch at Baxley, as well as the original Home at Hapeville, with approximately five hundred children cared for during the year.

A budget for 1948, which provides for an increase in the support accorded the denomination's agencies and institutions, was adopted. The Convention received recommendations from the Radio Committee calling for the consideration of a plan to enlist businessmen in financing FM broadcasting stations, and also providing for a committee to lead Georgia in a broadcasting program during the year, with the provision that these matters shall be referred to the Executive Committee for approval. A previous proposal to establish a Convention-owned FM station was rejected.

A recommendation that Georgia Baptists co-operate in the effort now being made on behalf of the relief work of Southern Baptists, such relief to be administered through the Foreign Mission Board and to include both gifts of food and clothing, was adopted by the Convention.

The Convention adopted a resolution requesting that special consideration be given to Atlanta as the place of location, should the Southern Baptist Convention decide to establish a fourth seminary.

The matter of establishment of a summer encampment was left in the hands of the Executive Committee for further study and recommendation at the 1948 Convention.

Inspirational addresses featured each session of the Convention and the speakers, Dr. R. C. Campbell of Little Rock, Arkansas; Hon. Brooks Hays, member of Congress from Arkansas; Dr. J. D. Grey of New Orleans, Louisiana; Dr. Robert A. Baker of Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. George W. Sadler of Richmond; Rev. L. W. Martin of Atlanta; and Dr. John L. Hill of

Nashville, Tennessee, were heard with appreciation and profit by the Convention.

The Convention will meet in Atlanta next year on November 16-18, and on special invitation of the Baptist Tabernacle with that church. This will mark the fiftieth anniversary of Tabernacle Church. Dr. Carl G. Campbell, pastor of Vineville Baptist Church, Macon, has been named to preach the convention sermon with Rev. E. Bunyan Collins, pastor of First Baptist Church, Hartwell, as alternate.

This year's session was generally described as one of the best in the history of the Convention with a record enrolment of more than 1,000 messengers and 3,000 persons in attendance.

Illinois

By NOEL M. TAYLOR

Illinois Baptists adopted a four point program for 1948 at their annual Association meeting.

1. That renewed emphasis be placed on evangelism in all church organizations.

2. That an effort be made to organize eight new churches per year over a five-year period.

3. That the effort to enlist tithers be continued and all churches be encouraged to try the three-month tithing campaign.

4. That Illinois Baptist set as their goal \$200,000 for missions through the Co-operative Program, and all churches be encouraged to make their contributions to Co-operative Missions on a percentage business.

Officers elected for the new year include: Dr. W. A. Gray, Effingham, moderator; Rev. J. Paul Carleton, Vandalia, assistant moderator; L. H. Moore, Anna, clerk; and Rev. Kyle L. Wyatt, Mt Vernon, Illinois.

The 1948 annual meeting will be held at the First Baptist Church, Harrisburg, Illinois, November 2-4.

Kentucky

By W. C. BOONE

Kentucky Baptists will emphasize evangelism and stewardship in 1948, with a total mission goal of \$1,750,000, \$1,000,000 going through the Co-operative Program. Plans for a larger evangelistic emphasis were made at the Evangelistic Conference held in Louisville, January 13 and 14.

One of the features of the General Association was the acceptance of the Spring Meadows Home, formerly Louisville Baptist Orphans Home, by the Convention.

Receipts through the state office for the year were \$1,761,694.75, with 54 per cent going through the Co-operative Program. Total gifts through the Co-operative Program reached \$966,504.14, a 13.5 per cent increase over the past year.

Officers elected for the new year are Dr. George Ragland, Lexington, Moderator; Rev R. E. Humphreys, Ownesboro, first vice-moderator; Rev. Donald Wells, Ashland, second vice-moderator; Rev. E. D. Davis, Paducah, and George Raleigh Jewell, Louisville, clerks.

The 1948 Convention will meet with the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, November 9-11.

Louisiana

Louisiana Baptists voted to move their state headquarters from Shreveport to Alexandria at their 1947 annual convention. Alexandria is located about equal distance from Shreveport in the extreme northern part of the state and New Orleans in the extreme southern part.

Dr. W. H. Knight, executive secretary, reported total receipts for the convention year reached \$1,331,585.38. A record state mission program of \$380,000 was adopted for 1948.

Approval was given for the Baptist hospitals at Alexandria, Baton Rouge, and De Ridder to borrow funds to complete buildings already started. T. W. Gayer was

elected as president. Other officers elected are Dr. C. E. Autrey, first vice-president; Lowry Eastland, second vice-president; Rev. Leon Ivey, clerk; and Dr. W. H. Knight, executive secretary-treasurer.

Maryland

Maryland Baptists have lost the services of Dr. Joseph Thomas Watts who retired on December 31, 1947, after serving as General Secretary of Maryland Baptists since September 1, 1927.

During the twenty years Dr. Watts served as secretary, Maryland Baptists contributed a total of \$1,595,511.59 to missions. Sunday school enrolment climbed from 17,000 to 25,000 during this period of time. Training Union enrolment grew from 2,700 to more than 4,000.

Mississippi

By D. A. McCALL

The Mississippi Baptist Convention annual session met at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, November 17-19, and had an unusually large attendance.

The new officers of the Convention are Auber J. Wilds, Baptist Building, Jackson, president; Dr. W. E. Greene, Newton, Mississippi, first vice-president; Rev. A. S. Johnston, Jackson, Mississippi, second vice-president; and Rev. George Gay, Ripley, Mississippi, recording secretary. D. A. McCall is statistical secretary.

The Convention voted favorably for setting up next an Education Commission to study all Baptist schools. Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, was voted a preferred Christian Education item in the amount of \$23,000, and Christian Education percentages were set as follows: Mississippi College 30 per cent, Blue Mountain College 25 per cent, Mississippi Woman's College 25 per cent, and Clarke Memorial College 20 per cent.

The Convention unanimously endorsed a great summer youth evangelistic cam-

paign enlisting the forces of B.S.U., Ministerial associations, and the Mississippi students in the three Seminaries.

A lighted map of Mississippi was used in presenting state missions. There were a total of 172 lights burning as the presentation was completed.

The closing message was brought by Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

The Convention meets next year at First Baptist Church, Jackson, Mississippi, November 15-18.

Missouri

By T. W. MEADERIS

Missouri Baptists will meet in Kansas City October 26-28 for the 1948 session of the Baptist General Association.

Action taken at the 1947 Convention included: (1) Continue the offer for another year of the Hollister Hill property to the Southern Baptist Convention for a Western Assembly site; (2) Make special effect to conclude \$150,000 campaign for permanent buildings; (3) Purchase property at Columbia, Missouri, for \$100,000 Baptist student center, looking toward a chair of Bible to be available for the 2,000 students attending Missouri University; (4) Continue the pioneer Rural Mission program; (5) Set a Co-operative Program goal of \$725,000; (6) Complete organization of Department of Evangelism; and (7) Vote to move state headquarters from Kansas City to Springfield.

Tentative reports for Missouri show 14,097 baptisms for Missouri, with a present church membership of 322,559. Total home expenses for the year are \$5,301,730, with \$1,591,299 going for missions, education, and benevolences.

Officers for the new association year are Dr. K. J. O'Banion, California, moderator; Rev. E. D. Owen, Sikeston, assistant moderator; Rev. Lloyd W. Collins, Springfield, secretary; Hoe R. Hurst, Kansas

City, treasurer; and Dr. Earl Harding, Warrensburg, recording and statistical secretary.

New Mexico

By HARRY P. STAGG

The Baptist Convention of New Mexico met with the First Baptist Church, Roswell, on October 28 through 30, 1947, with the following officials elected for the coming year: President, P. C. McGahey; First vice-president, E. D. Morgan; second vice-president, Sidney M. Maddox; recording secretary, Roy Irwin; assistant recording secretary, Charlene Wingate.

The following were elected as members of the State Mission Board: Clint Irwin, A. A. Dulaney, P. C. McGahey, J. B. Savage, F. W. Taylor, Wilson Akins, Brougner P. Maddox, J. W. Edmondson, Charles Wilson, L. M. Walker, S. M. Morgan, Earl R. Keating, W. T. McRee, Eual F. Lawson, Mrs. R. V. Barton, V. E. Boyd, O. L. Dennis, C. Paul Rich, Mrs. Bruce Dean, H. W. Ingram, Joe B. Hill, Mrs. R. L. Brunson, Hubert Chapman, John J. Cole, L. D. Mitchell, W. E. Barnes, Robert Stone.

The reports were highlighted by an increase of more than 25 per cent in baptisms reported over last year. There was a net gain of 13 churches bringing the total up to 175. We have 11 associations. There was a 10 per cent increase in membership during the year. During the last ten years our membership has grown from 14,000 to 36,000.

One high point in the Convention session was public presentation of \$50,000 by Mrs. T. H. Rixey of Clayton for the new B. S. U. building at the University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. The building will have a chapel, lounge, large classroom, kitchen and social equipment, library and two offices. It will also contain an apartment for the state B. S. U. secretary. A similar building is also under construction at Eastern New Mexico College,

Portales. Dr. A. L. Aulick, professor of Bible, has aided in securing funds by private contributions to complete this building within a few months. It will cost about \$50,000. The student program in our state has been greatly enlarged during the past several years.

We are promoting a co-operative mission program with the Home Mission Board and the associations. Twelve full-time missionaries will be on the field during the coming year. The Convention voted to increase the percentage of the Co-operative Program for Southwide causes to 30 per cent, leaving 70 per cent for state work.

Plans are being made for outstanding improvement in the Baptist Press. Dr. Lewis A. Myers of Missouri began his work as editor of the Baptist New Mexican during the State Convention. The circulation of the paper is now beyond the 10,000 mark, reaching practically every Baptist Home in the state.

New Mexico Baptists are majoring upon the use of Vacation Bible schools as an opening wedge to new mission fields. Last summer there were almost twice as many Vacation Bible schools in the state as we have churches. The Home Mission Board offers much assistance with summer student workers.

The meeting for 1948 will be held with the churches in Clovis, October 29 through 31. The W. M. U. and Brotherhood Conventions meet just prior to the general Convention.

North Carolina

By M. A. HUGGINS

The 1947 meeting of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina was held at the First Baptist Church of Winston-Salem, November 13 to 15, with 1300 messengers registered for the Convention.

Among the highlights reported during the meeting were the following: The Con-

vention owns two buildings and lots in the business district of Raleigh, and now has for the first time adequate working facilities for the staff. The Fruitland Baptist Assembly near Hendersonville, North Carolina, operated for the first summer during 1947 and another assembly site located on the shore of the Atlantic near Wilmington has been leased and will be operated for 11 weeks during the summer of 1948. The Convention is purchasing a three-story building in the city of Charlotte to house the Baptist Book Store recently established there and offices for others doing denominational work. The Convention will put something over \$300,000.00 into the current support funds of the five Baptist Colleges in North Carolina. The Convention has continued its policy of buying new lots and helping churches get started in strategic locations throughout the state. The total offering for all causes through the churches in 1947 is expected to reach \$12,500,000. Of this amount about \$2,500,000 will be used through the State and Southern Conventions. There are at the present time forty-two associational missionaries working in North Carolina.

Sixty-one of the sixty-eight associations in the convention are now organized in the plan to raise \$1,500,000 for the relocation and enlargement campaign of Wake Forest College. At this time, \$1,116,281.00 of the amount has been underwritten. A special committee appointed in 1946 to study the matter of disposition of the present Wake Forest College property recommended that this property be offered to the Southern Baptist Convention for a future site for a Seminary, subject to such financial terms as may be mutually agreed upon by the two Conventions.

Rev. John W. Suttle, pastor of four rural churches near Shelby, was elected

president of the convention. Dr. F. Orion Mixon, Raleigh, Rev. M. L. Bannister, Oxford, and Mr. W. C. Reed, Kinston, were elected vice presidents. Charles B. Deane of Rockingham was re-elected recording secretary. M. A. Huggins, Raleigh, was re-elected general secretary and treasurer, and L. L. Morgan, Raleigh, was elected statistical secretary.

The 1948 session of the convention will be held at the First Baptist Church, Charlotte, November 16-18.

Oklahoma

By ANDREW POTTER

The new president of the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma is Dr. Harold K. Graves, pastor, First Church, Bartlesville. He was elected by the convention meeting in Tulsa last November 4-6. He had twice been vice-president and had served a brief term as interim president succeeding Dr. R. C. Howard, deceased.

Other officers of the convention include Dr. George Boston, pastor, Central Church, Muskogee, and Dr. I. L. Yearby, pastor, Trinity Church, Oklahoma City, vice-presidents; John T. Daniels, pastor, Northwest Church, Oklahoma City, recording secretary; J. A. Pennington, pastor, Nogales Church, Tulsa, assistant elected for the fifteenth time as executive recording secretary; Dr. J. B. Rounds, Oklahoma City, historical secretary; and Dr. Andrew Potter, Oklahoma City, elected for the fifteenth time as secretary-treasurer.

The characteristics of the convention clearly indexed the nature and acceptability of the 1948 Oklahoma Baptist program. The convention (1) took on a world emphasis with almost every single address and report taking the wider look; (2) proved itself to be an ideal people's convention when many new voices were heard in all the sessions and when a sizable number of new names were

added to all committees; (3) established the current denominational program as one of the most popular of history and (4) indicated that Oklahoma Baptists have not only a oneness in spirit but also a oneness in action, seen in the enthusiastic launching of the third in a series of successful seven-year programs.

The first seven-year program, started in 1933, majored on debt-paying. The second, 1940, majored on essential building. The present plan will major on the finishing of essential building and the stabilizing of all institutions and agencies.

Procedure in development of the new program has two phases: (1) increase of Unified Budget (Co-operative Program) receipts to highest possible figure (\$850,000 in 1948) with the view of applying the surplus of the state's part to capital needs and endowment, and (2) enlist support through the new Baptist Foundation by appealing to individuals for large gifts and to churches and groups of churches for designated gifts.

Final consummation of the seven-year plan will mean that three and one-half million dollars will have been channeled for the strengthening of Oklahoma institutions and agencies by 1954, a goal completely practical in view of past accomplishments.

Over-all planning for enlargement of all the work includes (1) an adequate headquarters building in Oklahoma City; (2) additional cottages erected at the Baptist Orphans' Home; (3) improvement of hospital facilities at Miami and Muskogee; (4) erection of a new nurses' home at the Muskogee hospital training school; (5) modernization of Falls Creek assembly grounds; (6) building of student centers adjacent to Oklahoma colleges and universities; (7) additional much-needed facilities at Oklahoma Baptist University; (8) stabilization of the work of

all state mission departments and (9) continued improvement of the very effective and necessary state paper, the *Baptist Messenger*.

The 1948 Convention will be held in Oklahoma City, November 9-11 with Dr. W. A. Carleton, Ponca City, as preacher of the annual sermon.

South Carolina

By W. S. BROOKE

The one hundred twenty-seventh annual session of the South Carolina Baptist State Convention held in Greenville, South Carolina, November 11-13, 1947, attended by 812 messengers and 450 enrolled visitors, was in every respect a great and constructive Convention.

The following officers were elected to serve for next year: W. S. Brooke, general secretary-treasurer; John L. Plyler, president; J. G. Wood and P. L. McCall, vice-presidents; J. H. Simpson and H. Floyd Surles, secretaries.

The General Board report showed a contribution of \$917,115.95 to the Co-operative Program for the first nine months of this year as compared with the \$813,710.86 for the same period last year. The Convention adopted a Co-operative Program goal for 1948 of \$1,500,000.00 to be divided on a 50-50 basis between state and Southwide causes. Christian Education will receive approximately 39 per cent of the distributable Co-operative Program fund for 1948.

The Convention heard the announcement from the Board of Trustees of *The Baptist Courier* that Dr. W. M. Seay would serve as editor pro tem until a permanent editor could be elected.

The Convention will meet next year in Columbia. Rev. M. R. Osborne will preach the sermon, Rev. E. L. Larsen will serve as alternative.

Tennessee

By C. W. POPE

The Tennessee Baptist Convention in its 73rd annual session in the First Baptist Church of Kingsport, L. B. Cobb, pastor, was a fine combination of the instructional and the inspirational.

New officers for the ensuing year are: president, L. B. Cobb, Kingsport; First vice-president, O. E. Turner, Paris; second vice-president, A. S. Hale, Jefferson City. Officers re-elected were: L. G. Frey, Nashville, recording secretary; N. B. Fetzner, Nashville, statistical secretary; Chas. W. Pope, Nashville, treasurer.

The place of the 1948 meeting is Nashville, the time and the hostess church to be announced later. V. Floyd Starke, Old Hickory, was chosen to preach the annual sermon with C. F. Clark, Nashville, as alternate. Richard N. Owen, Clarksville, served as president this year, with H. L. Smith, Chattanooga as first vice-president and C. L. Bowden, Ripley, as second vice-president.

The report of the Executive Board, with Chas. W. Pope as Executive Secretary, said, among other things: "In one year Tennessee Baptists have accomplished two notable achievements, namely, for the first time they have gone beyond the million dollar mark in their gifts through the Co-operative Program, and in their gifts of \$1,144,585.37 they have for the first time surpassed the goal they set for themselves in a given year."

Texas

By J. HOWARD WILLIAMS

The Baptist General Convention of Texas met in Amarillo, November 11-13 in one of the outstanding sessions of the ninety-nine years of organized convention life in Texas. The attendance was large, taxing the seating capacity of the municipal auditorium at many of its sessions.

It would be easy to call this meeting a victory session of the Convention. More than 50,000 baptisms were reported and the total gifts for the year amounted to \$25,565,000; of this amount, \$5,240,000 was given to missions. The office of the State Executive Board received its largest grand total in its history, \$4,782,470.07. The Sunday school gained 34,514 with ninety-one new schools and the Training Union gained a total of 27,000 new members. The total value of the property of Texas Baptist Churches is now \$68,800,000.

The Convention will meet in Houston, November 9-11, 1948 for its Centennial session. The first Texas Convention was organized in Anderson, Texas in November, 1848. Dr. Wallace Bassett was re-elected president of the Convention and A. D. Foreman, Jr., of Amarillo and M. L. Rhodes, of Houston, were elected vice presidents. The secretaries are Roy Johnson and D. B. South.

Virginia

Virginia Baptists adopted a goal of \$1,600,000 for 1948 with 50 per cent going for Southwide causes.

The General Association also authorized the trustees of the Home for the Aged to proceed with the construction of the first unit of the Home at Culpepper, provided the Board of Missions and Education, or its Executive Committee, gave approval of the plan if the project involved the incurring of debt.

A layman, Col. A. H. Cambdin, was elected as president of the General Association. Other officers include Dr. E. D. Poe, first vice-president; Rev. Card Collins, second vice-president; Rev. Kenneth E. Burke, clerk; Mr. James R. Bryant, executive secretary; Mr. Frank T. Crump, treasurer; and Mr. Jesse Wood, auditor.

Southern Baptists Have a Youth Program in Training Union

by J. E. LAMBDIN

The modern program for training church members in Baptist churches is called the Baptist Training Union. This movement began more than fifty years ago as just a young people's organization. It grew out of a felt need in Baptist churches. This was the need to assimilate the young people into the life and fellowship of the churches, to develop their initiative and leadership abilities through individual studies and expressional activities, and to train them in all the duties and privileges of church membership.

The Baptist Young People's Union succeeded on such a grand scale that the denomination accepted responsibility for its promotion and entrusted this responsibility to one of its agencies, the Baptist Sunday School Board. During the first twenty-five years of its history the original Young People's union grew into the the graded B.Y.P.U., composed of the Junior union, the Intermediate union, and the Senior union. During the decade from 1920 to 1930, the departments for adults and for children below the age of nine were added to the organization. Soon after this, in 1934, the official name Baptist Training Union, was adopted by

the Southern Baptist Convention, the state conventions, the associations, and the churches.

This development of the modern graded church training program, making provision for all age groups, is one of the marvels of modern Christian educational work in the churches. This development did not supplant the original youth movement, but rather re-enforced and strengthened it by placing under it the strong foundation of church support, proper grading both in organization and in literature, and the full enlistment of denominational support and promotion through Southern Baptist and state agencies. The adult and children's training activities of the Training Union are on a parallel plane with the youth activities in their significance, but the purpose of this article is to call attention to the youth program of the Training Union.

Characteristics of the Youth Program of the Training Union

The first characteristic of this youth program is that it is a Christian movement to conserve Baptist youth. It provides for the deepening of the spiritual life of the young people. It seeks to lead all Baptist young people to follow Christ in all the areas of their lives. It magnifies Christ above all, and seeks to lead each one to be a witness for him.

J. E. Lambdin is secretary of the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. He is also the editor of Training Union materials.

This youth movement is church centered. It provides instruction in all phases of church life, in Baptist doctrine, and in the fundamental work in which every church should be engaged.

This youth movement is also a denominational movement. It brings information to Baptist youth concerning the work of every agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, elicits their support for all of this work, and challenges them to give their lives in denominational service.

Enrolment of Youth Departments of the Training Union

The reports to the Southern Baptist Convention in 1948 will show that nearly 600,000 Baptist youth of the ages 13 through 24 are now enrolled in the youth departments of the Training Union. The total enrolment of the Training Union is approximately 1,000,000. If there were no other evidence, these statistics alone would prove the magnificent success of the graded Training Union in reaching Baptist youth. Not only has this been demonstrated already in Baptist life, but the very fact of this success places Southern Baptists in a strategic position for further conquests in claiming all Baptist youth for Christ. We are now ready to make the greatest advances we have ever known in this field of work.

Southern Baptist Youth Events Sponsored by the Training Union

Significant youth events are already being sponsored by the Training Union. Three of these are mentioned here.

1. *Youth Week in the churches.*—For more than ten years the Training Union has sponsored the observance of Youth Week in all Southern Baptist churches in April of each year. Of course Youth Week may be observed at any time during the year, but the week recommended for 1948 is April 4-11. Youth Week is a laboratory in church membership train-



A Baptist Training Union in every church provided with good literature is the goal of Dr. J. E. Lambdin.

ing. It takes two or three months to make a good ready for it. It is sponsored by a church through its Training Union because the Training Union is the church engaged in the business of training its members in all the duties and privileges of church membership.

In Youth Week all of the positions of leadership in a Baptist church are taken over for one full week by the youth of the church from the Intermediate and Young People's departments. The usual plan is for the pastor and the chairman of the deacons, in a brief ceremony at the close of the morning service of the opening Sunday, to turn over the leadership of the church to the youth of the church. Then in the evening service of that day the youth deacons, the youth pastor, and the youth ushers take over and lead the services.

