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Gleanings From The Field

The Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, LaRue County, has called Brother Wilbert Taylor, Campbellsville College student, and he has accepted.

The fourteenth anniversary of Pastor C. M. Hill was observed by the Eubank Baptist Church on February 13. The congregation gave recognition to Mr. and Mrs. Hill during the morning hour of worship.

The Greenup Baptist Preachers' Conference met at the Catlettsburg Missionary Baptist Church on February 13, at which time Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, was the speaker.

The Campbellsville Baptist Church has purchased at auction a concrete block building which they intend to use as a mission chapel on Jackson Street, in Birdwood Addition. The first service was held on the afternoon of March 13. Harvey F. Morrison is pastor at the Campbellsville Church.

Miss Jean Hicks has resigned as Educational Secretary of the Severns Valley Baptist Church, Elizabethtown, Ky. The reason: matrimony. Miss Hicks and Rev. Herbert Sorrell, a senior in Union University were married on Friday night, March 18, and the newly married couple is living in Jackson, Tenn.

The program committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has already announced one change from the program as printed in the Western Recorder last week. It is that the name of Thurman George, of Oklahoma, is being substituted for that of Clarence Cranford, Washington, D. C., on the Friday evening program.

The Westmoreland Baptist Church of Huntington, W. Va., voted at its last business meeting to withdraw from the Northern Baptist Convention. They expect to make application to have fellowship with the Greenup Association in Eastern Kentucky, and co-operate with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Routte have given a 40-passenger bus to the First Baptist Church of Hodgenville, Ky. The bus will be used to transport people to Sunday school and church each Sunday, as well as for the Vacation Bible School, R. A.'s, G. A.'s, Boy Scouts, and for all organizations of the church desiring its use, according to Pastor William Lloyd Cloud.

Miss Nancy Rebecca Watson arrived at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital on March 12. She is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Allen Ryan Watson, Whitsitt Hall. The Beeches. Brother Watson is pastor of the Christiansburg Baptist Church in Shelby County. The child's mother is the former Miss Betty Ray Carter, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. Perry Carter, and Pastor Watson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Claude A. Watson of Columbia, South Carolina.

The Silver Anniversary of East Audubon Baptist Church, Camp Taylor, Louisville, Ky., will be celebrated Sunday, April 3, in the new building located at Indiana Avenue and Boone Street. Pastor George Threadgill will be the speaker for the morning, and Rev. Herman E. Rowlett, former pastor now located at Twenty-third and Broadway Church of Louisville, will speak in the afternoon. Box lunches will be spread at the noon hour.

Miss Lucille Reneau wishes to thank those who made substantial gifts toward the erection of the First Baptist Church of Prospect, Ky., formerly the Shirley Memorial Baptist Church of Harrod's Creek. The building is not yet finished, but Pastor James L. Wright is expecting to lead the church in its dedication on April 17. Miss Reneau also expresses the wish that after they are in their new church that many will come to visit them in their new edifice on U. S. Highway 42—just before you get to Prospect if you are going from Louisville, or just after you pass through prospect if you approach from the direction of Cincinnati.

Plans are now shaping up about what disposition Georgetown College is to make of the $120,000 donated by the three Cooke Brothers—V. V., L. R. and Almond. A student union building is being planned for the campus, and a firm of Lexington architects are now at work on designing the blue prints. The college book store, recreation rooms, B. S. U. secretary's office, grill, guest rooms, and many such facilities are to be included into the new building. Also President S. S. Hill is looking forward in his long-range planning to the erection of other buildings in the future, such as Music, Science, dormitories for men and for women, an infirmary, and a woman's gymnasium.

The Baptist Tidings, bulletin of the Shively Baptist Church, where Ben F. Mitchell is pastor, contains a brief story under the heading, "So You Don't Go to Church." Somewhat abbreviated, the story is: "Angel Martinez tells of a Mrs. Montgomery who, for two years, visited his home and invited him and his family to a Baptist mission church. Finally he went, was converted, and called to preach. Through his preaching his mother, father, brothers, and a sister were saved. And there have been hundreds of others brought to Christ through his gospel messages. Do you realize that Mrs. Montgomery, the mission worker, who worked so faithfully to lead him to Christ, will share in the reward for all those who are saved under Brother Martinez's preaching There are many people in our community who will never come to church and be saved unless you are faithful in going after them. There may be among them some great preachers and missionaries. Do you not want to join the ranks with Mrs. Montgomery and win some of these?"

Editor's Secretary in Western Recorder Office



Miss Lucille Poole

Miss Lucille Poole is the Editor's new Secretary in the Western Recorder Office. She began work with us several weeks ago. Miss Poole is a native of Glen Dean, in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, and now resides at 317 Park Avenue, Louisville. She is a graduate of the Breckenridge County High School and the Bryant and Stratton Business School in Louisville. She is a member of the Walnut Street Church, and is active in its affairs.

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The Baptists of Bulgaria

By WALTER O. LEWIS,
Associate Secretary of the
Baptist World Alliance

Editor's Note: Dr. Lewis here gives his views and some of the historical background of Baptist work in a Communist-dominated land.

JUST AFTER the announcement of the condemnation of Cardinal Mindszenty in Budapest came the news that the Protestant leaders of Bulgaria had been formally indicted.

Some of them had been arrested months before. They are charged with serving as spies for foreign countries and are accused of black marketing and other illegal activities. And it is alleged they have all confessed.

Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists, and Pentecostalists are involved. Certain Protestant leaders feel sure that Cardinal Mindszenty was innocent of the crimes he was accused of and have protested publicly against the injustice they feel was done him. And already, prominent Roman Catholic leaders are protesting against the arrest of Evangelicals in Bulgaria.

There are sixteen Baptist churches in Bulgaria and about seven hundred members. The first of these churches was founded in 1880.

The Baptist movement in Bulgaria is not the result of the work of foreign missionaries sent in by Baptist missionary societies from outside the country.

In general it may be said these churches owe their origin to three distinct influences. First of all, Baptist churches sprang up from the reading of the Bible without the preaching of any evangelist. Secondly, Baptist preachers who were persecuted in Russia under the Czars in the "eighties," fled to Bulgaria for refuge. Vasili Pavlov was one of these refugees. These Russian Baptists had a share in planting Baptist churches in Bulgaria. And, lastly, Bulgarians who had come into contact with Baptists outside returned to Bulgaria and preached Baptist principles. Here should be mentioned Peter Doycheff who spent some time in the United States. And after the first world war, Rev. C. E. Petrick, who was of Slav origin, went to Bulgaria to labor for a number of years, having finished a long term of service in India under the auspicies of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society. Petrick was supported by the North American Baptist General Conference.

It is interesting to note that the only Gipsy Baptist church in the world that we know of is in Bulgaria.

By common consent, before this war, for decades there was a large degree of religious liberty in the country. And it should not be forgotten that for years Bulgaria was ruled by Mohammedans.

It was Mohammedan Bulgaria that sheltered Baptist preachers who fled from persecution in Russia. And there was freedom not only to worship but to carry on religious propaganda. And the Bulgarian Government raised no objection to the co-operation of Protestants in the country with Protestants abroad. **It is not likely that the people of Bulgaria approve the arrest of fifteen evangelical churchmen.**

Dispatches from Sofia state that there is full religious freedom in Bulgaria, and that the Protestant leaders have not been arrested because of their religion, but for crimes against the laws of the land.

But Bulgaria and Hungary are dominated by Russia. **And the Soviets have never concealed their hostility to all religions.**

These arrests in Hungary and Bulgaria conform to a pattern long followed in Russia. **Many Baptist leaders in Soviet Russia have been arrested and thrown into prison or banished. So far as we know none of them has been imprisoned for being a Baptist. They are accused of taking part in plots to assassinate Stalin, of serving as spies for foreign governments, or of stealing money given by Baptist churches for charity.**

Those of us who have known these men cannot believe they were guilty of such crimes. They were successful preachers of the gospel and were in the way. **The Soviets did not wish to offend the outside world by admitting that these believers were arrested because of their religion. And so a trumped up charge of crime was used as an excuse for arresting them.**

Persecution is an admission of weakness on the part of the persecutors. Beliefs are not changed by the use of force.

Three hundred years ago, Baptists were being persecuted in England and America. Persecution in the proper sense of the term in Britain or the United States is unthinkable now. We may have to wait some time before things reach this stage in eastern Europe. Baptists are opposed to persecuting anyone for any religion. We ask for freedom to worship and preach not only for ourselves but for all others. Through the ages, the enemies of true religion have struck many blows hoping to crush the truth. It is the hammer that wears out, not the anvil.

Committee Recommends Admission of Washington And Oregon Churches

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(BP)—A special Southern Baptist Convention committee named last year to study the petition of Washington and Oregon churches for admission to the Southern Convention will recommend that the churches be admitted.

Dr. C. C. Warren of Charlotte, N. C., chairman of the committee, announced the decision after a special meeting of the group here. Their recommendation will be carried to the meeting of the Convention in Oklahoma City in May.

Petition of the churches in the Pacific Northwest was received by the Convention's 1948 meeting, and in accordance with the Convention constitution was referred to the special committee for study. Twenty-one churches in the two states are included in the petition.

If the Convention acts favorably on the recommendation, this will increase to 23 the number of states in the SBC territory.

REPORT ON *Theological Education*

By JOHN H. BUCHANAN, Chairman

[Editor's Note: This report from the Committee on Theological Education is of greatest importance. Every denominationally minded Baptist should read it. It will be presented in three issues because of its great length. This report will be heard in Oklahoma City.]

THE APPOINTMENT of the Committee on Theological Education was occasioned by two facts occurring at the meeting of the Convention in St. Louis, May 1947: (1) A memorial from the Southern Baptist General Convention of California requesting the appointment of a committee to make a study of the proposed plan to receive the Golden Gate Theological Seminary as an institution of the Southern Baptist Convention; and (2) a recommendation from the Executive Committee of the Convention that a committee of nine be appointed to study the whole question of theological education in the light of suggestions concerning the establishment of a new theological seminary.

By vote of the Convention the scope of the committee to study the Golden Gate matter was enlarged to include the recommendation of the Executive Committee.

The personnel of the committee appointed consisted of the following: John H. Buchanan, Alabama, chairman; Wade Bryant, Virginia; R. C. Campbell, Arkansas; Douglas Hudgins, Mississippi; Edgar Godbold, Louisiana; J. W. Storer, Oklahoma; Wallace Bassett, Texas; A. L. Aulick, New Mexico; Paul Caudill, Tennessee (See Annual S. B. C. 1947, p. 17 and items 18, 23).

ORGANIZATION AND WORK

When the committee met it was agreed that a careful survey should be made relative to the whole matter of theological education seeking to determine: (1) What are our present and prospective needs for theological education with especial reference to our pastors? (2) What are our present facilities for meeting these needs? and (3) What changes, additions, or eliminations should be made in our present educational group in order to provide for these needs most efficiently and economically?

The committee was divided into two sub-committees, viz. (1) Present Facilities: J. W. Storer, chairman, Wade Bryant, Douglas Hudgins, Wallace Bassett. (2) Needs and Future Demands: Edgar Godbold, chairman, R. C. Campbell, A. L. Aulick, Paul Caudill. Douglas Hudgins was chosen secretary of the committee; J. E. Dillard (retired) and Porter Routh (S. S. Board) were asked to assist in making the survey; Dr. Milton C. Froyd, of New York City, conferred with the committee relative to topics and techniques.

Questionnaires were prepared, distributed, tabulated, and studied. A partial report was made to the Convention in 1948; more time was asked for completing the survey; this was granted. Dr. Gilbert Guffin, Howard College, Alabama, was added to the committee. Dr. A. L. Aulick, having accepted a position with the Golden Gate Seminary, resigned from the committee, and Dr. C. Vaughn Rock of Arizona was appointed in his place.

The Committee has conducted a wide correspondence, has had several meetings, has studied carefully and sympathetically the institutions and interests involved, has tabulated and summarized the results of the survey, has reached some very definite conclusions, and presents herewith for the consideration of the Convention certain recommendations which express the unanimous judgment of the committee.

THE SURVEY

The survey was conducted in two divisions: (1) The survey of the seminaries conducted by J. E. Dillard, and (2) the survey of churches and other schools conducted by Porter Routh. These surveys were conducted by questionnaires, conferences, correspondence, and the study of catalogs and the annuals of the conventions and associations.

Institutional Offering
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The committee has had very generous co-operation: officers, teachers, and trustees of the seminaries gave practically 100 per cent co-operation; students, alumni, pastors, college officials, clerks of associations, and others have helped. Your committee believes the results obtained reveal a fairly accurate cross-section of Southern Baptist thought on the matters investigated.

The original questionnaires, returns, summaries, tabulations, and correspondence are on file with the Executive Committee of the Convention. Below we give a gist of the information obtained.

A. SOME SALIENT FACTS

1. Our Three Seminaries

We have three theological seminaries; these are well located, fairly well equipped, with strong administrative staffs and faculties, though the number is woefully inadequate. These seminaries are members of the American Association of theological schools; two accredited, one associate.

Finances: As of December 31, 1946, the three seminaries had total assets of $12,783,895.79. On December 31, 1948, the assets amounted to $15,913,526.23, or an increase of $3,129,630.44. The total receipts from all sources for all purposes in 1947 were $1,409,392.62; for 1948 they were $2,848,977.72 or an increase of $1,439,585.10.

Size: All the seminaries are over-crowded. While no students were turned away last year for lack of class room, the classes themselves were in many cases so large as to make the best teaching impossible; approximately 270 students in 1947 and 400 in 1948 were not able to secure lodging at all, and a yet larger number had to live off of the campuses.

2. Faculties

The seminaries in 1947-48 had 79 teachers, an average of 32 students each. These teachers hold 182 degrees, their average age is 46.3 years; 43 per cent were born in rural districts, 32 per cent in towns, 15 per cent in cities; 84 per cent are married, they report 104 children living; they attended an average of 3.5 schools above high school; they have had an average pastoral experience of 11 1/6 years, and an average teaching experience of 14 years. They teach an average of 9.7 hours a week with a class average of 67.6 students. In addition they devote many hours to extra duties (counselling, committees, etc.). For all of this they receive salaries of $2,500 to $6,000 a year.

