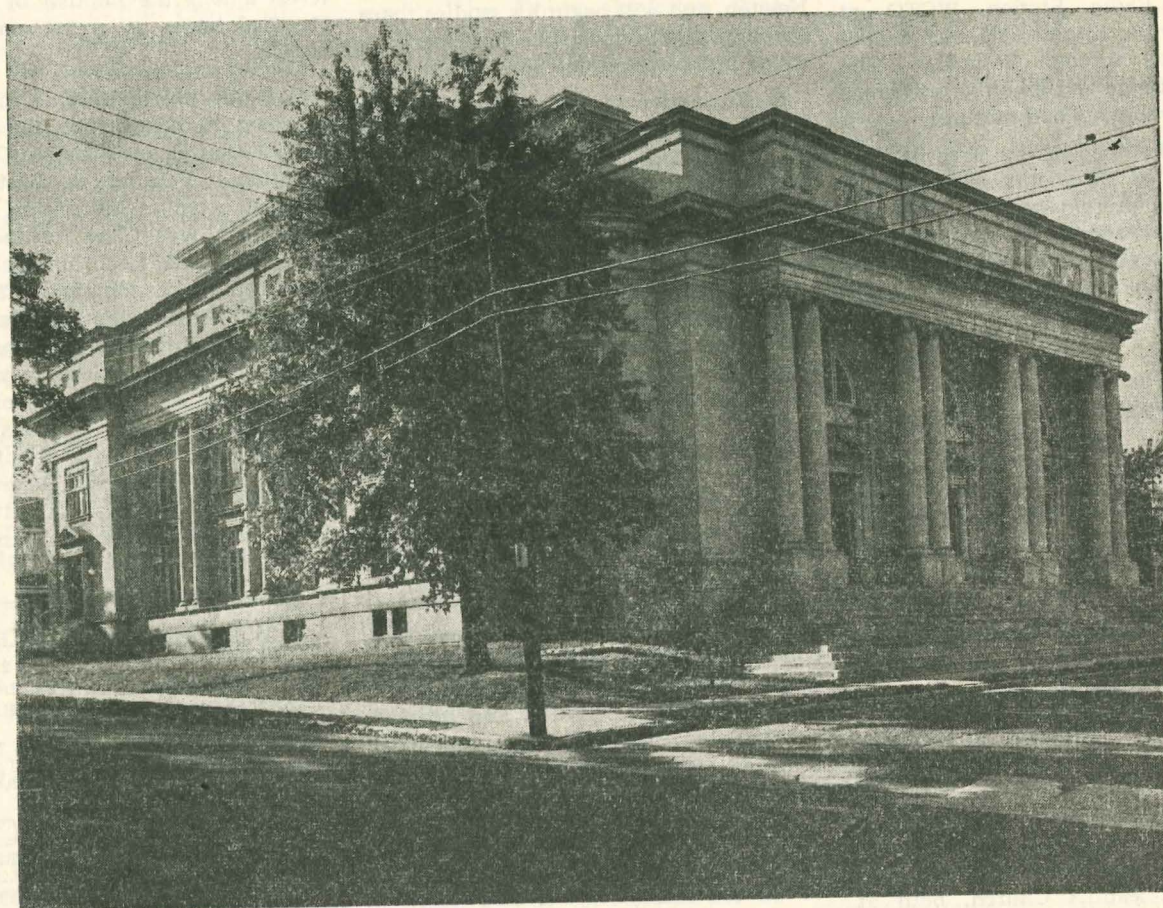


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Gleanings From The Field

Rev. Hugh Means Curry, retired Baptist preacher and educator, died at Ashland at the age of ninety-seven years.

Chester Swor, Clinton, Miss., is coming for Spiritual Emphasis Week during April 11-16, at the Third Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., where T. E. Williams is pastor.

Dr. W. H. Dodd died in Gibson County, Tenn., recently at the ripe age of ninety-seven. He was the father of Dr. M. E. Dodd, Pastor of the First Church of Shreveport, La.

The seats and woodwork and floors in the auditorium of the Oak Ridge Church, Covington, Ky., have been refinished, giving their church "that new look." M. M. McFarland is pastor there.

Sam Hill, Jr., Georgetown College student, is teaching the Intermediates at the All-Church Membership Training School being held at the First Church of Frankfort during March 21-26.

Campbellsville College is on the new 1000-watt Radio Station WCTO at Campbellsville, Ky., at 9:45 each morning, Monday through Saturday. The students arrange and give the programs, which are religious and cultural.

The Brotherhood of the Severns Valley Church of Elizabethtown met with seventy men present on a recent Monday night, at which time Dr. Hugh R. Peterson, Registrar of the Southern Seminary, spoke, stressing the program of Stewardship, Missions and Evangelism.

Herman Marx was ordained to the Gospel ministry on the afternoon of February 22 at the Chapel of the First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Ky., where Dr. Fred T. Moffatt is pastor. Native of Africa by German and Austrian parents, he emigrated to the United States as a boy.

E. Warren Rust is directing the Simultaneous Stewardship Revival in Severn's Valley Association during April 5-9. He reports that fourteen churches have plans to co-operate. Pastor W. H. Horton of Mayfield will be the guest speaker at Elizabethtown, where L. E. Martin is pastor.

Dr. John Jeter Hurt, Sr., former President of Union University and Pastor of First Baptist Church, both at Jackson, Tenn., is moving to Atlanta, Ga., where he will reside at 215 Rumson Road. His son, John Jeter Hurt, Jr., is now Editor of The Christian Index, Atlanta, Ga.

The Boone's Creek Herald has just come to our desk, Volume 1 Number 1 bearing date of March, 1948. This is a small four-page leaflet, being the of-

ficial organ of Boone's Creek Association of Baptists in Kentucky, and is printed at Irvine, Ky. H. D. Standifer is Editor and his associates are J. O. Stephens, Willis Bennett, and O. C. Anderson.

Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of the First Church of El Paso, Texas, preached in a revival meeting in his own pulpit at the First Church of El Paso, Texas, recently, and John H. Cargill, of Ft. Worth, Texas, conducted the music. There were 106 additions. One convert was a man seventy-six years of age, and two Chinese men were in their forties. One of these Chinese is head of a large Chinese colony in El Paso.

J. M. Bond, formerly holding pastorates at Black Mountain Church, Ken-
vir, Ky., Sunshine, Ky., and Riverside Church, Dayhoit, Ky., is leaving his work in Kentucky and has enrolled in the Clarke Memorial Baptist College, Newton, Miss. Mr. Bond, his wife and four children have already moved to Newton, and will begin his studies there March 29. Previously he has been enrolled in the Mountain Preacher's School.

O. E. Sanden is now Acting Dean of Northwestern College of Liberal Arts, at Minneapolis, according to Interim President Billy Graham. Professor Sanden has followed his secular and Christian education through many well known schools, which include Tulane University, Bible Institute of Los Angeles, North Park College, of Chicago; Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge; Columbia Theological Seminary; Yale University and Austin Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Annie Laura McGaffey English died at Glen Rose, Texas, on March 2. She was the wife of Rev. Joe W. English, formerly pastor in Virginia, Kentucky, Elkins, W. Va., Gentry, Ark.; and Knox City, Texas, and other places. She is survived by her husband, five children, twelve grandchildren, and five sisters. The funeral was in charge of Pastor Fred H. M. Smith, and he was assisted by many of his ministerial brethren, many of whom came great distances for the service.

The Erlanger Baptist Church observed the first anniversary of their pastor, R. Don Gambrell on Sunday, March 7. At the reception on Sunday night the members gave Pastor Gambrell a radio. The church had 78 additions during the year, and two more on the anniversary Sunday. Their 396 resident members a year ago are increased now to 460. Sunday school enrollment has jumped from 448 to 517. The gifts of \$20,212.08 a year ago were increased to \$21,286.36. Their building fund has been increased

to \$34,169.60, which includes a gain for this purpose of \$7,323.14 during the year.

Mrs. Augusta Haywood Holm, and W. Howard Ethington were recently married by Pastor Frederick S. Porter at the First Church of Columbus, Ga., assisted by Dr. J. Ellis Sammons of Macon, Ga. Both young people reside at Columbus, Ga., and Mr. Ethington is Associate Pastor of the First Church there. Mr. Ethington hails from the East Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky., where as a young man he served as organist and choir director for some years. Also he was later organist at Clifton Church in this city, and in Washington. He graduated from the Southern Seminary in the Class of 1943.

Now that Dr. E. C. Routh has retired as Editor of The Commission, monthly mission journal of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., he and Mrs. Routh expect to locate at Austin, Texas. He expects to keep on preaching and writing, and has in mind the completion of a book on which he has already done some work. He expects to name his book, "Forty Years a Baptist Editor." From one who has been at the very center of things for so many years that book ought to have a wide reader-interest among the Baptists of the South. He also hopes to write some for the papers.

