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GET ON THE MAIN LINE

There is no substitute for college training. Do not think that our publicity challenges one to make the choice between extension studies and college education. Do not let anyone lead you to surround college. I'd rather see you take college training even if it meant that you had to omit seminary training. General education has no substitute. Get on the main line! A college education has no equal. A corporation official once advised me to get an A.B. degree from college if I wanted a top job with his corporation. He stated that without college training specialized training would help very little. This is true in the ministry. Do not be maneuvered away from college for ANY KIND of specialized training. I have seen this factor eloquently demonstrated by the use of certain stenographical help. We no longer use "Business college" graduates for secretarial help. Preacher go to college and stay there until you finish with one or more degrees. There's time for that!

SIXTY-SIX SCHOOLS

You who work in Seminary Extension Centers are promoting sixty-six schools. Attendance averages

twenty-six pupils per school. The extension center is flexible. It can meet the needs of a local situation by proper adaptations. Subjects to be taught are passed on by a local committee. The extension center is mobile. It can be set up on the ground where need exists. One association promotes two schools in two ends of the association. Five associations combine to make up another.

The extension center is a sane approach to this type of education. In areas where incomes are low, the association or some strong church can assist pastors who need help. In areas where incomes run a little higher, the pastor pays his way. Local facilities are used so that large investments become unnecessary. The extension center has proved to be an efficient, helpful approach.

The extension center is economical. If a pastor takes three courses, he pays no more than \$35.00 for fees and texts. In addition to this he can remain on the job. He can get help without upsetting his status. A better program is being worked out even now. Let us put all we have in this work.

Statistical report: Extension students, 1746; correspondence students 1297.

WHAT ARE THEY SAYING

A missionary in California writes: "This has tended to mould our Baptist work in a more solid form for future work. This center is a great medium here, besides the many other good things that could be said of it."

A pastor from Coushatta, Louisiana wrote recently: "As a country pastor who has not been to school since 1936, this has been one of the greatest helps to my ministry."

"Thank you for what you did to make the Extension Center available to those of us who live in the vicinity of Conway, South Carolina."

"This has helped to build a better spirit of cooperation in our whole district. This is the greatest privilege that has come my way (Flora, Illinois)."

NEW COURSE

CHURCH HISTORY 124. Dr. Robert Baker, Southwestern Seminary. A study in the early developments in Christian History.

This is a survey as indicated in the title of the text. Dr. Baker is the author of many articles and has published a work on the relationship between the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions. The text is his own, A Summary of Christian History. Various centers have already ordered this course while others have indicated their intention of doing the same. This study begins with the life of Jesus and closes with Martin Luther. A subsequent work will bring this story down to the present.

BOOK REVIEW

Community of Faith, T. Ralph Morton, New York: Association Press. 1954. \$2.50.

This book presents a challenge to churches that expect a re-thinking and re-adjustment of the program of the church. As in other books of this type, this work contains material which cannot be accepted without question. Yet in the main, it is so valuable that one can overlook the objectionable features. The message of the book is pertinent; its application will not be accepted by all. The issue is on the real meaning of the church to the people. It is a body of real persons, living in the environment of a particular situation and placed in the historical setting of its age.

Read this book to understand the issues and principles. Agree or disagree, but read it.

THE NEW TYPE VILLIAN

Dr. Walter Moore of Meridian, Miss., gave a penetrating talk to the Pastors and Brotherhood Conference in Miss. last summer. One image of his message may be a key-hole to many sermons. He stated that Jesus introduced a new villian- the do-nothing man. Since that address I have underscored many passages that bear out his contention. Some of these passages are - The Man With One Talent, the Judge, The Rich Man, and others. Follow it up.

How many churches die because of this culprit! How many social issues lie unsolved because of him! The doctrine of WORK is vital to our faith. The drive, compulsion, and venture in Christianity must be present or we will become stagnant.