The teachers as a whole express great love for their seminaries and their work. They are slow to make an adverse criticism but do offer some suggestions. Among these (1) The classes are too large, (2) The facilities are inadequate in most cases, (3) There is need of more and better equipment especially for housing, chapel and library, (4) Need better recreational and social facilities, (5) Some changes in curricula are suggested, and (6) Several suggest need for one or more seminaries.

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EDUCATION—General Omar N. Bradley, Army chief of staff: "American education has failed to give many young men an alert appreciation of their liberties and a consequent explanation of their obligations."—*Quote.*

What About Deacons?

By PORTER ROUTH, Nashville, Tenn.

THE OFFICE of deacon has become meaningless in the average Baptist church. Most pastors and deacons have a fuzzy idea of the relationship which they each have with the church and with each other. Many pastors are suspicious of every action taken by their deacons.

These three disturbing facts are apparent as the result of a random sample of more than 200 pastors and deacons from Maryland to California, representing the small one-room rural church with one deacon and going to the large city church with a highly organized system of committees in the deacon's group.

Surprisingly, many pastors and laymen think that the modern church might get along just as well, or better, without deacons. Some churches have substituted a system of committees. The concept of work of the deacons runs from the simple act of leading in prayer to the frank statement by one deacon that his group should "make the decisions for the church." It is evident from the replies received that many pastors have had difficulty with specific men in their churches who happened to be deacons. This experience has led them to the unfortunate position of being suspicious of all deacons.

Pastors and deacons, alike, recognize the need for a free discussion of the tensions which exist, and a clarification of their respective duties and relationships. With a world on fire, these men recognize that much of the energy which ought to go into a positive offensive for Christ is being dissipated by petty bickering and misunderstanding among the male leadership of the churches. Present conditions call for the greatest spiritual and material power of each and every church. This demands a united leadership. Therefore, a reappraisal of the work of the deacon is important.

The Master Taught

Jesus was confronted on every hand in his day with a system of religious orders. The Master taught that there should be a "priesthood of believers" with **equality of privilege and duty.** To be sure, Jesus recognized the need for leadership, and He appointed the apostles who were to lead out in the spread of the Christian message. As Dr. G. S .Dobbins, professor of Religious Education at the Southern Seminary points out, the apostles, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the pressure of the need, saw the need for division of labor, and selected helpers or "deacons." Many of the words in the New Testament which are translated "minister" could just as well be translated "deacons."

Problem of Security

A recent survey of both pastors and deacons indicates that the pastor is more often not satisfied with his relationship with the deacon than the deacon is dissatisfied in his relationship with the pastor. This is understandable, since the pastor's major interest is in the affairs of the church, and he is in a position to have his plans halted by one or a group of deacons.

Several pastors expressed the feeling that the matter of financial dependence on the deacons (for they are the largest contributors in many churches) colors their attitude toward the deacon. This is understandable, for in many cases the deacon is well established financially in the community, while the pastor is having a difficult time meeting the payments on his car or his furniture. The situation is complicated when the pastor is having to make those payments to a merchant who also happens to be a deacon in the church he is serving. Many pastors have faced the problem of seeing merchants, who were also deacons, unhappy because the pastor bought merchandise from an individual not a member of the church. The same merchant has put pressure on the pastor when every payment was not made on time. At the same time many helpful deacons have extended credit on more than liberal terms to a needy minister only to be berated as a Shylock. Many problems in the relationship between pastor and deacon, especially in the smaller communities, seemingly arise out of the basic problem of economic security.

No General Rules

The survey also indicates that it is difficult to apply general rules in every size church. For example, the principle of rotation (where a deacon serves on the active group for a certain number of years) is being used in more and more of the large churches, but it does not seem to be practicable in the smaller churches. One deacon in a rural church in Missouri wrote that he wished he could rotate with some other man. In the church of thirty-four members, he does rotate every week as Sunday school superintendent, clerk, and treasurer. Many deacons and pastors called attention to the fact that there is nothing in the Bible about rotating deacons. It should be observed that a man usually continues to serve as a deacon once he has been set apart, but the larger churches have found it of value to have an active group officially charged with fixed responsibilities. However, **this matter must be decided by each individual church.**

Perhaps the outstanding problem in the relationship between pastor and deacon is the matter of responsibility. In more than half of the churches studied there was no fixed time for the meeting of deacons. Many churches reported that there had been no meeting of deacons within the past twelve months.

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PREACHERS—George Bernard Shaw is reported to have made the following observation about preaching: "Some preaching is like wine: it has color and sparkle, but does no permanent good; some is like drinking coffee: it stimulates, but does not nourish; some is like carbonated water: a fuss over nothing; some is like spring water: good, but hard to get."—Jos. R. Sizoo, in *Preaching Unashamed.*



A Juvenile Court Judge Declares—

"I am for this goal of 600,000 net gain in Sunday school enrolment. It may be that I believe in it a bit stronger than most people for I have had the opportunity of seeing the fruits of its work in my community. Take the Sunday school for example, and we know it isn't perfect, but I have observed that when boys and girls are regular attendants upon Sunday school very few become a problem of the court—and when the **whole family** goes to Sunday school there you have the positive guarantee of good citizens! This 600,000 drive is striking at the heart of the greatest weakness of the Sunday school—its failure to reach far enough!"

WILL YOU HELP YOUR CHURCH DO ITS PART NOW?

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"Thar's Gold In Them Thar Hills"

By H. H. HARGROVE
Brownwood, Texas

A HUNDRED years ago when the news filtered back to the East that gold had been discovered in the West, intrepid pioneers pushed their ways over uncharted plains and through mountain fastness to the land of opportunity.

As they aproached the region of riches and saw the mountains in the distance, they spurred each other on with the eager cry: "Thar's gold in them thar hills." Giving wings to their faith, they pressed on until those hills did yield fabulous wealth, and a new empire was born. This is today one of the great regions of our land and still yields abundant riches even while its potentialities have been little realized.

In recent years another type of pioneers have come from the East to the great western country. These have been pastors, missionaries and other spiritual leaders who have gone from our Southern Baptist Zion into that great western empire of tremendous need and fabulous promise. The messages they send back amount to the cry that was heard in the early days, but with a new and deeper meaning: "Thar's gold in them thar hills."

The gold of this cry consists of wealth in human lives and untold riches in material resources for Kingdom support if consecrated to the Lord. It was the writer's privilege to conduct a revival campaign in Yuma, Arizona, a few weeks ago, and he saw some of this wealth with his own eyes. Those who have gone to other sections, either temporarily or permanently, have seen so much of it that the air is vibrant with the calls for help and the announcements of opportunity.

There is first the gold of the unreached and seemingly unthought-of multitudes of lost souls. There are literally millions of these. Large cities with tens of thousands of inhabitants in that great stretch of the west from Arizona on up the Pacific coast to the Canadian border and into Alaska are without Baptist Churches. Many, many villages have no church to give our testimony as Baptists. Great cities have but few churches and with large areas untouched. Great rural areas and inland regions have large numbers without Christ. All of these comprise both responsibility and potentiality for service.

There is secondly the rich spiritual resources of many Baptists who have moved from our Southern Baptist Zion to that great section. A large per cent of these live where there is no Baptist church at all, and the others are located where there is no Southern Baptist church in which they would feel at home to worship and serve. Many of these, finding no church home, are lost to the kingdom so far as service is concerned. Others come in contact with heresies and are worse than lost to service. These pilgrims in a strange land comprise spiritual gold already mined and refined ready to be spent for the Master.

Material Wealth

Next we call your attention to the gold of fabulous material wealth. Not only gold, but many other metals continue to be brought from the mountains. Perhaps the greatest source of wealth is the expanding irrigation of the plains and valleys. Fruits of all kinds, dates, grain, alfalfa, cotton, etc., yield return as high as $300.00 to $400.00 an acre per year. In addition, the great western coast is fast becoming industralized. This great section will vie with the industrial eastern seaboard in material wealth in the years to come. It taxes one's power of imagination to think of what this money would do for the Kingdom if only consecrated to the Lord.

These facts concerning this great western country make it an outstanding obligation and a rare opportunity for Southern Baptists. Kingdom gold of hills and valleys and teeming cities should be staked out, claimed and mined. Our mission program requires large sums of money for an unprecedented program of missions. The state conventions which have been organized should be reinforced.

Since we have entered this vast territory, we should not allow our program to be small. One fatal result of such would be to cause Southern Baptists to be despised in the minds of people who think only in big terms. The schools which have been established should not be left to struggle alone.

We believe that if we could meet the needs and opportunities of this great section for a few years and harness its resources for Christ, in a generation or two thereafter it would yield as much money for our Kingdom agencies as all our Convention is giving today. We realize that it is difficult to think of such expansion in home missions with the needs of foreign missions so clament, but we should consider these matters of the Kingdom as a whole and together. Certainly all of this calls for renewed consecration of the wealth and lives of all our Baptist people to the Lord. Every Baptist should be a tither, but for all who are able to do more that should be but a minimum with which to begin. "Thar's gold in them thar hills" and valleys. God help Southern Baptists to mine it **for Him.**



From the Superintendent's Viewpoint—

"Our share of the 600,000 net gain in Sunday school enrolment is 150. I have the names of more than three times that number who are fine prospects. Among these unenlisted people are some of the most capable men and women in our community. We will never enlist them as leaders until we reach them for Bible study. That's one big reason I'm for increasing our enrolment—**NOW!**

"And about that Bible study—few people do much of it unless they are enrolled in Sunday school . . . and when we reach a person for the Sunday school we open the door for every ministry of the church."

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A prim old Quaker lady was driving a shiny new car. Suddenly, at a cross street a heavy truck, unable to stop, collided with the car, crumbling a fender, breaking a window, and gouging a hole in its shiny side. Infuriated, the woman managed to control herself only by remembering her Quaker upbringing. She got out and walked over to the truck driver.

"When thee gets home to thy kennel tonight," she said, "I hope thy mother *Bites* thee!"—*Capper's Weekly.*

Our Seminaries and College Men

By J. E. DILLARD

There was a time when it was thought unnecessary and maybe a bit dangerous for a preacher to go to college or seminary. He could just read his Bible at home or study under the guidance of some good pastor and then go out and exercise his gifts.

At this same time many men read medicine in the office of some successful doctor and then proceeded to make pills and dose out calomel. Also many a successful lawyer got his training by reading in some attorney's library and doing odd jobs till he could pass a rather elementary examination, then he could go out and practice law and run for congress or the presidency.

But times have changed: We require our doctors to have both college and medical training plus a couple of years interneship before being permitted to write prescriptions. We expect our lawyers to have a liberal education, followed by highly technical training and the passing of a rigid examination before they hang out their shingles.

And so if our pastors are to do their best and have the respect of their churches and communities, and enjoy the approval of a good conscience they must make an honest, long continued effort to prepare themselves.

We do not mean by this that no one can do good without college and seminary training, but we do believe the preach ought to make every effort adequately to prepare himself, and the denomination ought to help her preachers prepare themselves. The United States government spares no means to see that the men who are to be her high ranking officers in army and navy are given every opportunity and facility for thorough training.

We Southern Baptists were a bit slow in providing colleges and seminaries, but we have made a beginning. We believe that where possible our young preachers should go through college taking courses in the liberal arts and sciences, and then go on to the seminary for professional training.

Our present survey reveals the fact that our colleges and seminaries are working together trying to provide the best possible training for our people especially our preachers.

Our survey shows over 2,500 resident students enrolled in our three Southern seminaries; that 81 per cent of them had college training while only 19 per cent of them have not.

The survey also shows that more than one-half of our seminary students came from seventeen of our Southern Baptist colleges, whereas only about 4 per cent of them came from the nineteen state universities in the South. The other college students in seminary came from 248 other schools.

Think on these things

Miami Church Has Record Revival

The Allapattah Baptist Church, Miami, Florida, Dr. John H. Haldeman, pastor, was one of the thirty-six churches in the Miami Association participating in a city-wide simultaneous revival, February 13-27.

The campaign was conducted by Dr. C. E. Matthews, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board and who also preached in the Allapattah Church.

In the 11 o'clock worship service Sunday morning, February 20, 206 people united with the church in this one service; 168 of that number were on professions of faith. In the group confessing Christ as Saviour was a Jew, a Greek and a Chinese.

The total number of additions during the two weeks revival was 333; of whom 265 were professions of faith.

H. C. Wayman is Made Pastor Emeritus By the Sarasota's First Church

The Florida Baptist Witness placed the picture of Dr. and Mrs. H. C. Wayman on its front cover page last week. Dr. Wayman retired on February 1 as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sarasota after six years of service, and is now Pastor Emeritus.

"Fifty years of Teaching and Preaching Together," is the subhead under the picture. Dr. Wayman baptized ten persons at his final service, that last of whom was his own grandson, H. C. Wayman, III.

Native of Kentucky, Dr. Wayman began his work as pastor at Walton, Ky., and since has been a professor in the Southern Seminary; President of William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; President of Des Moines University, and Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Newport, Ky. He and Mrs. Wayman intend to make their home in Sarasota, and he will resume his work on a book he is writing on "Beliefs and Practices of Early Christians," and will accept some preaching and lecturing engagements.

Recognition and Honor Conferred Upon Dr. J. W. Thompson at Georgetown



Dr. George W. Redding, Professor of Bible, presents the Ministerial plaque to his predecessor, Dr. J. W. Thompson, recognizing his many years of competent and efficient service in the Bible Department of Georgetown College. In the foreground is seen a portion of the new J. W. Thompson Library of Biblical Literature, which will henceforth be of inestimable value to the pupils of Dr. Redding's department in the college.

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3. Students

On January 1, 1948, the student enrolment in the seminaries was as follows: candidates for Th.B. 67, for B.D. 938, for Th.M. 177, for Th.D. 201, students in Religious Education 679, in Music 255, correspondence courses 453, grand total 2,770. Resident students: male 1,972, female 527, total resident students 2,499.

