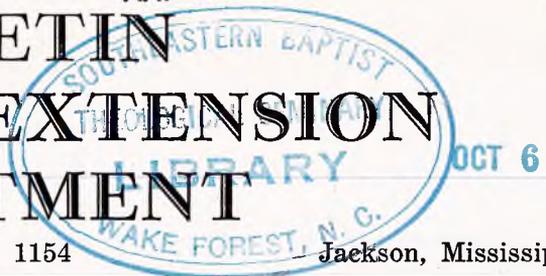


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NOTES AND NEWS

Leadership Bulletins

The Department is in the process of developing bulletins designed to help local leaders in promotion, program planning, and teaching. The following have already been mimeographed: No. I, *Making Your Center Succeed*, No. II, *Identifying the Needs of Your Clientele*, No. III, *Financing Your Center*, No. IV, *Promoting and Publicizing Your Center*. Four others are in a state of preparation: *Aims in Extension Education* (revision), *Adult Learning*, *Adult Teaching*, and *Group Process in Education*.

The purpose of these works is practical. Research has been built mainly around the works of others in Adult Education and with our own program. Local leaders who desire these works may obtain them by writing to the Department. These helpful hints will be revised from time to time and, of course, may be augmented by others. Leaders can help us produce better materials through observant criticisms. They will be used in our workshops.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Since our enrollment begins September 1 our records are most incomplete at this time. We will omit any figures this month and begin our "current" enrollment next month.



The director, Dr. Lee Gallman (center front) is pictured above with the five associates as they met for the first time in Jackson. Rev. G. Ray Worley, Ft. Worth, Texas, Dr. Gallman, and Dr. Albert H. Fauth, Kansas City, Kansas are seated. Standing are Dr. D. Eugene Wallace, Riverside, California, Rev. W. A. Whitten, Jackson, Mississippi, and Rev. Frank Koger, Gastonia, North Carolina.

Some time was spent during this meeting acquainting the newer

members of the group with the plan and purposes of the Seminary Extension Department. The latest methods and techniques of adult education were presented and possible adaptations were discussed.

Rev. Frank Koger has located in Gastonia, North Carolina in the middle of his territory. Workers in North and South Carolina may contact him at 1006 East Maple Street.



Lee Gallman

*"Think
on
These
Things"*

**BAPTISTS ARE AT THE
CROSSROADS**

When I say that we are at the crossroads, I mean that we are sharing the character of our denomination for years to come and that the decision is still ours. What about tomorrow? It is being decided now.

Parenthetically, I want to reassure the reader that I love the people called Baptists. I love Southern Baptists. I believe that Baptists have the message this world needs if it is properly set free to accomplish its results on its own. I believe that we can be used by God to make a great impact on this world for the Christian faith. Yet I think I see some hurdles for us; they are high or low, according to one's vantage point. They are high to this observer.

Every sect of Christianity has had its opportune moment. Nearly all have missed it because of their unwillingness to let God rule their objectives and methods. Perhaps the seeds of failure were planted while each was at its highest moment. This is why I say that we are at the crossroads. We are already staggering under the delusion of success. Now comes the application; how will it be made? We have, as I see it, a choice between responsibility and popularity. Shall we move so as to strengthen our hands with certain masses, or shall we move with full sensitivity to the responsibility that rests on our shoulders because we have certain internal

needs? Shall we continue to enroll members because our stand is popular? Shall we chance decisions because they are inherently right and proper according to sound scriptural principles? Are we capable of facing facts about ourselves and be guided thereby? Can we see our needs and set up objectives based on them? Or have we already decided that the Baptist denomination in the South has become the Kingdom of God and needs only to enroll members?

These questions should stir every Baptist, but I am afraid they appear to be irrelevant. If this is true, the corner has been turned, the decision settled.

"Southern Baptists and other Baptists," "Southern Baptists and their Christian neighbors," "Southern Baptists and world Christianity" should concern us to a greater degree. We need to keep a dialogue going between ourselves and others in Christian spirit. We need to re-examine our ethics in the light of contemporary problems. We need to seek to discover some method of getting to our membership with a higher content of the faith. At present it is piecemeal and quite elementary.

