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Reconciliation

It is not because God is great and I am small, it is not because He lives for ever, and my life is but a hand-breadth, it is not because of the difference between His omniscience and my ignorance, His strength and my weakness, that I am parted from Him: "Your sins have separated between you and your God." And no man, build he Babels ever so high, can reach thither. There is one means by which the separation is at an end, and by which all objective hindrances to union, and all subjective hindrances, are alike swept away. Christ has come, and in Him the heavens have bended down to touch, and touching to bless, this low earth, and man and God are at one once more.

—Alexander Maclaren

Gleanings From The Field

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Enete, missionaries, left New Orleans on a ship bound for Rio de Janeiro on December 26.

A three-manual organ was recently of California, to Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Dedication took place on January 6.

Dr. C. C. Maupin, physician and surgeon, is improving at last report after having undergone a major operation at the Memorial Hospital, 444 East Sixth-street, New York 21, N. Y. He is a member of the Deer Park Church of Louisville.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin's Secretary, Miss Gene Newton, recently resigned her position with the Foreign Mission Board to be married to Dr. E. Eugene West, of Boston, Mass., and she is being succeeded by Miss Mary Elizabeth Fuqua, of Richmond, Va.

Secretary M. Theron Rankin and Superintendent Everett Gill, Jr., both of the Foreign Mission Board, expect to visit mission fields in Mexico and Columbia, South America, in June. They expect to be in the latter country for the formal organization of the Columbian Baptist Convention.

George D. Park, Laurel River Missionary, London, Ky., is sponsoring a Pastors' Conference at the East Benrstadt and Corinth Baptist Churches in his association, during February 27 and 28. The speakers for the conference include Dr. W. C. Boone, L. O. Griffith, R. B. Hooks and A. M. Vollmer.

Dr. B. C. Land, Stewardship Promotion Secretary of Montgomery, Ala., was recently in a stewardship revival with Pastor Donald W. Wells at the Pollard Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky., during January 4-11. The attendance averaged 600 through Friday night. At the same time Rev. Miller Mikel of Chicago, an artist, presented the gospel in art, drawing two pictures each day.

A school of missions was held in the First Baptist Church of Frankfort during February 8-13. Speakers on the program included: Edwin B. Dozier of Japan; J. S. Bell of Hindman, Ky.; Carlos, Mexican worker, R. A. Jacobs, formerly of China; Lewis W. Martin of Atlanta, Ga.; Edgar Hallock of Brazil; and Aaron W. Hancock, missionary to the Choctaw Indians.

Mrs. A. W. Yocum, missionary of the Foreign Mission Board, died of coronary thrombosis and pneumonia at Chengchow, China. She was buried at Chengchow on January 7. Her husband, Dr.

Yocum, remains to carry on their work there.

Louis B. Seay, Richmond, Va., has become office manager and transportation clerk for the Foreign Mission Board. Among other things he will seek to solve transportation, purchasing and shipping problems for missionaries and their families, and do the buying for the Board. He is deacon in the church where he holds membership in Richmond, and is a brother of Dr. W. Mosby Seay, Acting Editor of The Baptist Courier in Greenville, S. C., and one-time pastor of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky.

The fourth annual Seminary Bible Conference was held at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Berkeley, Calif.; during February 23-27. President B. O. Herring had with him as inspirational speakers on that program J. W. Bruner, Dallas, Texas; S. L. Tidwell, Turlock, Calif.; and L. A. Brown, Los Angeles, Calif. The Bible teachers on that program included: J. B. Kincanon, S. G. Posey, Hollis A. Burge and James E. Carroll. Conference leaders were A. F. Crittendon, Frensho; I. E. Reynolds, Berkeley; and S. L. Tidwell.

Pastor W. Lloyd Hellams, of the Brownsville Baptist Church, Brownsville, Ky., writes of a good twelve days' meeting in his church in which the preaching was done by Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation. "Although the weather was at its lowest, the attendance was at its highest," writes the Brownsville pastor. "Dr. Vollmer delivered timely and well prepared messages during the series," he continued. Rev. John Hammatt, Caneyville, Ky., led the singing for the meetings.

Pastor Weaver W. Dickerson has been pastor of the Farmington Baptist Church in Western Kentucky only since October 23, but already they have put the Western Recorder into their church budget so the paper will go into their homes every week. This makes four churches which Brother Dickerson has led to put the Western Recorder in their church budget. "I think that the Baptist State paper should be in every Baptist home," says Pastor Dickerson, "and the pastors are the key men to get the job done." will. The pastor can do ever so much better preaching with the paper in the homes of the members because the people know what he is talking about without his having to explain many things about which they would already know if they read about them before going to church.

Anti-Saloon League To Re-Organize

PITTSBURG (RNS)—The president and general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America said here they plan to resign, leaving the way open for "young blood" in the organization.

At the same time, the League is contemplating a change in its title to either the National Temperance Federation or the National Temperance League.

This change, it was learned, was urged by younger members, who said they can carry on the "fight against liquor" better under a new name.

The two actions were announced as the Anti-Saloon League opened its thirty-fifth national convention here.

Speaking at the opening session before delegates from 40 states, George W. Crabbe of Baltimore was first to reveal plans to submit his resignation during the convention.

Crabbe, who has been general superintendent since 1940, explained: "I'm getting out because of two reasons, Mrs. Crabbe's health and my age. I'm 72. I am as interested in the activities of the League as I always was and I will be as long as I live."

Rev. Ralph S. Cushman, of St. Paul, Minn., president of the League for the last 10 years, said he was resigning because "my other duties in evangelism in 700 churches across the nation take up too much of my time to devote to the expanding anti-saloon program."

Crabbe's career with the anti-salooners began in 1907, twelve years after the League was federated to "exterminate liquor traffic and prevent the evils of alcoholism."

Among his contemporaries were such colorful anti-liquor advocates as Carrie Nation, the hatchet-wielding prohibitionist, and evangelist Billy Sunday. Crabbe made several lecture tours with Billy Sunday and served as superintendent of the Maryland League for 29 years before accepting the national position.

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Editorials

FORTIFYING THE YOUNG

During the last war, our Government as nearly as possible, anticipated every circumstance and danger into which the young men and women would go. Against those approaching risks, they were trained. Thousands are alive today because they understood something of what they were going into and how to meet situations.

Baptist homes and churches these days, face a need not wholly unlike that met by our Government—the conserving of young men and women as they go, many of them into institutions of higher learning in which their faith will be put to every test.

Fathers and mothers, pastors and churches and Sunday school teachers, face the responsibility of so grounding the young people in their faith, that when they sit later at the feet of those who do not believe, they will not be swept away from their moorings.

Our young people—growing up in the homes and in the churches—should be made to know the Book thoroughly, its truth, its wisdom and accuracy. But they should know more. They should be acquainted, ahead of time, with what unbelievers are going to say about it. The writer has seen and heard young people gasp as they, for the first time, came in contact with those who reject the Scriptures.

We are not implying that all instructors in non-denominational schools reject the Bible. Some of the finest Christians we have ever known were teachers in institutions of higher learning, not denominational. They went out of their way to strengthen the faith of young people, and they served, many of them on church commit-

tees, and accepted teaching assignments in the Sunday schools.

But then, there have been others, and every Baptist needs to know it, who, by this means and that, have been influential in breaking down the child-like faith of the young. They succeeded because, in large measure, the young people did not know what to expect and did not have the facts at their fingertips.

We recall now, a young student, who, in a course in philosophy was brought face to face for the first time with major doubts. The professor, a Ph.D. graduate from one of the larger universities, was also a skeptic. The course completed and examinations over, the young Christian turned in his paper. The professor said to him, "And how do you think you did?" The reply was, "There is my paper Doctor, and you have my daily grades. I have enjoyed your course, but my mind and heart have an answer which I have not set down in this examination paper. I still believe in the Bible and in Christ as the Divine Saviour and Lord. I have a home and church training background, and, above all, a living experience with Jesus which cannot be set aside by even so charming and brilliant a person as yourself."

We can't keep our children from coming into contact with those who would hurt their lives, but we can fill them so full of truth, that there is no room for the alien doctrine.

AN UPSIDE DOWN ARGUMENT

Life Magazine, in a recent issue, showed forty-eight pictures of a Chicago man standing on his head in front of each of the state capitol buildings of the Nation.

It would seem that the man had gone to great pains, endured many hardships, traveled many thous-

ands of miles, and spent some money (he hitch-hiked part of the time), just to stand on his head. Seems he was registering some kind of an architectural protest against what he thought was bad style in the state capitol buildings.

So does it happen now and then—in man's effort to register disagreement with this and that he sometimes reveals himself to be about as badly upside down as the thing to which he directs attention. Happy is the man who can, himself, avoid doing cartwheels in an effort to get others to remain steady.

Some years ago we heard of a man who boasted from the platform: "I am going to have people coming to hear me preach if I have to stand on my head in the pulpit and work my feet." Following the sermon a dear old lady with wisdom to match her years came forward to greet the young and inexperienced pastor. Said she, "Thank you for the sermon, Pastor, but with reference to the crowds, don't you think it would be better to stand on your feet in the pulpit, and work your head?"

GREAT EDITOR TO RETIRE

Dr. E. C. Routh, now editor of *The Commission*, Foreign Mission Board journal, has announced his intention to retire next May 1.

Few men in the South have equalled in point of active years and service the record of Editor Routh. He was born in Lagrange, Texas, November 26, 1874. He received his A.B. degree from the University of Texas in 1897. Baylor University, Waco, conferred the D. D. on him in 1919. He was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1901. He was pastor of the Baptist church at Lockhart, Texas from 1903 to 1907.

Dr. Routh's outstanding life work is in the field of Baptist journalism. From 1907 to 1912 he was editor of the *South Texas Baptist* published at San Antonio. He was associate editor of *The Baptist Standard*, Dallas, from 1912-1914, and editor of that paper from 1914 to 1928. From 1928 to 1943 he was editor of *The Baptist Messenger*, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Since 1943 he has been editor and manager of *The Commission*.

In addition, he has been widely

interested in Baptist history. He was a member of historical societies in both Texas and Oklahoma. He is the author of a number of books including: "The Life Story of J. B. Gambrell," "The Story of Oklahoma Baptists," "Reading The Bible," "Are All Roads The Same?" "The Word Overcoming The Word," etc.

Dr. Routh is the father of Brother Porter Routh, statistician for the Southern Baptist Convention, with headquarters in the Baptist Sunday School Board building in Nashville. The Western Recorder wishes this great soul many more years of service.

APPLES ARE SOUREST NEAR THE FENCE

The Gospel Messenger remarks that Charles Spurgeon used to tell the story of an American who had a great apple orchard. This apple fancier had insisted over and over that a friend of his should come by and sample his fine fruit.

Finally the friend admitted that he had already tasted the apples and that he did not care for any more of them. Said he, "As I went along the fence, I picked up one that had fallen outside, and I never tasted anything as sour in my life."

The gardener replied, "I thought it must be so. Those apples around the outside are for the special benefit of the boys. I went fifty miles to select the sourest sort to plant around the outside, so that the boys would give the rest up as not worth stealing." Then he went on, "But if you will come inside, you will find that we grow a very different quality there—sweet as honey."

There are thousands out in the world who, as blindly, are judging the church life of today by the quality of those who are just on the fence—right near the edge—neither in nor out.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS

Concerning Josephus Daniels' passing, Editor L. L. Carpenter, *Biblical Recorder* writes:

"The death of Josephus Daniels at his home in Raleigh, January 14, precipitated a great loss not only to his immediate family circle, but to the entire country.

"The eighty-five year-old editor of the *News and Observer* was the

last surviving member of Woodrow Wilson's cabinet. We sense a personal loss in his going. Mr. Daniels had been a reader of the *Biblical Recorder* for many years.

"Mr. Daniels was a leader in the Methodist church of which he had, throughout his long career, been a member. Moral and religious forces in the state will miss him. Always earnest and outspoken, he was a champion of all good causes involving moral issues and contributing to the welfare of the common man."

As an additional tribute to his sense of personal responsibility, we quote the following from his Last Will and Testament:

"I have never regarded the stock I owned in the *News and Observer* as property, but as certificates of a trust to be administered for the common good of the people of North Carolina. I advise and enjoin those who direct the paper in the tomorrows never to advocate any cause for personal profits or preferment. I would wish it always to be the toscin and devote itself to the policies of equality and justice to the underprivileged. If the paper should at any time be the voice of self-interest or become the spokesman of privilege or selfishness it would be untrue to its history."

For the past fifty years, no man in North Carolina waged a harder fight against alcohol than Mr. Daniels, and, as one of the North Carolina papers said, "But for Him and his great paper every county in the state might be suffering liquor stores today."

Men with such principles—leadership, abiding faith in the Word of God, humble understanding of the problems of the common man, a disposition to champion high moral standards—should not pass without praise.

EXPENSIVE FUN

From Cincinnati came the story of the man who, throwing a snowball, in some way let his \$2,000 diamond ring become entangled therewith. Away it went with the snowball. Subsequent search had failed to retrieve the loss.

Have there not been others who, for the sake of a little fun, have thrown away that which was far more valuable than rare gems, and, try as they would, they could never recover their full loss?

CHRISTIAN SYSTEM, NOT ENOUGH

"Transformation of the world must take place in men's hearts," said Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek in his Christmas message to China.

He declared that Christianity points the way to an answer of the problems of the world.

