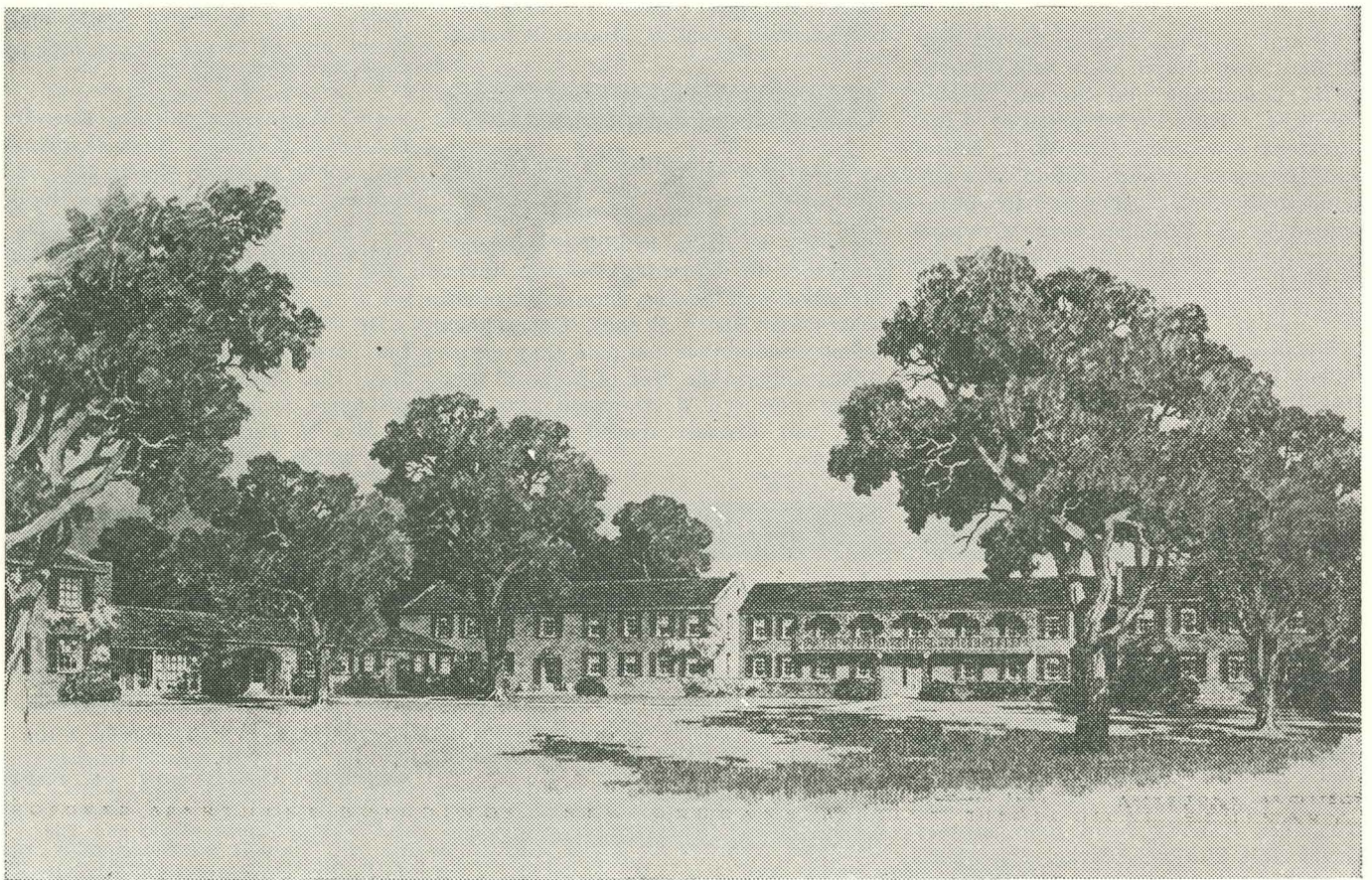


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The Shape of Things to Come



—A. Hays Town, and Favrot, Architects

An Architect's Forecast of the First Units of Buildings to be Erected on the new Campus of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary in the Gentilly Section of the Crescent City. The Live Oaks are Like Christmas Trees Trimmed with the Tinsel of Spanish Moss, Everywhere Adorning the Delta, While the French Colonials Stand Like Valentines Embellished in Frames of Over-Hanging Tracerics of Lace Wrought in Iron-Cut Filaments.

Gleanings From The Field

Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., has elected Dr. Leslie S. Williams as a faculty member in their department of Bible.

Georgia Baptist colleges and schools are again the recipient of a generous gift from Mr. Columbus Roberts. This gift amounts to \$200,000, and his previous gift was \$1,000,000. The money has been placed with the Georgia Baptist Foundation.

News dispatches state that Mrs. Mary E. Hukill, member of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., celebrated her 100th birthday on November 1. Her 93-year old sister, Mrs. Alma Beatty, was unable to visit her on account of illness. Her five grandchildren gave her a centennial party. She joined the Lexington church when she was 16 years of age, which means, if our mathematics is correct, that she has been a member there for 84 years. Dr. George Ragland is her pastor.

Groundbreaking exercises for the new St. Matthews Church were held October 24 at Grandview and Macon. Pastor Verlin C. Kruschwitz presided amid threatening weather. Dr. W. C. Boone was the speaker. Invocation was offered by Fred C. Tucker and the benediction by E. F. Estes, both of whom were instrumental in founding the church. The building is expected to cost \$200,000. They have a 947-foot front.

The Missionary Baptist Church of Catlettsburg had groundbreaking exercises recently. Pastor Dewey H. Jones is leading in the movement for the erection of their new building.

So Sorry!

An error of statement was made in a *Gleaning from the Field* recently. Chaplain E. L. Averitt is not a retired U. S. Army officer.

Revivals

Prof. S. L. Stealey, Southern Seminary, has recently spent four days at Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Ga., where Dr. Louie D. Newton is pastor.

The Tower Grove Baptist Church in St. Louis has just experienced a great revival. There were 118 additions on profession of faith and 60 by letter. C. Wade Freeman, superintendent of evangelism for Texas Baptists did the preaching.

A Youth Revival was held at the Stanford Baptist Church, October 10 through 17. Dr. Samuel S. Hill, President of Georgetown College, was the speaker. Charlie Shacklette of Louisville was music director. The Young People were

greatly blessed by the inspiring and informing messages of President Hill. There were several additions to the church. Adrian Lamkin is pastor.

Rev. E. Keevil Judy, pastor of the First Church, Henderson, Ky., recently assisted in a gracious revival at Fordsville Church. There were 23 additions to the church, of which 15 were on profession of faith. A. A. Thacker is pastor of the Fordsville Church.

Ordinations

The East Rhudes Creek Baptist Church, in Severns Valley Association, ordained Monty Goldsmith, Ellis Franklin and Ernest Jenkins as deacons on September 25. The council for their examination was composed of brethren from the Vine Grove Church. Rev. E. Warren Rust, Pastor of the Vine Grove Church and Moderator of the Severns Valley Association, delivered the ordination sermon. Carl W. Hunter is pastor.

Don't Forget

Two unit organizations of the Georgetown College BSU—the Life Service Band and the Volunteer Band—are co-operating to make available extension programs to churches desiring them. Churches and pastors interested might write Miss Hazel Slusher, Georgetown College, telling her the date they desire a program and the type of program they prefer. George W. Harrison says that they can furnish special music and speakers.

Book Reviews

The thirty-second edition of *Points For Emphasis*, vest pocket commentary on the 1949 Sunday school lessons, has been released by the Broadman Press. Written all of these years by Dr. Hight C. Moore, this new edition is prepared by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, Tenn.

Out of State

Robert T. B. Leavell, who has been serving as supply pastor at Tabernacle Church in Kansas City, Mo., has been called to be its permanent pastor.

After a pastorate of four years at the Siam Baptist Church, Elizabethton, Tenn., Pastor E. L. Edens has resigned and has accepted the pastorate of the Powell Church, Powell Station, Tenn.