During the week all of the activities are carried on by the youth officers who have been placed in these positions by the church itself. For example, the deacons hold their meeting on Monday eve-

ning, the youth have charge of the mid-week prayer service, and the youth have charge of the activities of the W.M.U. for that week. The youth have charge of the Training Union on the opening Sunday of Youth Week. On the closing Sunday of the week they conduct the Sunday school, including all of the classes. They also lead the morning service of the closing Sunday.

More of the churches each year are coming to observe Youth Week. The First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, observed the tenth annual Youth Week in the spring of 1947. Nearly 400 Intermediates and Young People took over all of the official places of leadership in the church for this week.

It is a time when the church gives full recognition to the significance of youth. It is a time when the youth of the church come to appreciate the adult leaders of the church as they seek to carry on their duties. Through Youth Week many fine leaders for all phases of church work, including that of the diaconate, are discovered by the church. During the activities of Youth Week, souls are won to Christ, and many young people dedicate their lives to full-time Christian service. A letter came recently from Mrs. Yancey Elliott, of Sanford, North Carolina, describing the observance of Youth Week in the First Baptist Church of that city. More than 100 young people conducted the activities of the church for one full week. Mrs. Elliott writes that unnumbered blessings have come to the young people and to the church through this event.

Rural churches, town churches, and city churches profit greatly from the observance of Youth Week through the Training Union.

Youth Week focuses the attention of the church upon the youth of the church, and goes a long way toward making

available for full-time church service all of the youth of the church.

2. *Youth Night at the Southern Baptist Convention.*—The closing Sunday night session of the Southern Baptist Convention has come to be observed during the past eleven years as Young People's Night, sponsored by the Baptist Training Union. Each messenger attending the Southern Baptist Convention would profit greatly from staying through this closing session. It has already been the means of keeping a great majority of the messengers until the final adjournment of the Convention.

In Youth Night at the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in 1947, between 8,000 and 9,000 people were in attendance. Young people themselves were used on the program. The Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, sent its Intermediate Glee Club to sing on the program. An Intermediate from Atlanta and a young man from St. Louis were among the speakers. The Baptist youth of St. Louis and surrounding territory came by the thousands to this meeting. Youth Night at the Southern Baptist Convention is a significant youth event.

3. *Youth sections in the Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest.*—The Young People's section and the Intermediate section of the Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest are important youth events. During the three weeks of this assembly in 1947, nearly 2,000 Intermediates and a like number of Young People attended these sections. They have their own graded programs running through the mornings of each day.

One significant event for the Young People at Ridgecrest is the Southern Baptist Speakers' Tournament. This is divided into three parts so that each week may have its Speakers' Tournament. All of the twenty states were represented in 1947. The young people spoke on themes

coming out of the Training Union theme of the year, "The Book of Books." These addresses by the young people were among the most inspiring messages brought to the meetings at Ridgecrest.

Another thrilling youth event in the Ridgecrest meetings is the Southern Baptist Intermediate Sword Drill. All of the twenty states also were represented in this feature. Each week had its section of the Sword Drill.

The values in these events reach back to the churches themselves. A winner for each is selected in the churches, then in the associations, then usually in the district conventions, and finally a state winner is selected in each state convention or assembly. The state winners are the ones who come to Ridgecrest and participate in the events there.

Youth Activities in the Regular Training Union Program

The real training activities which build character, assimilate youth into the church life, and enlist them fully in all of the activities of the church are carried on from week to week through the regular program of the Training Union. A few of these activities are listed here.

1. *Weekly meetings.*—The central training activity for youth is in the regular meetings of the unions each week. It is very inspiring in the First Baptist Church of Nashville to hear the report of Training Union at the preaching service with the notation that the Young People's department had more than 200 present. This department has been outstanding for many years.

The young people themselves, both in the Young People's unions and in the Intermediate unions, conduct their own meetings. They follow regular lesson courses, put on programs, conduct Bible drills, learn to lead, learn to plan and carry on practical activities, and become vitally interested in all phases of the pro-

PROGRESS IN TRAINING UNION

1945—703,332

1946—802,859

1947—927,908

gram of Christ as carried on by his churches.

2. *Study courses.*—The textbook study courses covering every phase of the Christian life, church life, and denominational life are studied by the young people's groups at least once each year, and in many churches twice each year. These study courses have been of immeasurable value in deepening the spiritual life of youth and in binding youth in undying loyalty to their churches.

3. *Extension activities.*—Out from each church young people carry on a great variety of practical missionary activities through extension work. These activities take the form of programs in jails and other institutions, helping other churches with their Training Union work, and religious visitation for personal soul-winning and other purposes.

Contributions of This Program to Southern Baptist Life

Eternity alone will reveal the full contribution of this youth program to our Southern Baptist life. Nothing more than a listing of these can be attempted here.

1. *Recruiting and training workers for the denominational program.*—Eight hundred and seventy young people made the surrender for full-time Christian service in the Ridgecrest Training Union Assembly in 1947. Thousands more made this

commitment in the state meetings. Out of this great group of youth come missionaries, Christian educational workers, ministers, and workers for all phases of our denominational life.

2. *Support for all denominational enterprises.*—The Training Union youth program is a program of training in stewardship. Baptist youth are trained to contribute through their churches to all phases of denominational life. They learn what the Co-operative Program is, and that the dollars they contribute to it will extend their own influence to the ends of the earth.

3. *Appreciation of Baptist principles and Baptist life.*—The great need of Baptist churches everywhere is for individual participation in church life and denominational life. The Training Union youth program produces this. It trains each person to stand on his own feet and move under his own initiative in the cause of

Christ. The great Baptist principle of the competency of each soul under God to deal with God in all matters of religion finds practical expression in the training given by the Training Union.

4. *The training of personal witnesses.*—Baptist youth who participate in the training program of the Training Union are made available for all phases of spiritual service through their churches. It is easy to lead such young people into active witnessing to the lost for Christ. Fifty-one young people accepted Christ in the three Training Union Assemblies at Ridgecrest in 1947. In all of the churches everywhere the most willing group of workers in any church will be found among these Baptist youth in the Training Union.

Let us thank God and take new courage as we look forward to Southern Baptists' great tomorrow which will grow out of this youth program in our churches.

Southern Baptist Historical Society

By W. O. CARVER

In 1937, upon the initiative of the late Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, the Committee on the Preservation of Baptist History was revived by the Southern Baptist Convention. W. O. Carver was made chairman of this committee (without his previous knowledge or consent). Making its first report to the Convention in Richmond, 1938, this committee has continued its work in a limited way owing to the severe limitations of funds available for the work.

Under the lead of this committee on *Baptist History* there was formed in Richmond at the time of the Convention the Southern Baptist Historical Society. The Society was a separate, voluntary organization, but with close relationships with the Convention committee; the officers of the Society and its Executive Committee

being made up almost wholly from members of the Convention committee. The two organizations have worked in close co-operation through these ten years.

A very considerable collection of materials has been made these years, including hundreds of books, thousands of newspapers, magazines and other materials, and also a considerable number of museum pieces. However, it became more and more evident that the work which ought to be done in the field of history among Southern Baptists could not possibly be carried on by a few especially interested people and with the income which could be hoped for from membership fees and from occasional gifts of generous men and women.

Through a series of conferences and actions, upon the recommendation of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, at the meeting in St. Louis, May 1947, the Society was adopted as the historical agency of the Convention. In anticipation of this, the Society had voted to procure a modified or a new charter which would place it under the supervision and general administration of the Convention, on the same terms as obtain in the case of other agencies of the Convention.

Board of Managers Elected

In pursuance of this action a Board of Managers was selected by the Convention to have responsible control of the activities of the Society. The thirty members of this Board include one from each state of the Convention and additional members located in or near the seat of the Society. For the present this means Louisville, Kentucky, the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. This location was chosen because the Seminary offered the facilities of an absolutely fireproof building for the preservation and protection of the materials collected by the Society. It is contemplated that the headquarters of the Society will ultimately be located in Nashville, in connection with the Sunday School Board. This change of location must await the provision by the Sunday School Board of fireproof quarters for the preservation of the materials of the Society. Such a building is already in contemplation by the Sunday School Board. It is needed by the Board for its own very valuable collection of materials. It is contemplated that when this building is provided the materials of the Board and of the Historical Society, bearing upon all phases of our history, will be so assembled as to supplement each other. In connection with this there will be provided facilities for the use of both collections by

historians, research students and any others who are actively interested in this subject.

Thus it will be seen that the present plans contemplate the building up of a worthy historical collection and library, including a museum of Baptist history. The work of the Society during these ten years, limited as it has necessarily been, has served to emphasize the fact that there are potentially vast quantities of extremely valuable material, which is constantly being lost or destroyed; and which we are under every sacred obligation to discover, collect and preserve for the sake of our own present usefulness and in the interest of those who are to succeed us in our rapidly growing denomination. Nor do we overlook the fact that these Baptist materials will be of service to all those who are genuinely interested in the comprehensive understanding and work of all Christian forces.

The work under contemplation cannot be done without the expenditure of considerable sums of money. Until two years ago the Convention limited the appropriation for the work of its Committee on the Preservation of Baptist History to \$1,000 annually. For the last two years that sum has been \$2,000. The income of the Historical Society, separate from that of the History Committee, amounted to no more than a few hundred dollars a year. Beginning with 1949 the Society is asking to share in the Co-operative Budget in the very modest sum of approximately \$5,000. This request goes through the regular channels provided by the Executive Committee of the Convention.

The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Historical Society was held in Louisville, Kentucky, Tuesday, September 9, 1947. At this meeting changes in the former constitution were made in detail, providing for all the suggestions submitted by a special committee of the

Executive Committee of the Convention, and also changes which would adjust the work to the new programs as now outlined.

Memberships Available

It is planned to supplement the sums received from the Co-operative Program, as an agency of the Convention, by memberships of various classes; and also by contributions of friends of our Baptist history who will be willing to designate definite sums out of their own benevolences for this purpose. There are to be four classes of membership.

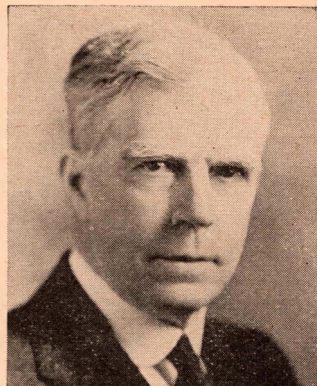
1. Annual membership with a fee of \$2.00 per year, which entitles the member to a subscription to this Quarterly Review.

2. Sustaining membership, with a fee of \$5.00 per year, entitling the member to one book sent out by the Society in addition to the Quarterly Review.

3. Life membership, upon the payment of \$25.00. Those already holding life memberships for which they paid only \$10.00 are invited to add to this to take full life membership, under the new arrangement. Such members if they do not elect to pay the \$15.00 additional, will not lose any present benefits, but will not share in additional benefits to be extended to the \$25.00 memberships.

4. Church memberships are offered for any church paying \$100.00 at one time. The church will then normally designate its pastor, or may designate someone else other than the pastor. It is desired that all churches shall have an official historian. In such cases the historian will also hold membership in the Society, but books and other materials provided by the Society will not be duplicated, unless the church should pay an additional \$100.00.

Officers of the Board of Managers chosen are: President, W. O. Carver; Vice-President, W. W. Barnes; Secretary-Treasurer, H. I. Hester. All other agents



W. O. Carver has long been interested in Southern Baptist history and is president of the Southern Baptist Historical Society.

and officers are to be selected by an Administrative Committee located in Louisville. Dr. Leo Crismon continues as Librarian and Curator. Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, professor of history in the Southern Baptist Seminary, has been selected as editor, to co-operate with the editor of the Quarterly Review. The Quarterly Review has graciously arranged with the Society to share its pages quarter by quarter for any important items submitted.

In co-operation with the Sunday School Board the Committee on Preservation of Baptist History early undertook the production of a history of the first hundred years of the Southern Baptist Convention. It had been hoped, and planned, to have this history prepared and published by the Centennial Convention in 1945. This plan has not yet been realized but progress is being made. It is not yet possible to say when the history will be ready. The His-

torical Society succeeds the History Committee in sharing the responsibility with the Sunday School Board for the continuance of this work until its completion.

History Is Important

It will thus be seen that Southern Baptists are now in a position to devote themselves seriously to the preservation and use of their history, as they have never been before. This is now to be a field of continuous and active interest. Baptists have played a very essential part in the development of the ideals and the constitutional life of our country. Numerically they have come to take the first rank among all evangelical denominations in our country. Their theory and practice of church organization, administration and methods are more in harmony with the genius of the American ideal and government than are those of any other body of Christians.

The American nation and people have been precipitated into a world situation for which our previous history has by no

means fully prepared us. By experimentation and adjustment the United States must discover how to meet its responsibility and to discharge its major responsibility for determining the course of the life of the whole world. In this undertaking the American ideals of freedom, of the dignity of the common man, and of free co-operation among individuals, institutions and classes are under heavy strain. In this strain and stress some of our basic principles are in danger of being surrendered. In this crisis the responsibility of Baptists is supreme, and for meeting that responsibility a knowledge of our history is essential to clear insight, consistent leadership, and effective meeting of our responsibilities to God, in behalf of the nation, of the gospel, and of humanity. The members of the Historical Society and of its Board of Managers have a conviction that we have come to the kingdom for such a time as this. It is on this account that we are undertaking greatly to enlarge the functions and work of the Society.

The Dream and the Dawn

by HIGHT C MOORE

The idea of a summer assembly for Southern Baptists germinated in the mind and heart of Bernard Washington Spilman when in 1895 he attended the Baptist State Chautauqua at Red Springs, North Carolina. When in 1896 he became Sunday School secretary of the Baptist Convention of North Carolina the impression deepened causing him to go to Waynesville and confer with a number of people about having an assembly near there. When on June 1, 1901, he became the first Field Secretary of the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee, he pursued the matter further, investigating without success several sites near Chattanooga, Fountain City, and Knoxville, Tennessee.

In the summer of 1902 while attending the North Carolina Sunday School Training School (successor to the old Chautauqua) held at Montreat, he concluded that "Baptists ought to have something like that."

At the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh, December 1905, he offered a resolution calling for the appointment of a committee of five to consider the matter and report to the next Convention. President W. N. Jones appointed J. H. Tucker, B. W. Spilman, Hight C Moore, N. B. Broughton and H. W. Battle on the Committee on Assembly Ground.

During a training school at Mars Hill College during July-August, 1906, the Committee canvassed the whole matter of

a location, including nearby Little Mountain, Hendersonville, and Montreat (then the inter-denominational Mountain Retreat Association). At the suggestion of Chairman Tucker, the committee visited Swannanoa Gap on Saturday, Aug. 4, 1906. When they closed their tour of the vicinity and stood on the spot where Hotel Pritchell now stands "Dr. Battle took off his hat and delivered an address announcing that we had found the exact spot where we should locate the center of our Assembly."

To the Baptist State Convention at Greensboro, December 5-9, 1906, Chairman Tucker for the committee reported having secured an option on 940 acres of land, recommending that "the Convention without assuming any financial responsibility give its endorsement to the establishment of these grounds," also "that the Baptists of the South be invited to join in the movement."

The act to incorporate "The Southern Baptist Assembly" was ratified March 8, 1907 in the State Legislature at Raleigh.

"As stated in Sec. 2, the purpose of said corporation is to establish and maintain in the mountains of Western North Carolina a municipality of Baptist assemblies, conventions, conferences, public worship, missionary and school work, orphan homes, and trades training and other operations auxiliary and incidental thereto: also a religious resort with permanent and temporary dwellings, for health, rest, recreation, Christian work and fellowship."

The following year (May 21, 1908) a group of stockholders met on the assembly grounds and in the shade of an apple tree by the old stagecoach house (still standing) there was organized the corporation which had charge of the property for a quarter of a century.

In May, 1907, the Southern Baptist Convention in session at Richmond, Vir-



Hight C Moore has known Ridgecrest since its very beginning, and has been a factor in its growth. He now lives near the assembly grounds at Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

ginia, adopted the following resolution, which was presented by an assembly stockholder and former president of the Convention, ex-Governor W. J. Northen of Georgia:

"Resolved, That at the request of the North Carolina Baptist State Convention, the Southern Baptist Convention does hereby endorse the movement without assuming any financial responsibility."

In connection with his duties as field secretary of the Sunday School Board, and with the consent of Dr. J. M. Frost, corresponding secretary, Dr. Spilman accepted the offer of the directors to serve as general manager and general secretary of the new assembly. On September 2, 1907, he opened an office in Asheville and began vigorously to push the sale of lots and otherwise plan for the assembly. He and Mr. Tucker bought the nine tracts of

land, embracing about 940 acres and had it accurately and minutely surveyed by Mr. C. D. Beadle of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, who some years previously had laid off the Vanderbilt Estate at Baltimore. The engineers surveyed the land from north to south in lines only ten feet apart, their map showing the elevation of every spot on the grounds. Using this map Mr. Beadle laid out the lots (some 800), each approximately one-half acre, and planned the roads so that an automobile might be driven over every one of them, although differing more than five hundred feet in elevation.

"Let it be remembered," says Dr. Spilman, "that we launched this movement with not one dollar of capital stock, and on the personal endorsement of Mr. Tucker, we borrowed \$8,000 from the Battery Park Bank in Asheville. In a few months I had sold 140 lots which meant that we had \$14,000 in working capital."

"We have been doing business up there this summer" (1908) reported Dr. Spilman in September, having been on the grounds more than two months with 38 men employed, including four civil engineers, a contractor, a superintendent of grounds, a number of carpenters and some laborers. He adds: "We have cut about six miles of streets, repaired a number of cottages which were purchased with the grounds, graded the site for the depot, cleared off a number of lots for the owners, trimmed out some of the parks, and are now contracting three cottages. Work will begin on the auditorium within a few days, and a number of cottages will be constructed before the winter."

Assembly Is Approved

When the "Southern Baptist Assembly" had been approved by our State and Southern Baptist Conventions, the Direc-

tors gave to it the euphonious name of "Blue Mont." The postal authorities at Washington granted a post-office of the same name. But the railway, express, and telegraph companies for good and sufficient reason could not adopt that name, though the depot is but a few steps from the post-office and both are near the center of the assembly grounds; hence they retained the name "Terrell." Of course it was very desirable, in fact absolutely essential, that all unite on one name. In 1911 "Sky-Mont" was suggested as a compromise, but that not being accepted all around, a second (and many will say, a better) suggestion was adopted giving to railway station, telegraph office, express office, post-office and assembly grounds the name of Ridgecrest, which it has borne since the first of April 1912.

The great layman and eminent lawyer who "gave his time and strength to the early days of Ridgecrest as no other man did"—Mr. James H. Tucker—died in Asheville Feb. 15, 1912. His comrade, Dr. Spilman, thus summarized his service to the Assembly:

"He selected the site and called it to the attention of the committee. He negotiated all of the multitudinous details of securing options on the land (nine tracts) and closed the deals for all of it. He wrote all of the deeds; worked up the abstract of title to the property. He wrote the charter and secured its adoption by the General Assembly of North Carolina. On his personal credit he secured the funds with which to begin the development of the property. He secured the engineers and had general charge of the work, surveying and laying out the property for development. He was our first attorney, first president, first chairman of the Board of Directors and first Chairman of the Executive Committee.

"With untiring devotion he gave himself to the work, his only financial compensation being four building lots in the grounds. Without the help of this Christian lawyer of ability and consecration it would have been impossible to have accomplished what we did in the early days. He gave his time, his legal ability and his money without stint."

Hills of Difficulty

The record of early Ridgecrest was one continuous story of struggle against odds, especially of making bricks without straw: first, a general panic that paralyzed business far and wide; then, changes and consequent confusion in Assembly management; also a blunder or two in regard to the erection of a hotel; incidentally, the adjustment with railway and Government as to the name of station, post-office, and Assembly; and the lawsuit for a slice of land which stopped the whole business machinery as effectively as emergency brakes bring a train to a standstill, though it was definitely and favorably settled so that the Assembly holds its property. Add in later losses including the destruction of our first auditorium by a terrific hurricane, of our hotels (Blue Mont Inn and Sunset Cottage) by fire; the floods of 1916 that laid waste the entire Appalachian region and "threatened to put us out of business;" and the distressing financial straits during which "our creditors made dire threats of vengeance on us."

Yet Ridgecrest survived, and will survive, because "the things which are unseen are eternal."

Managers Are Listed

Without time now to evaluate their service, we must at least mention those who have been charged with resident management of the Assembly.

B. W. Spilman was general secretary and general manager Sept. 1, 1907 to



B. W. Spilman's name will always be linked with the early days of Ridgecrest.

Sept. 1, 1909 of the Southern Baptist Assembly Corporation; he was director 1907-1933; general secretary 1907-1920; and president 1920-1933 when the charter was surrendered.

Other general managers were R. L. Hon, 1910; E. F. Munford 1911-1912; Charles E. Brewer summer of 1910; and Jesse Daniel Moore 1913-1915.

O. L. Stringfield was corresponding secretary 1915-1916 and H. B. Craven was business manager 1918-1920.

Livingston Mays was general manager June 1, 1919 to 1922.

Albert R. Bond for the Education Board was corresponding secretary 1921-1927 and the Board elected R. F. Staples as gen-

eral manager who served Jan. 1, 1925 to Dec. 1, 1935.

Perry Morgan, general manager 1936-1946, was succeeded on Sept. 1, 1946, by Robert Guy whose first year is now closing most auspiciously.

In Just Appraisal: Wise master builders on the foundation already laid, three honored brethren have been outstanding in their service to the Assembly for the past dozen years:

Austin Crouch, executive secretary of the Executive Committee who proved himself eminent and efficient as a financial seer and statesman in lifting the mortgage on Ridgecrest which, though Conventions approved for Education Board expenditures elsewhere, were stifling Assembly property, programs and progress; T. Luther Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Sunday School Board, who in worthy succession to Drs. Frost, Bell, and Van Ness, carries on a titanic job "with widening reach and heightened power," sympathetically and symmetrically up-building Ridgecrest with rare insight, interest, and discrimination; and Perry Morgan, general manager of the Assembly for ten toiling and triumphal years, a decade of marvelous expansion and development, transmitting to his gifted successor a denominational dynamo whose power lines are outstretched over all the earth.

A Word About Robert Guy: Born in Indiana about 35 years ago. Fifteen years resident in Georgia; baptised by Dr. Ellis A. Fuller into the fellowship of the First Baptist Church, Atlanta; A. B. graduate of Emory University 1940; and six years assistant to the Superintendent of the Georgia Baptist Hospital in Atlanta.

On August 29, 1940 he was happily married to Miss Elizabeth Jackson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Jackson of Atlanta.

