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eldom, since the beginning of Christendom, have intolerance and tyranny been so rampant to perpetuate turmoil and Godlessness throughout the world as on this anniversary of the birth of the Prince of Peace. Surely, this is a time for strong minds and stout Christian hearts to remain calm and firm in their unwavering faith in God and to pray for His guidance and wisdom that we may keep this great democracy of ours united against the brute forces of hate and unenlightenment. Yet, let us be charitable and understanding toward all peoples. Let us overcome our own shortcomings and be determined to defend the principles of Christianity so that all mankind may enjoy the fruits of freedom and the right to worship God.

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Gleanings From The Field

Miss Anna Marie Gomes was born to Rev. and Mrs. David Gomes, Dio de Janeiro, on August 6.

Mrs. Rosalee Mills Appleby, Missionary to Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil, is now on furlough in New York.

Miss Lois Roberts, of Tennessee, has arrived in Rio de Janeiro, and her present work will be in that city.

Pastor George M. Trout, of the Grace Church, Lexington, is taking an enforced rest from his church to recuperate from a recent operation. He expects to be back by the time this item is published.

Miss Lydia Alice Crabtree, secretary at the American Embassy in Brazil, has been spending some time with her missionary parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. R. Crabtree, now on furlough in Richmond, Va.

Miss Frances Luper, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. T. Luper, former Baptist missionaries to Brazil and Portugal, after two years working with the Pan American Airways in Rio, has returned to Dallas, Texas, and has married Mr. Earl Gray, of Rio. Mr. and Mrs. Gray have now returned to Rio.

Miss Betty Anne Berry, daughter of Missionary and Mrs. W. H. Berry, of Brazil, is now enrolled as a student in Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark. Just one day before she left Rio in the airplane for America her brother, Bailey Berry, arrived there after completing his college work in America.

President Ellis A. Fuller, on behalf of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, conferred the Th.D. degree upon James Lyn Elder, associate pastor of the First Church of Richmond, Va., at the convocation opening the second term on November 23. Dr. Elder was former chaplain of the paratroopers in the U. S. Army overseas, and of the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville.

Dr. Geo. W. Sadler, of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., filled a speaking engagement at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary last week and spent the day in Louisville on Saturday, December 4. He went to Owensboro to preach on Dec. 5 at the First Baptist Church for Pastor Robert E. Humphreys, Moderator of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Dr. Claude Almand, of the faculties of the School of Church Music of the Southern Seminary, and of the University of Louisville, is one of six composers whose original compositions will be featured by the Louisville Philharmonic Orchestra in world premiers in Louisville this season. Dr. Almand's composition will be presented Tuesday and Wednesday, February 8 and 9, with the composer as conductor.

Southern Seminary, Louisville, will appear on the Columbia Church of the Air, a coast-to-coast broadcast, Sunday morning, February 13, 1949, with President Ellis A. Fuller as speaker and with music by the chorus of the Seminary's School of Church Music, directed by Donald Winters. The program will originate in the Southern Seminary studio and will go out through the facilities of Station WHAS, 50,000-watt, clear channel station, 840 k.c. Time of the program will be from 9 to 9:30 A. M., Central Standard.

Ten additional students enrolled at Southern Seminary at the opening of the second term, November 22, bringing the total enrollment for the current year to 781 men. The new students are: Harley Evan Bailey, Williamstown, W. V.; Claude S. Boatwright, Swainsboro, Ga.; Isadore Childers, Eubank, Ky.; Eddie Manly Chilton, Belton, S. C.; John Richard Christian, Trenton, Ky.; L. Taylor Daniel, Woodville, Tex.; James Lyn Elder, Richmond, Va.; R. Lee Franklin, Holly Pond, Ala.; Darty F. Stowe, Trion, Ga.; and Clem A. Walters, Orange, Va.

In Memoriam

The Associated Press carried an item some days ago to the effect that John Stewart died at Young Harris, Ga., at the age of 110 years. He was a retired farmer, and had served as a deacon in the local Baptist church for the last seventy years.

Rev. W. J. Mason and John Irwin conducted the funeral of Jack Fleeman, 16, at the Cawood Chapel and at the Clouds Baptist Church, and burial was held in Robinson Cemetery, Clouds, Tenn. The young man was a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Fleeman, who survive him, as do four brothers—Eugene, George, Jr., David and Roy; and one sister—Anne. He also leaves a grandmother, Mrs. Annie Fultz, Clouds, Tenn. He died at the hospital in Middlesboro, Ky.

Revivals

Pastor Earl B. Eddington, First Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., assisted Pastor Harold G. Sanders in a revival at the First Church of Tallahassee, Fla., recently, resulting in 101 additions to the church. Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble, Shreveport, La., had charge of the music.

Pastor J. Earl Stallings of the Ridge-dale Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., did the preaching in a revival meeting at the Marion Baptist Church, Marion, Va., just closed. The music was led by the pastor of the Marion Church, Primitivo Delgado. During the ten days of the meeting there were 36 additions to the church by baptism, 13 by letter, and 4 profes-

sions of faith by people who preferred to join other churches, making a total of 53 decisions. The Chattanooga preacher addressed overflow crowds every night after the third night.

Pastor F. Russell Purdy, Calvary Church of Lexington, preached in a revival meeting for Pastor Harvey F. Morrison at the Campbellsville Baptist Church in which there were 24 confessions of faith.

Eight days of revival preaching were held by Pastor Buell H. Kazee at the Morehead Baptist Church during December 5-12. The speakers, a different one each night, were: Carroll Hubbard, Donald W. Wells, C. E. Wiley, L. H. Tipton, Dewey H. Jones, W. B. Casey and Pastor Kazee.

News from the Churches

The second annual Southwestern Rural Church and Community Conference will be held June 27-July 1, 1949, on the campus of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, according to announcement made by Joe Davis Heacock, faculty member.

"Pay Day—Someday," a sermon by Pastor Robert G. Lee, now President of the Southern Baptist Convention, has come to be somewhat as popular as Russell H. Conwell's "Acres of Diamonds." This sermon has been filmed in technicolor and sound, and was given as a World Premier Showing at the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tenn., on December 6.

The Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church of Sturgis, Ky., held a homecoming on December 12. Moderator R. A. Utley, Madisonville, Little Bethel Association, was the preacher, and the Kentuckian Quartet from Paducah offered musical selections. Pastor John W. Floss has labored in this field for five years, during which time the church has freed herself from debt, and one year ago the church building and parsonage were dedicated.

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Editorials

"...if anyone had told me..."

The following, picked up from the *Baptist Bulletin Service*, strikes a deep chord. Only once in a while do we hear of such a thing, yet, in all probability, the same thing is happening right around us now. It is neglect that permits men and women to go down into eternity without hope—neglect on the part of Christians who are either so busy they do not take time to witness to the unsaved, or else so cold in heart that they do not feel the urge of the Holy Spirit. Here is the story. Read it all.

One Sunday evening as Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Dallas, Texas, was shaking hands with the people of the congregation, he noticed a man standing there in his work clothes. Attracted to him the pastor shook his hand and inquired where he was from.

The man informed Dr. Criswell that he and his buddy were driving a big truck from Dayton, Ohio, to California, and knowing of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, they had deliberately taken the Southern route so that he might attend church there on Sunday evening. The visitor told Dr. Criswell that he had been saved a few weeks before and was still rejoicing in his new-found Saviour and Lord.

Later on, in the regular worship service, the pastor felt impressed to introduce the traveler to the congregation. When he had told of the man's journey and of his coming to Dallas to attend services at the First Baptist Church, he naturally expected the fellow to be seated; but he remained standing. Asked if he had something to say, the man turned to the congregation and made this startling statement:

"Up until a few months ago I lived in Dallas. In all the eighteen years in the city of Dallas no one ever spoke to me about Jesus. I am convinced that if anyone had told me about Him, I would have been saved years ago." With these words, the man sat down.

The following week Deacon Frank Camp, executive of the Magnolia Oil Company which has its headquarters in Dallas, came to Dr. Criswell's office. "Pastor," he said, "I cannot get the incident of that man speaking last Sunday off my mind. I have felt that I would like to get a group of people out of our church and form them into a soul-winning band. I am wondering if such an effort would have your approval?"

Of course, Dr. Criswell gave his whole-hearted approval and such a group was formed. Known as the "Andrew Band," the group meets regularly to study, and to express their experiences, and to pray. They visit every week in the interest of the church and especially to seek the lost that they might tell them the story of Jesus. Then, they rejoice each Lord's day as people walk the aisles of their church confessing Christ as Saviour and Lord, and uniting with the church for baptism.

That is the story. It cuts at our hearts doesn't it? It makes us ashamed that a lad could live for eighteen years in a heavily church-ed community and,

all that while, never be told about Jesus. What a pity that a man has to leave such a Christian community to be told about Jesus! Thank God! there was one in which he could find Him.

Dallas isn't any different on that score from your town, or from the wide-open country. People around US are lost—people who have not been reached with the gospel. Yes, that's true! There are people we meet, day after day, who have never been invited to come to Christ for salvation. They will remember us, as the lad remembered Dallas, for what we did not do.

The most important task confronting church people today is getting the lost saved. We cannot evade it. We cannot side-step it. It stares at us. No matter what we are doing about routine programs in our churches, the big question still confronts us, *What are we doing about the lost?*

We ought to be active in the programs of our churches. They ought to be intensified, and we ought to co-operate. But what are WE doing about the lost? Not, What are others doing? but what are we doing personally to bring people into a saved relationship with Christ?

