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Gleanings From The Field

Dr. William Ward Ayer, pastor of Calvary Church, New York City, is filling some speaking engagements in England at this time.

Herbert C. Zachry, Assistant Pastor and Educational Director of the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., and Mrs. Zachry are the proud parents of a young son.

The Foreign Mission Board has announced the election of Arthur B. Crabtree, Th.D., with the British Baptist Union, to be a member of the faculty of the international Baptist Seminary at Zurich. Dr. Crabtree is a 1937 graduate of the University of Zurich. His father-in-law is a Swiss pastor, and is now the president of the Swiss Baptist Union.

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Singleton, Bowling Green, Ky., are spending the winter in Tampa, Florida, and attending the First Baptist Church of that city, of which Dr. Millard Berquist is pastor. Their address there is 313 W. Amelia Avenue. It's below freezing here, at this writing, but their letter states that they have the windows open, enjoying the summer air. Dr. Singleton is a prominent dentist in Bowling Green, and he and his wife are active members of the First Baptist Church there.

News from the Churches

The first anniversary of Pastor Harold D. Tallant was observed at the Madisonville Church on November 21. The Sunday school on that day had a record attendance of 846, and 317 attended Training Union. Many who attended the morning hour of worship had to go to the basement and listen over the loudspeakers.

The Bruner's Chapel Church, near Harrodsburg, Ky., has voted to launch an Expansion Program. Since John G. Hicks became their pastor in January of this year they have had a growing interest in every phase of their work. The membership is now 519, with 430 resident members. There are 377 enrolled in Sunday school; and 121 enrolled in Training Union. Early this year a church council, composed of one representative from each department of their work, was organized.

Attention Please!

From the Foreign Mission Board comes information that a Kentucky layman has sent them a check for \$2,000 for needs at Lubeck, the gift being prompted by a two-inch item he saw "in the state Baptist paper." The *Western Recorder* rejoices that the Kentucky layman has

been moved to this act of generosity, and, if the two-inch item was among our columns, we also take pride in that, although modesty forbids that we should do any boasting.

Pastoral Changes

Rev. J. L. Bill is the new pastor of the East Pittsburg Baptist Church, near London, Ky.

Jesse H. Clay has accepted the pastorate of the Riverdale Church, Knox County, Tennessee.

Samuel T. Habel has resigned at West End Church, Suffolk, Va., and has accepted the pastorate of the First Church at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Willis Howard has left the pastorate of the First Church of Oklahoma City, Okla., to assume the Secretaryship of the Callaway Baptist Foundation at La-Grange, Ga.

ERROR CORRECTED

Quoting from a press release some weeks ago, the *WESTERN RECORDER* stated that the name of God had been deleted from the national anthem. Information reaching us from the Director General of the National Institute of Fine Arts, Mexico City, informs us that our information was incorrect, and he sends a copy of the national anthem to substantiate his statement. We are glad to make this correction in fairness to our neighbors in Mexico.—Editor.

Revivals

Evangelist A. C. Baker, Louisville, Ky., has been assisting Pastor William R. Hamilton in a revival meeting at the First Church of Dyersburg, Tenn.

Evangelist R. B. Moyer, Middlesboro, Ky., was with Pastor Edward Haun at the Eagan Baptist Church, Eagan, Tenn., in a revival November 14-27. There were 18 for baptism, 2 by letter, and quite a number for reconsecration of life.

Pastor Carroll Hubbard, of the First Baptist Church of Ashland, Ky., recently helped Pastor E. L. Howerton in a series of meetings at the First Church of Pikeville, Ky. Ralph Acree, Covington, Ky., was the song leader. The meetings resulted in 20 additions.

Pastor Roy Johnson, Burlington Church, conducted a revival for Pastor Forrest M. Taylor at the Macedonia Bap-

tist Church, Jonesville, Ky., during November 22-26. The Men's Chorus of Northern Kentucky, consisting of 25 voices, brought the message through song on Thanksgiving. A message in the afternoon was brought by Rev. I. W. Manley of Georgetown.

In Memoriam

The father of Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Church of Dallas, Texas, died recently in Los Angeles, Calif., and was buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery there.

Dr. Jacob Lee White, pastor-emeritus of the Central Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., and the father of four preacher sons, died on November 26. He was 86 years of age at the time of his passing.

Out of State

Dr. O. W. Taylor, editor of *The Baptist and Reflector*, Nashville, Tenn., has been sick recently with a slight case of Pneumonia. He was taken to the hospital, but at last report he was much better.

Miss Cheryl Frances Taylor was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wilburn Taylor at the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., on November 16. She is a granddaughter of Editor O. W. Taylor, of the *Baptist and Reflector*, and Mrs. Taylor.

A new \$100,000 science building is a project which the friends of Dr. A. Warren Prince are seeking to erect in his honor on the campus of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Dr. Prince has been head of the Science Department there for the last 40 years.

Little Charles Stephen Sanders was born at the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. He is a son of Rev. and Mrs. Robert A. Sanders, and a grandson of Executive Secretary Charles W. Pope, and Mrs. Pope also of Nashville. Brother Sanders is pastor of Bordeaux Baptist Church.

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Editorials

A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year!

The editor and the entire Western Recorder staff take this means of wishing for you and your loved ones the happiest Christmas ever, and a most prosperous and joyous New Year. All of us wish we could greet each of you personally; but that is impossible. We can, and do, join you in heart, and in gratitude to God that He, through the gift of His Only Son, has enabled us to be one family in Christ Jesus, and, though separated by many miles, to gather this Christmas time and throughout the coming year around "one common Merry Seat."

Executive Board, General Association Holds Annual Meeting

The Executive Board of the General Association met December 7 in the prayer chapel of the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville.

Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, chairman, called the body to order, and following devotions and the reading of the minutes, the body organized.

Dr. Eddleman was elected chairman, and Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, assistant chairman. Rev. George H. Riggs was elected secretary, and Dr. V. C. Kruschwitz, assistant secretary.

The meeting was well attended by Board members—old and new—from the entire territory of the General Association. In addition, many others—pastors and other religious workers—were present. The Walnut Street Church again served the entire body with a savory dinner, the ladies of the church waiting the tables. It was good!

Mountain Preachers' School

Dr. L. C. Kelly, president, Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School, brought a request from the Board of Trustees of the school. The request was made in the light of the recent action of the General Association putting the School on the list of institutions sharing in the Co-operative Program, to the amount of 2.5 per cent, and instructing the School not, there-

fore, to make special money-raising efforts in the churches affiliating with the General Association.

The request brought the Executive Board was: that the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School be recognized first as a Kentucky Baptist institution, and that the possibility of its becoming an inter-state Baptist institution be recognized; and that it therefore be permitted to share in the appropriations from general Baptist bodies outside Kentucky, when and if such appropriations are made.

This enlargement of potentials was requested, as indicated by Dr. Kelly, in view of the opinion of the Board of Trustees of the School that the income from the Co-operative Program of Kentucky Baptists alone would not be sufficient to care for the planned program of enlargement at the School. The request was approved by the Executive Board.

Dr. Kelly brought the additional request from his Board: that the Executive Board approve changes in the School's charter in line with the action described above. This was granted. The Executive Board instructed its Executive Secretary, Dr. W. C. Boone, to convey knowledge of the action to nearby Baptist bodies which might possibly be interested in sharing in the work of the School.

April 10, Offering for Institutions

On recommendation from the Executive Committee, the Executive Board voted to designate April 10 as the Sunday for a special state-wide offering for Kentucky Baptist Institutions other than the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, and Spring Meadows. They were excepted for the reason that they already receive the Thanksgiving Offering.

The recommendation, which was adopted, requested the Executive-Secretary to head the promotion of the special April 10 offering for the institutions. Associated with the Executive-Secretary in the promotion of the special offering will be the Board of Directors of the Department of Christian Education, and the Hospital Commission.