G. D. Murphy and Felix Creamer were ordained as deacons by the LaFayette Baptist Church in Christian County Association on February 8. Pastor Charles E. Hunt acted as Moderator, and Luke L. Walker was Clerk of the Council. Olen Sisk, C. A. Ladd and Dallis Austin examined the candidates. The sermon was delivered by Pastor Olen Sisk of the Trinity Church of Hopkinsville, and the charge to the Deacons was given by C. A. Ladd. D. M. Rogers offered the ordination prayer. Deacons assisting included: Bert Joiner, Trenton; Silas Francis, Oliver Howell, Reams Wilson, Stanley Cobb, Davis Barnett, of Big Rock; and Luke Walker and D. M. Rogers, LaFayette.

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Editorials

THE CHAMPAIGN CASE

The past twelve months have brought the question of the separation of church and state into sharper focus than perhaps at any time within the past century.

About a year ago there was the school bus case in New Jersey concerning which the United States Supreme Court handed down a close decision ordering public school busses to convey children to and from parochial schools.

Along with the vast majority of evangelical groups, Baptists deplored the decision as a step toward the union of church and state. Both the General Association and the Southern Baptist Convention voiced their protest.

The recent Supreme Court decision on the Champaign, Illinois, case brings the question into prominence again. *This time* the Supreme Court ruled strongly and almost unanimously in favor of the principle of complete separation of church and state as involved in the case.

Briefly stated, the Champaign plan was about as follows: Once a week in the city schools the students were divided into three groups for religious instruction. Such classes were not taught by the teachers of the public school system but by instructors furnished by the Council of Religious Education—"Protestants, Catholic priests, and Jewish rabbis." Parental consent was required and all pupils were free to choose the group with which they would sit, and, equally free to stay away from all such classes.

Objection to the plan was raised by a Mrs. McCollum (an avowed atheist) of Champaign, who insisted that her twelve-year-old son was embarrassed since he could not consistently attend any of the religious classes. She carried her protest into the courts and when the Illinois Supreme Court ruled against her she appealed to the United States Supreme Court, with the result already cited.

The last appeal of Mrs. McCollum was supported by the Joint Baptist

Committee representing, in part, the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Supreme Court held that the Champaign plan "affords sectarian groups an invaluable aid in that it helps to provide pupils for the religious classes through use of the state's compulsory public school machinery." The Court added, "This is not separation of church and state."

The decision of the Court, it seems to us, hinged on the point of using public school facilities and the compulsory attendance requirements to obtain pupils to be instructed in religion. The seeming present reach of the decision is that under no condition may tax-supported school facilities be used for the "dissemination of religious doctrine." The Court declared that the decision could not be interpreted as government objection to religion.

How far the decision will ultimately extend no one may now predict. It is likely there will be many court contests. Our people would insist that the decision go far enough to at least stop the flow of *all public tax funds into any religious school of whatever nature for whatever purpose.*

Throughout American history, and indeed through the centuries, people of our faith have been forefront contenders for *absolute* separation of church and state. In large measure it was through Baptist effort that Article I in the Bill of Rights was written into the Constitution. There must be no slowing down in our efforts to preserve the religious liberty purchased at so great a price.

A Reason For Concern

It should be kept in mind, however, that in our contention for absolute separation of church and state, we must be just as earnest in our insistence that there be no drifting into a blighting secularism in our public schools. A materialistic philosophy like that advocated by the atheistic mother in Champaign is to be equally dreaded. The fact that the Joint Baptist Committee

supported the appeal of the atheist should not be interpreted as an approval of her godless philosophy. Some way must be discovered to avoid making the impression on students in the public schools that because religion cannot be taught there, it is therefore unimportant.

The Christian teacher can, by living winsomely the principles of Jesus Christ and by setting forth the *general* truths of His Word, show the indispensableness of a dynamic religious faith. Sectarian doctrines cannot and should not be taught in our public schools, but no one can forbid the high influence of a Christian instructor who makes general observations from the broad field of science, history, and art in such a manner as to plant in the student's mind a sense of reverence for the Person and work of God, leaving sectarian doctrines for the denominations in their local churches.

THE MARION COUNTY CASE

Kentucky Baptists and other evangelical groups watch with more than ordinary interest the development of the parochial school case in Marion County, Kentucky. No late, direct information concerning this has come to the *Western Recorder*.

According to the *Courier-Journal* in a story printed this week, the charge was brought by Mrs. G. W. Griffith, of Nelson County (whose four children attend a parochial school with which the Nelson County Board of Education is said to have a contract through the Marion County Board of Education), that her children, Baptists, were "being forced" to attend Catholic church services.

As further reported by the *Courier-Journal*, the case was given a hearing at Bardstown, Kentucky, March 8. The charge was disclosed by Dr. Hugh Brimm, Executive Secretary of the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. Brimm was reported to have attended the hearing held in the office of Mr. Charles Hart, the superintendent of Nelson County Schools, making a wire recording of all proceedings.

Mr. Hart is said to have declared that the Nelson County Board of Education has a contract with the

Marion County Board which makes provision that the children living near the Marion County schools in certain localities may attend those schools. The school with which the County Board of Education had a contract, and against which the charge was brought by Mrs. Griffith, as reported by the *Courier-Journal*, was "Holy Cross." Mr. Spalding of Lebanon, Kentucky, Superintendent of Marion County Schools, was reported by the same paper as denying that "we force anybody to go to the Catholic church."

Our present information will not permit us to say whether or not there has been coercion in the case involved. County school systems, however, ought to have their own facilities, their own program of education. Students should not find it necessary to face the embarrassment of a commingling of state and religious schools. It is embarrassing to the parents, the pupils, the school boards, and the religious schools involved. The ideal in our democracy, and that which is guaranteed by our Constitution, is entire separation of church and state. State and county governments must come to the point at which this embarrassment and this trespass on the constitutional rights of American citizens will not be even remotely suspected, whether in Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, Catholic or other schools.

BAPTISTS DENIED THE RIGHT TO HANG EVANGELISTIC BANNERS

From Houston, Texas, and through the Religious News Service comes the information that Houston's City Council was rapped soundly by the Houston Baptist Pastors' Conference for its refusal to allow the Baptist churches to suspend banners across the city's main street to advertise revivals, although the city granted the Houston Fat Stock Show a similar right. One of the pastors was reported to have remarked, "To think that we should float a banner over the city to a Brahman cow in preference to Jesus Christ." He went on, "they are running that thing (the Fat Stock Show, one of the world's largest) on Sunday, and it is just jammed and packed full. They say some boy can go to college if he sells a

calf. Well, I know my Christ can put any boy in college or school if he wants to go."

A resolution drawn up by the Association protested the policy of "discrimination" shown by the city administration in the matter of banner hanging privileges.

Every once in a while religionists are jarred into a sitting-up position by additional evidence that this old world is not being run Christ's way and that God's Word is by no means the law of the land, and never has been. Vital Christianity is in the small minority, though there is a "form of godliness which denies the power thereof."

We suppose that Houston, Texas, is no worse than the average city of its size throughout the nation, and certainly there are many wonderful people there, even as there are everywhere, but it is going to take a lot of praying and working and waiting and persevering and the power of God to bring that day toward which we all look, when Jesus Himself shall be the King of men's hearts and when all our programs shall be ordered by His will.

SHOULD THE DIACONATE BE ROTATED?

Editor H. H. McGinty, *Word and Way*, expresses editorially, his opinion on the tenure of the office of deacons, urging the Rotation Plan. It is a rational presentation of the plan followed by an ever-increasing number of churches.

We have seen great deacons (a group always close to this writer's heart) who, through long years served with honor and distinction both to themselves and their churches. Such men get for themselves a great reward.

On the other hand, and along with most men who have had protracted pastoral experience, we are compelled to acknowledge that we have seen now and then, those who perhaps might have done their church a favor (themselves also) had they yielded their places to others more willing to serve on the basis of the New Testament's ideal for spiritual democracies.

There is no Scripture which declares that there should be a rotating plan for deacons; neither is there any scripture which indicates that the tenure of office is to be life-long. Nor, is there any Scrip-

ture which declares that a man who is ordained as deacon, *must* be recognized as an active deacon by any and all churches to which such ordained deacon may thereafter join himself. Most churches recognize this, even as they acknowledge that the ordaining of a man to the Gospel ministry does not give him the right to demand that he be pastor of any and all churches with which he may thereafter affiliate. What a world of confusion would result from such demands!

We present here, Editor McGinty's arguments for what is termed, The Rotation Plan. Brother McGinty has but recently left the pastorate of a great church, accepting the editorship of the Baptist paper of Missouri.

"News reports indicate that our churches in increasing numbers are adopting what is known as the Rotation Plan for the deacons. This means that the roster of active deacons is divided into groups—usually three—of equal number, one group retiring each year.

"To initiate the three-group plan, in the beginning one group is designated to serve one year, another two years, and the other three. After the first year, members of all groups elected, serve for three years.

"This plan has several commendable features. It offers opportunity to eliminate the unworthy, the disqualified. No matter how careful a church may be in selecting men, once in a while one of them may prove to be a disappointment. It is a great burden to a church to feel compelled to carry such persons through endless years in so important a position.

"The Rotation Plan tends to prevent crystallization in the second highest office in a church. When men remain in office for long periods, it occasionally develops that some fall into a fixed pattern which is not responsive to progressive leadership. They may even become obstructionists. A church dominated by such, goes into decline and defeat.

