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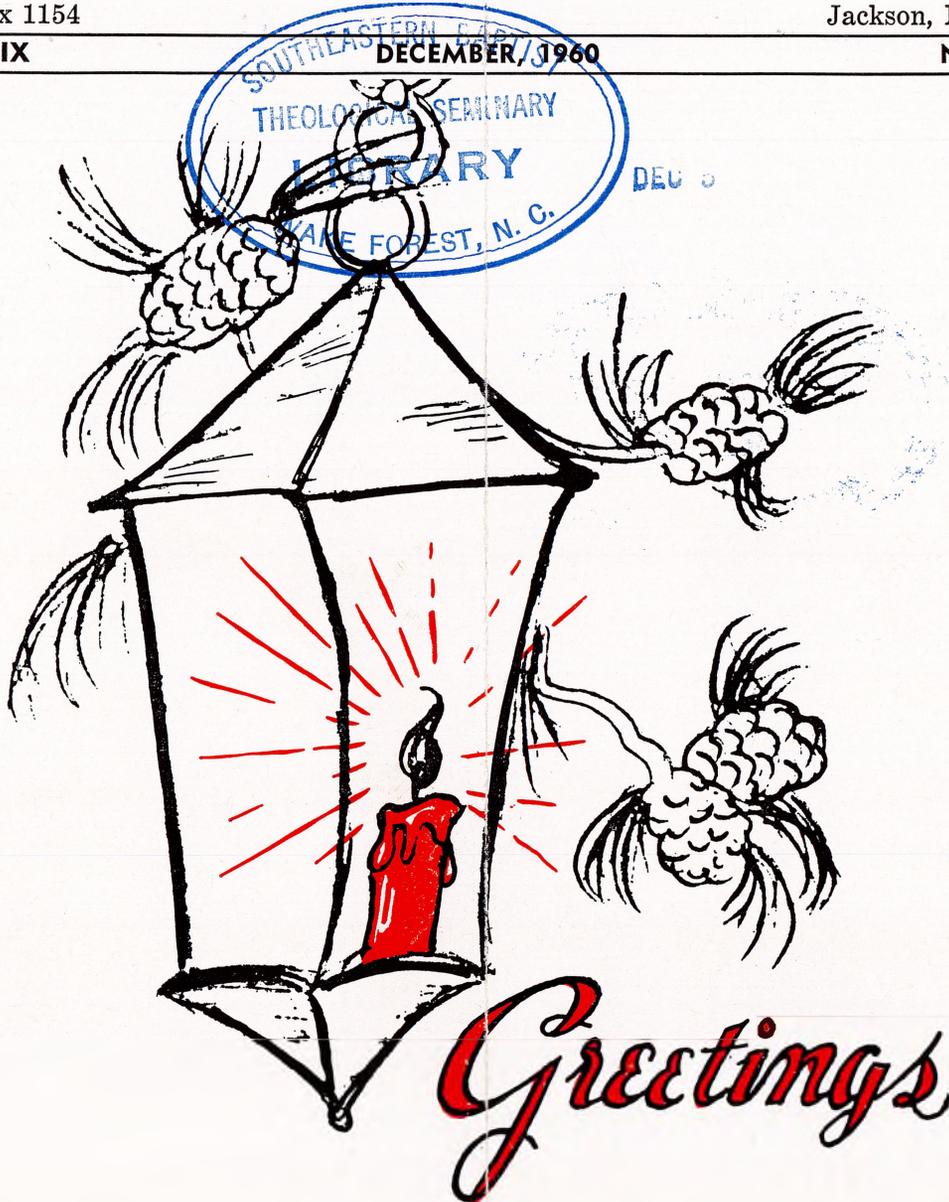
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INTERIM POLICIES FOR THE DEPARTMENT

On November 8-9 the chairman of the Commission visited the headquarters in Jackson, giving attention to the details of Dr. Gallman's leaving the office of director and arranging several administrative policies for the operation of the Department during the interval when it is being operated without a director.

Subsequently, after consultation with the members of the Commission, Ray Worley, the associate who is located geographically closest to Jackson, was asked to give general supervision to the routines of the office until a successor to Dr. Gallman is secured.

