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The Cabarrus Association of North Carolina has sponsored a Seminary Extension Center for five years. Pictured above are those who participated in the first commencement exercises on July 11. They are left to right, Rev. Frank Koger, Associate for the Seminary Extension Department who brought the message; Mr. Ralph Stirewalt, graduate; Mrs. Margie Slough, graduate; Mr. C. E. Turner, graduate; Rev. Gordon Pope, teacher; and Rev. John U. Garner, teacher.

The program was held in connection with the Associational Sunday School meeting in Concord, North Carolina. Rev. Koger challenged those present to better equip themselves for the work that is before them. "God needs men, trained and disciplined workers," was the theme.

The fall semester will open in September and will offer New Testament 112 and Theology 126.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY PROGRAM

For several years the University of Indiana has experimented with creative methods in adult education, particularly as these relate to the needs of church members. Growing out of situations in which there were few adults enrolled in the church, these classes attempted to secure for the church an active adult program in study to know God better and to better serve Him.

Now John McKinley, one of the key men in this program, has followed up his Institute Plan with some concrete suggestions on how adult classes can improve their techniques. His new book, *Creative Methods for Adult Classes*, is not just a display of methods but a concept of learning which makes the use of various methods meaningful. All of this grows out of the nature of the adult as a learner, the importance of the adult as a participant, and stems from a desire to secure motivation on the part of the learner. The best reason for attendance at an adult class ought to be that it meets the needs and interests of the learner.

Through the co-operation of Hinds County Baptist Association and Mississippi College, Dr. McKinley and Dr. Robert Smith conducted an Adult Education Institute on the campus of Mississippi College in July. This program is making a real contribution and we highly recommend Dr. McKinley's book to those who would improve the learning processes.



Perry Morris Broom, pictured above, has completed both series and has been awarded the Certificate in Pastoral Training and the Certificate in Religious Education. Mr. Broom is a native of Illinois and has been active in Southern Baptist churches since his conversion. He has a B. S. degree from Sam Houston State College, M. B. A. degree from East Texas State College, and M. Ed. and D. Ed. degrees from the University of Texas. He is at present Professor of Business Administration at East Texas State College, Commerce, Texas. Mr. Broom is outstanding in his field, being a member of eight national professional associations, eight national honorary societies, and has

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Lee Gallman

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS AND ADULT EDUCATION

I have prepared a short monograph on **Baptist and Adult Education** which has been circulated rather widely to a limited audience. This article would point up several ideas explored in this monograph so as to save many from the exploit of reading this forty-eight page theme.

Adult Education is a term which today refers to grown ups who stopped their formal education before they were trained adequately and who are seeking to get what they missed in the formal education period by some type of in-service education. Graduate students would not be classified as

PERRY B. BROOM

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been listed in Who's Who since 1948. He is the author of the book, **Business Statistics**.

Mr. Broom writes of the Seminary Extension program, "The extension service is invaluable for every Christian who wants to be better able to serve his or her Master. All of us cannot go to the seminary for training, but we can have this fine training at home. Everyone should want to learn more about the Bible, Church Doctrine, Religious Education, and other like subjects. These certificates mean that the holder is better qualified to serve as minister or layman. It is a priceless opportunity which I am convinced was divinely inspired as to its origin."

adult learners in the true meaning of the term.

Four general forms are recognized:

1. The college and university center where presumably any study of the college curriculum may be offered to bonafide college students.
2. Informal studies of a liberal arts nature which may not lead to credit but which will be effective in establishing a cultural background for the individual.
3. In-service training with studies directly related to the vocation of the learner. Here there are the "how-to" courses of crafts, mechanics, etc.
4. Miscellaneous studies that defy classification such as public affairs, great books, great ideas, recreational activities, etc.

Baptists have long recognized the value of adult education. Their adult sections in the Sunday School, Training Union, missionary organizations, and teacher and leadership training courses bespeak their faith in the concern for adult education.

Professionals in the field of adult education concern themselves with adult needs, adult individuality, adult learning, adult teaching: its aims, goals, and objectives. Convinced that there are infinite possibilities for adults if they will learn, and assured through experimentation that adults can learn, and that the possibilities for adult learning has been much underestimated, these people have dedicated themselves to such goals as: Adult education for freedom, for a better world, or for a dynamic society.

Their concerns would be a delight to any alert pastor. Their high principles mark them as genuine people. They have brought dramatically to the forefront new inventions in communication and learning. Believing that every man has a dependable resource in his own experience, they have used methods that call on this resource freely such as discussion or group learning.