In this planned, special April 10 offering, the funds given will be divided between the schools and colleges of the General Association, and the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville and the other two hospitals which are in process of building but which do not yet share in the Co-operative Program and are not, therefore, recognized as officially a part of the program of the General Association. The proportion in which these institutions will share in the receipts from the special offering, of that day, will be worked out at a later meeting of the Committee, January 25.

We are informed that the Directors of the Christian Education Department met Tuesday night, following the Board meeting, and voted to co-operate in every possible way with the Executive-Secretary to make the April 10 offering a success. It is understood that the Hospital Commission will do the same.

Thus, April 10 becomes, for the reason stated above, one of the most important dates on the calendar of Kentucky Baptists in 1949. Our schools and colleges and the hospitals will depend, in large measure, on the support given them that day. Our pastors, loyal and true to every cause of Christ, will begin right away to clear for action, looking toward April 10. The action taken lays an extra burdent on

our Executive-Secretary—heading the promotion of the offering; but he has, associated with him, a great group of our finest leaders who will strengthen his hands and push, with him, to a great victory.

Correcting Error Concerning Mountain Preachers' School

In the Western Recorder's report on the proceedings of the last session of the General Association, our reporter stated in the third column of page 13, "W. C. Boone was called upon to make the report of the Executive Committee . . . He brought a recommendation that Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School henceforth have a regular percentage allocation along with the other schools, and that any further solicitation of funds is not authorized or approved. This was adopted."

The clause—"and that any further solicitation of funds is not authorized or approved" is partly in error.

The limitation set by the General Association related to the "solicitation of church offerings, or requests to be included in church budgets." Like other institutions fostered by the General Association, the School is free to approach *individuals* for financial gifts.

In column 2, on page 6, of the December 16 issue of the Western Recorder, Dr. W. C. Boone quotes from the report of the Budget Committee adopted by the General Association at its last meeting: "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.).

In column four of the same page and issue Dr. Boone states: "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."

Bishop Oxnam Calls Censorship "Idiot's Delight"

The September 13 issue of the *Time Magazine* quotes an unusual statement from Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, newly elected president of the World Council of Churches, and Methodist Bishop of the New York area.

It seems the mayor of Omaha had tried to censor some profanity from the Lunt-Fontanne production of *Idiot's Delight*. Bishop Oxnam finally prevailed on the mayor to drop the attempt and let it go just as it had been written. *Time Magazine* quotes Dr. Oxnam as remarking concerning the incident, "Cen-

sorship is more dangerous than an occasional realistic line. If the mayor decides to remain in politics, may I suggest a theme song for his coming campaign? 'Every little dammer must be taken from our drama.' Censorship is, in fact, *Idiot's Delight*."

We have not before heard of a minister who ever regarded profanity as acceptable under any circumstance, who would oppose a cautious layman's effort to lift speech standards to Christian levels. Ordinarily it has been the other way around. Others have complained because ministers, they felt, were too strict. Our Methodist brethren who have been strict contenders for high standards of living will be embarrassed by the statement of one of their bishops.

Dr. Oxnam has become prominent in America because of his open contention that all denominational lines should be abandoned, distinctives set aside, and all Christians unite in one super-ecclesiastical organization.

Recorder Board Holds Annual Meeting

At the call of Chairman E. F. Estes, the Board of Managers of the *Western Recorder* met Monday night, December 6, in annual session.

The editor and his wife had the pleasure of entertaining the Board at dinner in their home. Business session was held around the table following the meal. Those present were: E. F. Estes, H. Leo Eddleman, L. E. Martin, T. R. Brown, George E. Hays, Sr., A. J. Dickinson, A. W. Walker, E. N. Perry, and R. R. Couey. From the *Recorder* staff were: the editor and Robert L. Pogue, business manager, and George Raleigh Jewell, secretary.

E. F. Estes was elected chairman, and H. Leo Eddleman, assistant chairman. A. W. Walker was elected secretary.

The Board approved a recommendation that the *Western Recorder* be printed in six editions weekly—one for each of the major divisions of the State. This plan will be discussed later in detail.

Approval was also given a recommendation that an automatic feeder be secured at the earliest possible date for the only large press not so equipped. This equipment will speed printing time by many hours. It is hoped this unit may be installed by soon after the beginning of the New Year when we go back to a 24-page paper.

The Board of Managers also sent an urgent appeal to the Executive Board of the General Association, asking that the employees of the Executive Board continue to exert every possible effort in behalf of the *Western Recorder*—encouraging pastors and churches to place the *Recorder* in the hands of Baptists throughout the State on the church budget plan. The Recorder Board and staff are grateful for the fine assistance rendered in the past by these brethren who are constantly in close touch with the churches throughout the State.

The Recorder Board meets again in March, 1949.

►The man who fiddles around rarely gets to lead the orchestra.

►The man who always acts on the level has little trouble climbing life's hills.

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

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"Ministers Acquire Bad Habits," Says Army Chaplain

Released by the Chief of Chaplains, U. S. Army

"CLERGYMEN acquire bad habits!" This rather astounding statement was made this week by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Robert Schock, U. S. A., public speaking instructor at the Army and Air Force Chaplain School at Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania.

The chaplain has been instructing a course in "Pulpit and Microphone Techniques" at the school for the past two years.

In this work he made the startling discovery that most clergymen in practicing their calling pick up such bad habits in pulpit technique that after 10 to 15 years most of them stand in need of professional help.

Over four-fifths of the students with whom Chaplain Schock has worked since the inauguration of his course have been civilian clergymen, commissioned in the Reserve and the National Guard. Thus he has handled a good cross section of the entire clergy of the United States. "Faulty pulpit technique is not confined to any denomination or any group of denominations," he says. The students at the Chaplain School comprise all denominations.

It all began in the latter part of 1945 when The Chaplains' School was planning a course of study to improve the pulpit techniques of Army and Air Force Chaplains. In one sense of the word, this was a presumptuous idea, for on the average the chaplains then attending the school had been preaching for 12 or more years. They were experienced teachers, so why should such a course of study as this be proposed?

Editor's Note: This interesting discussion of preachers' speech problems directs attention to acknowledged current needs. There is little doubt that ministers especially will read it with intense interest. It is good to have excellent form and fine precision both in the preparation and delivery of the sermon. Have not many great hearts left the pulpit again and again feeling something was lacking. Perhaps devoted hearers have even sensed it. But God's true men will need, more than all acquired finesse in speech and manner, the surging power of the Spirit of God. Without Him, silken garments become rags; delicate roses become mere pictures; perfected speech cadences degenerate into meaningless mumblings.

During the war years the army had an excellent opportunity to study the effectiveness of clergymen as a whole. Thousands of civilian clergymen entered the Army to serve as chaplains, bringing with them all the accumulated experience of years of working in their civilian calling. A surprisingly large percentage of them, however, were singularly ineffective preachers. It was not that these men lacked sincerity or the religious training or the sympathetic understanding that characterize a good clergyman. It was simply that all clergymen are not effective speakers.

The Chief of Chaplains determined to change that situation, if possible. Since The Chaplain School is the one agency through which all Army and Air Force

chaplains eventually pass, it was decided to toss the problem into its lap.

The first approach of the School toward this problem was a simple one: It would purchase a recording machine, make a recording of the delivery of each chaplain that went through the class, then play the recording back to him and, he, having heard his mistakes, would take steps to correct them.

It was soon discovered, however, that there was a fallacy behind this procedure. The fallacy lay in the assumption that every clergyman was, or could be, a good critic of himself. Initial experiences proved that, although clergymen in their colleges and seminaries may have been well trained in public speaking, over the years they have forgotten so much about the subject that they are no longer reliable critics of themselves. After preaching for 10 or 15 years a clergyman becomes so accustomed to the sound of his own voice that he ceases even to listen to it, far less to be critical of it.