The clerk of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis reports that 855 people—an average of 16 per Sunday—joined Bellevue. Of this number Pastor Robert G. Lee has led 300 into the bap-

tistal waters. Total gifts in the same period amounted to \$339,334.74.

Editor B. H. Duncan of The Arkansas Baptist recently closed a revival with Pastor Bruce H. Price at the First Church of Newport News, Va. Dr. Duncan is a native of Kentucky and a former pastor of Franklin Street Church of Louisville and the Marion Church.

The Grace Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., has prepared a 20-page brochure, "The Future's Broadening Way," used at the ground-breaking service on October 17 for their new building on Windsor Farms. Pastor Garis T. Long presided, and the main address was made by Editor Douglas S. Freeman, now coming to be even more broadly known as a newspaperman because of his many volumes of books on Robert E. Lee, and more recently two more on Washington.

In Memoriam

Maj. William Paul Jones, head of the rural work in Texas, died at his residence in Dallas on September 19. He was formerly pastor of Third Street Church, Waco, and of Irving, Texas, and was a chaplain during the war.

Mr. H. L. Kirkpatrick, Russellville, Ky., died recently. He was owner of coal mines at Beech Creek, Ky., and, in former years, was president of the board of trustees of old Bethel College. He was a deacon and Sunday school teacher in the Russellville Baptist Church.

Dr. Clarence F. Clark, Jr., pastor of the Park Avenue Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn., died at his Nashville residence recently. He was the father of Mrs. N. Tucker Callaway, Louisville, Ky., whose husband is now a student in the Southern Seminary, and both of whom are former missionaries to Japan. Dr. Clark in former years was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Covington, Ky., and the Highland Park Church at Chattanooga, Tenn.

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Editorials

Heart Stirrers

The heart is the vital factor. It is the heart that stirs to action, whether in saint or sinner. God changes men by changing hearts. Men behave the way they do because of the kind of hearts they have. Happy the man, the church, or the denomination that stays with the heart message.

Men blunder grievously by magnifying, primarily, the purely mental approach to and practice of religion. Those overlooking the sinful nature of man are making no progress in solving humanities' fundamental problem. Those overlooking the heart appeal are making but small progress in stirring believers to Christian action. Evidences of this error are to be found on all sides, both as regards individual pulpits and whole denominations which, for one reason or another, have made the purely cultural appeal.

This by no means indicates that God's people are not to be intelligent themselves, neither does it mean that they are not to approach Christian problems intelligently. We serve *God the omniscient*. Our minds are his gift. No man is ever justified in being foolish. Neither, however, is man ever justified in substituting *human* culture for God's wisdom and power. "For the preaching of the cross is, to them that perish, foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. For it is written: I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world. . . ? (I Cor. 1:18ff).

Christ came into the world to do something about men's hearts. The Holy Spirit deals with hearts. Men in the pulpit fail as they over-shoot hearts. No man fails who has touched men's hearts for God and turned them to holy purposes in Christ.

The Book declared: "Keep thy *heart* with all diligence; for out of *it* are the issues of life" (Pr. 4:23); "The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord trieth the *hearts*" (Pr. 17:3); "Make you a new *heart* and a new *spirit*: for why will ye die?" (Eze. 18:31); "With the *heart* man believeth unto righteousness" (Ro. 10:10); "God hath shined into our *hearts*" (2 Cor. 4:6); "For out of the *heart* proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: these are the things which defile a man. . ." (Matt. 15:19, 20).

In the Christian challenge we would do well to use again and again the text, "And Moses called Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, *even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it*" (Ex. 26:2).

The purely intellectual approach doesn't solve the difficulty. Even the worldling knows there is

not much of the romance of religion in the purely mechanical. But stir men's souls and bring their hearts to fever heat in behalf of a great cause, bring them to the point that their hearts stir them up to "come unto the work to do it" and victory is certain. Thank God for plans; but let us make them large enough and warm enough to appeal, not only to the head, but to the hearts of our people.

Laymen On The Job

The *Baptist Press* informs us that the Dunbar Baptist Church of Greenville, South Carolina, has witnessed 147 conversions over a period of six months. This is not unusual? Read on. The witnessing, every bit of it, was done by the laymen of the church.

These men took the Great Commission seriously, and personally went out to tell lost men about Jesus. They were the flaming evangelists of Christ in that church. The laymen! In addition, there were 37 "reclamations."

The contacts were made by the men in homes, hospitals, the penitentiary, and other institutions in the city and county.

This wave of laymen-evangelism could be set in motion in almost any church of the Southern Baptist Convention. Evangelism is a man's job. It is a man-sized job. It is the assignment Christ gave to men. Pastor, why not challenge your men? Why not make big plans for your men? Our women have made great strides in their mission work, but what about the men? Where do they fit into the picture? We can make ordinary men into big men by linking them up with the greatest task ever undertaken. Too long our men have gone unchallenged. Here is a high reason for organizing your men in the church and association.

You're Right, Professor!

Dr. Edmund W. Sinnott of Yale University seems not too enthusiastic about *the atomic age* over which others exult.

Addressing a recent meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, of which he is president, the great professor said: "Man, not nature, is the great problem today. These vast new powers in the hands of selfish and arrogant men simply increase their powers to dominate their fellows."

And, "the great problem" which he mentions is one about which science can do nothing. The scientists can construct atomic bombs but they cannot make human hearts and hands in which such power is safe.

What a pity! that the stewards of the gospel of Christ have not kept pace with the scientists. They have multiplied man's powers of destruction a billion-fold while the followers of Christ were going about the "routine in the usual way." Through our neglect of the Great Commission given us 2000 years ago, we have permitted the atomic age to dawn without power to control it!

Georgetown College Chapel Choir

To Travel 4,500 Miles in 1948-49



First Row (reading left to right)—Peggy Clore, Jessie Hatcher, Elizabeth Lawson, Nancy Bailey, Jean Sipes, Bobbie Blaine Burke, Helen English Walker, Faye Anderson, Lois McDoniel, Charlotte Huddleston, and Wilma Moore.

Second Row—Ollie Dale Jelle, Nancy Bergman, Marian Smith, Sherrill Ann Spears, Linda Overall, Virginia Pierce, Frances Huguen, Mattie Jo Armstrong, Hazel Slusher and Clara Jean Hagan.

Third Row—James Walker, Raymond Childers, Ray Moore, Horace Kelly, David Roddy, James Morrison, Frank Snyder, Eldon Jones, Harold Scholol, and Allan Parrent.

Fourth Row—Ray Johnson, Paul Howerton, Chester Graham, W. L. Huguen, Richard Jackson, Charles Feiler, Archie Hampton, Elbert Carpenter, Harry Sammons, and Charles Shacklette.

GEORGETOWN, Ky.—The Georgetown College Chapel Choir is rehearsing and planning for a busy schedule. Plans are being completed for the group to travel over 4,500 miles and to appear in nine states during 1948-49. From November 15 through November 21 it will tour Southeastern Kentucky. In March the choir will spend a week in Western Kentucky, and after commencement exercises in June, it will make a two week tour of the southern states from Kentucky to Texas.

On these trips, the choir will present sacred programs at churches in the evenings and sacred and secular concerts at schools during the day.

The Choir made its first appearance of the year with a short program on Homecoming Day at Georgetown College, October 16. It will sing during the B. S. U. Convention at Georgetown October 30 and at the General Association of Kentucky Baptists at the Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington, November 10. After completion of the John L. Hill

Chapel, the 60 voice choir will occupy regular seats on the platform and will sing at all chapel exercises. The traveling choir will consist of forty students.

Professor William B. Anders, head of the Music Department, is directing the choir. The accompanist is Miss Ollie Dale Jelle of Covington, and the Business Manager is Mr. Raymond Childers, Whitely City, Kentucky.

Flattery is soft soap, and soft soap is 90 per cent lye.—*Sunshine Magazine*.

E. T. Wright, Jr., And Asa W. Jones Ordained To Gospel Ministry

By Joseph W. Palmer

BUFFALO, Ky., September 26, 1948.—The Buffalo Baptist Church called a council today to examine Earl T. Wright, Jr., and Asa W. Jones for the Gospel ministry. Churches sending their pastors or deacons were: Horse Cave Baptist Church, Pastor D. T. Jones, father of candidate Asa W. Jones called the meeting together. Pastor Jones served as Moderator; Walter Poynter of Horse Cave served as clerk; and D. T. Jones conducted the examination.