The writer was a pastor for years. He has seen hundreds of people hide behind this work and that work, and soothe their consciences into rest in the belief that they were doing something in the general work, and that such work was enough for them; others would look after this business of winning people to Christ. No person has any right to hide behind any assignment, no matter how important or needed; people are still lost and on their way through a wasted life and into a Christless eternity. A preacher who isn't evangelistic has missed his calling or else is ignoring it. A Sunday school teacher or a Training Union worker or any other leader in church life who is not actively engaged in winning the lost to Christ and into joyous Christian service—such person is missing the large purpose of Christ when He said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto ME;" "Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations. . ."

Is there some person near us saying, "... if anyone had told me. . .?" What shall we say to the Master who gave us our commission?

The Metropolitan's Battle For Moral Standards

The battle for moral standards is again in the spotlight. Last November 25, Edward Ward Johnson, manager of the Metropolitan Opera Company, made a statement to the New York newspapers which was released by Associated Press in which he expressed regret that certain unfortunate events marked the opening of the opera season last year. Said he:

"Last year, as you know, the opening of Opera was used by certain individuals as the background for undignified incidents and poses which became the highlights of the news photographs. Neither the episodes nor the individuals involved represented the ideals of the Metropolitan nor the artistic purposes it seeks to serve. On the contrary, such photographs tended to lower the prestige of the institution, and, of even greater importance, were used to the dis-

credit of the nation, having been widely reproduced abroad for propaganda purposes."

Whether or not you have attended Metropolitan Opera (the writer has not), we can at least be glad that the manager of the organization is conscious that moral standards must be maintained if his organization is to be respected.

Concerning the Johnson statement to the press, an editor on the staff of the *Courier-Journal*, remarks in negative vein:

"Such a statement merely feeds fuel to the flames of showmanship. Every publicity seeker in New York will mark the date on his books as an ideal occasion for some special stunt or caper that will catch the public eye. . . For the Met, with all its pomp and dignity, furnishes a perfect backdrop for all sorts of antics and capers to gain the effect by their incongruity in such a setting. . . There will be hundreds of people in their seats, but there will be thousands of others on the outside. . . waiting for pictures of. . . (The *Western Recorder* cannot print all the *Courier-Journal* described).

In this backhanded slap at Manager Johnson by the *Courier-Journal*, there is clearly revealed the type of "stuff" to which many of the newspapers look for stimulation of reader-interest. The papers photograph and advertise debauched scapegraces who are more interested in displaying their bodies and thereby getting into the papers than they are in the Metropolitan; and then, frequently pass by the things which actually represent fundamental American life. Why should not the *Courier-Journal* and the New York newspapers strengthen Manager Johnson's hands in his effort to clean up the Metropolitan from the inside? Why would they push him aside with the declaration that his rebuke of the press "merely feeds the fuel to the flames of showmanship?"

Whether or not Mr. Johnson is able to shut out scavenger cameramen, there are millions of real Americans who will be glad he tried; and there is widest shame that an editor of a great metropolitan daily has seemed to justify a place in American life for stenching nonsense.

State-Wide Evangelistic Conference

On page 7 of this issue there appears under the above caption, a statement from our General Secretary concerning one of the most important meetings to be held in Kentucky next year.

The Evangelistic Conference—January 10-12, Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville—will make both inspirational and practical approaches to evangelism. It is designed for pastors and church leaders who are anxious to kindle their own fires and to study with men who have been signally successful in soul-winning.

The speakers and conference leaders are exceptionally strong. The list, as Dr. Boone points out, includes Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, leader in the Southern Baptist Convention's program of evangelism; Dr. W. H. Knight, Executive Secretary of Louisiana Baptists; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr.

James Howard, Director of Evangelism and Rural Work for South Carolina Baptists; and Dr. J. D. Gray, pastor of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans.

These men will bring outstanding addresses, and will lead in special conferences on the problems of personal soul-winning, rural evangelism, and the simultaneous evangelistic campaigns now being widely used throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

The Conference last year was attended by hundreds of pastors and laymen from over Kentucky and the Louisville area. We urge all who plan to attend this meeting to make reservation **immediately** at the hotel of their choice

FLORIDA EDITOR TO RETIRE

Dr. Edward D. Solomon, editor of the *Florida Baptist Witness* for the past 17 years, will retire next May 31. The announcement was made through the *Witness* at the annual meeting of the Florida Baptist Convention. Merited praise was given the retiring editor from the heads of the various departments of the work in Florida.

Dr. Solomon has a host of friends in his own state and far beyond its borders. His associates in the editorial family will miss him. The *Western Recorder* wishes him many more years of happy service.

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►The American Council of Education, having spent two years and a half studying the problem, recently made the following, courageous statement: "Notwithstanding the social, political and economic forces resulting in the sale of beverage alcoholic liquors in retail drug stores, such sale must be regarded as distinctively detrimental to the public standing of these stores as representing the profession of pharmacy, the primary concern of which is the preservation of private and public health." The drug store, selling beverage alcohol, ceases to be an agent for health improvement and becomes a destroyer.

►The woman who started the crusade for the nationwide observance of Mother's Day—Miss Anna Jarvis—died recently at the age of 84. The last days of her life had been spent fighting the commercialization of Mother's Day. She had a sublime thought, but, as in the case of so many other *days*, the "money changers in the temple" ran away with it to their financial advantage. Miss Jarvis, though she tried, could not overturn their tables.

►Porter Routh reports an interesting fact: "A census taken in the Greater New Orleans area indicated that 51.4 per cent were Protestant, 47.3 per cent were Roman Catholic, and 1.3 per cent were Jewish. The white population was 60 per cent Catholic, while the Negro population was 80 per cent Protestant. The census revealed only four atheists. Of the 182,000 who reported Protestant preference, 57,112 were members of local churches, and 124,888 were unaffiliated with a local church.

►Mr. Porter Routh, *Survey Bulletin*, further reports: "Pope Pius XII has issued a rescript making Roman Catholic marriage laws binding on persons who, although 'baptized' as Catholics, have been brought up as non-Catholics. Marriage of such persons, even to non-Catholics, by a non-Catholic minister, will be considered as concubinage by the Catholic Church."

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

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A Plan to Subvert Our Constitution

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[The fourth installment of the series of articles by Dr. Carver, on "Historical Background of Geographical Problems of American Baptists," is being withheld this week in order to allow this significant statement by the same author. The fourth and final installment omitted this week will appear later.—Editor.]

IN THIS PAPER it is necessary to deal frankly and unequivocally with a matter of the utmost importance to the American people and nation. In what is said let it be emphatically understood from the start that there is no fight on the Catholic people nor on the Catholic Church as an institution of religion and worship. It is exclusively a matter of an ecclesiastical system and its program for changing the basic law and the nature of the American Government.

Facts

On November 20 an announcement was made from our national capital, through the news agencies, of the opening of a campaign to effect reversal of the American principal of the separation of church and state as defined by the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States with reference to teaching religion in the public schools. This decision was rendered in the now famous *Champaign, Illinois*, case.

The announcement came from a convocation of cardinals, archbishops, and bishops of the American hierarchy in connection with the Catholic National Welfare Conference. The declaration is clear-cut and emphatic. The hierarchy is now definitely, openly out to reinterpret the First Amendment to our Constitution and to have that reinterpretation accepted by the American people and affirmed by the Supreme Court. Confessedly this would involve the reversal of the eight to one decision made

earlier this year. This is explicitly stated in the announcement.

There are definite indications that not only the objective but the strategy for seeking its achievement have been carefully worked out. As a matter of fact the campaign had been going on definitely in several locations and with increasing momentum. The line of approach continues the same: namely, through the public schools to secure first, the freedom of Catholic priests and nuns explicitly to teach their doctrines in the public schools; second, to procure for the Catholics free transportation, free books, and other services rendered by public funds for parochial schools on the same basis as for the public schools.

These are the immediate aims involved, but they constitute only the first line of a campaign which is now out in the open and which will be pushed to a decision, aiming at opening the way to government support by taxation of the institutions of religion.

All this is new only in the fact that now an aggressive campaign is inaugurated to achieve a program that is part of a comprehensive plan for world advance inaugurated in 1908.

The Issues

We have already suggested the comprehensive and radical nature of the issues now joined in this campaign. The American hierarchy now not only confesses that the organized movement to preserve the principle of complete institutional separation between church and state involves a real issue but are seeking to adopt a vigorous initiative and propose a finish fight over this matter.

Let it be definitely understood that there is here involved not only the matter of the use of public funds for sectarian education; but the support of the institutions of religion by the government through universal taxation. The proclamation declares definitely that the interpretation which has obtained from the adoption of the first amendment down to the present day "misrepresents" the intention of the founding fathers. They say that the amendment intended only that there was to be no favoritism among institutions of religion. Their position is that it was not intended to prevent government support of churches; that if an equitable division of public support were granted to all denominations the intent of the Constitution would be fulfilled. Incidentally, one wonders whether the Catholic authorities would agree that there would be no violation, on these terms, if the government should erect the buildings, pay the salaries, and provide other facilities for Jews, Mohammedans, Buddhists, and all other religious sects. Certainly if the American principle allowed state support for religion at all it would have to include all religions. And now, as in the *McCullom* case and in the contention of a California atheist in the matter of radio, support would be demanded for atheist organizations for their propaganda. Surely the present conflicting religious situation is a powerful demonstration of the wisdom of the founding fathers and of the justice of the Supreme Court's decision.