In the U. S. Army from June 1, 1943 to

Aug. 31, 1946; assigned to the Medical Administrative Corps at Moore General Hospital.

At the call of our Sunday School Board he became general manager of the Ridgecrest Assembly. His first year, now closing with one of our greatest Assembly seasons, has been featured by many improvements in buildings (the Pritchell Auditorium Annex, new dining room, two new buildings for the Staff); repairing and painting many smaller buildings and cottages; asphaltting a mile of walks, and beautifying the grounds.

To him and all with him in his work: our warmest felicitations as they climb to the "higher ground ahead" and fulfil our hope that "the best is yet to be."

Eighty Days Each Summer

The Ridgecrest program is grouped in more than a score of conferences running through some eighty days from June to September. It represents every activity of our Convention boards, institutions, committees and commissions, agencies and auxiliaries, and every section of our territory now overspreading twenty states from Cape Hatteras to the Golden Gate.

The first Assembly held in 1909 beside the log cabin in Tucker's Grove was "tiny toddler" one might say; and yet headed straight this way:

1. Sunday School, B.Y.P.U. and Mission Conference July 18 to Aug. 1, the lecturers being Field Secretaries Spilman, Flake and Crossland of the Sunday School Board; Corresponding Secretary Thomas J. Watts of the Southern B.Y.P.U.; and Educational Secretary T. B. Ray of the Foreign Mission Board.

2. Layman's Conference July 30 and 31st, with addresses by General Secretary J. T. Henderson of Southern Baptist Layman's Movement, Corresponding Secretary L. Johnson of Raleigh and pastor J. L. White of Greensboro.

3. Meeting of Assembly Directors and Stockholders Aug. 4 and 5.

4. Bible Conference Aug. 8-22, directed by Pastor William Lunsford of Nashville, Tennessee, aided by Drs. W. W. Hamilton of Virginia; H. W. Battle of North Carolina and E. C. Dargan of Georgia.

5. Preaching every Sunday; the first, July 18, by Hight C Moore on "Christ on the Cross"; the seven others being J. L. White, H. W. Battle, Livingston Johnson, J. D. Moore, T. B. Ray, W. W. Hamilton and E. C. Dargan.

Truly "the day of small things" in grateful retrospect; but thank God for the prospect of yet higher ground ahead.

Attendance Has Leaped

On Monday June 11, 1910, a School of Religious Education opened with six present. Only two of the expected faculty of five were on hand. But Drs. George W. Greene and B. W. Spilman "ran the school with six to ten on hand each day, and at platform hour, an average of from twenty to thirty." People on the grounds were from Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Kentucky and China. In comment Dr. Spilman wrote: "I was dreaming dreams and seeing visions of the day when these hills would swarm with people."

The season of 1914 was the best in the history of the Assembly to that date with 1286 registered from twenty states. Then open for the first time was the Pritchell, named for two great Baptist laymen—U. S. Judge Jeter C. Pritchard of Asheville and Mr. J. D. Elliott of Hickory.

In 1919, the registration was 2500 from nineteen states.

In 1921, a summer school of theology, embodying a two months' course (2½ hours each fore-noon), was conducted by Drs. W. O. Carver of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary as chairman and teacher of New Testament, W. T. Conner of Southwestern Theological Seminary as

teacher of systematic theology, and W. E. Denham of Baptist Bible Institute as teacher of Old Testament. The enrolment was over eighty; thirty-six stood examination; and for work done here credit was given them by any seminary they might attend.

In 1928, the registration at the Pritchell was 1576 with more than 1250 living in cottages on the grounds. The total attendance during the first week of Bible Conference exceeded seven thousand.

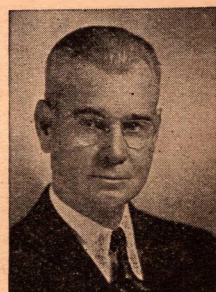
In 1943, the attendance reached flood-tide despite transportation difficulties, war time food restrictions, and the critical illness of Mr. Morgan lasting the entire season. With another great layman, Jasper N. Barnette as acting general manager, who served with skill and satisfaction, the registration was 18,000.

The totals for 1947 exceeded 22,000 attending the 24 conferences, not counting many unregistered visitors. In the one week of its retreat the Baptist Student Union registered 2950; in two weeks the Sunday School conferences registered 3400; and there were 7201 enrolled in the three weeks of the Baptist Training Union Assembly.

At last, "these hills swarm with people."

Auditoriums Demanded

The first meetings of the Assembly were held in the open air of oak-shaded



Past two managers of Ridgecrest have been Perry Morgan (right) and Robert Guy. Mr. Guy is the present manager.

Tucker's Grove, facing the site now occupied by the Ridgecrest Baptist Church.

In 1909 on the slope over against Rock Spring was built an auditorium open on three sides, the platform extending across the lower side with a room at each end. The floor was fresh sawdust and the seats were substantial wooden benches accommodating about a thousand persons. Under this spacious canopy the first Assembly service was held August 18, 1909, the workmen being called from their work on the roof. On Sunday, August 7, 1910, the dedication took place with five or six hundred persons present, the sermon being preached by Dr. J. M. Frost.

On Sunday, March 1, 1914, this auditorium was destroyed by a terrific wind storm which blew it to pieces, hurtling some of its timbers nearly a mile away. Fidelis Hall, only a few feet from it, was not damaged in the least and for several summers it was the only meeting place.

In December 1937, the Sunday School Board authorized its Ridgecrest Committee, Dr. B. A. Bowers, Chairman, to build a new auditorium to cost not more than \$50,000. The general manager, Mr. Perry Morgan, was given power of attorney to purchase materials and supervise construction. On Sunday, Aug. 21, 1938, the auditorium, with eighteen classrooms having been used during the season, was formally dedicated. Dr. T. L. Holcomb presided at the laying of the cornerstone. Dr. W. F. Powell presided at the worship hour when the sermon was preached by Dr. George W. Truett, then president of the Baptist World Alliance.

The Auditorium Annex with five large classrooms was built in 1940 at a cost of \$10,000.

The original Pritchell Hall contained 100 rooms, including Assembly offices, a large social room, several parlors, classroom, Auditorium, Cafeteria and 65 bedroom.

The original Rhododendron Hall offered a larger auditorium and a few classrooms.

Platform and Altar

The torch of truth has been held aloft on this platform and in these conferences by the prophets of our planet and the teachers of our time. For example:

Four of the seven presidents of the Baptist World Alliance;

Fourteen of the presidents of the Southern Baptist Convention;

All the presidents and many faculty members of our theological seminaries, colleges and universities;

The executives of all our Boards, agencies and auxiliaries, state and Southwide;

The editors of our denominational papers and the authors of many great books;

The superintendents of our hospitals and orphanages;

Many of our men and women who have won distinction in public and professional life; and

A goodly company of eminent Christian leaders not of our own immediate fellowship.

Altar fires are here kindled and kept aglow in the valleys and along the heights. The vesper service at Lake Dew affords light at eventide. There is girding for a new day in the morning watch at Johnson Spring. There is the pulsing of high hope in the outdoor chapel above Rock Spring in the Boys Camp. And how the shadows flee away from worshiping groups as the sun rises on Kitasuma unveiling the valley of the Catawba with Kings Mountain in the distance or on Rattlesnake Knob unveiling the valley of the French Broad with the Great Smokies on the skyline. To be in the mountains with the Master—there is nothing like it in all the earth.

The Best of the Best

Reported as "perhaps the best week in the Southern Baptist Assembly" was the Ridgecrest Conference on Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. work Aug, 4-9, 1912. And according to the same scribe "the most telling hour of the Conference was when at the close of a B.Y.P.U. address by the local B.Y.P.U. president, Mr. J. Powell Tucker, on "Camping by the Cross" he announced his purpose to enter the ministry and called on others present who would join him in like holy sacrifice to come forward to the platform. Two—Mr. Hubert White and Miss Valeria Greene—at once responded. The Spirit's presence was very manifest and many were moved to tears. After an earnest talk and prayer by Dr. J. L. White, further and wider invitation was given and many came forward definitely dedicating themselves to whatever task the Lord should assign them. Dr. Tucker is now pastor of First Baptist Church, Orlando, Fla. Miss Greene soon was sent as a missionary to China and for many years has been wife of the present Executive Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

From this fountain of devotion has flowed a steady stream of consecration down the years.

For example: the outstanding feature of the 1943 Assembly was the public avowal of more than a thousand young people dedicating their whole lives to definite Christian service.

The present Assembly (1947) reached high points when volunteers for full-time Christian service numbered 298 during B.S.U. week, 75 during two Sunday School weeks, and 871 during three Baptist Training Union weeks, the latter being featured by fifty-two conversions. Epochal also may be the eleven professions of faith in the Boys' Camp.

Recreation Planned

More than relief from brain-fag and nerve-tire is desired by Ridgecresters who believe that religion is radiant and that everybody ought to have a "good" good time.

Therefore, from the beginning, it has had on the Grounds a discriminating director of recreation that relaxes, refreshes, rejuvenates, rejoices and regards for the climb to heights ahead.

A diligent promoter of the finer fellowship by vivacious intermingling, clever cooperation, grouping for games, clean and wholesome entertainment; a vigilant "talent scout" always seeking and utilizing unusual or unused gifts—dramatic, musical, artistic, athletic, literary, humorous; discovering them, developing them, directing them, displaying them; for many years Miss Mary Ward was recognized as "The regina of Ridgecrest recreation." In recent years others are entering into her useful labors and carrying on with ability and acceptability.

Spilman Lodge

In succession to the Swannanoa Camp for Girls held July 5, to August, 1928, under direction of Mrs. J. M. Dawson, then of Waco, Texas, Camp Ridgecrest for Boys has just closed its nineteenth season with Mr. Perry Morgan as business manager and former Chaplain Nat H. Brittain a Director, the staff numbering twenty-five and the boys more than a hundred.

Spilman Lodge, said to be the largest log building in North Carolina, is the camp center, completed in 1942 and overlooking placid five-acre Lake Ridgecrest. Over the spacious fireplace in the Lodge gymnasium (85 by 45 feet) there is a bronze plaque containing this inscription:

Bernard Washington Spilman
Christian Seer and Statesman,
Eminent Bible Teacher and Expositor

Pioneer Sunday School Field
Secretary
Father of a great Teacher-Training
System
Founder of the Ridgecrest Baptist
Assembly

Fortunate are the hundreds of boys who hear and heed the challenge of consecration in the camp motto, "God give us hills to climb and strength to climb them."

"The Little Church in the Vale"

An object of solicitous interest among thousands of Assembly guests, the Ridgecrest Baptist Church is the year-round-center of community life.

Antedated by the Sunday School opened in 1908 and by the W.M.S. organized in 1913, the Church was constituted in April, 1914, with six members, two more coming under watch-care.

The list of fourteen pastors includes four of our missionaries on three continents: two from South America—Justice from Argentina and Shepard from Brazil; one from Africa—Proctor from the Belgian Congo; and one from Asia—Lawton from China. Also three former pastors—Moran, Forsythe and Proctor—served as Chaplains in World War II.

For years the church held all its services in Fidelis Hall. The present building dedicated in August, 1938, is to be completed if possible this year.

The present membership is 219 with 133 resident. Rev. Tom E. Walters has been pastor since October, 1942.

Memorial Park

Thanks to the Southern Baptist Convention through its Executive Committee, Dr. Austin Crouch, executive secretary, and to the Sunday School Board, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer, a suitable tract of about four acres across a little ravine in the Western boundary of the Assembly property was set aside (1942) for a Memorial Park. A graveled

road has been extended to it and improvements are under way. The Park will have no monuments; all graves will have markers level with the ground.

Of the eight interments to date, the first was that of a soldier of the cross who labored forty-five years in China—Wesley Willingham Lawton. The second was that of an overseas veteran of World War I—Joseph Peterson Moore. The third was that of an overseas veteran of World War II—Blaine Watson. The body of a former general manager, Jesse Daniel Moore, was removed here from Black Mountain last year.

In a beautiful spot "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Tomorrow and Beyond

Dr. J. B. Gambrell said, "We must make Ridgecrest very strong."

Declaring the program "well-balanced," Dr. Livingston Johnson said editorially in *Biblical Recorder*: "No 'fads' will be promulgated. . . No particular school of thought is going to run away with Ridgecrest."

Dr. A. T. Robertson in *Watchman-Examiner* (1921) wrote of "The Future of Ridgecrest" declaring, "Ridgecrest can be made a common forum for the expression of the best in Southern Baptist thought and life. With improved facilities and the presence on the platform of the best interpreters of the religious life of our day Ridgecrest will draw to it great crowds of our Southern Baptist people, who will rejoice in the fellowship and in the blessing that they will find on this mountain top of experience and of promise."

At the close of a great Preaching Week featured by his incomparable sermons and immense audiences, Dr. George W. Truett said: "I shall say wherever I go that our Baptist people have an opportunity

and a challenge to make of the Assembly at Ridgecrest one of the most worthwhile religious assemblies in all the world. Its location and objectives are such that it will no wise interfere with any State Assembly, but will rather reinforce them all if it shall be continued and conducted on the lofty plane contemplated by those who are now directing it."

In his address "Across the Years" delivered at Nashville December 7, 1939,

Dr. Spilman almost ecstatically said: "Ridgecrest is a dream come true. The Sunday School Board has been a sympathetic helper since the day the engineers drove the first stake in the grounds in 1907. With the Sunday School Board whole-heartedly back of it, and Perry Morgan at the helm, a new day is already at hand. The widening reach and heightened power of its work shall touch the ends of the earth!"

A Survey of Southern Baptist Hospitals

Southern Baptists now sponsor hospitals valued at more than \$25,000,000, and campaigns are now under way for expansions valued at more than \$20,000,000. These hospitals have nearly 5,000 beds, and treated nearly 125,000 patients during the past year. About 25,000 babies were born in Southern Baptist hospitals during the past year. Hospital bills ran above the \$14,000,000 mark for the twenty hospitals, but more than \$1,000,000 was given in charity work.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By FRANK TRIPP

In 1920 the Southern Baptist Convention received a petition from New Orleans and one from the Louisiana Baptist Convention requesting the establishment of a general hospital in the city of New Orleans. These requests were referred to the Home Mission Board for further consideration. In 1921 the Home Mission Board indicated its willingness to assume the responsibility of establishing the hospital. In 1922 the Home Board asked for further instructions from the Convention, reporting that there had been some delay in procuring a satisfactory title to the building site. The Board was in-

structed to accept the site and to proceed with the development of the financial structure of the hospital as contemplated by the Convention.

At the Convention in 1923, a petition from Maryland was filed asking that a special agency be created to take over all hospital work for the Convention and that the Home Mission Board be released from the responsibility of establishing the proposed hospital in New Orleans. This petition from Maryland, along with a similar one from the Louisiana Baptist Convention was referred to the Committee on Hospitals which later recommended that a special hospital commission be created by the Convention. The Home Board was instructed to contribute \$250,000 and the Baptists of Louisiana were requested to contribute not less than \$100,000 toward the building of the first unit of the New Orleans hospital. It was further recommended that such funds as would be needed to ultimately complete an institution to cost not less than \$2,000,000 be provided by the Convention.

In the light of recent Convention action authorizing the Southern Baptist Hospital

Board to expand its services in the establishment of other hospitals, the following recommendations made by the hospital committee at the 1923 Session of the Convention will be of special interest to Southern Baptists: "We further recommend that this hospital commission shall make a survey of the hospital situation in the South from a Baptist standpoint with the view of bringing definite recommendations to this Convention one year hence in regard to a permanent hospital policy for the future." Because of financial burdens upon it the Home Mission Board requested the Convention to release it from providing the \$250,000 for the establishment of the New Orleans hospital. However, following a conference with the hospital commission, it was agreed that the Board would provide the funds and the Convention in its 1924 Session made an allocation of 3% to the hospital commission for the following year. At the same Convention, the commission reported on the survey it had been previously instructed to make and recommended that "this hospital commission shall be incorporated and shall hold in trust and operate all hospitals of this Convention." Thus it will be seen that it was contemplated all along that the Convention through its hospital commission establish hospitals at strategic points in the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

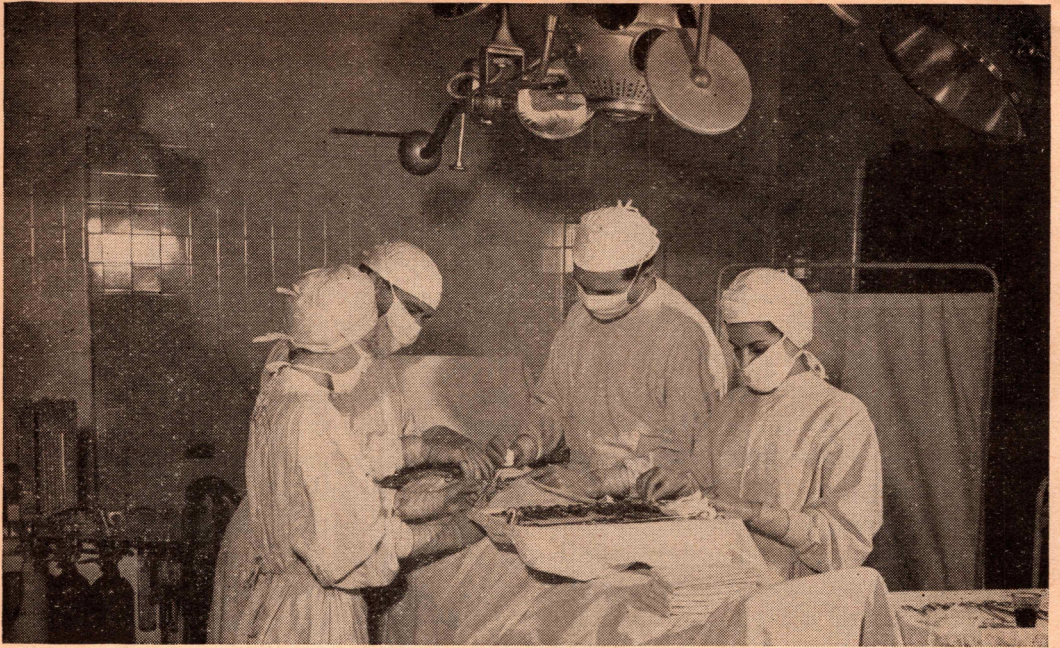
During the consideration of the requests from New Orleans and the Louisiana Baptist Convention that a hospital be established in New Orleans, the Convention approved the following statement in its 1924 Session: "That a great Southwide House of Healing well located in some large city, drawing its support from the whole denomination, having at its command, physicians and surgeons of outstanding merit in their profession would command nationwide attention and offer

extraordinary facilities for service to those who would resort to it. It is not difficult to picture situations where this Convention should act in its corporate capacity. Indeed it has acted."

Thus it will be seen that Southern Baptists, after prayerful and intelligent consideration, committed themselves to the ministry of healing through the establishment and operating of hospitals. Thousands upon thousands of sick and wounded have entered this hospital and have found in its friendly atmosphere and environment conditions which have substantially contributed to their recovery. People of all faiths and of no faith have been blessed by its healing ministry. In 1946, approximately 10,000 Catholics were admitted as patients and 2,348 people having no religious affiliations whatsoever were admitted. Almost 27,000 patients were given 143,987 days of service in the institution in 1946. During the same period of time 835 persons were given 9,500 days of free service at a cost to the hospital of approximately \$75,000.

In addition to these services to the sick, this is a teaching institution. We are operating a school for the training of nurses with a present enrolment of 175. We are also giving training to sixteen young doctors in a one year's rotating internship and to seven residents who are receiving training in their chosen specialties. The hospital has never closed a year with an operating deficit. On the contrary, the major portion of the funds for capital improvements and enlargement have been provided out of the net earnings of the institution.

Our Board, under the authority of the Convention, is committed to a program of expansion. A local campaign in the city of San Antonio has been completed, a site has been purchased and we are now engaged in the development of plans for the



One of the eight operating rooms at the Southern Baptist Hospital at New Orleans is pictured above.

establishment of a great house of healing in that strategic city. We will build on the unit plan at San Antonio. The first unit will probably cost approximately \$750,000. It is hoped that ultimately we will have in that great and rapidly growing city a general hospital with a bed capacity of 300, and all other related facilities.

We are committed to a similar program in Jacksonville, Florida where the local organization for the promotion of a campaign for funds has already been set up. At the request of the Birmingham Baptist Association and with the approval of the Alabama Baptist Convention of the Southern Baptist Convention, our Commission is to take over two presently existing hospitals at Birmingham. The Commission is pledged to a program of enlargement which will continually make available a minimum of 300 beds to the people of the Birmingham area.

Many of us believe that hospitals under the proper management can serve as

great Christian and denominational agencies, and rejoice in the new emphasis on the ministry of "Healing Humanity's Hurt."

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL GADSDEN, ALA.

By W. T. EDWARDS

Late in 1943, one of Etowah Association's pastors introduced to the associational executive committee a layman from his church who was vitally interested in establishing a Baptist Hospital in Gadsden. After several month's thorough investigation a favorable report was made, and in July, 1944 the Forrest General Hospital, founded in 1906, was bought.

At the time of the purchase there were 22 beds in operation, most of the furnishings and equipment were obsolete, and the larger part of the building which had been constructed at three different periods, was in bad need of repair and not in use.

The older sections of the building have been reconditioned, and every available space made into rooms and wards which gives today 80 beds. New furnishings and modern equipment have been installed throughout the hospital, and there are now X-ray, clinical laboratory, surgical, and obstetrical departments second to none. Seven associations in Alabama have organized charity funds in the hospital which are supported by annual contributions from the Sunday schools and churches in these associations for the needy in their respective groups. The hospital cares for 25 per cent and these funds the other 75 per cent of the cost of each charity case.

BAPTIST STATE HOSPITAL

By J. A. GILBREATH

Baptist State Hospital of Little Rock is owned by the Baptist State Convention, and run by a Board of eighteen members appointed by this Convention for the purpose of administering the policies and affairs of the institution.