"This program acts as a check on the assumption of undue authority. On occasions, long tenure of office has resulted in a gradual usurpation of authority in a church until the deacons become a *self perpetuating*, ruling body. Such an autocracy has no place in a Christian democracy.

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Once for All Delivered to the Saints.”—Jude 3.

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Take Courage

By ARTHUR HOUSE STAINBACK, Pastor
Wadsworth Avenue Baptist Church, New York City

HAVE YOU ever felt like giving up? That life was not worth living?

Recently a young lady came into my study to ask that very question and she went on to relate how life had lost its value and how she wondered just what to do. The solution she found to her problem is waiting for you also.

Perhaps you have some spiritual problem that seems to have no solution? Perhaps you are convinced that your efforts are too feeble and worthless. Our text invites you to take courage. We read in Acts 28:15 “When Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.” This text we might support with many other verses, such as Psalm 91 which opens with this assurance, “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty,” and on through that great Psalm of comfort and others like the 27th and 37th.

Christianity is not a recreation for emotional delight, nor a camping ground for wistful thinkers; it is a body of courageous men and women, who having looked unto Christ, take courage and go on in life confident of the hope and security that is theirs for life and eternity. We hear very often these days that the world needs Christ. “It is Christ or chaos” has become a common phrase. This is very true, but it must all start with the individual. We will find the solution to our world problems when individual after individual accepts Christ.

A soldier said it was not the battle but the waiting and anticipation that gave him fear. Once in the midst of

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“And from thence, when the brethren heard of us, they came to meet us as far as Appii forum, and the three taverns: whom when Paul saw, he thanked God and took courage” (Acts 28:15).  
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the battle he had courage and confidence. Perhaps you have fears and doubts because you look either too far ahead or in the wrong direction. It may be that you are thinking too much about self and too little about God. The next time you think God has forsaken you turn to Psalm 121 and read, “My help cometh from the Lord which made heaven and earth. . . The Lord is thy keeper.” This Psalm will also assure you that God is ever alert. When your heart would sink within you read Deuteronomy 33:27, “The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms.” You will never sink with His arms underneath. In Him you have the supporting strength of all creation. Next time you have a fear about tomorrow and its needs, read Psalm 23, “The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.” Then read it again and put the emphasis on, “I shall not want.” Why be afraid when you can take courage in Psalm 27:1 “The Lord is the light of my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” Those who walk with Christ, walk through this life with happy confidence.

Get out of the coward's seat, forsake the defeatist and those who lament the

difficulties of life, and get going with Christ. He is a way of life that is *The Way of Life*. Realizing the need of courage for his day, and it is true for this present age, Maltbie D. Babcock wrote,

“Be strong! We are not here to play, to dream, to drift;
We have hard work to do, and loads to lift.
Shun not the struggle, face it, 'tis God's gift.
Be strong! Say not the days are evil—
who's to blame?
And fold the hands and acquiesce—oh, shame!
Stand up, speak out, and bravely, in God's name,
Be strong! It matters not how deep entrenched the wrong,
Faint not, fight on! Tomorrow comes the song.
Be strong! Be strong.”

Yes, there are oppressions, sorrows, doubts, fears and great heartaches. All these are the products of man in his fumbling. Remember God's Word has said, “But he that shall endure unto the end the same shall be saved” (Matt. 24:13). We have no promise, or hope, that the world will be better, but we have an assurance in Ephesians 6:13, “Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.” Take courage as you face life's difficulties, God is able and willing. His Son said, “Fear not, I have overcome the world.” So do His followers.

One asks, “How can I be free of fear?” Just take courage in God through Christ. Courage does not consist in feeling no fear but in conquering our fears. The Psalmist again reminds us that when his mother and father forsook him—but pause there and observe that he did not bemoan his misfortune—rather, he turned unto the Lord who eternally sustains all those who trust in him. When fears overtake you turn to the source of all power. When failures threaten turn with Solomon to the fountain head of all wisdom. If doubts get you down, perhaps you are looking at the wrong side of the picture, turn it around and look at God's side, for He has an eternal purpose. With God all things work together for good. When you surrender to the evils of the day you are, like the servant of Elijah, looking out the wrong window and thus see only the hosts of the enemy and fear ultimate destruction. Turn your eyes upon Him who gave himself for you and who overcomes the world, and receive the vast promises of God as your very own. Look full into the face of Christ and the fears of life will grow strangely dim and fade completely away and you will then take courage.

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INITIATIVE—Mansions and cemeteries are full of men who took chances.
—Loyal (Wis.) Tribune.

Further Light on "This Retirement Business"

By REV. BAYNARD F. FOX
Director of Retirement Plans in Kentucky

In recent issues of this paper there have appeared two excellent articles on the problem of pastoral retirement. While these articles were presented from widely divergent viewpoints, there is nevertheless much to be gained from each of them. If they only serve to call to the attention of our brethren the fact that retirement should be planned in advance, they will have well served their purpose.

The writer of one of these articles says: "Let me say to every pastor who is facing retirement age that retirement is a business enterprise, which has in it both elements of success and failure." That the writer of these words recognized this fact early in life and made provision for his own retirement is quite evident in the description of his living conditions as reflected in the article recently appearing. Certainly every pastor ought to recognize that retirement must inevitably come to most ministers, and it is a wise man who recognizes this fact and begins to make provision for it early in life. Indeed it is imperative for a man to recognize this fact early if he hopes to make adequate provision.

As the writer of one of these articles has, by implication, pointed out, there is need in retirement days not only for an income to live on, but also for a house to live in. This same writer, however, is in error as he quotes approximate figures for benefit under the Ministers Retirement Plan. He has said: "I am thinking of that great group of loyal, hard-working pastors of full-time churches in the small towns. . . whose salaries are \$1,000, \$1,500, or \$2,000 per year. . . The age of retirement has caught them—no home, no surplus money with which to buy a lot and build a home. . . What shall they do now, use their Ministers Retirement Fund? Yes, to be sure, but that Fund will probably be \$25, \$30, or maybe \$40 per month."

The logic of this brother is good, but if we are to presume that these brethren have taken advantage of the Minister's Retirement Plan to the full extent, their annuity would not be the above figures, but rather would be from \$41.66 to \$83.33 per month, which is more than double the figure that has been given here. Of course, this presumes that the minister has participated all the time that he was eligible and has paid all his dues. Certainly no man would expect the

maximum percentage unless he had fully availed himself of the opportunities that were his.

I must concur in the opinion that a man cannot afford to pay rent out of even this amount of income. In fact, even if he draws the maximum annuity of \$2,000 per year it would be difficult to do this under present living conditions. Therefore he should make provision early in life for the purchase of a home at retirement age. In this regard I would quote again the first writer, who said: "Retirement is a business enterprise, which has in it both elements of success and failure."

A small amount of money invested regularly through the years with the Relief and Annuity Board in a Special Deferred Annuity or in a Savings Annuity contract will accumulate sufficient funds for this purpose. Many of our brethren ought to avail themselves of this privilege, and to use some of the fees which they receive from revival meeting, weddings, funerals, et cetera, to assure a comfortable home at retirement age.

It is the purpose of this writer to point out that there are plans available through the Relief and Annuity Board and otherwise by which our brethren can make provision for a home and income in old age. If you desire further information on this subject, the writer will be pleased to have you address your inquiries to him at 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

Southwide Student Conference At Southwestern

By Erwin L. McDonald
Louisville, Ky.

The third annual Southwide Conference of Baptist Theological Students will be held April 1 and 2 on the campus of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Tex., Joseph M. Conley, student at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, and executive secretary-treasurer of the Conference, has announced.

W. Joel Ferguson, a graduate student at Southwestern Seminary, will preside as general Conference chairman.

The program for the opening day will

include: a forum, "Co-operation of Baptist Ministers in Urban Areas," led by Dr. T. B. Maston, of the Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. Joseph J. Rhodes, president of Bishop College, Marshall, Tex.; and the annual banquet, followed by an address by Dr. Clarence L. Jordan, of Koinonia Farm, Americus, Ga.

A forum, "Co-operation of Baptist Ministers in Rural Areas," led by Professor V. A. Edwards, director of rural work for the National Baptist Convention, Inc., Nashville, and Dr. Clyde T. Francisco, of the faculty of Southern Baptist Seminary, will be the principal feature of the program April 2.

The Conference was organized at the Southern Baptist Seminary in 1946 by students and representatives from five colleges and seminaries. Composed of Negro and white Baptist theological students of the south, it has for its purpose the promotion of Christian fellowship, the study of mutual problems relative to the work of the Kingdom, and the planning of co-operative efforts of all Baptists for the extension of the gospel.

More Than Half 1947 Denominational Receipts Go To Foreign Missions

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Foreign missions received 51.52 per cent of all money contributed to Southern Baptist Convention causes in 1947.

An auditors' report, just completed and covering 1947 operations of the Convention's Executive Committee, revealed that a total of \$7,356,226.65 was received during the year for distribution to causes sponsored by the Convention.

A sum of \$3,789,741.09, or 51.52 per cent of the total, went to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond for mission work overseas.