(On December 1, 1948 reports show total resident enrolment of 2,560 with 1,599 ministerial students).

These students came from 38 states and 8 foreign countries. The most of these students came from nearby states. New Orleans enrols 60 per cent from Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama; Southern enrols 56 per cent from six nearby states; Southwestern enrols 641 or 46 per cent from Texas alone.

Some 2,033, or 81 per cent, of the students have college training while 474, or 19 per cent have not. Of the 2,033 with college training 1,295 or 63.7 per cent came from 17 Southern Baptist colleges, while only 79 or less than 4 per cent came from the 19 state universities of the South, though these universities have about 10 times the enrolment of these colleges (Enrolment of 17 senior Baptist colleges, 23,890; enrolment of 19 state universities 227,707).

The remaining 659 seminary students with college training came from 247 institutions, an average of 2.6 each. Our three seminaries enrolled 668 students from one state, but only 8 of them came from that state's university which had 20,000 students enrolled.

Relative to communities from whence seminary students came: 30 per cent came from rural communities; 36.6 per cent from towns; 33.4 per cent from cities. As to family status: 75 per cent are married, they have an average of one child each. The largest number of these students (38 per cent) came from farmer's homes; the next largest number (13 per cent) came from the homes of preachers; 81 per cent of the fathers of these men and 86 per cent of the mothers were Baptists. The mean weekly class load carried by the students is 16 hours.

The type of ministry these students hope to enter: 60 per cent pastorate, 16 per cent missionary, 13 per cent teaching, 11 per cent other types of work. As to the kind of pastorate preferred: 15 per cent prefer rural, 21 per cent prefer town, 37 per cent prefer city, others express no preference.

As to age when students joined church: 9 per cent joined during Primary years (6-8); 46 per cent during Junior years (9-12); 26 per cent during Intermediate years (13-16); 16 per cent during Young People's years (17-24), and about 2 per cent during Adult years (25 and over).

The mean age at which students decided to enter the ministry was 19, though more decided at 18 than at any other age. The mean age at which they were licensed was 21; the mean age at which they were ordained was 23, though more were ordained at 21 than at any other age.

We find that 41 per cent list the pastor as being most influential in leading to the decision to preach, and that the decision was reached most often during evangelistic meetings and next as a result of private meditation and prayer.

Relative to ministerial experience before entering the seminary: the average reported at New Orleans is 2 years, 2 months; that at Southern is 3 years, 7 months; that at Southwestern is 2 years, 9 months. We find that 46 per cent of the students express a desire for post-graduate work and nearly all of them wish to take it where they are now enrolled.

Practically all the students have some church work either with or without pay, some of them have secular work also, and 80 per cent of students reporting earn a part of their expenses while in school, 60 per cent of them earn half or more.

A great number of students expressed appreciation of the seminaries and gratitude for privileges enjoyed. The most of the criticisms and suggestions were offered in the finest spirit. They expressed need for buildings, equipment, larger faculty, more student-teacher participation, smaller classes, some changes in courses of study, need for more and better field work, social and recreational facilities. Many expressed the need for one or more new seminaries.

4. Alumni

The information given by alumni pastors from the three seminaries is in line with that given by the faculties and students as summarized above, viz., that the enrolments are too large for the facilities, that classes are too large for the best teaching methods, that more and better equipment should be provided, and that we need more seminaries.

Other items of interest gleaned from the answers in the questionnaires are these: 18 per cent of alumni pastors reporting are in rural fields, 43 per cent in towns, and 39 per cent in city pastorates. As to the number of pastorates served since seminary days 25.4 per cent were rural, 41.5 per cent town, 33.1 per cent city. Average length of pastorates: rural 2 years, 2 months; town 3 years, 7 months; city 5 years, 2½ months.

The greatest pastoral difficulties experienced by these men are: (1) finding time to do their work, (2) training and enlisting leaders, (3) cultivating the spiritual life, (4) caring for church organizations and work, (5) visiting and counselling, (6) preparing and delivering sermons.

These men report an average of more than 6 candidates for full time Christian service in their churches in the last ten years.

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The Training Union Director Favorable

"As the Sunday school grows our constituency increases too; so every Training Union worker is for the 600,000 emphasis one hundred per cent! Now here in our church, for an example, every time we add fifty more people to the Sunday school attendance there are enough new adults for another union and all the other unions are greatly strengthened. We're not only for it—we'll **help** our church reach her part of this 600,000 increase in Sunday school enrolment."

WILL YOU HELP YOUR CHURCH DO ITS PART NOW?

Institutional Offering April 10

Pastor Arthur L. Walker and the Manly Memorial Baptist Church of Louisville observed his first anniversary on February 27. During the year 82 new members were received, 38 of whom were by baptism. In the same period the weekly church budget was increased from $50.00 to $75.00.

Where Shall I Go to College?

By O. W. YATES
Georgetown, Ky.

Thousands of young men and women throughout America are looking away from high schools and gazing into the future asking the question, "Where shall I go to college?" This is a most important question and, because of background, not easily solved. "Where shall I go to college?" they ask. Yes, where? Answering, we suggest:

Go to the college that meets your needs. It is never wise to attend a college just because it is cheap. You would not buy a suit or a house for this reason. You know your needs or you would not plan to go to college. If you need *Christian* training then find your place in a *Christian* college. If you need thorough training, seek out a place of scholarship, and do not waste years in "crip" courses, or those of theory with little content. Attending college is a very serious matter. It must supply the needs of the student, or else four precious years are wasted.

Go to college within your state of residence. There are many young people who, when they plan "to go off" to college, remind you of a cow standing in clover and eating weeds over the fence.

During college days a student is associated with the top young people of his day, who will be the top citizens throughout his generation. When one goes to another state he frequently makes acquaintances he may never see again and who, because of distance, never supports him in his chosen profession. At public meetings he is a stranger, and in the business world, the top men and women are interested in others whose friendship began in college days. Also, there is neither scholastic nor any other advantage gained by leaving one's own state.

Go to a college the students of which would be attractive in marriage. We very often lose sight of the fact that college years are also years of marital decisions, although no college is a matrimonial bureau. College contacts in this period of life very often result, as is expected, in marriage. It is possible, under these college surroundings, for one to marry far below his social or economic level. Therefore, it is wise for one to attend college where he has more than an equal chance to improve himself in life's important domestic relationship.

Likewise, the proper college contacts may relieve one of obligations made formerly in a lower bracket of social relationship, and thus serve to cancel unworthy plans and initiate new and better contracts. *It behooves anyone to do the best he can for himself!*

Go to a Christian College. The biggest business in the world is being a Christian. We must have therefore, the best training or else we fail in this paramount business. The economic, social and political world is demanding and providing means of training for proficiency in its realm. Christianity must stand or fall on the same basis. God has a way of making his will known to young people, but to *know* his will is not enough. Adults must provide buildings and equipment, and the proper encouragement to induce these youths to acquire the best possible college training to serve God in their day and generation.

There have always been those who opposed college training for Christian workers; but they leave only a trail of ignorance to show where they have been. In the early years of Baptist history in America, our founders thought only of the *ministry* in Christian education, as is indicated in the charter of the oldest colleges, such as Harvard, Brown and others. This concept fortunately has enlarged to include *everybody.* We certainly need more and better trained men for the pulpit, but, likewise, churches are seeking out *musicians, educational workers, missionaries, church secretaries, church visitors, associate pastors and teachers who are well trained to advance their programs and build great congregations.* Such well trained church workers are adequately paid and are making themselves indispensable in the programs of church leadership.

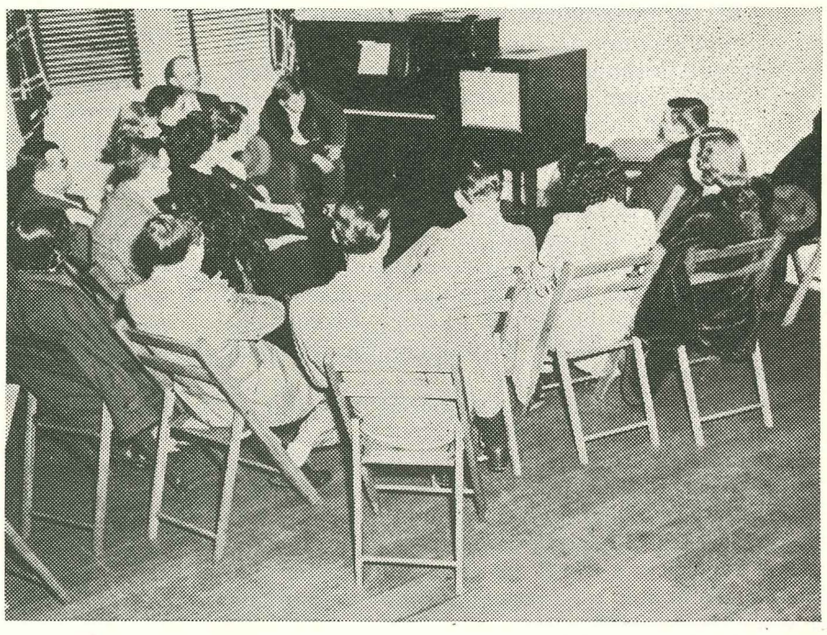
The student who attends a Christian College is not only in demand as a full-time *Christian* worker, but many other fields are seeking the person who has education-plus, such as is obtained in a Christian College. Christianity does for education what it does for a lost sinner, or a sin-ridden home. **Young people need the council of Christian leaders to steer them to the campus which will supply them with the training for time and eternity.**

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Dr. F. Russell Purdy, Calvary Church, Lexington, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon for Oneida Institute on April 3. D. Chester Sparks is President there.

Deer Park Has New Television Set



Some of the people gathered around the new television set at the Deer Park Baptist Church. Recently some of the men of the church thought it wise to provide such a set for the young people in particular, and the membership in general. The men took it upon themselves to raise the money and did so. Now the recreational program is blessed with this added equipment.

Editorials

Institutional Offering April 10

As urgently as this editor knows how, he would lay on the hearts of all Kentucky Baptists the importance of the April 10 Institutional Offering.

First of all, it should be made plain that the Institutional Offering of April 10 in no way sets aside the usual Mothers' Day Offering for May 8. The Mothers' Day Offering **is not for the Hospital itself,** but for charity cases treated in the hospital. All money received in the May 8 offering is to be used for **charity alone.**

The Institutions

Represented in the April 10 Institutional Offering are the three Baptist hospitals of the state: the Kentucky Baptist Hospital at Louisville, the Central Baptist Hospital at Lexington (in process of building) and the West Kentucky Baptist Memorial Hospital of Paducah (in process of building). The Kentucky Baptist Hospital already shares in the receipts of the Co-operative Program, but the other two, not yet in operation, do not share.

The Kentucky Baptist Hospital, established in 1924, has a 300 bed capacity, treated 10,892 patients last year (4,020 Baptists, 1,218 Catholics, 284 Jews, all others 5,370). Over 500 employees and nurses care for the sick, and 224 doctors are on the staff. The hospital emphasizes the three-fold ministry of Jesus—healing the sick, teaching young women through the School of Nursing, and preaching the Word through the hospital minister.

The School of Nursing has now 112 young women in training. Additional quarters for providing housing for 45 more nurses are being erected. The present indebtedness on the hospital is $575,000 on the new buildings, interest is three and one half per cent per annum. The hospital charged off for charity, discounts and bad debts last year, approximately $33,000. This did not include $8,648.16 expended from the Sunday School Charity Fund.

The Central Baptist Hospital at Lexington has pledges in the amount of $535,000, of which amount $336,000 has been paid. The site consists of seven and one half acres, and the foundation has been laid. There is no debt on the project to date. Present objective is to raise $1,770,000 to complete the first part of the building program.

West Kentucky Baptist Memorial Hospital at Paducah is located on three and one half acres of land, the contract for erection of the super-structure has been let to cost $140,000. Money is in hand to pay for that. Total cash and pledges amount to approximately $500,000. Hospital, completed, will have 110 private rooms, can care, in emergencies, for 170 patients. Estimated total cost of hospital and nursing home will be $800,000.

Our Schools

Sharing in the April 10 Institutional Offering are our seven schools:

Our senior college, Georgetown, had an enrolment last year of 952. It is faced with the **urgent** need for a dormitory to care for at least 100 boys. A music building is needed, as are scholarships through which to help worthy students. The endowment should be increased.

Cumberland College at Williamsburg has a present enrolment of 328. The school is in **dire** need of a combined administration and chapel structure. The school should be enabled to offer assistance to scores of worthy young men and women who wish to attend the school because of the high Christian atmosphere and academic standing, but, because of a lack of financial strength, are unable to attend.

Campbellsville College, Campbellsville, a South Kentucky Institution, has an enrolment of 317. It is greatly handicapped until a boys' dormitory is completed and equipped. The school also needs and must have a new Arts and Science building and auditorium which will cost around $250,000.

Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, has an enrolment of nearly 200. The school faces the **dire** need for modernizing its library and making other improvements to attain demanded standards.

Oneida Institute, Oneida, is located in the very heart of one of our greatest denominational mission fields. Including the grade school pupils, the enrolment is 355. The school needs **badly** a water system and a new gymnasium, also repairs for the boys' dormitory, a strengthened music and art department along with homes for the teaching staff.

Magoffin Institute, Mountain Valley, likewise in a great mission field has an enrolment of approximately 100 boys and girls of high school age and younger. They **must** have funds to repair the present buildings and to construct a new dormitory for boys. There is also need for a new home economics building and a church house on the campus. The president's home was recently destroyed by fire.

The Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School, Pineville, was recently admitted to share in Co-operative Program receipts of Kentucky Baptists. The purpose of the school is to offer special training to men who have not had college training. At present there are 110 enrolled from twelve states. Fifty-eight of the students came from churches affiliating with the General Association. There is clearly a field for this type of institution which enables men better to prepare themselves to minister to the mountain people. Dr. L. C. Kelly, president, states: "The faculty of five are all experienced, evangelistic, doctrinally sound, missionary Baptists, with advanced degrees from Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries." The needs of the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School are, "housing facilities and faculty members, an administration building, an adequate water and sewer system, some industries by which students can help earn their living costs, etc."