Another very important discovery was to find that the average clergyman thinks of himself as a very fine preacher and is quite startled when he hears a recording of his own voice and finds that he is not as good as he thinks he is. The average clergyman has become so accustomed for years to hearing members of his congregation tell him on Sunday morning that he has preached a good sermon that he begins to believe it himself. The fact remains that his delivery, however good the content of the sermon may have been, might have been very poor. Since congregations are generally very reticent about criticizing their pastors, however, the average clergyman can easily and unconsciously be led into believing that he was doing an effective job of getting over his sermons.

Another aspect of the problem was found to lie in the fact that a young clergyman at the start of his career is conscientiously aware of the methods taught him in public speaking and homiletics courses. So he tries many approaches and techniques. He soon discovers that one, two, or three of these methods are particularly successful and applicable to his talents, and accordingly he specializes in them. Over a period of years this specialization becomes a habit, and soon, every sermon, Sunday after Sunday, has the same construction and technique.

Thus the average congregation is subjected to a sameness about every sermon, even though the preacher's subject matter differs widely. In his specialization, the preacher is actually cheating himself and, of course, the congregation, of the stimulation that comes from different ways of performing a mission that remains basically the same, and congregations become weary of hearing the same man Sunday after Sunday.

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Church Fellowship Revival

By R. B. HOOKS

THE SUN WAS shining bright and warm on the morning of November 14 when Rev. G. R. Pendergraph and I arrived at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Carlisle County, near Cunningham, Kentucky.

The people had already gathered for the Sunday school hour, and the classes were assembled. I heard someone say, "There are the men from Eddyville." Brother L. O. Griffith had already arrived, as he had made all the arrangements for this, the second Fellowship Revival to be held in Kentucky, with the pastor, Rev. Leo Galey.

The Fellowship Revival is a new program of work designed to emphasize each phase of the work of the local church. The length of the program is eight days—Sunday through Sunday. A survey of the church membership field is made in order to determine the number of people to be served, and the potential strength of that church. A study of the record of the work of the church for the previous four years is made. The facts found in the survey, and the study of the last four years' record, are presented each night at the service. At the close of the night service, pictures, both slides and movies, are shown, setting forth the mission work being done in Kentucky and around the world.

Brethren Griffith and Galey had already given wide publicity to the meeting through the county papers, posters, and printed programs. The missionaries of the section had been invited to attend this meeting that they might get first-hand knowledge of the new movement. Consequently a large group had gathered for the first service. Bethlehem is the home church of Brother Griffith, and many of his boyhood friends had come to see the man they played with as a boy, and who had received such wide publicity for the work he is doing in Kentucky.

At the eleven o'clock hour Brother Griffith brought a message on the subject, "Co-operative Soul-Winning Pro-

vides World Fellowship." The church was decorated with flowers, and a large streamer with red letters was above the pulpit with the motto: "Your Church Giving Through The Co-operative Program Is Preaching The Gospel In All The World." At the right was another streamer with the words, "The Church Fellowship Revival." At the close of the message Brother Griffith gave an invitation to Christians to rededicate their lives to the sending of the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all the world, and most of them came forward. It was a great hour. The Spirit of God was present in power.

At 2 o'clock about thirty, ranging in age from 18 to 79, came back to the church for the work of the afternoon. The church-field was divided into eight territories with three persons assigned to each division—a driver, a secretary, and a soul winner. It was my task to drive over the entire territory and visit one family in each of the eight territories. One hundred and thirty-six families were visited and the entire field was covered in about two and one half hours.

When time came for the night service, a large crowd had gathered for the Training Union, and still more came for the evening service. Brother Griffith

spoke on the subject, "Fellowship With Christ In Personal Soul-Winning." He gave a glimpse of his early memories of that church—the meeting when his mother and father were saved and united with the church, the scene of the baptizing, when he saw the light of God's love shine on his mother's face as she shouted the praises of God. He said, "I owe a debt to this church for reaching my parents for the Lord. I owe a debt to Christ for saving my soul, and I have dedicated my life, not only to missions in Kentucky, but to the whole world. That is why I believe in co-operating, not only with the Baptist churches in Kentucky, but with all missionary Baptist churches everywhere. That is why I am giving my money through the local church which works through the Co-operative Program."

Monday, through Wednesday night, pictures were shown by Brother Griffith, of our mission program. The writer brought a message each night except Monday night, when Brother Pendergraph spoke on the subject, "Fellowship With Christ In Teaching The Word." This message was not on methods, but was rather a searching of the Scriptures on why we should teach.

In spite of the rain and the busy season, an average of 83 attended each service. The days were spent in visiting the lost and the sick. Several of the local pastors came to at least one of the night services and the day services were participated in by Missionary Charles F. Hinds of West Union Association, and C. S. Asbridge of Blood River.

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Pastor O. Afton Linger has resigned at the Wynnton Church in Columbus, Ga., and has accepted the pastorate of the First Church of Cumberland, Md., and entered upon his new duties December 1. He was formerly pastor of Beechland Church, near Louisville, the First Church of Corbin, Ky., and other churches in Kentucky.



Rev. Leo Galey, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church, urges his people to come out for the Sunday afternoon visitation.



The group that responded to Brother Galey's exhortation and visited 136 families Sunday afternoon.

Kentuckians Being Trained Now At Southern Seminary

LOUISVILLE, Ky., October 20, 1948.
—According to information compiled for the 1948 edition of the Student Handbook of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here, 115 are enrolled in the Seminary from Kentucky. Of these, 111 are in the School of Theology and 4 in the School of Church Music. Kentuckians and their home towns are:

School of Theology: Phillip R. Allen, Bardstown; Duane W. Amburn, Ft. Thomas; James C. Barry, Elizabethtown; Henry Beach, Jr., Utica; Marion W. Belew, Mt. Vernon; Fred Lewis Bell, Lexington; Frank M. Bennett, Owensboro; Edward B. Bratcher, Louisville; George C. Bridges, Louisville; Harold T. Brown, Stamping Ground.

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John J. Curtis, Jr., Lexington; Shirley DeBell, Samuels; William Earl Dragoo, Louisville; J. Oliver Drew, Lancaster; Fred Henderson Eads, Louisville; Joseph R. Estes, Louisville; Earl D. Fleischer, Louisville; Frank Tillman Florence, Florence; August C. Forrester, Lexington.

Thomas Houston Francis, Cadiz; Ilus M. Hallford, Owensboro; Lockard M. Hamilton, Waddy; Henry Sprigg Harned, Lebanon Junction; Paul Hatfield, Campbellsville; John F. Hixon, Lewisport; Henry Mark Holladay, Jr., Burlington; Charles W. Holland, Jr., Louisville; Roy Edward Huston, Campbellsville; C. Arthur Insko, Germantown.

George Charles Irvin, Louisville; Crate Harrison Jones, Jr., Louisville; Grant Lonnie Jones, Brownsville; James Calvin Jones, Louisville; Leslie K. Keeling, Louisville; Richard E. Kornmeyer, Louisville; Elroy Lamb, Frankfort; Rodney E. Lee, Shively; Quentin Lockwood, Ashland; Carl Loy, Campbellsville.

John Winston Lucas, Louisville Phil-
lip A. McAfee, Taylorsville; C. H. Mc-

Cord, Louisville; Herman B. McDowell, Louisville; William Harlen McGinnis, Louisville; Gerald Albert McNeely, Fisherville; Myron C. Madden, Danville; Norvin B. Magruder, Louisville; James H. Martin, Jr., Paducah; William D. Martin, Sullivan.

Verl E. Masters, Paducah; William Bennette Mitchell, Louisville; Paul A. Montgomery, Versailles; Fred B. Neikirk, Jackson; Robert B. Oldham, Jr., Louisville; Joseph W. Palmer, Buffalo; Henry F. Paschall, Hazel; Charles Kenneth Pepper, Louisville; John W. Perry, Elizabethtown; Thomas Newland Pettus, Stanford.