May God grant that they, in China, shall not make the fundamental mistake which some have made over here—substituting a Christian system for Christ. Above all else, the world needs Christ Himself. When He reigns in the heart, there is life. *If Christ be in us, there is life because He is life.*

100 NEW MISSIONARIES

One hundred new foreign missionaries are to be appointed in 1948.

A few years ago far more young people were volunteering for foreign service than we had money to send.

God was calling but his people at home were not listening.

We are still far short of adequate support for those who would go, but the future is brighter. More of those who are to remain at home, are listening to God.

If only the churches loved the lost on the other side of the world, and would give to reach them, as they do to carry on local programs!

May God speed the day when we shall be as missionary as our name.

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It's funny how many good reasons folks can find for doing what they want to do, and how many valid excuses they can find for not doing what they don't want to do.

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If a man is determined to kill time, why doesn't he try working it to death?

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Growling all day can really make you dog-tired by night.

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Some are abnormal; others are just blab normal.

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"Politeness is like an air cushion—there may not be much in it but it certainly does ease life's jolts."

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"Earnestly Contend for the Faith
Once for All Delivered to the Saints."—Jude 3.

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The Relation of Baptism to Salvation

By J. E. SKINNER
Murray, Ky.

THE YOUNG CHURCH member should not only understand the meaning of his baptism and its relation to church membership, but he should also understand the relation of baptism to salvation, for the following good reasons:

First, if he knows and contends for the meaning of his baptism and its relation to church membership, he is sure to be confronted with the accusation of believing that baptism is essential to salvation, and second, he should understand the relation of baptism to salvation for his own comfort and usefulness in leading others to the Saviour and His service.

Times without number and perhaps in every land, real Baptists have been accused of believing that baptism is essential to salvation; and, for no other reason than for their contention for its meaning and its fixed relation to church membership under the Great Commission.

Whereas, instead of believing that baptism is essential to salvation, they believe the exact opposite, that salvation is essential to Christian baptism, and that apart from an experience of salvation there can be no Christian baptism at all. And, let it be said with humility, this is, and has been throughout their history, one of their distinguishing characteristics as Baptists.

Moreover, let it be further said with a degree of restraint, that such ac-

cusations come from those who have a vague understanding, if an understanding at all, of the meaning of salvation itself; that it is something to be attained through faithful obedience in this life, and to be realized "at last if found faithful"—predicating salvation of works, instead of grace through faith, and daring to set the day at the end, instead of "NOW."

Thus the average misunderstanding of Baptist views on the relation of baptism to salvation, stems from a misunderstanding of their views of salvation itself; that it is "the gift of God," to be received here and now (2 Cor. 6:2), and that "...by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:8-10). "And if by grace, then it is no more of works: otherwise grace is no more grace" (Rom. 11:6). "Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. But to him that worketh not, but believeth on Him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness. . . . Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed" (Rom. 4:4-8, 16).

These passages speak the very words of the Baptist contention, and therefore need no further comment, other than to say: since salvation is "not

of works," but wholly "by grace through faith;" and since Christian baptism is the act of the Christian, and not of the seeking sinner; therefore baptism cannot be essential to salvation, any more than any other act of Christian obedience.

To this agrees the order of the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20, ASV): First, "Make disciples"—believers in Jesus who are so in love with Him as to be willing to leave all others to follow Him (Luke 14:25-27). Second, "Baptizing them"—disciples whose hearts and lives are completely surrendered to Christ as Saviour and Lord both now and forever (2 Cor. 1:12). Third, "Teaching them"—the baptized disciples—"to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"—perpetuating His world-wide program.

In the light of His Great Commission, which alone is the marching orders of His churches "unto the end of the world," every other precept and example in the New Testament should consistently be interpreted. For certainly no other command or example could have been in conflict with the Master's supreme and unchangeable orders in the Great Commission. Nor is Mark's much interpreted report of the Great Commission in conflict with Matthew's report. For he, too, in his report, makes faith in Jesus a prerequisite to baptism and church membership (Mark 16:15, 16): "... He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned" (ASV). Like Matthew, he reports a command and a promise both of which are alike to the church, and not to the alien sinner. His encouraging promise to the church in its gigantic task even comprehends more than the promise as reported by Matthew—giving assurance of the consummated salvation of every baptized believer in Jesus at His coming, and of the eternal condemnation of every disbeliever in Jesus when He comes. Nor is Peter's sadly misinterpreted command on the day of Pentecost in disagreement with the Master's Great Commission (Acts 2:38): "Repent ye, and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins" (ASV). The unprejudiced student would never see any discrepancy between Peter's words here and the teachings of the Great Commission, for he would think only of "Jesus Christ" as the "Bearer away of your sins," and that is the exact meaning of Peter's words, "unto remission"—referring to Christ as the great Antitype of the scapegoat that bore away the sins of the people (Lev. 16:20-27). Thus Christ is "unto remission of sins," and not baptism. And this is in perfect accord with Peter's later words at the house of Cornelius (Acts 16:47): "Can any man forbid water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the

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Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church

By PROF. A.C. HARLOWE
Prestonsburg, Kentucky

Under the leadership of Rev. Charles Martin, The First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg was organized in 1905 with seven members, four men and three women.

At that time they met in the old M. E. Church, South, and continued there until the attendance grew so large they found it necessary to go to the Court House.

Rev. Martin served as pastor until 1907 when Rev. W. H. Sledge, an evangelist of North Carolina assisted by Rev. W. C. Roof, came to Prestonsburg and conducted the most successful revival Eastern Kentucky ever witnessed. There were hundreds of professions including prominent citizens, business and professional men and men who had the reputation of being some of Eastern Kentucky's bad men.

Under the change and the wonderful spell of his preaching and the leadership of Rev. Sledge, the church with greatly increased membership took on new life and set out to do big things.

First was the building of a modern pressed brick church with ample auditorium, Sunday school rooms, pastor's study, baptistry, etc. Second, they had dreams of a Baptist college, and bought a local private school building and started a school. Interest was at a high pitch and all went well for a year or so while Rev. Sledge remained here but, sad to relate, he left, and soon the funds for the church building, which was being pushed to completion by the architect-pastor Rev. R. A. Barnes, were completely exhausted as were the funds also of the promoters.

It was then that Dr. W. D. Powell of precious memory came to the rescue with \$1,500 left by Irene Cole to establish a chapel or church to be called by her name. To obtain this money to satisfy the pressing creditors, the name of The First Baptist Church of Prestonsburg was changed to The Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church, the name it bears today.

While the church was struggling thus for existence the school too was having its ups and downs (mostly downs) and finally suspended chiefly on account of an unfriendly atmosphere, unfriendly for lack of interest in the education of the youth.

The Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church as weak as it was at that time

[The church herein described by Professor Harlowe is in a strategically located county seat town in Eastern Kentucky. The story is well told and, because of wide interest in the mountains, will be well received.—Editor.]

was the only Baptist church in Floyd County. For several years it was not strong enough to support a pastor without help from the Baptist State Board of Missions. The field was considered a hard one. Pastors would come and go until now almost a half century from its organization, the Church has had a score of pastors. As soon as the church was able to pay the pastor's full salary the Mission Board withdrew its aid and for a while things went fairly well until January 11, 1942, when the building burned.

The Church met in the graded school building as long at least as it was agreeable and then went to the Presbyterian Church, without a pastor at that time and very gracious. The Presbyterians played the good Samaritan well. With them the church and Sunday school remained until a few months ago when the basement of our new building could be used.

While we were without a building, weekly prayer meetings were held in

Calls New York City Greatest Missionary Challenge

BUCK HILLS FALLS, Pa. (RNS) American cities "are increasingly becoming secularistic if not pagan," and New York City "constitutes the greatest missionary challenge of any city or territory in America or the world," the Home Missions Council of North America was told at its annual meeting here.

Dr. Mark A. Dawber, executive secretary of the Council, declared that New York City "is now approaching the point in its history where secularism is destined to become the majority faith."

To combat this trend, Dr. Dawber called upon Evangelism groups to coordinate their services and pool their resources "in a carefully planned courageous program to win the multitudes from paganism to Christ."

private homes. There were always a few homes that extended a welcome and a few faithful members who kept the prayer service going. Some, however, who seemed on the verge of casting their lot with us drifted away to other churches enjoying more favorable conditions. Our new building now is approaching completion and soon will be dedicated without debt.

Fortunately we had a ten thousand dollar fire insurance policy on the old building when it burned; and, by changing locations we gained as much more and secured a larger lot above flood line and centrally located. Were the Church of human origin most likely it would not have survived, but a kind Providence has caused it to prevail.

In times of peril God has sent us godly men as pastors to tide us over. Prominent among these was Rev. J. C. Midyett who came here with his cultured wife and daughter from Georgia and pastored the church through a critical period. His piety and godly life were an inspiration to all. Later there came to us just out of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, a Norwegian whose scholarship in Greek especially had placed him so far in the front ranks that he was favorably considered to succeed Dr. A. T. Robertson to the chair of N. T. Greek in the Seminary. Under his masterful guidance the church made much progress. He is now pastor of one of the leading churches of Lynchburg, Virginia. A worthy successor to Dr. Nordenhaug was Dr. George Walker Redding who by both precept and example made his pastorate here outstanding. He lives in hearts he left behind. He is now Associate Professor of Bible and Philosophy in Georgetown College.

Recently the church called Rev. L. W. Benedict as pastor and he has accepted the call for full time work beginning April 1, 1948. Rev. Benedict holds a Bachelor of Art's degree from Colgate University; a Th.M. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He formerly was pastor of Parkland Baptist Church, Virginia Avenue Baptist Church and Third Avenue Baptist Church, all in Louisville, but more recently has been Regional Rural Worker under the State and Home Mission Boards with his residence at Catlettsburg, Ky.

As part time pastor here he has taken hold of the work with strong hand adding to its membership, increasing its collections and audiences; has purchased and paid for a lot for the pastors' home on which work will begin as soon as the weather will permit. He also has the church on the verge of opening a new mission field at Lancer about three miles above town.

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HEALTH—Some men lose their health getting wealth, and then lose their wealth regaining their health.—*Mutual Moments*

STRANGE THINGS are done by men in order to appear right before God.

Near Cairo, Egypt, are located the tombs of the sacred bulls. They had been worshipped as gods and their worshippers had buried them, expecting they would some day come to life again.

On the walls of the tombs, names have been recorded and marks made after each name. The name had been written there on the first visit of the worshipper, and a mark made for each visit thereafter. This record had been kept on the walls so that when the bull god was resurrected he would first see the names of those who had been faithful and would forgive them their sins as a reward.

This is but one of the thousands of ways in which man has sought, and is seeking, to become *justified*, or to appear right in the sight of his God.

Two Justifications

The Scriptures give two ways in which a man may be justified, or may appear right to another: (1) by *works*, "Ye see that by *works* a man is justified and not only by faith" (James 2:24); (2) by *faith*, "We reckon therefore that a man is justified by *faith* apart from the works of the law" (Romans 3:28). James declares a man must be justified with works, while Paul declares a man is justified without works.

The explanation of the apparent discrepancy is so simple that it is missed by many. Three facts must be remembered:

(1) Justify means to appear right to another.

(2) That which justifies a man before one often does not justify him before another.

(3) Man has two before whom he must be justified—God and his fellow man.

Suppose a college student makes splendid grades. These grades justify, or make him appear right in the eyes of the professor. But can these grades make him appear right, or justify him on the basketball court? No! Grades will justify him before his teacher, but he must be able to play basketball to be justified on the basketball court. That which justified him before his instructor could not justify him before the spectators. Man, also, has two before whom he must be justified—God and his fellow man. Paul is talking about justification before God by faith, and James is talking about justification before man by works. James is not talking about salvation, but how a Christian may be justified before his fellow men, and thus bring an increase or gain, a profit to his Lord.

Several facts in this chapter will prevent any fair minded person from claiming that the discussion here concerns salvation.

JUSTIFICATION

By JOHN M. CARTER
Dean of Campbellsville College

1. What is the gain, or profit, if a man say he has faith and yet does not work? (verse 14a). Then James illustrates. Can faith save him, if one be in physical need and you say "Be filled" and yet give him nothing? What is the profit? What good does your faith do? (v. 145b, 15, 16).

2. Then he concludes: Even so, spiritual faith without works is dead and powerless (v. 17). Continuing his argument he shows the utter impossibility of showing our fellow man anything by faith. A man can ask you to show him your faith without your works and you will be unable to do it, but he can show you his faith by his works. (This verse is dealing with man showing man, or being justified before man. In other words, "you show me and I'll show you.")

(3) Having shown that to be justified before man one must work, James concludes with: "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren (fruitless). Abraham is an illustration of this, he says, for though he was the example par excellence of faith, he did not *justify himself before men until he did it by a deed of placing his son Isaac on the altar*. On that day he showed to Christians of all ages his faith, and as we look back upon his act he *appears right to us*."

The Case of Abraham

Now if anyone yet maintains that James was writing about being justified in God's sight, then he has to say that Abraham was a lost man before the day he offered Isaac and was not saved until that day, that he was lost when visited by the angels, given the promise, given a son and called the friend of God. No! Abraham was justified by faith in God's sight long before the offering of Isaac, but he certainly proved his faith to man that day when he offered his son, thus winning justification before man.

Romans 4:2 also declares this act of Abraham did not justify him in God's sight, but in man's. "For if Abraham were justified by works, he had whereof to glory, but not toward God. Abraham believed God and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness." In both Romans and Galatians works as a means of justification before God are denounced as powerless. "But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith" (Gal. 3:11). Paul to the church at Philippi also denounces works as

powerless to save, for, after he recounts all claims he could make on salvation because of his birth and works he declares: "And I do count them but refuse, that I may win Christ, and be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is the law, but that which is through the faith in Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith" (Phil. 3:8, 9).