In opening this campaign the American hierarchy is entirely consistent and loyal to the teachings and the practice of the Roman hierarchy through the centuries. Citations almost without number from highest Catholic authority could be made to show that they do not believe in the freedom of "sectarian" religious organizations which they always regard as "heretical sects." Whenever and wherever they have gained the ascendancy in any country they have used the civil authority and power to suppress freedom in religion outside their own denomination. In America they have grown bold because they are now numerically the most powerful religious

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Our Kentucky Baptist Financial Plan for 1948-49

By W. C. BOONE, General Secretary-Treasurer

THE GENERAL ASSOCIATION at its last meeting adopted the Report of its Budget Committee, which determines our financial program for the coming year. We urge all our people to study this report carefully, to be familiar with the plan, which has some changes in it from last year's program:

REPORT OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the Thanks giving Offering for the Children's Homes be taken this month as usual, and that a second special offering be taken in April, 1949, for all our other Kentucky Baptist Institutions, including schools and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital, the receipts to be divided on a percentage basis agreed on between the State Board and the institutions participating in the offering.

2. We recommend that the receipts, through the Co-operative Program above one million dollars, be re-allocated for the capital needs of our institutions, the percentages of distribution to be agreed on by representatives of the institutions in consultation with the State Board or the Executive Committee.

3. We recommend that undesignated receipts, after deducting expenses of administration and promotion of the Co-operative Program, the cost of financing the Baptist Board's Employees' Plan and the Ministers Retirement Plans, and an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for publicity through the Western Recorder, and an amount not to exceed \$7,500.00 for the operating budget of the Kentucky State Baptist Foundation, shall be divided on a fifty-fifty basis between Kentucky State Baptist program and the Southern Baptist Convention. It is understood that receipts to the Co-operative Program up to one million dollars shall be divided as follows:

SOUTHWIDE CAUSES (1948-49)

Foreign Missions	25 1/4 %
Home Missions	8 1/4 %
Sou. Bap. Theol. Sem.	2 1/2 %
N. O. Bap. Theol. Sem.	2 1/2 %
S. W. Bap. Theol. Sem.	2 1/2 %
W. M. U. Training School ..	1 1/2 %
Am. Bap. Theol. Sem.	1 %
Relief and Annuity Board ..	6 1/4 %
Radio Commission	19 20 %
Baptist Brotherhood	1 1/2 %
Sou. Baptist Hospital	1 20 %

50 %

STATE CAUSES (1948-49)

State Missions	20 %
Christian Education in Ky.	20 1/2 %
Ky. Bap. Children's Home	3 %
Spring Meadows	2 1/2 %
Kentucky Baptist Hospital	2 %
Church Building	2 %

50 %

The Education Offering of 20 1/2 % [listed above for Christian Education in Kentucky] is to be divided as follows:

Georgetown College	8 1/2 %
Campbellsville College	2 1/2 %
Cumberland College	2 1/2 %
Bethel Woman's College	2 1/2 %
Clear Creek Mtn. Pr. Sch.	2 1/2 %

Oneida Institute	1 %
Magoffin Institute	1 %
	20 1/2 %

4. The W. M. U. Specials and Sunday School Offerings are not affected by this plan.

5. No other special offerings in churches, or appeals to be included in Church Budgets are approved by the General Association.

6. We recommend that the right of each institution or agency to make individual approach to private or corporate capital be recognized, but that the General Association does not approve any special appeals to be made through the churches or to any groups included within the churches.

(This report was adopted by the General Association Wednesday morning, November 10).

Please note especially the following:

1. Only two Church offerings during the year are approved by the General Association.

The Thanksgiving Offering for the two Children's Homes is expected to bring in this year the sum of \$250,000.00 to be divided equally between Kentucky Baptist Children's Home and Spring Meadows. This offering may be used by the homes either for building, or for operating expenses, as needed.

The other church offering will be taken in the spring, for our other Kentucky Baptist Institutions. It will be distributed as agreed on by the institutions in conference with the Executive Committee of the State Board. These percentages of distribution and date of this offering will be announced later.

However, SUNDAY SCHOOL offerings, and W. M. U. offerings are not affected.

The Mountain Preachers' Bible School at Clear Creek has been included in the Co-operative Program, with a percentage equal to that of our three Junior Colleges. The General Association also asked the Preachers' School henceforth to take no offerings in churches and not to ask any churches to include them in the Budgets, since they will have regular support through the Co-operative Program, from now on.

3. Another new plan is that by which all receipts through the Co-operative Program, above \$1,000,000.00, are also to be divided among Kentucky Baptist Institutions, including the two Children's Homes, the schools and colleges, and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on percentages agreed on.

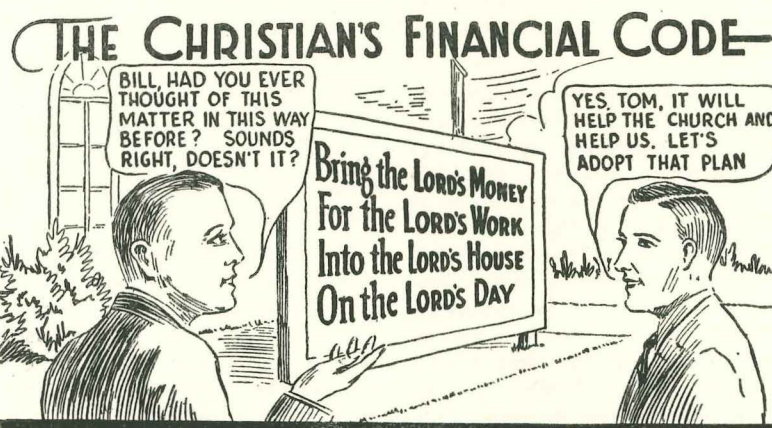
This follows the plan of the Southern Baptist Convention, which divides South-wide receipts in excess of four million dollars, on a different percentage basis for the capital needs of South-wide institutions.

We raised \$1,052,737.92 this past year for the Co-operative Program. With all our churches and agencies co-operating, we ought to exceed that sum during the coming year, by a substantial amount. Thus it will be possible for our Institutions to secure extra funds for building purposes and other capital needs from this source.

We have a program worthy of the best efforts and most generous giving of all Kentucky Baptists. Let us work and pray and give as loyal stewards for this great work, all of which is for the glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

PSYCHOLOGY—While many American editors fret themselves into a frenzy when an occasional typographical error creeps into their pages, Chinese editors are fully aware of the inflationary effect the discovery of such errors has on a reader's ego. And because of this, Chinese editors intentionally insert a few in their periodicals.—Perry Saums, *American Legion Magazine*.

Shadows fall behind you when you walk toward the light.—*Baptist Bulletin Service*.



IT IS HIGH TIME

By **WALTER O. LEWIS**

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and Director of the Baptist Relief in Europe**

MANY OF US know far too little about the plight of thousands of our homeless Baptist brethren in Europe, and few realize that whatever is done for them must be done quickly. Many times false hopes have been aroused by Baptist leaders from the outside who have visited them and who have encouraged them to believe that they would soon be helped out of their distress. They have been disillusioned so often that many feel they have no friends anywhere.

It is true that refugees are not altogether normal. They have been torn from their homes, and most of them have been shut up in camps for four years. They have little direct communication with the outside world. Maybe they are unreasonable in their demands, but maybe we have not done our duty. Surely we do not want our people to sink into despair.

Who are these people? Where are they? How many of them are there? What can be done for them? The last question is the hardest to answer.

We have first of all the displaced persons. These are persons who have left certain countries and who object to returning to these countries because of well-grounded fear of persecution of race, religion, nationality or political opinions.

There are approximately 1,500 Baptists from Latvia in the displaced persons camps of the British, American and French zones in Germany and Austria. There are more than twice as many Slavic Baptists in these zones. A few are not in camps. It is safe to say there are more than 3,000 Baptist displaced persons in Europe whom we should help to start life over again.

Then, there are German Baptists from the parts of Germany now held by Poland and Russia. They fled into western Germany as the German army was being pushed back. Others have made their way out since the close of the war. These are Germans. But it is difficult for them to find a place in the crowded areas occupied by the British, French and Americans.

And lastly, there are the *Volsdeutsche*. These are German-speaking people who lived, until the war, in Poland, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, and other countries east of Germany. They speak German but they are not Germans. They cannot return to the countries from which they have been driven. There is no place for them in Germany. They are stateless and homeless. There are well over 3,000 Baptists among these refugees.

We should help these brethren of ours to get to the agents of Governments that

are willing to receive them. We should arrange to have them received when they get to other countries. The International Refugee Organization will pay the ocean passage for eligible displaced persons who can find a home outside Europe. We have to pay the cost of travel from the port of debarkation to the chosen destination. There is now hope that many of these unfortunate people may get to new homes.

There are good reasons for making haste. One reason why we should move quickly is that many of these refugees are going to pieces. Some of them will soon be so weak that they cannot pass the required medical examination. And they are having a hard time to keep up decent civilized standards. There are not adequate school facilities for the children. The representatives of the U. S. A. are working among the displaced persons passing on applicants for entry to the United States under the new law.

Other Governments have their agents in the camps. The lists will soon be full. Then if war should break out, these poor refugees would be the first to suffer. They would be wiped out in a few days.