Candidates Earl T. Wright, Jr., and Asa W. Jones stood excellent examina-

tions, following which the church voted to ordain them. Dr. W. W. Stout, Louisville, Ky., gave the charge to the candidates, and Brother J. D. Herndon, pastor at Horse Cave, gave the charge to the church. After the laying on of hands Henry Wood Jones, missionary for Lynn Association, dismissed the council and congregation with a prayer.

Brother Wright is a first year student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and Brother Jones is attending Georgetown College.

ACHIEVEMENT—Nothing would be done at all if a man waited till he could do it so well that no one could find fault with it.—John Henry Newman, *Synopsis*. (England).

Diamond For Sale

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—For Sale: One Diamond Ring.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is advertising for a buyer who will convert to cash a handsome ring contributed toward the Board's far-flung operating expense.

"Unfortunately," says Treasurer E. P. Buxton, "missionaries' salaries can't be paid in rings; they must have cash, and if this ring could be converted into money it would keep a missionary on the field for 12 months.

"That was the hope of the donor. She didn't have the dollars, but she wanted to contribute to the cause of Christ. She believed somebody would help her convert her precious jewel into usable cash."

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

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Historical Background Of Geographical Problems Of American Baptists

By W. O. CARVER, Louisville, Ky., Before the Southern
Baptist Historical Society at Ridgecrest

[This is the first in a series of four installments which made up the address of Dr. W. O. Carver, President, delivered in August 1948 before the Southern Baptist Historical Society at Ridgecrest Assembly. Dr. Carver expresses his views and his interpretations of trends. The series will be read with wide interest.]

BAPTIST PEOPLE do not readily unite nor easily co-operate. With them the sense of community is not strong and the conviction for fellowship is not compelling. They do not easily co-ordinate obligation to maintain loyalty to individual integrity and local church autonomy with the demand of the Spirit for "love toward all the saints" (Col. 1:4). They do not easily harmonize the need for contending earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints (Jude 3) and the imperative call to "stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Phil. 1:27) and "giving diligence to guard the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3).

There are reasons for this fact which need to be known, appreciated, and adjusted to other factors in the making of the one body of the Christ. The reasons are found in part in strong convictions concerning essential Christian principles which have been wholly or partially submerged and neglected in the course of Christian history and by the vast majority of the major "churches" (denominations). These fundamental and central Christian beliefs tend naturally to sectionalism unless held in check by other elements of our religion. The contempt, oppression, and persecution experienced by those who placed their essential Biblical concepts at the center of faith and practice made them exclusive, fearful of and always on guard against

superior authority over individual and congregation and tended toward provincialism and isolation.

When the Reformation movement arose in the mid-centuries, one of the four major forms of it was the Anabaptists. They were the only thorough-going reformers. All the rest stopped short of the logical and Scriptural goal of the Reformation principles: (1) salvation by faith alone in Christ Jesus; (2) the Bible, the Bible alone, the faith of Protestantism. All the rest retained: (1) infant baptism, which negates the personal salvation principle; (2) state church, which negates both individual responsibility in Christ and the autonomy of the Christian Church as a spiritual democracy.

The Anabaptists arose in numerous groups in several different countries. Their individualism and group autonomy were taken too exclusively. They lacked the sense and conviction of Christian community. They formed no denomina-

tional fellowship and undertook no common task that would draw them together as one body of believing witnesses. They remained many different groups of independent churches, recognizing no interdependent unity.

Modern Baptists in Great Britain and the United States arose in the midst of a Christendom dominated by this Protestant State Church system, holding to the belief that organic and organized Christianity demands church unity, endowed and enforced by the political authority as guided by the ecclesiastical authority. Thus all Baptists in both continents until well into the nineteenth century experienced various forms of suppression, oppression, persecution, contempt.

In America their excessive emphasis on individualism, independence, and fragmentation was stimulated further by the conditions of pioneer life in a vast territory, sparsely occupied and with limited facilities for intercommunication and extensive fellowship. Out of all this grew up in America a people with a common name and in general with common experiences, beliefs, and practices, but with no such unity as could constitute them a proper denomination.

For nearly 200 years Baptists and Baptist churches increased slowly and then more rapidly under the relaxing of restrictions and hindrances, which the development of democratic urges produced, before there was any general institution or organization to express and promote the sense of oneness among all the scattered churches. There was no Baptist denomination in America, until 1814.

Prior to that, two growing needs had drawn Baptist leaders into common undertakings: to propagate and to defend the principle of religious liberty; and to produce a competent leadership in an educated ministry.

The progress of the nation along the lines of Baptist principles was attended by phenomenal growth of Baptist membership and churches in all sections of the expanding Republic. Then a new factor entered to draw Baptists toward a common unity, the urge of the missionary obligation. American Baptists were pre-occupied with the pressure of urgent opportunities and obligations near at hand and had as yet no such contacts with the call of heathen need as the expanding Empire presented to every British Christian.

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FAITH—A skeptic once derided a Christian man by asking him, "Say, George, what would you say if, when you die, you found there *wasn't* such a place as heaven after all?"

With a smile the believer replied, "I should say—'Well, I've had a good time getting there, anyway!'"

Then the Christian sent a boomerang back to the skeptic: "I say, Fred," he asked, "what would you say if, when you die, you found there *was* such a place as hell after all?"—Origin unknown.

BAPTIST YOUTH

Facing the Future

By FRANK H. LEAVELL, Nashville, Tenn.

THE TITLE of this article is to be the keynote of the Third World Baptist Youth Congress to be held in Stockholm, August 3-9, 1949. Such was the decision of members of the Committee on Youth Work of the Baptist World Alliance which met in London last August. With these committee members were a number of youth leaders from the Scandinavian countries—some from Stockholm itself.

The purpose and hospitality of the Swedish Baptists are no less than superlative. They happily state their desire and their ability to entertain four thousand. It is hoped that the attendance will approximate that number. It was in Stockholm in 1923 that the Baptist young people's work for the world was first organized. It will be interesting indeed to go back to that beautiful city in the land of the midnight sun for a world gathering of youth and youth leaders.

This Third World Baptist Youth Congress is an activity of the Baptist World Alliance itself. The Committee on Youth Work of the Baptist World Alliance is an auxiliary of the Alliance to which is committed the promotion of this important meeting. This committee consists of fifteen members—youth leaders—chosen from the various unit members of the Baptist World Alliance. The two previous meetings of the Youth Congress were held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1931, and at Zurich, Switzerland, in 1937, respectively.

Properly interpreted, this meeting is a colossal effort on the part of the Baptists of the world to bring to their young people, the undergrowth of the denomination, an experience of worldwide proportions. The progress of the world for the emerging era is to be made on the basis of international thinking, planning, and contemplation. This is as true in the realm of religion as it is commercially and politically. To wait until youth have grown to maturity to afford sufficient outlook, inspiration, and grasp on the problems of the religious world will be futile and fatal.

At Stockholm the program will deal with the moral, social, religious, and spiritual problems of today. Participation by youth and youth leaders will be combined with addresses, discussions, and counseling by Baptist leaders from various parts of the world. Under proper auspices there will be international experiences, world outlook, spiritual in-

terpretations of the kingdom of God, moral stamina, and intelligent grasp of world problems. It will be ecumenical in outlook and content.

Already parties under wise leadership are being organized. Churches, pastors, denominational organizations, and par-

TRIP TO STOCKHOLM BEING PLANNED TO YOUTH CONGRESS

Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary of the Executive Board of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky, is organizing a party, which he will personally conduct, to the Baptist World Youth Congress in Stockholm, Sweden, in August, 1949.

This party, which will be limited to about 25 persons, will visit several European countries, including some of our mission fields in Italy. The trip will require about seven weeks. Steamer reservations should be made at once.