In 1920, the Convention purchased the block where the hospital now stands at a cost of \$58,350. On the block purchased, there was a frame building which was already equipped for a small hospital. The hospital opened officially in November

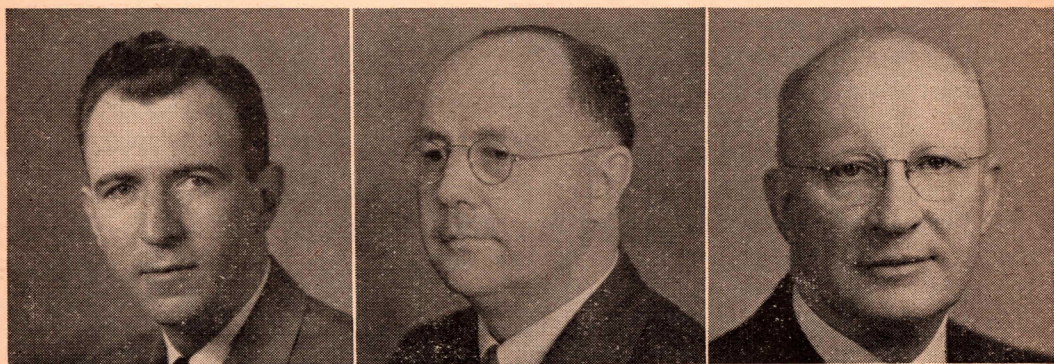
1920. Miss Elizabeth Schearer was the first superintendent of Nurses and acting Hospital superintendent. On January 1, 1925, a new building consisting of three wings, five stories high, entirely fire-proof, and with a 300 bed capacity, was opened for service.

In 1939 a nurses home was built in connection with the hospital and in 1944, an addition to the nurses home was made.

This corporation's by-laws states that "the hospital was organized exclusively for charitable purposes and has always been operated for such purpose. All of its property, real and personal, not required for its maintenance, the replacement and expansion of facilities, and payment of its debts has been devoted to free hospitalization and treatment of indigent sick."

In addition to Miss Schearer, the following men have been superintendents of the hospital: Dr. J. S. Rogers, Dr. C. E. Witt, E. E. King, Dr. J. P. Runyan, H. B. Chrisp, H. G. Harcrowe, Lee C. Gammill, John G. Dudley, and J. A. Gilbreath, who has been Superintendent of the hospital since November, 1946. The Director of Nurses is Mrs. Mary T. Wright.

The hospital has a nursing school of approximately 190 students, and is ac-



J. A. Gilbreth (left) has been administrator of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock since 1946. W. T. Edwards (center) is superintendent of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Gadsden, Alabama, and C. E. Copeland (right) is superintendent of the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis.

tively engaged in religious activity throughout the institution. Rev. J. F. Queen is the Hospital Chaplain, and is a great aid to the sick and the relatives of our patients both spiritually and socially.

In addition, the hospital has a student secretary, Miss Elma Cobb. She is a seminary trained worker among the students, and sponsors the B.S.U. program on the campus.

The hospital has a very active Women's Auxiliary whose President is Mrs. J. M. Flenniken, and State Hospital chairman, Mrs. Charles Brough, who is a full time worker in the institution.

The hospital is overcrowded and in need of additional facilities as well as rooms. A building program has been outlined and architect's plans drawn, so that when costs become non-prohibitive, a one hundred and fifty bed addition will be constructed.

THE BAPTIST HOSPITAL

Birmingham, Alabama

By C. L. SIBLEY, Administrator

In 1914 Dr. W. C. Gewin built the original Birmingham infirmary, which is at present the East Wing of the West End Hospital. In December, 1921, it was bought by the Birmingham Baptist Association which had appointed a hospital commission and authorized it to acquire and operate a hospital in the City of Birmingham. Operation of the hospital as a Baptist institution was begun on January 1, 1922. The building has been expanded to the present capacity of 140 patients' beds.

In June, 1930, the Birmingham Baptist Hospital leased the Highland Avenue Hospital. Later the Birmingham Baptist Association authorized the incorporation of Highland Avenue Baptist Hospital, which corporation on April, 1934, purchased the Highland Avenue Hospital

building and the large residence adjoining it.

At the present time, The Baptist Hospital has 350 employees, including student nurses, and meets a monthly payroll of \$39,433.00.

GEORGIA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By EDWIN B. PEEL

The morning after Thanksgiving Day, 1901, *The Atlanta Constitution* carried a story of the launching of the Tabernacle Baptist Infirmary the day before in a rented dwelling on Courtland Avenue, with three patients. A man met Dr. Len G. Broughton on the street, and asked:

"Why did you start the Baptist Hospital?"

"Sick people," answered Dr. Broughton.

That is the reason for the existence of the Georgia Baptist Hospital across these forty-seven years—to minister to needy, sick people, in the Name and for the sake of Jesus Christ.

Of the thousands of patients treated in the Georgia Baptist Hospital in these nearly forty-seven years, an average of twenty per cent of them have been charity patients, or free service patients, as we prefer to say. We have averaged treating seven thousand patients per year for the past two decades, in a 215-bed hospital, which gives an idea of the number of free service patients. Not only does the hospital give its service without charge to this average of patients, but the doctors also.

Hospital Day Offerings

We rely upon Hospital Day for at least \$50,000 annually, and this offering, plus whatever profit may accrue from the pay patients provide for this twenty per cent free service. Georgia Baptists are increasingly interested and happy over the privilege of making a special offering on Hospital Day to extend this service to needy neighbors.

We hope to have a 300-bed addition in the near future, which will substantially increase the free service of the Georgia Baptist Hospital.

KENTUCKY BAPTIST HOSPITAL

The Kentucky Baptist Hospital was formally opened November 17, 1924, as a 150 bed hospital. Today it has 300 beds, 202 doctors on the medical staff, a school of nursing, and serves more than 5,500 patients annually.

New construction, just completed, and planned remodeling, will cost the hospital about \$950,000. Present assets total \$1,909,649, with an indebtedness of approximately \$700,000. In 1947, \$22,000 was spent for charity patients.

MISSOURI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By C. E. COPELAND

Founded in 1884, the Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis bears the distinction of being the oldest Baptist hospital in the world.

Starting in a large brick residence, the hospital has from time to time built additional wings until it now has a capacity of 500 beds; has maternity, pediatric, and psychiatric divisions; a nursing school; is approved by the various national boards for intern and resident training in medicine, surgery, obstetrics-gynecology, and pathology; and has a medical staff of 242 physicians and surgeons, with specialists in the various specialty fields. In other words it follows largely the standard pattern set by practically every voluntary denominational non-profit hospital of comparable size.

Looking into the future, I see for this institution a great spiritual development in the years immediately ahead. This is not wishful thinking—if the church-sponsored hospitals of this country are to survive the threat of government competition and even government ownership and control, we must develop our spiritual

programs. It is an absolute necessity; it is a very important field in which we have practically no competition.

With this in mind we started more than a year ago the ground-work for a very greatly accelerated spiritual program, and early in 1948, we shall have a young chaplain coming to us from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, with a doctor's degree, who is dedicating his life to the career of hospital chaplain, and who will be the best educated and trained chaplain this institution has ever had.

Building around him, we expect to develop a Christian program and spiritual atmosphere which will be a great forward step in this very important field. If space permitted we could enlarge on what we expect to accomplish in this direction; suffice it to say as a Christian hospital, this kind of a program is definitely our duty, certainly our privilege and responsibility, and essentially our opportunity.

It is an established fact that the patient's physical condition is inseparably tied up with his mental and spiritual condition and Baptist hospitals must provide an adequate Christian program if we are to meet the needs of the hosts of suffering humanity who come to us so constantly for help we alone can give.

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By REID HOLMES

The North Carolina Baptist Hospital opened May 28, 1923. It will be twenty-five years old in 1948. These years have seen the North Carolina Baptist Hospital grow from 88 beds to 310 beds . . . from a small community hospital to a state-wide Medical School affiliated teaching hospital.

In 1941, the Bowman Gray School of Medicine of Wake Forest College moved to Winston-Salem and affiliated with this hospital. This is the only Baptist-owned

Hospital-Medical School combination in the world.

Last year 8000 in-patients were treated, and 70,000 out-patient visits were made to the hospital. About 50 per cent of these patients did not pay their full cost of care. Our charity is supported by the annual Mother's Day Offering which was originated by this hospital. Last year, \$125,000 was donated by our churches for charity work.

The hospital has many well-developed departments including its charity out-patient department, nursing school, school for X-ray technicians and school of anesthesia. The religious department is an integral part of the organization, with a full-time director and an assistant, who is the hospital chaplain, a student secretary, who works with the nurses and medical students, an assistant resident chaplain, and a department secretary. The department conducts courses in clinical pastoral training in the summer for seminary students and in the winter for pastors in the field.

The future is bright in that plans are being laid for the possible transfer of the Hospital and Medical School to a new location and double the present capacity of both. A campaign is now being carried on for \$1,500,000 to move the first unit.

MIAMI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By R. F. WASSON

The Miami Baptist Hospital, Miami, Oklahoma, was opened for service on June 30, 1919.

To date there have been admitted a total of 26,487 patients who have been put to bed as in-patients.

There have been 20,661 out-patients admitted, treated and sent out without being put to bed.

There have been 2,898 babies born in the hospital.

These make a total of 50,137 people receiving the services of the hospital since

it opened.

That there is an ever increasing demand for hospital service is shown by the number of patients treated within the last twelve months, which is a record year for the Miami Baptist Hospital. Within the last twelve months there have been admitted as bed patients 2,072. Out-patients treated 1,943, and babies born 584, making a total of 4,599 people being served.

Hospital expenditures for the last twelve months have been \$120,785.67. This includes operating expenses and fixed asset purchases.

The hospital plant includes one four-story fireproof concrete and brick building, housing the hospital of seventy-five beds and eighteen bassinets, and a three-story frame building which provides living quarters for the administrator and eleven private rooms for nurses. The hospital does not operate a school of nursing.

The hospital is a member of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, the Southwide Baptist Hospital Association, the Protestant Hospital Association, and the American Hospital Association and is a member hospital of the Blue Cross Plan of insurance.

The Miami Baptist Hospital is the only hospital in Miami, a town of 15,000 population and a population within a fifty-mile radius of 460,376. Plans for the future are to expand to meet demands.

OKLAHOMA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By J. P. COX

Within the first decade of the century A. N. Hall, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, felt the need for a Christian hospital in what was then a struggling frontier town. He enlisted his congregation to support this project. Mrs. Geo. Butte gave the first money (\$1000.00).

This pastor found an able companion and champion of Baptist hospitals in a young surgeon, Dr. I. B. Oldham. Dr. Oldham enabled Brother Hall to make his dream come true. Dr. Oldham gave liberally of his time, talent, and money to build, what is today the outstanding hospital in Eastern Oklahoma. Dr. J. H. White, still on the medical and surgical staff of the hospital, was an enthusiastic supporter of the hospital from the beginning.

The first building provided twelve beds and surgery facilities. The early days of the hospital were a struggle. It soon outgrew its building and was later torn away and rebuilt as a modern fifty-bed hospital. A school of nursing was opened and has been in continuous existence, except for a few years, in the early thirties. The 1946 graduates made the highest average grades of all the nurses examined by the Oklahoma State Board of Nursing Examiners.

In the "roaring twenties" the hospital was again bulging at the seams. Expansion was in order. In 1928, an addition to care for seventy-five patients was built. With this addition the hospital could take 125 patients and required increased services. Consequently, X-ray and laboratory facilities were introduced.

Soon, the depression moved upon the

scene. At this point the financial position became almost impossible. However, the Baptist General Convention of Oklahoma was standing by to help. The Convention appropriated money to retire debts and for necessities. The hospital was dedicated debt-free in 1943. The time is not too far off when further expansion will be necessary.

SOUTH CAROLINA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

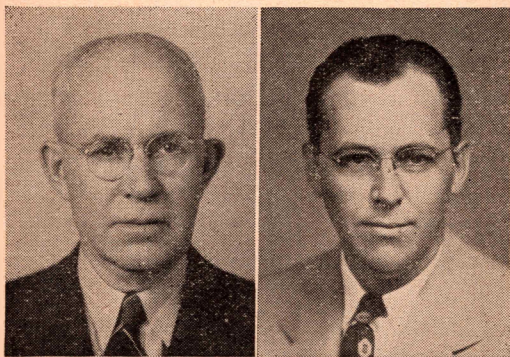
The South Carolina Baptist Hospital, located in Columbia, was opened in 1914. It has a property value of \$774,754 and reported no indebtedness in 1946, but extensions planned totaled \$600,000. In 1946 the hospital served over 4,000 patients, 261 being charity patients. Operating expenses in that year amounted to \$299,333, net earnings were \$1,786, and receipts from the denomination were \$66,888.

BAPTIST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By FRANK S. GRONER

The Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis is completing its thirty-fifth year of service in ministering to the spiritual needs of those who come with physical ills. During its history, the institution has given, without charge, \$7,364,993.77 in free service to those unable to pay regular hospital charges.

During the past year, we have painted the entire hospital and nurses home, installed a new boiler, renovated a large number of rooms and made other improvements to our physical property. Our medical staff and interne and resident program has been completely reorganized and affords us the opportunity of giving the finest medical care obtainable. We admitted 110 students to our School of Nursing. After our September revival, led by Dr. Kyle Yates, there were only two young ladies who were not Christians. During the past year eight of our student nurses surrendered for service.



A. F. Wasson, (left) is administrator of the Miami Baptist Hospital in Oklahoma, and J. P. Cox is administrator of the Muskogee Baptist Hospital.

We are having to decline admission to many who come to us for treatment because of lack of space. The Board of Directors received estimates of cost of an addition to the hospital and it was found that in order to do this much needed building we would have to go in debt about a million dollars. Consequently, our enlargement program has been postponed indefinitely.

Of course, it is never possible to tabulate the entire work of a hospital; for much of its work is moral and spiritual. However, figures which may be tabulated tell a story of achievement in service. We administered to 23,840 patients during the year, and gave them 169,725 days of service; 2,209 were given 24,182 days of free service at a cost of \$287,440.-50. There were 1,995 births and 7,914 emergency room cases which were not hospitalized. Sixty-eight young women were graduated from the school of nursing and 15 doctors completed their fifth year of medical training.

HILLCREST MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By JULIAN H. PACE

In 1907 a group of prominent Baptist ministers and laymen felt the need of a Baptist Hospital in central Texas so the sick and suffering of this vicinity could be adequately treated. This group undertook the task of drawing up plans and raising money for this much needed institution. It was not until 1917, however, that sufficient funds were raised to permit the actual construction on the hospital to begin. World War I stopped the construction, and it was not until May 25, 1920, that the first unit of the present hospital was completed and opened. Soon after the hospital was opened, an east wing was added, which was for many years used as a Nurses Dormitory.

When the hospital first opened at Waco it had facilities for only fifty patients with

very few facilities for anything except the actual bed care of the patient. Today, the hospital has expanded to where it can accommodate one hundred and fifty patients, and also has fine clinical departments, such as X-ray and laboratory. It also has its own laundry, two nurses homes, and an educational building in which the nurses have their classes. The hospital also has a full-time religious worker to minister to the spiritual needs of the patients and personnel.

Throughout the twenty-seven years of the hospital's operation, its doors have always been open to the rich and poor alike. It has always been a place where the sick who were without money could come and receive medical attention.

Because of the increased demand for hospitalization and the increasing population in the vicinity served by the hospital, it has a greater opportunity than ever before to render Christian service. In order to render this service, there is immediate need to increase the bed capacity of the hospital about one hundred beds.

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By JOHN G. DUDLEY

Memorial Hospital, Houston, Texas, was founded September 1, 1907. At that time it was called the Baptist Sanatorium. In the beginning it was a two-story frame building capable of taking care of eighteen patients.

In 1911, it was expanded with the erection of a masonry building to the capacity of fifty beds. In 1914, with another addition, it was enlarged to take care of one hundred patients. Ten years later, in 1924, further expansion increased the capacity to two hundred and fifteen beds.

In 1942, a beautiful eight floor addition was opened increasing the size of the hospital to two hundred and eighty-four adult beds and thirty-five bassinets.



Reid T. Holmes (left) is superintendent of the North Carolina Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem. Frank S. Groner (center) is superintendent of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, and Lawrence Payne (right) is administrator of the Baylor Hospital in Dallas.

During these years several large frame residences were built on the block of ground wherein the hospital property is situated. These were used to house the student nurses in the Jolly School of Nursing.

The School of Nursing was named for Mrs. Robert Jolly, superintendent of nurses and director of the School of Nursing since 1911. Mrs. Jolly retired from her position July 1, 1947, winding up forty years of continuous service in this institution.

Mr. Robert Jolly was superintendent of the hospital for twenty-nine years. He retired in the spring of 1946. The present administrator, John G. Dudley, came to Memorial Hospital November 15, 1946.

In 1944, Mrs. J. W. Neal donated to the hospital an entire city block of ground across from the hospital property. In 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roy Cullen gave to the hospital a gift in oil royalties amounting to \$1,150,000.00. Upon this ground given by Mrs. Neal is now nearing completion a Nurses building to house the Educational Department of the School of Nursing and the resident quarters for graduate and student nurses. This, when completed and furnished, will cost in the neighborhood of \$1,900,000.00. It will be one of the outstanding buildings of this type in the United States.

The present plans of the trustees are, upon completion of this project, to enlarge the present hospital to enable it to take care of four hundred patients.

The city of Houston and the Baptists of this area sorely need these additional facilities in Memorial Hospital.

The Baptists of South Texas have a great opportunity for service through their hospital in Houston.

VALLEY BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By V. P. WALKER

The Valley Baptist Hospital was incorporated by Judge Fred Bennett, Mr. S. G. Stringer, and Dr. N. A. Davidson, in 1923. The purpose of the corporation was to build and operate a hospital in which the people of the Rio Grande Valley of Texas might be treated in a Christian institution.

The original building was of Spanish architectural design, and when completed in 1925 it had one operating room, one delivery room, a small space designated as nurses' quarters, a kitchen and dining room, and rooms and wards to accommodate thirty-five patients. The building was a three-story structure with no elevator. This arrangement necessitated the nurses and doctors joining together in their efforts to move patients from one floor to another.



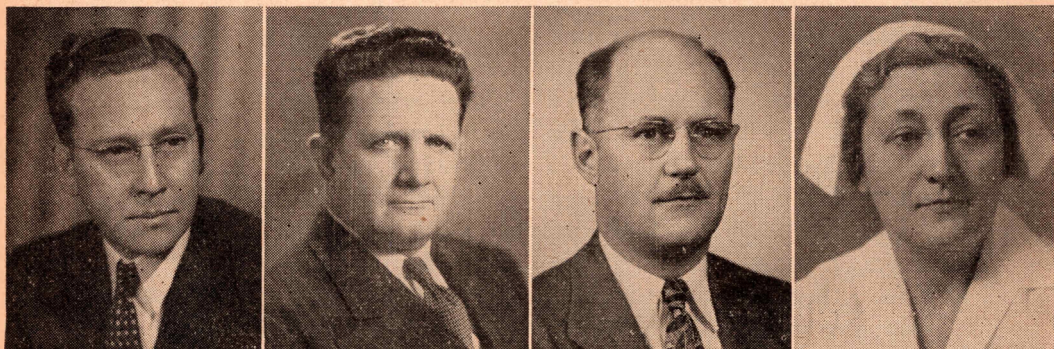
The new Cullen Nurses building at the Memorial Hospital in Houston is being made possible through the gift of \$1,115,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roy Cullen of Houston.

The incorporators had to borrow \$25,000 to complete the building, and to give it reasonable, though not elaborate, furnishings in all its departments.

During the depression years, the equipment and building were neglected, and for a while it appeared that the Baptist people would have to abandon their desire to operate this Christian endeavor. When the Second World War opened, the governing board sought the aid of the

Federal government in adding bed capacity, and in remodeling and re-equipping the entire original building. Through a Federal grant in 1943, a new wing was added, with modern equipment, and the old building was renovated and re-equipped. In 1944, the final \$16,000 of the original mortgage was paid. The bed capacity had grown from thirty-five to one hundred eleven.

In November, 1946, an additional unit



John G. Dudley (left) is the administrator of the Memorial Hospital, Houston. K. P. Walker (second) is administrator of the Valley Baptist Hospital in Harlingen. Julian H. Pace (third) is head of the Hillcrest Memorial Hospital in Waco. Mary F. Cowling is the director of the Virginia Baptist Hospital at Lynchburg.

was begun to the hospital, which is now just completed, and which gives us the most modern of operating rooms, four in number, and a modern kitchen, with cafeteria. The bed capacity is now one hundred thirty-five.

The Valley Baptist Hospital has been able, in recent years, to pay its operating expense from its operating revenue. We have the distinction of being the best equipped hospital in all of South Texas.

Our debt is small, and represents the balance due on the building just completed.

The hospital has never turned away a patient because he could not pay his bill. This is, indeed, a worthy recognition, when one realizes that one-half of the people in the Valley are Latin-Americans, and many of these are the so-called "wet-backs," whose wounds and sickened bodies we heal, whether or not they are able to pay. The majority of "wet-backs," are day laborers, having no home in this country, living wherever they can find a place to stop with their families.

VIRGINIA BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By MISS MARY F. COWLING

The Virginia Baptist Hospital was authorized by the Baptist General Association in November, 1919, to be located in Lynchburg, Virginia. A lovely site of twenty-five acres, in the midst of one of Lynchburg's most beautiful suburbs, was purchased, and the Hospital was first opened for patients in July, 1924. Its present buildings and equipment are valued at over a million dollars, with no indebtedness. The Hospital has a capacity of 120 beds and bassinets, and is filled to capacity at all times. Since it was first opened the Virginia Baptist Hospital has been given the highest recommendation by the hospital authorities of America. The Hospital is governed by a Board of Trustees of twenty-five members, who are

nominated by the General Association of Virginia.

Since the opening of the Hospital it has maintained a training school for nurses of the highest standard.

The Hospital receives an allocation of only one-fourth of one per cent from the Co-operative Program of Virginia Baptists, but each year the Sunday schools of the state take an offering on Mother's Day for the Hospital. The funds received from this statewide offering are used for charity work and for the extension of the Hospital facilities.

The Board of Trustees has plans for extensive improvements and additions to the Hospital as soon as building conditions permit. At the present time the buildings consist of the main administration building, which is also used for patients on two of the floors, and a second building for patients, known as the Mundy Building, erected largely through the gift of the late Miss Annie C. Mundy, of Natural Bridge, Virginia. A nurses' home was erected in 1925, and in 1941, a new central heating plant was built.

BAYLOR UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL

By LAWRENCE R. PAYNE, Administrator

In the thirty-eight years since Baylor evolved from the Baptist Sanitarium, wings have been added to the main building, a nurses' home has been completed, and a Negro hospital has been put into operation. Plans are now being made to begin construction on the George W. Truett Memorial Hospital. This building, to be joined to the present building, will add 400 more beds, needed surgical and research facilities, and will cost approximately \$4,000,000.