Karl Joseph Pfaff, Louisville; Cecil Darrell Phillips, Louisville; John T. Pierce, Bowling Green; Odas George Priddy, Allensville; Herbert Morgan Radford, Jr., Georgetown; Marion Andrew Reese, Georgetown; Everett Vincent Reneer, Centertown; Gordon Lawrence Reynolds, Beech Creek; Frank William Rhodus, Lancaster; Carl B. Robbins, Shively.

Lynn Pascal Robbins, Four Mile; Joseph Raymond Robinson, Brodhead; Roy Rorex, Georgetown; Leslie Foster Rose, Louisville; James Robert Russ, Owensboro; E. Warren Rust, Covington; Paul E. Sanderson, Bowling Green; Willis Allen Shotwell, Louisville; Wallace Reid Simmone, Campbellsville; John Marion Snawder, Louisville.

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Wish You and Yours
Every Good and Perfect Gift
In This Joyous Season

A Growing Interest in Christian Education

By A. M. VOLLMER, Secretary
Department of Christian Education

For some time it had been evident to many of our people, including the leadership in the schools themselves, that we have needed a unified, co-ordinated state-wide program for arousing greater interest on the part of all our people in all of our schools.

Our Baptist schools were founded upon the conviction that Christian Education is basic in its importance to our churches and to our program of World Missions. It is estimated that there are nearly 200 pastorless Baptist churches in Kentucky. These churches, together with our State, Home, and Foreign Mission Boards, look to our Baptist schools for trained leadership.

That a constructive program of promotion and education might be started and carried forward, the General Association in 1945 established the Department of Christian Education with nine directors and a full-time secretary. In the recommendation that resulted in the

creation of this new department its work was specified as follows:

"This Department to serve as a promotional agency of all our Baptist schools which are recognized by our General Association, with special emphasis on financial and student support."

During the four years of its life, it has diligently tried to carry out this mandate, and the fruits of its efforts are revealed in the figures given herewith showing the total receipts for Christian Education for the two years preceding the existence of this department and the four years of its existence.

1943—	108,293.16
1944—	197,361.49
1945—	220,956.30
1946—	216,067.60
1947—	273,173.45
1948—	328,484.78

\$1,344,236.78

We have proceeded on the assumption

that if our people know their schools, believe in them, and love them, they will adequately support them.

"Yes I Tithe..."

says A. W. Gragg, partner in Bailey-Gragg Motor Co., and Mayor-elect of Brunswick, Georgia.

"It is necessary to go back a good many years to give reasons why I tithe. First, the example of my mother and father while I was a small boy. Later as I grew up I learned the eternal truths of the Bible are very plain and specific on what we should contribute; even though we humans oftentimes suggest and live by our own and different plan; there is no alternative for the Christian that will stand the test of Eternity.

"The complete teachings of the Bible, on three great phases of human conduct—physical, mental, and spiritual—cannot be violated and ignored and the penalty then escaped. Giving the tenth is an extremely important part of spiritual law and life. It is also a test of just how much we wish the full work of the kingdom carried on today.

"Baptists exhibit their concern for the kingdom as they strive toward the realization of

Every Baptist a Tither

OUR WILLS IN THE WILL OF GOD

January 2-8, 1949

(Kentucky Baptist Will-Making Week)

THE MAKING OF A WILL

A duty of each property owner
Is a part of wisdom
Is good stewardship

Helps conserve the estate
Enables possessor to administer estate
Shows respect for future generations

CHRISTIANS SHOULD HAVE CHRISTIAN WILLS

Should Represent the Will of God
A Bequest for Christian Institutions
Perpetual Christian testimony
Make possessions immortal

Courts will have respect
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By MISS FRANCES BARBOUR, Glendale, Ky.

If I were an artist, and painted a picture every day, I think I would have a child in each picture. For God can be seen through a child better than in any other way.

"Do not send them away," said Jesus more than two thousand years ago, and that statement is as true today as it was on the day He first spoke it.

One day when I was not more than three years old I gathered a group of little children around, letting each one take a part on a little program, just like I do in kindergarten today. It was then that I realized what possibilities there were in children.

As I grew older that love for children grew more and more. Working with them in school and church was a wonderful thing as I watched them grow in every way. One day I decided just a few hours a week was not so much, but by working with them daily I decided to give my entire time to this work. I have started on my sixteenth year in a children's home. My only regret is that I didn't begin earlier in life. It is a tragic thing to wait until one is too old to do anything around a home, and then say, "I think I will get a place in a children's home." Unless you have taught school, or had some experience working and playing with children, you have missed some of life's greatest pleasures.

What we need today is women who are consecrated Christians, women who are willing to give their time to this work. I wish our young women would realize when they volunteer for full-time Christian work in our denominational institutions they are entering a missionary field. We have one of the biggest missionary opportunities here in the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home of which I know anywhere. We have boys and girls here from 'most every section of Kentucky. They come to us—we don't even have to go to them. Here they are!

Our boys and girls are all different. No two are alike. Some are congenial—others indifferent. Some are glad to be here, and others are groppy and wondering why they are here. Boys and girls with varied temperaments, dispositions, some singing, while others are crying. After all, we see God through them. Grown ups are about the same way. Why should we expect so much of a child?

The child who comes into the home

often at first has no appreciation of or knowledge of, or love for their matrons and those in charge. As they grow older they see the sacrifices the matrons and others make for them. They witness their love for them and see them do things which prove that they are concerned with the welfare of the children. More and more they grow to appreciate them. Often not until they are fully grown, and have left the protecting eaves of the institution, and are out shifting for themselves, that they think back over the many things which were done for them in years gone by. Then they come to a realization of appreciation on their part. But why should we get discouraged when our missionaries go on

SEEKING GOD THROUGH A CHILD

By Miss Frances Barbour

No child?

We laughed to scorn the thought
A child should share our home.
Give up the pleasures 'round?
Ah no! For these we'll roam.

No child?

We do not need a child!
It would a burden be
To us. For other plans
Are in our destiny.

No child?

We saw a man and wife
Sit all alone, aloof;
Mid boredom's cramped four walls,
The light eclipsed with roof.

No child

To prattle, play and romp
Across the carpet floor,
Or rattle toys and laugh
While peeping through the door.

No child?

The big house echoing
The vast expanse of space;
The occupants concerned
With keeping up the place.

No child

Had shared their joy, alas.
The clock ticked on the same.
The months, the years, passed by;
Their pride became their shame.

A child!

Yes, Lord, send us a child—
Whether a girl or boy—
And make our house a home
To grace our pride and joy.

A child!

God gave to us a boy—
A beaming, bouncing child.
Our house a home, we now
See God through this, our child.

their fields and work for years without seeing any results, while we can have the assurance of a reward in a few short years

If our young women could realize how important it is to work and train our boys and girls that they may be able to stand on their own feet, and face life courageously. Go out into the world and be a worthwhile citizen. We must remember that these boys and girls are to be the men and women of tomorrow. Just what will be the outcome of the next generation? Our responsibility is great. Can't you help us share it by coming and working daily with them? We have 194 girls and boys in our home. They are worth all we can give them. We do not expect the entire group to go out into the world and make a great show, and become famous, but we do want them all to go out living honest, Christian lives.

It is not among the underprivileged homes alone that failures to meet the needs of the child may occur. They occur every day in homes both privileged and underprivileged, rich and poor.

We have one young lady on our staff who taught school as a primary teacher for fifteen years. She visited the home while still teaching, and became interested in the institution. She came and worked during her vacation. Every child loved her, and she loved them. One morning about 4:00 o'clock she decided it was the Lord's will for her to give her full time to this work. She gave up her classes at school which were to begin soon. She has now been here more than four years and is doing a fine piece of work, giving her entire time to it. We need more ladies who understand children and who have such love for them that they are willing to give 24 hours a day—if necessary.