No Conflict

There is no conflict between James and Paul. Each is preaching justification, Paul proclaiming that justification before God is by faith and James pleading to the Christians to work that they might be justified before their fellow men, and so become profitable Christians, showing their faith to all mankind through their deeds. In this way they will be profitable for the Lord.

There has been much misunderstanding concerning justification. (1) Some have seemed to think that justification *in man's sight* is the supreme value of this teaching, but we believe Christ is saying to them as he did to the Pharisees: "And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts; for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God" (Luke 16:15).

(2) Others interpret the term justification as applying in every case to *salvation*. When this is true, the great doctrine of justification before men has been lost or relegated to a place of minor importance. If this is the case we need to sit at the feet of James and hear again "But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith apart from works is barren (or fruitless and unprofitable)."

The Christian according to the will of God is one who can sing,

"My faith is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand.
All other ground is sinking sand."

Let the Christian's heart rejoice in this great unchangeable truth. But then let him, being justified before God by faith in Christ, go forth and through his works justify himself before man.

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ACCOMPLISHMENT—It's a lot better to drive one thought home than to let three die on base.—Howard W. Newton, *Adv. & Selling*.

“This Retirement Business” —A Reply

By WM. H. SEALEY, Kosse, Texas

THAT WAS a word picture of beauty and loveliness painted for us by Brother S. E. Tull of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, and printed in some of the Baptist state papers, concerning his retirement at the age of 65.

I presume no Baptist pastor living now, or who ever lived, would begrudge Brother Tull his utopia in which to live during his declining years. Congratulations to Brother Tull, for having been so fortunate as to have accumulated enough money from his pay envelopes across the years of his active ministry to enable him to build and improve a whole city block, where he is living in such ease and comfort.

However, as I read Brother Tull's splendid description of his commodious, lovely, modern home in the city, I wanted to flick a tear of sympathy off my cheek as I thought of the teeming hundreds of less fortunate Baptist pastors and preachers, who have not, and who never will be financially able to buy and to build a home of even comparable luxury and conveniences as portrayed by Brother Tull in his “Retirement Business” article.

I'm thinking of that great group of loyal, hard-working pastors out in the country places—fourth, half time, and full time churches, and those pastors of full time churches in the small towns, who are not among that group of pastors who are paid three, four, five and six thousand dollars a year, and up. I'm thinking of the many pastors who eke out an existence, as did Jesus, and Paul and John of the early New Testament churches, who own nothing but their families, and who will never own real estate simply because it is impossible under their present financial set up. I'm thinking of that great group of great pastors in Texas and throughout the Southland, whose salaries are: a thousand, fifteen hundred or two thousand dollars a year, with their emergency bills to pay, their children to educate, their cars to keep up, their tithes and offerings to make. These pastors have no opportunity to accumulate a bank account with which they can buy a city block, not even a vacant lot in a small town, and build a reasonably comfortable home in which to retire at sixty-five.

All of us are aware, Brother Tull, of the fact, that the pastors in the low income group who will have been paying into the Ministers Retirement Fund, will have only a financial pittance upon

which to live upon retirement at sixty-five, and there will be not one penny of extra money for any of the luxuries so beautifully suggested in your article, for them to enjoy. Common arithmetic confirms this contention.

Yours, Brother Tull, is the ideal and it's a goal toward which the heart of every pastor no doubt yearns, and would like to achieve in his life time, but which the stern realities of life in the average country and little town pastorate will not now permit of achievement. Would to God it were within the reach of every pastor, in the small church as well as in the large pastorate, to have, to own and to enjoy, a home, upon their retirement, as lovely, as modern, and as happily located as is your home in Pine Bluff, Brother Tull.

Since it is a fact that the majority of our Baptist pastors will never be financially able under the present financial set up in so many of our churches, to achieve the goal set for them by Brother Tull, are there not some Baptist men and women in each of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention territory, who have enough money, who would establish in each of these states a community of small homes, with modern conveniences, low rentals, where, upon retirement from the active ministry, pastors could, for their remaining days upon the earth, live in comfort and peace and quiet?

Visualize with me the old soldier of the cross with his comrade of the road, who have lived and wrought well through the years in the little pastorates in country and the small towns, where they have been happy to live and work for the glory of Christ. The age of retirement has caught them—no home, no surplus money with which to buy a lot and build a home. Yonder they stand at the end of life's day, looking into the face of the sunset at the end of the day of life, with no place to go. What shall they do now? Use their ministers' retirement fund? Yes, to be sure, but

that fund will probably be twenty-five, thirty or maybe forty dollars a month. They are happy to have this fund to help sustain them now, but they can't buy and build a home with this money. Shall these who have wrought faithfully out in the country churches, off the highways, in the small pastorates, with equally as small pay, now be forced to live in some rented shack in the alley of some city; and if in a small country town, it will be in the cheapest rental in the town—they can't afford otherwise.

On the other side of this canvas there is a beautiful picture, if some good men and women will take the time to see and study it. Here is that picture.

Standing yonder on the hilltop of happiness, is an old soldier of the cross and his comrade, who through years have worked in the country churches and small towns, but now retirement age has crept upon them, quicker than they had dreamed, and they must go some place to live. They turn toward the West and watch the sun set in all of its beauty, its glory and its majesty, as only God can paint it upon the skies, and now they see nestling beneath the lengthening shadows of the hills, Sunset Valley Home, a place of retirement and rest amidst the calm quietness with other soldiers of the cross, who, too, have had to retire from the active pastorate.

Then, as these comrades stand upon the hill-top of joy at the end of their long day of usefulness, they remember with the Psalmist who wrote: “The heavens declare the glory of God, and His firmament showeth forth His handiwork,” and as they stand there arm in arm looking down upon Sunset Valley Home, they'll remember that this is the day for which all the other days were made, and they'll be as happy then as they were upon the day they became husband and wife to establish their Christian home, and to work in God's kingdom wherever he led—out into the small pastorates. Yes, these comrades of the cross will see in the glory of the sunset, the faces of the men and women who have been their benefactors, who, out of their love for Christ and for Christ's aged ministers, built for them a rendezvous of happiness where they can wait for the last sunset, which will be to them the most beautiful, the most glorious, the most majestic of all the sunsets, and they'll see this last sunset from the little cottage built by you in Sunset Valley Home.

Comparative Statement Of Receipts

By W. C. BOONE, General Secretary-Treasurer

Funds Received by the Baptist State Board for
First Quarter of this Associational Year

	Nov.-Dec. Jan. 1946-47	Nov.-Dec Jan. 1947-48	Increase
Co-operative Program	\$228,287.41	\$245,071.09	\$ 16,783.68
Designated	322,777.71	411,219.54	88,441.83
	\$551,065.12	\$656,290.63	\$105,225.51

Southern Baptists Make Record Gains in 1947

By PORTER ROUTH, Secretary
Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information
Baptist Sunday School Board

Southern Baptist churches in 1947 reported more baptisms, enrolled more people in Sunday school, Training Union, Women's Missionary societies, and Brotherhoods, and gave more money for all causes than any year in their history.

The 285,152 baptisms reported by the churches exceeded the previous high of 269,155 baptisms reported in 1939. However, as the membership has grown since 1939, the ratio between the members and baptisms is not as favorable. In 1939, one baptism was reported for

each 18.3 members. The ratio was one for each 22 members in 1947.

California reported the best record in baptisms, one for each 6.4 members. Arizona, Arkansas, Florida, New Mexico, and Oklahoma were all below the one for each 20 ratio. There were 4,403 churches reporting no baptisms, compared with 5,996 in 1946.

Sunday school enrollment passed the 4,000,000 mark for the first time. A record increase of 256,781 pushed the total enrollment to 4,004,705, a 7.1 per cent gain during 1947.

PER CAPITA GIFTS FOR LOCAL AND MISSION CAUSES

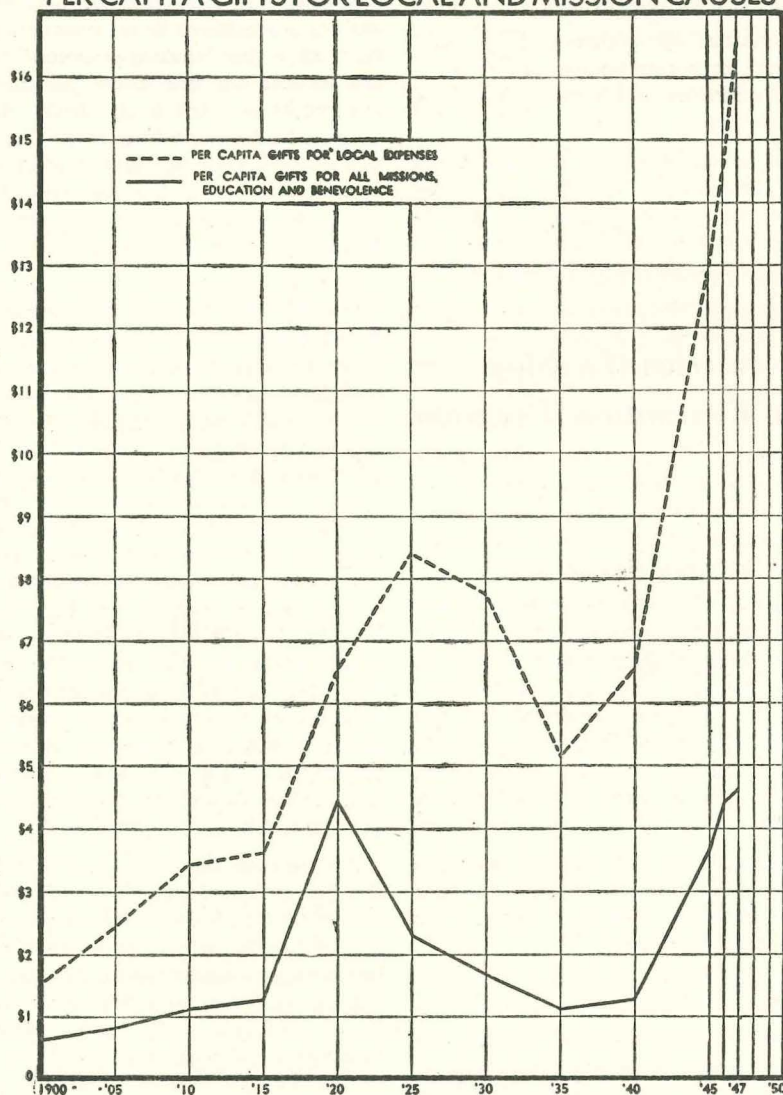


Chart on Per Capita Gifts

Per capita gifts for local work have increased more than nine and one-half times since 1900. Gifts for missions, education, and benevolence have increased more than seven and one-half times since 1900. See additional charts on pages 12 and 21.

The 16,222 Vacation Bible schools reported an enrollment of 1,328,790, a gain of 273,112 for the year.

Training Union enrollment gained 125,049, the largest gain ever reported in one year, to reach 927,908. The increase amounted to 15.6 per cent.

W. M. U. enrollment climbed 93,645 to reach 761,907. Membership in Brotherhoods increased 25,734 to make the present total 97,146.

Total membership in the 26,764 churches is now 6,270,819. It is estimated that 26 per cent of this is non-resident.

The number of churches with preaching only one time each month decreased from 7,327 to 6,558. The number of churches with preaching services each Sunday increased from 10,110 to 11,133.

Total gifts for all purposes to the churches during 1947 amounted to \$132,162,846. Of this amount, the churches spent \$103,690,832 for local expenses, and \$28,472,014 for missions, education, and benevolence. The per capita increase in giving has nearly kept pace with the per capita income since the bottom was reached in 1933. Since that date, the per capita income in the Southern Baptist Convention has increased an estimated 300 per cent. The per capita gifts for all causes have shown an increase of 275 per cent since 1933. The average Baptist church member gave two and one-half per cent of his income in 1933 compared to two and one-third per cent of his income in 1947.

Value of all church property climbed \$53,776,873 in 1947 to reach a total of \$366,830,652. Some of this increase represents new buildings. The balance represents increased valuation placed on church property by the congregations.

Niemoller Rebuked On De-Nazification Views

STUTTGART, Germany (RNS)—Pastor Martin Niemoeller was rebuked here by General Lucius D. Clay for urging Germans to refuse to participate in the de-nazification program.

"It is distressing to me," General Clay said, "that a minister of a religious faith advocates disrespect and violence to a law. Every citizen has the right to criticize and urge that a law be changed. It is not good citizenship to tell people to disobey the law."

While the general said no action against the pastor was contemplated, he did not rule out action depending on the effects of the clergyman's stand.

An efficiency expert went in to see the boss about his vacation. He came out with a hangdog expression on his face.

Asked what was wrong, he replied:

"I only get one week. The boss says I'm so efficient I can have as much fun in one week as other people have in two."—Tracks, C. & O. Railway Co.

Greetings From The Land of Sunshine

By REV. AND MRS. JAMES P. KIRK
Rue Uruguai 532, Tijuca, Rio de Janerio, Brazil
(Especially for young people)

Rev. and Mrs. Kirk are recent arrivals in Brazil, from Kentucky, and they tell a winsome story which, it is believed, our young people especially will love.—Editor.

IT'S HARD for us to believe that this is the season of Christmas and New Year when our thermometer is "hitting over a hundred" each day, and our energies are sapped by the humid weather.