Surely it is not too much to ask several million Baptists to help a few thousand Baptists escape the abnormal situation in which they now find themselves. It will cost money. We have the money. Organization is needed. Surely we can set up the required machinery. The time to act is now.

Another College

Honors Motherhood

By **Joe W. Burton**
Editor, *Home Life*

A citation to a "Mother and Housewife" was given by William Jewell College of Liberty, Missouri, Dr. Walter Pope Binns, president, in a recent annual achievement-day program.

This was the first time since the college was founded one-hundred years ago that such a distinction was given. Chosen for the citation was Mrs. W. M. Mayfield of Jefferson City, Missouri, who was singled out for "outstanding success as a mother and housewife."

Earlier this year at commencement last June, Mary Hardin-Baylor College in Texas selected as "Mother of 1948" Mrs. J. J. Pipkin, eighty-year-old mother of nine children.

Thus these two Baptist institutions have honored themselves by giving recognition to a fundamental social service, Christian motherhood. The citations given on the two campuses point out the primary values of Christian home-building.

State-Wide Evangelistic Conference

Louisville, Kentucky, January 10-12

By W. C. BOONE, General Secretary

The second annual State-Wide Evangelistic Conference will be held at Walnut Street Church, Louisville, beginning Monday night, Jan. 10.

The speakers will include Dr. C. E. Matthews of Dallas, Texas, who is leading in the Southern Baptist Convention's program of Evangelism; Dr. W. H. Knight, Executive Secretary of Louisiana Baptists; Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, President of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. James Howard, Director of Evangelism and Rural Work for South Carolina Baptists; and Dr. J. D. Grey, pastor First Baptist Church of New Orleans. There will be three sessions on Tuesday, January 11, and the Conference will close Wednesday, January 12 at noon.

In addition to the addresses, there will be conference periods on personal soul-winning, rural evangelism and the simultaneous evangelistic campaign.

The Conference last year attracted a large number of pastors and laymen from over the State. We expect this year's meeting to be equally successful.

Hotel reservations should be made immediately by those who want them. The hotels which will have rooms available are the Kentucky, Seelbach, Watterson and Henry Clay. Why not write for your reservation today?

A Plan to Subvert Our Constitution

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body. And their close integration and centralized administration give them a powerful instrument for advancing their claims. They are able to bring political and economic pressure to bear along with persuasive arguments to further their program.

Thus they are now offering themselves as the advocates of "genuine freedom" and impartial government relations. They even designate themselves as the guardians and defenders of "democracy" in our United States. We cannot afford to ignore their basic teachings nor to overlook the history of their practice through 1,200 years. We must press them to say what is their theory of freedom and impartiality in Spain, Austria, and Hungary, to name only three of many countries in which their practice contradicts their present profession in this country.

The most immediate issue involves our entire public school system, a system which high Catholic authority has condemned through its entire history. In Louisville, Kentucky (doubtless in many other cities likewise, there has for some time been a campaign by Catholic educational leaders in favor of parochial schools of all denominations sharing on a percentage basis in public funds. Only a day or two before the announcement from Washington, the priest who superintends the parochial system for this diocese had strongly advocated just this formula, supporting it with specious arguments well calculated to mislead uninformed and superficial readers. The danger and the subtlety of this contention was discerned by the editorial staff of our chief daily journal. A vigorous, clear-sighted editorial opposed the contentions of this "father." An editorial appeared the next day (Sunday) after the Washington proclamation, which was no doubt already in the editorial office when the editorial was written. That same night two speakers before a Catholic audience denounced the editorial and further urged the Catholic plea. This is much more than a straw in the wind. It is a definite indication that the plan of campaign is already worked out and known to the spokesmen of the church. Indeed, one of our two Louisville speakers had been brought on from New York for this occasion.

Even apart from the violation of the American principle involved in the use of public funds for parochial schools, the recognition of parochial schools as on a par with the public schools and

sharing proportionately in the funds from taxation might easily be the beginning of the end of the public school system. Latterly there is definite increase in parochial schools among Protestants. If all the Protestant denominations should build up complete parochial systems, utter confusion and ultimate destruction of the system would inevitably follow. Or, if not, the public school would be left to anti-religion and the religiously indifferent.

In this case government would be compelled to make a vast body of "law affecting an institution of religion"—of an indefinite number of religions. For, obviously, no such system of education could be conducted without an extensive body of legal regulation.

Strategy

What ought Americans who believe in the American principle and are convinced of the necessity for its preservation to do in the face of this now open war to bring America into a career radically contradictory to that which has guided our destiny up to this point?

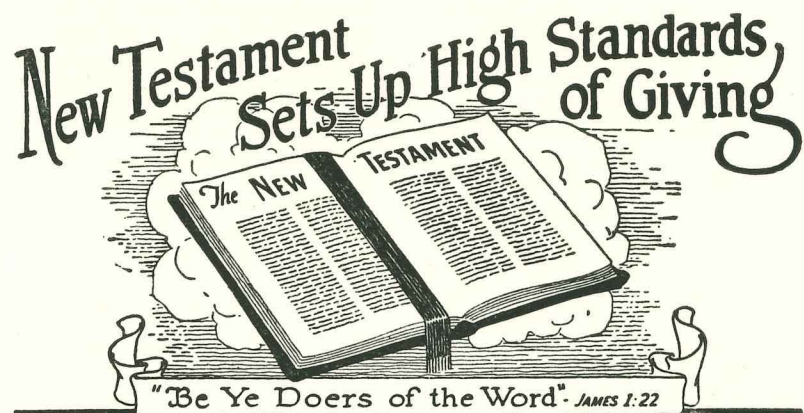
First of all we need to insist with fresh vigor and with renewed consecration on conducting our campaign on principle, in Christian spirit, with clear understanding, with unflinching courage, and with sympathetic interest in all our fellow Americans of every faith and honest practice. Let there be no appeals to emotionalism, no arousing prejudices, no personal hatreds and animosities, above all no sort of encouragement to secret vicious, lawless organizations. Our fight must be on the high level of principle, for a vital issue, for the perpetuity of our faith and our national life.

Let it be clearly understood that much education is needed. There are many in Protestant churches in America who

have never grasped the necessity for separation of church and state. This will apply particularly in the matter of schools. Except for the denominations which either originated in or attained their magnitude in the United States, our larger denominations derive from churches in Europe which have a long history of state support. These churches in many cases and in a large total aggregate are projections of denominations which to the present are state churches, in which the church either wholly or in large measure conducts the government school systems. In the case of a number of others the church houses are erected, the pastors' salaries are paid, and all other necessary expenses are provided by public taxation and are ultimately administered by government officials. The fundamental error of this system has not been seen by the leaders of the churches. It has not been possible for the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to go the full length of the American principle, frankly for the reason that some members of the Council cannot realize importance of the issue and would be greatly embarrassed to take a position which contradicted the practice of their brethren of the same denomination in Europe.

There are now organizations definitely committed to the defense of this principle and to the clear committal of the present generation to its preservation and maintenance. "The Joint Conference of Committees on Public Relations" of Baptist Conventions in the United States combines the conviction and the energies of the vast body of American Baptists in this interest. In 1947 a comprehensive organization was effected to include "Protestants and Others United for the Separation of Church and State." Both of these organizations, as well as committees or commissions of other denominations and of fraternal organizations, have offices in Washington City. More and more they are coming into close co-operation in a campaign which they recognize to be of radical and urgent importance. It is now the duty of the leaders all over the land to inform the people and to enlist them in a campaign over an issue which involves all our liberties, civil as well as religious.

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Kentucky Baptists And Their Schools

By POWHATAN W. JAMES, President
Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky.

DR. JOHN H. BUCHANAN, pastor of the South Side Baptist Church, Birmingham, delivered before the recent General Association of Baptists in Kentucky the most statesman like address on Christian Education I have heard in years.

The speaker made it very clear that Christian Education on the college, seminary, and training school levels is essential to the progress and permanency of any denomination.

It was also shown that the progress of Baptists, whether at home or abroad, has ever been in proportion to their emphasis upon Christian Education. This truth is so obvious that it is surprising that Baptists have not done far more for their schools. Baptists know, or certainly they should know, that they cannot rely upon the State or upon other denominations to train the many thousands of leaders needed by their churches and their world-wide organizations.

Baptists are no longer an insignificant group. They are a world force for reasons other than their numbers, perhaps fifteen million. It is their teachings—their principals—which give them special significance in this age of democracy's testing. Their basic principles—the Lordship of Christ, the authority of the Bible, the competency and worth of the individual, separation of church and state, soul liberty, spiritual interpretation of the ordinances, and believer's baptism—are some of the New Testament teachings which this troubled and confused world needs to know, believe and apply in the solution of many of its ills.

Democracy Rests on Education

Every democracy, whether political or religious, must educate its constituents in the fundamental principles which underly that democracy. Otherwise, it is only a question of time before that democracy will degenerate into an autocracy or a dictatorship. Both leaders and followers need such instruction and training.