Home missions received the second largest portion—20.14 per cent. This sum, totalling \$1,431,680.07 was sent to the Home Mission Board at Atlanta for mission work in the 20-state territory of the Convention, Cuba, and Panama.

The auditors revealed that less than two-thirds of one per cent of the contributions is used for the promotional and operating expenses of the Convention and its machinery. Ninety-nine and 37/100ths per cent of the total was channeled directly to the Convention's mission, educational, and benevolent work.

Texas Baptists led other state groups in amounts contributed during the year, having sent \$983,349.20 to the Executive Committee offices. North Carolina, a historic Baptist state, was second with \$379,539.04 contributed.

Of the total received during the year, \$5,217,762.39 was for the denomination's Co-operative Program and \$2,138,464.26 was designated to special objects.

The New Testament Plan Works

By DUKE K. McCALL

THE NAME John Hawkins is not just another name, if you know the history of piracy in the Caribbean Sea. John Hawkins and Henry Morgan were English pirates who in the 1670's preyed on the Spanish gold ships which sailed from Cartagena, Colombia. I knew that much, so you will understand my interest when I was introduced to a dark-skinned Colombian who said, "My name is Hawkins—John Hawkins."

We were standing on a sun-drenched sand street in front of the Robolo Baptist Church in Barranquilla, Colombia, South America, when this introduction took place—yes, my first guess was right. John Hawkins was a descendant of the pirates who had inhabited San Andres Island just off the coast of Colombia.

That was amazing enough, but I was in for a further surprise: he was also one of the leading members of the Robolo Baptist Church.

The story back of John Hawkins is a romance of Baptist witness. More than a hundred years ago, in 1844, a Baptist from New York moved to San Andres Island which, along with Providence Island, had been the pirates' base. This Baptist, a Mr. Livingston, placed a Bible in the hands of these people who were descendants of the pirates and their slaves.

Five years ago Missionaries H. W. Schweinsberg and Tom Neely were just opening Southern Baptist work in Colombia, South America. They heard about Baptist churches on these two islands and so set out in a small boat to visit one of them. A terrific storm tossed their small craft, and for five days they shared the experiences of another missionary, named Paul, who, centuries ago, sought to preach the gospel to them which were at Rome also. At last they were picked up and carried to shore by a destroyer in the Colombian navy.

On these two islands they found a new kind of life under the influence of strong Baptist churches which have based their organization and doctrines for more than a hundred years on the New Testament placed in their hands.

There was no essential point of disagreement between these churches and the churches being founded on the mainland by Southern Baptist missionaries. The drama of the situation is almost lost to relate simply that these independent Baptist churches recognized immediately the principle of co-operation

by which Baptists unite their strength for the glory of God. They joined with the churches on the mainland.

Today self-supporting and independent Baptist churches, just five years ago founded by Southern Baptist missionaries, are working arm in arm with those Baptist churches over a hundred years old which sprang direct from the fertile soil of the New Testament. The modern miracle of the unity of 26,754 independent Southern Baptist churches has been repeated without the coercion of ecclesiastical authority. Without the pressure of organization or authoritative creed, Baptist churches gather around the standard of the Word of God to work together until His kingdom shall come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.



Dr. Louie D. Newton, President Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, Georgia, who will speak to State Training Union Convention in Bowling Green on Wednesday night April 14.

Hail Supreme Court Religious Decision

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Gratification over the Supreme Court decision barring religious instruction from the Champaign, Ill., schools was expressed here by the Seventh-day Adventist Church, the Baptist Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, and an official of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Charles S. Longacre, associate secretary of the Religious Liberty Association, said Adventists hailed the decision "as a victory for the cause of religion in that it recognizes that the church and state are both free and independent in

the exercise of their divergent functions."

Dr. J. M. Dawson, recording secretary of Protestants-United and executive secretary of the Baptist Joint Conference Committee, issued two statements.

Pointing out that Protestants-United had made no official comment on the issue or the decision, Dr. Dawson said that, speaking for himself, he was "exceedingly happy over the decision because I think it does the following:

1. "It serves as the greatest single safeguard to separation of church and state outside the First Amendment itself.

2. "It is a positive protection against the menace of sectarianism in our public school system, hence it is insurance of religious liberty and mutual good will among the sects.

3. "It is a direct service to the home and church, the Divinely appointed agencies for proper religious instruction, in that their responsibility is challenged to provide something vastly superior to the weak substitute attempted on released-time under the framework of the compulsory school law.

4. "It produces a keen sense of obligation to strengthen yet more and more the high moral and spiritual values now being taught under the democratic processes of the public school which have resulted in the highest type citizenship, as crime statistics abundantly show."

Speaking for the Baptist Committee, which filed a brief opposing religious instruction in the public schools in connection with the present case, Dr. Dawson said, "we are glad because we think this is the strongest buttress for maintaining the wall of separation between church and state which has yet been erected."

He said there were many forms of weekday instruction in religion which the home and church could invoke.

"Most assuredly the church's educational program of teacher-training and pupil enlistment is far below what it should be," he declared. "Those who fear the decision will cut out chaplain services are, we think, far afield because in that case there is no contractual relation between the government and a church but only between the government and an individual citizen. Just so with regard to other relations questions. The decision will not work against religion but in its favor." (RNS).

Charles Ennis, formerly of the Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary of Philadelphia, is the new Minister of Music and Youth at the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City, where he succeeds J. Thurston Noe. Mr. Ennis was formerly director of the full-time musical program at the Fourth Baptist Church of St. Louis, and other churches.

Crime and the Sunday School

By JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Department of Justice

THE CRIMINAL is the product of spiritual starvation. Someone failed miserably to bring him to know God, love Him, and serve Him. As a result, the criminal's mental attitudes and actions are guided by a selfish individualism. He has no respect for the law—he hates it. Moral traditions are subject to his scorn as he declares war on society.

Unfortunately, there are many in the United States today who flout the laws of both God and man. This is borne out by facts and figures in the possession of the FBI.

By the end of 1946, a total of 1,685,203 major crimes were recorded in the United States—the highest annual total recorded in the past decade. Crime in urban areas in 1946 increased 7.4 per cent over the previous year as sharp rises were noted in murders, robberies, aggravated assaults, burglaries, larcenies, manslaughters by negligence, and rape.

The upward crime trend in the rural areas was more pronounced in 1946, with an increase of 14 per cent. *In each crime classification the rural upswing exceeded that in the cities.*

A Shocking Record

The gravity of the crime situation in 1946 was reflected by the fact that during the average day 36 persons were slain, 33 were raped, and 185 others were feloniously assaulted. During each twenty-four hours, on the average, 172 persons were robbed, 981 burglaries were reported to the police, 630 cars were stolen, in addition to 2,580 miscellaneous larcenies of various types being committed. Although a comparatively small percentage of the total offenses were classed as violent crimes against persons, it is significant to observe that every 5.7 minutes in 1946 there was a criminal homicide, rape, or assault with intent to kill.

The rise in crime during 1946 revealed that we are still faced with an abnormally high rate of juvenile misbehavior. Youngsters under 21 years of age were responsible for 51 per cent of the auto thefts, 41 per cent of the burglaries, 28 per cent of the robberies, 27 per cent of the thefts, 26 per cent of the rapes, and 18 per cent of the arsons. More than one-half of all crimes against property during 1946 were committed by persons under 25 years of age.

The upward sweep in postwar crime is characterized by criminal incidents

reminiscent of gang events following World War I. Gangsters, hoodlums, and trigger men are eagerly recruiting youngsters into the criminal army. Guns are finding their way into the hands of mere boys who are ready to laugh at the law and kill if necessary.

I recall one case where two police officers were dispatched to a cabin on the outskirts of town to locate several boys who were wanted at that time for questioning. The officers located the boys and were at once confronted with a defiant group of youngsters rivaling the hostility of hardened gangsters. Four boys armed with machine guns held the officers at bay. As the two officers awaited reinforcements and sought to avoid bloodshed, the boys retreated to the swamps along a near-by river. The youngsters were surrounded and called upon to surrender. Their answer was a volley of gunfire. In the pitched battle which followed, a 14-year-old boy was killed. The others surrendered.

These youngsters turned out to be the ringleaders of a youthful gang which had perpetrated a wave of thefts. On two successive nights prior to the gun battle, the gang of boys had burglarized a National Guard armory and had made away with an arsenal consisting of sub-machine guns, rifles, hand grenades, several thousand rounds of ammunition, and other government property. Previously the boys had stolen several cars, burglarized storehouses, an automobile agency, a bowling alley, and a private residence.

The leader of the gang was 18. He led a band who refused to practice the very necessary virtues of honor, decency, and love of God and country. Certainly, these boys had very little chance to learn and appreciate these virtues because they had been exposed to indifference, lack of parental guidance, and drunkenness.

After reviewing the thousands of case histories which have poured into the FBI, I am firmly convinced that there are two factors in our outlook which if not checked will plunge us headlong

into national decadence. The first is the failure of the home itself as the first classroom and, second, our national indifference toward evil influences in our life which are beyond the immediate control of parents.