Yet our calendar says this is the time for these celebrations, and from what we hear the weather man in the States is confirming the calendar dates. Indeed, remembering past Januarys and Februarys, perhaps our most appropriate wish for you right now would be that we could bottle up some of this heat and send it to you to use in the thawing out of frozen pipes!

With Christmas still fresh on our hearts, we want to thank you for the many kind remembrances we received during this season. The colorful cards and the friendly greetings they contained helped us feel very close to you despite the miles that separate us.

Christmas has not meant the same thing to the Brazilians through the years that it has to us. Until the past few years it was hardly celebrated at all. New Year's Day was the accustomed time for the exchange of gifts, and a great deal is still made of that day.

But, with the coming of so many North Americans, and the rise of Evangelical Christianity, more and more importance is being attached to Christmas. Santa Claus is here, and is known as Papai Noel. The store windows are dressed to imitate snow scenes and carollers dressed in mufflers. However, these scenes do not have the same significance to us as we look at them in a 95 degree sun!

There are no chimneys on the houses in Brasil, so Papai Noel must come in the windows. Also, very few of the children wear sox, so their shoes are left just inside the window to be filled. Many of the homes now have Christmas trees, but more typical and numerous are the manger scenes erected in each home.

So it was that with a mingling of the old and the new that our first Christmas in Brasil was celebrated. The missionaries here in Rio got together the Monday night before Christmas for their

annual party, and with the singing of the familiar hymns and the reading of Luke's account of the Nativity, we all managed to feel for one evening the true spirit and joy of this blessed season as we had known it in times past.

Some days before Christmas we made a trip to Corcovada. As many of you know, it is that large statue of Christ that has been placed on one of the highest mountains overlooking the bay. In order to get there one must take an old-fashioned cog-wheeled car. The mountain is very steep, and the regular wheels do not have enough traction to pull the load. The trip up (and down) the mountain is a delightful one.

The statue is enormous—its outstretched hand is as long as a person is tall. At night it is illuminated and is visible for miles around.

This man-made statue has great religious significance attached to it by thousands of people in Brasil, and people from all over the country make religious pilgrimages to it. There is one

Miss America To Sing On Convention Program

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—Miss Barbara Jo Walker, the "Miss America" of 1947, will sing and speak on the program of the Southern Baptist Convention's annual meeting here, May 19.

Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, said that Miss Walker would appear in a special pageant given by the Brotherhood. She will be presented by the pastor of Springdale Methodist Church, where she teaches a Sunday school class, and will make a short talk and sing a gospel song.

An excellent soloist, she has been selected for a leading role on presentations of the famous Memphis Open Air Theatre this summer.

Cooke said the Brotherhood program, to which the Wednesday night session has been allotted, will be "one of the most spectacular pageants ever given at a session of the Southern Baptist Convention." He said the program will be dramatized and will follow the theme, "The Romance of the Co-operative Program."

very unusual thing about it, though: it is a statue of the living Christ, and not one of Him on the cross.

Still being "new missionaries," there are many small things that attract our attention from time to time. We have noticed that almost everyone carries a brief case. No one carries packages or books without a brief case or shopping bag.

The churches here do not furnish hymnals, but every person buys and carries his own to church. Even after almost four months here, we still go off sometimes and leave our hymnal at home, and have to stand silent while others sing.

The people here are suprisingly orderly. At the bus stops everyone stands in line, and the strong feeling of public opinion on this matter makes it impossible for one to "break into the line." They also form lines at the Post Office to buy stamps, at the market to buy meat, and almost everywhere else there is a notice to "stand in line" for the best service.

Another interesting thing is their way of gaining entrance into the home. Instead of bruising your knuckles on a hardwood door, you stand at the gate and clap. It is really the best way to get in, since there is no doorbell to get "out of order," and the sound travels farther than a knock on the door. (It even reaches to the back yard!) At first we felt "silly" standing on the sidewalk and clapping our hands, but after a time or two, and seeing that the results were good, we have abandoned the "old fashioned" way of knocking.

The streetcars here are called "Bondes," and for a long time we wondered why. We discovered recently that when the city wanted to inaugurate this method of transportation, the initial cost was so high as to appear prohibitive. Yet a transportation system that would be cheap and of service to the poorer people was needed desperately. Finally it was decided to issue bonds for the financing of the project, and it was included in the contract that the fares would be low enough for all to be able to ride. Bonds were issued in all denominations so that even the poorest could buy one and have a part in financing the new transportation system. Today one can ride from one side of this great city to the other for one and one-half cents American money, and the cars are still called "Bondes."

As we face the New Year our hearts are full of the desire to be of great use down here, just as your hearts are challenged to greater service there. We want to thank you again for all you are doing for us, and for your love and interest in us and the work here. May God bless each of you, and grant to all of us our heart's desires according to His greater love and knowledge of what is truly good for us in the years ahead.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. James P. Kirk

Advance In Home Missions

By JOHN CAYLOR

ATLANTA, Ga.—At the monthly meeting of the Home Mission Board in February, a report of genuine interest was that 59,201 home mission books had been circulated through Baptist book stores since the middle of December. This marks the greatest response to mission study that has been recorded by the Board's book department since the beginning of its work.

Spiritual Frontiers by Courts Redford met with unusually popular reception. Thirty thousand copies were called for during the period, and a reprint has been necessary. Other popular books which swelled the total are: *Amazing Grace* by Louie D. Newton; *The Ice Cutter* by Phyllis Sapp; *These Were First* by Margaret Kine Eubanks and Una Roberts Lawrence; and *Strawberry Road* by Margaret Hutchison

NEW WORKERS APPOINTED

Among the new workers appointed at the recent meeting of the Board was Rev. Jose Rivera Acosta, who will work with the Mexican Baptist Church at Edcouch, Texas.

Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Smith are to serve in the French mission field at Golden Meadow, Louisiana.

Rev. and Mrs. Ewell Payne were announced as missionaries to the Indians.

MISSIONARIES TO THE MIGRANTS

Rev. and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo recently left Rochelle, Georgia, to take up work as missionaries to the migrants. At present, they are in Springdale, Arkansas.

The Board appropriated funds with which to buy a trailer outfit for the

Mayos in their work as they follow the migrants from place to place and minister to them.

The Mayos were rural missionaries in Louisiana before going to Georgia where Brother Mayo served as pastor for a couple of years. Both are musicians.

MISSIONARIES TO COSTA RICA

Rev. and Mrs. Van Earl Hughes and small daughter are now en route to San Jose, Costa Rica, where Brother Hughes has been appointed missionary for Southern Baptists.

He will be the only Anglo Baptist missionary to this republic, and will be working with one of the six churches organized during the past three years in this Central American field under the leadership of Rev. Paul C. Bell.

Rev. and Mrs. Hughes have been in the Southwestern Seminary in Ft. Worth during the past year where he has been doing graduate work. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. For one year he served as acting president of the Baptist theological seminary in Cuba.

In Costa Rica, Brother Hughes will be primarily interested in developing native leadership to carry on the work started in that section.

EDITORIAL ASSISTANT ADDED

Dr. Caylor, secretary of the department of education and publicity, is to be assisted by Mrs. Mildred Dunn, who has been elected editorial assistant. She began her work in Atlanta on January 15.

Mrs. Dunn is a graduate of Oklahoma

Baptist University and studied religious education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She had seven years' experience as reporter and editor of newspapers in California, New Mexico, and Missouri.

For the past two years Mrs. Dunn was secretary of the First Baptist Church, Mexico, Missouri, from which position she came to the Home Mission Board.

MISS HUTCHISON TO W. M. U. WORK

Miss Margaret Hutchison, who since September, 1946, has been associate in the department of schools of missions at the Baptist Home Mission Board, has recently resigned to become executive secretary-treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union of Oklahoma.

A native of Arkansas, she served in that state for seventeen years as young people's secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union. During that time she was busy promoting missionary education through camps, assemblies, house parties, conferences, and institutes for leaders, as well as writing programs.

Miss Hutchinson is editor of *Strawberry Road*, the Primary book in the 1948 graded series of home missions. She is a graduate of Louisiana Baptist College and has a B. C. T. degree from the New Orleans Seminary. She expects to assume her new duties in Oklahoma about February 15.

MISSION CONFERENCES PLANNED

Dr. S. F. Dowis, superintendent of the department of coöperative missions, has planned conferences for city mission workers and pastors and committeemen to be held in Toccoa Springs, Georgia, February 24-28; and for pastors and workers in the western states a meeting at Asilomar, California, March 23-30.

Home mission week at Ridgecrest has been set for June 1-8.

Tates Creek Association Makes Bitter Protest

We, the Executive Board of The Bates Creek Association of Missionary Baptists believing in the Democratic principle of freedom of speech and that the power of government should and does rest in the will of the people, emphatically condemn the steam roller tactics employed by the wets in their fight to destroy that portion of our local option law which makes the county the unit.

FIRST, by their refusal to hold a public hearing. The Government is the people's and no legislative body should deny this people the right to be heard on any important legislative measure.

SECOND, by their method of rushing this bill through before the people had a chance to know what was going on.

THIRD, by their attempt to deny the

dry representatives the right to speak against the measure.

We further urge our people to acquaint themselves with what our law makers are doing, for after all it is by our suffrage that they are where they are.—Chairman, Willie P. Rogers; Secretary, G. L. Borders.

"Send The Light"

HOUSTON, Tex.—(BP)—The men's Bible class of Second Baptist Church here wants to send physical as well as spiritual light to San Andres Islands off the coast of Colombia.

The men are raising a special fund of \$3,000 to purchase and install an electrical power plant on the island where Rev. and Mrs. C. W. McCullough are serving as missionaries.

Bus Given Memphis Church

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—A 47-passenger bus has been presented to the First Baptist Church of Memphis for its use in carrying people to and from church services. Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor, announced the gift at regular Sunday church services, adding that the contributor desired to remain anonymous.

The bus will operate on regular routes to accommodate people who have no other transportation to the church services. Nurses and students will be particularly benefited. Dr. Caudill said that a licensed driver who is a member of the church will drive the bus on all its trips.

MARRIAGE—Keep thine eyes wide open before marriage, and half shut afterward.—Thomas Fuller.

Kentucky Baptist Encampment

The Annual Kentucky Baptist Encampment will be held this year at Clear Creek from August 16-20, with special emphasis being given to the formation of a program of like interest to laymen and religious leaders, as well as to ministers.

Dr. Herbert C. Gabhart, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg and president of the Encampment, has already secured Dr. W. F. Powell, of Nashville, Tennessee, as preacher for the week. He will be remembered by Kentucky pastors for the marvelous message delivered at the closing session of the Ministers' Meeting preceding the convening of the General Association in Owensboro last November. Dr. A. E. Cate, professor of Philosophy and dean at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee, will conduct the Bible Hour. Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. West, of Boston, Mass., will be present. Dr. West will have charge of the Twilight Hour. Mrs. West will be remembered as the recent secretary to Dr. M. T. Rankin, Foreign Mission Board Secretary. Mr. Harry Wootan, of the Gaston Avenue

Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas, is to lead the singing. Many other fine speakers will appear on the program.

The Encampment program committee



Dr. W. F. Powell

MEMBERSHIP AND SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLMENT

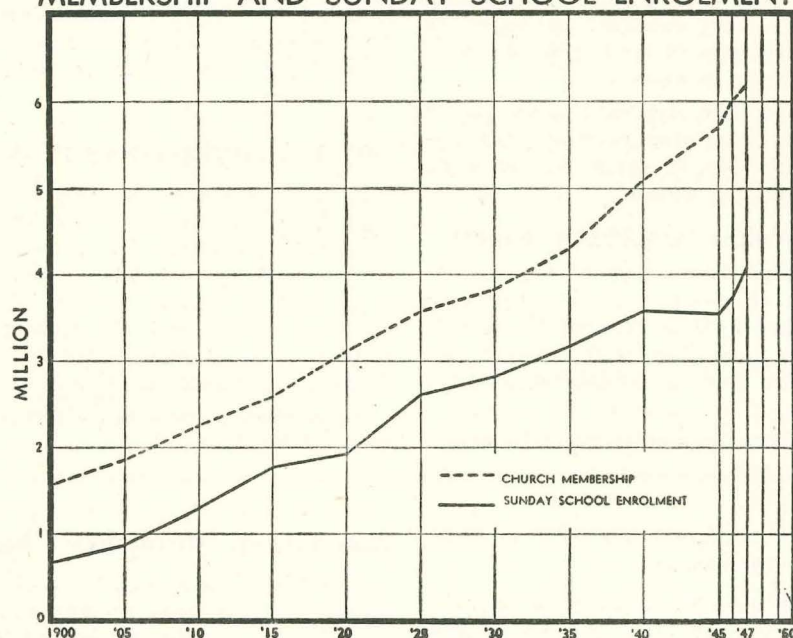


Chart on Membership and Sunday School

With the exception of the five year war period, 1940-45, there has been a positive correlation between the Sunday school growth and the membership growth in Southern Baptist churches. Losses sustained during the war have more than been regained

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is planning to have a different layman speak each day during the week. Much attention is being given to the fellowship angle of the Encampment.

Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and church workers are urged to put August 16-20 on their schedule and be at the Encampment for what is hoped to be the finest ever had.

The Relation Of Baptism To Salvation

(Continued from Page 5)

Holy Ghost as well as we?" And that reminds us of the further record of Pentecost (Acts 2:41): "Then they that gladly received his words were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls." Christ had "borne away" their sins, and they were "gladly" baptized in His holy name in keeping with the Great Commission.