At present, the hospital consists of twenty-seven buildings, valued at \$2,665,010 with an indebtedness of \$441,597. The total bed capacity is 458 for white patients, and 42 for Negroes. Operating expenses for 1947 totaled \$2,460,480, and

net earnings were \$27,254. The hospital received \$85,000 from the denomination in 1947, and spent \$253,903 on its 10,301 charity patients.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HOSPITAL

By MRS. KARENZA GILFOY, Superintendent

The Mississippi Baptist Hospital came into existence in 1910. The original building was a seven-room, ante-bellum frame residence, given to the Baptists of Mississippi by Drs. Hunter and Shands with the agreement that the Baptists would erect a modern brick building to cost not less than \$25,000.

This agreement culminated in a new, fully equipped modern hospital and was opened on Thanksgiving Day 1914.

In 1945, a five-story addition was started and when completed this next month, the hospital will have 300 bedrooms, fifteen modern, air-conditioned operating rooms, three delivery rooms, a modern clinical and pathological laboratory and an X-Ray department with the very latest machines for diagnostic work and deep therapy treatments.

There are two three-story brick nurses' homes for the colored students, a superintendent's home and a supervisor's home. The entire hospital property and furnishings therein are valued at \$1,126,-785.50.

HENDRICK MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

By E. M. Collier

The Hendrick Memorial Hospital was established in 1924 as a Baptist institution owned and controlled by the Sweetwater Baptist Association. The hospital is now owned and controlled by the General Baptist Convention of Texas. It was a 50 bed hospital, modern in every respect, but it had a large indebtedness and struggled for existence until 1936 when

Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Hendrick paid off the indebtedness and added a wing. Since that time the hospital has had two other additions added to it, and is now almost ready to complete an addition that will add 50 beds and a new surgery consisting of four major operating rooms and two minor operating rooms and all the auxiliary rooms.

The Hendrick Memorial Hospital is a 225 bed institution with a school of nursing to accommodate 75 students. This hospital is eleventh in size in the State of Texas. It is located in Abilene where there are no tax supported hospitals to help care for the charity load. This hospital spent on charity last year \$48,408.-74.

BAPTIST HOSPITAL, ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

The Baptist Hospital, Alexandria, Louisiana, is the only hospital of any size within a radius of 100 miles and further serves a population of almost a half million people.

The hospital began its ministry of service to the sick and injured in April 1907. The building then contained 15 beds and one small operating room. A new unit was added in 1918. Another very modern wing of 100 beds was added in 1941. A Maternity Building and Nurses' Educational Building combined was completed in 1945.

A new unit will be ready for occupancy in another 60 days. On completion of this unit the hospital will have a patient capacity of 252 beds all housed in a new buildings—a hospital containing the most modern type of construction and the latest equipment for the treatment and care of patients.

The total value of the hospital including the new building is two and one half million dollars.

Expenditures on Education and Alcohol

STATES	ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY SCHOOLS	COLLEGES & UNIVERSITIES	Estimated expended for alcoholic beverages in 1945
	Expend. for Educ. & Gen. purposes—1945-46	Expend. for Educ. & Gen. purposes—1943-44	
Alabama	\$ 37,936,918	\$ 8,287,132	61,560,788
Arizona	13,256,936	2,491,676	39,377,871
Arkansas	27,023,997	4,791,165	55,800,913
California	172,604,204	64,457,384	773,160,210
Colorado	21,120,490	7,136,259	81,645,180
Connecticut	36,324,127	13,569,737	163,683,948
Delaware	5,904,254	1,023,575	24,018,504
Florida	34,140,450	5,351,924	169,301,114
Georgia	44,383,065	9,179,917	112,173,215
Idaho	9,267,154	2,197,545	21,423,558
Illinois	214,128,375	57,210,953	660,141,658
Indiana	81,813,654	19,362,188	169,145,684
Iowa	44,421,274	17,038,297	76,178,197
Kansas	36,000,000	10,433,092	21,900,839
Kentucky	37,459,164	8,191,619	135,270,604
Louisiana	40,612,567	9,791,727	144,239,265
Maine	11,667,752	3,054,714	48,359,576
Maryland	27,836,490	14,251,215	178,944,035
Massachusetts	77,330,992	35,974,998	323,497,873
Michigan	120,798,491	25,015,060	374,753,117
Minnesota	67,433,573	14,451,990	185,384,352
Mississippi	20,866,209	6,137,866	11,838,629
Missouri	64,272,096	15,541,028	268,795,375
Montana	12,437,462	2,961,576	35,265,218
Nebraska	27,896,553	5,718,491	89,650,306
Nevada	3,143,328	675,393	22,448,665
New Hampshire	7,246,014	4,025,925	34,334,550
New Jersey	113,123,085	13,736,693	386,305,303
New Mexico	13,721,040	2,310,610	27,935,517
New York	377,514,765	79,690,015	72,667,919
North Carolina	50,088,131	15,162,469	1,149,402,962
North Dakota	14,836,586	2,115,661	32,161,828
Ohio	141,872,151	29,427,167	405,772,455
Oklahoma	44,244,242	7,869,936	26,225,690
Oregon	31,817,944	6,704,984	89,727,062
Pennsylvania	227,032,725	42,325,530	634,219,002
Rhode Island	12,311,763	4,131,945	290,941,384
South Carolina	28,071,731	7,387,016	104,352,470
South Dakota	16,668,567	2,875,989	33,143,031
Tennessee	30,598,617	10,776,902	106,658,829
Texas	128,000,000	24,738,363	321,120,589
Utah	18,223,535	4,112,776	25,330,205
Vermont	6,961,224	2,493,046	21,720,225
Virginia	46,984,665	15,713,829	132,773,134
Washington	64,921,886	8,369,030	139,533,936
West Virginia	38,122,790	4,884,168	72,785,979
Wisconsin	82,335,822	15,531,844	263,158,045
Wyoming	9,387,168	1,200,516	15,132,267
D. C.	13,997,050	7,849,075	136,678,689
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From THE VOICE—Sept. 1947

Suggestions for Sermons

by JEROME O. WILLIAMS

DEALING WITH DOUBT

—*Hath God forgotten to be gracious?—*
Psalms 77:9.

This is out of a series of questions that express one doubt after another. The question suggests a brief study of the reach of doubt, the reasons for doubt, the results of doubt, and the remedy for the cause of doubts. Such study should be helpful since there are so many good people who allow doubts to arise in their hearts and lives.

1. *The Reach of Doubt*

It is noted from this psalm that doubts cover a wide range of subjects. Some doubt themselves,—their past, present, and future. They doubt their experience with the Lord and their plan in his grace and goodness. Others doubt God and his word, character, love, mercy, care, faithfulness, holiness, and justice. Still others doubt their friends and the people with whom they just deal in all relations of life. When doubt is allowed to run rampant it reaches into all realms of life.

2. *The Reasons for Doubt*

"This is my infirmity," cried the psalmist. All doubt derives from either physical, mental, ethical, or spiritual infirmity. Loss of health, happiness, or holiness may hurl a life into the darkness of despair and doubt. By this rule we can account for the doubts of the psalmist (Psalm 77:1-10); the doubts of John the Baptist (Matt. 11:1-6); Thomas the doubting dis-

ciple (John 21:24-26); and all other cases on and off the record. In dealing with doubt it is always well to learn the exact source of it. If you know that doubts arise from illness of body, attitude of mind, evil in social life, or disobedience to God, your chances to deal successfully with them are more favorable.

3. *The Results of Doubt*

Doubts may be dealt with and overcome, but if they are left to linger in the heart and life like a deep-seated disease, they will gnaw ceaselessly and remorselessly at the vitals of conscience and conviction. The doubter will soon become dizzy with dismay and falter and faint and fail. Doubts paralyze. They will disconcert, discourage, defeat, and destroy. The doubting heart should be dealt with immediately and drastically.

4. *The Remedy for Doubt*

Doubt can be overcome when brought face to face with the Lord Jesus Christ. John the Baptist took his doubts to Jesus and accepted the fact of his work and word that came to assurance. Thomas took his doubts to Jesus, beheld the nail prints in his hands, and the scar of the sword in his side, and exclaimed in faith, "My Lord and my God." Whatever the doubt, take it to Jesus and then believe his Word and work, accept his everlasting mercy, trust his sufficient grace, and know his faithfulness will not fail. Deal with doubt by faith in Christ and rise from gloomy darkness to glorious light.

Deal with honest doubt by the Word of God and faith in it will bring the heart and mind to assurance and devotion.

EVIDENCES OF CONVERSION

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.—Acts 16:31.

There are many evidences that this penitent jailer believed on the Lord Jesus Christ and was genuinely converted. We point out some of these evidences.

1. *He Loved the Word of the Lord*

"They spoke unto him the word of the Lord." When a person turns to the Lord by faith he will desire to hear all he can about him. It seems that the jailer invited the apostles to speak to him and to all that were in his house about the Lord and his word and the things regarding the new life in Christ. The converted person will desire to hear the Word of the Lord from the servants of the Lord. This is good evidence of conversion.

2. *He Showed a Change in Nature*

"He took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes." His life was changed from that of a cruel jailer to that of a merciful nurse. He was changed from sinner to servant. The converted person is a changed person. He is a new creature in Christ. The sinful nature passes away and a spiritual nature is manifest. This change is clearly seen in the life of the jailer.

3. *He Confessed Faith in Christ*

"And was baptized." He did not delay to make known his faith in Christ and his desire to follow him. He had no desire to be a secret disciple. He had new life in Christ and wanted others to know it. He was not ashamed to follow Christ. A good indication of conversion is the desire to make an open confession of faith in Christ, of love for him, and a purpose to strive to serve him.

4. *He Helped the Servants of Christ*

"When he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them." A de-

sire to be helpful to others in the name of Christ is a good sign of conversion. When a person begins to help those about him, and to promote the cause of Christ, you may be sure he has experienced the converting grace of Christ. A converted person has this desire to serve others in the name of Christ.

5. *He Had Joy in the New Life*

"And rejoiced." When a person rejoices in the Lord, it is a good sign that he possesses the Christian heart. The jailer had joy in his heart and expressed it. Those who are in Christ have great grounds for joy. The apostle Paul wrote, "Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say rejoice" (Phil. 4:14).

It is possible for all believers to test their grounds for hope in Christ by this incident in the life of the Philippian jailer.

HANNAH, A PRAYING MOTHER

(Mother's Day Sermon)

She . . . prayed unto the Lord.—1 Samuel 1:10.

As we study Hannah, we are impressed that she was a patient, gentle, faithful, devoted, ambitious, industrious, and sacrificial mother. But the one thing about her that impresses us most is that she was a praying mother. Note some facts about her prayer.

1. *It Was to the Right Source*

"Prayed unto the Lord." Hannah prayed to God. She recognized him as the source of all life, the creator of all things, and the giver of every good and perfect gift. Prayer to any other source avails nothing. Prayer must be made to God through Christ who makes intercession for us.

2. *It Was a Definite Prayer*

"Wilt give unto thy handmaid a man child" (v. 11). Hannah prayed for a son. Her prayer was definite and specific. Other prayers recorded in the Bible teach us

this same lesson. Hannah made a vow with the prayer that she would give the son to the Lord all the days of his life and that she would do all in her power to help him grow into a perfect man. Prayer to God should be intelligent and in faith.

3. *It Was An Earnest Prayer*

"I have poured out my soul unto the Lord" (v. 15). "She spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard." Hannah wept as she prayed. She was most earnest. Her soul was in agony. Any mother who can pray before the Lord as Hannah did will reach the heart of God. Our land needs mothers who will spend much time before God in earnest prayer.

4. *It Was a Persistent Prayer*

"She continued praying before the Lord" (v. 12). Hannah multiplied her prayer. She seems to have said, "Lord, I cannot leave thee or let thee go till thou hast blessed me." Elijah prayed on until rain came (1 Kings 18:41-45). The woman of Canaan besought Christ until he healed her daughter (Matt. 15:22-28). Many need to be more persistent before the Lord in earnest prayer.

5. *The Prayer Was Answered*

"Hannah bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of the Lord . . ." (v. 20). A prayer is complete when God speaks. Hannah heard God speak and had assurance, and joy. The Lord gave her the son and she kept her vow and Samuel became one of the greatest men of all ages.

If all mothers would pray like Hannah our people would be better, homes sweeter, schools more successful, churches more influential, and our nation more godly.

"Lord teach us to pray."

LOVE IN ACTION

When he saw him, he had compassion on him.—Luke 10:33.

These words speak of the good Samaritan who saw the man who had been stripped, wounded, and left half dead on the roadside by thieves. The words express and the event illustrates love in action. The truth expressed in verse 27 is put in practice in the deeds of the Samaritan. The various phases of the subject are noted.

1. *Love Seeks.* "Went to him."

Love in the heart of the Samaritan sent him to the man who fell among thieves to seek to know of his misfortune, his condition, his need, and what could be done for him. Love seeks truth.

2. *Love Serves.* "Bound up his wounds."

When love finds a need it seeks to supply it. The man was found wounded and his wounds had not been treated. The Samaritan washed the wounds and bound them up. Love acts that way. It ministers to the needy, feeds the hungry, clothes the naked, gives drink to the thirsty, visits the sick, entertains the lonely, leads the blind, and comforts the sorrowing.

3. *Love Soothes.* "Pouring oil and wine."

The wounds of the man were soothed by oil and wine, which were the ordinary remedies of the day as seen also in Mark 6:13 and James 5:14. Love will find the remedy and apply it. Love finds the way to soothe the aches and pains of the wounded, the burdened, the sorrowing, and the discouraged.

4. *Love Sacrifices.* "Set him on his beast and brought him to an inn."

The Samaritan gave up every selfish interest and gave himself completely to the man in need. The Word implies that difficult labor was required in lifting up the wounded man and getting him on the beast. The text also implies that the good Samaritan walked along by the side of the

beast and held the man up every step of the way to the inn. Love acts like that. It completely forgets self and sacrifices for others in need.

5. *Love Supports*. "Took care of him."

All through the night the good Samaritan gave personal care to the wounded man. He not only dressed the wounds of the man, treated them with oil and wine, brought him to the inn, cared for him until he was out of danger, but he paid all bills and required nothing in return. In fact, there is no intimation of a hope of any return. Love is unselfish. It supports for the joy of it.

6. *Love Satisfies*. "Whatsoever thou spendest more, when I come again, I will repay thee."

The good Samaritan was not satisfied with what he had done and was doing, but made satisfactory arrangements for every need of the man for the future. Love endures. Love does all that is possible. Love satisfies.

This event shows love in action—seeking, serving, soothing, supporting, sacrificing, and satisfying. Love never fails.

MAKING LIFE WORTH WHILE

(For Commencement Sermon)

Thou wilt shew me the path of life.—Psalm 16:11.

Every person has a life to live on earth and just one time to live it. Every person desires to live. The desire to live is as deep as life itself. God the Father, Christ the Son, the Holy Spirit, the angels and the saints desire that we shall live. The great problem is to make the most out of life. In making life worth while we are sure the following things are essential:

1. *Find Your Place in Life*

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life" (v. 11a). God has a purpose in and for

every life. This purpose can be found by those who earnestly seek it. Since the Lord knows the purpose, he will reveal it in response to earnest prayer. It will help also for a person to study his own life with its attitudes, inclinations, and abilities. Also, a study of occupations, avocations, and professions of life would help one to know where he would be most suited. It is possible for every person to find his place in life.

2. *Fit Your Personality for Life*

"In thy presence is fulness of joy" (v. 11b). When a person finds his God-given task, he is obligated to prepare himself to fill it to the very best advantage. There is no excuse in this day for a person to be unprepared for life's ministry. Schools, colleges, and universities on every side are furnished with every modern equipment, conducted by great educators ministering through qualified and inspiring teachers. These opportunities for preparing oneself for the most worthwhile life leaves him without an excuse.

3. *Face Your Possibilities of Life*

"At thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (v. 11c). When one has found his place and has prepared himself thoroughly for filling that place, he is to face it with courage and confidence. He can go into his task with the calm confidence, "I know my job and how to do it." With this ability and confidence life can be most worth while. God has always used and desires to use men who are well trained and willing to work. Examples are Joseph, Moses, Samuel, Elijah, Isaiah, Saul of Tarsus, and an innumerable host of others.

Inspired by the purpose of living, guided by the presence of the Lord, and led on by firm faith in the God-given ministry, life can be most successful and worth while.

Bookstore Literature

by GEORGE CARD

There is an urge and surge that springs from the consciousness of responsibility. In an attempt to meet the responsibility to serve our constituency, Baptist Book Stores have responded by offering classified promotional literature for our constituency.

Hundreds of thousands of catalogues, in addition to an enormous quantity of pamphlets, folders, brochures, and slips, are distributed by thirty-four Southern Baptist Book Stores every year.

Each catalogue is designed to meet a particular need. While all catalogues are represented in *The Master Key*, the multiplied demands from various church groups and from individuals call for these other catalogues.

Probably few people can appreciate the tremendous task and expense involved in publishing this promotional literature. In the Sales and Advertising Department alone there is a staff of twenty-five persons who serve continuously throughout the year. Contacts must be made with hundreds of sources and with special committees chosen to select appropriate listings for each and every catalogue.

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BIBLE CATALOGUE—The construction of Bibles is a study in itself. Our experts have visited Bible publishing houses for firsthand information. The Bibles listed in this catalogue are the very best from all publishers. This illustrated and descriptive catalogue will

guide you in the selection of the Bible you most need.

BROADMAN "BOOKS OF MERIT" CATALOGUE—Revised annually, this catalogue presents alphabetically by author all the books published by our press. There is a brief biographical sketch of the author and a complete description of each book. In addition to general books, there is a complete list of study course books for the Sunday school, Training Union, and for mission study. It is indexed by title and also by subject.

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The stories a child hears and reads form an important part of the foundation upon which his life is being built. The books in this catalogue have been selected with the desire to place in the hands of children books that will help them acquire a love of justice and truth, and establish wholesome attitudes and democratic ideals—books that will build a spiritual bulwark and guide them toward the achievement of success and true happiness.

CONTACT: BOOKS FOR YOUTH—Never in our history has it been more important that our youth develop into stable, cooperative world citizens with high moral ideals. Books are of peculiar and lasting value in initiating and guiding this

development, for through reading young people acquire—consciously and subconsciously—new concepts, attitudes, and standards of perfection. The titles include the adventures, mysteries, and romances that the energetic enthusiasm of youth craves, as well as books on world affairs, vocational guidance, and other matters of particular and immediate interest to today's young people. The books offered are designed to lead our youth to read—and live—more abundantly.

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An exclusive list of missionary books intended for use by the missionary educational leaders and teachers of the organizations of Woman's Missionary Union. There are textbooks for study classes, for general and advanced reading, helps for teachers, and materials for missionary emphasis in programs, including audio and visual aids. The book list is divided into three age-level groups: (1) Woman's Missionary Society and Young Woman's Auxiliary; (2) Royal Ambassadors and Girls' Auxiliary; (3) Sunbeams. There are three sections within each group: home, foreign, and world missions.

BOOK LIST FOR CHURCH LIBRARIES—To help develop the reading habit and to raise the level of reading are twin purposes of the church library. Both of these are dependent upon the kind of reading that is done. The *Book List for Church Libraries* is made up of carefully selected books from each classification—books which have received unqualified recommendation from denominational leaders.

An explanation of the Dewey Decimal Classification System by which the more than one thousand titles are classified make this a ready reference book for librarian and buyer.

BOOK BUDDINGS—Originally a monthly publication, it is now published quarterly—spring, summer, fall, and winter. The purpose is to present to our constituency the latest books of all publishers. All titles are wisely selected as to publisher, author, and subject. Each book is carefully examined by one or more of a large list of selected reviewers. *Book Buddings* is one of our most popular catalogues.

THE TREASURE CHEST—Multiplied thousands of Southern Baptists and their friends look forward eagerly to the release of this annual publication. It is a catalog of gifts, and, therefore, presents the best in Bibles, books, and novelties. Although rated largely as a Christmas catalogue, it serves throughout the year.

THE MASTER KEY—Since this is a background for all other catalogues, it is compiled in co-operation with leaders of the various Sunday school and Training Union departments. It features complete supplies for every department of church work for the entire year. There are separate sections of Bibles, songbooks, pastors' supplies, and classified book lists.

FOCUS: A CATALOGUE OF AUDIO-VISUAL AIDS—Here is an official catalog of audio-visual aid material. It has been compiled in co-operation with our Editorial and Educational Departments.

KEYNOTE: CHURCH MUSIC CATALOGUE—Prepared in response to the increasing demand on the part of Southern Baptist churches for the latest and best in hymnals, songbooks, and choir music.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CATALOGUE—Revised annually, it gives the scheduled textbooks for each year, books for the principal, picture sets, Bibles, cut-outs, flags, record cards, certificates, and promotional posters.

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.

BAPTIST HISTORY

Southern Baptist Handbook

By Porter Routh, Baptist Sunday School Board, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information.

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

The new 1947 Southern Baptist Handbook marks another milestone in the publication of these annual yearbooks of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Sunday School Board through Mr. Routh is rendering a great service to the denomination. Here within the pages of this yearbook, you will find the record of most of the twenty-six thousand churches of the Southern Baptist Convention arranged by states and then by district associations. The record of the large church is set side by side with the small rural church. There is no unsavory designation of so-called "great" churches as over against small churches. . . . It is a mighty compendium of statistical information. It should be on the desk of every pastor and deacon in the Convention.

Other Reviewers: Rev. R. B. Jones, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Rev. A. L. Jordan, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Goose Creek, Texas.

BIBLE

The Johannine Epistles

By C. H. Dodd, Harper, 1946, \$2.75

AUTHOR: Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge. Other books: *Commentary on Romans*.

Reviewed by Rev. R. Frank Marshburn, Pastor, Ingold Baptist Church, Salemburg, North Carolina.

This book is really what the title suggests. The author is constantly giving accurate or honest answers to questions that clamor for explanation as one reads the Scripture text.

"To bring out the religious meaning and message of the New Testament writings" is the stated aim of The Moffatt New Testament Commentary. In his explanation of The Johannine Epistles, the author is very faithful in holding true to this purpose. He seems to be conscious of the fact that the New Testament was the literature of the

early church, "written out of faith and for faith," and that no study of it is intelligent unless this idea is kept in mind. In line with this thought, he devotes about one-fourth of the book to a careful and very helpful introduction. Then he takes up the epistles and gives an enlightening and scholarly commentary on each.

Truly, this is a book for the preacher, teacher, layman, student, or just plain, average reader, who wants to find a dependable and satisfying explanation of these epistles and much enlightenment on related portions of God's Word.

Other Reviewers: Dr. G. Allen West, Jr., Pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee; and Dr. A. B. Wood, Pastor, Ninth Avenue Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina.