The Baptist denomination is about as near a pure democracy as anything the world has seen. Take the Southern Baptist Convention, for example. It is a democratic body, composed of approximately 26,000 autonomous units called churches. Each church is a law unto itself. No overlordship except that of Christ is recognized by any Baptist church. Only the Bible is accepted as the authoritative rule and guide to faith and practice. These 26,000 churches have over 6,000,000 members, all of

whom have equal rights and authority in their respective churches. The vote of the humblest member counts for just as much as the vote of the pastor or the deacon or the millionaire or the Ph.D. Therefore, it is of utmost importance

Being Buried In The Watery Grave



Mr. Garlan Carter—one of 59 who were baptized by Pastor V. Bradford Curry recently at the close of a two weeks' revival meeting at Glasgow, Ky.—going down into the watery grave. During that time there was a total of 102 additions. Wayne Dehoney, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Paducah, was the evangelist.

that Baptists major on Christian Education for an ever-increasing proportion of their membership.

Baptists Are Behind

In the light of these truths it is evident that the half million Baptists of Kentucky are behind in the provisions they

have made for Christian Education on the college level. They have one senior college (Georgetown), and three junior colleges (Bethel, Campbellsville, and Cumberland). These four colleges have a combined dormitory capacity of about 1,200 boarding students. The 1947 edition of *The College Blue Book* reports the endowment of these four colleges as follows: Cumberland \$644,000; Georgetown \$581,000; Bethel \$12,000, and Campbellsville \$8,000; a total of \$1,245,000, which, at 3½ per cent will yield \$43,575. Of course Georgetown should have an endowment of at least \$2,000,000, and each of the junior colleges not less than \$1,000,000. Around 15,000 Baptist young people of Kentucky were in college somewhere during the 1947-48 session. Probably 1,000 of them were in the Baptist colleges of Kentucky. In other words, we have made provision for one in 15 of our own young people in our own schools. That is bad! It is even tragic!

What Can We Do About It?

First, we can realize the inadequacy of what we have done and are doing for Christian Education.

Second, we can decide that, with God's help, we will do better, much better, to meet the challenge which our numbers and our needs have thrust upon us.

Third, we can put on a continuing publicity campaign for our schools like the wonderful campaign which has produced such amazing results for our orphanages. Only thus can every Baptist in Kentucky be made aware of their schools and be given a sense of obligation concerning them. In a comparatively short time the seemingly impossible has been wrought for the 300 or more orphans in our two homes. And not a Baptist in Kentucky went hungry, even for one meal because of it. The same thing can be done for the colleges, and not one of the great causes, dear to our hearts, need suffer because of what could and should be done for the schools.

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Georgia Goes 50-50

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention will divide its Co-operative Program receipts with the Southern Baptist Convention next year on a 50-50 basis.

The convention, in its 127th annual session, adopted a budget of \$1,022,400 for 1949 and increased its distribution from the old basis of 45 per cent to world-wide causes. The 1949 budget represents an increase of about \$135,000.

Dr. Spright Dowell, president of Mercer University for the past 21 years, was elected convention president to succeed Columbus Roberts, layman of Columbus.

The convention amended its constitution to enlarge the executive committee to approximately 115 members, providing one from each district association and 20 from the state-at-large.

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

Standard Sunday Schools

The following have been added to our list of Standard Sunday Schools:

Clark's Creek—Pastor Donald White; Superintendent Roy Littrell.

Cumberland, Central—Pastor Bailey Sadler; Superintendent Manly Edwards.

Vine Grove—Pastor E. Warren Rusk; Superintendent R. H. Bennett.

Mt. Zion—Pastor L. N. Stamper; Superintendent Arthur Barnes.

Week At Crab Orchard

The writer spent a pleasant week with the Crab Orchard Church where Pastor M. F. Ferguson is doing a good work. We are grateful for such pastors and their good wives.

Win 42,000 Now

Kentucky will want to do its share in attaining a goal for 600,000 increase in Sunday school enrollment in the South this year. Kentucky should win 42,000 of this number. **BETTER START NOW IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY BEGUN WORK.** Enrol every baby in the Cradle Roll department. Enrol in the Extension department every one who can attend Sunday school above the Cradle Roll department. Start more classes. The new class will average ten new pupils. **KENTUCKY SUPERINTENDENTS, LET US LEAD OUT IN THE NEXT THREE MONTHS FOR SUCH GAINS.** Will you join us?

The High Ten In Training

The following churches led in October and November in the number of training awards:

Louisville, Franklin Street	123
Glasgow, First	85
Murray, First	77
Harlan, First	66
Paducah, First	57
Louisville, Victory Memorial	53
Lebanon	53
Pleasant Hill (Christian Co.)	44
Louisville, Walnut Street	44
Dayton, First	43

High Six In Standards

The following are the leading associations in the number of Standard Sunday schools:

Ten Mile 7, Nelson 6, Laurel River 4, Crittenden 3, Upper Cumberland 3.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

December 5, 1948

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St., (4)	222	1,554
Louisville, 9th and O (1)	188	1,091
Harrodsburg (1)	93	1,000
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	980	
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	180	963
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	178	885
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	220	848
Owensboro, First (1)	33	792
Covington, Latonia (2)	120	782
Bowling Green, First (1)	15	758
Lexington, Calvary (1)	27	753
Frankfort, First (1)	93	748
Lexington, Immanuel		671
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	101	571
Glasgow (1)	34	562
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (3)	138	561
Murray, First		559
Louisville, West Broadway		552
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	122	546
Newport, First (1)	70	539
Louisville, 23rd and Bdwy. (1)	42	539
Madisonville, First		523

Ashland, Pollard (1)	34	515
Mayfield, First		508
Berea (1)	48	459
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley		481
Owensboro, Third		478
Lexington, Grace		465
Danville, First (1)	23	464
Barbourville, First (1)	32	462
Corbin, First		451
Louisville, Eastern Pkwy.		444
Louisville, Clifton (1)	46	443
London, First		442
Danville, Lexington Ave.		436
Williamsburg, First		430
Hazard, First (2)	101	406
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	31	405
Louisville, 18th Street		394
Covington, South Side		392
Louisville, St. Matthews		385
Hopkinsville, Second		380
Hopkinsville, First		379
Greenville (1)	100	369
Franklin, First (1)	26	363
Campbellsville		359
Hodgenville, First		358
Louisville, Franklin St.		358
Erlanger (1)	34	357
Henderson, First		333
Bellevue		333
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	30	312
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	49	311
Shively		311
Lebanon		307
Cynthiana (1)	17	306
Middlesboro, E Cumberland Ave.		300
Winchester, Central		293
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek		286
Louisville, South Side		281
Fulton, First		277
Versailles		274
Owensboro, Hall Street		272
Richmond, First (1)	25	271
Pleasant Hill (near Campbellsville)		269
Paducah, Twelfth Street (1)	56	263
Henderson, Audubon (1)	17	263
Willisburg		249
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.		244
Louisville, Kenwood		243
Taylorsville		240
Midway		237
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial		230
Dayton, First		226
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial		222
Louisville, Baptist Temple		215
High Spint		214
Bardstown		213
Lawrenceburg, First		205
Jeffersontown		200

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE,
State Secretary

SYMPATHY EXTENDED

Our sympathy is extended to Dr. W. A. Gardiner in this hour of sorrow because of the death of his sister, Miss Hasseltine Gardiner, who passed away November 18, in Arkadelphia, Arkansas.

REPORT FOR GENERAL ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

October 1, 1947-September 30, 1948

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1934 and 1948

In the chart below, the first column shows the figures for February 1, 1934 (the day when your present State Training Union Secretary began work in this capacity), and the second the report for October 1, 1948:

	Feb. 1934	Oct. 1948
Churches with Training		
Union Work	569	1,001
Training Unions with		
Directors	218	862
Number Units (Story Hours		
and Unions	1,368	3,794
Total Enrollment	30,260	67,946
Associations Organized	28	47
Regions Organized	5	8

Associational Work

Increasing interest in Associational work was created and unusually fine work done by Rev. W. Neville Claxon, who was State Director of Associational Work from June 1, 1947 to March 15,

1948. In May, Rev. and Mrs. Claxon and their three year old daughter, Carol Ann, sailed for the Gold Coast of Africa where they are serving well as missionaries under our Foreign Mission Board. We pray God's blessings upon them and their work there. We are praying that soon we may secure the right one to be the Director of Associational Work.

On October 25, a State-Clinic for Associational Officers was held at Victory Memorial Baptist Church, Louisville.

Associational Mass Meeting

In December, 1947 there were several thousand in attendance upon the Associational Mass Meetings.

The next Southern Baptist Training Union Night will be on Monday, December 6, 1948, when there should be at least 7,500 in 78 Associational meetings in Kentucky. The Associational Director, or if Association is not organized, some interested person is responsible for planning the program and arranging for the meeting. The theme suggested is "Found Faithful." Southern Baptist Training Union Night in 1949 will be Monday, December 5.

Watch Night Service in Every Church

It is suggested that every Training Union hold or co-operate with the church in holding a Watch Night Service on Friday night, December 31, with a program of fellowship, thanksgiving, and dedication to be "found faithful" as Christ calls: "Follow Me."

Study Course Month

Much progress and increased interest in Study Course work has been noted during the past year.

Hereafter, April of each year is suggested as Study Course month, although for many churches one or two weeks in other months will be more suitable. Each church needs to study the Manuals and conduct an Enlargement Campaign.

For the completion of many books in both the Training Union and Sunday Schools Courses, either Training Union or Sunday School credit will now be given.

Please write this department for Study Course pamphlet, Enlargement Campaign tract, and Study Course Award Blanks.

Three Thousand Attend State Convention

Three thousand attended the State Convention at Bowling Green in April. This was an unusually great Convention in many respects. About 200 came in the Life Dedication Service.