One lady who has been with us more than 15 years came as an experienced worker, having taught school for several years. She understood children and was interested in them—interested enough in them to work night and day, if need be, just like a real mother. She has made a wonderful success, and her greatest joy is getting letters from the girls who have left the home, saying, "I wish I could sit down, and listen to you talk and give advice, just like you used to do." It does us all good to see a former ward writing such things as this.

There are other ladies on our staff doing a splendid work. They, too, will receive the bouquets of encouragement when they shall have been here as long as the others have.

The Kentucky Baptist Children's Home has an apartment of older girls who need a house mother. If you are interested in a group like these girls, get in touch with our superintendent, Rev. C. Ford Deusner. If you want to give your life work some place where it is needed most, give it to our Kentucky Baptist Children's Home.

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE,
State Secretary

OUR GREETINGS TO YOU

The State Baptist Training Union Department wishes to extend to you our very best wishes for a happy Christmas and a joyous New Year!

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE
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MAURITA MORRIS

REPORT FOR GENERAL ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR

(October 1, 1947-September 3, 1948)
(Continued from last week)

Kentucky Attended Ridgecrest

Kentucky attended the three Southern Baptist Leadership Assemblies at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, in July.

The dates for 1949 are July 7-27. All officers and leaders are urged to make reservations January 1.

State Assembly at Clear Creek

The Fifth State Assembly at Clear Creek was well attended and resulted in 55 Life Dedications. Training Union work was presented to the General Encampment.

Our Sixth State Training Union Assembly will begin on Saturday night, Aug. 13 and close at noon Friday, Aug. 19. Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, Arkansas, will be the night speaker.

Regional Conventions

The eight Regional Conventions were attended by an increased number and meant much to those present and to the churches and associations represented.

Our State Workers

The writer of this report has been your State Training Union Secretary since February 1, 1934, and has considered it a joy to serve in this capacity in answer to the call of the Lord.

On December 1, 1945, Miss Ava Albro, of Louisville, began as full time worker. Continuing as full time Field Worker, she became, on June 15, 1947, the first employed State Story Hour Worker in any state of the Southern Baptist Convention. On December 1, 1947, she also became assistant to the State Secretary. Because of her consecration, attitude, and efficiency, she has served and is serving admirably in both capacities.

Miss Etta V. Lea, of Shelbyville, began work as full time Office Secretary on December 1, 1946. Her consecration, her experience in office work, and her experience and interest in the Training Union work of her church and Association have prepared her for the interest, which she has in the office and field work of this department and have enabled her to render splendid service.

Miss Maurita Morris, of Murray, began work on June 15, 1947, as full time

employed worker, part time office and part time field work, especially with Intermediates. On December 1, she became full time Intermediate worker. Her consecration, energy, preparation in school, and interest in teaching and organization have enabled her to do some fine work in organizing and promoting the Intermediate Unions and Departments.

Much good work has been accomplished by our five State Approved Workers, who, although not regular full time employed workers, give what time they can to this work along with other responsibilities in their church, home, or business and are supported in full or part for expenses and honorarium by churches, associations, or conventions in which they do special work.

They are: Story Hour, Miss Dorothy Blankenship, 529 South Thirty-second Street, Louisville Junior, Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette, 339 South Bayly Avenue, Louisville Intermediate, Miss Grace Morehead, Third Baptist Church, Owensboro Young People's, Rev. Harold D. Talant, Madisonville; and Adult, Rev. D. E. Jones, Valley Station.

20%-ERS

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

November 28: Crestwood, Frankfort Eddyville, First; Erlanger; Kuttawa; London, First; Lothair, First; Lynch, and Jellico, Tennessee, First.

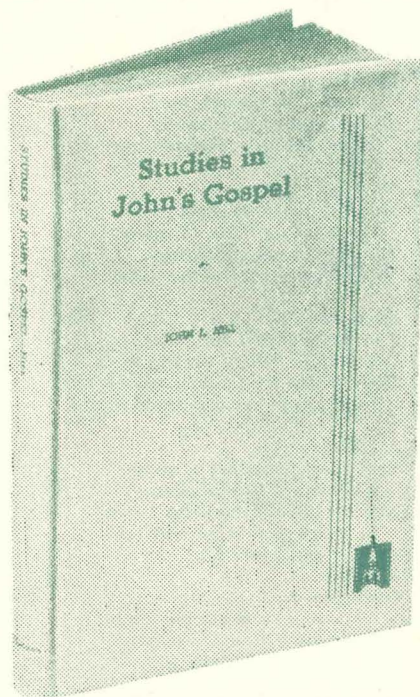
December 5: Eddyville, First, Erlanger; London, First; Lothair, First; Lynch; Madisonville, First; Perryville; and South Elkhorn, Lexington.

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER,
State Secretary

Study John in January

The book pictured above offers the churches a rich opportunity to study the Gospel of John. Many churches all



over the South will use a week in January, others will use the prayer meeting hours for such study while many individuals will study the book at home and send answers to the Sunday School Department, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky. Awards for Bible study will be given for this work whether done in class or in individual home study.

Standard Sunday Schools

The following have been added to the list of Standard Sunday schools.

Island—Pastor Henry A. Ross; Superintendent Lloyd Underwood.

Lily—Pastor Hargis Shackelford; Superintendent Silas Hensley.

Forks of Elkhorn—Pastor J. C. Trotter; Superintendent Percy Walker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

December 12, 1948

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	201	1,594
Louisville, 9th and O (1)	213	1,214
Louisville, Parkland (1)	60	1,027
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	225	1,016
Indianapolis, Broadway		1,010
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	178	897
Owensboro, First (1)	34	891
Louisville, Westside (1)	74	866
Louisville, Crescent Hill (1)	144	842
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	210	813
Harrodsburg (1)	84	761
Frankfort, First (1)	117	753
Murray, First		735
Mayfield, First		733
Lexington, Calvary (1)	27	729
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle		725
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	183	721
Lexington, Immanuel		683
Louisville, Victory Memorial	103	643
Owensboro, Third		639
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (3)	199	636
Louisville, West Broadway		613
Somerset, First		599
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	57	566
Hopkinsville, First		542
Louisville, Beechmont		531
Middlesboro, First		530
Glasgow (1)	29	530
Lexington, Grace		494
Berea (1)	47	491
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley		489
Danville, First (1)	28	488
Hopkinsville, Second		479
Louisville, Clifton (1)	71	473
London, First		453
Williamsburg, First		450
Jellico, Tenn., First		445
Corbin, First		442
Barbourville, First (1)	25	441
Danville, Lexington Avenue		440
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	29	425
Henderson, First		423
Louisville, St. Matthews		421
Fulton, First		398
Hazard, First (2)	105	394
Louisville, 18th Street		390
Campbellsville		387
Henderson, Audubon (1)	46	383
Meadow Home (near L'ville) (1)	58	383
Paducah, Twelfth Street (1)	87	362
Franklin, First (1)	41	357
Covington, South Side		346
Owensboro, Hall Street		345
Erlanger (1)	31	337
Shively		335
Louisville, Franklin Street		334
Lebanon		323
Morganfield		321
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial		315
Henderson, Immanuel Temple		315
Hodgenville, First		304
Cynthiana (1)	27	296
Richmond, First (1)	30	288
Hazard, Second (1)	82	287
Winchester, First		286
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.		279
Middlesboro, E. Cumberland Ave.		273
Ft. Thomas		273
Pleasant Hill (near Campbellsville)		271
Columbia (2)	66	268
Evansville, Ind., Temple		265
Owensboro, Seven Hills		258
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	55	255
Paducah, Trinity		253
Willisburg		237
Jellico, Tenn., Crouches Creek		234
High Splint		232
Midway		225
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial		220
Carrollton, First		217
Louisville, Baptist Temple		214
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue		205
Richmond, Calvary		201
Farmdale (near Louisville)		201
Bardstown		201
Louisville, Calvary		201

Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. W. P. STUART
Interim Executive Secretary

In Sympathy

The sad news comes to us of the death of Mrs. E. A. Brownfield, who was the mother of Mrs. Wallace Sanders, member of the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to Mrs. Sanders in her bereavement.