It was arranged for the associates to submit the reports of their work on the field directly to the chairman of the Commission, so as to bring the work of the Department more directly under the supervision of the Commission during this interval.

Mrs. Gallman's resignation as office manager made it necessary to make several changes in the work of the staff in Jackson. Mrs. J. R. Tillery, who has been with the Department for a number of years, has been asked to direct the staff as office manager. Associated with her is Mrs. Lyman Magee who is in charge of bookkeeping operations.

Mrs. Felix Collins and Mrs. Joe McCullough are the additional personnel who make up the staff of the headquarters office. All of these persons connected with the Department are thoroughly conversant with the details of its function and are prepared to continue to render the kind of service which is customary for the extension program.

This is to express the wish that all of those who are in any way associated with the Extension Department, those who are employees promoting the work of the agency, those who teach in its many extension centers across the country, as well as those who are enrolled in any of its programs of study, will give themselves with unusual dili-

gence during these days when those who are in charge of the Department are seeking a new director. The Department is at present somewhat like a church that is without a pastor. The more effective its work is under these circumstances, the greater the prospect of its being able to secure the type of leadership that it deserves to receive.

—S. A. Newman

SEMINARY EXTENSION WORK Excerpts From Speech Presented at Glorieta To Superintendents of Missions

THE NEED

In the service, a young man was converted. Upon his discharge, he returned home with the desire to evangelize the world. Several older men counseled that further training would be beneficial. His idea was to set out to win the world at once. You know the outcome. Within a very short time he was burned out.

When seminary extension work was presented to one superintendent of missions, his reply was, "Yes, we will have a center. The young people in our churches are completing high school and going off to college. They are not content to have a pastor who murders English, is not informed concerning world affairs, and is only partially educated in the Bible."

In visiting many associations, I find that only a small percentage, about 4 or 5 out of 28 or 30 churches, have January Bible study. One reason is that the pastor does not feel competent to teach the book. Many missionaries tell me that the men who are least active in associational work are those who have had little or no training. My missionary friends think seminary extension classes will reach these pastors in meaningful training experience, helping them in every phase of their ministry.

THE DESIRE

Not only is seminary extension work needed, but many men have felt a deep desire for this training. Extension work was begun

when pastors wrote to our seminaries seeking guidance in study. Many men entered the ministry during the depression and were not able to attend college and seminary. Recognizing the need, these pastors sought help.

One day I arrived at the First Baptist Church in Eden, Texas, a little early for an associational meeting. I noticed a Latin American pastor sitting in his car and struck up a conversation. He had been in an accident and lost one arm. He had to learn to write anew, this time left-handed. I noticed some of the books on the seat. He was reading a series of biographical sketches of great men to get simple, informative stories for illustrations. I also noticed another book. To my consternation, this Latin pastor was learning to write shorthand, lefthanded, studying all by himself. It came as no surprise that he should be interested in seminary extension courses and mentioned several of his brethren who would be interested.

There is a need, and there is desire for further study.

IMPACT

What is the impact of seminary extension work on the total program of Southern Baptists? I can give you some testimonies.

A pastor from Georgia who could not attend college and seminary enrolled by correspondence in several courses. Since that time he has been continually enrolled in at least one course. His testimony is that he does not intend to be without one course under study for the rest of his active ministry.

Several pastors took the course in evangelism and tried out the ideas in their local churches. One told me gratefully of over 20 persons baptized in less than a year in a rural church. One pastor had a layman who enrolled in a class. His word is that this one layman

benefited so much from his study that he almost single-handedly revolutionized their church program. This pastor is going to try to start a center in the town to which he has recently moved.

Several associational missionaries tell of the fruit of the classes among their men. The backward, untrained pastors become more co-operative, launch out into new programs with new willingness, and in all markedly improve in stature and effectiveness.

In any area where there are a few trained, able, and willing men, classes can be offered for the training of other men who have not had the advantages of seminary training. The spiritual importance of the gospel ministry prescribes an intense effort to offer seminary training for all men who are in need of such instruction. The demands of our morally and spiritually destitute era leave us no other alternative.