Our next State Convention will meet with First and Tabernacle Baptist Church, Paducah, beginning on Wednesday night, April 20 and closing on Friday night, April 22. Free bed and breakfast will be furnished to all. Please place this on your calendar now. Already churches and associations are planning to charter buses. Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, president of the Baptist World Alliance, and Dr. W. E. Denham, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, will be two of the speakers.

Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. W. P. STUART
Interim Executive Secretary

FAITH

Faith came singing into my room,
And other guests took flight;
Fear and Anxiety, Grief and Gloom,
Sped out into the night.
I wondered that such peace could be,
But Faith said gently—"Don't you see!
They really could not live with me."
—Author Unknown

Attention—Associational Superintendents, W. M. S. Presidents and Young People's Leaders

Of the seventy-one Associations in our W. M. U. Roster all the superintendents but ten have sent in the list of 1949 Associational Officers. That truly is a record and bespeaks of efficiency among our officers. But what of the ten? We are sure that you want your officers given the information that is due them and that something very pressing has hindered your reporting; but, please, at once, send us their names, addresses, and offices.

It is of greatest importance that presidents and young people's leaders fill in the card questionnaires that were sent to the presidents concerning the 1949 officers. It is absolutely necessary that these officers get the literature and other helps that they may efficiently carry on the work. Materials will be sent only to those societies which send in this information.

HE LEADETH ME

In "green pastures?" Not always; sometimes He Who knowest best, in kindness leadeth me
In weary ways, where heavy shadows be.
Out of the sunshine, warm and soft, and bright
Out of the sunshine into darkest night,
I oft' would faint with sorrows and affright,
Only for this: I know He holds my hand;
So, whether led in green or desert land,
I trust, although I may not understand.
Beside "still waters?" No, not always so;
Ofttimes the heavy tempests 'round me blow.
But when the storms beat loudest, and I cry
Aloud for help, the Master standeth by,
And whispers to my soul, "Lo, it is I."
Above the tempest wild I hear Him say:
"Beyond this darkness lies the perfect day;
In every path of thine I lead the way."
So, whether on the hill-tops high and fair
I dwell, or in the sunless valleys where
The shadows lie, what matter? He is there.
And more than this; where'er the pathway lead,
He gives to me no helpless, broken reed,
But His own hand, sufficient for my need.
—Henry H. Barry

In Sympathy

The prayers and sympathy of the Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky are with our State President, Mrs. George R. Ferguson and her family during these days of sorrow and loneliness. Many messages have been sent which bespeak our love and concern, but in ourselves we feel powerless to help. We can and do point her to One who never fails when called upon for comfort, One Whose strong arm does not grow weak and Whose ear is not deaf to the petitions of His children.

It is her Christ that has sustained her

thus far and Who will continue to comfort and care.

Correction

Due to wrong information that came to this office, we reported recently the death of the husband of Mrs. J. W. Clark, one of our Associational Superintendents. We are most happy to be able to say that this report is untrue and that Mr. Clark is alive and enjoying the best of health.

Kentucky Baptists And Their Schools

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Fourth, we can and should elevate Christian Education in our thinking to the dignity of a Bible doctrine right along beside missions. These two doctrines belong together because Christ placed them so in His ministry, and in the Great Commission. He wanted His followers to be converted, baptized, and taught. And I believe that He is very much interested in who teaches them.

Fifth, we can, within the next ten years, double the capacity and the equipment of our four colleges and increase their combined endowments to five million dollars. To do all of this would require ten million dollars. But what of it! Kentucky Baptists have the money—lots of it. Once they get the vision and the conviction they will multiply their giving to Christian Education many fold. And furthermore, thousands of them will begin to put the colleges into their wills for monies, houses, lands and other forms of property.

Sixth, we can pray for our schools and those who direct them; we can feature Christian Education Month in our churches; we can send our young people to Baptist schools and we can thank God that our Baptist colleges in Kentucky are true to the faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

WHODONIT?

I am the person who delights to embarrass people. I breeze up to someone, flash my best Sunday-go-to-meeting grin, and ask the cornered one: "Do you know ME? Honestly now, who am I? What is my name? Come on, tell me!"

I just enjoy seeing people in confusion, trying to be civil. Of course it never occurs to me that if the person should use the name he has in mind my ego would simply be crushed. Nor does it ever dawn on me that the poor, longsuffering one may have met thousands since he saw me years ago. And anyway; who's more important than I am? I'd like to know. People are just not good mixers unless they remember me, and right now!
—I. M. P. Cular.

The Church And The World

God's church is His only institution in this world. All others are built of man's planning and ingenuity. The church—wherever it be a true church—is the only body in the world that can be called *spiritual*. To this body, and from the world, God calls the people of the world. For a church to try to make itself appealing to the world taste, and thus attract people into it is its greatest mistake. God wants His church to be different from the world. He does not want us to change the church so the world will love it; He wants us to preach a Gospel that will change sinners into church-loving saints. Buell H. Kazee.

Sunday School Lesson for December 19, 1948

Subject: Good News in The Bible.
Lesson Text: Luke 2:1-14.
Golden Text: Luke 2:10.

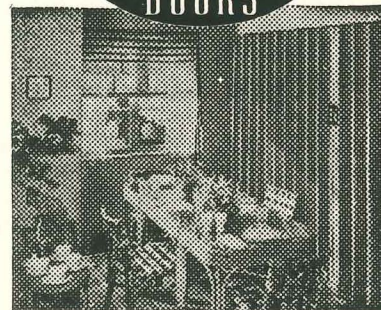
"Now—I PUT
MY KITCHEN AWAY
—AFTER BREAKFAST"



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Statement by the Foreign Mission Board Concerning Administration of Relief Funds

At its semi-annual meeting in October the Foreign Mission Board carefully reviewed the administration of relief funds by the Relief Committee of the Board. After registering its unanimous support of the administration the Board requested that the following statement be made to our Southern Baptist constituency:

The Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board was set up on instructions of the Southern Baptist Convention to administer relief as a separate undertaking from our regular foreign missionary program. It was clearly understood that contributions received for relief were to be used to help feed and clothe destitute people in any areas where severe and desperate need existed.

From time to time, the Relief Committee has reported to Southern Baptists concerning the policies of its administration. In the May issue of *The Baptist Program* a report was given showing that its administration has been based upon the following principles: (1) To use relief funds in areas of greatest human destitution and misery. (2) To distribute relief through Baptist agencies and channels wherever they are available in areas of destitution. (3) To give priority to the needs of destitute Baptists in all areas where they can be reached. (4) In areas where no Baptist channels exist, the committee has sought to use the next most effective and dependable channels for reaching destitute people with help. In many cases, other channels had to be used to get help to various Baptist groups in Europe, with which our committee had no direct contact.

For a year or more following the surrender of Germany, relief, either in the form of money to be administered on the field or in the form of clothing and food, could be sent into Europe only through channels having government approval. Government authorities refused to certify individual denominational relief agencies. For this reason, an organization called *Church World Service* was formed and was given government recognition to handle relief supplies for the various denominations as they requested. Through this agency, the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board was able to reach Baptist groups in Europe and thousands of other starving people many months earlier than they could have been reached through any other means. This organization was able to establish purchasing and shipping facilities, set up warehouses for receiving shipments in other lands, provide for clearing customs and securing entrance permits, and to arrange for many other details at a time when individual groups

working separately could not possibly have done these things.

Among other agencies used by the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board to send aid to areas of severe destitution where no Southern Baptist representatives were located were *The Friends Service Committee, The American Bible Society, The Tolstoy Foundation, and the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society's Relief Committee*. For a short period of time, one of the most severe shortages of food in all the world developed in India and Burma, where hundreds of thousands of people starved. The Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board had no shipping, purchasing, receiving and distributing agencies of its own in that area. Aid was therefore sent through the Relief Committee of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society of the Northern Baptist Convention.

Following the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen in 1947, channels were set up for handling relief in Europe through the relief committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

All funds and materials contributed through the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board are now distributed through Baptist relief channels in Europe and Asia. Urgent appeals are being made for immediate help for the following purposes: (1) Displaced Baptists in Europe, (2) Baptist refugees from the Balkans, (3) Baptists in Austria and Germany, (4) Baptists in Northern and Southern Europe, (5) shipments of clothing to Asia and Europe.—*George W. Sadler, Administrator, Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board; M. Theron Rankin, Executive Secretary, Foreign Mission Board.*

A Plan To Subvert Our Constitution

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Pastors and other leaders of our own and other denominations cannot leave this important matter now wholly to the organizations and committees in Washington to defend our principle and to work for recovery from the violations of this principle already made. A general concern among the evangelical people will be necessary to support and enforce the work to be done by our rep-

resentatives in Washington. The pressure must be continued and increased upon the President to withdraw the ambassador to the Vatican. Such an ambassador is a violation both of the Constitution and of a specific law passed some eighty years ago to correct an evil at that time. Legislation must be constantly watched. Especially is it necessary to prevent the Eighty-first Congress from including in the Federal Education Bill the amendment now pending to give legal federal sanction to the violation of the principle of separation of church and state in such states as have already permitted the invasion of public school funds by parochial schools. We are to expect efforts for other legislation looking toward the overthrow of this principle.

Also, our representatives in Washington must keep a constant watch for violations, intentionally or unwittingly, of this principle by the various departments of government.

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A Hymn Centenary

By **ERNEST O. SELLERS**
New Orleans, La.