Christmas Musings

The red traffic light is ablaze ahead. Stop—wait for the safety signal! While waiting let our thoughts leap forward into the first week in January and take stock. What find we?—Tired bodies and dissipated energies following the holiday celebrations; dead cedar boughs, burned out lights, empty candy boxes! Did Christmas mean nothing more? If true, how poor are our lives!

Or perhaps another condition exists. There is a glow in our hearts, a comfortable warmth in our beings as we recall the visit we made in our thoughts to the "Little Town of Bethlehem," and we ourselves knelt with the shepherds and wise men, in adoration of the Christ child. Perhaps we were there that Holy Night when the heavenly voices sang out "Peace, good-will to men," and we imbibed some of that message of "Peace." If so, the people we contact recognize a quality that was lacking before. Perhaps we made a larger place in our hearts for the Christ child and serve Him by ministering to the poor, the sick, the lonely of heart. Perhaps we caught the real Spirit of Christmas. If that be true, what a fine start for 1949, when there is such need for putting Christian principles into practice.

The Way to Bethlehem

Lone was the way to Bethlehem to those who sought of old
By burning sands and bitter springs and
nights of haunting cold,
Bearing their nard and frankincense,
their precious gems and gold.
Hard was the way to Bethlehem; so far,
it seemed so far,
By flowerless vales and arid slopes
and barren heights that bar.
With ne'er an omen for a guide until they
saw the Star.
Upon the way to Bethlehem till time
shall bring release,
However dim and rough the path, may
not our footsteps cease,
Since at the end for us awaits the guer-
don of His peace!

—Clinton Stallard

Ten Ways to Help Your Church

1. Never miss a service on your own account, and always try to be on time.
2. Enter heartily into worship, in song, prayer, and praise.
3. Don't find fault if people are "so-cialable," but be sure to greet everyone

you pass and speak cordially to all you meet.

4. Don't seek a place of prominence or get mad if you are not promoted, but accept cheerfully the place offered you and work faithfully to fulfill your duty.

5. If things do not suit you, don't knock, but enter in and try to reform them.

6. If you are pleased with the minister's message, or the music, tell the minister or the choir leader, and, by all means, tell others who were not there.

7. Always co-operate with any forward movement attempted, and never oppose a movement merely because it is "new."

8. Speak to the unsaved at every opportunity about the Christian life, but remember that what you are speaks louder than what you say.

9. If someone accuses you of wanting to "run the church," go right on about your Christian duty. Remember, you are the servant of God.

10. Never go with the crowd except as the crowd goes right.—Kiwanis Magazine.

It has been said that to take Christ out of Christmas leaves December the bleakest, dreariest month of the year.

Sunday School Lesson for December 26, 1948

Subject: Apocalyptic Literature
in The Bible.

Lesson Text: Revelation 21:1-7;
22:1-5, 17.

Golden Text: Revelation 11:15.

BOOK REVIEWS

The 1949 edition of Broadman Comments on the International Uniform Series of the Sunday school lessons is now available and can be obtained at any of our Baptist Book Stores. It is reasonably priced and better this year than ever. The lesson studies are written by Dr. R. Paul Caudill, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Memphis. Teachers need such a book as this. For obvious reasons, material is offered which cannot be included in the limited space of the quarterlies. No teacher can be too well prepared to teach God's Word. Dr. Caudill is a great preacher and teacher and he approaches the lessons from an angle which only rich experience makes possible. The price is \$2.00, and the whole work is redesigned to meet the need of the busy teacher.

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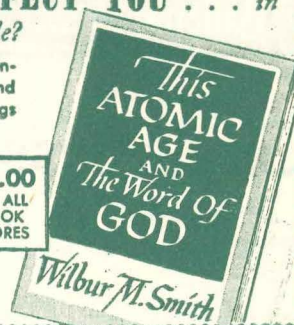
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Southern Baptist Missionaries Evacuated from Peiping Area

Plans are underway to transfer Southern Baptists' thirteen missionaries, with seven children, from Peiping to Shanghai, following advice given American nationalists through consular authorities, according to Secretary Baker James Cauthen, writing from Shanghai, November 2.

Removal of this group of language students from Peiping is the only evacuation immediately pressing. Presence of American Navy forces at Tsingtao and assurance that American nationalists will be evacuated from that city in case of emergency relieves apprehension regarding missionaries there. Missionaries will continue work in Tsingtao as long as possible.

Should other evacuations become necessary, missionaries will be transferred to Mandarin-speaking areas in the South China Mission until needs there are met. Following that, plans would be considered for placing missionaries in Yunnan Province, West China, with the city of Kunming as a center.

Dr. Cauthen thinks it possible that the Peiping area may not be molested for

some time, but does not feel justified in leaving the language students there under present circumstances. The basic policy of the Foreign Mission Board is to evacuate missionaries from areas likely to be overrun by Communists.

Reminding Southern Baptists of evidences of God's guidance during the

Superintendent McNeal Retires After 30 Years

Mr. Henry J. McNeal has been Sunday school superintendent of the Dallasburg Baptist Church for thirty years. For 29 years he has led the Sunday school to be standard. Superintendent McNeal has missed but one Sunday in Sunday school in the last 33 years. His resignation was effective October 3 when the new Sunday school annex was ded-



Henry J. McNeal

icated. There was a record attendance of 360 in Sunday school.

Sunday has always been a busy day in the life of Mr. McNeal. Almost by the time Mr. McNeal has gotten out of his car, which was always several minutes before Sunday school started, he has taken his watch in his hand and thereby indicated not only his promptness but how he has led his teachers and officers to be prompt. He walked through the church checking each department to see that everything was in readiness for the teachers to have the best opportunity of teaching the Word. He not only used his watch to get things started on time and to show teachers they are late, but to see that full time was provided the teachers.

eleven years since the beginning of Pacific hostilities in 1937, Dr. Cauthen states: "We are facing the situation realistically. We are confident that the Lord will continue to give his guidance under whatever circumstances may come."

"Ministers Acquire Bad Habits," Says Army Chaplain

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Some of the basic faults discovered in the clergymen who have attended the school are poor voice control, improper breathing, an uninteresting voice, unnecessary pausing, pause patterns, poetic rhythm patterns, melody patterns, the oratorical voice, orotund ministerial voice, the uninterested voice, the sing-song voice, the reading voice, and reading of the Holy Scriptures with no attempt at interpretation or understandability.

"Still the most startling fact to me," says Chaplain Schock, "is that these are faults found in clergymen who have been preaching for years. Nearly every chaplain upon hearing his voice played back to him remarks, 'Why, I knew better than that in college and seminary.' All I can say is, 'Clergymen acquire bad habits.'"

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Church Fellowship Revival

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The local church was in process of finishing a nice pastor's home. On Saturday, a call for workers was made and an old fashioned *working* was held all day. The basement floor was poured and the yard and grounds were cleaned up, and most of the terracing and leveling were finished. Three tractors and two teams of mules were brought by the men of the church. Did I work? You know me! Do you think I would ruin a reputation of thirty years in one day?

The climax of the week's work came the last Sunday. It was my privilege to speak at eleven o'clock, and the pastor closed the week's work at the night services. There was one profession of faith and addition to the church.

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gifts of the church went from \$11.10 to \$24.45, the Sunday school enrollment increased from 60 to 139, a W. M. S. has been organized and a Training Union started. Per capita gift to the Co-operative Program in 1945 was \$1.34. This increased to \$8.86 this year.

The completion of the pastor's home with only a small debt, and the budget with 15 per cent for the Co-operative Program is just an indication of what this fine church is doing and what many of our churches can do and will be doing when such men and women as Brother and Mrs. Galey set themselves to do the will of God with the people.