These ten institutions are yours. They need your help. They are worthy of your support in a great offering next April 10. The writer suggests that you secure and read carefully three tracts, "The Ministry of Healing," by George Ragland, "The Task of Teaching," by Carroll Hubbard, and "Looking Up for Help," by L. C. Kelly, all obtainable from the Baptist Headquarters Building, 127 East Broadway, Louisville, Ky. This editorial has borrowed some of their statements.

A Constantly Recurring Menace

The Baptist ministers of Louisville have been reminded that constant vigilance is the price of religious liberty.

In 1948 Louisville's city government passed an ordinance (No. 112, Series 1948) which provided for the "imposition and payment of license fees for the privilege of engaging in occupations, trades, professions, business and other activities."

Authorities of the city government promptly set about to **tax ministers of religion for the privilege of preaching the gospel of the Lord Jesus within the limits of Louisville,** the tax amounting to one per cent of their total income. The city government also **demanded that the churches and other religious institutions within the city limits act as agents of the city government in the collecting of this tax from the ministers and others employed.**

As should have been done, there was an immediate protest both on the part of ministers themselves and the churches. The protest was based on the fact that the city ordinance, taxing ministers for the privilege of preaching the gospel, and demanding that the churches and other religious institutions act as agents of the government in the collecting of the taxes, was clearly a violation of the principle of the separation of church and state.

A great many of the churches refused to collect the taxes for the city government, and some of the ministers refused to pay.

The Long Run Association of Baptists appointed a committee to deal with the city government on the point involved.

Due to the work of the committee and certain others in the religious field, the act was amended to exempt ordained ministers from this occupational tax.

As stated above, this experience, and many others which we now face in America—even with the National Government—illustrates the need for **eternal vigilance.** The general public would be amazed at the constant efforts being exerted by various organizations, some of them religious, to enable the government to invade in one way or another the realm of the churches.

Baptists Youths Turn Eyes Toward Paducah

Throughout Kentucky, Baptist young people are turning their eyes and hearts toward their annual Baptist Training Union Convention to be held April 20 to 22—Wednesday evening to Friday evening—with the First Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., of which Dr. Thomas R. Brown is pastor. All pastors are co-operating.

Secretary Byron C. S. DeJarnette has, with his helpers, arranged an outstanding program for the Convention. Dr. B. B. McKinney of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead the singing for all sessions. Dr. Wm. E. Denham, Jr., of Macon, Georgia, will be the devotional leader. Morning speakers will be: Rev. Tucker Calloway, Louisville, Thursday; Dr. Joe Burton, Nashville, Friday. Evening speakers will be: Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis, Wednesday; Dr. C. O. Johnson, St. Louis, Thursday; Dr. J. W. Middleton, Atlanta, Friday. Out-of-state conference leaders will be: Mrs. Versel S. Crenshaw, Tennessee; Mr. Joe Davis Heacock, Texas; Mrs. Adam Sloan, Georgia; Mrs. Hattie Potts Rogers, Tennessee; Mrs. J. O. Williams, Tennessee; Miss Pauline Hargis, Tennessee.

Young people should write promptly to Mrs. Shultz Riggs, 301 South 17th Street, Paducah, Ky., for free bed and breakfast.

The Baptist Training Union Convention, from the standpoint of attendance, is even larger than the General Association itself. The expected total attendance this year is 3,500. We hope they reach it, and that next year it is even larger. The young people are on the march!

Baptist Growth In Long Run Association 1932 - 1948

The growth of the Baptist work in Long Run Association of Baptists is nothing short of amazing.

A study in comparisions handed us by Associational Superintendent J. Perry Carter sets forth the advance since 1932—a period of 16 years.

In 1932 the number of churches was 64, now it is 74.

Mission stations then numbered 3, now there are 21.

1932 baptisms totaled 1,718; the 1948 total was 2,737.

The increase by letter in 1932 was 1,640; last year it was 3,235.

Total membership then was 30,908. The number reported in 1948 was 57,922.

Within the sixteen years Sunday school enrolment has increased from 28,219 to 41,455, and the Training Union enrolment has increased from 4,337 to 8,647. During the same period the W. M. S. enrolment increased from 6,419 to 7,717—the smallest percentage gain of any of the departments.

In the sixteen years:

Gifts for local church work increased from $356,-137.97 to $1,252,049.17.

Gifts to missions increased from $98,233.62 to $464,955.82.

Total value of church property increased from $3,238,100 to $5,368,650.00.

In 1932 the total indebtedness on all church property in Long Run Association was $693,099.98. In 1948 the indebtedness was only $231,164.86.

In spite of these advances pastors and denominational workers fully realize they have touched only the fringe of opportunity. Teeming thousands are still unreached for Christ and the work.

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►I never believed in imposing on a dead man at his funeral. A fellow who shuns the house of God all his life looks so uncomfortable lying in front of the pulpit.

►There is now under process of construction in Sacramento, California, a heathen mosque that will cost, when completed, $50,000. They come to America to convert us. Admittedly, the change for **some** over here would not be as radical as in other parts of the world.



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ONEIDA BAPTIST INSTITUTE, ONEIDA, KY.

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CLEAR CREEK MOUNTAIN PREACHERS SCHOOL, PINEVILLE, KY.

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Miss Dorothy Brizendine, Student Secretary at Murray

By J. CHESTER DURHAM, Lexington, Ky.

Miss Dorothy "Ma" Brizendine is beginning her fourth year as Baptist Student Secretary at Murray State Teachers' College, Murray, Ky. During that time her B. S. U. organization has been First Magnitude, the highest honor in B. S. U. work.

Dottie B. graduated from high school in Gallatin, Tenn., in 1941, and from Murray in 1945. She also has an M.A. degree from Murray, and has taken graduate work at Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth.

When Dottie B. was a student she served on the B. S. U. council as editor of the local B. S. U. paper, first vice-president, music director, and as music director on the state council. She was also active in summer youth revival work. Other activities included: Sigma Alpha Iota, girls' music society; Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary society in education; and *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities.*

Murray's B. S. U. is blessed by a very active group of full-time service volunteer students. There are eight preachers, three music directors, five foreign mission volunteers, and several who are still not decided which service to enter.

The student center, for which many Murray students prayed and worked so long, has recently been completed.

Dottie B. is directing a year-round



Miss Dorothy Brizendine

program of service through a Christ-centered Baptist Student Union at Murray.

Oneida Baptists Enter New Building

Pastor Lynn Claybrook, Onedia Baptist Church, writes:

"Yesterday (March 13) was a high day for the Onedia Baptist Church, marking the opening of the new and completed house of worship. We placed 268 chairs in the auditorium and all were filled and more had to be brought from the basement. We checked up a new all-time high in Sunday school attendance with 259 present. There is not a room in the building that is large enough. . . When the people saw the finished and furnished house they were melted to tears. I baptized five at the evening service. One of them was the man who built the house—Brother Loyd Harris."

Pastor Claybrook goes on to state that his son, Rev. P. E. Claybrook of Millington, Tennessee, began a revival with him March 14, which will run for some days. Report of this meeting will be given us later, we trust.

The *Western Recorder* congratulates Brother Claybrook on the very fine progess the church has made under his leadership. A few weeks ago the Oneida Church joined the many hundreds of churches in Kentucky which have the *Western Recorder* in the church budget —going to every resident home in the church membership.

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Southern Baptist Foundation Elects Dr. C. H. Bolton Executive Secretary

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. Charles H. Bolton, pastor of the Riverside Baptist Church of Miami, Fla., was elected executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation at its annual meeting in Nashville, February 23.

Dr. Bolton, if he accepts the position, will set up offices in Nashville for the solicitation and investment of trust funds for Southern Baptist institutions and agencies.

The Southern Baptist Foundation was established by the Southern Baptist Convention in 1947, and Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Convention's Executive Committee, has served temporarily as executive secretary until the organization was completed at the annual meeting. Dr. Bolton will be the first full-time executive of the organization.

Dr. Bolton has been pastor of Riverside Baptist Church in Miami since July 1944. He was pastor of the West Palm Beach Baptist Church, 1927-39; associate secretary of the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board at Dallas, 1939-41; executive secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention, 1941 until he moved to the Miami church. He is a former president of the Florida Baptist Convention, is trustee of Stetson University, a member of the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the Florida Baptist Convention, and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

W. Maxey Jarman, chairman of the board of General Shoe Corporation, was re-elected president of the Foundation. Other officers are L. L. Gellerstedt, Atlanta, vice-president; Raymond Rogers, Nashville, secretary, and Duke K. McCall, Nashville, treasurer. Jack C. Massey, Nashville, was elected chairman of the executive committee which superintends all investments.

Baptist Highlights

By Porter Routh

.....Possibility of a Baptist college operated by the Southern Baptists in California is seen in the steps being taken to purchise building, grounds, and equipment of the Amerivet Academy at Atascadero, California. Dr. H. D. Bruce, of East Texas Baptist College, has been invited by California Baptists to study the new property.

.....The Baylor University School of Medicine has received oil properties worth $50,000 in honor of the late Dr. John B. Goldsmith.

.....Illinois Baptists have suggested Chicago as a possible site for the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention.

.....U. S. Senator J. M. Broughton, a graduate of Wake Forest and one of North Carolina's leading laymen, died in Washington after a heart attack.

.....A New York Appelate Court has ruled "under the usages and customs of a Baptist church, the authority to employ or dismiss a minister lies not in the trustees or the deacons, but in the congregation itself."

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Sunday School Lesson, April 3

By R. T. SKINNER

Subject, "TURNING TOWARD THE CROSS"

Bible Material: Mark 8:27 to 9:1, 31-34; Luke 9:28-36, 51.

Golden Text—Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Mark. 8:34.

MARK 8:

27 And Jesus went out, and his disciples, into the towns of Caesarea Philippi: and by the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Whom do men say that I am?
28 And they answered, John the Baptist: but some say, Elias; and others, One of the prophets.
29 And he saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Peter answereth and saith unto him, Thou art the Christ.
30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.
31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
32 And he spake that saying openly. And looked on his disciples, he rebuked Peter, saying, Get thee behind me, Satan: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but the things that be of men.
34 And when he had called the people unto him with his disciples also, he said unto them, Whosoever will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

LUKE 9:

28 And it came to pass about an eight days after these sayings, he took Peter and John and James, and went up into a mountain to pray.
29 And as he prayed, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment was white and glistening.
30 And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias:
31 Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem.
32 But Peter and they that were with him were heavy with sleep: and when they were awake they saw his glory and the men that stood with him.
33 And it came to pass, as they departed from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias: not knowing what he said.
34 While he thus spake, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as thy entered into the cloud.
35 And there came a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son: hear him.
51 And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION

During this quarter we continue the study of the life of Christ. After the great Galilean ministry, Jesus, in full knowledge of what lay ahead, started the stage-by-stage trek toward Jerusalem and the cross. Did He hold back as He saw a terrible death ahead? No. It was to die that He came into the world. He knew what would come to pass before He came to the world, before He was born of the virgin. He knew it all the days of His earthly life. "For the joy that was set before him, he endured the cross, and despised the shame." And for the joy of doing the Father's will, and to open the way into the Holy of Holies for man, by His own blood, He moved on toward the day and hour of crucifixion. He was God's perfect and willing lamb, "slain from the foundation of the earth."

DISCUSSION

On the way, Jesus, with His disciples, went into the towns of Caesarea Philippi. They must have talked of many things. There was much teaching and training to pack into those precious days remaining before the cross.

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By H. F. Laflamme

The lifetime of a generation, or thirty years after William Carey had launched the modern missionary crusade by his entrance into India, the very heart and stronghold of the non-Christian world, the widening circle of that great spiritual upheavel began to stir America. At the beginning of that century the spiritual life of the higher institutions of learning had sunk so low that the college societies took the names of the leading atheists of the day.

In Williams College the feeling was so hostile that a little group of spiritually minded students was driven to the woods for their meetings. A thunder storm drove them to the shelter of a haystack where they continued to meet. The vastness of the world-wide task assumed such proportions as to throw them back on the Divine resources and they cried out, "We can do it if we will." An enthusiastic student, a Scandinavian, gave this a very modern form when he shouted "To will is to can." Members of the haystack praying band applied to the Congregationalists for they were members of that body, to be sent as foreign missionaries. The result was the formation of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions in 1812, the first to be formed on this continent.

When they applied for incorporation by the legislature of Massachusetts, the charter was opposed by one Benjamin W. Croningshield, on the ground that there was so little of Christianity in the New England States that they could not afford to export it. In this he forgot that Christianity is a commodity of such a character that the more of it you export, the more of it is left for home consumption and that the divine arithmetic multiplies by division and is added to by subtraction.

The truth of this was made abundantly clear by the subsequent career of two of the members of the band. Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice. They met with a change of views as they were on their way to India and becoming Baptists sent home their challenge to the Baptists to come to their support. To this the Baptists, then a very small body, responded by founding the first Baptist foreign missionary board in 1814. At that time the Baptists numbered some 120,000 in all. This split the body. One section held that foreign missions was the exclusive perogative of God and that to engage in it was trespassing on that prerogative, so they refused to engage in the support of the mission in India. This section was known as the anti-mission, old Two-Seed-in-the-Spirit, Forty-Nine Gallon, Hard Shell, Predestinarians.

What is the verdict of 133 years of history? The anti-mission Baptists number about 60,000, despite the great growth of America, they barely hold their own. Whereas the missionary Baptists number more than 11,000,000. This simply verifies the truth of that Scripture which says "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. The liberal soul shall be made fat; and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Missions at home and abroad are alternate beats of the one heart, one cannot live without the other.—*The Canadian Baptist.*

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Prayer

When we meet God in prayer, we should go like a patient to his doctor—to be thoroughly examined and afterwards to be treated for our ailments. What we do in God's Kingdom depends upon what we are. What we are depends upon what we receive. What we receive depends upon prayer. The greatest transmission of power takes place through the believer's prayers and intercessions.—Copied.