It is furthermore interesting to note that throughout the New Testament, faith in Jesus takes precedence over baptism, both in priority in time and also in importance, so that only believers who were "made disciples" were to be baptized (Jno. 4:1; Mark 16:16; Acts 8:12; 18:8; 16:30-33). What therefore, was the spiritual state of the believers in Jesus? They had "remission of sin" (Acts 10:43). They were saved, (Acts 16:31). They had "eternal life" (Jno. 3:14-16, 26; 5:24; 6:47; 11:26). They "were born of God" and were therefore "children of God" (Jno. 1:12, 13). They had "peace with God" (Luke 7:50; Rom. 5:1)—all these before their obedience in baptism.

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District Associations That Have Voted To Have Simultaneous Revivals in 1948

By W. C. BOONE, Executive Secretary

We are not engaged in a more vital effort than that to which now we principally address ourselves—enlisting the district associations in simultaneous revival efforts in 1948. There is every reason for all of us stepping so nearly together that it shall be as one man. There is not only strength in unity, but great wisdom. Concerted action carries with it a sweep and power not had by individual effort alone.

We publish here the list of the district associations that have voted to have simultaneous revivals in 1948. We hope and pray the others may yet find the way to move along with this effort to win souls for Christ.

Association	Director	Date
Allen	Rev. Harold Moore	
Baptist	Rev. Henry Hedgepeth	
Barren River		
Bell County	Dr. Marvin Adams	
Bethel	Rev. T. W. Dunlap	
Blackford	Rev. D. A. Meador	
Blood River	Rev. James C. Asbridge	
Boone's Creek	Rev. Willis Bennett	July 15-16; 19-30
*Booneville	Rev. F. R. Walters	
Bracken	Rev. Ira McMillan	
Breckenridge	Rev. D. A. Meador	August 22-October 2
Caldwell County	Dr. H. G. M. Hatler	October
Campbell County	Rev. T. E. Dougherty	
Central	Voted but Director has not been elected	
Christian County	Dr. Wm. Peyton Thurman	
Crittenden	Rev. G. H. Henson	
Daviess-McLean	Rev. J. Ray Dobbins	September 20-October 1
East Union	Rev. John S. Davis	
East Lynn	Rev. Abraham Berry	
Edmonson		
Elkhorn	Rev. Edw. A. Walker	
Elkhorn	Mr. Raymond Murphy	
Enterprise	Rev. Ralph Webb	
Franklin	Voted not to have it	
Freedom	Rev. John Gilliland	
Gaspar River	Rev. Justus Moore	
Goose Creek		
Goshen	Rev. John Hammatt	July 18-31
Graves County		
Greenup	Rev. Dewey H. Jones	
Green River		
Greenville	Rev. Don Creech	
Henry County	Rev. R. M. Thompson	
*Irvine	Rev. F. R. Walters	
Jackson County	Rev. W. E. Sears	
Laurel River	Rev. Geo. D. Park	August 8-
Liberty	Voted not to have it	
Lincoln County	Rev. Charles Hall	March 29-April 11
Little Bethel	Rev. Albert Kemp	October 3-
Little River	Rev. Henry Rowland	
Logan County		
Long Run	Mr. George E. Hays, Jr.	
Lynn	Voted but Director has not been elected	
Lynn Camp	Rev. Roy Stewart	

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The Thanksgiving Offering

Reports to February 1, 1948 would indicate that the Thanksgiving Offering for our two children's homes has probably broken all previous records. The contributions to that date were as follows:

Sent through Baptist Board	\$207,175.69
Sent directly to Kentucky Baptist Children's Home	17,473.02
Sent directly to Spring Meadows (formerly Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home)	11,261.45
Total to February 1	\$235,910.16

If any church treasurers have money on hand for this offering, they are requested to send it at once, to Dr. W. C. Boone, Treasurer, Baptist State Board, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

February 26, 1948

M. D. Oates Ordained

On January 21, 1948 Rev. M. D. Oates, a student at our Southern Seminary, was ordained for the ministry at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville.

Dr. V. L. Stanfield of the Seminary preached the ordination sermon. He spoke of the minister as a shepherd, saying he must know the pasture of the sheep, he must know the sheep, and he must know God.

Dr. W. O. Carver delivered the charge, calling on Bro. Oates to have grace, prayer life and fidelity. He referred to II Tim. 2:8, "Remember Jesus Christ," take heed to thyself, thy teaching, and thy flock.

Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, pastor of Walnut Street Church, presented a Bible on behalf of the Church. He recommended (1) developing a daily devotional habit (2) studying with the needs of the people in mind and (3) preaching the Word fearlessly and faithfully.

Following the ordination prayer by Rev. Sam Ed Bradley, Superintendent of Spring Meadows there was the laying on of hands, after which Bro. Oates dismissed the congregation with prayer.

Baptist Bible Institute

Baptist Bible Institute is in its fifth year, with 111 students enrolled to date this session. The name has recently been changed to the Baptist Bible Institute of Florida, which name clearly defines its work. The school plans to remain a Bible Institute, keeping the work on the level of those who have not had advantages of high school or college training. All Christian workers and volunteers are welcomed regardless of previous schooling. Teachers are well trained, holding standard degrees from colleges and seminaries. The school is thoroughly and unmistakably Baptist in environment and emphasis committed to the training of Baptist leaders to serve wherever God leads them, especially in village and country places. Expenses are less than one-third those of many other schools. Graduates are invited to continue their work if they desire in colleges or southern Baptist seminaries. Inquiries will be answered promptly if addressed to Baptist Bible Institute, Post Office Box 552, Lakeland, Florida. Summer term begins May 27.

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Irene Cole Memorial Baptist Church

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He is assisted wholeheartedly by a loyal board of deacons consisting of Rev. William Dingus, A. C. Harlowe, Dr. Marvin Ransdell, J. B. Clarke, Kelley Wells and Robert D. Francis. The senior deacon, Rev. Wm. Dingus, recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday, but he is active for his age and a regular attendant at church and Sunday school. He is a charter member of the church and the church's pet, affectionately called by all "Pa Dingus."

Much praise too is due the Building Committee for their patience and untiring labors. They were appointed about six years ago but owing to the World War they could not begin building until about a year ago. This committee composed of J. B. Clarke, Chairman, Dr. Marvin Ransdell, Judge E. P. Hill, Robert D. Francis, Mrs. R. W. Feiler and Mrs. E. P. Hill have won such a warm place in the heart of every member of the church by the faithful execution of their task that the church has now asked them also to build the pastor's home, and they have agreed to do so. Much of the material for the home has already been accumulated and much more will be donated by Messrs. E. L. Allen and Curtis Clark. We are assured if all the material can be quickly obtained the building, with favorable weather, can be completed by the middle or last of April.

Much credit too is due the two Missionary Societies of the church. During the long period without a church building, they did not falter but kept their work going with vim, imparting courage to those of fainter hearts. At present Mrs. A. J. Davidson is president of the Julia Mayo Missionary Society and Mrs. J. G. Archer is president of the Chatte Salisbury.

The Trustees of the church now are Judge E. P. Hill, and attorneys E. L. Allen and F. G. Francis, all three lawyers who represent only a fraction of the lawyers on the church roll. Under the guidance of our new pastor a religious census of the town has been taken revealing new avenues of service and with this new vision, eagerness for service has sprung up on all sides.

In conclusion: A straw shows the di-

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rection of the wind. At a recent business meeting of the Church, on recommendation of the Finance Committee, a budget for 1948 was unanimously adopted that more than trebles the budget of any former year, with our largest increase made in the item for missions.

Missouri Ministers Oppose Funds To Sectarian Groups

WARRENSBURG, Mo. (RNS)—The Missouri Ministers Convocation has pledged itself to fight any legislation which would permit the use of public money in support of any sectarian religious group or school.

In one of the resolutions adopted at its annual session here, the convocation declared it would:

"Continue the fight to uphold our Missouri Constitution and the Federal Constitution by opposing any legislation whatsoever which would allow public moneys to be used directly or indirectly for the aid or support of any kind of sectarian religious group or school."

Indian UN Leader Educates Children In Christian School

SEOUL, Korea (RNS) Goball Menon, India's Minister to China, and now temporary chairman of the United Nations Commission in Korea, is a Hindu, but graduated from the Madras Christian college maintained by the Church of England Missionary Society.

Menon's 20-year-old twin daughters are seniors in the Ginling Christian college in Nanking, and his twin sons who are eighteen, are students at the Francis Stevens College in Delhi, also a Christian institution.

Assuming the chairmanship of the UN Commission, Menon declared: "Two wars were fought ostensibly for the independence of Korea. World War II also included this aim, so let it not be said that Korea will again be betrayed."

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Columbus Commends Cash

We give herewith, the amiable features of Rev. A. B. Cash, recently come to Kentucky to do work in the mountains as our general field man for that section. He works both with our State Mission Board and the Home Mission Board.

Concerning Brother Cash (and, by the way, that is not a bad name for a mission-hearted preacher), the missions committee of the Columbus Baptist Association, Georgia, adopted suitable resolutions which we present. We are grateful to our Georgia brethren, both for Brother Cash and for the well-spoken words concerning him.

The resolutions are copied from *The Christian Index*, Atlanta:

"The missions committee of the Columbus Baptist Association has written the Baptist State Mission Board of Kentucky a letter of appreciation for the services of the Rev. A. B. Cash as superintendent of city missions.

"Mr. Cash has gone to Kentucky to superintend mission work in the mountains under both the Kentucky board and the Home Mission board.

"A special committee, composed of Carey C. Willis as chairman and Frank J. Lavender as secretary, sent the following letter to Dr. W. C. Boone, executive secretary of the Kentucky board:

"We, a committee appointed by the Missions Committee of this city and association, desire, through you, to commend Rev. A. B. Cash to the Baptist State Mission Board and to the Baptist brotherhood of Kentucky, and for the great work to which he has been called in your state.

"Since July of 1944, Brother Cash has ministered graciously to our churches of this city and association as Superintendent of Missions. Missions have been opened and new churches have been organized. Through him and his work our hearts have been strengthened to renewed effort. We have been brought to widened horizons of God's will and purpose in and through His people. He has presented the Kingdom of God in a manner to elicit a fuller response from our people. Surely we all have been drawn nearer to the very heart of God.

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"Brother Cash has set an example to all that call upon the name of the Lord, by his great faith and wonderful labor of love. From him has sounded forth the Word of the Lord, not only in Columbus, but also into the churches of the distant areas of this association. Wherever he has gone he has carried the joy of his fellowship and his manifest faith to give strength, hope, and comfort.

"We wish, also, to mention Mrs. Cash and her influence and power for Kingdom building. In fact, the entire Cash family, including the daughter, Miss Jacquelyn, and the son, Amos, Jr.,



Rev. A. B. Cash

has made a big contribution to the work of our Lord in all this section. We thank God upon every remembrance of these dear friends in Christ, for their ministry and for their fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now.

"As Brother Cash enters upon his labors in another state, we wish to assure him and his family of our earnest prayers that the God of Peace Himself may give them His peace always."

S. C. Churches To Push Anti-Liquor Legislation

COLUMBIA, S. C. (RNS)—Passage of legislation calling for local option on liquor sales and providing for treatment of alcoholics will be recommended to the 1948 general assembly by the South Carolina Federated Forces for Temperance and Law Enforcement, it was announced here.

Opposition also will be voiced to passage by the senate of a house-approved bill to permit pari-mutuel betting on horse races on all local option basis.

The program was adopted by representatives of 14 denominations composing an advisory committee for presentation to the federation's annual rally here January 27.

Mexican Court Gives Clergy Right To Own Property

MEXICO CITY (RNS)—Clergymen in Mexico can hold real estate as private individuals and such holdings are not to be considered the property of their church, according to a ruling here by the Mexican Supreme Court. Under Mexican law, all church possessions are regarded as owned by the State.

The court ruling followed another recent decision in which private schools operated by sponsors "with religious affiliation" were declared as not being national property so long as they are used for educational purposes only.

BEHAVIOR—Life for some folks is to sow wild oats during the week and then go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure.—*Rotary Disseminator*.