This observer believes that Southern Baptists are needed in the combat against evil, heresy, and false religion. Their scholars are needed in the theological discussions of Christianity. But they are needed at their best and as men of free and responsible judgment. We will have to have self-examination and self-criticism. This will lead to some controversy and opposition but it is to be expected. And I submit that it is much better to have it than to continue toward a crystallization of error-within-truth as our traditions lead us.

It will take more than one person to assess our values, errors, and defects. One person cannot pose as the judge or critic of a body of people so large as ours. It will take many learned observers to ask the proper question. It will take an attitude conducive to

research and investigation on the part of our leadership (a denominational leader is one who is placed in a position in his denomination so that the activities of many are designed and led by him).

It is understandable that leaders will feel that they have a stewardship to traditions. The leaders of bygone days left a lot of famous sayings, warnings, and patterns. Naturally, one would be cautious filling the shoes of the great commoners of our faith, yet we must realize that we have reached a new era; we have come to a new responsibility. Humbly, I suggest six areas of researching: (1) Our separateness needs to be re-examined on a basis of what we believe to be our place among other Christians. We have lost some of our most intelligent young men because they refused to be shunted off to a side-stream of Christianity. (2) We must re-study the trend toward sameness into which our well-developed program leads us. Many would like to develop greater individuality but the pressures of conformity are too great. (3) Our doctrines need fresh study and statement. Some are stated in the context of the 1830's. They need to be examined with a sound biblical exegesis. (4) Our views about the Bible need fresh insights. Discoveries have been made which intelligent people cannot ignore. (5) We should re-evaluate our church polity. Are conventions and associations usurping the autonomy of the local congregation? Is this what we want? We are at the cross roads. (6) We must get the truth across to our people about our roots. It is folly to continue to claim succession.

—Lee Gallman

Dr. Eugene Wallace, associate for the West, maintains his office in the California Baptist College, Magnolia Drive, Riverside, California. He will divide his time between this Department and teaching. He is a licensed pilot. Recently he made a trip through the western states flying a rented plane.

CHURCH MANAGER

Recent articles, as well as the Neibuhr studies of the ministry, point out that the work of the pastor has evolved into a new thing: the pastor-manager of the church. He no longer functions as teacher, the educational director has become the leader of the teaching function; his duties do not consist mainly in the care of souls, the associate pastor is really the associate in charge of pastoral ministries. The many other intimate services of the church are committed to others while the pastor develops the finesse of administration, management, and public relations. Each year adds to his burden — none are ever removed.

I would not exaggerate when I say that at least 50 pastors have complained to me in words similar to the following: "Not ten per cent of my time goes to doing what I was called to do. God laid his hands on me to preach Christ. This is not even secondary in our relationship, it is no better than tertiary." The big thing is to make the institution succeed according to business standards. Salesmanship, accounting, and executive responsibilities over-ride the gospel, study, and preparation.

Under our present pressures a pastor's worth is not determined by his capacity to enter empathetically into suffering with his members. It is not determined by his wisdom and level-headedness. Rather it is determined by his capacity for gathering about himself a group whom he can inspire and direct. If Sunday's attendance exceeded last year's averages, if the offerings have been dramatically raised, and if the total additions to the church is an impressive record, he has succeeded.

This is sound administration, everything is in working order, the organization is "clicking." At what expense is this accomplished? The loss of intimate relationship between pastor and people shows up in his messages. He may often be

so removed that he deals with abstractions and theoretical language. What a loss!

—Lee Gallman

BOOK REVIEWS

Out Of Nazareth, Donald M. Bailie, edited by John Bailie. (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1958). \$3.50.

A series of twenty-one sermons and four lectures from the manuscript material found in Dr. Donald Bailie's study after his death in 1954 has been edited by his famous brother and New Testament Scholar, Dr. John Bailie. The book receives its title from the first sermon, "Out of Nazareth."

The sermons are on various themes of the Christian faith. They are simple yet regnant with theological depth. Someone said of them, "Here is Scottish preaching at its best."