Anyone interested is invited to write now for further information to W. C. Boone, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky.

ents can greatly encourage and assist young people in making this trip. Especially appropriate is it for churches to encourage and assist youth leaders in their employ to endow themselves with this additional equipment for service in the years ahead. Pastors themselves may go. There is no age limit. Interdenominational and non-denominational and ecumenical movements galore are bidding for our young people. Many are following their alluring calls. Stockholm is a Baptist bid for Baptist youth. Stockholm will prove safe, uplifting, inspiring, edifying, stabilizing. Stockholm will be the experience of a youth generation.

To include the Stockholm meeting, tours of various lengths and cost are being planned. There will be short and longer tours under experienced Baptist leadership. Some may care to go directly to Stockholm for the meeting and return. Others will want to tour not only the Scandinavian countries—Denmark, Norway, and Sweden—but other parts of Europe. Provision will be made for all. Further information will be sent upon request. It is time now to plan for Stockholm.

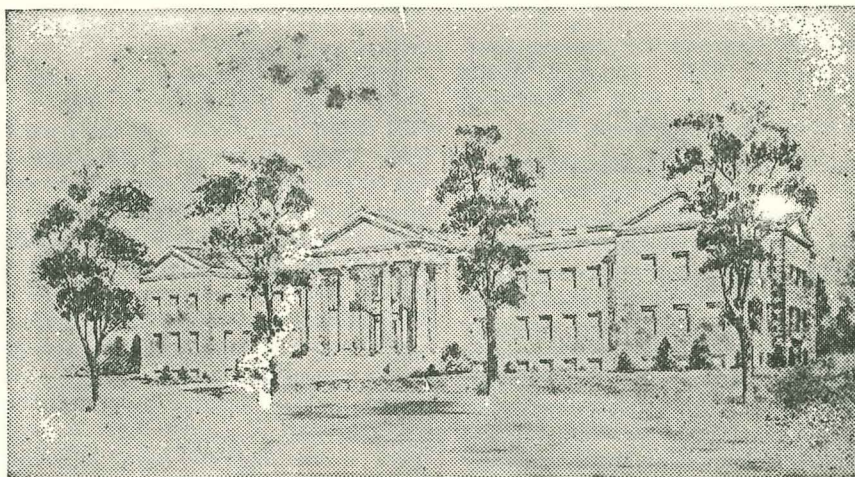
He Saw The Need

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—A five-dollar bill has come to the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee in testimony to a sailor's observation on the need of Christian missions.

The envelope which the mail man brought to the Convention offices contained only two items: the money, and a note "To be used for missionary work at home and abroad."

Outside the envelope was the return address of Ensign Michael Childress, USN, U.S.S. Kenstin, Fleet Post Office, San Francisco.

Work Begins on Southwestern Seminary's Religious Education Building



Construction began September 20 on the Religious Education Building at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. The structure, consisting of two stories and basement, and to be erected at a cost of \$365,270, will be the first of its type ever built in the United States.

The classic architecture will harmonize with other buildings on the campus. It will be unique in that it was designed to function as a model for teaching all phases of religious education, both visual and academic.



Business Women's Circle of the First Baptist Church of Danville, Kentucky, at the conclusion of a supper held at the home of Mrs. W. H. Leigh in Baughman Heights, Danville, Ky.

Dr. Rankin on Two Foes To Religious Liberty

By J. M. DAWSON, Executive Secretary
Washington, D C.

IN HIS REPORT on World Situations, brought to the Joint Conference Committee in its September session, Dr. M. T. Rankin, Secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, asserted that following his recent extended travels in Europe he felt convinced that the two great foes to religious liberty at the present are communism and clericalism.

His view was confirmed by Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, a Joint Conference Committee member and Chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Crusade for Religious Freedom. From Paris, where he was detained in his studies of Europe, Dr. Stuber wrote:

"The battle for religious freedom can be lost unless we are ready to battle for our fundamental principles of *individual* liberty. I thank God I am a Baptist in an hour like this."

Dr. Rankin explained that in "clericalism" he distinguished something different from Catholicism as such. He meant the political controls sought by the hierarchy rather than the attitudes held by individual Catholic believers. He asserted that, stoutly as he combats Communism's denial of freedoms, he would have to concede that there is more liberty in *religious* practices in the Russian satellite countries than in Spain. He stood for the Marshall plan, but lamented that it was tied up so closely with maintaining hierarchical regimes in Europe. **Many Protestants in Italy, vehemently denying that they were Commun-**

ists, voted against the so-called Christian Democratic ticket, because they insisted as between state church restrictions on religious freedom and Communist administration they would rather risk the latter than the former.

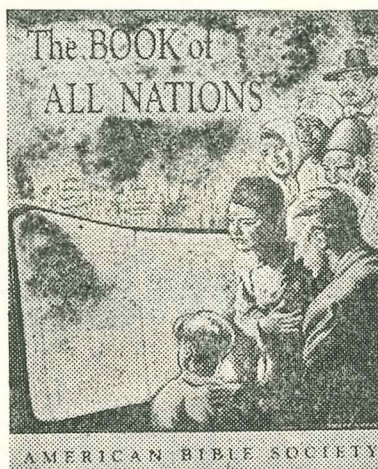
It gives cause for thought to read in a United Press dispatch from Rome, as we write this, that the Pope has bidden his followers to "develop in the souls of chil-

dren and young people the hierarchical spirit." On opening the morning mail we read confidential appeals made to the Italian Ambassador in Washington against new and dire persecution directed against religious minorities in Italy under the animus of the hierarchical spirit.

OPINION "Big Wig"—The term "big-wig" is a throwback to the times when custom regulated the type of wig a man might wear. Only judges, bishops, and the nobility were permitted the full length style worn by members of the High Court of England. Ordinary persons wore little wigs. Hence, persons of high estate soon became known as "big-wigs" and so they are known today in American slang.—*Sterling Sparks.*

American Bible Society Offers Free Material For World-Wide Bible Reading

"The Book of All Nations" is the 1948 theme of the Worldwide Bible Reading, Thanksgiving to Christmas, sponsored annually by the American Bible Society.



Bookmarks listing the Bible passages suggested for each day from Thanksgiving to Christmas; an attractive poster in colors; and other special materials for the churches, are available from the Society without charge. Samples have been mailed to pastors; supplies are sent to them in quantities they request.

Individuals and organizations within the churches are requested to ask their pastors for the supplies they will need. If samples failed to reach the pastor, materials can be secured by writing to Worldwide Bible Reading, American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., New York 22, N. Y.

Southern Baptists have a special interest in this Bible reading program on an international scale. It is an expansion of the Nationwide Bible Reading launched in 1944 which, in turn, resulted from the national attention drawn to an earlier Bible reading movement in Texas, sponsored by the churches and the American Bible Society, in which Baptist leadership played a major part.

Let this Child exam



Give One Day's Pay as a Thank
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Examine your Heart!

A physician can examine your physical heart—but only *you* and *God* can look into your spiritual heart, your soul!

Is your heart beating strong with love for your less fortunate fellow men, or, have you hardened your heart against the misery of others? Is the warm blood of human kindness flowing in your veins—or have you “spiritual hardening of the arteries?”

Now, as Thanksgiving day approaches, is a good time to examine your heart—honestly and earnestly and prayerfully.

Surely, through self-examination, you will find a warm place in your heart for the poor, helpless children of your community—the innocent victims of life’s bitter tragedies . . . Children who, by death or divorce, have lost their parents and their home . . . Children who have never known the comfort and security of family life. They are asking *you* to help them find a home and some measure of happiness.

The homes are provided—at Glendale and Spring Meadows—but their maintenance and expansion depends on *your* contributions.

How big is your heart? Prove it by the size of your Thanksgiving Offering!



Thanksgiving Offering & Spring Meadows

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

Standard Sunday Schools

The following have applied for the Standard award:

Paducah, Berea—Pastor R. P. Atherton; Superintendent J. D. Brame.

Poplar Grove—Pastor, B. E. Settles; Superintendent W. D. Cunningham.

Pleasant Grove—Pastor Porter Cole; Superintendent J. D. Oldham.