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COMPARATIVE REPORT OF AWARDS BY COURSES IN JANUARY

Adult	7,610
Intermediate	5,171
Junior	5,054
Young People's	4,733
Administration	1,889

COMPARATIVE REPORT OF AWARDS BY BOOKS IN JANUARY

The Adult Manual	2,863
The Junior Manual	2,180
The Intermediate Manual	2,004
The Young People's Admns.....	1,430

ADDITIONAL STANDARD UNITS (Quarter ending December, 1947)

TRAINING UNIONS

Severn's Valley, Gilead

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Severn's Valley, Gilead, 13 yr., No. 1
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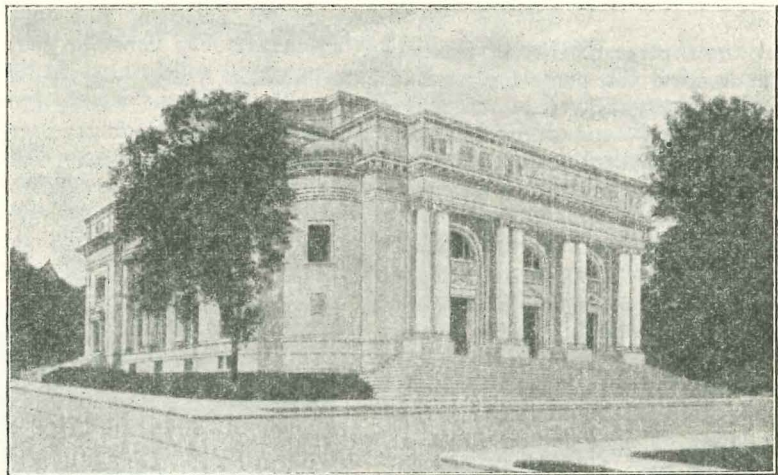
JUNIOR UNIONS

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AWARDS FOR JANUARY

Barren River			
Mill Creek	1	1	
Bell County			
Middlesboro, First	13	17	30
Pineville, First	5	5	
Blood River			
Calvert City	48		48
Elm Grove	62	18	80
Campbell County			
Alexandria	1		1
Cold Spring	3		3
Dayton, First	3		3
Flagg Springs	31		31
Fort Thomas	1		1
Grant's Lick	2		2
Newport, First	9		9
Trinity, Newport	2	1	3
Daviess-McLean			
Crabtree Avenue	1	1	2
Franklin County			
Buck Run	16	14	30
Henry County			
New Castle	7		7
Liberty			
Park City	4		4
Long Run			
Baptist Tabernacle	18	79	97
Eighteenth Street		1	1
Harmony Chapel		9	9
Muhlenburg			
Central City	6		6
Ohio Valley			
Audubon, Henderson	5		5
Zion, Henderson	5		5
Sulphur Fork			
Bedford		6	6
Three Forks			
Hazard, First		11	11
Union			
Blanket Creek	22		22
Total	257	163	420

Sixteen



First Church

First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, where the State Baptist Training Union Convention will be held April 14-16. For free bed and breakfast in homes write to Mrs. W. A. Patterson, 1669 West Chestnut Street, Bowling Green.



Dr. Howse

Dr. W. L. Howse, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, who will speak Friday morning at the State Convention in Bowling Green, April 14-16. He will also lead conferences for General Officers.



Dr. Boone

Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary, Louisville, will speak Thursday morning at the State Convention in Bowling Green, April 14-16.



Miss Stokmann

Miss Christina Stokmann, Manager of the Baptist Book Store, Louisville, who will be in charge of the store and present it to the Convention at Bowling Green, April 14-16.



Miss Eaves

Miss Edna Eaves, Church Library Service, Baptist Book Store, Louisville, who will conduct conferences on church library work at the State Convention in Bowling Green, April 14-16.

WESTERN RECORDER



Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER, State Secretary

Four Regional Conventions Coming In March

Four Regional Sunday School Conventions are to be held during March. Excellent programs have been arranged for all of them with the best speakers to be secured. Please note a few facts about each.

SOUTHWESTERN REGION—Dr. R. G. Lee will speak at Paducah on Monday night, March 15, and again on Tuesday morning, March 16. The Monday night session will be held at the Baptist Tabernacle because of the size of the auditorium, but the meetings on Tuesday and Tuesday night will be held at Trinity Church. J. N. Barnette will speak at each session.



DR. R. G. LEE



Dr. E. F. ESTES



DR. J. O. WILLIAMS



Dr. E. N. WILKINSON



J. N. BARNETTE

WESTERN REGION—Dr. J. O. Williams and Mr. J. N. Barnette will be present to speak and lead conferences at this Convention, which is to be held at the First church, Hopkinsville, March 17. The program is scheduled to begin at 9:30 A. M. and close at 3:15 P. M.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION—At Stanford, where the South Central Regional Convention is to be held, Dr. E. N. Wilkinson and J. N. Barnette are to be the leading speakers. Here the State and Regional workers will be present to help with the program.

On this page we are giving the pictures of some of the speakers for these conventions.

president of the newly organized convention. Next year the Convention will be held at Paintsville.

Ashland Training School

The 150 people who were enrolled at the training school in Ashland represented a number of churches. We believe the year will surpass any previous one in all phases of the work. Plans were made for simultaneous schools next year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 15, 1948

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville (3)	185	1,458
Louisville, Ninth and O (1)	181	1,194
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	935
Louisville, Carlisle Avenue (2)	188	915
Owensboro, First (1)	32	890
Louisville, Parkland	---	818
Lexington, Calvary (1)	42	803
Bowling Green, First (1)	38	779
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	219	778
Harrodsburg (1)	33	746
Covington, Latonia (1)	23	715
Lexington, Ashland Avenue	---	669
Frankfort, First	---	669
Owensboro, Third	---	647
Evansville, Grace (2)	188	646
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	101	621
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	---	612
Louisville, West Broadway	---	600
Evansville, Calvary (3)	139	592
Murray, First	---	580
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	68	575
Somerset, First	---	569
Lexington, Immanuel	---	567
Newport, First (1)	51	561
Georgetown (1)	11	554
Madisonville, First	---	507
Ashland, Pollard (1)	27	464
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	454
Danville, Lexington, Avenue (1)	14	453
Louisville, Clifton (1)	44	443
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	---	436
Louisville, Eighteenth Street	---	436
Hopkinsville, Second	---	435
London, First	---	429
Henderson, First	---	420
Louisville, Deer Park	---	412
Harlan	---	404
Glasgow (1)	25	400
Louisville, Third Avenue (1)	38	395
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	383
Winchester, Central	---	371
Shively (1)	18	371
Lexington, Grace	---	368
Covington, South Side	---	358
Corbin, First	---	356
Paducah, Twelfth Street (1)	90	351
Greenville	---	351
Campbellsville	---	341
Louisville, Franklin Street	---	341
Fulton, First	---	327
Beechland	---	320
Hazard, First (2)	79	302
Bellevue	---	297
Richmond, First (1)	17	295
Henderson, Immanuel	---	292
Eralnger (1)	14	291
Franklin, First (1)	14	274
Versailles	---	257
Jellico, Tenn., First	---	255
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	252
Middlesboro, E. Cumberland Ave	---	244
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	---	234
Paducah, Trinity	---	229
Paducah, Baptist Tabernacle	---	227
Columbia (2)	51	227
Owensboro, Seven Hills	---	223
Louisville, South Side	---	223
Evansville, Temple	---	221
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	219
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	---	218
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	214
Hazard, Second (1)	17	207
Ft. Thomas	---	204
Pleasant Hill (near Campbellsville)	---	200
Dayton, First	---	200

SPEECH—Speaking—If a speaker is truly (1) an able person, (2) emotionally stable, (3) with a good attitude toward himself and toward his audience; if (4) he speaks with authority; if (5) he speaks honestly as one who is crusading for a great cause; and if (6) he has faith in himself, his cause, and faith in the wisdom and fairness of his audience, then he has a battery of persuasive elements more powerful than any skills in rhetoric.—Lew Sarett and William Trufant Foster, *Basic Principles of Speech*. (Houghton Mifflin)

Charleston Is Standard

The Charleston Sunday School in Little Bethel Association has again qualified as Standard. Brother Frank Mitchell is pastor and Brother J. C. Love is superintendent.

Convention in Northeastern Region

In spite of snow and ice the Sunday School Convention at Ashland was a gratifying success. Eighty people registered from three of the four associations. Mr. E. E. Caldwell was elected

President Mrs. George Ferguson Covington, Ky.	Woman's Missionary Union 127 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky	Bookkeeper Mrs. Harriett Lemons
Treasurer Mrs. Ira D. Bean	Executive Secretary - - - - Miss Mary P. Winborne Young People's Secretary - - - - Miss Dorothy Sears Field Worker - - - - Miss Lucille Lynch	Office Secretary Miss Sue Coker

One More Word

One more word in regard to the observance of the Week of Prayer for Home Missions. Dr. Courts Redford, Assistant Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, says, "Your prayers, your interest, your words of encouragement and your support will go far in setting the measure of home mission achievement in the year ahead. Personally, I desire to thank every one who shall have any part in the March Week of Prayer and in a worthy Annie Armstrong offering."

Surely every W. M. U. organization will want to observe this Week of Prayer and to contribute to the Annie Armstrong offering.

Our vast enterprise for winning the world for Christ falters and halts for the need of one thing that will speed it forward conquering and to conquer—the spirit of believing prayer.

May members of W. M. U. Organizations in Kentucky make March 1-5 truly a time of earnest prayer for our Southland.

"The Word of Their Testimony"

In addition to the new series of books on Baptist Frontiers, of which "Spiritual Frontiers" by Redford is the book for adult study, another book suggested is "The Word of Their Testimony" by Una Foberts Lawrence. Teaching suggestions for this book may be found in the February issue of *Royal Service*.

Following Christ Through Mission Study

For sixty wonderful years Woman's Missionary Union has had the glorious purpose and privilege of meeting the needs of every age.

As we enter into our Commemoration year we are faced with appalling and alarming world conditions and it is now our privilege as members of Woman's Missionary Union to serve the age in which we live.

Our churches are filled with selfish women who refuse to accept any responsibility for world conditions. They refuse to learn the needs, to enlarge their vision or to spread the missionary cause. But if we are to truly serve this present age we must reach every woman with the missionary message.

First, we must enlarge our vision of the missionary task through Mission Study. What do you think of when you hear the words "Mission Study?" Is your vision no larger than it was years ago? Do you think merely of two or three little mission study classes in your society during the year? Do you

plan just enough mission study to be able to mark the Standard? Or do you remember that God's plan of the ages is "Missions?"—that God's Word is a missionary book—that the study of missions is basic and vital to the successful carrying out of every phase of our work, and that ours is a *Missionary Union*?

Are you one of many women in Kentucky who have never read God's missionary book entirely through nor even one mission study book a year?

Let us all resolve right now to read at least one Mission Study book this year, to read the entire Bible and to promote the study of missions in every possible manner!—Mrs. Harvey F. Morrison, Mission Study Chairman.

Kentucky W. M. U. To Meet At Owensboro

The annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky will be held at the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, during April 6-8. Watch each issue of the Western Recorder for further information about the meeting.

Young People's Department

Summer Camps

While there is still much snow on the ground, it seems a little inconsistent to start thinking about Summer Camps when boys and girls bask in the warm summer sun and bathe in the cool waters of the streams in Kentucky. However, if camps are to operate successfully, much advance planning for speakers, staff, and programs must be done. As we think about the needs of the boys and girls of our state in planning our camp programs, let us try to hold up the following standards—

1. The program should be planned and carried out in such a way as to interest the campers.
2. A mission study class should be held.
3. There should be some provision for methods and work on the Forward Steps and Ranking System.
4. There should be adequate
 - (1) Counselors, these counselors to be the highest Christian character possible.
 - (2) Sanitation facilities to be approved by the State Health Department.
 - (3) First aid and nursing aid on the camp grounds.

- (4) Space for recreation and the best facilities possible for recreation.

Perhaps as you look at these standards you are thinking that they are impossible in your situation, and that you could not possibly attain them all. The Lord does not expect the impossible of anyone, but He expects the best we have, and as we think about this wonderful opportunity of witnessing to the youth of our state, how can we give less than our best?

As soon as you have set the date for your camp, send it to Miss Dorothy Sears, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky, and it will be announced along with others on this page.

Long Run R. A. Council Meeting

The annual meeting of the R. A. Council of Long Run Association was held at the St. Matthews Baptist Church Friday evening, January 30, at 7:30. Twelve churches, thirteen Counselors, a number of pastors, the W. M. S. superintendent and Young People's Leader, a number of other leaders and a host of fine R. A. boys, both Junior and Intermediates, were present despite the cold unpleasant weather. The number of men and boys present were in the majority which was a very encouraging sign as to the future of our work. We rejoiced to see the men taking the lead in our boys' work.

Mr. S. M. Gunnnett, retiring president of the Council, presided. After the singing of a hymn, led by the pastor, Dr. Verlin Kruschwitz, we were led in prayer by Rev. Foster Howard. The Nominating Committee submitted the following names as officers for 1948—President, Mr. E. O. Goodman; Vice-president, Rev. L. C. Ray; Secretary, Mr. D. L. Anderson; Treasurer, Mr. J. A. Ramey; W. M. U. Representative, Mrs. J. A. Ramey; Pastor-advisors, Rev. Oscar Gibson, George Riggs, R. F. Doll. These were all elected unanimously.

The Young People's Leader, Mrs. Foster Howard, reported on plans for the 1948 Camp to be held again at Piomingo and the theme, "Our State for Christ in 1948."

The inspirational speaker, Dr. H. C. Goerner, was then introduced and challenged the boys and leaders in a very fine way. He reminded the boys of the 40th Anniversary of R. A. and presented the goals for 1948. The meeting was then adjourned with everyone feeling a great year was in store for our boys in the service of the Master.—Mrs. Foster E. Howard, Young People's Leader, Long Run Association.

"Was Gandhi A Christian?"

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

TIME AND TIME again, since the tragic assassination of Gandhi, January 30, 1948, I have been asked, Was Gandhi a Christian? I have listened to the statements on the radio that he was the greatest living Christian, and I have read many similar statements in the newspapers.

Sorrowfully, I have to cite his own words:

"If this be Christianity (It is His word, that whosoever believeth in Him shall have everlasting life. Therein lies God's mercy. And as we believe in the atonement of Jesus, our own sins do not bind us. Sin we must. It is impossible to live sinless in this world. And therefore Jesus suffered and atoned for the sins of the race. Only he who accepts His great redemption can have eternal peace.), if this be Christianity, I cannot accept it. I do not seek redemption from the consequences of my sin. I seek to be redeemed from sin itself, or rather from the very thought of sin. Until I have attained that end, I shall be content to be restless." Page 131, *Mahatma Gandhi—His Own Story*, Mac-Millan Company.