The year 1948 marks the centenary of two of our best known and used hymns, "Abide With Me," by Henry F. Lyte, and "There is a Green Hill Far Away" by Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander. We are considering only the last one.

Mrs. Alexander was the wife of the bishop of Londonderry and primate of all Ireland. As a young woman she was seated one day by the bed side of a young girl hovering between life and death. As she was quietly thinking the words of this hymn came into her mind and she at once wrote them down. The sick child recovered and always afterward claimed that she had a big share in the ownership of this truly great hymn.

The deep meaning of the hymn is set forth in the line in verse one, "Who died to save us all." Verse two speaks of the anguish of Christ upon the cross and verse three calls attention to our pardon through a righteousness which is not our own. In verse four we are reminded that heaven's gate is fast closed against everything that defiles, while verse five sums up all the verses by a tender appeal that we should love each other even as Christ loved us. We ought never to omit any verse but sing the entire hymn.

Gounod the famous French musician sent his daughter to a school in England where pupils were taught to memorize hymns. Returning home she recited this hymn to her father. Because of its simplicity Gounod pronounced it the most beautiful hymn in the English lan-

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guage and gave it a musical setting which is to be found in many hymn books. The tune, however, that is perhaps best known and most widely used is the musical craftsmanship of George C. Stebbins, sometimes called, "Stebbins." It is truly a great hymn judged by any or all standards.—New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Donald White Ordained To Gospel Ministry At Thorn Hill Church

FRANKFORT, Ky., October 24.—The Thorn Hill Baptist Church, this city, met in special session this afternoon to

ordain Mr. Donald White to the full gospel ministry.

The council was composed of Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, Pastors Roy Lyons, James Cox, James Wright, William Shearer, Robert H. Culpepper, Robert Jackson, Carroll Trotter, J. B. Lunsford and Carl Epperson.

After Brother White told of his conversion and call to the ministry, Pastor Lyons led in the questioning and preached the ordination sermon. Dr. Moffatt gave the charge to the candidate, and Mr. Trotter brought the charge to the church. After the laying on of hands William Shearer offered the ordination prayer. Deacon Charles Bryan, of Thornhill, presented the Bible.

Mr. White is a student at Georgetown College and is pastor of the Clark's Creek Church at Elliston, Ky.

DETAILS—One test of bigness is in doing little things in a big way.—*Christian Union Herald*.

A Christmas Appeal on Behalf of Israel

The war left deep scars on the spiritual and economic life of the world. Europe is on the verge of bankruptcy and if it were not for the help coming from North America her plight would be disastrous. Nations which before the war commanded wealth and power are now in need of the bare necessities of life. This is particularly true with regard to the Jews. European Jewry is on the verge of ruin. Six millions have been butchered at the hands of wicked foes and the surviving million and a half are life shadows of what once was a living community. Spiritually and Economically they are like the dead bones of Ezekiel's Vision and unless the spirit of love and comfort comes upon them they will never rise again.

The Jewish community in Poland, which before the war numbered three and a half million, was reduced to one hundred and fifty thousand. The spiritual and material need of the survivors is indescribable. Jews in Germany are still behind barbed wire because there are no homes for them to which to return. The Jewish plight is beyond words. The need of the sick, of the widows and orphans cries to God for Mercy.

Among the most needy of all are the Jewish Christians. Thousands of them are in dire need. Their lot is even worse than that of the Jews, since they have no large constituencies from which to draw help and sympathy as the Jews have, nor can they go to Palestine, as the Jews can. The Jewish societies cannot help them because their responsibilities to their community are heavy enough. The Jewish Christians, who are members of the churches in Europe, are the responsibility of the Christian. The churches in Europe unfortunately are impoverished and are in no position to help.

Hundreds of Jewish Christian children lost their parents in concentration camps or in gas-chambers. There are a great many Orphans and they are our responsibility. The Jews look after their own orphans; the Roman Catholics do likewise, but who is going to look after the children whose parents belonged to the various Protestant Communions, and who are of Jewish origin? Shall we abandon them to the Jewish or Roman Catholic Agencies?

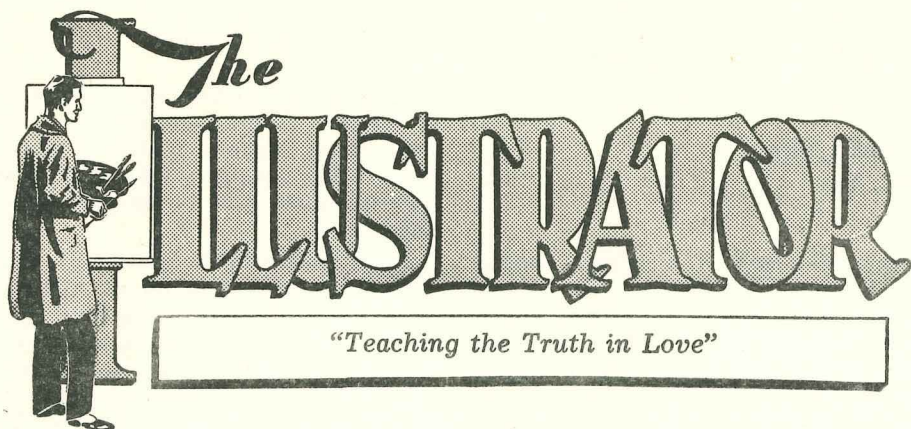
What Can be done? For \$1.00 you can sustain the life of an orphan for a day and for \$5.00 you can send a parcel of food and clothing and thus bring joy and thanksgiving to a Jewish Christian home. For a little more, you could help some young person to emigrate into a new land and begin life once again as a free and independent person.

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How Subtle Is Temptation!

Stewart Anderson, in preaching on temptation, reminds us that Bobby Leach, the Englishman, startled the world by going over Niagara Falls in a barrel without suffering serious harm. Some years later he was walking down the street, slipped on an orange peeling, and was taken to the hospital with a badly fractured leg. Dr. Anderson adds, "Some great temptations, which roars around us like Niagara, may leave us unharmed. But a little, insignificant incident may often cause our downfall simply because we were not looking for it."—K. Morgan Edwards, in "Battle with Temptation."

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Hiding The Book

A colporteur in North India told the Christmas story, and then read it from the Scriptures. One asked, "How long has it been since God's Son was born into the world?"

"About two thousand years," the missionary made reply.

"Then," asked the villager, "who has been hiding this book all this time?"—Baptist Bulletin Service.

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The "Lump" That Abstinence Made

A man who was passing a saloon was hailed by the proprietor who said: "You never come in any more. Have you quit drinking?"

"Yes," said the man, "and since I quit, I have had such a lump in my side."

"Well," said the proprietor, "you had better begin to drink again or it may get a lot worse."

"Oh, I am sure it will get bigger and bigger," said the man. "Here it is." And he reached into a pocket and pulled out a well-stuffed wallet.—Magazine Digest.

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The Farmer Analyzes Church Attendance

An old farmer who attended a church conference commented: "You amuse me, for you have papers and discussions on how to get people to come to your meetings. I have never heard a single address at a farmer's meeting on how to

get cattle to come up to the rack. We put all our time on the best kind of feed."

—Harold Shelly, *Sunday School Times*.

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What If...?

A skeptic once derided a Christian worker by asking: "Say, George, what would you say if, when you die, you found there were no such place as heaven after all?" The believer smiled, as he replied: "I'd say, Well, I've had a fine time getting through life, anyway?" Then he added his own keen retort: "What would you say if, when you die, you found there were such a place as hell, after all?"—Baptist Bulletin Service.

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Luke 16:19 Paraphrased

Now there was a certain rich nation, whose people were clothed in nylon and linen, faring sumptuously every day; and certain beggar nations were laid low over the world, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich nation's table. . .—Adapted, Baptist Bulletin Service.

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"Line Upon Line, Precept Upon Precept"

One day I came upon a gang of men who were building a mammoth wall. I said to one of the workers, "That's a mighty big job you have on your hands."

He laughed and replied: "It isn't so bad. You do it one brick at a time."—Louis E. Thayer, *Telescope-Messenger*.

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The Suggestion Satan Liked

Once upon a time Satan asked his helpers to propose ways and means of breaking up a revival meeting being held on the earth. One said:

"I would tell the people that there is no God, no devil, no heaven, no hell, and they should eat, drink, and be merry for tomorrow we die."

"You need not go," said Satan. "No one would believe you."

Another imp, shrewder, said: "Let me go and tell them that the Bible is a good book but that it is only partially true. I would tell them there is a God and a heaven but no devil and no hell,

and that no matter how they live they will be eternally happy."

But Satan said: "Only a minority would believe that."

Finally the shrewdest imp said: "I would tell them the Bible is all true and that they must make a choice between God and Satan, but there is no hurry."

"Go," said Satan. "You have the system."—Christian Action.

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Believest Thou?

A good reply to an atheist is to give him a good dinner and then ask him if he believes there is a cook.—Free Methodist.

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What It Takes

The late Bishop Knox of Manchester, England, told a story of a miner who called himself an infidel. One day in the mine some coal began to fall, and the man cried out: "Lord, save me!"

Then a fellow miner turned to him and said: "Aye, there's nothing like cobs of coal to knock the infidelity out of a man."—Howard A. Kuhnle, "Christian worship," *Pulpit Digest*.