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Dr. Torrey's Prescription For a Revival

I can give you a prescription that will bring a revival to any church or community or any city on earth. The prescription is as follows: First, let a few Christians (they need not be many) get right with God themselves. This is the prime essential! If this is not done, the rest that I am to say will come to nothing. Second, let them bind themselves together to pray for a revival until God opens the heavens and comes down. Third, let them put themselves at the disposal of God for Him to use as He sees fit in winning others to Christ. That is all!

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Happiness

Happiness goes out from the heart before it comes in. It never by any chance stays at home. You store it for your individual use. You can lend it, but you cannot borrow it. You can earn it, but you cannot buy it. You can spend it, but you cannot accumulate it.

A man must contribute to the stock of human joys before he can participate in its profits. To seek happiness without giving it is a futile request, and all our longings for it, if we have not learned to give it to others, are as empty bottles in the wine cellar of the soul. Happiness never really was any good in this world but to give away.

—*Little Rock Messenger*

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Are Ye Able?

Able to suffer without complaining—
To be misunderstood without explaining;
Able to endure without a breaking—
To be forsaken without forsaking;
Able to give without receiving—
To be ignored without any grieving;
Able to ask without commanding—
To love despite misunderstanding;
Able to turn to the Lord for guarding—
Able to wait for His own rewarding?

—*The Builder*

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Church Attendance

Concerning church attendance, Roger Babson, the famous statistician, said: "To get good from it, one must make it a habit. It is the systematic daily walks that do us good, not the occasional walk. Church going is like advertising in one way, we must keep constantly and incessantly at it to make it pay. Then we can be guaranteed good dividends."—*Copied.*

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HOME—Said Wesner Fallaw: "We observe that our culture is surfeited with gadgets that have driven from the home any need for the parents gathering children around them, for chores and household art, thus forming a self-sufficient family economy. Once the family could stand on its own, in details ranging from preparing the ground for seed all the way to harvesting, grinding the grain, and baking the bread. But now the household is thrown out of order if the toaster doesn't work.—Hazen G. Werner, in *The Christian Faith and Secularism,* edited by J. Richard Spann, (Abingdon-Cokesbury).

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Mr. Collings urges every Sunday school within the association to send a representative for each conference, even though the school may not now have every department in its organization. After the conferences Pastor A. W. Walker, of Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville, will bring a short message on the evangelistic opportunities of the Sunday school.

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Finley F. Gibson, III, 17, of Anchorage, son of Mr. and Mrs. Finley F. Gibson, Jr., and grandson of Dr. and Mrs. Finley F. Gibson, Sr., was injured when a car in which he was a passenger crashed into a tree. The car was driven by Lawrence Wetherby, Jr., also 17, son of Lieut-Governor Lawrence Wetherby, Sr., of Kentucky. Young Gibson's father had just passed them on the road, and looked back and witnessed the result of the accident.

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James Agnew Ordained To Ministry at Elmburg; Five Deacons Ordained

SHELBYVILLE, Ky., March 13.—James Agnew, student at Southern Baptist Seminary and missionary volunteer for Chile, South America, was ordained to the gospel ministry at Elmburg Baptist Church. Pastor Bob Martin was assisted by the deacons of Elmburg, Pastor Fred Bell of Pleasureville, John Strange of Cropper, and Fred M. Horton and deacons of Union Baptist in Deboe. Brother Agnew is from Greenville, S. C.

The Elmburg church ordained at the same service five new deacons to bring their total number of deacons to nine. Harold Bohannon, Kesler Hall, Martin Stivers, Ernest Smither, and Chester Franklin Black are the new deacons.

In Memoriam

MRS. JUDITH GIBSON

CLOVERPORT, Ky., February 25.—God in His infinite love has called our dearly beloved sister, Mrs. Judith Gibson, to her reward. In her going the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Baptist Church, Cloverport, has lost a loyal and faithful member. She was a happy Christian serving her Master with joy. Through her business life she won many friends in the town and community in which she was interested.

We thank God for her Christian life and her loyalty to the Word and work. The members of the Cloverport Missionary Society extend its sympathy and love and prayers to her family, and wish that a copy of this tribute be sent to her husband, a copy spread on the minutes, and a copy sent to the Western Recorder for publication.—Committee, Mrs. G. C. Sandusky, Mrs. L. H. Early, and Mrs. C. C. LeMaster.

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Three important Missionary Emphasis Programs are to be conducted in Central Kentucky during the month of April. From April 3-8 Elkhorn Association will have twenty-nine churches engaged in a simultaneous Schools-of-Missions program.

Several outstanding missionaries from all three of our boards will participate in this program. Dr. J. L. Hart, a great pioneer missionary to both Argentina and Chile, will be one of the speakers each night. So will Missionary Earl Parker, North China. Several other good men from the Foreign Board will be on this program.

From the Home Mission Board there will be several outstanding persons. Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Hancock, who are outstanding Indians, will take part on the program, as will Rev. Frank Belvin, the only Indian Missionary among Southern Baptists who has a Ph.D. degree. Also "Big Jim" Pickup and Sam Hinder, two of the Cherokee Indians, will be with us. Dr. L. W. Martin and Stanley Smith will also take part.

From the State Board we have Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, F. C. Tuttle, Eldred M. Taylor, and others, on the program.

The week of April 10-15 Tates Creek and Central Associations will conduct Schools of Missions. The speakers in the Elkhorn program will be used in these two associations. Some of the Elkhorn speakers will go to Tates Creek, and others to Central.

Baptists living in Central Kentucky who are interested in our Southern Baptist Zion should plan to hear these great men of God. Opportunities to hear our greatest missionaries do not come our way every day, and for this reason all Baptists in Central Kentucky should be interested in this program.

W. M. U. Organized in The Stonewall Church

GEORGETOWN, Ky., March 12.—Stonewall Baptist Church in Elkhorn Association met February 17, 1949, to organize a Woman's Missionary Society. Mrs. Smith, of Georgetown, Ky., led in starting the society. The meeting opened with prayer, the W. M. U. hymn for 1949 was sung and the watch-word given. The women were impressed by Mrs. Smith's spiritual personality as she stirred the hearts of her hearers.

Mrs. Mary E. Wright was elected President, and Mrs. Mildred Hamilton the vice president. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Lizzie Wright, Secretary; Mrs. Martha A. Morrison, Treasurer; Mrs. Juanita Richardson, Community Missions Chairman; Mrs. Dofthy Hamilton, Stewardship Chairman; Pastor Fred E. Richardson, Mission Study Chairman.

The time for future meetings were set for the second Friday night of each month at 7:30 o'clock.

The charter members of the society are: Mary E. Wright, Mildred Hamilton, Forthy Hamilton, Mrs. Malcom Jones, Lizzie Wright, Martha Morrison, Juanita Richardson, Gladys Stubbs, and Mrs. Claude Hamilton.

Porter Memorial Has Second Anniversary For Pastor O'Ray Weeks

LEXINGTON, Ky., February 9.—February 6 was an important date in the history of the Porter Memorial Baptist Church, this date being the second anniversary of Brother O'Ray Weeks as pastor. Brother Weeks came with the Porter Memorial Baptist Church, January 1, 1946, to serve as acting pastor, as the church had granted her pastor a three months' leave of absence. On March 1, 1946, Brother Weeks was called to be associate pastor of the church, working with Rev. C. L. Hargrove who was pastor at that time.

During the two years that Brother Weeks has been pastor, 400 members have been added to the church. The church purchased a pastorium and lot adjoining at the rear of the church for $10,000.00. The pastorium has been completely redecorated, both interior and exterior. The church has been redecorated as follows: An acoustitex ceiling in the auditorium at a cost of $1,765.00; a carpet on the auditorium costing $1,878.00; new office furniture, and many of the rooms and departments have been redecorated, many items and equipment including a water fountain have been added to the church. A bus has also been purchased.

The church voted to erect another educational building in the rear at a cost of approximately $60,000.00 which is now under construction. Upon the completion of this building, new departments and several classes will be added to the Sunday school, including a modern nursery. The church is furnishing its members with the Western Recorder. In the past two years Porter Memorial has helped two of her sister churches, contributed liberally to the Central Baptist Hospital and is very liberal in her missionary efforts. The sum of $100,000.00 has gone through the church treasury for all causes in the past two years. The Wednesday night prayer meetings are broadcast over Station WLEX.

Before coming to Porter Memorial, Brother Weeks served as Chaplain in the South Pacific and led many boys to Christ. Several were baptized into the fellowship of Porter Memorial Baptist Church. Porter Memorial is both happy and thankful that Brother Weeks came her way. Our goal for 1949 is 1,000 in Sunday school and 300 new members.—*Mrs. Forest Noel, Secretary.*

Gleanings

A Youth Revival is to be held at the First Baptist Church of Paris, Ky., where S. Herbert Cockburn is pastor, during April 19-27.

The funeral of Charles Vance was conducted at the Old Cedar Church, Owen County, on March 11. He was formerly a member of the Georgetown Baptist Church.

Rev. W. H. Vinson, Jr., who has been Minister of Music and Education with Pastor Elwyn N. Wilkinson at the Immanuel Baptist Church of Lexington, Ky., has gone to accept a similar work with the Hayes Barton Baptist Church of Raleigh, N. C., where Dr. John W. Kincheloe, Jr., is pastor.

Pastor Sherman Woods, of East Williamstown Baptist Church, Williamstown, W. Va., did the preaching in a revival with Pastor Clarence Walker at the Ashland Avenue Church of Lexington recently. The music was led by Pastor Lloyd Mahanes, of Boones Creek Baptist Church. Ashland Avenue now has nearly 3,000 members.

In Memoriam

MRS. DORA ANDERSON WITT

LEVEE, Ky., March 21.—Mrs. Dora Anderson Witt, the deceased, was born December 16, 1872, and departed this life December 16, 1948, at the age of 76 years. She was married to Mr. Harrison Witt, February 21, 1889, who preceded her in death 24 years and 8 months. To this union were born five sons and two daughters; Strauder, Vernon, Floyd, John and Harold, and Mrs. Anna Murphy of this county, Montgomery, and Mrs. Nellie West of Indianapolis, Indiana.

Mrs. Witt leaves besides her children, fifteen grandchildren, three great grandchildren, and a great host of friends.

Mrs. Witt accepted Christ as her Saviour, as a girl of early teens, and united with Macedonia Baptist Church, then located on Hog-Creek. Those who have known her through these years know well her faith in and love for Him and His church., She was from the beginning, one of the most optimistic in the building of this church. So often she said, "I have prayed that the Lord will just let me live to see the church built and paid for."

Rev. F. C. Tuttle presided at the funeral which was held in the Macedonia Baptist Church, Levee, Kentucky.

WORK—It is not the hours you put in your work, but the work you put in your hours.—*Canadian Business.*

VALUES—The world has forgotten, in its pre-occupation with *Left* and *Right*, that there is an *Above* and a *Below*.—Franz Werfel, *English Digest.*

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West Kentuckiana's First Associational S. S. Meeting at Grace

NEWBURGH, Ind., March 23.—The West Kentuckiana Association held its first associational Sunday school meeting at Grace Baptist Church, Evansville, on March 17 at 7:30 P. M. Special music was furnished by the Grace Baptist Church Quartette. Plans for the Associational Sunday school program was given by Superintendent Verner Barnett. Nominations and election of officers followed. "Soul Winning" was the subject of a message delivered by Rev. R. Truett Miller.

The next Sunday School Associational meeting will be held at the Immanuel Baptist Temple, Henderson, Ky., on April 14 at 7:30 P. M.

Hawesville Church



Recent picture of the Hawesville Baptist Church, in Breckenridge Baptist Association's territory, where C. L. Hardcastle is pastor. Pastor Hardcastle has announced a series of spring evangelistic services beginning March 28 and continuing through April 3. The services are sponsored by the Men's Brotherhood of the Hawesville Church, and call for a different speaker for each evening service. The speaker on March 28 was Pastor Henry Schafer of Eaton Memorial Church of Owensboro; on March 29, Pastor C. E. Oaks, Tell City, Ind.; March 30, Superintendent C. Ford Deusner, of Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale, Ky., tonight it will be Dr. Chester Badgett, Beaver Dam, Ky.; tomorrow night, Pastor Irvin Parrett, Irvington, Ky.; April 2, Pastor J. F. Hixon, Lewisport Church; and the closing night, Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Executive Secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, Louisville.

K. S. Clendaniel, Going To Jackson, Commended By Caldwell Co. Pastors

PRINCETON, Ky., March 18.—The Caldwell Baptist Association's Baptist Pastors' Conference has passed resolutions regarding the going of Pastor Kenneth S. Clendaniel and his family from the First Baptist Church of Eddyville, Ky., and commending him to the Jackson Baptist Church, in Eastern Kentucky, where he has gone to serve as pastor, and to the Baptist State Board of Missions, for whom he is working. The resolutions say that Brother Clendaniel has proved himself "a leader in our midst, having held several positions of leadership in the association, which he filled effectively and with a genial, cooperative spirit." The resolutions were signed by Chairman W. W. Johnson and Vice Chairman Reed Rushing.

Schools of Missions In Owensboro Sector Reach 40 Churches

OWENSBORO, Ky., March 22.—The Schools of Missions of Daviess-McLean Association, with twenty churches engaged, got off to a splendid start Sunday morning. We feel that we have an outstanding group of speakers with no church disappointed. Reports of the work from all churches indicate very successful programs. The total attendance from Sunday morning to noon today has been more than 7,500. Many schools are being reached and three broadcasts are given each day.

We were sorry that Brother R. A. Jacob of China was called home on account of the death of his mother, but even that place has been filled without any church being disappointed until he can return to us.

Next week there will be another group of twenty churches making forty of our forty-eight churches being engaged in this series of schools.—*D. Arthur Dailey.*

Gleanings

The second anniversary of the Covert Avenue Church of Evansville, Ind., was observed on March 13. Pastor D. Wade Armstrong had with him on that occasion Pastor Thomas E. Halsell, of Walnut Street Church, and Pastor J. Leland Hall, of Anthoston, Ky., the latter being the only former pastor the Covert Avenue Church has. Dr. William Morton, of the Biblical Introduction Department at the Southern Seminary, spoke on March 20, and Dr. Peter H. H. Lee was there on March 27, while Pastor Armstrong is in Dayton, Ohio, in a revival meeting.