Thus the most influential man in the world spoke, after Mr. A. W. Baker, a lay preacher of the Plymouth Brethren had visited Gandhi, presented him a Bible, and explained to him the plan of salvation. The words in parenthesis in the above paragraph were spoken to Gandhi by Mr. Baker.

Gandhi did say: "I regard the Sermon on the Mount as one of the greatest religious statements ever uttered. If only everyone would seek first the kingdom of righteousness!"

But there is no record, that I have been able to find, that he ever believed on the Lord Jesus Christ. "I shall be content to be restless!"

But why, someone is asking, did he not turn to Christianity? Perhaps it was the way Christians treated him. He indicated as much.

But how, another will ask, could a man live like Gandhi lived, and not be

a believer? How could a man so marvelously embody the teachings of Christ, and not accept Him as Saviour?

I have read again a half dozen volumes on his life and work since his tragic death. I marvel that anyone could think and talk and serve like that, and not be a Christian. How anyone could pray like that, and not be a Christian.

What, let me ask you, even as I ask my own heart, what if some Christian had been at his best rather than his worst at the crucial moment when Gandhi might have been won? What, let me again ask, if those so-called Christian teachers in the seminary at Gori had mediated Christ to Stalin, when he was studying priesthood? What might have been the story today, had Gandhi and Stalin been won to Christ?

He Is As Hard Pressed As Most Of Us—

And He Tithes

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BP) — A "common ordinary working man," accompanied by his wife and two of their six children, appeared before the Senate Banking Committee last week to show the Senators where his money went.

He was Cyrus J. Ward, 37-year-old

SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

Memphis, Tenn., May 19-23

Requests for all room assignments should be addressed to Dr. Mark Harris, Chairman, Rooms Reservation Committee, 601 No. Bellevue, Memphis 7, Tenn. Only rooms in private homes are now available. Room assignments will be made beginning April 1, 1948. Indicate your mode of travel.

mechanic of Camden, N. J., who told the legislators his difficulties in making a "take home" income of \$2,500 annually cover the expenses of his family of eight.

Using the back of an old envelope as a ledger, Mr. Ward told the Senators that he was "luckier" than many because he lived in a low rent Government housing project that cost only \$32 monthly, though there was, in addition, the outlay of \$16 a month for the cheapest kind of coal.

At 45 cents for two quarts, he used less than half the milk needed for growing youngsters. Eggs supplemented the 65 cents weekly spent for meat. There was no tea or coffee on the Ward table.

He said there was \$20 in the savings

account "but it isn't ours because we owe about \$300 for medical expenses. He said the children get 50 cents a week allowance and that he subscribed to a newspaper not because of the news but because it provided an insurance policy.

Then he said that despite all the economies he had to exercise in living expenses, he contributes a full 10 per cent of his earnings in a tithe to his church.

The Senate committee was so touched by the detailed recital of how the family was "just existing, not living," Chairman Charles Tobey called the two Ward children to him and gave them "folding money, to buy things in Washington."

Tithing Campaign Reflected In Texas

Baptists Gifts

DALLAS, Tex. — (BP) — When Texas Baptists last fall adopted a 1947-48 budget of \$4,000,000, they provided that all undesignated receipts above the budget total would be divided 50 per cent for state causes and 50 per cent for South-wide and worldwide causes.

R. A. Springer, state treasurer of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, has announced that surplus for the first three months—November through January—of the fiscal year was slightly in excess of \$100,000, and that check for \$50,000 has been forwarded to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The Texas budget provides \$650,000 undesignated contributions to the South-wide Co-operative Program in 1948 and aims as a similar amount of designated money to South-wide causes. The check forwarded to Nashville offices of the Southern Baptist Convention is in excess of this pledge, he said.

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Each spring and summer Spring Meadows ships hundreds of empty fruit jars to interested churches and Missionary Societies throughout the state. Loyal friends fill the jars, and in the fall they are returned to us. Along with the jars of wholesome, appetizing, home-canned fruits, vegetables, preserves, jams and jellies, some pumpkins, potatoes, honey, sorghum, nuts, popcorn, apples, crates of chickens, etc. One of the largest truck loads of food received this past fall was one weighing more than eight thousand pounds which we received from the Little Bethel Association. Mr. W. E. Siria is the tireless worker in this association who has the interest of the dependent children on his heart.

We deeply appreciate the willingness of our friends to share their harvest with Spring Meadows. With food costs constantly rising these contributions of food mean even more to us. A day never passes at Spring Meadows but one or more items of food are used from our basement store room. It requires from fifteen to twenty quarts of any given fruit or vegetable for one meal.

Our New Paint

Early in the fall our Men's Board started us on a happy task—the repainting of our halls and some of our rooms. We are so proud of the resulting changes that we want you to share our pride, too. From a dark-brown-and-buff combination we have changed to two shades of green combined with white—and what a tremendous difference it makes!

Our New Staff Members

At the beginning of the new year we had some changes among our staff members, and we want to acquaint you with them.

For almost two years Miss Dorothy Hartford was our capable and efficient nutritionist. She came to us from a similar position at the Kentucky School for the Blind, and on January 1 of this year she returned there to resume her former position.

Mrs. Lelia Hodges, who had been for eighteen months our assistant nutritionist, became the head of our foods staff upon Miss Hartford's resignation, and she has assumed her duties with energy and skill.

To become Mrs. Hodges' assistant, we brought Mrs. Kenneth G. Bradshaw to Spring Meadows. Mrs. Bradshaw has had many years of experience in Children's homes and is a most competent and efficient person. We are happy to welcome her to Spring Meadows and to what we hope will be a long period of mutual planning and working and caring for the children under our care.

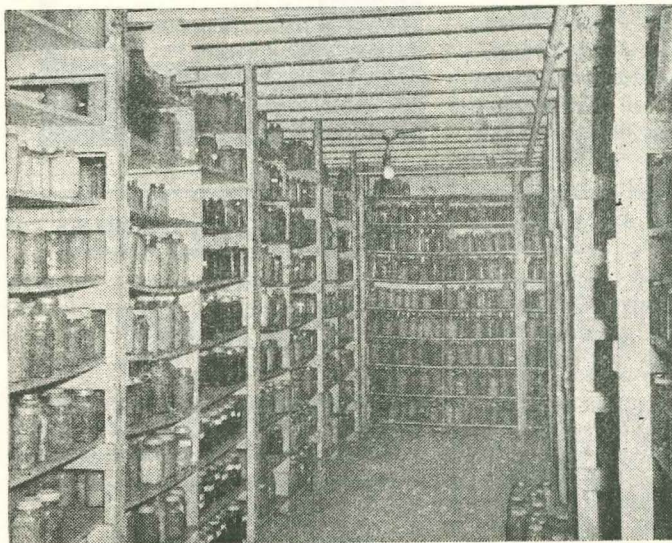
On January 15 Mrs. Charles Carver of Fulton came to take charge of our infirmary, succeeding Mrs. Nat L. Miller.

Mrs. Carver is a practical nurse of many years' experience both in hospitals and private homes. She was also connected with the Fulton city schools for a time in a capacity similar to that of health nurse. We are indeed happy to welcome Mrs. Carver to our staff, for she has been greatly needed. There is a broad field of service open to her.

Christmas at Spring Meadows

Perhaps it seems to you that Christmas was such a long time ago that mentioning it now is like putting the cart before the horse! But this is the first time we have had an opportunity to talk to you through the Western Recorder since the holidays and we do want you to know what a happy time we had at Spring Meadows at the happiest of all our holiday seasons.

Spring Meadows was full of bustle, hum, and scurrying from the day school was out—a whole week before Christmas—until the Monday after New Year's Day when everybody except our youngest ones trooped back to classes. We had seven trees to decorate, and we do believe that our big one in the hall was the prettiest we've had in a long, long time. Each child in Spring Meadows passed that tree several times a day, and it formed a delightful picture that will always remain in their memories. We had Christmas carols often over our new sound system, we had lovely devotional services, and we had any number of beautiful Christmas films thrown by our projector on our own screen. We had visitors by the dozens, and we were so very glad to welcome them all. We had lights and warmth and cheerfulness and gaiety and a wonderful time in general! To Kentucky Baptists the children and the staff express their gratitude for all the joys that were ours at Christmas time. Certainly our holidays would not have been so bright and lovely had it not been for your generosity and love.



Sharing the Harvest



Christmas at Spring Meadows

District Associations That Have Voted To Have Simultaneous Revivals In 1948

(Continued from Page 13)

McCreary County	Rev. Wm. Johnson	
Mountain		
Middle Fork	Rev. G. L. Hamblin	
Mt. Zion	Rev. Glynn Harwood	
Muhlenberg	Rev. Fred Fox	
Nelson	Rev. Joe Canzoneri	
North Bend	Rev. A. B. Colvin	
North Concord	Rev. R. S. Voris	
Ohio County	Rev. Arnett Williams	
Ohio River	Rev. W. G. Potts	September 12-26
Ohio Valley	Rev. Wallace V. Dorris	April
Owen County	Rev. Eugene Poston	
Pulaski County	Voted but Director has not been elected	
Rockcastle	Rev. W. A. Stokes	
Russell County	Rev. Simpson B. Rowe	
Russell Creek	Dr. W. H. Moody	September 1-October 15
Salem	Rev. C. B. Hastings	
Severn's Valley	Rev. L. E. Martin	July 18-30
Shelby County	Rev. David Byrd	
Simpson County		
South Concord		
South District	Dr. E. T. Moseley	
South Kentucky	Rev. Louis McCord	
South Union	Rev. Alfred Jones	
Sulphur Fork	Rev. C. J. Alford	
Tate's Creek		
Ten Mile	Rev. Brad Curry	
Three Forks	Rev. W. Frank Badgett	
Union	Voted but Director has not been elected	
Upper Cumberland	Rev. Alfred R. Hoe	
Warren		
Wayne County	Rev. R. E. Sasser	
West Union	Rev. W. P. Davis	
Whites Run	Rev. C. F. Hinds	September 16-30
Whitewater	Rev. Roy Beals	
West Kentucky	Rev. C. L. Hammond	

*Associations have not voted to have simultaneous revival but a Director is stressing evangelism and will have simultaneous meeting if possible.

This makes about 80% of the 80 District Associations that have already voted to have associational simultaneous revivals. If you have voted and we don't have this information, please let us know. If we don't have your date and it is set, it would greatly help us for you to send it to us.

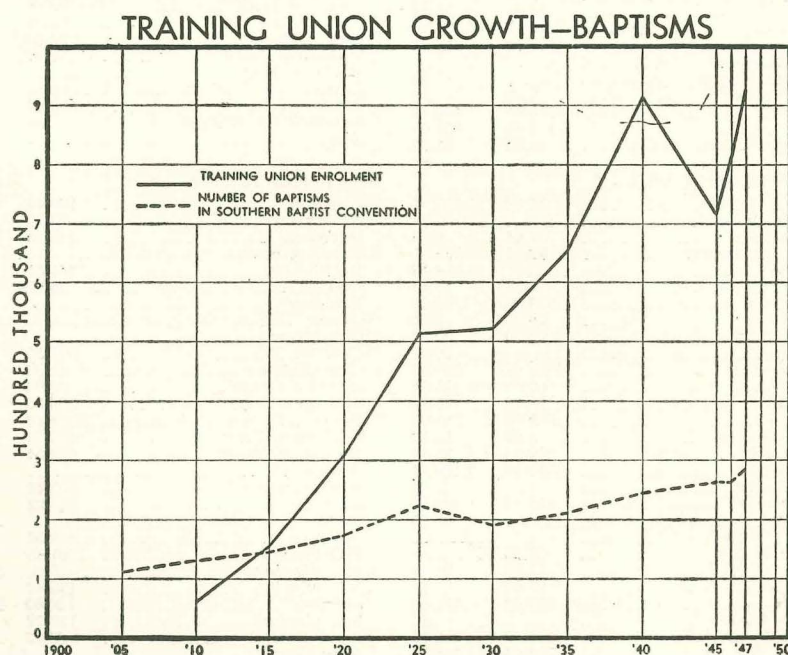


Chart on Training Union

Growth during the past two years has been at the fastest rate of acceleration in its history. Baptisms have also shown a jump during the past two years.

Anglicans Get Resolutions On Political Trials

LONDON (RNS)—A resolution requesting church leaders in Russian-dominated areas of Europe to report on charges that political trials in their countries have been conducted without "due regard to Christian principles of mercy and justice," will be submitted to the spring meeting of the Church of England Assembly.

"As Publicity has been widely given in England to allegations that political trials in Bulgaria, Greece, Yugoslavia and Rumania have not always been conducted with due regard to Christian principles of mercy and justice," the resolution states, "the chairman of the Council for Foreign Relations should be requested to inquire of the leaders of the churches of those countries whether there is any foundation for the allegations."

Another resolution to be submitted deplores "the present growth of anti-Semitism in Great Britain, especially among professing Christians, in the face of the Palestine situation."

It calls on all church people to "examine their attitude toward Jews, particularly those who are their neighbors,

Sunday School Lesson for February 29, 1948

Subject: The World Mission of The Church

Lesson Text: Romans 10:8-15;
Ephesians 3:8-12

Golden Text: Isaiah 52:7

in the light of the church's missionary commission, and to think, speak, and act accordingly."

A third resolution sharply condemns illegal dealings in controlled and rationed goods in Britain and appeals to the British people to uphold high standards of integrity.