The High Ten in Training

As we close October, the first month in the new Sunday school year, we find the following led in training for the month:

Glasgow, First	84
Louisville, Victory Memorial	53
Harlan	52
Pleasant Hill	44
Louisville, Walnut Street	44
Dayton, First	42
Bellevue	42
Jellico, First	41
Vine Run	39
Henderson, First	39

Sunday Schools

For the first month of the year the following associations led in the number of Standard Sunday schools:

Nelson	6
Ten Mile	5
Laurel River	3
Upper Cumberland	3

Campaign At Lebanon

A good Sunday school enlargement campaign was conducted with the Lebanon Church, where Rev. F. G. Schlafer is the beloved and effective pastor. More than 1,200 possibilities were located from the census and the church and Sunday school rolls. Many new classes are being started and prospects were good for some minor changes in the building to accommodate the nurseries, the young people and the adults. It was a good week and we are happy that Brother Schlafer and his family are now Kentuckians and in the work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

NOVEMBER 7, 1948

Church	Missions	Total
Walnut Street (3)	182	1,725
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	1,262
Louisville, Ninth & O (1)	217	1,239
Louisville, Carlisle Avenue (2)	220	1,128
Owensboro, First (1)	44	978
Lexington, Ashland Avenue (2)	203	961
Louisville, Parkland (1)	57	942
Bowling Green, First (1)	14	838
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	215	837
Harrodsburg (1)	71	822
Covington, Latonia (2)	105	806
Frankfort, First (1)	80	786
Lexington, Calvary (1)	30	768
Madisonville, First	---	758
Mayfield, First	---	722
Owensboro, Third	---	689
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	179	684
Murray, First	---	683
Lexington, Immanuel	---	679
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	93	673
Louisville, West Broadway	---	645
Newport, First (1)	58	643
Somerset, First	---	626
Middlesboro, First	---	589
Louisville, Beechmont	---	576
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	---	558
Louisville, 23rd and Broadway	---	557
Glasgow (1)	23	556

Hopkinsville, First	---
Lexington, Grace	---
Danville, Lexington Avenue	---
Louisville, Clifton (1)	50
London, First	---
Louisville, Deer Park	---
Ashland, Pollard (1)	26
Hopkinsville, Second	---
Berea (1)	25
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---
Greenville (1)	112
Louisville, Highland Park, First	---
Campbellsville	---
Louisville, St. Matthews	---
Henderson, First	---
Williamsburg, First	---
Louisville, Third Avenue (1)	31
Danville, First (1)	18
Louisville, West Side (1)	75
Fulton, First	---
Barbourville, First (1)	42
Hazard, First (2)	88
Corbin, First	---
Covington, South Side	---
Louisville, Franklin Street	---
Paducah, Twelfth Street (1)	75
Shively	---
Owensboro, Hall Street	---
Winchester, First	---
Erlanger (1)	48
South Jefferson	---
Bellevue	---
Evansville, Temple	---
Louisville, South Side	---
Franklin, First	---
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---
Morganfield	---
Beaver Dam (1)	27
Richmond, First (1)	29
Henderson, Immanuel	---
Cynthiana (1)	24
Ft. Thomas, First	---
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.	10
Louisville, 4th Avenue (1)	33
Versailles	---

Columbia (2)	60	279
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	---	278
Paducah, Trinity	---	278
Jellico, Tenn., First	---	268
Middlesboro, E. Cumberland Ave.	---	258
Pleasant Grove (near Owensboro)	---	258
Albany (1)	43	257
Owensboro, Seven Hills	---	256
Pleasant Hill—	---	---
(near Campbellsville)	---	248
Ft. Mitchell	---	245
Sturdis, First	---	243
Louisville, Kenwood	---	238
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	228
Willisburg	---	227
Dayton, First	---	226
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	225
Fairview (Halls Gap, Ky.)	---	221
Bardstown	---	221
Taylorsville	---	218
Louisville, Van Buren	---	208
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	---	202

Training Unions

Laurel River, London, First; Ohio County,

Adult Departments

Laurel River, London, First.
Beaver Dam; Severns Valley, Gilead.

Adult Unions

Laurel River, London, First, "Pastor's Helpers," "Willing Workers."
Severns Valley, Gilead.
Sulphur Fork, LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial.
West Union, Paducah, Tabernacle, Junior Adult; Tabernacle, Senior Adult.

Young People's Unions

Laurel River, London, First, "Lightbearers."
Severns Valley, Gilead.

Intermediate Unions

Severns Valley, Gilead, 13 year union, 15 year union, 16 year union.

Junior Department

Laurel River, London, First, "Hustlers," "Doers."
Ohio County, Beaver Dam, "Pastor's Pals," "Willing Workers."

Severns Valley, Gilead, 9 year union, 10 year union, 11 year union, 12 year union.
West Union, Paducah, Tabernacle, "Busy Bee."

Story Hour Departments

Laurel River, London, First.
Little Bethel, Madisonville, First.

Story Hours

Laurel River, London, First, Primary.
Little Bethel, Madisonville, First, Nursery.
Beginner, Primary.
Ohio County, Beaver Dam, Primary.

20%-ERS

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

October 31: Beaver Dam; Crestwood, Frankfort; Dallasburg, Wheatley; Eddyville, First; Jellico, Tennessee, First; Kuttawa; London, First; Lothair, First; Madisonville, First; South Elkhorn; and Van Buren, Louisville.

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The Margaret Fund is one of the two "specials" of the Woman's Missionary Union and is dear to our hearts because the young people who are helped by it are the sons and daughters of missionaries. It is educational in its scope and prepares individuals to become Christian citizens who are capable of living and working with others in a peaceable and constructive manner. They are important to the Kingdom because of the influence of their lives and because of the possibilities of future usefulness. Many have already occupied places of responsibility in far flung places.

We have waited with great interest the coming of Margaret Fund students to Kentucky schools this year. They are:

Edward B. Bratcher, son of Dr. Lewis M. and Mrs. Artie Porter Bratcher, both of Kentucky, and missionaries for many years to Brazil. Edward is a student at our Louisville Seminary and has been recently ordained to preach.

Also a student at the Seminary and working on his doctor's degree is **Albert Craighead**, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Craighead, who for many years were missionaries to Roumania and Bessarabia, but due to conditions in Europe are now in South American Mission Fields. Mr. Craighead is a native of Alabama and Mrs. Craighead comes from Michigan.

William Enete is also attending the Seminary and is the son of Mr. W. W. Enete of Alabama and Mrs. Crystal Armstrong Enete of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Enete are located in Brazil.

David Jester, student at Georgetown College, is the son of Mr. William Jester of Missouri and Mrs. Daisy Hicks Jester of Kentucky. Mr. and Mrs. Jester are missionaries to Nigeria, Africa, where due to the fact that Mrs. Jester is a graduate nurse and a graduate of the Training School, she has few idle hours.

Cita Harris, the only Margaret Fund student at the Training School, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hendon Harris, missionaries in China. Mr. Harris is a native of Mississippi and Mrs. Harris was Miss Florence Powell of Kentucky.

Betty Lou and Joseph Parker, daughter and son of Mr. Earle Parker of Alabama and Mrs. Sarah Gayle Parker of Kentucky, are students at Georgetown. —Mrs. W. P. Stuart, Kentucky Representative on Margaret Fund Committee.

Miss Mary Sampson, called home re-

cently from China due to an accident to her mother, is emphasizing the dangers that confront China due to the continued conquests of the Communists. It bodes evil, not only to the entire Eastern Hemisphere, but to the Western World as well. Let us pray earnestly that God's Kingdom may spread in these far-away lands.

We gratefully acknowledge the valuable assistance rendered by the retiring Executive Secretary, Miss Mary P. Winborne. It has made the duties of the "interim Secretary" more understandable.

Associational Superintendents are urged to return the card sent to them to be filled out with the 1949 Associational Officers. This information is needed in the office immediately. Packages containing 1949 materials will be sent out as soon as we receive most of these cards listing the officers.

Cards on which to list the 1949 W. M. S. Officers and Young People's Directors and Counselors have been sent to the 1948 W. M. S. Presidents. Be sure to return these to W. M. U. Headquarters as soon as possible. If all your officers remain the same we still need a complete list to check against our files. Packages will be sent to the Presidents and Young People's Directors containing 1949 materials as soon after we receive these cards as possible.