The Message of Romans

By Robert C. McQuilkin, Zondervan, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: President of Columbia Bible College, Columbia, South Carolina. Other books: *Studying Our Lord's Parables*; and *Victory in Christ*.

Reviewed by R. H. Tharp, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona.

A practical exposition of "Romans." It is well outlined. "God's Way of Saving Men," is the title of the main body. . . . This section treats of sin abounding towards Jew and Gentile—grace abounding for the lost sinner, for the saint, and for the world. Salvation by grace through faith in Jesus is the key message. What is grace? How may God justify a sinner on the basis of the righteousness of another? Are the heathen people lost? Are all Jews saved? Many vital and difficult questions are answered.

The author's position is usually stated with clarity. He may not be as dogmatic on some controversial matters as partisan readers might wish. He is a moderate premillennialist. His interpretation of Israel's final part in God's program is interesting.

The best feature of this book is that it is a splendid guide to a personal study of "Romans." Any Christian can follow Dr. McQuilkin's outline and questions and gain a very excellent working knowledge of Paul's masterful letter. Few books of recent date equal this one in practical value for

Sunday school teachers and personal workers. Preachers will also find it richly suggestive for a series of sermons on "Romans."

Other Reviewers: Rev. Tom E. Walters, Pastor, Ridgecrest Baptist Church, Ridgecrest, North Carolina; and Dr. H. Grady Ketchum, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Alabama.

The Old Testament in the New Testament

By R. V. G. Tasker, Westminster, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Professor of New Testament Exegesis in the University of London, and Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Ripon. Other books: *The Nature and the Purpose of the Gospels*.

Reviewed by Rev. W. H. Barsh, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

An excellent discussion and emphasis on the importance and relationship of the Old and New Testament.

The author is scholarly and logical in his conclusions and centers his results upon well conceived facts as he relates the two Covenants of the Bible. The book is important in that it points out the need and necessity of better understanding of the knowledge of the Scriptures.

The author uses various terms and phrases of English background with which Southern Baptists might differ. Having spent eight months among English people and preached in their leading churches, I can appreciate the meaning of some of the phrases and recognize their importance in the light of the discussion.

I would recommend this book specifically to teachers, young ministers, and leaders of churches. It is not a good book for young people unless they are vitally interested in Bible study. The author's content, materials, and authenticity are well founded and most commendable.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John I. Kizer, Pastor, Boonville Baptist Church, Boonville, North Carolina; and Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Booneville, Mississippi.

These Words Upon Thy Heart

By Howard Tillman Kuist, Knox, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Professor of Biblical Theology for the teaching of English Bible, Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey.

Reviewed by Dr. F. O. Mixon, Pastor, Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, North Carolina.

An exciting book on possible approaches to the Bible as the foundation of our spirit-

ual heritage. Every minister and Sunday school teacher should read it for the inspiration and information it contains.

Dr. Kuist is a great scholar of the Presbyterian Church who loves the Bible and understands how to make others share his enthusiasm for biblical study.

Other Reviewers: Rev. M. M. Fulmer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Uvalde, Texas; and Rev. Charles J. Granade, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama.

BIBLE EVIDENCES

The Bible Today

By C. H. Dodd, Macmillan, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Norris-Hulse Professor of Divinity in the University of Cambridge.

Reviewed by Rev. W. H. Barsh, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

The author of this book has done a splendid piece of work in discussing vital historical and biblical events in a dramatic and vivid manner. . . .

At times the author leaves the reader in somewhat a vague position because he has covered too much territory in discussing the incidents. . . .

I would recommend the book to our church libraries with special emphasis to teachers and Bible students. The author's vivid imagination is alert to all major happenings; sometimes he fails to present them with distinct clarity, but because of its readable and descriptive style it holds the reader's attention and interest.

Other Reviewers: Rev. R. R. Couey, Pastor, Lexington Avenue Baptist Church, Danville, Kentucky; and Rev. John L. Waldrop, Pastor, West End Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Journey Through the Bible

By Walter Ferguson, Harper, 1947, \$3.50

AUTHOR: Professor of English, Temple University.

Reviewed by Rev. Rowe C. Holcomb, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, Mississippi.

Someone has described this book as "picturesque prose." It is, and more too, with a story of each book of the Bible woven into the complete oneness of the entire Bible.

In places the author strikes a hard, clever, and concise blow at "pet interpretations" that most of us have. However, you remain

in a good humor with him and with the book.

Before writing this, the reviewer reads one chapter aloud to our Missionary Society—ladies varying in opportunities and cultural background. Without exception, they were elated over the book and several wanted to place orders for personal copies. Another portion I read to my teen-age daughter. She is now reading the book of her own volition.

This is not intended to mean that every idea of the author meets with one's approval. It does mean that we found the book to be exceptionally well written and helpful. . . .

Ministers are sure to enjoy this work, though they are the ones most familiar with the contents.

(Other Reviewer: This book as stated in the introduction is a journey though the Bible which can be as fascinating for the adult readers as are the Bible story books for young readers.

The author does an excellent job in at least touching upon the entire Bible in one volume of a little more than three hundred pages. The book is written in a scholarly manner and in well chosen words and style.

I could recommend the book until I began reading the discussion of the Psalms and Proverbs. In my opinion, the manner in which he treats these would lead the casual reader, who is not grounded in his faith in the Bible as the inspired Word of God, to a conclusion that the author felt that God had very little to do with parts of Psalms and Proverbs, as well as some of the writings of the New Testament. Therefore, I cannot recommend the book for general reading.—Rev. E. R. Eller, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pickens, South Carolina)

BIOGRAPHY

A Life For the Congo

By Julia Lake Kellersberger, Revell, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Wife of Dr. E. R. Kellersberger, Promotional Secretary of the American Mission of Lepers. Other books: *Congo Crosses*; *God's Ravens*; *The Salt Baby*; and others.

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

The life story of Althea Brown Edmiston. She was one of several children of a Southern Negro born in Mississippi. Early in life she exhibited rare ability and superb gifts. Deep

in her soul was the insatiable thirst to be somebody, to get an education, and later to play her part in lifting her own race, particularly those in Africa, to higher levels of living. In the face of great odds she entered Fisk University, and a few years later graduated with honors.

In time, though somewhat homesick, she landed on the shores of Africa where she had decided to invest her life. With considerable ease, she learned the language of the natives. Then she translated that language into hymnbooks, schoolbooks, fairy tales, parables and proverbs. Through her prodigious efforts, many missions and dispensaries were opened in and around Bakuba. Althea Brown possessed tireless energy and boundless enthusiasm. She met the disasters and bore the hardships of her work bravely. Her heart beat with pity for the needs of her people. . . .

I think I have never read a more interesting biography, one packed with thrills and charged with inspiration, than this one. I commend it without reservation.

Other Reviewer: Rev. Vaughn M. Johnson, Pastor, Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida.

CHRIST'S LIFE AND TEACHINGS

An Approach to the Teaching of Jesus

By Ernest Cadman Colwell, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1947, \$1.25

AUTHOR: President, University of Chicago.

Reviewed by Dr. W. Morris Ford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas.

This volume offers very little that is new, but it does open some new windows for the student of the New Testament. The gifted writer has caught the true spirit of Jesus' message and has interpreted it for modern man. There is enough of the unusual to keep the reader alert, and enough of the commonplace to make one feel that he is on familiar ground.

In the work, Dr. Colwell deals first with the radical nature of Jesus' teaching placing great emphasis upon his "gigantesque" language. It is true as he says, "The words of Jesus have the rugged fiber of the cypress tree and the jagged edge of the crossant saw." His point is fully illustrated in order to prove the thesis.

The second chapter is a study of the originality of Jesus. The author stands poles apart from the scholars who put heavy stock in "form criticism" or the social-historical method.

There are two chapters which deal with the humility of Jesus and two others which present a study of the "coming" and the "Present" Kingdom. Dr. Colwell will find strong disagreement among many readers because of his belief that Jesus and his followers expected a Kingdom which did not and will not come. I quote him: "The Kingdom has a single tense today, and that is Now! No Kingdom is coming in power from the clouds." Again, "Modern man rejects the concept of a Kingdom to come out of the clouds in power. He does well to reject it. If two thousand years of Christian history have taught us anything, they have taught us that this is a vain hope."

Though one may not agree with some of the conclusions reached by the writer, the book is worth the time and effort required to read it; and, by the way, it is both brief and readable.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Joe B. Currin, rural Pastor, Roxboro, North Carolina; and Dr. W. Ross Edwards, Pastor, Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

The Challenge of New Testament Ethics

By L. H. Marshall, Macmillan, 1947, \$4.50

AUTHOR: Tutor in New Testament Interpretation at Rawdon College. Formerly at MacMaster University, Canada.

Reviewed by Rev. C. Ford Deusner, Pastor, Baptist Tabernacle, Paducah, Kentucky.

I am enthusiastic about this book! Undoubtedly it will be adopted as a text in some of our colleges and seminaries. Its author has a high regard for the New Testament, quoting as indicative of his own position a remark Ewald is said to have made on one occasion, "Gentlemen, in this little book is all the wisdom of the world."

The Challenge of New Testament Ethics is different from the average work of its kind. The subject matter is presented in a more systematic fashion and with the average reader in mind. The treatment is scholarly, but not pedantic; critical, but not impractical. The author shows insight into the ethical teachings of Jesus and Paul and reveals an acute awareness of the problems of the present age.

My hearty recommendation of this book must not be construed, however, as a "blanket endorsement" of every conclusion reached by its author. With a very few of them, most Southern Baptist readers, myself included, will be in disagreement; but this does not lessen the value of the book as a whole.

Other Reviewers: Dr. P. H. Anderson, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Plaquemine, Louisiana, and Dr. W. A. Barsh, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

Christianity Is Christ

By W. H. Griffith Thomas, Zondervan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Englishman, born Shropshire in 1861, Oxford graduate. College professor, crusader against modernism. Other books: *Let Us Go On*, and others.

Reviewed by Rev. Edward L. Byrd, Pastor, Highland Baptist Church, Meridian, Mississippi.

One will find this study of the person and work of Christ helpful and very interesting. It is not a new book. Its distinguished author died in 1924. Nevertheless, it is very refreshing to follow the thoughts of a great scholar as he attempts to fathom Christ and Christianity using the New Testament as the absolute authority on Christ and his work.

This volume is not a debate with modernists or skeptics. However, the author reveals that he knows full well the criticism of modernists against New Testament records. In making a careful study of Christ, his claims for himself and on others, his life and work, and then in his appraisal of Christ, the author makes out his case against modern critical thought. Reading this book will confirm the faith of anyone who has a simple, child-like faith in the New Testament message.

The classic quotations concerning Christ from the literature of the world are worth the price of the book.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Henry A. Parker, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dothan, Alabama; and Rev. Rel Gray, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rogers, Arkansas.

On the Sermon on the Mount

By C. F. Hogg and J. B. Watson, Pickering & Inglis, 1947, \$1.25

Other book: *The Promise of His Coming*.

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

This little 127-page book on the Sermon on the Mount will be helpful to all students of the Bible. It is not written in a style nor with the thought to be used for light reading. Anyone interested in really getting at the bottom of the meaning of the great truths in the sermon will find this book a loyal companion. The book is meaty and free of irrelevant material. There is nothing unusual about it, and if one is looking for some rather striking sermon subjects he will be disappointed in this book.

One of the finest features of the book is chapter 9 which gives some of the parallels between the teachings of the Sermon on the Mount and the Epistles. This chapter in itself is worth the cost of the book.

Other Reviewers: Dr. W. K. McGee, Director, Department of Religion, N. C. Baptist Hospital, Winston-Salem, North Carolina; and Rev. O. Jack Murphy, Pastor, First Baptist Church, La Follette, Tennessee.

CHRISTIAN LIFE

The Confessions of St. Augustine

By David Otis Fuller, Zondervan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Pastor, Wealthy Street Baptist Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Reviewed by Rev. Robert S. Scales, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Durant, Oklahoma.

One feels that if every member of the Catholic Church and every other church could have as definite an experience of conversion upon his personal repentance and faith as Augustine, that the history of Christianity might be quite different from what it is today. This volume is a condensation of the original "Confessions" of St. Augustine, in which he describes that experience. "Confessions" to St. Augustine meant two things. First, he was confessing his sins, and from all accounts he had plenty to confess, and he was very frank about them. Secondly, he was confessing the praise of God, a matter which he felt was sorely neglected by some even in his day.

The reader of this volume will be particularly interested in the conception of Christ, the plan of salvation, Scriptural truth, and the like, as held by a man in the fourth and fifth centuries. Augustine was among those who through philosophy were seeking for the truth. That truth he found in Jesus Christ, who truly said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life."

My own impression from reading this volume is that the Catholic Church has drifted far from the spirituality manifested in the pages of this book. Although a person may not agree with everything Augustine had to say, or may not be interested in some of the things because present day enlightenment has dispelled some of his questions, he will profit by reading this small volume.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Paul Wheeler, Pastor, Park Street Baptist Church, Columbia, South Carolina; and Rev. L. Gordon Sansing, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Booneville, Mississippi.

George MacDonald: an Anthology

By C. S. Lewis, Macmillan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Fellow in Magdalen College in Oxford. Author and Preacher. Other books: *The Screwtape Letters*; *The Great Divorce*; and others.

Reviewed by Rev. Theron H. King, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Illinois.

This book certainly lives up to its title. It is a collection of the best and the most beautiful passages of the writings of this great Scotchman, George MacDonald.

George MacDonald was for a number of years a minister in the Congregational Church. The latter part of his life was devoted largely to writing and lecturing. He was a man entirely uninterested in financial success, and at times his poverty was great. In spite of his poverty and poor health, he possessed a sunny disposition and he condemned anxiety. This simple, unassuming man possessed that peace of mind that comes not from material blessings, but resting in what he called "the holy Present."

Much wise philosophy and spiritual stimulus will be found in the pages of this new anthology. Whether we agree or disagree with George MacDonald, our thinking will be provoked.

A well written preface enhances the value of the book, and a table of contents adds to its usefulness.

Other Reviewers: Rev. H. G. M. Hatler, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Princeton, Kentucky; and Rev. James L. Clegg, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dalton, Georgia.

How You Can Find Happiness

By Samuel M. Shoemaker, Dutton, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Rector, Calvary Church, New York. Other books: *National Awakening*; *Religion That Works*; *If I Be Lifted Up*; *The Gospel According to You*;

Children of the Second Birth; and Living Your Life Today.

Reviewed by Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, Pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama.

According to the author's own statement, this is not intended to be an abstract book about happiness but a concrete book which will help people to find it. As one reads this volume, he is conscious of a growing conviction that the author knows from practical experience the thing about which he is writing. For many years Dr. Shoemaker has spent much time counseling with the multitudes of people in his home city as to the proper manner in which to find deep and abiding happiness. His theory is that those who pursue happiness for happiness' sake will never find it. True happiness is a by-product of great and high living. . . .

The approach to the problem as made in this book is definitely a religious one. At times, certain ecclesiastical peculiarities of his denomination are included with which many of us would not agree; but on the whole, everyone—those who counsel and those who need counsel—will find great pleasure and profit in a careful reading of this work.

Other Reviewers: Dr. R. E. Humphreys, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky; and Rev. W. H. Hicks, Pastor, Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Luminous Trail

By Rufus M. Jones, Macmillan, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Former Professor of Philosophy at Haverford College, now Professor Emeritus. Other books: *New Eyes for Invisibles; The Radiant Life; The Eternal Gospel*; and others.

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

Those who are acquainted with Rufus Jones will welcome this new volume by the great Quaker mystic. In this book is an introduction to some twenty persons who through long centuries have been "open windowed to God." . . .

The closing chapter gives us a rare insight into the life of this great mystic. His experience long ago with his son Lowell, who lived only eleven years, is a fine illustration of the text, "and a little child shall lead them."

This book will help to bolster one's faith in the dark period in which we are living.

It will help the "Life of God to break through like a vernal equinox" into our own lives.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Guy S. Wilson, pastor, Reynolds Memorial Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas; and Rev. W. E. Pettit, Pastor, Ardmore Baptist Church, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

CHURCH

How the Church Grows

By Roy A. Burkhardt, Harper, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Pastor of First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio. Other books: *Understanding Youth; From Friendship to Marriage; The Church and the Returning Soldier*; and *Guiding Individual Growth*.

Reviewed by Rev. R. L. Councilman, Pastor, Cashie Baptist Church, Windsor, North Carolina.

All those who are interested in finding a way for the church to mean most to our present age will want to read this new book.

Dr. Burkhardt believes and states that the church can and will meet the needs of our day when it is reborn. . . .

There is a great part of the book that only those who believe in and are interested in the Community Church idea will agree with, but no matter if you agree or not your thinking will be stimulated by reading this book.

(Other Reviewer: A volume of propaganda for church union. As pastor of First Community Church of Columbus, Ohio, the author sees little good in denominations. To him there are no barriers of doctrine to be hurdled, and thus an amalgamation of faiths in small communities would provide for an adequate financial program and better church building. . . .

Evangelism as Baptists practice it has no place in Burkhardt's True Church. He speaks of the three branches of the Church—Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, and Protestant—and their basic unity.

The emphasis is placed upon the solution of the social and economic problems of the community. On Saturday nights his church is open to its young people for a social evening of games, dancing, and crafts. Whatever ills the church may have can be cured by amalgamation, according to the author.)—Dr. John M. Carter, Dean and Bible teacher of Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky.

Magnifying the Church

By E. Norfleet Gardner, Broadman, 1947, \$1.35

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina. Other books: *Old Testament Characters; Lamp Unto My Feet.*

Reviewed by Rev. O. P. Moore, Pastor, Moorhead Baptist Church, Moorhead, Mississippi.

It would be difficult for the content of a book to be more expressive of its title. The message of this book does magnify the church. Ten of the twelve chapter headings are descriptive of what the church is and does. To claim that any institution is a divine institution, the herald of salvation, the mother of benevolence, the home base of evangelism, the ally of the home, the champion of justice, a lighthouse of truth, the cradle of freedom, a fellowship for worship, the stronghold of righteousness, and a builder of character, and then give facts to substantiate the claim, is to exalt that institution to the skies. This, the author does in a most convincing and readable manner.

(Other Reviewer: The title of this book will be misleading to many, since the author uses the word "Church" as a synonym for Christianity. Strict Baptists of the "old school" will object to the author's use of the term. If you are "strict" on the church question, you will not enjoy reading this book. Only those of liberal views can enjoy it. . . .

The author says many good things, but there is hardly anything new in it. . . .

On the whole, it will not be a very profitable book to add to your library.)—Rev. L. O. Calhoun, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Eagle Lake, Florida.

DEVOTIONS

In Such a Night as This

By Oswald W. S. McCall, Harper, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Minister of St. Andrew's Wesley United Church of Vancouver, B. C. Other book: *The Hand of God.*

Reviewed by Rev. David N. Livingstone, Pastor, Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Maryville, Tennessee.

Here is a volume of devotional prose-poems which we heartily recommend to all who need spiritual uplift.

The title of this book gives an excellent idea of its contents. The dark night of the world needs to see the light of the world.

It is a rather unusual book of brief prose-poetic meditations.

(Other Reviewer: A prose-poem setting forth the author's search for the explanation of the suffering and disorder prevailing in the world. This suffering and confusion is represented as a "night" of anxiety occasioned by a howling tempest. This tempestuous night is human experience. Then, a light appears. This light is set forth under the figure of an interview with the "Man of Galilee." He plies the Galilean with questions in an effort to understand the mysterious and contradictory occurrences of human experience.

A reading of this book will convince the reader that the writer has probed human experience to its depths. These experiences he sets forth in language as vivid as the tempest he uses as imagery. The author has a rare gift of expressing experiences in words. No one can give it a careful reading without enriching his vocabulary. But, the author's "Theology" will be called in question by every orthodox fundamentalist. He seems to deny the "Virgin Birth," the bodily resurrection from the dead and redemption by the blood of Christ.)—Rev. L. O. Calhoun, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Eagle Lake, Florida.

Living Your Life Today

By Samuel M. Shoemaker, Revell, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Rector, Calvary Episcopal Church, New York. Other books: *Children of the Second Birth; Religion That Works; If I Be Lifted Up; God's Control; and Christ and This Crisis*, and others.

Reviewed by Dr. W. Morris Ford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas.

An Episcopal minister scores again! . . . To read this book is to desire to share it with one's prayer meeting group through many Wednesday nights. The style is so simple and winsome and the outlines so clear, that to read the volume is a distinct pleasure. Furthermore, the messages are wonderfully helpful. Never does Dr. Shoemaker deviate from the basic scriptural truths. Upon them he builds a splendid structure which points the reader to victorious daily living. . . .

It is the reviewer's belief that this book should not be put on a shelf but on the desk or reading table for constant reading.

Other reviewers: Rev. R. Wade Kay, Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia; and Dr. Howard P. Giddens, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bainbridge, Georgia.

DOCTRINES

The Christian Hope of Immortality

By Dr. A. E. Taylor, Macmillan, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Late Professor, University of Edinburgh. Other books: *The Problem of Evil*; *The Faith of the Moralists*; and *The Gifford Lectures*.

Reviewed by Dr. C. M. Coalson, Pastor, Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

Our minds are conditioned for belief in immortality by many of the extra Biblical arguments for the doctrine; but if those "reasons" were all we had on which to base our hope, no one could logically assert that hope to be based on anything but surmise and wishful thinking. Dr. Taylor reluctantly, it seems to this reviewer, admits this fact and falls back on inspiration, the Bible, for his evidence and then makes out a good case. The vagaries of "spiritualism" and other fantasies are swept aside. . . .

The Jewish heritage of apocalypticism greatly confuses the student in his search for the doctrine of immortality in the New Testament, but this author goes through the maze of ideas found there and comes out with about as clear a statement of first century teachings on the subject as one generally finds. The book presents nothing which has not been said many times before, but it is refreshing to read another good man's interpretation of this wonderful teaching.

(Other Reviewer: The author, like Harry Emerson Fosdick, says many true and beautiful things. One goes along enthralled with the logic and beauty of the words until suddenly the reader is aware that something is wrong. This book is certainly philosophical. It progresses slowly, almost laboriously.

The author is plainly a modernist . . . Dr. Taylor brushes aside the entire Revelation as a confusion of metaphors not to be taken seriously. Other than the Apocalypse, he says: "There does not seem to be any utterance in the New Testament which depicts the state of the man who has failed to achieve salvation as one of endless excruciating torment." This is called sheer "Medievalism." This book will not sell widely among Southern Baptists.)—Rev. W. C.

Kirk, Pastor, Ensley Baptist Church, Ensley, Alabama.

The Holy Spirit in the Life of Today

By F. W. Dillstone, Westminster, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Trained at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. Later ordained to the ministry and served as pastor of the Church of England until 1938. Now, Vice-Principal of London College of Divinity.