NO ISSUE OF WESTERN RECORDER NEXT WEEK

There will be no issue of the Western Recorder the last week in the year—next week—December 30. The missing of this issue is in keeping with an established custom. It is done that we may be able to catch up on certain odds and ends which should close with the year and that we may be prepared for the work of the new year.

Soon after the beginning of the new year the Western Recorder will increase to 24 pages. The readers have been patient with us during the time we were compelled to limit our issues to 16 pages. The decrease in size has been a great handicap and has worked almost untold hardships on us—forcing us to funnel the news and articles, etc., through narrow space.

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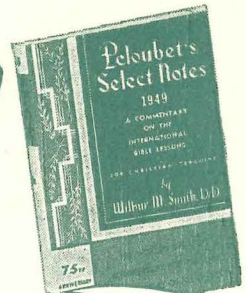
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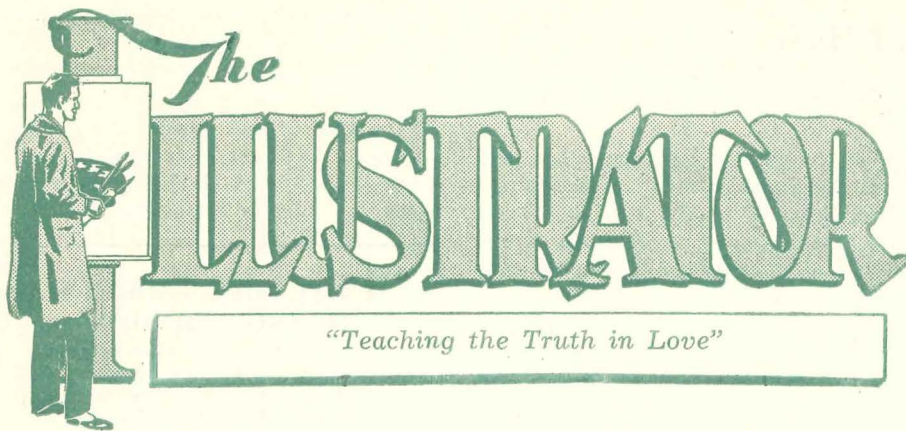


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A Solemn Thing To Live

Most people say: "It is a solemn thing to die." And so it is. Death takes us from those we love, bears the body to the silent grave, and sends the soul into the unseen world. But is it not a great and solemn thing to live?

Of this we may be certain: People generally die as they live. "Oh, if I had thought I should die as I do, I would not have lived as I did!" Thus bewailed an Eastern King when dying. And if you would know what your end will be, you have only to look at your present conduct. Is sin your delight or your dread? Does a true repentance lead you to forsake every evil way? Under a sense of guilt and danger, are you seeking for pardon and acceptance through Him who died to save sinners? And are you, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, showing the sincerity of your faith by a holy life? It will come to these inquiries at last. Let them have your attention now. Learn that life is a sacred trust, and that as you use it so will your eternal condition be in Heaven—or hell. Be assured that a life of faith in Christ, and of obedience to the will of God, is the happiest of life that can be spent on earth, and is the only way to a life of blessedness hereafter.—*T. L. Cuyler.*

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Unity In Christ

Just before the Assembly of the United Nations met at Lake Success in 1947 the American Bible Society presented an English Bible and a Norwegian New Testament to the Secretary General of the United Nations, Trygve Lie. He posed for a photograph with his finger on a page of the Bible opened at random. After the bulb flashed a reporter noticed that the Secretary General's finger was resting on the first verse of the 133rd Psalm, which reads, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."—*Clipped.*

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Jesus Knows It All

There is no temptation, problem or test that Jesus has not tasted. Christ knew what it was to be poor, for He was born in a manger and lived in a carpenter shop.

He knew what it was to be hungry for he went forty days without food. Time

and again he turned to His disciples, when a crowd was about Him and sympathetically said, "Get them something to eat."

He knew what it was to be thirsty. He asked the sinful woman at the well to draw him a drink; and on the Cross of Calvary, He cried, "I thirst."

He knew what it was to be tired for He lay down on the back of the boat and slept. He knew what it was to be slandered.

He knew what it was to be lonely, for in a crowd of 5,000 He was alone. He asked His disciples to wait with Him as He prayed, but they slept. He knew what it was to suffer, for they spit in His face and crowned Him with a crown of thorns.

Today, He is the resurrected, glorified Christ. He is inviting, "Come unto me and I will give you rest."—*Warren Hultgren in Exchange.*

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Alcohol A Menace

When a widely publicised motion picture which showed the degrading effects of alcoholism was about to be released, brewery interests rushed frantically to court in an attempt to bar its showing. Failing in this and fearful of getting shown up in a bad light, they did a quick turn-about and placed advertising in newspapers praising the picture as an illustration of the advisability of "moderate drinking."

If the growing number of crimes which are charged to alcohol are frightening the brewers, how much more concerned should we be who wish to raise our families in decent, law-abiding and Christian communities.—*Copied.*

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One Who Dropped Out

I am the one who dropped out of your Sunday school.

I walk past the building once in a while now, and recall that I used to go to Sunday school there.

I meet some friends from time to time and find that they also have ceased to attend.

Occasionally I meet people who continue to go, but never seem able to get from them any reason why I should return.

You who continue to guide the school

do not know what caused me to drop out.

Perhaps I needed a friend—and found none.

Or maybe I wanted help to live my life, and did not find it.

At any rate, I dropped out of your Sunday school.—*Baptist Bulletin Service.*

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Consideration For Others

In compiling some statistics for a speech which Gladstone, as Chancellor of the British Exchequer, was to make, a Treasury Office clerk made an error that vitally affected the entire situation. The newspapers immediately exposed the fallacy. Gladstone was made to appear ridiculous before the entire nation. He sent for the clerk responsible for the mistake. The man, expecting instant dismissal, began to apologize, but Gladstone stopped him:

"You have been dealing for years with the bewildering intricacies of the national accounts, and you have done your work with such conscientious exactness that this is your first mistake. It was because of your splendid record that I did not trouble to verify your calculations. I have sent for you to compliment you on your record and to set your mind at ease."—*Maritime Baptist.*

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Church Attendance Not Accomplished By Proxy

My wife entered the room, dressed for church. A quick glance at the inventory papers before me told her my intentions of staying home.

"Did I tell you what happened at McCallum's garage yesterday?" she asked. "When I was ready to leave I said to Mr. McCallum, 'So long, see you in church.' I had not seen him recently, so I asked him about it. He said, 'I send my wife and children. Isn't that enough?' When he said that, one of the other customers asked, 'Do you let them eat for you, too?'"

My mind couldn't compete with my wife and my conscience. I noticed that Mr. McCallum was in church, too.—*Lutheran.*

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The Place Of Christ In Every Sermon

Clarke's Commentary, Volume 5, page 99, has this interesting statement: "The late Bishop F. of Salisbury, having procured a young man of promising abilities to preach to the King, and the young man having, to his lordship's apprehension, acquitted himself well, the Bishop, in conversation with the King, took the liberty to say, 'Does not your Majesty think that the young man delivered a very good sermon?' To which the King, in his blunt manner, hastily replied, 'It might have been a good sermon, my lord, for aught I know; but I consider no sermon good that has nothing of Christ in it.'—*Louie D. Newton.*

Edward Cunningham Ordained In Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky., December 1.—At the call of Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, a council of ministers and deacons convened on Sunday, July 18, for the purpose of considering the ordination of James Edward Cunningham to the gospel ministry. Brother Cunningham is a student of the University of Kentucky, serving as pastor of the Second Twelve-Mile Baptist Church of Pendleton County.

Dr. E. N. Wilkinson was the chairman and Mr. C. M. Flynn the clerk of the council. Dr. George Ragland was elected to lead the questioning of Brother Cunningham, after which the council recommended unanimously that the candidate be ordained.