Mrs. Sallie Moss taught the Bible Class at the First Church of Hopkinsville on March 27. In former years she was Principal of the West Side School, and exercised a wonderful influence over the lives of hundreds of boys both in her church and school work. She resides in Louisville with her two sons, Ray and James Moss, insurance executives, and both workers in the Deer Park Church. Mrs. Moss was in her former home in Hopkinsville in connection with the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Superintendent Gilmer B. Pursley.

Tabernacle of Sturgis Ordains Wm. L. Reynolds To the Gospel Ministry

STURGIS, Ky., March 18.—The Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church here yesterday called a council for the purpose of examining William L. Reynolds for the Gospel ministry. This young man was converted July 27, 1943, the day Pastor John W. Kloss preached his first sermon here. Pastor Kloss later was asked to drive from Paducah to administer the ordinance of baptism to him. On the following Saturday he entered the U. S. Navy.

The officers of the council were: C. S. Bratcher, Moderator; Fred W. Martin, Clerk; the moderator led in the examination; Pastor Kloss preached the sermon; Bob Wallace gave the charge to the candidate; Fred W. Martin gave the charge to the church; Deacon C. W. Pugh presented the Bible on behalf of the church; and Deacon C. C. Collins led the ordaining prayer. These two deacons are the only deacons who are charter members of the church. Others serving on the council included: Deacons R. A. Toombs, H. M. Oglesby, and Robert Toombs, L. E. Ringo, Carroll Cartwright, O. T. Haywood, Roy Berry, Fred Beobout, Sherman Riddle, William C. Wallace, Liston Riggs and John M. Syers.



William L. Reynolds

The Morganfield Baptist Church printed a 12-page bulletin on March 6, the inside ten pages being its church covenant and articles of faith.

Pastor J. Holland Thomas is preaching a series of sermons at the Fredonia Baptist Church on "The Kingdom of Heaven," or "The Kingdom of God."

Pastor J. H. Maddox, and Sunday School Superintendent M. G. Williams have returned from a trip to Florida, and are now on duty at the Second Baptist Church of Hopkinsville, Ky.

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State Convention in Southwestern Region

By BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE

In the history of the State Baptist Training Union Convention since 1916, the Convention has met only three times in Southwestern Region. The first year in which it met in Southwestern Region was in 1921, when it met with the First Baptist Church, Paducah. This church entertained the Convention again in 1929. In 1942 the Convention was entertained by the First Baptist Church, Murray.

So after seven years, the Convention is happy to meet again in Southwestern Region and after twenty years, it is glad to meet with the First Church of Paducah, with the night sessions at the Baptist Tabernacle. It is of interest to note that the Convention was to have met with the First Church, Paducah, in 1937 but because of the flood this was impossible. First Church of Princeton gladly accepted it on a few weeks' notice. Although we are meeting in Paducah, West Union Association, we are thinking also of Blood River, Graves County, and West Kentucky Associations. These four in eight counties comprise Southwestern Region.

The officers of Southwestern Regional Convention are:

President—
Rev. John Ryberg, Bapt. Sem., L'ville.

Vice President—
Rev. Stephen Cobb, Mayfield, Ky.

Secretary-Treasurer—
Mrs. T. R. Young, Box 704, Paducah

Story Hour Leader—
Mrs. O. C. Markham, Hickman, Ky.

Junior Leader—
Mrs. C. W. Lawrence, Mayfield, Ky.

Intermediate Leader—
Mrs. John R. Townsend, 1202 Monroe, Paducah

Young People's Leader—
Miss Dottie Brizendine, College Station, Murray

Adult Leader—
Rev. Bob Covington, R. F. D., Fulton

Pastor Advisor—
Rev. B. R. Winchester, Lone Oak, Ky.

Southwestern Region Last Year At Bowling Green

The attendance at the State Convention at Bowling Green last year was 3,000. There were 115 registered from Southwestern Region as follows:

Blood River

Cherry Corner	5
Murray, First	56
Sinking Springs	7
	68

West Kentucky

Arlington	19
West Hickman	3
Hickman, First	1
Spring Hill	1
	24

West Union

Barlow	1
Immanuel	1
Lone Oak	1
Olivet	3
Paducah, First	11
Trinity	1
Tabernacle	5
	23
Total	115

Last year there were registered 958 from Southern Region, the Region in which the Convention was held. We are expecting at least twice that number or about 2,000 to register from Southwestern Region at Paducah. Our total attendance goal is 3,500.

IN APPRECIATION

The State Training Union Department joins the Convention in expressing the deepest appreciation to the First Baptist Church of Paducah and the pastor, Rev. Thomas R. Brown, to the general chairman, Mr. Fred Earhart and all committees, to the Baptist Tabernacle and pastor, Dr. William McMurray and all pastors and churches assisting in plans for and entertainment of the Convention.

In appreciation of them and for the convenience of any who might want to get in touch with them, the list of committees follows:

General Chairman—
Mr. Fred Earhart, Davis Apts., Paducah

General Secretary—
Miss Florence Gibbs, Guthrie Bldg., Paducah

Publicity Committee—
Miss Ethelyne Thompson, Paducah Sun-Democrat, Paducah

Hotel Committee—
Mrs. B. C. Meriwether, Palmer Hotel, Paducah

Homes Committee—
Mrs. Schultz Riggs, 301 S. Seventh St,. Paducah

Registration Committee—
Mrs. LeRoy King, 808 N. Twenty-fifth St., Paducah

Banquet Committee—
Mrs. F. W. Earhart, Davis Apts, Paducah

Meals Committee—
Mr. Roy Hughes, c/o Paducah W. W. Company, Paducah

Music Committee—
Mrs. Tandy Smith, Ridgewood Ave., Paducah

Property Committee—
Mrs. Ernest Butler, 933 S. Twenty-eighth St., Paducah

Exhibits Committee—
Mrs. Walter Howerton, 2897 Broadway, Paducah.

Decorations Committee—
Mrs. Miller McCann, 633 Fountain Ave., Paducah.

Transportation Committee—
Mr. Wilson Dunn, 940 Clay, Paducah

Pages Committee—
Mr. Ed Darnell, Route 7, Paducah

Electric & Sound Equipment Committee
Mr. Ross Royal, c/o First Baptist Church, Paducah

CONVENTION INFORMATION

Registration: In order to take care of necessary needs of the Convention during this session and throughout the coming year, each person, except these from entertaining church and those assisting in entertaining, is given an opportunity to make a contribution upon registration, as follows: Juniors and Intermediates $.50, Young People and Adults $1.00. We trust that each one may be glad to make this small offering to the Convention.

Badges: In the envelope you will receive upon registration, whether a gift is made or not, will be found a copy of the program, free pencil and note-book from the Baptist Book Store, and a badge furnished by the First Baptist Church of Paducah. Let us appreciate the badge enough to wear it during and between all sessions of the Convention. Let it be a good witness!

Baptist Book Store: The manager of our State Baptist Book Store, Miss Christina Stockmann, will be in charge of the Book Store in the First Baptist Church during the Convention. This is an important feature of our meeting. You are at home in the Book Store and will appreciate the displays. Purchase what you need while there.

Hymn Books: Our Baptist Book Store will furnish additional hymn books for both First and Tabernacle Churches during the Convention. These books will be on sale at a special price, when the Convention is over.

All Sessions: The Convention will begin and close on time as nearly as possible. Please try to be on time. Ushers will keep all doors closed during devotions, special music, or other such periods. Please co-operate with them! Everyone is expected to attend all general sessions and be in one of the Conferences each period.

No Applause: In expressing appreciation please refrain from applause.

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Murray Pastor Speaks To Brotherhood Group At Elm Grove Church

MURRAY, Ky.—Dr. Harley C. Chiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Murray, Ky., was the special speaker at the meeting of the Brotherhood of the Elm Grove Baptist Church of Friday, March 25. The Men's Quartette of Murray State Teachers College furnished music for the occasion.

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The Blandville Baptist Church, Joe Bomar, Pastor, had a Bible Institute, recently.

State Speech Champion Ordained To Ministry by Richmond Church

By FRED ENGLE, Jr., Richmond, Ky.

RICHMOND, Ky., March 2.—At the request of the First Baptist Church of Richmond, a council of ministers and deacons of the churches within the bounds of Tates Creek Association was called together on Monday night, February 28, for the purpose of examining William Hill Reid for ordination to the full work of the Gospel ministry.

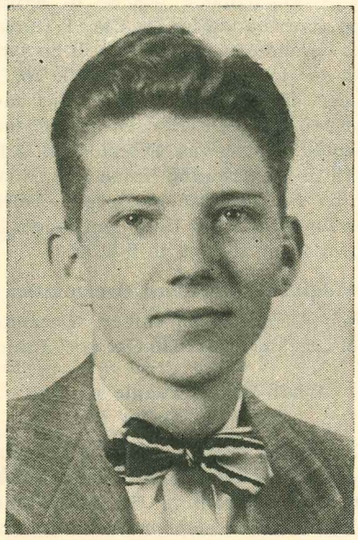
A large crowd assembled in the Young People's Department to hear the examination. Mr. Reid was examined on his profession of faith, his call to the ministry, and his soundness in Baptist doctrine.

After the examination the council adjourned to the church auditorium for the ordination service. Pastor E. N. Perry of the First Baptist Church, delivered the ordination sermon; Pastor W. P. Rogers, of the Kirksville Church, delivered the charge to the church; Pastor W. R. Royce, of Broadway Church, led the ordination prayer; and Associational Missionary W. C. Younce presented the Bible.

Other ministers and deacons who helped form the council were: Pastor Herbert E. Tuck, Red House; Pastor Raymond B. Kays, Calvary; Pastor Tom G. Gullatt; Pastor James T. Sasser, Waco Church, Woulden, Ky.; Harry E. Cosby, of Red House, and Dr. Robert Sory, J. T. Sowders, George C. Robbins, J. B. Wilson, E. H. Muncy, Charles B. Sutton, V. McMullin, J. W. Turner, Robert Cox, and Uhlan Cosby, all of the First Church of Richmond.

Brother Reid is a student at Eastern State College. He is president of his class, and is pastor of the Conway Baptist Church, Conway, Ky. He is the Associational Training Union Director, and a former member of the Eastern B. S. U. Council.

Reid ranks as one of the top speakers in the state. Last year he was champion in the State Forensic League and Baptist Training Union contests. He was ranked in the top eight in the National Forensic League contest at Canton, Ohio, and third in the Southern Baptist contest at Ridgecrest, N. C.



William Hill Reid

Reid is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Reid, formerly of Richmond, now of Memphis, Tennessee.

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What About Deacons?

(Continued from Page 5)

There is little agreement about what deacons ought to do. Most pastors and deacons listed the supervision of finances as the first responsibility of deacons. Other duties suggested were to supervise the building, serve the Lord's Supper, look after the needy, usher, take offering, direct the service in absence of the pastor, visit the unsaved, serve as pulpit committee, plan the budget, take the every-member canvass, visit negligent members, count money, approve members who join, arrange pulpit supply, help in baptisms, look after the cemetery, serve as a discipline committee, and plan revivals. Not all agreed that all of these duties should be by the deacons.

Out of the survey came five helpful suggestions in improving the relationship between the pastor and the deacons: 1. Be more careful in the selection of deacons. 2. Make the ordination of the deacons more meaningful. 3. Plan definite time for meetings and definite program of activity. 4. Strive for a spirit of good will. 5. Let the spirit of service, prayer, and evangelism underlie every activity.—*Quarterly Review.*

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Baptist Training Union Department

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE
State Secretary

Nursery to Be at State Convention

During each session of the State Convention at both First and Tabernacle Churches there will be someone in charge of the Nursery provided for all the babies present through three years of age. Children four through eight years will be in the Story Hours during the three conference periods.



Dr. B. B. McKinney, Secretary of the Department of Church Music of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee who will direct all the music for the State Convention at Paducah April 20-22.

New Sunday School Board Adult Worker

Announcement has just been received to the effect that on April 15 Rev. John Jeffers, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hartford, Alabama, will become director of Adult work in the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He is a graduate of Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, and has served as pastor and State Training Union Secretary in Alabama. He comes to this new position with the feeling that God is calling him to it. This department extends to Mr. Jeffers a hearty welcome into this phase of our denominational work.



Rev. Tucker Calloway, Missionary, Baptist Seminary, Louisville, who will speak on Thursday morning of the State Convention at Paducah, April 20-22.

In Appreciation of Dr. Clay I. Hudson

This department wishes to express deep appreciation for Dr. Clay I. Hudson, who on and after April 15 will be available to do general field work for all phases of Training Union. For more than ten years Dr. Hudson has rendered splendid service as Director of Adult Work in the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. During that time the Adult Union enrolment has grown from 100,000 to 300,000.

Additional Standard Organization

For October, November, December, 1948 London, First "Go Getters" Juniors.

What Young People of One Training Union Did

The letter printed below is one written by the Young People of Calvary Baptist Church Training Union of Louisville to Brother Stephen Jackson, a missionary in Brazil. Brother Jackson was on the prayer list for February 27, 1949, so on that date they wrote him as follows:

"Dear Brother Jackson: We are the Young People of the Training Union of Calvary Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. Tonight the program was on Mis-Missions, we decided to write to you as you are on our prayer list for today.

"On this particular night we are praying for you and your work. Several Sundays ago it was our privilege to have Brother John McGee, a missionary from Africa, to give us a lecture and show pictures of his work in Africa.

"Knowing that you are doing a similar work, it would be nice to hear from you at your convenience. May the Lord richly bless you and your workers!"

The letter was signed by: Donna Powell, Peggy L. Webb, Barbara A. Harold, David K. Bielefield, Jr., Ben Hargan, Edan M. Bielefield, Homa Meredith, Julia Alice Barksdale, and the pastor, Dr. T. J. Barksdale.