The age we live in is too complicated to turn over to untrained, unskilled, illiterate leaders. Many adults fall within these categories,

unfortunately, although they may have diplomas and degrees, for yesterday's knowledge is out of date today. This demands **continuous** education. It demands of all that we **know about things**. In all this movement there has been experienced a high sense of community with the rest of the world. Indeed, the threat to our existence is no longer a bordering state; it is a conflicting ideology. Hence we must realize this community through understanding, and understanding comes only as people have an opportunity to learn, to discuss, to consider, and to let every voice that has something to say, speak.

All these ideas are compatible with Christian concerns. Baptists are a part of a great Christian fellowship seeking to bring redemption to mankind. Our world is too close for us to hide our heads in the sands. We have a task to perform—we have a dynamic idea to explore. Yet our people are too unlearned and too traditional to perform this task. Adult education is a part answer. Adult education can become the tool by which we rescue ourselves from our exclusiveness. It can become the means by which we strengthen our ties with each other. It can become the method in which we realize our great potential.

Leadership training, on-the-job-training, extension centers, institutes, and conferences are all a part of a vast storehouse of methodology in effecting change. When we get into the stream where others are exploring new approaches, we learn from their experiences. We also have an opportunity to share ours freely.

There are signs that our leaders see these values. The Training Union has already made significant alteration of its programming. The W. M. U. has incorporated some

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of its learnings in this field into its leadership training.

Certain other steps are needed. Some of these cannot be made by leadership alone. One basic step needed is the creation of an atmosphere where individual reflection and thought have a better opportunity than now. This is really a strange thing to be writing, for Baptists traditionally have championed the right to private interpretation.

Some classifications recognized by adult educators are: The married young adults, the middle adults, the unmarried adults, the aging, and the aged. Agencies for adult education include colleges and universities, government, church, professional schools, agriculture, community development, labor, and management. A vast literature is available (see our bibliography in *Baptists and Adult Education*). One could get a good view of this field by reading carefully such works as *Handbook of Adult Education in the United States*, Malcolm Knowles. (Chicago: the Adult Education Association, 1960); Edmond S. de Brunner, *An Overview of Adult Education*. (Chicago: Adult Education Association, 1959); or through *Adult Leadership*, a magazine devoted to this field.

I should like to recommend that Baptists seriously involve themselves with groups which work toward a better understanding in the world on the local, state, and nationwide levels.

BOOK REVIEWS

Victorious Living, Alan Redpath. (Fleming H. Revell Company, 1954.) 151 pages. \$2.00.

This devotional book on the Lord's Prayer, set forth in the book of Matthew, takes each of the petitions and comments upon them so as to make them spiritual food for the soul. It makes the Lord's Prayer live anew and afresh. As a guide, "Lord, teach us to pray," it will open new vistas for praying. It also presents devotional and homiletical materials that can be used to acquaint church members with this prayer of prayers.

Albert H. Fauth

How To Get Along With People, A. Donald Bell. (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 1960).

Dr. Donald Bell has given us an excellent insight into his method and philosophy of human relations which characterized his ministry as a teacher at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in this volume. He is known in Texas for his splendid lectures and courses on leadership before industrial and management groups. In language that is free from the cobweb of the "ivory towers of psychology," we have here an understandable work in the language which any group could use. One is not certain that he would find agreement everywhere with some of his emphases. However, in view of the fact that the writer is thinking in terms of the leadership which now exists in the church, the emphases may be regarded as essential for their purposes. Throughout the book, Dr. Bell speaks with illustrative material. He opens one chapter with a story, illustrates a didactic paragraph with one, and uses Bible stories and experiences from everyday life.

In this, Dr. Bell has given a brief review of group work, of evangelistic and enlistment situations, of the aging problem, of administration, and of counseling. He deals with emotional problems of leadership and finally concludes his work with a chapter called, "When Techniques Fail."

If the author has erred in this book, it is at the basis of his attempt to put too much in it. This, at times, appears to cause him to abridge a work that should be expanded. He could well have given another chapter on "Working With People In Groups" by dividing this one and elaborating on it. His excellent chapter on "Reaching The Hard To Reach" could have been enlarged upon with the last two main topics, "The Single Adult" and "Our Aging Citizen." Nevertheless, the book is one full of pertinent suggestions which one could hardly improve upon in the space given to the study.