Reviewed by Rev. Joe Weldon Bailey, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Vivian, Louisiana.

A work in which an able scholar properly presents the Holy Spirit as a definite working activity of God, the Father. A distinction is given between "spirit" and "Holy Spirit." Since many Christians have neglected this great source of power, the author stresses very strongly the results of possessing the Holy Spirit in one's life. The author shows good preparation for such a presentation. Using many references, Dr. Dillstone properly strengthens his arguments by quoting others who hold to the same position.

This is a book that every preacher should read. It will result in a dynamic effort to lead our people to possess the Holy Spirit and in turn be used of the Holy Spirit.

Other Reviewers: Rev. E. R. Wall, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Elkville, Illinois; and Dr. C. Roy Angell, Central Baptist Church, Miami, Florida.

EVANGELISM

New Day for Evangelism

By Dr. Aaron N. Meckel, Dutton, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Congregational Church, Braintree, Massachusetts. Other books: Pamphlet, *It's Time to Re-think Evangelism*; and contributor to *Pulpit Digest*, *The Christian Century Pulpit* and *Advance*.

Reviewed by Dr. Joseph P. Boone, Dean, Baptist Chairs of Bible for Texas, Dallas, Texas.

All pastors and Christian workers who pray and yearn for a stronger expression of evangelism in our churches will welcome this book.

The chapters are messages that come from the mind and heart of a pastor. A church leader of deep spiritual insight pleads with his people and his readers to prayerfully consider the need for a larger emphasis on evangelism.

The author believes strongly in the gospel of Christ and its power to redeem. This

saving message, he declares, must be delivered as a testimony of personal faith and with a courageous conviction that lost souls, regardless of conditions, may find forgiveness and peace in Jesus Christ.

The reader who responds to the compulsion of this spiritual appeal will discover a response of soul and an awakening in the emotions. Glaring facts are presented that reveal the shocking need in our church program. . . .

The author challenges our churches as he states, "the future belongs to that church—that organism—which is most sensitive to the quickening breath of God's spirit and is the best possible medium and instrument through which the Eternal can perfect His purpose and plan for humanity." This book should have wide circulation.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. V. Carlisle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rolla, Missouri.

Old-Time Religion

By Joe Henry Hankins. *Sword of the Lord*, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Evangelist. Until about four years ago, he was Pastor, First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas.

Reviewed by Dr. W. H. Barsh, Pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Houston, Texas.

This volume is one of need and importance in this day and hour to stir the hearts of the people. The author is definitely a man of deep convictions, who has sensed the reality of God's purposes and plans of salvation in his own soul. He speaks with a fervent zeal that awakens in the mind of the reader the importance of God's message to be given in this hour.

I would recommend this book to all ministers and ministerial students, that they might catch the vision which is so badly needed in this day and time to be evangelistically zealous, stalwart in their messages, fundamental in their truths, and convicted by the Holy Spirit. Surely there are many books written on evangelism, but the twelve sermons which I read with a great deal of interest are indeed outstanding and most timely in thought, spirit, and importance.

Other Reviewers: Rev. R. Knolan Benfield, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hickory, North Carolina; and Dr. C. T. Ammerman, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Troy, Alabama.

FICTION

My Vineyard

By Dorothy Hoyer Scharlemann, Concordia, 1946, \$1.75

AUTHOR: Wife of Chaplain Martin H. Scharlemann and daughter of Church History Professor Hoyer of Concordia Seminary of St. Louis.

Reviewed by Dr. Ronald E. Wall, Pastor, Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Here is one of the best of the increasing number of novels concerning the early disciples of Jesus. It is entertaining, refreshing, and interesting. This vivid portrayal of the romance of the beautiful daughter of a poor widow and the wealthy son of a haughty Pharisee is well written in a clear and beautiful style and in a manner to hold the interest of the reader from beginning to end.

The author shows a keen insight concerning the customs of the first century and the spirit of Jesus and his early followers.

This wholesome love story should be read with profit and entertainment by every lover of the Master, and should find a welcome place in home and church libraries.

Other Reviewers: Rev. R. W. Acree, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Blountstown, Florida; and Rev. William R. Lawrence, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dalhart, Texas.

HISTORY

The Religious Pilgrimage of Israel

By I. G. Matthews, Harper, 1947, \$4.00

AUTHOR: Professor emeritus of Old Testament literature and exegesis, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Reviewed by Rev. Milo B. Arbuckle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick, Oklahoma.

An authentic account of the religious adventures and adversities of the Hebrews. It portrays their primitive practices, customs, traditions, and habits both social and religious. This epic account reveals the difficulties encountered as desperately they struggled for a clearer understanding of God's way and will in their national life.

This book is a condensed library of Jewish history. It contains thousands of profitable historical references. . . .

Unexcelled is Dr. Matthews' superb, scholarly, and clear cut pattern of presenting

historical truths. To the studious mind, this prolific volume will be a welcome guest. For it I forecast an extensive and continuous circulation.

(Other Reviewer: This book is a rather comprehensive study of the religion of the Old Testament as seen through the eyes of a liberal scholar. . . .

The reviewer disagrees with many assumptions and conclusions of the author as he discounts quite readily much of the historical record of the Old Testament as mere myth and legend. The book will have value for those who are acquainted with the record for themselves and will not be confused by the position of the author in gleaning from his book much of interest concerning the history of the Hebrew people and their religion.)—Dr. Allen W. Graves, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Choice Outlines and Illustrations

By J. B. Chapman, Zonderman, 1947, \$1.25

AUTHOR: General Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene

Reviewed by Rev. R. C. Foster, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Leaksville, North Carolina.

This book is made up of selected illustrations, sermon outlines, quotations, and poems. It is concerned chiefly with evangelism and its general subject matter would be "Winning and Warning."

This volume should be helpful for preachers and other religious leaders who prepare talks. Even though some will not agree with some doctrinal points emphasized by the author, there is much to be appreciated in the wide selection of subjects concerning the church and salvation.

Since there is no continuity in the composition of the book, it is easy to read bits of it at a time without a feeling of incompleteness.

(Other Reviewer: The entire book is designed to help preachers. It may fill this mission in some instances. However, this preacher has the feeling that sermon material thus gathered would probably have the ring of artificiality.)—Rev. J. L. Clegg, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dalton, Georgia.

MARRIAGE AND THE HOME

Youth's Marriage Problems

By Alfred L. Murray, Zondervan, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Former Navy Chaplain; Pastor, First Baptist Church, Westerly, Rhode Island. Other books: *Psychology for Christian Teachers*; *Youth's Problem No. 1*; and *Youth's Courtship Problems*.

Reviewed by Rev. Chrales H. Black, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

This is an extremely good book on the subject. Though many books of this kind are objectionable to the conservative Christian, this one is very sound and sane in its approach to even the most delicate problems. Such topics as Birth Control are dealt with so wisely and according to Christian principles that it is difficult to imagine anyone objecting to it.

Though I could not recommend many books on this general theme, it is my opinion that any mature young person or adult could profitably read this book whether contemplating marriage immediately or not.

The treatment is more or less, from the standpoint of the natural processes, from courtship through marriage. It does not treat the subject from the standpoint of the maladjusted sex conditions to any great degree. That is partly why it can safely be recommended to all.

The author is a sound fundamental Christian and has evidently given much research to the matter.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Herschel H. Hobbs, Pastor, Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama; and Rev. Joe B. Currin, Pastor of Rural Churches, Roxboro, North Carolina.

MISSIONS

And Certain Women

By Nell Warren Outlaw, Broadman, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Bible Teacher, W. M. U. Leader, Member of the Faculty of the Bible Conference at Winona Lake

Reviewed by Dr. P. H. Anderson, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Plaquemine, Louisiana.

An intriguing little book so fascinating as to make one want to read it through without interruption. The author has picked up a phrase from the Gospels and used it as the title. She conceives of the women mentioned in the New Testament as members of the first Woman's Missionary Union; and in

imagination, she serves on the nominating committee, selecting the officers for that union among the New Testament women.

Her selection of the various women for the different tasks, on the basis of their qualifications and abilities, is exceedingly interesting and unique. The character studies portrayed are fascinating, and the reader almost fancies himself actually looking in on that first Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Outlaw has subtly presented the basic duties of the various officers; and in the closing chapter, inscribed *To Today's Certain Women*, she challenges them to a greater consecration in service.

A delightful book for anyone to read. It is especially recommended for pastors, church leaders, and the fine women of our Southland who constitute the Woman's Missionary Union.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Henry B. Anderson, Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina; and Dr. C. T. Ammerman, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Troy, Alabama.

I Was There When It Happened In China

By Mary Culler White, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1947, 50c

AUTHOR: Retired Methodist Missionary to China.

Reviewed by Rev. L. C. Roberts, Pastor, Oakwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

This book gives a stirring account of the experiences of the author as a Methodist missionary to China between the years 1937 to 1943. As one reads this book, his heart is made to rejoice because of the triumphant faith exhibited in the presence of the havoc of war, homeless and starving millions, and the relation of Christ to meet the needs at hand.

One will not find recorded here the terrible persecutions that many missionaries endured, but enough is given to show that faith in Christ will meet any test. Descriptions are given of the Japanese as they come in, the suffering of the Chinese refugees, America's indifferent attitude, life in a Japanese internment camp, and the trip home on the second voyage of the *Grips-holm*.

As one reads this story, he will appreciate more and more the heroic work and spirit of those who go to foreign shores to make Christ known.

Other Reviewers: Dr. J. L. Rosser, Pastor, Ancient City Baptist Church, St. Augustine, Florida; and Dr. Bunyan Stephans, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia.

Livingstone's Last Journey

By Sir Reginald Coupland, Macmillan, 1947, \$3.50

AUTHOR: Fellow of All Souls College, Beit Professor of Colonial History in the University of Oxford. Other books: *Kirk on the Zambesi*; *The British Anti-Slavery Movement*; and *The Exploitation of East Africa*.

Reviewed by Rev. T. Lynn Stewart, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Coleman, Texas.

Here is a thrilling, and supposed to be authentic story of Livingstone's last journey from March 24, 1866, the day he landed on the shore of East Africa, until he died in 1873 at Chitambo's, a village in the heart of the continent. The author, in his desire to give the world the story of this missionary explorer's last travels, made a full-scale study of East African history and secured valuable documentary material. He has given us a story that demands our attention unto the end.

Livingstone's thoughts and hopes were always concerned with exploration and archaeology, looking for evidence to prove the Bible. This drove him on with trust in God and full submission to His will. With strength and health ebbing away, he said, "The prospect of death in pursuing what I knew to be right did not make me steer to one side or the other." He was ever praying to God, "O Father, help me finish this work to Thy honor."

He went farther into Africa in order to make a complete work of exploration of the sources of the Nile. All the time he was devoting his life to rescuing Central Africa from the Slave Trade. His desire was to live until these objects were accomplished. . . .

He died as he lived—his companions of travel found him still kneeling, as if in prayer, by the side of his bed, his body stretched forward, his head buried in his hands upon the pillow. He had not lived in vain.

No one can read this book without many emotions being stirred. It gives strength and help to those who read it.

Other Reviewers: Rev. J. F. Stegall, Pastor, Clemmons Baptist Church, Clemmons, North Carolina; and Rev. Arnold Long, Pastor, North Side Baptist Church, Neosho, Missouri.

Till Break of Day

By Mrs. Catherine DeVol Cattel, Eerdmans, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Missionary of Ohio Friends India Mission.
Reviewed by Rev. C. Paul Rich, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clayton, New Mexico.

An unique missionary book with a heart-touching appeal for all the distressed, benighted, enslaved, miserable masses in the rural sections of central India. India's needs are graphically presented in picturesque detail by one who sees and knows and understands their heart and soul needs as well as their physical and material needs.

Surely the author, has identified herself with her people, the people of India, to whom she has gone with her husband as a messenger of the Lord. With love and compassion, she paints moving, living scenes. . . . These are, indeed, heart touching scenes that cause one to breathe a prayer as he reads for the people in the dark and for the few who have recently turned and come to the Light and have new life in the Lord. All Christians everywhere could read this book with profit. It will inspire to greater Christian graces of love and compassion, of appreciation for God's blessings, of giving self and possessions for the glory of God and the blessing of humanity.

Other Reviewers: Dr. John M. Carter, Dean and Bible Teacher, Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, Kentucky; and Dr. Pierce S. Ellis, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Waynesboro, Virginia.

MUSIC

A Devotional Interpretation of Familiar Hymns

By Earl E. Brook, Revell, 1947, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Returned missionary from Assam where he served under the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society.

Reviewed by Rev. L. C. Roberts, Pastor, Oakwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee

This devotional interpretation of twelve familiar hymns is given by the author for one main purpose. It is his belief that many songs are sung because people like the music when very little attention is paid to the meaning of the words. The author heard a tribe singing whose language he did not understand. On inquiring as to the meaning of the song, he found that the tribe knew nothing of the meaning of the words—they were singing it because they like the music.

Believing that many hymns are used when little attention is given to the meaning of the words, the author gives his interpretation of twelve hymns that are loved by all. One will find no unusual interpretations here, but the explanations given are logical and biblical. The reader will feel that the writer is acquainted with the *Love That Will Not Let Me Go*.

A reading of the book should deepen one's appreciation for the great hymns that have helped many in their Christian lives.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Garland A. Hendricks, Olive Chapel, Apex, North Carolina; and Dr. J. W. Storer, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

PHILOSOPHY

The Affirmation of Immortality

By John Haynes Holmes, Macmillan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Pastor of the Community Church of New York. Other books: *The Second Christmas*; *Is Death the End*; and *Rethinking Religion*.

Reviewed by Rev. Wilburn M. Turner, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Pecos, Texas.

This book is the author's lecture in the series delivered each year at Harvard College by various men, "The Ingersoll Lecture on the Immortality of Man." This particular lecture was delivered on April 30, 1946. In it the author sets forth one line of discussion, "the interpretation and affirmation of immortality in the light of spiritual forces, and of man's own witness within himself. . . ."

The author declares that the affirmation of immortality cannot be gained from physical, material, and mechanistic forces, but the spiritual. It is a great treatise when viewed alone from the viewpoint the author presents. It is worth reading; it will arouse thought; and it will deepen the conviction of many.

(Other Reviewer: This reviewer feels that any philosopher could have made this argument had he never read the New Testament for the reality of the resurrection in Jesus Christ is ignored save on page sixty-nine in the notes where he refers to "the alleged resurrection of Jesus." Dr. Holmes says the problem is not whether immortality is true or false, but rather it is the problem of what our concept is of the universe, of reality. If this concept is spiritual, then our doubts are over. If the universe is spiritual, then all

postulates of the spirit become instantly true and immortality is inevitable.)—Dr. Richard N. Owen, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Clarksville, Tennessee.

Evil and the Christian Faith

By Nels F. S. Ferre, Harper, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Professor of Christian theology, Andover Newton Theological School. Other books: *The Christian Fellowship*; *Return to Christianity*; *The Christian Faith*; and *Faith and Reason*.

Reviewed by Rev. Lloyd T. Householder, Pastor, Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

Volume Two in a series of volumes by the author under the general title, *Reason and the Christian Faith*. As the title indicates, the author is dealing with the age-long problem of evil in the earth. In considering the problem, he deals with a wide range of subjects and concludes that the Christian faith is the answer to the problem. . . . He remains true to the teachings of the Scriptures, but seems to depart in one brief instance when he insists that "If there were an eternal hell, the love of God would be finite."

The book is well written and reveals an amazing amount of information gleaned from many different fields. It cannot be read in a casual manner. It is not written for a lazy reader, but for one who is diligent in his quest for information in this field. Here is food for thought and ample reward for serious reading. . . . The book justifies the author's position as an outstanding leader in the field of modern theological thought.

Other Reviewers: Rev. P. C. Williams, Third Baptist Church, Houston, Texas; and Rev. H. G. Hammett, Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

The Meaning of Existence

By Charles Duell Kean, Harper, 1947, \$3.00

AUTHOR: Rector of Grace Episcopal Church, Kirkwood, Missouri. Former instructor in history and philosophy at Springfield College, Massachusetts. Other books: *Christianity and the Cultural Crisis*.

Reviewed by Rev. J. V. Carlisle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rolla, Missouri.

Colored by the startling and revolutionary view of existence held by the Danish philosopher, Soren Kierkegaard, the author would go further in completing this view. He would take this religious philosophy and find in it "a foundation for Christian faith

of a creative sort that may be apostolically preached to a world in despair."

The three levels on which man lives, says the author, are history, the intellect, and existence. The basic problem is that pure religion pertains only to existence. Only a religious remedy will suffice in the face of tragedy and anxiety.

This book will make you think. It will make you think about your own life and lead you to appreciate its meaning. It will exalt the church as "the fellowship of the resurrection." It will clarify the meaning and content of the gospel. . . .

A thoughtful treatise about existence which demands thinking.

(Other Reviewer: Dr. Keen's sociological extension of Kierkegaard is thought-provoking reading. His presentation of the gospel of Jesus Christ as the faith that the modern world needs for reconstruction is convincing. With that one can readily agree. However, his use of the term resurrection is not a point on which we can agree. Resurrection takes place "when the autonomous personality dies through faith and as a result a new personality for the same man is born—it is not related to life after death in some other world," says the author.

If a student is interested in studying, and is willing to disagree with the author on parts of the two chapters, *The Meaning of the Christian Gospel* and *The Content of the Gospel*, he can spend three dollars to good advantage. The author's disregard for orthodoxy will not enlist followers. It helped me rethink my own belief.)—Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, Pastor, Siloam Baptist Church, Marion, Alabama.

PREACHING

The Greatest Texts of the Bible

By Clarence E. Macartney, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1947
\$2.00

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Other books: *Preaching Without Notes*; *Trials of Great Men of the Bible*; *Great Interviews of Jesus*; *Come Before Winter*; and others.

Reviewed by Dr. Lawrence Hayes, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Gatesville, Texas.

This latest volume, by the popular and well known pastor of the First Presbyterian

Church, Pittsburgh, consists of eighteen sermons preached from texts common to every Sunday school pupil. . . .

This is perhaps as strong a volume as this faithful minister of Christ has written. Every pastor and Christian worker will want to read these messages for here he will find a tonic for his soul and a means of deepening his faith in the Eternal. Amid the emphasis on the ethical and social side of the gospel, it is heartening indeed to find a pastor in a great downtown church who magnifies the virgin birth, the blood atonement, the bodily resurrection, and the second coming. In the midst of national confusion and world break-down, we perhaps need the great verities of our faith preached and emphasized and magnified as we have not needed such since the Dark Ages.

Other Reviewers: Dr. A. Barnum Hawkes, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina; and Rev. A. A. McClanahan, Pastor, Chamberlain Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

The Heart of the Yale Lectures

By Batsell Barrett Baxter, Macmillan, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Professor of speech and homiletics at David Lipscomb College.

Reviewed by Rev. Charles J. Granade, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cullman, Alabama.

It is always a joy to find a good book. This is a good one for any one who is interested in the great art of preaching.

This fine work contains the heart of all that has been said by the great lecturers on preaching in the Layman Beecher Lectures on preaching at Yale University for more than seventy years. Since most of us would never be able to look into all of these lectures, Dr. Baxter has made it possible for us to know the best that has been said over this long period of time.

The great task undertaken by Dr. Baxter has been done so well that it will be appreciated by all who read it. Although he quotes from many sources, the book is a unit rather than a mere bringing together of unrelated facts. The reading is easy, enjoyable, and profitable.

All of our preachers and students will find this book to be very helpful in cultivating the art of preaching.

Other Reviewers: Rev. E. E. Griever, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Harrison, Arkansas; and Dr.

F. Orion Mixon, Pastor, Baptist Tabernacle, Raleigh, North Carolina.

His Word Through Preaching

By Gerald Kennedy, Harper, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Professor of Homiletics, and pastor of St. Paul's Methodist Church, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Reviewed by Dr. P. H. Anderson, Jr., Pastor, First Baptist Church, Plaquemine, Louisiana.

This volume should be read by every preacher who prepares and preaches sermons. The preaching of the Word is the favorite subject of the author, and the reader quickly catches the contagion of the subject and realizes the tremendous importance of preaching in meeting today's needs.

Based on a series of lectures on preaching recently delivered at Union Theological Seminary, the author skilfully has joined the message and method of preaching in his discussion and has presented to the reader some exceedingly helpful suggestions on homiletics. Thoroughly believing in the necessity for inspiration in preaching, he continually emphasizes the importance of constant application on the part of the preacher

A stimulating book, requiring thoughtful reading, which will help to keep the preacher on the right track in the preparation and delivery of his sermons, if frequently used. A fine and useful addition to any preacher's library.

Other Reviewers: Rev. R. Knolan Benfield, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Hickory, North Carolina; and Dr. J. A. Cook, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama.

Preach the Word

By Roy L. Smith, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1947, \$1.00

AUTHOR: Editor of the *Christian Advocate*. Other books: *Desert Democracy*; *Sidewalk Sermons*; *A Voice in the Wilderness*; *It All Happened Once Before*; and others.

Reviewed by Rev. Robert S. Scales, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Durant, Oklahoma.

A background book giving the setting for the "Word" which is to be preached. The author makes no attempt to present or interpret the Word but rather presents the authors, translators, and proclaimers of the Word in an interesting way to promote a better interpretation and presentation of the Word by the present-day preacher.

The material in this small volume is presented in a most readable manner, reveal-

ing the ability of the author to interpret the intimations as well as the actual declarations of the Scriptures, especially as related to the circumstances under which they were originally written. . . .

Many Scripture references are given to authenticate the position of the author in regard to much of the background material. The reading of this book will give one a richer appreciation of the men of the Book and their message from God.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Charles A. Maddry, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina; and Dr. Jesse Mercer Rogers, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama.

The Theory of Preaching

By Austin Phelps, Eerdmans, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: For thirty years and over professor of homiletics at Andover Theological Seminary.

Reviewed by Rev. Bernard Guy, Pastor, First Baptist Church, La Marque, Texas.

This book, according to the preface, was originally published in 1881 and has been abbreviated or condensed by Dr. Daris D. Whitesell, Professor of Homiletics, Evangelism and Pastoral Theology, Northern Baptist Theological Seminary, Chicago, Illinois.

It is not a book to be read and then put aside, unless the reader knows all there is to know about preaching; but it was and is still meant for a complete study of the art of setting forth God's Word.

The author wove this book out of the practical material that he had gathered as a pulpit-master. It ranks as being among the few books on homiletics that has not been outgrown. . . .