The Initial Responsibility

Criminals are in great measure the products of neglect, the victims of indifference, the results of an age which has tossed morality in the junk yard. Moral chaos and crime run hand in hand as they eagerly attempt to destroy peace, order, and happiness. If we are to get down to fundamentals in approaching the problem of crime it is necessary to begin to build the moral structure of the child at the cradle. This responsibility rests initially with the parents. The home must be the first great arena of teaching. In the final analysis, the child who fails to learn honesty, discipline, and respect for authority from his parents can quickly become exposed to the virus of crime.

Unhappily, there are many homes where parents are untrained in their obligations to their offspring; where unguarded talk is as regular as three meals a day; where disrespect for authority and criticism of officials are common occurrences; where childish independence is encouraged, and refractory conduct is condoned; where breaches of discipline and antisocial whims are overlooked; and where God and religion are considered too old-fashioned in an age dedicated to materialism.

The children of such homes need help and the Sunday schools can do much and are doing much to bring God and religion into the starved souls of these youngsters. Our Sunday schools are not sending forth children who easily succumb to life-wrecking temptations. Instead, the boys and girls who have gone to Sunday school have been well prepared for the entire span of life.

The Sunday school is a citadel of real spiritual influences. Religion to a boy or girl becomes reality based on love and not on fear. Youngsters come to know that God asks more than mere lip service to His commandments; that He asks us to live under His guidance and love.

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EXPERIENCE—The difficulty between parents and children is that too often the fruits of experience cannot be handed down until they are overripe.—Marcelene Cox, *Ladies' Home Journal*.

Every Baptist a Tither

Personnel of Southern Baptist Foundation Assures Wise Handling of Trust Fund

By C. E. BRYANT

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—W. Maxey Jarman, a Baptist deacon who in his forties heads one of the three largest shoe companies in America, has been re-elected president of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

Mr. Jarman's willingness to serve in this key position of high denominational responsibility assures Southern Baptists that their trust funds will be handled in the best business methods.

In fact, as I sat in the annual meeting of the Foundation a few days ago, I was astonished at the high caliber of the men who constitute its personnel. Each and every one was an individual recognized locally, if not nationally, as a top business man. And every one of them was equally highly respected as a Baptist leader in his community.

Mr. Jarman, chairman of the deacons at First Baptist Church, Nashville, and chairman of the board of General Shoe Corporation, is but one example. Another is Jack C. Massey, a young man who a decade ago purchased a small drug store in Nashville and has developed it into one of the South's leading pharmaceutical and hospital supply houses. He also is a deacon. Massey serves the Foundation as vice-president and chairman of its executive (investment) committee.

A glance at the names of members of the investment committee emphasizes the point. The committee includes Mr. Massey, as chairman; Raymond C. Rogers, vice-president of Nashville's nationally known American National Bank, who also is secretary of the Foundation; William Gupton, postmaster at Nashville; M. P. Brothers, president of the M. P. Brothers Company, Inc., of Nashville; and L. L. Gellerstedt, executive Vice-president of the The Citizens and Southern National Bank of Atlanta.

Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, is treasurer, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee, is executive secretary of the Foundation.

The list of 22 members goes on like a page out of Who's Who, including proportionately, ministers, institution representatives, lawyers, and businessmen. These men make up the youngest of all Southern Baptist institutions, for the Foundation was established as recently as 1946 and just now has completed its

organization for the handling of trust funds.

Already the Foundation is in the process of receiving for investment a total of \$300,000. The Sunday School Board turned over to the Foundation an initial \$25,000, and various individuals rapidly followed suit with gifts of \$42,000. The Convention's Executive Committee awaits only Convention approval in May

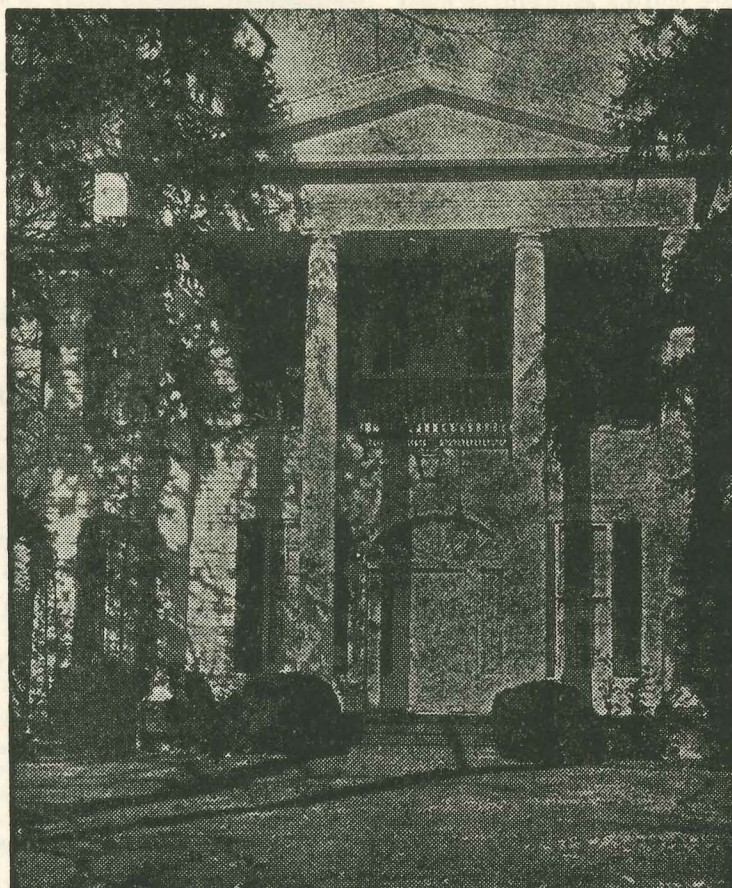
before transferring \$233,000 of trust funds to the Foundation.

Planning the investment of these funds at its last meeting, the Foundation members voted unanimously that first consideration in all investment must be security, with the rate of income given secondary consideration. First investments have been in government bonds.

Bible Reading At Its Best

The very best way to read the Bible is to read daily with close attention and with prayer to see the light that shines from its pages, to meditate upon it, and to continue to read it until somehow it works itself, its words, its expressions, its teachings, its habits of thought, and its presentation of God and His Christ into the very warp and woof of one's being.—Howard A. Kelly, *Baptist Bulletin Service*.

MISSIONARY'S HOME AT THE BEACHES



This spacious Colonial residence, acquired by the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, recently with a three-acre tract joining the campus on the southeast, will be converted into a quadruplex apartment house for furloughed missionaries desiring to study at the Seminary, President Ellis A. Fuller has announced. The structure will be turned half around to line up with Judson and Rice Halls, facing Godfrey street, and will be veneered with brick to harmonize with these buildings.

Funds for the purchase of the new property were donated by J. A. Fields, Montgomery, Ala., business man and church leader. The remodeling of the building will be financed with funds provided by P. B. Samuels, of Washington, D. C., life-long Baptist lay leader.

Procurement of this property gives the Seminary Alumni Association an ideal location for its \$500,000 Memorial Chapel, construction of which is to begin April 1.

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

Clinic at Dry Ridge, April 18-23

A Sunday School Clinic is being planned to be held at Dry Ridge Church the week of April 18-23 for churches in five or six associations in that section of the State. We are inviting interested workers to come from that area that lies between Cincinnati and Lexington. Some of the attractive features of the Clinic are listed here:

1. Three cents per mile will be paid to the driver of each car in which four or more people attend at least four of the five days.
2. Three or more books will be given to each family that has one or more of its members attending four days.
3. Those who attend four days and read the books will be given awards.
4. Workers will be sent out at night to as many churches in Crittenden Association as will accept them. These workers will lead in a religious census and teach a book each night.
5. At the Dry Ridge Church each night the department books are to be taught.
6. Sessions will be held each morning and afternoon for all who attend. The best Sunday school leaders will be with us to lead in studies of Sunday school work. Mr. Jesse Daniel of the Sunday School Board will join us in leading in the Clinic.

If this program of work impresses you and you are interested in attending please write a postal card to W. A. Gardiner, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

Announcing Clinic at Madisonville

A Sunday School Clinic will be conducted at the First Baptist Church in Madisonville the week of July 11-18 for churches in that section of the State. Workers from many churches in several associations will be interested in making plans to attend.

Expenses Paid to Clear Creek

Our Department will pay the expenses of two Sunday school superintendents to the Sunday School Conference at Clear Creek Springs, July 26-30. What two superintendents? you may ask. The two superintendents who will write the best article on the subject, "Why a Sunday School Should Use the Standard of Excellence."

The best paper will be selected from those whose Sunday schools are Standard and the other from Sunday schools that are not Standard. The article should be between five hundred and one thousand words in length. Please write on only one side of the paper. It must be

mailed to W. A. Gardiner, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky., by June 15.

What is to be included in the expenses? Your rail or bus fare and your bed and meals for the five days.

We hope at least five hundred superintendents will write such articles.

Bible Transforms Lives

A young Buddhist priest, in Siam, during the war was handed a scrap from one of the Gospels. He read it and was convinced of its truth and value.

At once he set out to find those who knew more, and after some months of searching came to a village where there were Christians. He stayed to learn, and asked for a Bible.

