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Meet the Professor

Dr. E. N. Patterson, A.B., Th.D., Professor of Homeletics, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Dr. Patterson is a popular professor in the Seminary. He is beloved for his ability to sense the students problems and understand their situation. He is an Alabamian by birth, a graduate of Howard College and The New Orleans Theological Seminary. He has traveled through Europe and has a keen interest in many fields of study. Dr. Patterson is in wide demand as an evangelist and stewardship-evangelist. Although he has interest in other fields, his main interest is preaching.

He is the writer of our syllabus on Preaching and is also a member of the Extension Commission.

Church Counseling Ready

The new course now ready was prepared by Mr. R. Othal Feather, M.R.E., Associate Professor of Counseling, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. Utilizing two texts, Every Pastor a Counselor, Stanley E. Anderson and How You Can Help Other People, Samuel M. Shoemaker, the author has also given additional material. The course consists of nine unit assignments. The emphasis is on the organization and promotion of a practical, local church counseling program. Study is made of common counseling pro-

blems confronted by pastors, departmental leaders, teachers, and other church workers. Total cost of the course, including texts--\$10.00.

New Seminaries in Extension

Golden Gate and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminaries joined the older seminaries in the promotion of extension and correspondence study, recently at the meeting of the Inter-Seminary Council in Nashville along with the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. We welcome the addition of these institutions and their personnel. Dr. S. A. Newman of Southeastern has been elected chairman of the Extension Commission.

Numbering the Courses

The next publicity will indicate a change in numbering the courses. The change will identify the courses by both enumerations that the student will not be confused in any manner. All courses will be listed in the 100's. For example in Series "M" (which will become Series "A") the first group will be:

Old Testament 111 (I)
New Testament 112 (I)
Sermon Preparation 113 (I)
Religious Education 135 (III)

New Extension Centers

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Three new Extension Centers will open this month. The center formerly sponsored by the Springfield Baptist Church, Rev. Elwin R. Anderson, pastor, Jacksonville, Florida will be conducted as an associational center this term with Dr. James E. Southerland, Director and Rev. A. W. Matthis, Dean.

Associational missionary, D. P. Cagle, will serve as Director of a center opening in Huntsville, Texas. Two courses will be taught, Theology I (Christian Doctrine) and New Testament History.

The Northwest Coast Association will open a center in Panama City, Florida with Dr. Adolph Bedsole, Director and Rev. Ray Crowder, Registrar.

We are expecting great things of these centers under these capable leaders.

Our Bible

The greatest product of the religious genius is the Bible. That it is more than a human book is proved by its spiritual worth. For it offers a way to God through Christ. It offers the only adequate explanation of the universe; it alone points out sin in its true light; it alone offers a way out of sin into fellowship with God. Such an interest has been manifested in its message that through the ages it has been reproduced upon almost every conceivable writing medium by every kind of scribe and into more than a thousand languages and dialects.

It was written by the hand of men who were inspired by God. There are many levels of education and several vocational backgrounds represented among its writers but its unity is guided by the unerring spirit of God. Its message is true, its precepts are truth. It would be a ridiculous demand to expect that every letter would always be copied without error, that every word should be translated with polished precision. It's original languages, Hebrew and Greek, are rich with meanings which challenge and all but defy, at times, accurate translation. Usage of words

often out-run their original meaning and it is not always certain how a word was understood when it was used.

We should never confuse the issue of a translation with the results at certain points here and there. The issue of translation is that of bringing the word of God into the languages of the people. This has always been the purpose and it should ever be for our New Testament was written in the language of the people. One could question the new version at several points but it must be understood as a Version and not as the incontrovertible translation. Its value can be seen in that it has caused people to read the Bible in increasing numbers. This is a mighty achievement.

Those who still prefer the King James Version, (I have just bought one for my daughter), will continue to use it and will hear the voice of God speak its language. Those who read the other versions will hear Him speak the language of these versions. But remember, Bible reading, not Bible possession, is the good which should be sought.

There was as much fuss about the King James Version when it was published as there is now over the R.S.V.

Lessons Sent In

We are glad to have students who have been enrolled a long time send in lessons. We feel you will benefit from the course as you study each lesson and send the written assignment to us to be graded. Be sure to enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope to return your lessons to you. CHECK and DOUBLE CHECK. Be sure your name, address, course and lesson number is on every lesson. We have a number of lessons with no names. If you have sent us a lesson and have not received it back, please write and describe it. We want to give you credit for what you have done.

TOTAL CORRESPONDENCE STUDENTS --
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