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Meet the Professor

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Professor Feather was born in Commanche, Oklahoma. He received his A.B. degree from Oklahoma Baptist University and his M.R.E. from Southwestern Seminary. He is an applicant for Doctor of Religious Education degree.

Professor Feather has served the following churches as youth director, educational director or minister of education, and student secretary: First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma, First Baptist Church, Wichita, Kansas, First Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Missouri, First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas, and First Baptist Church, Springfield, Missouri.

Professor Feather was an Army Chaplain during World War II. He served as hospital chaplain with the 130th General Hospital in Belgium and France. During the past summer he toured some of our mission fields in South America and attended the Youth Conference in Rio, Brazil.

Since 1947 he has been Professor of Counseling and Educational Administration at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is the author of our course in Religious Education 145 (Church Counseling).

Books

In recommending books one always makes himself liable to misunder-

standing. A word is in order, therefore, about how to use and evaluate books. The student will find very few books with which he agrees entirely; for many of the best works are written by people of other faiths than his. Terms or words do not always mean the same in one group as in another. The best way to read any book is to do so with a pen or pencil in hand. I usually check those statements which are pertinent and mark "X" by those with which I disagree in principle. I also write a paragraph in the front or back to indicate the author's main theme or thesis. Here goes...

E. D. Dolloff, A Crowded Church through Modern Methods, New York: Fleming H. Revell Company, 1946, \$1.75. I commend this fine work to any pastor. It deals with methods of making the progress of the church vital and active. Publicity, cabinet meetings, planning the calendar, missions, youth, and visitation are important themes of the book.

Rockwell C. Smith, Rural Church Administration, New York: Abingdon Cokesbury Press, 1953, \$2.00. The author deals with the rural church and its work. The chapters on financing a rural church are valueless to Baptists and the discussion on sacraments is not pertinent for Baptists but every

other chapter is a flowing stream of good helps and suggestions. The rural pastor would do well to add this work to his desk.

John Huss, Ideas for a Successful Pastorate, Grand Rapids: Zondervan, \$2.00. This book is full of suggestions, many of which are helpful, by the pastor who became famous as the originator of "The Hour of Power." This is his best chapter.

Audio-Visual Education

Our course, Religious Education 165 (Audio-Visual Education) is now ready. This course was written by Dr. Joe Davis Heacock, Professor of Educational Principles and Visual Education at Southwestern Seminary.

This course will attempt to help the student to understand the purpose and value of audio-visual materials, and to integrate them in a program of church activities. In addition to textbook study, practical activities will be suggested to enable the student to experience the procedures and effect of good audio-visual utilization. The text for the course is, Using Visual Aids in the Church by Waldrup.

The price of this course is only \$6.00.

Extension Study Increases

Our plan for extension study is spreading throughout the entire south. In states where the Baptist senior colleges do not promote a state-wide extension program, the Seminary Extension Department is promoting class study. The teachers are selected and approved by the local and state leaders. Classes are held weekly and credit will be given toward a certificate from the Seminary Extension Department of the Southern Baptist Seminaries.

Already new centers have been opened in Hayti, Missouri with Rev.

Shirley Spahr as director. Rev. Lincoln Newman, District Missionary in Southeast Mississippi, is the director of the center which meets at the First Baptist Church, McLain. Northeast Mississippi has a center meeting in the West Corinth Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Norris G. Hickman. Rev. John B. Laney, Missionary for the Carroll-Montgomery Associations, serves as director for the central Mississippi center which meets in the First Baptist Church, Winona. A new center in Flora, Illinois recently opened under the directorship of Rev. W. W. Dishong. Rev. E. B. Pryor organized a class in his church in Detroit, Michigan meeting all of the requirements for an extension center. He is affiliated with the Arkansas Baptist Convention.

Plans are being made this month for centers to be opened in Ponca City, Oklahoma under the leadership of Rev. D. E. Strahan. Dr. Ross Dillon, Executive Secretary of Union Baptist Association, has plans well under way to open a center in Houston, Texas. Rev. V. M. Nipper, Pastor of Laird Hill Baptist Church, Laird Hill, Texas will serve as director of the center meeting in his church, sponsored by the association.

If you would like to start an extension center in your association, contact the Seminary Extension Department, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Mississippi for full details.

Director Lee Gallman will leave October 17 for a tour of the western states in the interest of the Seminary Extension Department.

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