"The Church Assembly, being perturbed at the decline in commonly-accepted standards of integrity," the resolution states, "reminds all Christian people of their general obligations to uphold and commend exacting standards in the face of the world, and, in particular, calls upon them to resist all that would encourage illicit dealings in controlled and rationed goods."

An old gentleman saw a group of small boys in an English park and asked one of them what game they were going to play.

"Cricket," said the youngster. "We're going to play a game of England vs. the West Indies."

"Are some of you going to black your faces, then?" asked the old gentleman.

"Oh, no!" said the youngster very seriously. "Some of us are going to wash them."—Financial Post.

W. C. BOONE, General Secretary and Treasurer

In some instances Association Treasurers failed to give the namer of the contributing church in remitting funds and credit had to be given to the Association as a whole.

(Continued from last week)

Twenty-two

	Co-op. Program	Desig- nated
Pleasant Valley		
Poplar Grove	473.01	345.32
Riceville		
Sassafras Ridge		
Shiloh	181.61	5.29
Spring Hill	221.33	389.77
Zoar		286.63
WEST UNION—		
Association		30.60
Antioch	357.33	437.36
Bandana	701.23	203.23
Barlow	658.55	505.25
Bellview	144.82	248.28
Berea	847.00	67.78
Bethlehem		
Blandville	420.90	117.50
Calvary	408.42	105.62
Cane Creek		
East, Paducah	2,245.46	1,654.95
First, Paducah	7,753.48	9,242.87
Friendship	15.00	
Harmony	557.73	218.17
Immanuel	3,281.17	301.11
Kewi	191.54	74.46
La Center	367.83	150.91
Lone Oak	3,840.43	3,123.66
Lovelaceville	92.71	8.50
Mt. Pleasant	47.01	58.66
Mt. Zion	94.05	873.02
Newton's Creek	934.64	288.41
New Hope		
North Ballard		
Oak Grove		112.21
Oaklawn	1,220.63	167.44
Ohio Valley	4.00	15.04
Olivet	959.88	187.11
Oscar	46.07	63.90
Providence	243.88	76.51
Rosebower	185.83	
Shady Grove		
South Side	108.56	
Spring Bayou	553.96	287.67
Tabernacle	2,599.56	611.61
Trinity	801.80	1,140.99
Twelfth Street	520.00	321.53
West End	933.85	2,271.37
Wickliffe	304.88	107.34
Wice	10.00	
Arlington	28.42	104.50
Grace	4.75	5.00
WHITES RUN—		
Bramlett	120.00	
Carrollton	1,305.84	239.77
Cove Hill	124.00	4.00
English	142.81	39.22
Ghent	272.18	81.36
Jordan	70.00	
Locus	33.35	58.89
Mt. Hermon		30.00
Sanders	490.30	304.49
Whites Run	114.49	33.66
Worthville	255.03	77.85
Corn Hill	227.55	267.78
Warsaw	167.05	
WHITE WATER—		
Association	70.15	
Bloomington		

	Co-op. Program	Desig- nated
Chapel		
Eaton Avenue		
East Hamilton	79.35	
Elk Creek		
Highland Avenue	636.67	38.25
North Dayton	120.03	107.34
New Zion	83.28	
Smyrna		10.00
West Side	975.67	95.00
Lindale	52.50	
Cleves	238.68	56.18
MISCELLANEOUS—		
Anonymous	35.00	15.00
Ayers, Lima and Nima		2.00
Benge, W. M.	120.79	
Benton	1,145.91	220.85
Bethel Woman's College		50.00
Boone, W. C., Co-Trustee		18.71
B. W. C. Camp	202.91	
Charleston, First		50.00
Clark, Geo. W.		60.00
Claxon, Wm. Neville		125.00
Berry, Abraham		40.00
Clear Creek Mt. Pr. Sch.		37.51
Cumberland River Ass'n.	10.50	3.00
Dozier, Mrs. J. M.		100.00
Edwards, T. F.		50.00
Elk Creek—W. Middletown		
Ohio		23.75
Elm Grove, Metamora, Ind.		32.50
Miss Wilma Engel		1.55
Fields, Jesse	8.60	
Furnace Mission	3.00	
General Assembly, Clear		
Creek		502.73
Gooch, Mrs. Arthur		1.00
Green, Mrs. W. S.		10.00
Hammons, Mrs. Joe E.		2.00
Hendrix, Joseph L. Estate		60.18
Holsclaw, Marry	20.00	10.00
Home Mission Board		13,947.95
Illinois State Assn.		100.00
Income—Sm. Reserve		3,163.23
Individuals—W. M. U.	60.00	90.00
Ky. Baptist Foundation		5,569.99
Kuttawa, R. A. Camp		17.58
Lemon, Isadore A.		470.00
Lindale Church	17.88	22.41
Luckett, Ethel W.		10.00
Mt. Preachers School		45.36
Riley, Mrs. M. A.	5.00	2.00
Sloas, Mrs. Herbert		1.00
Southern Region—W. M. U.		278.32
South Street Church		11.50
Southwestern G. A. Camp		10.37
Southwestern Region—		
W. M. U.		142.83
Sunday School Board		15,252.50
Treas.—West Ky. Memo.		
Hospital		49,801.44
Upper Silver Creek		16.60
Veatch, Miss Kayte	10.00	10.00
Western Region—W. M. U.		60.00
Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs.		
Ida Baker		15.00
Wisnfilter, Mrs. Ida.		10.00
W. M. U.		14,356.81
W. M. U.—G. A. House		
Parties		550.73
Y. W. A.—Long Run		13.58

DISTRIBUTION OF RECEIPTS Nov. 1, 1946 - Nov. 1, 1947			
	Co-op. Program	Desig- nated	
Y. W. A. Camp		24.45	
Miscellaneous	887.45	1,047.23	
Foreign Missions—			
Co-op. Program	169,286.07		
Designated	94,245.15		
Total		263,531.22	
Home Missions—			
Co-op. Program	49,819.31		
Designated	41,940.60		
Total		91,759.91	
Southwide Education—			
Co-op. Program	182,145.35		
Total		182,145.35	
Ministerial Relief—			
Co-op. Program	13,564.44		
Designated	320.98		
Total		13,885.42	
State Missions—			
Co-op. Program	157,629.78		
Designated	106,231.77		
Total		263,861.55	
Education in Kentucky—			
Co-op. Program	145,185.32		
Designated	123,791.36		
Total		268,976.68	
Kentucky Baptist Children's Home—			
Co-op. Program	49,777.83		
Designated	97,003.48		
Total		146,781.31	
Louisville Baptist Orphans' Home—			
Co-op. Program	20,740.77		
Designated	93,222.69		
Total		113,963.46	
Kentucky Baptist Hospital—			
Co-op. Program	33,185.22		
Designated	17,813.23		
Total		50,998.45	
Church Building—			
Co-op. Program	8,296.28		
Designated	3,966.73		
Total		12,263.01	
General Fund—			
Co-op. Program	126,873.79		
Total		126,873.79	
Western Recorder—			
Co-op. Program	10,000.00		
Total		10,000.00	
Education Special—			
Designated	10,152.75		
Total		10,152.75	
West Ky. Memo. Baptist Hospital—			
Designated	54,286.22		
Total		54,286.22	
Central Baptist Hospital—			
Designated	98,521.56		
Total		98,521.56	
Relief and Rehabilitation—			
Designated	3,705.97		
Total		3,705.97	
Income—State Mission—			
Reserve Fund		3,66.36	
Miscellaneous		46,622.14	
TOTAL RECEIPTS		1,761,694.75	

Church-State Group Endorses Education Report

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)—Action of President Truman's Commission on Higher Education to limit any federal appropriations in aid of colleges and universities to public institutions was given "warm approval" by the recently-formed Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

In a statement directed to Dr. George F. Zook, chairman of the Commission and President of the National Education Association, the Church-State organization commended the Commission's recommendation "to exclude private and church schools."

It said: "We are greatly concerned that religious training shall be widely and effectively disseminated among the people, but we hold with you that provisions for such inculcation must be privately supplied."

"This does not mean," the statement warned, "that tax-supported schools must be hostile or indifferent to religion,

lacking in moral values and pagan or atheistic in character.

"We would deplore the day," it added, "when church schools come to lean on the government as a financial prop."

Declaring that State-supported church schools "would spell the end of our public school system," the organization further warned that "to divide State-supported education into sectarian school systems would divide American society itself into hostile sectarian camps, intensify sectarian intolerance, and thrust a religious issue permanently into the political arena from which our Constitution was designed to exclude it.

"Next to the Constitution itself, our public school system has been our strongest bulwark against the development of religious intolerance in our political life."

CONVERSATION—The longer I live, the more impressed I am that if you give the other fellow a chance to talk first, you avoid many mistakes and much embarrassment.—*Brake Shoe's Private Wire.*

Clergy May Ask Youth To Boycott Poling Talk

SPRINGFIELD, Mass (RNS)—Clergymen here have threatened to request their youth people not to attend a forthcoming Christian Youth Council-YMCA rally in the Auditorium here unless one of their number is assured the opportunity of refuting Dr. Daniel A. Poling of Philadelphia, should he speak in favor of universal military training.

Actually, no one is yet sure of Dr. Poling, a member of the President's nine-man commission favoring UMT, will discuss the subject which has met with outright disapproval among local clergymen.

Dr. Poling is to talk on "Life's Irreducible Minimum," a subject which "could mean any one of a half dozen things," according to the Rev. Frank E. Dunn, executive secretary of the Greater Springfield Council of Churches.

Dr. Poling is head of the Baptist Temple in Philadelphia and of the World Christian Endeavor Union.

THE CYNIC

DR. DAVID M. GARDNER, editor of The Baptist Standard of Texas, wrote an article some years ago for The Teacher on the subject, "A Dissolver of Doubt." In the article there is a fine characterization of the cynic, which we quote as follows:

"The cynical spirit creates discord and doubt wherever he goes. I was somewhat surprised when I first discovered that our words 'cynic' and 'dog' come from the same Greek word. But upon closer observation of the characteristics of both, I detect a striking similarity. The cynic, like a dog, snarls and snaps at everything in sight. Paul had the cynic in mind when he said, 'Beware of dogs' (Phil. 3:2). Ferrar Fenton translates it, 'Beware of the cynics.' He generally poses as an iconoclast pretending to make battle against sham. In reality, he, himself, is a sham and will assassinate the character of a saint who stands in the way of the realization of his selfish plans. His conduct is determined by the false and dangerous philosophy of life. He assumes that he must pull others down in order to make room for his own promotion. He plays and talks down everyone except himself. The cynical spirit has left a trail of gloom and destruction from Diogenes, who lived in a tub and never washed himself, down to Clarence Darrow, who admonished college graduates to junk their diplomas and commit suicide.

"The cynic is a destructionist in any field, but in the field of religion he is

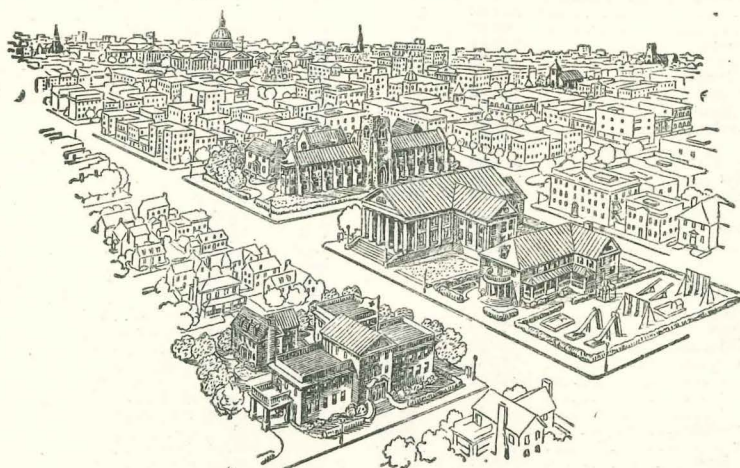
more diabolical because there is more involved. A cynical preacher is the greatest curse in Christendom. He is always on a parade as a program of wisdom and piety. He feels that he must assassinate the character of all other preachers in order to attract public attention to himself. He implants suspicion and develops doubt in the minds of all who come under his influence. He bemoans and bewails the fact that all others have sold out to the

enemy, dipped their colors to the foe, or, are controlled by some imaginary machine and, lo, he alone is left to save the world. Emerson has a message for such preachers: "Don't hang a dismal picture on the wall, and do not daub with sables and glooms in your conversation. Don't be a cynic and disconsolate preacher. Don't bewail and bemoan. Omit the negative propositions. Nerve us with incessant affirmatives."—*Greenup Baptist News*.

LIFE—Life can only be understood backwards; but it must be lived forwards.—Soren Kierkegaard.

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The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention fosters evangelism abroad through local bodies of baptized believers. Wherever a church shows courage and initiative in witnessing to its community with all its resources, the Board offers help to minister more effectively to that community. Because Christ went about teaching, preaching, and healing, each church attempts to witness to their faith in the same way.

Many a Baptist congregation in countries where public education and public health services are unknown supports a school and a dispensary. As the church grows it gives birth to daughter churches, and with

their help the school becomes a college, the dispensary a hospital, and the Vacation Bible school perhaps a home for homeless children. A strong center of Christian evangelism develops.

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The engagement of Miss Helen Frances Trout and Rev. Joseph Richard Estes has been announced by the parents of the young lady, Rev. and Mrs. George M. Trout of Lexington, Ky. Mr. Estes is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Emmett F. Estes of Louisville. Both are students in Georgetown College and he plans to attend the Southern Seminary and she the W. M. U. Training School next fall.

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