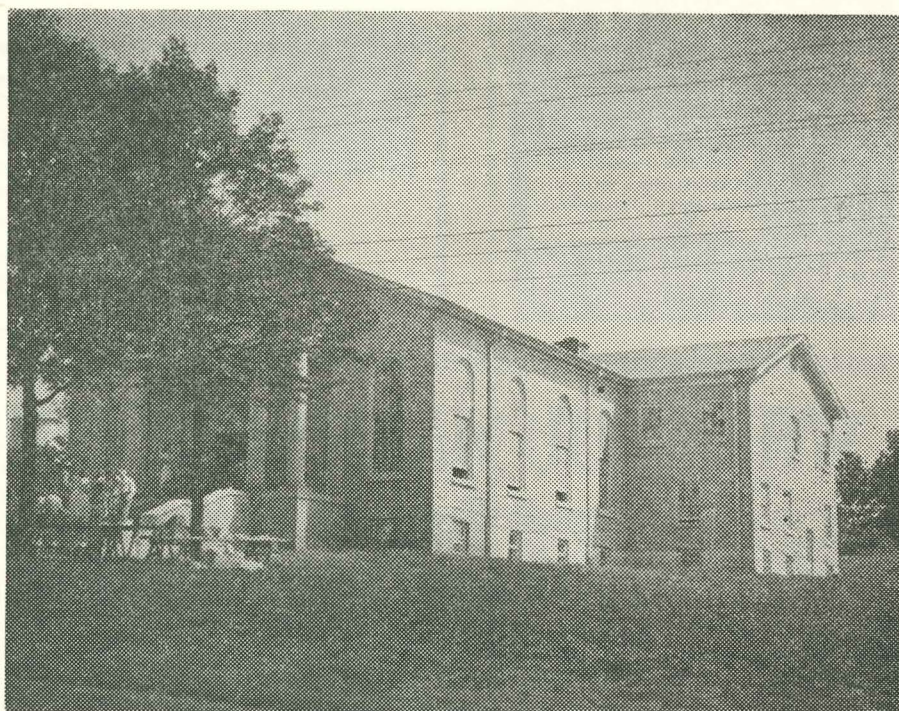
Contract Let For Four New Orleans Seminary Buildings

NEW ORLEANS, La.—The hopes and prayers of Southern Baptists for an adequate Seminary plant in New Orleans are beginning to come to fruition. The contract has been let for four buildings, to contain fifty family apartments for married students, according to announcements by President Roland Q. Leavell of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. These will be erected on the new 75-acre campus bought in 1947, and they will be ready for student occupancy before the session 1949-1950. These fifty additional students will be transported to the present Seminary location until the money is raised to build the entire Seminary plant.

The contract for these buildings, along with a concrete road, drainage, utilities, etc., calls for approximately \$750,000.00. A large portion of this sum is expected from the Co-operative Program receipts. The Seminary is having some success in seeking 1,000 generous givers to give an average of \$1,000.00 each to the building program.

The Seminary is overflowing with the largest enrollment in its history, and turning many students away, according to Dr. Leavell.

Vine Grove Is Proud Of Its New Baptist Meeting House; New Electric Organ Is Dedicated



The Vine Grove Baptist Church dedicated a new electric organ October 10. The service was conducted by Pastor E. Warren Rust. The installation of the organ is part of a program of completion of the new meeting house. The new structure is made of Bedford limestone surface. Much of the work was done by the men of the church. So far the cost has been kept within \$63,000 (including \$9,000 of indebtedness) though probably no contractor could be found to bid on the erection for less than several times that amount.

Foreign Mission Board Adopts 1949 Budget of \$3,000,000

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in session at its headquarters here adopted a 1949 budget of \$2,973,617, which was \$18,000 more than the budget recommended by the executive staff.

Of this amount, \$2,625,877 is for mission work overseas, and \$285,290 for the home office. According to this budget \$409,036 will be used in direct evangelistic activity in 25 geographical areas abroad, \$260,026 for schools, \$59,750 for medical work, \$101,511 for literature, and \$1,135,700 for personnel.

E. P. Buxton, treasurer, reported receipts for the first nine months of 1948 totaling \$4,500,000, of which \$2,941,614 were provided by the denomination's South-wide Co-operative Program. This sum exceeds last year's budget receipts for the same period by \$361,152. The Board's invested funds total \$5,430,928.

The Board authorized the purchase of the three-story residence adjacent to

the main building to provide a chapel for the Board and temporary living quarters for missionaries and other guests of the organization. The purchase was possible by a gift from a Baptist couple in Arkansas sufficient to purchase the property and make necessary alterations.

Dr. George W. Sadler, reporting for the relief committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, stated that \$50,000 has been appropriated for displaced persons in Europe. "It is estimated that 18,000 of these unfortunate people are Baptists, and we believe it is our responsibility to help them take advantage of the opportunity to resettle in the

Sunday School Lesson for November 21, 1948

Subject: Poetry in The Bible

Lesson Text: Psalm 24

Golden Text: Psalm 40:3

United States, under the provisions our Government has made," Dr. Sadler asserted.

He reported that \$25,000 has been sent to the committee's European representative, Dr. J. D. Franks in Geneva, for general relief work on the continent, and \$15,000 for a feeding center and hostel for 10,000 to 20,000 Romanians

who have escaped to Paris. The relief committee stated that funds on hand have been reduced to \$72,243, and must be replenished if appeals from Baptists in Europe and Asia are to be met.

From rehabilitation funds the Board authorized \$2,320 for the Baptist Seminary at Oslo, Norway; \$10,000 for the Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, Germany; \$35,000 for a new seminary building for the Baptist Seminary at Budapest destroyed by American bombers in 1945; and \$10,000 for the Baptist publishing house at Bremen, Germany.

In co-operation with the Frontier Mission of the China Baptist Convention, the Board authorized \$20,000 for the purchase of property on Formosa. Appropriations at this semiannual session of the Foreign Board totaled \$3,000,000.

Some day some statesman will win a gigantic reputation for himself by hitting on the expedient of having a peace conference before a war instead of afterwards.—*Boston Globe*.

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Historical Background of Geographical Problems Of American Baptists

(Continued from Page 5)

One of the tragic facts about American Baptists is that we have ever been slow to see that the logic of individual responsibility leads inevitably to devotion to universal evangelization. If we were consistent, we would be of all Christians the most aggressively missionary. It was not until four years after Congregationalists had led the way and until the New Testament, the Holy Spirit, and Carey and Marshman and Ward in India had led the Judsons and Luther Rice into the Baptist fold that American Baptists were ready to organize for world missions. The Baptist denomination was a direct product of the missionary interest. Until 1814 there was in the United States a Baptist people but no Baptist denomination with unity of consciousness, with corporate fellowship, with organic life and implementation for common responsibility for the gospel.

There were differences of emphasis, divergences of ideas, and conflicting social and economic factors to hinder full unity of fellowship and action. The General Convention was nation-wide, but it was very far from comprehending all the churches or all the members of participating churches. It was a convention of such American Baptists as were

concerned for and committed to missions, at first foreign missions only.

For our present purpose the point of emphasis is that it was a general, America-wide organization of Baptists, the first in our history. That general, all-America emphasis continued and is a determinative feature in the tensions and the crisis which have troubled us in the convention history of American Baptists.

By 1817 the need for more home missions was recognized and a special committee set up to consider this and to do something in that way, but this remained only a stepchild of the body.

The first compelling interest to share

Fred Schatz In Europe



Mr. Fred Schatz, assistant to the president at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, has been given nine months leave of absence during which time he will go to Europe as the Baptist World Alliance representative to handle details connected with the immigration of displaced Baptists from Germany and other countries to the United States. Mr. Schatz is exceptionally well equipped for this service because of his fluency in the German language and his previous extensive travel in Europe. He sailed on the Mauritania October 27, and will go directly to Geneva, Switzerland, to meet with the European Relief committee.

with foreign missions the concern of the Convention was education of leadership. But concern for a wider application of education and the concentration of interest and support on state institutions doomed the Convention's scheme for one general Baptist institution, Columbian College.