A splendid book to hand to budding pulpiteers.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Herbert Gabhart, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Williamsburg, Kentucky; and Dr. John J. Milford, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Alabama.

PROPHECY

Prophecy's Last Word

By Frederick A. Tatford, Pickering & Inglis, 1947, \$3.00

AUTHOR: English minister and writer.

Reviewed by Rev. R. H. Tharp, Pastor, First Southern Baptist Church, Tucson, Arizona.

A new work on Revelation written by a devout English student of the Bible. The book purports to present an exposition of Revelation with aim of magnifying Christ. It is a strongly premillennial treatise. It was written by a man hiding in air-raid shelters. The style and spirit of the book reflect this. One finds many quotations of the opinions of others. To the earnest student, most of these views are interesting. They sometimes seem rather incoherent and detract from the readers' interest.

There will be three types of reaction on the part of readers. (1) Advocates of premillennialism will like it, and by slow reading they will reinforce their views. It will afford a type of comfort in these days of confusion and war mania. (2) Those who lean to post-millennial view will pronounce the book to be confusing, gloomy, and inadequate as an exposition to glorify Christ. This group will find much more consistency, mental satisfaction and spiritual inspiration by turning again to Dr. B. H. Carroll's more coherent exposition. (3) Average, open-minded readers, seeking knowledge of the meaning of Revelation, will get some help; though they will be disappointed in the book as a whole. Pastors and teachers need this book—or a similar presentation—to afford a ready reference to premillennialism. The last chapter of the work gives a rather "orthodox" outline of the "programme" of our Lord's return, as the millennial enthusiasts see it.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Joe T. Odle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Gulfport, Mississippi; and Dr. W. Ross Edwards, Pastor, Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

PSYCHOLOGY

Faith and Freedom

By Russell Clinchy, Macmillan, 1947, \$1.75

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Church of Christ, Hartford, Connecticut. Other book: *A Reasonable Faith*.

Reviewed by Dr. W. Ross Edwards, Pastor, Swope Park Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.

Here is a challenge to all Christian liberals. The main parts of this book were delivered in the Enoch Pond Lectures on Applied Christianity at Bangor, Maine in January of 1946. The writer considers lib-

eralism as "the creator of the essential freedoms." He said that liberal Christianity chooses a free church in a free state, even though totalitarian church and state may produce greater measures of security. Liberalism is opposed to forming life into galvanized culture. Mr. Clinchy describes our present society as "a modern Samson, great in power but weak in spiritual meaning and imperative." He thinks that liberalism has made her chief mistake in attempting to dam up the emotions, and that in the future, while we maintain our intellectual integrity, that we should not fail to develop the spirit or "soul."

It would do our people good to read this little book. Ministers need to consider what this writer has to say, and laymen would also do well to read it.

(Other Reviewer: This book is an apologetic for liberal Christianity. . . .

The writer's conception of liberalism is not too clear. He sets it apart from the ideas of the modernist, the radical, and the reactionary. At times it has the ring of the social gospel, as on page forty-nine, "The purpose of the liberal Christian idea and program is to create an order of society in which the recognition of the individual as a personality is united with the fullest and richest development of the community and fellowship of which he is a sustaining member." Again it sounds like the conservative, as on page eighty-nine, he states, "Yes, whether we like it or not, it is salvation from our sins that we need."

The book is not easy to read. Many sentences are long, complex, and the line of thought is difficult to follow. Like so many lectures delivered to Seminary students, this book is more intellectual than illuminating.

In my opinion, there is little to commend the book to the average reader.)—Rev. B. B. Powers, Pastor, Powell's Chapel, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

A Man Can Live

By Bernard Iddings Bell, Harper, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Widely known lecturer and writer, consultant on education in Episcopal Church, former president of St. Stephen's College. Other books: *Beyond Agnosticism*; *In the City of Confusion*; *Religion for Living*; *God is Not Dead*; and others.

Reviewed by Dr. C. M. Coalson, Pastor, Hendricks Avenue Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida.

Rarely has a book compassed so much in so little space as this little volume. Here is a frank look at our modern world, a realistic understanding of its terrible plight, and an admission that all the efforts of men will certainly fail—all this without hysteria.

After a foreword describing the insatiable hungers of man, the author turns to man's destiny. . . .

Then the book takes the reader into the realm of redemptive activities. Periodically man fails and falls, his vaunted civilization shows fatal defects and finally crashes to destruction. Always there is a remnant who will not become wholly selfish. They begin the laborious task of rebuilding, and the cycle starts all over again. The selfless, sacrificial activity of the remnant is called the redemptive work of the world. Jesus is the great exemplification of redemptive activity.

Sacraments assume exaggerated importance in the mind of this author. For instance, "I am also, by virtue of my baptism, a citizen of that holy nation. . . ." And again, "First of all, you . . . are to come to His ordained servant, who will pour water over your head. . . . That instant Jesus will receive you into the redemptive fellowship. . . ." This is sacramentarianism, as one would expect from an author with Dr. Bell's background. This, however, is only one flaw in an otherwise excellent book.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Garland A. Hendricks, Pastor, Olive Chapel, Apex, North Carolina; and Dr. N. M. Stigler, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Blackwell, Oklahoma.

Nervous Disorders in Character

By John G. McKenzie, Harper, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Professor of psychology and sociology at Paton Congregational College; a leading British authority on psychology as related to religion. Other books: *Souls in the Making*; *Personal Problems of Conduct and Religion*; and *Psychology & Evangelism*.

Reviewed by Dr. J. A. Cook, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Andalusia, Alabama.

This little book by Dr. McKenzie contains four lectures at Cambridge on the subject of pastoral counseling. . . . The author has had long experience in the field of which he writes. The book is written in the language of the layman, but it will not be of value to a beginner. One must be a student of counseling to grasp its deeper meaning.

The author has made a definite contribution in bringing together science and religion. He goes a step further than most writers to show that many of the causes of neurosis goes back into failures of character. He insists that these troubles cannot be remedied until the character defects have been transformed.

Dr. McKenzie shows that the pastor can do much to assist the physician in helping the patient to find himself, but he warns that a pastor must not attempt to be a psychiatrist without special training in that field. The function of religion is to help one find the meaning of life. He thinks that practically all the cases of this kind are due to the patient's feeling of a sense of insecurity. He points out three fundamental needs of every human soul: first, the unification of personality; second, a sense of security; and third, a feeling of belonging. His position is that the religion of Jesus alone can give these.

This is a handbook for the careful student of counseling.

Other Reviewers: Rev. B. Frank Collins, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, Tennessee; and Dr. Roy L. Johnson, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Canyon, Texas.

PRAYER

Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

By Charles Gore, Harper, 1947, \$1.25

AUTHOR: Late Bishop of Oxford. Other books: *The Restatement of Belief; Christ and Society; The Philosophy of the Good Life*; and others.

Reviewed by Rev. John L. Waldrop, Pastor, West End Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The author of this book was a living prayer. To read this volume is to stimulate one's initiative in this fine art of cultivating the presence of God. Those who would learn to pray will find here a wealth of searching guidance; and those who would deepen their own life of prayer will be greatly blessed by the one who taught us to pray, "Our Father, which art in heaven."

The author makes prayer the vital breath of the Christian. Prayer to him was the taking hold of God's highest willingness and flooding our own lives with refreshment and inspiration.

Other Reviewers: Rev. O. P. Grobe, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa; and Rev.

Burton A. Miley, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Arcadia, Louisiana.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Movies and Morals

By Herbert J. Miles, Zondervan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri.

Reviewed by Rev. W. R. Hamilton, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dyersburg, Tennessee.

The author of this book made a scientific study of one hundred motion pictures, taken at random to determine their content and their effect upon morals. He found that the moral conception of the movies are definitely degrading because they glamorize and glorify godlessness. They undermine regard for law and advocate unbridled self-indulgence, contending that happiness is to be found only in complete abandon to instinct. This book shows that gambling, drinking, dishonesty, and crime are to be expected in the Hollywood presentation of "a way of life." It further shows how the movies exploit and gain such blessings as love, marriage, and the home. . . . The three American corner-stones, the church, the school, and government are undermined.

The author concludes by dealing with the questions as to whether or not movies "show life as it is" and as to whether or not a Christian should attend. He concludes that Christians had better attend no pictures at all. The book deserves the thoughtful consideration of all who are interested in Christian education and the moral welfare of our generation.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Wayne Rosecrans, Pastor, Highland Avenue Baptist Church, National City, California; and Rev. O. P. Grobe, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa.

The Temple Builders

By Helen A. Maxfield, Zondervan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Superintendent of the Missionary Workers' Junior Bible School, Detroit, Michigan. Other books: *My Voyage on the Blood Line; God's Clock of the Ages*; and *The Garden*.

Reviewed by Dr. Charles F. Leek, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Thomasville, North Carolina.

This volume is for superintendents of vacation schools who do not have available adequate materials for this vital work or

who wish to leave no stone unturned in striving to meet the needs of their pupils. Readers of this book will at once recognize that Miss Maxfield knows her field and has her heart in it. Her book is a source of valuable information, but she has designed it supremely as a workshop or set of precision tools for doing a good vacation school job. In another sense her volume may be labeled a blue print for building personal temples fit for the indwelling and outworking of the Holy Spirit. The book is departmentalized chapter by chapter for Primaries, Juniors, and Intermediates. It outlines a suggested 8:55 to 11:30 a.m. schedule covering nine days. In it are many well-drawn illustrations. Southern Baptist vacation leaders in all probability would not wish to substitute this for the uniform schedule which they have been following with such good results. However, even they would find most valuable Miss Maxfield's two lines of well-told and correlated missionary and Bible study stories.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Carey T. Vinzant, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Fitzgerald, Georgia; and Dr. Ronald E. Wall, Pastor, Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

SERMONS

Marked Men

By William Ward Ayer, Eerdmans, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, New York.

Reviewed by Rev. Montague Cook, Pastor, First Baptist Church, LaGrange, Georgia.

As defined by the author, this is a study of the well-defined characteristics of Biblical men who manifested those vices or virtues which are still blighting or blessing the religious world. These analytic studies are written in the form of sermons. . . . The style of each chapter is informal, direct rather than literary. Dr. Ayer evidently considers preaching a practical art. He has a definite purpose in each chapter and marshals his material in a way to achieve the goal he has set for himself.

In a day when many preachers consider a sermon to be a literary expression of one's own opinion, it is refreshing to find in Dr. Ayer a man who boldly proclaims what God thinks. The book is worthwhile also from the standpoint of its peculiar style. Dr. Ayer's experience as a radio preacher has given these messages their sharp, direct character.

It is the method used by Jesus. It holds the attention of people and presents truth in the form that can be remembered.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Milo B. Arbuckle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick, Oklahoma; and Rev. G. Earl Guinn, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Bossier City, Louisiana.

The Quest for Inner Peace

By William E. Park, Macmillan, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Graduate of Williams College and Union Theological Seminary. He has served as pastor of Congregational and Presbyterian churches, and has been President of the Northfield Schools since 1940. Other book: *Narrow Is the Way*.

Reviewed by Rev. E. Norfleet Gardner, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina.

For those who read William Park's earlier volume of sermons, *Narrow Is the Way*, no special urge would be required for taking up this one. In both volumes of brief, pungent messages, he reveals an apt approach to the minds and hearts of youth, which doubtless is responsible for his great popularity among college groups. . . .

There are a few special things that impress you in reading these messages. The sincerity of the author rings with a clear note, buoyant and not muted. There is an intriguing approach to almost every message, one that arrests the attention and stimulates the curiosity. Perhaps it is a story or a simple illustration with a flavor of delicate humor found in many passages, but it leads easily to the discussion of the theme. The author follows an outline of the simplest sort but sufficiently comprehensive to enable the readers to follow the clear-cut development of the sermon. With assurance and hope, the messages of the series are bound together in a spiritual unity that gives the reader a stronger faith and appreciation of life's values.

Other Reviewers: Rev. R. Don Gambrell, Pastor, Erlanger Baptist Church, Erlanger, Kentucky; and Rev. William R. Lawrence, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Dalhart, Texas.

Selected Sermon Outlines

By J. B. Tidwell, Zondervan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Formerly head of the Department of Bible, Baylor University, Waco, Texas. Other books: *Concerning Preachers*; *Christ in the Pentateuch*; *Christian Teaching*, and others.

Reviewed by Rev. Joseph N. Triplett, Pastor, Siloam, Baptist Church, Marion, Alabama.

These fifty sketches are what the title indicates, outlines. They allow for plenty of study and development by the individual using them, which must have been the purpose of the author. The skeleton is given in such a manner that there is an incentive to clothe the bones and make the topic live. The outlines are simple truths of the Scripture, with varied topics which will answer many needs of individual workers.

There are forty-six outlines with definite texts using Scripture verses from twenty-eight different books of the Bible. The other four outlines are of a general nature, in which the author took a subject and developed it, using Scripture which is applicable to the subject.

Other Reviewers: Rev. W. A. Corkern, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Orange, Texas; and Rev. A. A. McClanahan, Pastor, Chamberlain Avenue Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Sermons From Paul

By George W. Truett, Broadman, 1947, \$2.50

AUTHOR: Late pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Former President of Baptist World Alliance and of the Southern Baptist Convention. Other books: *A Quest for Souls*; *Follow Thou Me*; and *Some Vital Questions*.

Reviewed by Dr. Ronald Edwin Wall, Pastor, Blackwell Memorial Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Another volume of sermons from the heart and lips of the greatest Baptist preacher that Southern Baptists have ever had. They were greater as delivered by the remarkable Christian personality than they are in print; and yet, they are still great sermons. In them we can still see the Christian personality of Dr. Truett; but, as he would have it, we can see even more the beauty of the Christ whom he loved and whom he preached with all that was within his soul.

It is a good selection of sermons from texts written by the apostle Paul. They are typical of the sermons delivered from his pulpit which were instrumental in winning over sixteen thousand new members for his church and which were also preached on other occasions with equally glorious results. . . .

This volume, along with other volumes of his sermons, make it possible for the influence of this peer of Christian preachers of modern times to be felt still in the lives of people.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Bunyan Stephens, Pastor First Baptist Church, Rome, Georgia; and Rev. Gilbert B. Waud, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Carlinville, Illinois.

The Spirit of the Living God

By Harold J. Ockenga, Revell, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Minister, Park Street Church, Boston, Massachusetts. Other books: *Expository Addresses on St. Paul's Epistles to the Romans*.

Reviewed by Rev. T. H. King, Pastor, First Baptist Church, West Frankfort, Illinois.

A better knowledge of "The Spirit of the Living God" is perhaps the most important need among Christians today. Such knowledge will transform the character of our people and will implant real spiritual power in powerless churches.

Dr. Ockenga in recognizing this vital deficiency delivered a series of fifteen sermons to the Park Street Church early in 1946. Later on these same truths were presented to the Christian Endeavor Convention in Minnesota. . . .

The careful and prayerful reading of this book will be a blessing to the life of any minister; yet, this book merits a wide reading by all Christians. One's knowledge of God's Holy Spirit will be greatly enriched by a thorough reading of this book.

Other Reviewers: Rev. John Ivan Kizer, Pastor, Boonville Baptist Church, Boonville, North Carolina; and Dr. H. Grady Ketchum, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Jackson, Alabama.

Things Unshakable

By Paul S. Rees, Eerdmans, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Pastor, First Covenant Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota. Other book: *If God Be For Us*.

Reviewed by Dr. N. M. Stigler, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Blackwell, Oklahoma.

It has been a long time since I have enjoyed a book of sermons more than this one. It contains fourteen sermons and they are all very refreshing. There is a present day application in every one of them, and they stress the practical side of Christian living.

The author's approach to every text is different from what we usually find. It occurs to me that it is written from the pastor's standpoint, and is really an appeal to his people and Christian people everywhere to be consecrated to their tasks.

One finds a paragraph occasionally in which the doctrine of sinless perfection is emphasized more than we Baptists usually emphasize it; yet I think it is thought-provoking, even from that viewpoint, and makes one wonder if we have not had a tendency to lean too far in the other direction.

I would especially commend as being worth the price of the book the sermons on *Dispossessed Possessors*, *When Responsibility Closes In*, and *The Angel in the Flame*.

This book is a good investment for any preacher or layman.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Wade R. Kay, Pastor, Northside Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia; and Rev. James P. Harrelson, Pastor, Cottageville Baptist Church, Cottageville, South Carolina.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tomorrow You Lead

By G. S. Hopkins, Sunday School Board of Southern Baptist Convention, 1947, 50c paper, 75c cloth

AUTHOR: State Sunday School Secretary of Texas.

Reviewed by Rev. R. W. Acree, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Blountstown, Florida.

A book Southern Baptists have long needed in their Sunday school training program. Written for Intermediates, it presents the challenge of Sunday school work to boys and girls in those years when Satan bids strong for their lives. The meaning and methods of the Sunday school are written in an attractive racy style. . . . This course of study should be given in every Baptist church at an early date.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Milo B. Arbuckle, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Frederick, Oklahoma; and Rev. R. B. Jones, Pastor, Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

THEOLOGY

Miracles

By C. S. Lewis, Macmillan, 1947, \$2.00

AUTHOR: Fellow of Magdalen College, Oxford. Other books: *The Screwtape Letters*; *The Great Divorce*; *The Problem of Pain*; *The Case for Christianity*; and others.

Reviewed by Rev. A. A. McClanahan, Pastor, Chamberlain Avenue Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

"This book is intended as a preliminary to historical inquiry" of the miracles of the

Bible. The author is a studious and philosophical thinker of the reasoning which is foundational to the faith we hold in the miracles of our Christian faith. He refutes the reasoning of the naturalist, and gives sound and logical reasons for the acceptance of the supernatural in our religion.

According to the author "The Grand Miracle" of Christianity is the incarnation. If we accept that truth, all other miracles can be accepted without hesitation.

The book is a very serious study, one which takes time and concentrated thinking to appreciate. It is a valuable work for one who wishes to go into philosophy back of our Christian theology.

Other Reviewers: Rev. Gilbert B. Waud, Pastor, Emmanuel Baptist Church, Carlinville, Illinois; and Rev. H. Marshall Smith, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Stephenville, Texas.

The Origin of Paul's Religion

By J. Gresham Machen, Eerdmans, 1947, \$3.00

AUTHOR: Assistant Professor of New Testament Literature and Exegesis, Princeton Theological Seminary. Other books: *What is Faith*; and *Christianity and Liberalism*.

Reviewed by Rev. H. H. Harwell, Pastor, West End Baptist Church, Mobile, Alabama.

Here is an excellent book by a deeply devout and spiritual scholar. The chapters constitute the James Sprunt lectures delivered at Union Theological Seminary recently. The striking thing about the author's method in his search after "The Origin of Paul's Religion" is that he not only sets forth a straightforward presentation of the positive findings in his research, but that he also dares to take the negative arguments of certain modernistic writers and proceed categorically to reveal their fallacies. He shows an exhaustive and painstaking acquaintance with his subject and apparently has spared no effort to consult all the possible source material in the field. Dr. Machen is thoroughly sound in his doctrinal views, and this work will not only clear up possible difficulties in the minds of his readers; but will also strengthen the faith of all who really masticate its contents. The ultimate grand climactic conclusion is that Paul received his religion, not from the Jewish environment, or the religion of the Hellenistic age, or from other contemporary pagan religious systems, but directly from Jesus himself. It is a book

which will be talked about for some time to come.

Other Reviewers: Dr. Herbert R. Howard, Pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma; and Rev. A. B. Hawkes, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rock Hill, South Carolina.

Studies in Theology

By Loraine Boettner, Eerdmans, 1947, \$3.50

AUTHOR: A writer for some Christian magazines, especially *Christianity Today* in 1936-1937. Other books: *Reformed Doctrine of Predestination*; *The Christian Attitude toward War*; and *A Summary of the Gospel*.

Reviewed by Rev. E. E. Griever, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Harrison, Arkansas.

This is a book on theology for which we have been looking for a long while. It is simple and easy to grasp, yet comprehensive enough to cover the great doctrines in which we are most concerned.

The whole book is divided into five main chapters, namely, The Inspiration of the Scriptures, Christian Supernaturalism, The Trinity, The Person of Christ, and The Atonement. The treatise on anyone of these subjects is well worth the price of the book, which should be found in every Christian worker's library.

The one chapter on Christian Supernaturalism is one of the greatest I have ever found, and I commend it to every preacher and every Christian worker.

The book is well written and deserves a place in every church and private library.

Other Reviewers: Rev. O. P. Grobe, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Burlington, Iowa; and Rev. Frank Collins, Pastor, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

YOUTH

100 Stories for Boys

By Archer Wallace, Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1947, \$1.75

AUTHOR: Associate editor of the United Church of Canada Publishing House. Other books: *Stories of Grit*; *In Spite of All*; and *Daily Meditations*.

Reviewed by Rev. Rel Gray, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Rogers, Arkansas.

A compilation of stories taken from the lives of famous personalities. Each story is well written, brief, and emphasizes an interesting truth. This volume will be of interest to boys and young men and to their Sunday school teachers. Many times a

teacher would like to have a human interest story to assist in bringing a great truth. This book will be a great help in supplying such material.

In the home the parents of boys can use this material very profitably to strengthen character and establish the right ideal. A story at the right time has its influence in solving a serious problem.

The Sunday school teacher, the church library, and the parent can use this volume to a great advantage.

Other Reviewers: Rev. B. Frank Collins, Pastor, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Rev. I. Ferd Graves, Pastor, Franklin Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Youth for Christ

By Mel Larson, Zondervan, 1947, \$1.50

AUTHOR: Associate editor of the *Evangelical Beacon*. Other book: *Gil Dodds, The Flying Parson*.

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

Here's a book that will hold one's attention from the first sentence to the last. The author spent two and one-half years writing it. This volume carries the facts of the origin and quick expansion of this interdenominational soul-saving movement, as he observed them first-hand. The story is told interestingly and with passion. It is an inspiring and thrilling account of how God has saved and is saving through Youth for Christ meetings thousands of our young people, and even older people from every walk of life. Some of the stories of conversion sound incredible, but they are true. . . . Young people are finding the secret of joyous living through such meetings. It is, according to the author, helping to curb juvenile delinquency. Young men and women in great numbers are returning to God and to the reading of God's Word and to the Church. In the light of visible results, it is impossible to measure the effect of Youth for Christ movement upon the world. . . .

I have personally attended a few Youth for Christ meetings. I observed too much levity, a seeming lack of sincerity and decorum; but facts are facts, and if such meetings turn many sinful young people "about face" toward God, criticism is out of place.

Other Reviewers: Rev. B. B. Powers, Pastor, Powell's Chapel, Murfreesboro, Tennessee; and Rev. H. G. Hammett, Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina.

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