"About two months ago," wrote a missionary, "I went out to his village, and he had gathered over a hundred people to meet with us and learn more. Eight were ready for baptism; he had been through Mark and John—the only Bible portions he had!—and they were thrilled to have time for lessons.

"They had remade the road so that we could drive into the village. Two came fifty miles for baptism the following Sunday, and the neighboring churches will continue the mission there. The Bible is still a powerful witness!"—*Baptist Bulletin Service.*

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE,
State Secretary

YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE CONCERNING STATE CONVENTION HOME RESERVATIONS

For free bed and breakfast please write at once (this is important) to Mrs. W. A. Patterson, 1669 West Chestnut Street, Bowling Green. Give names, addresses, and church, and indicate those who must stay together; give ages of all except adults; state manner and time of arrival.

BANQUET RESERVATIONS

For banquet or luncheon reservations, please write at once (this is important) to Mrs. Dency Adams, 321 Sumpter Avenue, Bowling Green. Banquets and Luncheon will be as follows: Adult Banquet—Wednesday, April 14 at 5:30 P. M., price \$1.00; Young People's Banquet—Friday, April 16 at 5:30 P. M., price \$1.50; Intermediate Banquet Thursday, April 15 at 5:30 P. M., price \$1.00; Story Hour Leaders' Luncheon—Friday, April 16 at 12:00 P. M., price \$.75. On Friday at 4:15 P. M. there will be a Junior Party, but no reservations need be made for it.

SOME OUT-OF-STATE CONFERENCE LEADERS FOR STATE CONVENTION

Bowling Green, April 14-16



Mrs. Emmett Golden, State Approved Story Hour Worker for Tennessee, who will conduct Story Hour Leaders' Conferences and present Story Hour to Convention.



Miss Roxie Jacobs, State Junior-Intermediate Worker for Tennessee, who will conduct conferences for Junior Leaders and boys and girls.



Mrs. J. A. Howard, State Approved Intermediate Worker for South Carolina, who will conduct conferences for Intermediate Sword Drill.

20%-ERS

The following churches have reported a total Training Union Attendance equivalent to twenty per cent of their resident membership.

February 22: Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort; Dallasburg, Wheatley; Erlanger; Harmony Chapel, Louisville; Hawesville; First Church, Jellico, Tennessee; First Church, London; First Church, Lothair; Lynch Baptist Church; First Church, Madisonville; Steubenville (Wayne County); Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville; and Zion Baptist Church, Henderson.

February 29: Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Frankfort; Dallasburg, Wheatley; Erlanger Baptist Church; Hawesville; First Church, Jellico, Tennessee; First Church, London; Lothair, First Church; Lynch Baptist Church; Madisonville, First Church; Muldraugh; Pineville, First; Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville; Walnut Street, Evansville, Indiana; and Zion Baptist Church, Henderson.

March 7: Crestwood Baptist Church, Frankfort; Dallasburg, Wheatley; Eddyville, First Church; Erlanger; Hawesville; London, First; Lynch Baptist Church; First Church, Madisonville; Muldraugh; Pineville, First; South Elkhorn, Lexington; Steubenville; Victory Memorial, Louisville; Walnut Street, Evansville, Indiana; and Zion Baptist Church, Henderson.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY P. WINBORNE
Executive Secretary

President of Southern Union to Speak

Kentucky W. M. U. is to have the great honor and privilege of having Mrs. George R. Martin, president of Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C., since May 1945, speak twice during the annual meeting at Owensboro April 6-8.

For seventeen years Mrs. Martin was president of Virginia Women's Missionary Union, and during that time was a member of the Southwide W. M. U. Executive Committee. She is experienced in every phase of Woman's Missionary Union activity. Mrs. Martin is the possessor of a most pleasing voice and speaks with conviction about the Christian's world task. Last summer she attended the Baptist World Congress in Copenhagen and afterwards visited Baptist Mission fields in Europe and Nigeria. On Thursday morning Mrs. Martin will speak on experiences of this trip.

Speaker for W. M. U. Meeting

Miss Gladys Keith, of New Orleans, will be one of the speakers for Wednesday during the annual meeting of Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Keith, Superintendent of River Front Missions, New Orleans, is a native of Mississippi, graduate of Blue Mountain College, Miss., and the Baptist Bible Institute. She was converted at the age of twelve and early felt in her heart the desire to become a missionary. This desire was lost in other ambitions as she grew up and prepared herself to teach. While teaching in high school in her home town, she came into contact with Miss Auris Pender who was then under appointment as a missionary for China. This contact awakened the old desire and led by the Holy Spirit, Miss Keith resigned her excellent position and came to work as an unsalaried helper in the Rachel Sims Mission in New Orleans in the summer of 1934 with the purpose of entering the Baptist Bible Institute that fall. The mission was then in the period of transition. Her services proved so valuable that she was soon in charge of its manifold activities, and on October 1, 1936, was appointed missionary of the Home Mission Board in New Orleans and Superintendent of the Rachel Sims Mission or Good Will Center. Under Miss Keith's leadership about a dozen missions were opened among the French, Negroes and other nationalities of the city of New Orleans, and the work of the Good Will Center developed into a well-rounded program of teaching and preaching, with the organization of the church there in 1939. Through the financial support and co-operation of First Baptist church she is able to have

an adequate force of workers for this mission work from the student body of the New Orleans Seminary.



Dr. R. G. Lee, of Memphis,
Speaker at W. M. U. Meeting,
April 8, Third Church, Owensboro

Four Dollars

Will Provide Five

Tons Of Food

NEW ORLEANS—Four dollars sent now to the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans will purchase and ship to Europe enough seeds to produce five tons of various types of food to feed an average family for one year!

This is a special plan worked out with one of the South's largest seed distributors. If orders for the seeds come in large enough volume, the price will be reduced further and the same \$4.00 will purchase and ship even more seeds, Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, Director of the Southern Baptist Relief Center, announced.

The seeds must be shipped from the Southern Baptist Relief Center at 718 Richard St., New Orleans, by April 1 in order to be planted in the Spring Season in Europe. "Help Them to Feed Themselves" is the new slogan—send your cash contributions today to New Orleans designated for "Seeds of Peace."

In Denmark and Holland the cold destroyed 90 per cent of the cabbage seed crop and half the cauliflower grown from seed; so for next year we will have to send these seeds to the countries from which before the war we imported them.

Last spring extremely wet and cold weather prevailed until the middle of May, then a heat wave came which wiped out pea production in many parts of England and turned parts of central Europe into a dust bowl.

For another year, crops in Britain and Europe must largely be planted with American seed.

New Mexican Baptists Buy Site For South-Wide Conference Grounds

SANTA FE, N. M.—When the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Memphis, Tenn., this May, delegates will receive an offer from the Baptist Convention of New Mexico of an 880-acre ranch site 20 miles southeast of here for a summer conference grounds.

At a recent meeting of the New Mexico Baptists, the executive board of the Convention authorized purchase of the ranch located at Glorieta, N. M., 7,743 feet high in the Sangre de Cristo mountains. Since then, according to the Rev. Clint Irwin, pastor of First Baptist church of Santa Fe, the purchase has been made.

New Mexico Baptists will offer the land to the Southern Convention as a site for summer assemblies "on a south-wide basis." A stipulation specifies that if such assemblies cannot be held on a south-wide basis, control will revert to the New Mexico group.

It is hoped the Glorieta plant may eventually be comparable to the Southern Convention's eastern assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C.

Preliminary plans for the Glorieta site call for these improvements: an auditorium with a seating capacity of 3,000 to 4,000 persons, two or three hotels plus cottages which would accommodate from 2,000 to 3,000 guests, and a large dining hall.—(RNS).

Clergy Group Urges Rigid Movie Censorship

NORFOLK, Va.—More rigid censorship, aimed at keeping "objectionable" movies off the screen, is sought by the motion picture committee of the Norfolk Ministerial Association.

This committee plans an active immediate film cleanup campaign which includes conferences with theater managers, newspaper advertisers and the State Board of Censors.

The Rev. C. H. Gibboney heads the committee, which was organized recently after Judge Herbert C. Cochran, of the Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, addressed the association, attacking "objectionable" films and movie advertisement.—(RNS).

PEACE—If we actually wish for peace, we must work for it, dream for it, pray for it. Peace in our hearts, peace in our homes, peace in our nation this year, peace in the whole world! I read recently: "Beware of what you think, you will come to look like it. Beware of what you say, you will come to believe it. Beware of what you wish—if you stick around long enough you'll get it." I believe that and I want to think, and say, and wish peace.—Dr. William L. Stidger, *Christian Herald*.

Our Children in School

By MRS. E. F. GLENN
Glendale, Ky.

We feel that we have neglected you and our children this year, because we have not told you anything of their record in school, and of the many, many activities of which they are becoming a part. Therefore, we are going to make up in this issue for our neglect. "Our" in this article means all Baptists who help to support the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home at Glendale.

In a future article Miss Francis Barbour will tell you about the pre-school group in kindergarten. In addition to these little fellows we have in the Glendale Consolidated School 178 children, one girl in Bethel Woman's College, and two girls not in school. Of this number thirty-three are in High School, and thirty-nine in Junior High School. Two boys and three girls are expected to graduate this time.