URGENT

It is very urgent that banquet reservations be made as early as possible by writing to Mrs. F. W. Earhart, Davis Apartments, Paducah, Kentucky. For time and price of each, see this page in a previous issue or the posters which have been mailed to all the churches. **Intermediate Banquet is for Intermediates only.**

Home reservations should also be made as early as possible by writing to Mrs. Shultz Riggs, 301 South 17th St., Paducah, giving information as requested in this page and poster.



Dr. William E. Denham, Jr., Pastor First Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, who will conduct the devotional at each session of the State Convention in Paducah, April 20-22.

Institutional Offering April 10

20%-ERS

The following churches have reported their church Training Union attendance for March 12, equivalent to 20 pre cent of the resident church membership: Beaver Dam; Erlanger; Harmony Chapel; Highland Avenue; Kuttawa; London, First; Cincinnati, Westside; Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville; Jellico, Tennessee, First; Eighteenth Street, Louisville; South Elkhorn.



Dr. Joe W. Burton, Editor, Home Life, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, who will speak on Friday morning during the State Convention at Paducah April 20-22.

Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
Executive Secretary

ABRIDGED PROGRAM, KENTUCKY W. M. U. CONVENTION

CRESCENT HILL BAPTIST CHURCH, LOUISVILLE, APRIL 5-7, 1949

Tuesday, April 5, 1949 at 7:30 o'clock

THEME: "MAKE CHRIST KNOWN"

Organ Prelude .....Mrs. Stpehen S. Jones, Organist
Hymn—"O For A Thousand Tongues" .....Mrs. H. H. Mueller, Song Leader
Scripture, Meditation and Prayer .....Dr. Rollin S. Burhans
Greetings .....Mrs. W. P. Stuart
"Making Christ Known Through Books" .....Miss Christina Stokman
Anthem "The Silent Sea" (Neidlinger) .....Crescent Hill Choir
Address "Witnesses Unto Me" .....Mrs. J. M. Dawson

Wednesday Morning, April 6, 1949 at 9:30 o'clock

Organ Prelude and Hymn
Devotional Missionary Message .....Miss Edith Rose Weller
Business Session .....Reports of Officers and Announcements
Soprano Solo—"Lord Let Me Live Today" (Moore) .....Mrs. Harold Cogswell
Address—"Power For The Task" .....Mrs. J. M. Dawson

Wednesday Evening, at 7:30 o'clock

Organ Prelude and Hymn
Devotional Missionary Message .....Miss Rose Marlowe
Special Music "Dedication" (Pool) .....Training School Chorus
"Among Our Missionary Investments" .....Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn
Soprano Solo—"The Ninety and Nine" (Sankey).....Mrs. James T. Robertson
Address .....Dr. Ellis A. Fuller

Wednesday Evening, at 7:30 o'clock

"OUR YOUNG PEOPLE MAKING CHRIST KNOWN"
Mrs. Ira J. Porter, Presiding

Prelude and Hymn
Devotional Missionary Message .....Miss Anna Frances Todd
Special Music "The Holy City" (Adam)—
Young People's Choir, Crescent Hill Church
"Fostering Our Young People" .....Mrs. R. D. Bennett
Offertory "Serenade" (Titl)—
Flute, Mrs. R. Burhans; Violin, Miss Dora Mantle; Organ, Mrs. Stephen S. Jones
Address—"Making Christ Known In Japan" .....Rev. Tucker N. Callaway

Thursday Morning, April 7, 1949, at 9:30 o'clock

Organ Prelude and Hymn
Devotional Missionary Message .....Mrs. Irene Ma
Business—Reports of Committees—Election of Officers
"Our Jewish Neighbors" .....Rev. Frank Halbeck
Soprano Solo—"How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings" (Liddle)....Miss Frances Waggener
"Making Christ Known In Africa" .....Rev. John McGee
Address .....Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn

Last Minute Reminders About the State Meeting!

We hope you have made your reservations for the banquet in which you are interested. April 1 is the dead-line for reservations. Reservations for the B. W. C. Banquet must be made with Mrs. Mildred Haswell, 206 N. Hite, Louisville. The invitation to the Y. W. A. Counsellors Banquet has been extended to include Y. W. A. Counsellors, Y. W. A. Presidents, Young People's Directors, Associational and Regional Young People's Leaders. For reservations for this banquet write or wire Mrs. W. A. Falkenburg, 2726 Hollywood Terrace, Louisville 6, Kentucky, today. The price for each banquet is $1.50 per plate. Tickets may be secured at the information booth on arrival. All reservations must be paid for or a substitute provided.

In addition to the trip to Spring Meadows and Open House at the Training School and the School of Music, busses will provide free transportation to the Kentucky Baptist Hospital for Open House there on Wednesday afternoon, also.

Remember please this last minute call concerning accommodations. For reservations in homes apply to Mrs. H. C. Cassell, 519 Oxford Place, Louisville.

Note these meetings!

State W. M. U. Executive Committee, Tuesday 9:30 A. M. to 12:00 noon.

Vice-president's Conference, Tuesday, 1:15 P. M. to 2:00 P. M.

Superintendents and young People's Leaders in separate conferences Tuesday 3:00 P. M. to 4:00 P. M.

Simultaneous conferences on Community Missions, Mission Study and Stewardship, Tuesday from 4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M. The State Chairman of these departments of our work will be in especially prepared exhibit booths on Wednesday after the service for individual conferences. There will be no early morning conferences.



Mrs. J. M. Dawson, will speak at the State Meeting Tuesday evening and Wednesday morning.

Radio Flashes

S. B. C. Radio Commission has just purchased a permanent headquarters. The commodious building on Ponce De Leon Avenue in Atlanta will provide adequate studios, offices and storage facilities. A clear title to the property and permission from the zoning commission to use this lovely structure for radio purposes has been secured. This means Southern Baptists are the first denomination in the southland to have permanent radio headquarters.

Interest is spreading in the new low-power F.M. transmitter adapted to local church use. **More than thirty-five Baptist churches in Kentucky will probably make application for permits as soon as the last legal barrier is hurdled. The Kentucky Radio Committee is enthusiastically supporting this project and is keeping all interested pastors informed about the latest developments.**

The Southwide Baptist Hour, with Dr. J. D. Grey as speaker, beginning in April and continuing through June, promises to be the greatest yet. The messages, all on the general subject "Consider Jesus," will be evangelistic.

Institutional Offering
April 10

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER
State Secretary

The Ninety-Second Standard

On March 19 we received the application from the Cloverport Church, which brought the total to that date of ninety-two Standard Sunday schools. G. C. Sandusky is the pastor and Walter Newby is the superintendent.

Convention at Magnolia

Pastor J. C. Raikes and his good church at Magnolia entertained the Southern Regional Sunday School Convention on March 17. The total attendance was 76 from 21 churches in spite of a rain that fell all day long. Dr. L. M. Polhill and Dr. Harold J. Purdy assisted the State Sunday school workers and both did great service. We believe this will be the best year thus far in the work of the Southern Region. Pastor Raikes and his people took care of us in a fine way and we are indebted to them.

Convention at Columbia

On arising from bed on the morning of March 18 we found the earth covered with snow and a regular down-pour of this beautiful work of nature. We did not appreciate the beauty because we could imagine the good people from the South Central Region would not be willing to drive over snowy roads. We were about ready to suggest that we set a later date and try the meeting when snow would not be likely, but imagine our surprise when 104 people came from ten associations—many of them never having attended such a convention before. It was a most encouraging manifestation of interest. And we discovered that there were at least a dozen more men than women in attendance. Just look out for a great year in this region.

State Sunday School Secretaries For Evangelism

"We, the secretaries of the departments of Sunday school work in the states of the Southern Baptist Convention, assembled in Mobile, Alabama, March 10, wish to re-affirm our deep interest in the support of church evangelism. Evangelism has been at the very heart of our Sunday school program through all the years. The enlistment of people in Bible study, the training of teachers, and all that we have tried to do has been keyed to evangelism.

"We have received a communication from Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, asking for our congregation in the following ways:

"1. In combining prayer and interest in evangelism in the Bible Study Week in January.

"2. Take a religious census in every community on Sunday, February 5, through the Sunday school.

"3. Follow this census with a study of a soul-winning book for the entire church membership, led by Sunday school officers and teachers.

"4. Evangelistic emphasis in both the Sunday school and the Baptist Training Union associational meetings in March."

"We are happy, therefore, to co-operate in this Southwide evangelistic effort in the following manner:

"1. To encourage every church to observe Bible Study Week in January and in connection with this week, call our people to prayer for a great evangelistic crusade.

"2. We welcome the invitation to assume the responsibility for, and to give guidance to the taking of the religious census through the Sunday school on February 5 in every church community.

"3. It will be our plan to undergrid this effort the week following in two specific ways: (1) By urging every church to carefully tabulate the census returns for a long range problem of visitation, and (2) by encouraging every church, under the pastor's direction, to meet for prayerful study of one of our Training Course books in Evangelism.

"4. In keeping with the request, we will urge every associational Sunday school superintendent to give major emphasis to evangelism in the associational meetings in March.

"We heartly join all the forces of the Southern Baptist Convention in praying and working for a great spiritual awakening in our beloved Southland.

"Signed: E. W. Westmoreland, Chm."

Great Meeting in Boone County

The Boone county monthly meeting in March had in attendance 356 as compared to forty last October. "Truly every church is moving forward in Sunday school work. I feel free in saying that the Sunday school work in North Bend Association is here to stay."—Roy Johnson.

New Elementary Secretary

On the first day of April Miss Mary Ella Davis will become the Elementary Sunday School Secretary for Kentucky. Miss Davis has for ten years been the superintendent of the Junior department in the Third Baptist Sunday school in Owensboro. She has had several years experience in teaching children in the Public schools in Owensboro. Our people will like Miss Davis and will help her in her great work.

Great Record in Training

Kentucky is making a great record in training. Studies in John's Gospel seems to have been appreciated more than any other Bible book we have thus far offered. How wonderful it is that a great host of churches have studied this Gospel. Next January it will be the book of Acts.

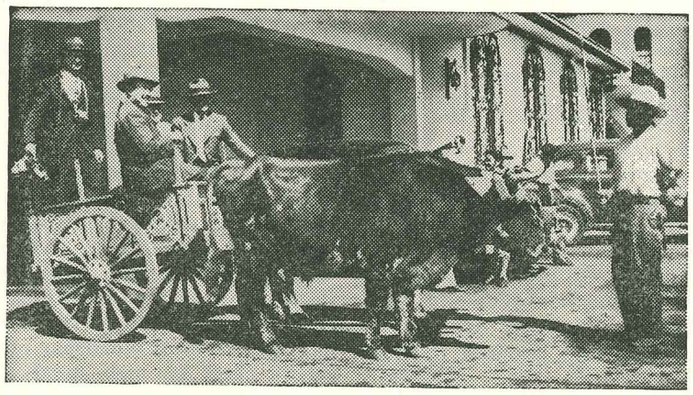
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

March 23, 1949

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Ninth and O	235	1,216
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	228	1,152
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	1,070
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	180	982
Harrodsburg (2)	161	958
Covington, Latonia (2)	151	924
Louisville, Parkland (1)	65	905
Owensboro, First 1)	66	865
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	221	839
Bowling Green, First (1)	26	827
Frankfort, First (1)	92	785
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	170	774
Lexington, Immanuel	---	728
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (3)	233	715
Newport, First (1)	70	704
Lexington, Calvary	---	701
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	---	689
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	70	680
Mayfield, First	---	669
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	98	660
Madisonville, First	---	658
Louisville, West Broadway	---	647
Owensboro, Third	---	643
Louisville, Beechmont	---	635
Murray, First	---	633
Georgetown	---	628
Louisville, Highland (2)	137	595
Louisville, 23rd and Bdwy.	---	579
Ashland, Pollard (1)	39	576
Middlesboro, First	---	568
Louisville, Clifton (1)	100	555
Berea (1)	40	535
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	---	532
Hopkinsville, First	---	526
Louisville, Deer Park	---	510
Hopkinsville, Second	---	486
Pineville, First (2)	85	482
Henderson, First	---	481
Corbin, First	---	473
London, First	---	472
Henderson, Audubon (1)	53	470
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	470
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	468
Glasgow (1)	28	469
Barbourville, First (1)	27	464
Greenville (1)	121	461
Danville, First (1)	18	445
Covington, South Side	---	443
Fulton, First	---	439
Erlanger (1)	30	432
Shively	---	428
Campbellsville	---	425
Hodgenville, First	---	423
Louisville, Third Avenue (1)	23	423
Louisville, West Side (1)	84	418
Williamsburg, First	---	409
Hazard, First (2)	101	382
Henderson, Immanuel	---	375
Morganfield	---	368
Bellevue	---	364
Paducah, 12th St. (1)	79	358
Corbin, Central	---	358
Louisville, South Side	---	358
Richmond, First (2)	45	356
Versailles	---	329
Louisville, Meadow Home	---	328
Evansville, Ind., Temple	---	320
Winchester, First	---	318
Jellico, Tenn., Crouches Creek	---	315
Winchester, Central	---	309
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.	---	304
Mt. Vernon (Rockcastle Co.) (2)	55	289
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	286
Sand Spring	---	286
Pleasant Hill (near Campbellsville)	---	284
Willisburg	---	279
Cynthiana (1)	45	279
Louisville, East	---	272
Ludlow, First	---	265
Owensboro, Seven Hills	---	265
Irvine, First (1)	96	264
Louisville, Kenwood	---	260
Ft. Thomas, First	---	259
Hazard, Second (2)	110	258
Russellville, First	---	254
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	59	252
Paducah, Trinity	---	252
Loyall, First	---	251
Jellico, Tenn., First	---	250
Louisville, Shawnee	---	247
Monticello	---	246
Lawrenceburg, First	---	238
Columbia (2)	54	236
Mackville	---	234
Carrollton	---	231
Dayton, First	---	230
Four Mile, Riverside (1)	84	226
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue	---	218
Lexington, Hillcrest	---	215
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	215
Bardstown	---	215
Jeffersontown, First	---	213
Cloverport	---	211
Leitchfield	--	204
Highsplint	---	202
Deep Creek (near Harrodsburg)	---	201
Louisville, Gethsemane	---	201
Owenton, First	---	200

Dr. Rankin Visits Costa Rica

When the Baptist Foreign Mission Board executive secretary and three associates landed February 7 in San Jose, Costa Rica, they were met by Home Board Missionary Van Earl Hughes with an oxcart. The local daily paper considered it front page news, and published their picture under the caption "In the Ox Cart and. . . Without Fussing."