The need for literature was instant,

urgent, and growing, with the result that a separate organization was effected in 1824 and named (in 1828) the American Baptist Publication Society. In 1832 the American Baptist Home Mission Society was constituted.

(To be continued)

Alaska Reporting

On October 24 Rev. C. Y. Dossey, Assistant Superintendent of Evangelism for the Home Mission Board, closed an evangelistic campaign with Pastor Felton H. Griffin and the First Baptist Church of Anchorage, Alaska. The revival resulted in 45 additions to the church, with 18 of this number coming as candidates for baptism. Also, there were 17 rededications, and 6 young people surrendered their lives for special service.

The First Baptist Church at Anchorage is only five years old and has over 200 resident members. There are four other Baptist churches in Alaska. They have organized the Alaska Baptist Convention and co-operate with the Southern Baptist Convention. Last year these five churches baptized more than 100 people and gave \$3,409.79 to missions—\$723.37 was sent to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention for the Co-operative Program.

These churches are as sound in the faith as any you will find in the Southern Baptist Convention. They have their own denominational paper and maintain a mission to the Eskimos.

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Hear Dr. R. I. Kerr
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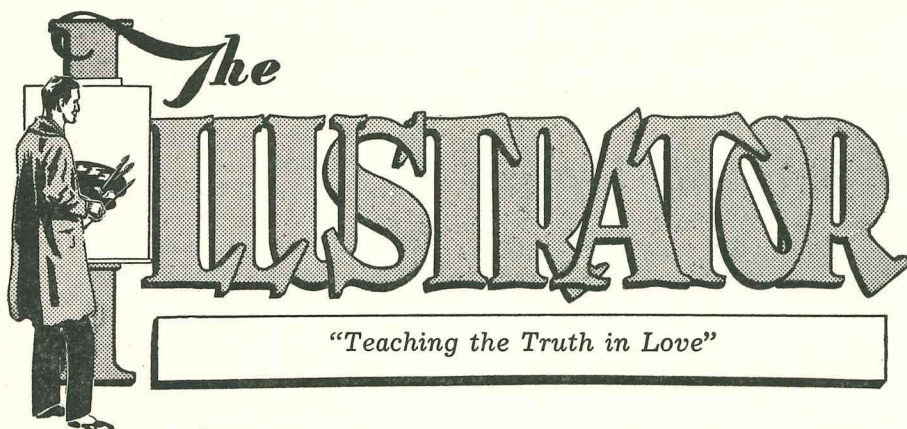
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Fixing Up Mistakes

Clifford forgot all about the neighbor's new driveway, and raced right in to the fresh cement. He was frightened, and very sorry, when he saw that he had made footprints in the cement. But no one had seen him run up there, so if he didn't tell anyone about it, no one would know who did it.

Clifford sat down on the curb to think. After several minutes he got up. Mr. Barnes, the neighbor, was in his garage. Clifford walked up bravely, and said, "Mr. Barnes, I'm sorry, but I stepped in the new cement."

Mr. Barnes walked out with Clifford, looked at the prints, and replied, "I'm so glad you told me right away, for now I can fix it. The men left some cement here for me to spread on the driveway while it is fresh. If you had waited, the cement would have hardened, and then it would always have been a bad spot."

Clifford smiled happily. "I'll help you carry the pail of cement out there," he volunteered. And as they worked, touching up the bad spots, Clifford said, "I think that's the way with all mistakes, isn't it, Mr. Barnes? It's easier to fix them up at first than to leave them until they get hard."

That is a good, true thought to remember. Don't let mistakes get old and hardened. Fix them up at once.—Adapted from *Dew Drops*.

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Spiritual Connections

Recently I came to a busy intersection where, as the result of an accident, one of the traffic signals had been knocked over. Except for its electrical connections, it was all but severed at its base. Though lying on the pavement, the lights still flashed on and off at measured intervals—red, yellow, green.

Someone has said that the purpose of life is to function. We all admire those individuals who, though perplexed, distraught, or discouraged, continue to carry on heroically. Their light still shines on "because their spiritual connections are kept open—unbroken by life's sudden changes.

If we realize this simple but self-evident fact, that there are divine sources of strength, and if we act upon this assurance, we shall discover that strong

abiding confidence in God which makes life happy, expectant and meaningful.

Then shall we rest in faith's supreme promise: "Underneath are the everlasting arms." As long as we are responsive to this, we shall keep our connection with the Source which undergirds, sustains, inspires, and directs life.

Our Father, help us to keep our lives in harmony with Thine, that Thy spirit may flow through us and Thy purposes quicken our will and desire to serve Thee. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.—Ninth and O Bulletin.

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The Finder Of Faults

Is everybody wrong? The fault-finding habit is a bad one. It is easily acquired, and not readily broken. We live in an imperfect world. Everything is flawed and defective. Institutions blunder and fall short of the ideal. All people are erring creatures, and their faults give us offense, but one should not be always paying attention to the faults of others.

One may become a chronic fault-finder, and in that case he will become a grumbler. And if he is not careful, he will degenerate into a growler. And if he growls long enough, he will become a cynic. When a man has become a cynic, he has reached the bottom. There is nothing lower than cynicism. A cynic is of no account, either to himself or to anyone else. He is a nuisance and a stumbling block. He did not intend at the start to become a cynic. He began by finding fault, and the habit grew on him until his mind became twisted and his heart sour.—*The Educator*.

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Overcoming Handicaps

An elderly and very much deformed cabinet maker looked after the building and preparing of cases, shelves and windows at a college. He walked with a limp. Both hands were deformed. To look at—just a poor wretch. There wasn't a professor on that college faculty who did not admire, respect, perhaps even envy that college carpenter. He never mentioned what he couldn't do. In truth, he didn't talk much about what he could do—he simply did it. The faculty admired the result. Suppose that carpenter had simply bewailed his

handicap. Instead, he made himself useful and happy by becoming an artist in building. He stressed what he could do.—Calvin T. Ryan, "Concentrate on Your Strong Points," *Trained Men*

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"No Connection With The Power"

A visiting traveler in an outlying community was being shown the small but beautiful church erected at a cost of much time and sacrifice on the part of the people. He expressed amazement that it should be so beautifully and completely equipped with electric lights, as he had not known that electricity was available in the district.

"It looks beautiful," he was informed, "but we have no connection with the power."

How true this is of many so-called Christians! Their works look beautiful, but because they have no connection with the only source of real power, they are useless and unjustified in the sight of God, who looketh not on the outward appearance.—D. C. Hartley, *Moody Monthly*.

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The Salt Of The Earth

"Ye are the salt of the earth" was the golden text, and the class of little girls was being questioned by the teacher. "What are the uses of salt?" she was asking. One said it kept things from spoiling, another that it made things taste better. Then one tiny mite spoke, "Please, Miss, it makes people thirsty." And that is an important use for every Christian. Our lives ought to make people thirst for the water of life. Do others see Christ in your daily life? —*The War Cry*.

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Overcoming Obstacles

A biologist in a Christian college tells how he watched an ant carrying a piece of straw which seemed a big burden for it. The ant came to a crack in the earth which was too wide for it to cross. It stood for a time, as though pondering the situation, then put the straw across the crack and walked over upon it, then picked up the straw and walked away.

What a lesson for us! The burden can become the bridge for progress.—*War Cry*.

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What Is Fame?

The composer of "The Vestal," was in the habit of wearing all of his decorations and medals.

During a gathering in his honor one of the musicians remarked to a friend, "Just notice how Spontini's chest is covered with medals! And to think that Mozart didn't have any at all."

Spontini, who had heard the remark, replied serenely, "My dear sir, Mozart didn't need any."—*Mundo Argentino*.

Church Celebrates Its 88th Anniversary

By F. M. MASTERS, Princeton, Ky.

I wish to report a splendid day on October 10 with the First Baptist Church, Benton, Kentucky, where C. L. Niceley has been pastor 21 months.

The occasion of the visit was to take part, both hours, on the program of the 88th anniversary of the church, which was constituted October 4, 1860, by the pioneer preacher, Elder D. M. Green.