The four theological essays are really four doctrinal lectures, and will probably be more appreciated than the sermons. In "Can Jesus Be Both God and Man?" we have a presentation of the incarnation. Another one deals with the Trinity, while the last two are a defense of the Christian faith and the future life.

The sermons are different from those published in America, and should be in a preacher's library for variety.

—Albert H. Fauth

An Introduction To Pastoral Counseling, Wayne E. Oates, editor. (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1959) \$6.00.

Here is a work prepared by ten men in the field of counseling. It includes seminary professors and hospital counselors. These men have made the pattern of counseling in Southern Baptist life. The work is planned as a text to be taught in seminary classes, but also will serve as a means of introducing the field to pastors

and workers who have not had seminary training. Scores of authorities of one variety or another have been called upon by these able men in the production of twenty-five chapters.

As would be expected in such a work as this, it is not uniform in composition nor treatment of subject matter. But this is what is expected in a symposium. The reader and student will immediately become acquainted not only with different personalities in this field, but also will have a chance to see something of their individual approach to handling problems. It is replete with dialogues and interviews, and has scriptural and philosophical ties. Each of these men is a committed Bible student as well as a counselor.

Here is an introduction to the various aspects of counseling as well as implications both theological and philosophical. Its purpose is not highly theoretical but very practical and full of suggestions for the pastor. It is pastoral in its relationship throughout. It deals with such subjects as making informal contacts in pastoral relationships, attitudes of the pastor, the purposes, the pastor and marriage problems, budgeting the time, and so forth. All of these are related to the church.

The key figure in this book, of course, is Dr. Wayne Oates, around whom much of the counseling program of Southern Baptists has been built. It is a work that no pastor can afford to neglect.

—Lee Gallman

CHURCH LEADERSHIP 135

We regret to announce that this course has been set aside temporarily. One of the books, **The Efficient Church Officer** by Dolf, is out of print. It gives us occasion for introducing the New Broadman Leadership Series into our program. The director is preparing a syllabus that incorporates these works.

SOME DISCOVERIES IN ADULT EDUCATION

The field of adult education is "growing up." Its leaders and resource people are refining techniques and methods far beyond the studies of a generation ago. In this field there are authorities and prophets. There are the philosophers and the psychologists, the theorists and the field men, the professors, and the workers. In recent years a number of research centers have been developed in this country and abroad. The Universities of Indiana, Michigan, Columbia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Florida State, California, and Southern California along with special institutes have developed extensive research and leadership studies. The government agencies, foundations, armed services, and religious bodies have joined in the effort to effect a philosophy consistent with research findings. Some results are startling, others only confirm. The following are worthy of note for this Department:

1. Adult learning has emerged with more positive results than before. Research abstracts indicate now that adults can learn what they want to learn, depending on their interests and motives. It also indicates that the results of adult learning may even be more lasting.

2. A new focus has developed on the capacity for learning even among those of a lower I. Q.

3. A fresh evaluation has arisen about the importance of answering adult needs in learning situations.

4. Research has revealed many weaknesses in traditional techniques of adult teaching.

5. Renewed interest in the value of correspondence or home study has emerged as a result.

6. The value of extension and informal adult education has been most assuring.

More adults desire to study than have enrolled. The interests of the adult population needs greater attention by those who build programs to help them.

The need for increasing the curricula to meet these needs is evident. Better courses, better teaching, and more flexibility are needed. Local leaders need training in these findings. Adult educators will need to plan workshops and devise other programs of training to get the best results from these and other studies.

—Lee Gallman

Archaeology will be available next semester. The syllabus is already in the office. It is written by Dr. Mark Loveless of Southeastern Seminary. Details will be given later. The text and the syllabus are his work.

Dr E. N. Patterson, one of the first Commission members of the Seminary Extension Department and an active member of the Inter-Seminary Conference, has accepted the presidency of Grand Canyon College. He is already on the job and has been well received by the Arizona leaders. He will make a good executive. His interest in preaching and preachers will be well received in his new area.

His lovely wife will be a jewel to the campus as the First Lady. Our best wishes go with the Pattersons.

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