In the ordination service which followed, the charge to the preacher was delivered by Dr. E. N. Wilkinson; the charge to the church was delivered by Rev. Edward A. Walker; and the sermon was preached by Dr. F. Russell Purdy. Rev. Herbert Zachry presented the Bible.

The following churches were represented: Lexington First, Trinity, Grace, Porter Memorial, Hillcrest, Immanuel, Calvary, and David's Fork. Communications were read from the First Baptist Church of Clinton, Ky., Hollandale, Miss., and the Twelve-Mile Baptist Church.—*Billie Sue Davis*, Secretary, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

Robert Brown Becomes Pastor Of Visalia Church, Covington

COVINGTON, Ky., December 7.—The Visalia Baptist Church, in Kenton County, in North Bend Association, extended an unanimous call to Robert Brown, Burlington, Ky., on November 7, and he accepted his duties immediately. He is 18 years old, and this is his first pastorate. Mr. Brown has been active in evangelistic meetings for the past two years, and has been especially active in Royal Ambassador work. Formerly a member of Burlington Baptist Church, he is now a Freshman at Georgetown College. The Visalia Church is located about ten miles from here, and has approximately 120 active members. There have been three additions since his arrival. He succeeds William Holliday in that pastorate.

Georgia Evangelist Preaches In Revival At High Street, Somerset

SOMERSET, Ky., November 22.—F. Reginald Wall, of Buford, Ga., was the evangelist, and John Hammatt, Caneyville, Ky., was the song leader, in an evangelistic meeting conducted by Pastor T. C. Duke at the High Street Baptist

Church here beginning November 2, and continuing through November 14. The church gave the visiting evangelist an unanimous invitation to return here for another series of meetings during the first two weeks of October 1949. Pastor Duke reports that there were 40 additions to the church, 34 of whom were received by baptism, and 6 by letter.

Every Baptist A Tither

JASPER, Ark.—(BP)—At Deer Baptist Church, it's really "every Baptist a tither."

Pastor John Stratton announced that each of the forty members of this church has pledged a tithe of their income through the church for 1949.

This is believed to be the first church in the Southern Baptist Convention to achieve the goal embodied in the denomination's tithing slogan.

New Church Building Dedicated At Mt. Zion, In Laurel River Assn.

LONDON, Ky., November 21, 1948.—The Mt. Zion Baptist Church of the Laurel River Association dedicated its new church house to the service of the Lord today. This church is a block building, plastered inside, with full basement containing Sunday school rooms.

The dedication sermon was preached by Rev. William E. Jones, Laurel River missionary. A special offering was taken just before adjournment for dinner, the amount being \$127.44. At the afternoon hour Rev. Elijah Cornett spoke on the text, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Then followed a sermon by Rev. Heston Hatcher on "The Church's Duty and Responsibility to the Community." The closing sermon was by Pastor B. M. Lockhart on "Prayer and Christian living."

The music was led by W. T. Cornelius and prayer was offered by E. A. Parsley. The welcome address was given by Pastor Lockhart.

Oregon Baptists Organize

SWEET HOME, Ore.—(BP)—The Baptist General Convention of Oregon, composed of members from 22 churches contributing financially to the Southern Baptist Convention, held its first annual session here.

The group was organized in April with thirteen churches and have elected two full-time workers: Rev. R. E. Milam, executive secretary, and Rev. Roland P. Hood, missionary.

Budget for the Convention was set up on a monthly basis at \$981 per month of which 25 per cent will go to the Southern Baptist Convention. In addition to the budget, a church building fund was initiated, the plan begin to secure 1000 people who will give one dollar each for every new church organized.

New Orleans Receives \$15,000 Gift For New Home For A Teacher

NEW ORLEANS, La., December 10.—Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Farnsworth of New Orleans, Louisiana, have given \$15,000.00 cash for a faculty residence to be located on the New Orleans Baptist Seminary's new seventy-five acre campus.

The home will be named "Farnsworth Residence" and has been designated for Mr. and Mrs. W. Plunkett Martin for as long as Mr. Martin is a member of the Seminary faculty.

Mr. Martin is chairman of the Seminary's department of sacred music.

Five Deacons Ordained By Oak Grove Church

MURRAY, Ky., Nov. 27.—At the invitation of the Oak Grove Baptist Church, Pastor L. G. Novell, sixteen ministers and eight deacons from sixteen churches assembled at the church tonight at 7:00 P. M. to consider the propriety of ordaining Brethren James H. Foster, Aubrey Jones, Clifton Jones, Melvin Morton, and T. D. Story as deacons.

The presbytery was organized with L. G. Novell as Moderator; H. C. Chiles, the writer, as Clerk; Eugene Clark, Interrogator, V. A. Turner to give the charge to the church; Leo Galey to preach the sermon; and M. G. Terry to lead the prayer.

After a thorough examination, the Council unanimously recommended the ordination of the five brethren and the church authorized the same to be done, whereupon the program was carried out as planned by the presbytery.—H. C. Chiles, Clerk.

The Tithe Is Key To Church's "All- Inclusive" Budget

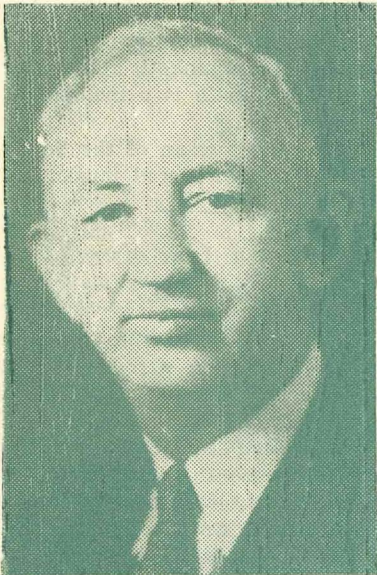
BLYTHEVILLE, Ark.—(BP)—First Baptist Church of Blytheville will raise money in 1949 for a new auditorium and educational building—but there will be no special campaign.

Dr. E. C. Brown, pastor, explained that the plan is for all church members to tithe, placing the money in an all-inclusive church budget which includes the building fund.

"All of us want to build without incurring an indebtedness," explained Pastor Brown. "God has given us the plan; it is the tithe."

Thomas W. Pope has resigned as pastor of the First Church of Clay, Ky., and has accepted the call of the First Church of Huntingdon, Tenn. President Warren F. Jones, Union University, has been the pulpit supply speaker during the time the Huntingdon church has been without a pastor.

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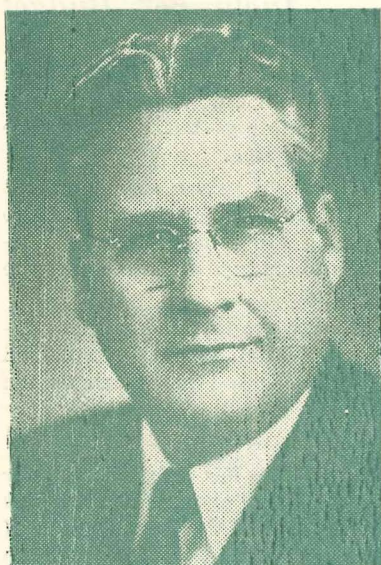
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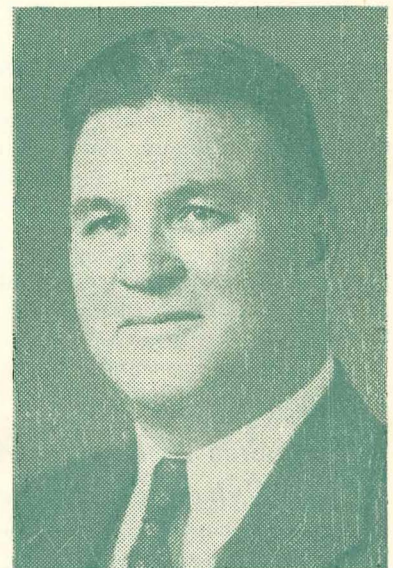
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