North Americans abroad who do not complain of the facilities available are big news! On their way to Barranquilla for the organizational meeting of the Colombian Baptist Convention, Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Dr. Frank K. Means, and Fon H. Scofield, Jr., visited Costa Rica to survey the opportunity of missions in this Spanish-language Central-American country.

The missionary, eager to help them make the most of their few hours in Costa Rica, "hit upon the plan of meeting them at the very modern airport in a typical ox-cart, for which Costa Rica is noted in all Latin America. It was a joyous time for us, for the customs officials, and for the employees of the airlines."

The Foreign Board guests were treated to a special program in the San Jose Baptist Church that evening. Over the platform was written in flowers the word **Bienvenida** ("Welcome"). Representatives from all departments of the church took part in the program of welcome: the Brotherhood used the Christian flag; Woman's Missionary Union, the Costa Rican flag; Baptist Training Union, the Bible; Sunday school, a bouquet of flowers; the church officials, Bible quotations, emphasizing Philippians 3:14.

Then the visitors had a conference with all the pastors and their wives. "They made a lasting impression for good on our people," Mr. Hughes reports.

Dr. Rankin visited Venezuela, the Foreign Board's newest field in South America, before he returned to Richmond February 21. Dr. Gill and Mr. Scofield made a motion picture of Baptist Missions in Colombia. Dr. Means continued south on a two-months' tour of South America, to return to the States in April.

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April 10 Offering Greatly Needed

By ROBERT E. HUMPHREYS
Moderator, General Association

The special offering for our state hospitals and educational institutions is for the purpose of answering a real need.

Unfortunately our regular Co-operative Program receipts are not sufficient to care for both current and capital needs. Our institutions have been forced to expand in buildings and facilities or find themselves left far behind by the march of progress. This expansion is expensive; therefore special offerings are necessary. It ought to be easy for Baptists to understand the problem of extra costs. We have faced this problem in our individual affairs and local church work. Why should we be surprised at extra cost in our denominational program?

Behind each of these ten most worthy institutions is a large number of persons —persons engaged by these institutions to serve, and persons to whom these institutions render an invaluable ministry. Money given to these institutions serves many people.

Our hospitals and schools are looking to a new day. Already they are called upon to render far greater service than formerly. All that will prevent this larger ministry, will be the lack of funds. These funds can be made available to them by Kentucky Baptists. Thus opportunity is given to every Baptist in Kentucky to give generously to seven Baptist schools and three Baptist hospitals Sunday, April 10.

Foreign Board Representatives at Colombo-Venezuelan Convention

The Colombo-Venezuelan Baptist Convention was organized at Barranquilla, Colombia, February 9-11. Rev. Julio Moros, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Caracas, Venezuela, was elected president.

Secretaries M. Theron Rankin and Everett Gill, Jr., represented the Foreign Mission Board at the organization of the convention. Dr. Frank K. Means, making a tour of all Southern Baptist missions in South America, included the Barranquilla meeting in his itinerary. Mr. Fon Scofield, visual aids director, is preparing films on the inauguration of the convention and on other Baptist work in Colombia.

The Board representatives made brief visits to several other areas. In Jamaica they saw churches which Southern Baptists helped to rebuild following a severe hurricane that destroyed or badly damaged half the churches on the island. In Costa Rica they saw results of the mission work begun by the Home Mission Board. In Venezuela they inspected Baptist work soon to be augumented by Southern Baptist missionaries on that field.

Mr. Scofield, accompanied by Secretary Gill, visited every mainland station in Colombia and made motion pictures of Baptist property and activity in each of the Colombian mission stations.

"The cry out against sin, no sign of grace."

Dr. R. I. Kerr
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Is Beer's Post-war Boom Suffering Deflation?

CHICAGO—The question whether beer may be losing caste and hitting the skids of public disfavor appears to be definitely in the light of three surprising current facts declares the American Business Men's Research Foundation in a statement released at Foundation headquarters today.

These three facts are:

First: A drop of 70,237,661 gallons—some 906,292,400 average glasses of beer in 1948 as compared with 1947 (January-December) say just released government figures.

Second: "Beer consumption over the bar has dropped 40 per cent to 60 per cent in the last three months" say market reports.

Third: Two smashing defeats of beer already in 1949, in representative local option elections: one in Mississippi, Chickasaw County, by more than a 2 to 1 vote; another in North Carolina, Rutherford County, a more than 14 to 1 defeat for beer in a 11,000 vote total. Several hundreds more local elections are already projected for 1949 in some twenty-five states.

All this has happened despite a record breaking $60,000,000 of beer advertising, keynote appeal of which has been that "Beer Belongs . . . " in the home, as everywhere else. Tied in with all this is the latest brewers' idea, an inconspicuous easily discardable "seven ounce" bottle sagaciously suited to youth, the teen-age trade, and other new drinkers."

In 1949 to see a new trend away from popular acceptance of the amber liquid?

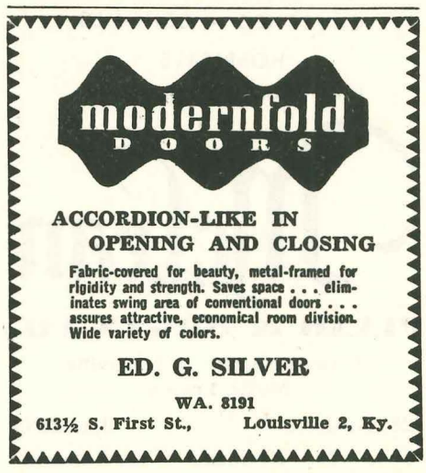
[Editor's Note: Referring to the above statement from the American Business Men's Research Foundation, we would add that the American public is slowly becoming disgusted with the filthy, unfair, and untrue advertising of liquors being done over the radio and television and in the newspapers. **Advertisers and salesmen of beers and other intoxicating drinks are digging their own economic graves.** Decent people are becoming tired of having the stuff flaunted in their faces everywhere they look or turn; and even those who have used it to some extent are likewise becoming disgusted. **There is nothing wilder than a sinner run wild.** These enemies of religion and morals and even of civilization have run wild in an insane orgy of salesmanship. A lot of the nationally known journals which used to be clean have been tempted by the money offered them and have started advertising the stuff just like the yellow sheets used to. **They are going to discover that it didn't pay off.** They get the check for their Judas' Kiss, but sooner or later, as they dangle at the end of the rope of a frowning public opinion, they are going to find the end of all Judas Israriots who sell out for "thirty pieces of silver." Wait and see! —R. T. S.]

Alcohol and Problems

"The more we encourage drinking—the more chronics we shall have, and the greater will be the problem of alcoholism in all of its aspects—medical, social and legal."—*Statement by Dr. Andrew C. Ivey, Vice President, University of Illinois.*

EXPERIENCE—Experience is a strenuous teacher. No graduates, no degrees, some survivors.—*Detroit News Booster.*





A Fifty-Fifty Chance, Plus

By ZECH FORD BOND
Hospital Minister

"Calling the hospital minister. Calling the hospital minister." Thus rang forth the voice of the loud speaker.

"This is the hospital minister. Do you want me?"

"Yes, please go to room 307. A patient is most anxious to see you."

Hurrying to the room suggested, the minister found the patient greatly perturbed. Two great burdens rested heavily on his heart; the burden of sin and the burden of fear. A most serious operation had been scheduled for the following morning, and his chances, according to the doctor's statement, were just about fifty-fifty.

The plan of salvation was explained. God's forgiveness and readiness to receive into His kingdom were stressed. Copious tears accompanied his acceptance of the Saviour. The very atmosphere of the room seemed to have changed. The burden of sin was gone —but the burden of fear remained.

"This same Lord, who took away your sin, can take away all your fear," said the minister. "You said the doctor gave you a fifty-fifty chance to live through this operation. That was before the Lord was on your side. You are now a child of God. You are in His fold. Yes, you now have a fifty-fifty chance, plus all the powerful forces of Heaven."

He saw the light. His acceptance was immediate. The burden was lifted. All was serene. The joy of heaven was in his soul. His face beamed.

The next morning, as they wheeled him along on the cart to the operating room, a smile lit up his countenance. All the burden had been transferred to the shoulders of a willing Saviour.

His fifty-fifty chance, plus the power of God, had brought forth great dividends in faith and trust, and a patient was on the road to physical health.

The Christian hospital stresses the need of both the physical and the spiritual. The Kentucky Baptist Hospital feels this responsibility and cheerfully carries on from day to day.

Mrs. Nannie B. Brock Dies at Her Sister's Home in Lexington

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 2.—Mrs. Nannie B. Brock, 78, widow of George G. Brock, died March 1 here at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Chandler, after a brief illness. Funeral services were held today at the First Baptist Church, London, Pastor George Phillips officiating.

Mrs. Brock was a native of Laurel county and lived most of her life in London. She was a member of the First Baptist Church there.

Survivors, besides her sister, Mrs. Chandler, are three other sisters, Mrs. Laura B. Ball, Pineville; Mrs. E. S. Albright, Denver, Colo.; and Mrs. Paul Gordon, Lexington; two daughters, Mrs. Ethel B. Fish, Lexington, and Mrs. A. B. Reed, Houston, Texas; a son, Robert O. Brock, Chicago; two brothers, Dr. W. L. Brock, Lexington, and E. L. Brock, Denver; three grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

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BAPTIST WORLD YOUTH CONGRESS

Several parties from the South will attend this meeting of Baptist young people from all over the world this summer.

One of the parties will be personally conducted by Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary of Kentucky Baptists. The tour will include several countries in Europe, and will give opportunity to visit some of our Foreign Mission fields. This group will sail on the "Queen Elizabeth" from New York on July 15.

Young people and friends of youth are invited. There is no age limit. Several Kentucky Baptist pastors are among those planning to go. The party is practically complete, but there are still places left for two or three others. Steamer reservations must be made at once. Anyone interested in making this trip should get in touch immediately with Dr. W. C. Boone, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky.

Progress at Seminary in Zurich is Bright Spot In European Missions

A bright spot in the European mission outlook is the progress of the European seminary in Zurich. Twenty-one students have already applied for enrolment next September and double that number are expected before the first session begins. Eight different countries and eleven nationalities are represented among the applicants for admission. Chaplain Peter E. Cullom, stationed in Japan, saw the new seminary property on a recent trip to Europe and wrote the Board: "I firmly believe the Lord had that house built for a Baptist seminary."

In Italy our position was never more favorable, Missionary W. Dewey Moore writes, and the missionaries sometimes feel almost overwhelmed with the opportunities for evangelism. **But in Spain no change has taken place in the matter of religious liberty. A roving correspondent of the New York Herald Tribune wrote recently after an investigation of conditions in Spain:**

"The Protestant clergyman in Spain suffers much the same type of persecution as the Roman Catholic clergy endure in Communist Hungary. The same fear motivates both oppressions. As in Hungary, where the Catholic Church is regarded as the most dangerous enemy of the Red dictatorship, so in Spain are the Protestants looked upon as an evil force bent on disrupting the existing order—'the Spanish way of life.'"

In Communist-dominated areas of Europe the situation is still distressing, and seems to be worsening. Romania and Hungary are almost completely cut off from communication with Baptists in America.

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ORIGIN: "Highball"—The slang word "highball," meaning to beat it with great haste, came into the American language through the railway. A ball about two feet in diameter was used to signal the engineer whether to stop or go ahead full tilt. . . If the ball was pulled to the top of the pole, that was the signal to zoom ahead. The train then went "highballing" through.—Mitford M. Matthews, *Dictionary of Americanism* (University of Chicago).

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A Musician Writes on "Praying to Music"

By MRS. RUSSELL E. KINSEY
Williamstown, Kentucky

I read with interest the editorial "Praying to Music," and wish to state clearly my appreciation of the editor's friendly reply.

Having been a pianist and organist for thirty years, I feel I am a little qualified to speak on the subject of music in our church services in these changing times.

I can well remember the day when nothing was played but hymns. When I did play any of the classics I did so with great preparation. I realized I was not giving a concert. I further realized and still contend that it is a God-given talent to write music; and when Bach or Beethoven, and numerous other composers' music was used, I felt they had been blessed of God to write music, the same as Fanny Crosby and countless others were enabled to write hymns. Therefore I felt, personally, a great responsibility in the selection of proper music for preludes, offertories, special numbers and postludes.

I think it is as important to have a competent pianist or organist as it is to have other highly trained workers. I think they are equally important in the church service.

The musician may make or ruin the entire service.

Speaking for myself on the subject of the offertory—I have many many times "come out even" with the prayer. I never felt that the minister or the one called upon to pray was fitting his prayer to my music. Rather, I tried to fit the music **to** the prayer. More often than not, I was improvising anyway, and, having that God-given talent, could work out a cadence anytime. So, I presume it **appeared** to work out according to schedule. I rather imagine that has happened to many musicians.

I would suggest sometime a special prayer of thanks for that musician who has it on his heart to make the music part of the service, as worshipful as the rest of the church service.

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First Church, Somerset, Charters Bus For T. U. Convention of Paducah

The First Baptist Church of Somerset voted recently to charter a bus to take members of its Training Union to the State Training Union Convention meeting in Paducah, April 20-23.

Dr. Preston L. Ramsey, pastor of the Somerset church is loyal to every phase of the Master's work. This action by the First Baptist Church of Somerset will challenge others to offer conveyance to their young people, enabling them to participate in state-wide activities. Our young people, throughout the state, need the opportunity to become acquainted with those outside their own church.

The exclamation mark is being discarded because people aren't surprised at anything these days.—*Sunshine.*

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