The Seminary Extension Department will want to put this in its bibliography on church leadership. It is hoped that Dr. Bell will give

us more studies from his rich experience as a teacher and a psychologist. —Lee Gallman

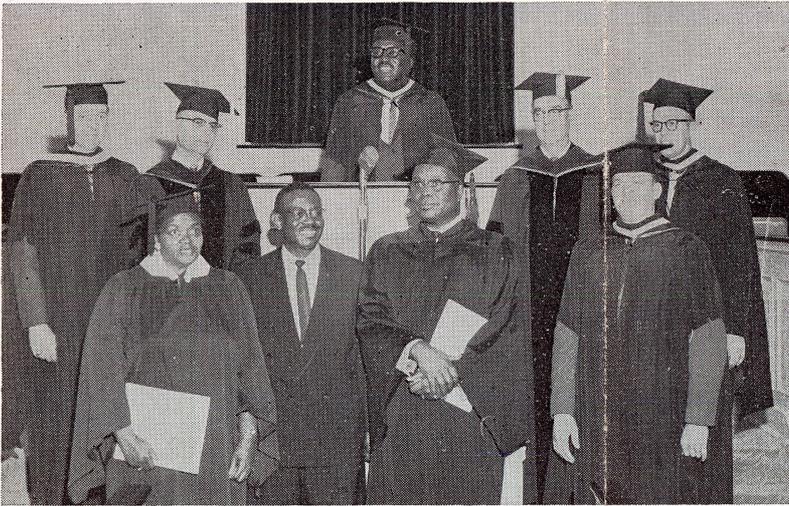
A Ministering Church—A Guide to the Meaning and Dynamics of the Administrative Process, Gaines S. Dobbins. (Nashville: Broadman Press, 1960.)

The author of this book is perhaps as well known as any other man in Southern Baptist life and is widely known throughout the Protestant world. When he speaks of the church as a ministering body, he speaks from long years of experience, not only as a teacher but as a consultant with pastors and lay leaders throughout the denomination. In clear and concise language he explains what the church is for, what the ministry of the church is, and what the function of the minister must be.

The church as a ministering entity, according to Dr. Dobbins, must realize this through the discovery of resources within the church for all its functions. The diversity of ministries demands a multiple ministry. Its complexity demands specialization. Amazingly Dr. Dobbins touches practically every area of the work of a pastor, of the work of the church, and of the various ministries it performs. This includes worship, counseling, personal relationships group activity, committee work, stewardship, music and its co-operative functions with the rest of the Christian world.

At times Dr. Dobbins approaches theological inquiry, but this is not his main purpose. He is, however, clearly at home with Brunner, Manson, and Streeter. His interest in stewardship and evangelism is no less because he sees the importance of the group maturation process.

The pastor will benefit by a study of this work. Where it does not answer questions, it suggests them. And although the notes are copious, they are placed at the end of the book so that those who do not follow the author's resources are in no way hindered. It is thoroughly readable, concise, yet explicit. For the administrator and pastor, it is one of the "musts" for his library. —Lee Gallman



Pictured above are those who participated in the graduation exercises of the Fort Worth, Texas Extension Center for Negroes. They are: (left to right front row) Mrs. Lula B. Harrington, Diploma in Theology; W. C. Ellison, Certificate in Pastoral Training; Homer Williams, Diploma in Theology; Rev. Tal Bonham, instructor; (Second row) Rev. Lewis Wingo, instructor; Dr. Felix Gresham, Dean of Southwestern Seminary; Rev. Harold King, B. D. Graduate Southwestern Seminary; Dr. Jesse Northcutt, Director of the School of Theology, Southwestern Seminary; and Rev. G. Ray Worley, Associate of the Seminary Extension Department.

Southwestern Seminary and the Seminary Extension Department are working jointly in a program to bring extension education to the Negro Baptists of Texas. For years the Seminary itself carried on this program, developing centers wherever the need arose. The Christian Life Commission took up the project under the leadership of Dr. Foy Valentine and further extended the program. Two years ago the Extension Department was brought into the picture as a joint promoter. The splendid work among the Negroes in Texas is to be attributed mainly to local teachers and leaders, both Negro and white.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY

The director and his family spent two weeks at Boston University. It is one of the several universities and graduate schools that has developed a far-reaching training program for adult educators. Dr. Malcolm Knowles has devised an effective program of graduate study for local and supervisory leaders. The workshop includes seminars, research, and discussion. The director feels that this program will be valuable not only for professional leadership but also for voluntary workers in the field.

There is a move now to train leadership in universities so that they may offer such workshops as these in every section of this country. For years Dr. Knowles was Executive Secretary of the Adult Education Association of the U. S. A. and is the author of outstanding books in the field of adult education. He is widely sought by community, university, and political leadership as a consultant in human relations.

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