This church has had a remarkable history. During the last 35 years ten preachers have been ordained to the ministry.

The anniversary program began Wednesday evening, with a sermon by Rev. G. C. Lovan, Paducah; followed by a sermon Thursday by Rev. W. H. Rone of Murray; and on Friday a sermon by Secretary R. B. Hooks of the Rural Church Department.

The church has a membership of 200, and an average of 165 in Sunday school. Pastor Niceley has led the church with marked results. A full basement has been put in, including ample space for seating 150. A new heating plant has also been installed, and a cooling system, and a well equipped church office.

The church has paid \$9,000 for a 9-room pastor's home and three acres. The church contributed also \$2,250 to all missions, education and benevolences during 1947-48, which is \$11.04 per capita.

It was a pleasure to heed the request

of the pastor and use the morning hour in discussing early Kentucky Baptist history. There was a large audience, both morning and evening.

Goes To Monticello



Dr. T. E. Smith

After being the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hardinsburg, Ky., for 20 years, Dr. T. E. Smith has resigned

and moved to the First Baptist Church of Monticello, Ky. George M. Wilson, editor of The Irvington Herald, says: "Breckenridge Association will long miss the services of Dr. and Mrs. Smith. Their influence over the past 20 years has been a great factor in the success of every undertaking of the churches of this association." Dr. Smith has served as treasurer of the Breckenridge Mission Board, and helped put the Board on a sound footing. He has been Moderator of Breckenridge Association, and has been on the State Board. Hardinsburg gifts to the Co-operative Program have increased from \$360 to \$2,000 a year, and Breckenridge Association gifts have increased from \$800 to \$3,000 a year.

A Bible On Desk Of Every Business Man

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—A Bible on the desk of every Baptist businessman is one of the hopes of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

George W. Schroeder, associate secretary of the Brotherhood movement among men of the Southern Baptist Convention, threw out the idea at the annual meeting of the Brotherhood's national committee. It is one way in which every business man can give a silent testimony as to his faith in God, Schroeder said.

Schroeder suggested also that executives should lend a Christian influence to all employees either by an employed chaplain in the ministry, weekly chapel services for all employees, or simply a five minute devotional period at the beginning of each day's schedule.

Joe Harting, Carthage, Accepts Old Hickory

CARTHAGE, Tenn., November 9.—Joe Harting assumed his new duties as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Old Hickory, Tenn., on the first of November. The Old Hickory Church has a membership of 1,549. He has been pastor of the church here for two years and eight months, during which time he held the office of Moderator of the New Salem Association for two years. A total of 104 were added to the membership of the local church, and a new educational building, consisting of 18 rooms, has been completed, and a mission has been organized with Sunday school and prayer meetings each week.

Mr. Harting is a native of Paducah, Ky., and is a graduate of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., and the Southern Seminary at Louisville. Mrs. Harting is the former Miss Rachel Gregory, Springfield, Tenn. She attended Union University and the W. M. U. Training School. They have one son, Larry Joe, age 5.

Mr. Harting succeeds Rev. V. Floyd Starke as pastor at Old Hickory.

Irvine Brotherhood Has Anniversary Banquet

IRVINE, Ky., October 25.—The Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church here held its anniversary banquet today with 50 men and their wives attending. Organized one year ago, this group of men has accomplished many things for their church.

Among their projects are: conducting

two missions, holding devotionals and trying to win lost men. They erected a bulletin board themselves which would have cost the church \$500 by contract. Also they have assisted a student financially.

Byron Arnold is their president, and Rev. J. C. Stephens is pastor.



Attendants at Irvine's First Anniversary Banquet

Men for the Master

By C. E. BRYANT

I sat in a meeting of business men today and heard them talk about lost souls. Each man present represented a state of the Southern Baptist territory extending from Maryland to California. Each is an expert in making money. Some are executives, some merchants, some lawyers, two are ranchers. Their chiefest thing in common is Jesus Christ the Lord.

The men had come to Memphis at the call of Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary, and his associates, Hugh F. Latimer and George W. Schroeder, of Baptist Brotherhood of the South. It was the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention's committee on this mighty movement of men for the Master.

For two days these men sought God's will for their lives and for the lives of their fellowmen. They prayed that the Lord would use the Baptist Brotherhood for the advancement of His Kingdom. They did not seek revolutionary methods: only the enlistment of men in active participation in the regular work of Baptist churches.

A four point emphasis for 1949 was discussed and adopted. The aims:

1. Evangelism. "We believe," they agreed, "that the chief task of every Christian and of every Christian church is to win souls to Christ. We mean active personal soul-winning—man to man."

2. The Man and Boy Movement. A man is to find a boy and take him to Sunday school on four successive Sundays. "Boys are running wild on the streets and in the alleys of every community. Many have never seen the inside of a church building. We, as Christian laymen, must do something about it."

3. The Co-operative Program. "The Baptist Brotherhood of the South reaffirms its conviction that the Co-operative Program must continue as the overall plan of financing our denominational work. It is safe, sound, and equitable, and there is no other way to finance the world-mission program of Southern Baptists."

4. Church Advertising. "There are many areas in which the church can ad-

vertise, but we suggest that during 1949 we concentrate our efforts on two: "identification of church building with attractive signs, and effective news stories of church activities in the press."

Secretary Cooke reported there are now 3,200 Brotherhood organizations in the churches, with a membership of 120,000 men.

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. HATTIE KEYS BEALE
Murray, Kentucky

MURRAY, Ky.—Whereas, it has pleased our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom, to call from our midst on June 13, 1948, our beloved friend and sister in Christ, Mrs. Hattie Keys Beale, whose loving and useful life was a benediction to all who came in contact with her; and

Whereas, in the work of our church for many years she was a devoted and faithful teacher. Her teaching has constantly borne fruit in the lives of those whom she taught.

Whereas, she was actively engaged in the Woman's Missionary Society of our church, serving in different capacities; her faithfulness in attendance, her prayers and her stewardship of material things were an example to her fellow members and a support and encouragement to her pastors; and

Whereas, for many years she was a patient sufferer, yet was an interested and devoted member of the Prayer League of our W. M. S.

Therefore, be it resolved that the wisdom and ability which she has exercised in this church by services, contributions and counsel be held in grateful remembrance, and that the removal of such a life from our midst will

prove a serious loss to both her church and her community.

Be it further resolved, that we the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church of Murray Kentucky, send a copy of these resolutions to the family, a copy be spread upon our records, and a copy be sent to the Western Recorder for publication.—Mrs. J. H. Thurman, Mrs. A. B. Lassiter, Mrs. Amanda White, Committee.

MRS. BELLE SHEPHERD

ASHLAND, Ky., October 25.—In September of this year Mrs. Belle Shepherd, a faithful member of the Unity Baptist Church here went home to meet her Heavenly Father. Mrs. Shepherd was a most devout Christian woman and was loved by all who knew her. She was teacher of the Bethany Bible Class of adult women for 2 years. She was always found in her place on Sunday morning, as well as at all the other meetings of the Unity Church. At the time of her death she was also teacher of the Walter McNealy Circle of the W. M. S., and took an active part in all the women's work. She was a most unselfish person, being ready at all times to give a word of encouragement to young converts or to anyone who needed encouraging.

In her homegoing Mrs. Shepherd's family loses a wonderful mother and her community a good neighbor. She is greatly missed by us all, but we rejoice to know that while she is absent from the body she is at home with God. Respectfully submitted—Members of the Walter McNealy Circle of Unity Baptist Church.

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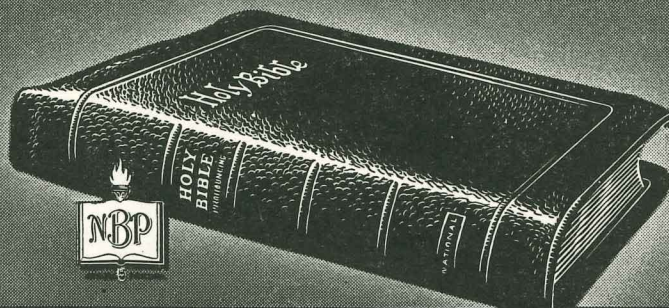
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