A number of the class offices are held by our boys and girls. Geneva Green is Treasurer of the Senior Class; Doris Robbins is Secretary of the Junior Class; Sam Albert Fletcher is President and Allen Murrell the Treasurer of the Sophomore Class; and Ray Lawson, Vice President, and Delories Perkins, Secretary of the Freshman Class.

The Senior girls, Vivian Angel and Geneva Green, and two Junior girls, Doris Robbins and Nancy Carrier, are members of the Dramatic Club. Several boys are members of the Future Farmers of America. Allen Murrell is Reporter for this group. We also have a number of girls belonging to the Home Economics Club (Future Homemakers of America), with Doris Robbins its President, and Mattie Carrier and Geneva Green on the Program Committee. Nancy Carrier is Parliamentarian, and Bernice Miracle is on the Finance Committee. There are a large number of the boys and girls belonging to the Glendale 4-H Club. Delories Perkins is President and Mary Lou O'Grosky the Vice President of this organization.

From the number of offices held by our children in the above listed groups, we know that they are developing leadership and initiative, and that they are accepted and well liked by their classmates and associates at school.

We are not majoring in athletics but we are very proud of the record that our boys have made in basket-ball this past season. Allen Murrell, Sam Albert Fletcher and Jimmy Ward, Sophomores; Billie Gadd, Junior; and Donald McHargue, a Senior, were part of the regular team, with Donald Tussey, Sophomore, Joe Deweese, Freshman, and James Eden, eighth grade, playing as substitutes.

Allen Murrell was chosen unanimous-

ly by the coaches of the district as one of the All-District Team players. Their coach gives them an A-1 rating on good sportsmanship and co-operation, as well as stating that they are good ball players. They are a group of boys who have not allowed ball playing to take their time away from their school work, as is often the case. Their scholastic records are good. Sam Fletcher is a regular honor roll student, and with a couple of exceptions, the rest have missed the honor roll by only one 6 for the most part.

Bill Deweese has been manager of the Basket-ball team for the year. Ray Lawson has been statistician. Both are reported to have handled their jobs well. Allen Murrell has acted as Captain of the team for the most part.

One of the girls—Vivian Angel—is a member of the Cheer-Leader squad. Vivian is a Senior, takes music, and makes very acceptable grades in her studies, as well as being popular with her school friends.

Many more children deserve commendation than we have space to record, for the splendid school records that they are making, but we do want you to see the names of those who made the honor roll for the first semester of their school work. They are:

Grade I—Nelcede Boyd, Shirley Ann Duncan, Jean Foley, Doris Hemingway, Betty Jean McKinney, Vera O'Grosky, Willis Bruce, Leonard Guynn (1C), and Eugene Sparks (12C).

Grade II—Bertie Lee Foley, Wayne Bell, James Hammons, Eugene Ferguson, Charles Johnson, and Lester McCoy.

Grade III—Phyllis Ann Parker, Marie Thompson and Joseph Boyd.

Grade IV—none.

Grade V—Polly O'Grosky, Eugene Boyd, Elwanda Reed, Gertie Wilson, Frank Bruct, Bobby Webber, Jane Edwards and Dora Bell Miracle (1C).

Grade VI—Edna Martin, Mary Ann Boswell, Flem Martin, Warren Bell and Ronald England.

Grade VII—George Edward and Peggy Miracle.

Grade VIII—Jakie May Ferry, Delories Greer, Wando O'Grosky (1C), and August Smith (1C).

Grade IX—Ray Lawson and Jewell Bruce.

Grade X—Sam Albert Fletcher.

Grade XI—Doris Robbins (1C).

Grade XII—Vivian Angel (1C), Mattie Carrier (1V) and Bill Deweese (1C).

Glendale has a student body of more than 600 children. They anticipate a graduating class this year of twenty-six.

Therefore our children have plenty of competition and the opportunity of making many lovely friends. It is a very, very good school.

Professor J. M. F. Hayes, who has been principal of this school for the past twenty-four years, is leaving us this month. He has been wonderful to work with through the years, and we feel that the Home is losing a good friend and helper. He has known more of the children who have been residents of this home, and has known them more intimately, than perhaps any other person. Therefore we would suggest that he could well evaluate the work that has been done here at the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home for the past twenty-four years more accurately than anyone else.

Professor Hayes has certainly been a friend to the boys and girls with whom he has worked, and has been a most invaluable help to the present Superintendent and his wife in the mutual problems with which we have dealt and the mutual pleasures which we have shared as we have watched the development of the children here for the past six years. We are certainly sorry to see Professor Hayes go, and feel that our children are going to miss him very much.

Radio Program Now Being Given at Campbellsville

We are happy to announce that we are now on the air every Sunday afternoon, 12:30-1:00 o'clock over station WTCO, Campbellsville, Ky., 1150 Kc. This is a 1000-watt station that can be received over most radios within 100 miles of Campbellsville.

We appreciate the many congratulations that we have received on our first program on March 7. Our program is sponsored by interested friends of the Home.

Eggs Are Needed For Children

Your fresh eggs are tasting g-o-o-o-d to our more than 200 people! That is, of course, the eggs we have received. We thank you! We are ready to send out egg cases on request, and hope to hear from many of you.

We are, some of these times, going to have our own poultry and eggs, but we still don't have the help or the buildings to care for them. Therefore, we still need your help along this line, especially since we will be ready to house even a larger number of children sometime within the next few months.

A pint of beer represents 3 oz. of barley and one-third of an oz. of sugar. This trade takes 1,250,000 tons of coal, and approximately 100,000 tons of sugar, and 900,000 tons of grain. With this waste we shall again have this winter the experience of fuelless grates and shortage of food. Every effort for moral progress is sabotaged by this Nero who fiddles while the people suffer.—Mr. E. J. Collins, *British Correspondent*.

WESTERN RECORDER

Predicts Strong Church Support Civil Rights Issue

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, predicted here that “churches of all denominations will take up the civil rights issue.”

Dr. Johnson, who is pastor of Third Baptist church in St. Louis, was here as chief speaker for a Tennessee Baptist Evangelistic Conference.

“The civil rights issue is a brotherhood issue and one in which the churches can, and will, have a part,” Dr. Johnson said in reply to a reporter’s question on whether the Baptist position on separation of Church and State would allow Baptists to endorse a legislative program.

“Works of Christian forces do not have to be confined to quoting the Bible, but should embrace all matters which affect men,” the world Baptist leader explained.

Dr. Johnson told of a visit with President Truman just after the civil rights proposal had brought such a storm of criticism from the South. He quoted the president to the effect that “a thing is right or it is wrong. I am convinced the civil rights program is the right position, and I refuse to compromise on it.”

In his address to 1,000 Tennessee ministers, Dr. Johnson charged that “Hollywood is dictating the morals of Amer-

ican youth, aided and abetted by a public education system which is rapidly becoming pagan and atheistic.

“When Christianity reaches such a low ebb that children in our own country get no help from the schools, little guidance in their mixed-up homes, and indifference in the churches, the need for world-wide evangelistic revival is painfully obvious,” Dr. Johnson declared.—(RNS).



Dr. W. A. Criswell, Pastor First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, who will speak on Thursday night, April 15 to State Training Union Convention in Bowling Green.

DISCIPLINE—The proper place to start curbing crimes is not in the electric chair, but in the high chair.—Indianapolis Transit News.

Take Courage

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When fears assail it is well to remember the simple story of Christ with His disciples in the fishing boat on the sea of Galilee. He calmly slept as they toiled against a wild storm. Finally in sheer desperation they awoke Him. He calmed the storm and asked them very simply, “Why are ye fearful?” The sudden calm was now as unusual and awesome as the raging storm had been a few minutes before and they wondered at their own foolishness for having

Sunday School Lesson For March 28, 1948

Subject: Eternal Life

Lesson Text: Colossians 3:1-4; 1
John 3:1-2; 5:11-13;
19-21

Golden Text: John 17:3

feared while Christ was near. That same Christ asks of you today, “Why are ye fearful?” and as He was ready and powerful on that day so He is likewise ready to calm the fears that sweep as a storm over your life. He can and He will, if you will wholly surrender to Him, trusting His love and wisdom as you do His power.