—G. Ray Worley

TESTIMONIAL

The Seminary Extension Department class work has been and continues to be of great blessing to our rural church work in Illinois. For example, six years ago in one of our associations several of the rural pastors felt (because of misinformation) that the Co-operative Program and much of the work promoted through our Convention agencies was wrong. Even a suggested printed program for the annual session of their association was voted out that year. About two years ago a fine consecrated man came to this association to serve as Superintendent of Missions. One of the first things he did was to begin Seminary Extension Department class work. Several of these rural pastors came together to study the Word of God. Later



Pictured above are the members of the new seminary extension class in Anaheim, California. Opening classes got off to a good start October 11 with an enrollment of twenty-three students, taking the initial course in Old Testament 111. The class is taught by Mr. Fream B. Minton, Jr., Minister of Religious Education and Youth Work at the First Southern Baptist Church of Anaheim. Mr. Minton says, "It has long been my feeling that the type of program offered by the Seminary Extension Department should be available in every association."

they took some work in Religious Education.

As a result Co-operative Program receipts have increased. Last year long - range goals were adopted for their associational mission program and they are now providing a home for their missionary. Similar blessings have come through this good work in other sections of our state.

We pray God's continued blessings upon this great work.

—WWM, Illinois

ATTENTION: DIRECTORS AND REGISTRARS

In order to ascertain the effectiveness of the work of the Seminary Extension Department, the presidents of the seminaries have requested that we secure from each extension center the total number enrolled, the number of preachers enrolled, the number of laymen and women enrolled. Enrollment sheets on which the information could be given have been sent to all centers. There are 102 centers operating at present. Only a small number of these have sent in their enrollment sheets.

We are dependent upon you — the directors and registrars — to assist us in getting this information. Full names and addresses are needed along with the other information requested.

CONCERNING SPRING SEMESTER ORDERS

Centers which plan to begin their Spring semester in January should order as early in December as possible. Because of the extra load on the post office and because of the holidays, orders cannot be filled and delivered as promptly as at other times. Please write for materials for January classes by December 15 to assure you of the receipt of materials in time for the first class period.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Sept. 1, 1960 — Nov. 15, 1960

Correspondence Students	633
New Enrollments this mo.	14
Re-enrollments this mo.	12
Extension Center Students	728
Total	1,387

THE WORK CONTINUES

Southern Baptists will only partially miss the leadership which Dr. Lee Gallman implemented through the Seminary Extension Department. His going to Howard College bodes new horizons of growth and progress for adult extension work among Alabama Baptists. It is hoped that his prophetic voice will not be stilled, for many Baptists — and even some non-Baptists — have responded nobly to his stirring challenges and incisive analyses.

The work of the Department continues. Policies established under the leadership of Dr. Gallman and the direction of the Seminary Extension Commission continue to govern the work of the Department.

The associates will, of course, be in active contact with seminary extension leaders in their respective territories. The office staff will handle the details of supplying syllabi, texts, and general information. Particular problems will be resolved in conference with the Commission.

The loyalty to the objectives of the Seminary Extension Department on the part of so many will no doubt remain constant and even rise to greater heights. During this period when the Commission is seeking a new director, the understanding co-operation of all leaders, teachers, and students will be appreciated.

A worthy compensation to the former director and the associates for the long trips and hours away from home is that common spirit of dedication among our co-workers. The thirst for knowledge, the

A PERSONAL NOTE TO DR. GALLMAN

I have sincerely enjoyed your fine work. I have looked forward each month to the column which you write in the bulletin. I am sure every student is an ardent admirer of your fine Christian personality and deeply regret to hear of your resignation. We shall be praying for you and your work.

O. M., North Carolina

ANOTHER ADVANCE IN PRICE

The price of *Enlisting and Developing Church Leaders*, by Milhouse, has advanced from \$.75 per copy to \$1.00 per copy. Future orders will be billed at the \$1.00 rate. This price has been in effect for some time but has just come to our attention.

humility of spirit, the genuine desire for help, the glow of appreciation, and the stories of service for Christ well-done on the part of our students provide inestimable remuneration for efforts expended.

The work of the Department continues because the need for its services continues. As long as the need for its services and the desire for its ministry abide, we must link our arms in dedication to provide those opportunities which are uniquely available through the Seminary Extension Department.

—G. Ray Worley

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