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Unexpectedly Called On

The speaker who's "totally unprepared" When called upon to speak, Seems always more apt, than one who's not,

To talk for at least a week.

—S. H. Dewhurst, *Grit*.

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God Versus World

I won't say that if you become a Christian God will make a world champion miler out of you. But I do say this, if you accept the Lord Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and yield your life to Him, He will put you just where He wants you to be and you'll be mighty satisfied with it.

I don't see why God allowed me to satisfy all of my personal desires except that every bit of it has gone to His honor and glory. Let Jesus come into your heart and He'll make you a success in whatever you do; shut Him out and you'll never be the real success you could and should be. Many people feel that athletics or other worldly pursuits are all that matter in life. They throw aside everything else, even their Christian beliefs.

Remember this, always—whenever you stand up for your beliefs, in the Christian spirit, the world will admire you. What can the world give you that God can't give you, plus much more? Sacrifice none of your principles for the world; some may scoff, but they secretly respect you.—Gil Dodds, in *Baptist Bulletin Service*.

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No one can live wrong and pray right; no man who prays right can live wrong.—Origin unknown.

Baptist Colleges and Federal Aid

By JOE W BURTON
Editor, Home Life

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The recurring question of government aid to religious institutions must be faced again in our Baptist colleges if the federal educational aid program becomes law.

The proposed educational bill, according to news reports, will offer aid to religious schools if they meet the educational standards which will be written into the bill.

The proffer of federal aid to denomination institutions involves at once the traditional American and Baptist position with reference to separation of church and state. It does so very definitely for Baptists, for our colleges are a vital part of the denominational program of Christian education.

Indeed, federal aid to Baptist colleges may not only undercut our position of separation of church, but it could also attack the integrity of our message even on the campuses which our forefathers have created. At a time when institutions are crowded, and when some may attend Baptist colleges simply because they are able to gain admittance, if, in addition, federal aid is offered, there could be a growing challenge to our maintenance of colleges distinctively Christian and Baptist.

Now the colleges must have support, large financial support. But if they ac-

cept support from sources which also control, and in a manner to compromise the distinctive message and function of Baptists, then they will have surrendered the fundamental position assumed by our forefathers in establishing Baptist colleges.

The pressure of secularism is surely on all of them. There is a tremendous influence which would draw them into the vortex of conformity to the world's pattern and away from their distinctive function as Baptist institutions. Indeed, such pressure is on Baptists at every point of their witnessing, toward the center of conformity, and away from their right to use the New Testament.

It appears that the proposed federal educational program poses a problem which Baptists generally, and college administrations particularly, must study most carefully.

Woman Converted At Arizona Convention; New College Started

CHANDLER, Ariz.—(BP)—Southern Baptists in Arizona—63 churches with a membership of 10,198—have adopted a \$157,000 budget for 1949 and voted to open Grand Canyon Baptist College at Prescott next fall.

The annual convention of the denomination heard reports that the churches baptized more than 1,000 persons during the past year. Rev. Frank Sutton, pastor of the Eastside Baptist Church of Phoenix, was elected president.

It was voted to incorporate Grand Canyon College immediately, to employ a dean as soon as possible to set up a curriculum and secure a faculty, and to ask the churches to complete the raising of \$100,000 for the college by the end of the year. The city of Prescott has offered temporary quarters for the opening of the school.

A high hour of the Convention came when Dr. Alfred Carpenter of the Home Mission Board dropped usual formality of a Convention session to make an invitation at the close of his address. One woman was converted and scores of others rededicated their lives.

Winfrey Durrent, Native Kentuckian, Ordained By East Texas Church

KILGORE, Texas, November 15.—M. Winfrey Durrent, a native son of Kentucky, was ordained by the First Baptist Church here on October 31 before a congregation of 400. The home church of Brother Durrent, where he was con-

verted and baptized, is the Vharity Baptist Church, Columbia, Ky.

Following the public examination conducted by Pastor Howard C. Bennett of the ordaining church, Dr. Harvey Daniel Bruce, president of East Texas Baptist College, preached the ordination sermon. The ordination prayer was led by Claude Miller after which the council, composed of more than 20 members, participated in the laying-on-of-hands. Brother Durrent and his wife were extended the hand of fellowship, after which he led in the prayer of benediction.

In connection with his studies at the East Texas Baptist College, Brother Durrent serves as pastor of the Memorial Chapel, one of three missions sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Kilgore. The pastoral duties are full-time, as all regular services are conducted each Sunday as well as the mid-week prayer service.

Pastor Ayer Seeks To Enlist The Away-From-Home Baptists In Gotham

W. F. Powell to Help in
Calvary Meeting

NEW YORK CITY.—Dr. William Ward Ayer, Pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in New York, has announced the launching of a unique program which is of special significance to Southern Baptists. It contemplates the aligning of large numbers of our people with a Baptist church in New York. It is estimated that 50,000 Southern Baptists reside in New York's metropolitan area. Many of these are not attending worship services in any of the churches. Dr. Ayer and his church have made them their special concern.

A program of home visitation has been instigated and Dr. Ayer has called upon all Southern Baptist pastors, Bible School Superintendents, and church workers to send him the names and addresses of all Southern Baptists living in the metropolitan area of New York City, that he may visit them and send them invitations for a week of special "Southern" meeting to be held beginning January 16 with Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tenn. Dr. Powell will preach the entire week and the church is planning a number of get-acquainted functions for men, women and young people during the revival period.

KNOWLEDGE—Some people have to carry their diplomas with them to prove they've been to college.—Prof. Kapstijn, Brown University.

General Eisenhower's example should be an encouragement to youngsters. Every boy has the opportunity to grow up and not be President if he doesn't want to.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

Texas Baptists Set Up \$10,000,000 Budget; Goal of \$100,000 Souls

HOUSTON, Tex.—(BP)—Texas Baptists, meeting here in their centennial session, enthusiastically adopted a 1949 budget of \$10,000,000, of which \$6,000,000 will go to schools and hospitals, \$1,100,000 to state causes, and \$2,900,000 to Southern Baptist Convention causes.

The huge financial goal was set with the understanding no institution will stage a campaign for funds outside the overall correlated effort.

Dr. Wallace Bassett, pastor of the Cliff Temple Baptist Church of Dallas, was re-elected president.

A survey committee, making its report, recommend that major emphasis in 1949 be placed on evangelism with a goal of 100,000 souls to be won. They suggested for attaining their goal: a revival in every church in the state, assistance of city pastors in the central campaign as well as simultaneous campaigns throughout the state, and special evangelistic efforts among minority groups in the state.

Immediate efforts will be made to increase circulation of the Baptist Standard, state paper, to 250,000, with 300,000 viewed as an ultimate goal.

Hardships Behind Iron Curtain Described by One Who Knows

By MR. X

[EDITOR'S NOTE: For obvious reasons, the author of the following article must remain anonymous. The story was given to Rev. Otto Nallinger, Baptist Relief representative in Germany, and relayed to the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans for release to Southern Baptists so they may have an idea of the conditions that exist in Russian occupied Germany.]

SOMEWHERE IN RUSSIAN ZONE OF GERMANY.—During the past harvest season many people went to the wheat fields to glean the harvested fields in order to find a few kernels of wheat. A day of back breaking effort often results in only a few pounds of wheat. People also went to the harvested potato fields, digging around in the ground for a few potatoes which the farmer might have missed. Many of these people arrive evenings. They sleep out of doors, near the fields, all night in order to be first among the seekers when dawn breaks on the eastern horizon.

Special privileges to eat at the Russian sponsored feeding centers are given only to those who work in highly productive factories and then only those are considered who pledge allegiance to Communism. People who take a stand against communism can rot in their misery, so far as the Russians are concerned.

The issuing of ration cards is at present varied and very irregular. The reason given by the Russians for this irregularity is the need of groceries for Berlin. There seems to be an attempt on the part of the Russians to make the German population of the Russian zone

believe that they (the Russians) are feeding all of Berlin. Ration cards are only issued as groceries are available in the stores. Only such items appear on the ration card as are in the stores. Because of this the housewife can never know just what she might be able to buy tomorrow. The German population in the Russian zone must often go a whole month without meat or fat of any kind. In its place they sometimes get a little of a poor grade of cheese which is made from skimmed milk.

On paper they are to receive seven grams of fat a day. But the German housewife has not received these seven grams for many a day. Animal fat is something which is not even thought of these days.

Children up to one year of age receive $\frac{1}{8}$ pint of milk a day and children between 1 and 2 years of age receive $\frac{1}{4}$ pint of milk a day. Anyone over two years of age receives no milk at all.

Flour received is of a very poor grade. Instead of flour, ground oats is often

distributed. When this is not available, seeds of various sorts are ground up to serve as a substitute. Bread contains a large amount of water in order to give it some weight and the flour used for bread is heavily mixed with oats, turnips and legume.

Eggs have not been seen by the population for months.

Each person received 140 kg. of potatoes recently for the winter months. This, in and of itself, is a reasonable ration. But it is not enough in view of the fact that there is hardly anything else to eat.

A gentleman is one who thinks more of other people's rights than of his own feelings.—Matthew Buckham.

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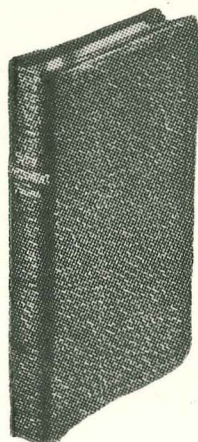
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