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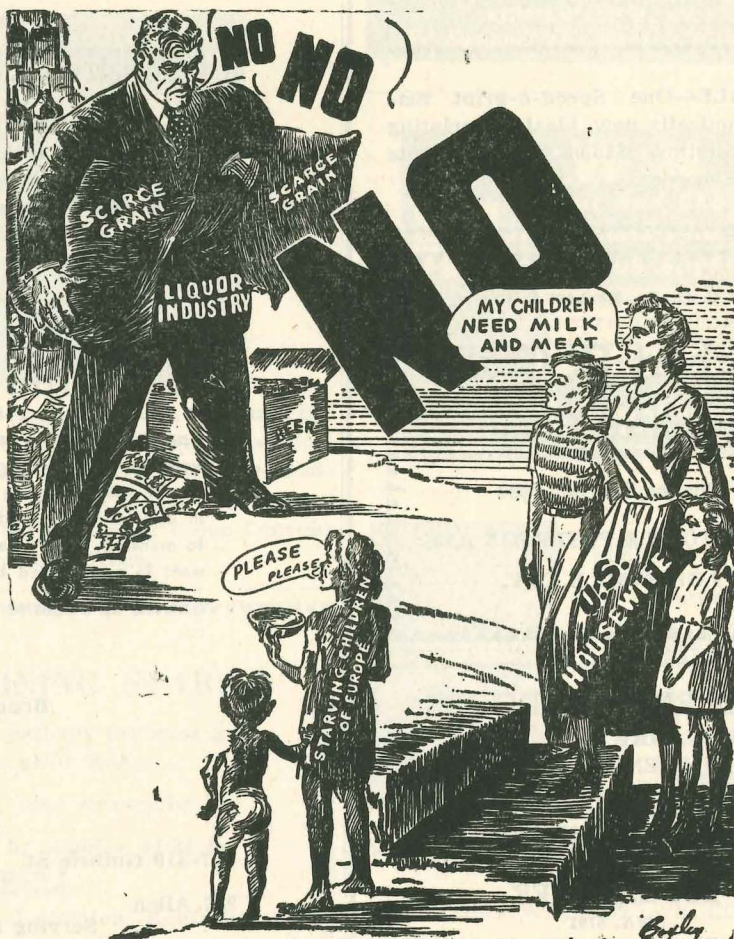
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Crime and the Sunday School

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The Sunday school teaches the power of prayer and the need to make God an intrinsic part of our daily lives. The Sunday school teaches the child to "rule his spirit" and to place a reliance upon God which will not be shaken in later years. It stands as a strong bulwark against the angry waves of evil presently sweeping across our nation. It is a powerful medium in materially reducing the army of youthful offenders and delinquents.

I would like to pay tribute to the thousands of loyal men and women who are serving unselfishly as teachers in our Sunday schools. We in law enforcement look upon them as companions-in-arms in the fight against crime.

As true Crusaders for Christ, the Sunday school teachers want the nation's children to be honest, truthful, and unselfish. They are convincing youngsters that right habits, attitudes, and appreciations are necessary attributes for decent living. They are in the front ranks of the great army of Americans who are courageously fighting to free our national scene from dishonesty, selfishness, greed, and moral instability. In recruiting for God, they are building for America.

More often than not, a child is first introduced to the Bible by a Sunday school teacher. It is quite impossible to be-

lieve that progress along the road to righteous living may be accomplished without the guidance of the Bible. It is the source of spiritual food, the solution of life's problems, and the inspiration for Christian living.

"Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God" is a precept which must be followed by all if life is to have a meaning. Our forefathers believed in the inspired Word of God and their religious faith and simple devotion produced a strong national character.

If we are to make progress in the fight against crime, make certain that the children of the nation attend Sunday school. It is difficult to understand why many mothers and fathers refuse to afford to their children the wholesome, healthful, character-building environment of the Sunday school.

As a law enforcement officer, I am certain that unless children are given

the opportunity of participating in activities which have God as their fundamental objective, we cannot hope materially to reduce crime in our country.
—Sunday School Times.

Raleigh Ministers Approve Bible Course In Schools

RALEIGH, N. C.—The Raleigh Ministerial Association has endorsed the teaching of Bible in the city's schools, and set up a committee to investigate and report on the procedure for inaugurating such courses.

Only four ministers, all Baptists, voted against the proposal on the ground that it was a violation of the principle of separation of Church and State.—(RNS).

The Westchester (New York) Committee on Alcoholism has recommended to the State Interdepartmental Council in Albany, institutional care for chronic alcoholics. It states that 6.6% of men, and 1.5% of women, are problem drinkers.

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SHOULD THE DIACONATE BE ROTATED?

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"This arrangement is also an inducement and a challenge to all men of the church. Where the office of deacons is practically a *closed matter*, there is little incentive for others. When this door is open, it may call out and develop other men with ability and spiritual power, who would otherwise be lost to larger usefulness.

Those Who Oppose

"Those who oppose this view usually fall into one of three classifications. One interprets the New Testament to teach, 'once a deacon, always a deacon.' With regard to *ordination* to the office this is true. However, being ordained to the office does not necessarily imply that one is *always* to be an active member of the elected body of deacons.

"It is pointed out too, that this plan compels the church to do without the services of some of the most able men. In truth, it means that they are but temporarily relieved of the office. Even then they are within the call when their counsel and help are required.

"There may be others who are jealous of their office and covetous of the honor and prestige. They may realize that once out of office,

their chance at re-election would be small."

In discussing such plans one does well to remember that each church decides its *own* policy. In New Testament church practice there is no group, large or small, that can say to a church, this is the course you must pursue. This rule applies not only in the matter of deacons. The New Testament is the rule of faith and practice. The Lord, during His personal, earthly ministry had indicated no routine procedure for the exact circumstance which, in the mind of the Apostles called for the service of the seven men we call deacons. But He had told them to pray, and He had promised that the Holy Spirit would guide them into all truth. In the absence of specific instruction as to exact procedure in whatever matter pertaining to the life of the church or the individual believer, the open way is to find the will of God in earnest prayer for the guidance of the Holy Spirit. One glorious truth is, the Holy Spirit never contradicts Himself; He never leads either a church or a believer to go contrary to the plain declaration of the New Testament.



Dr. J. Winston Pearce, Pastor First Baptist Church, Durham, North Carolina, who will speak and conduct Life Dedication Service on Friday night April 16 for the State Training Union Convention in Bowling Green.

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No pastor or Sunday school superintendent will be content if this day is not observed in his church. Program material has been mailed to general superintendents, and is also printed in the Sunday School Builder (March, 1948) and the Quarterly Review (1st Quarter, 1948).

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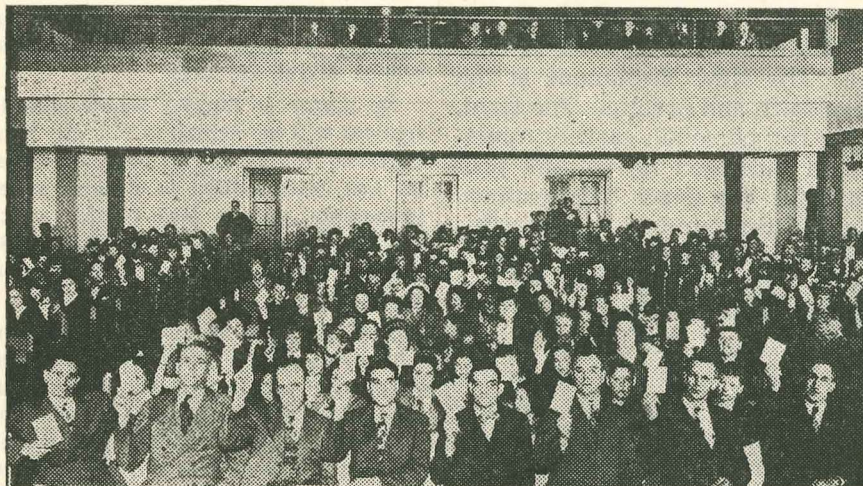
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Since Dr. Land visited Ashland the Pollard Church receipts have gone far beyond any previous records in spite of the fact that the bad weather has often cut the attendance in half during these winter months.

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Raises A Question

PHOENIX, Ariz.—We are of the strong opinion that during the next ten years all Baptists in Arizona and the entire West will have to face important decisions in matters of fellowship, harmony, unity, and denominational affiliations. Many are on foot, and the directions these take and our decisions in relation to them will largely determine whether or not Baptists will ever become a strong and influential people in the Western states. We cannot foresee the course of future events, nor do we have all the answers to the many questions involved in Baptist unity in the West, but there are several items that have been going through our mind. There are several groups of Baptists in the West—Northern, Southern, Conservative, Fundamental, Liberal, Independent—and the probability is that these are here to stay. The problem is how to avoid the development of many groups, each going its own direction, none of them strong enough for effective witness, with jealousies, enmities and conflicts arising among them, and how to effect a Baptist unity that will present a united front, co-operative efforts and combined resources.

Proper consideration needs to be given

to the possibility of a Western Baptist Convention, which will include all those who are determined to preserve and propagate New Testament Christianity as we have known and practiced it from the days of the apostles until the present. The United States present too large a territory for one vast, over-all Convention, and it is well, for purposes of fellowship, preservation of the democratic, and more efficient operation to have a Baptist Convention for each of the sections of the nation. The West is as distinctive as is the North or the South, and there is every reason to desire a great Convention of all the Baptists in this vast region.—*Arizona Baptist Beacon*.

Overcoming Handicaps—Genius knows no handicap through physical ills. Lord Byron had a club foot, Robert Louis Stevenson and John Keats had tuberculosis. Charles Steinmetz and Alexander Pope were hunchbacks. Admiral Nelson had only one eye. Edgar Allen Poe was a psycho-neurotic. Julius Caesar was an epileptic. Thomas Edison and Ludwig Beethoven were deaf, and Peter Stuyvesant had a wooden leg. Handicaps build strength and purpose—and Accomplishment.—P. E. O. Record.

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