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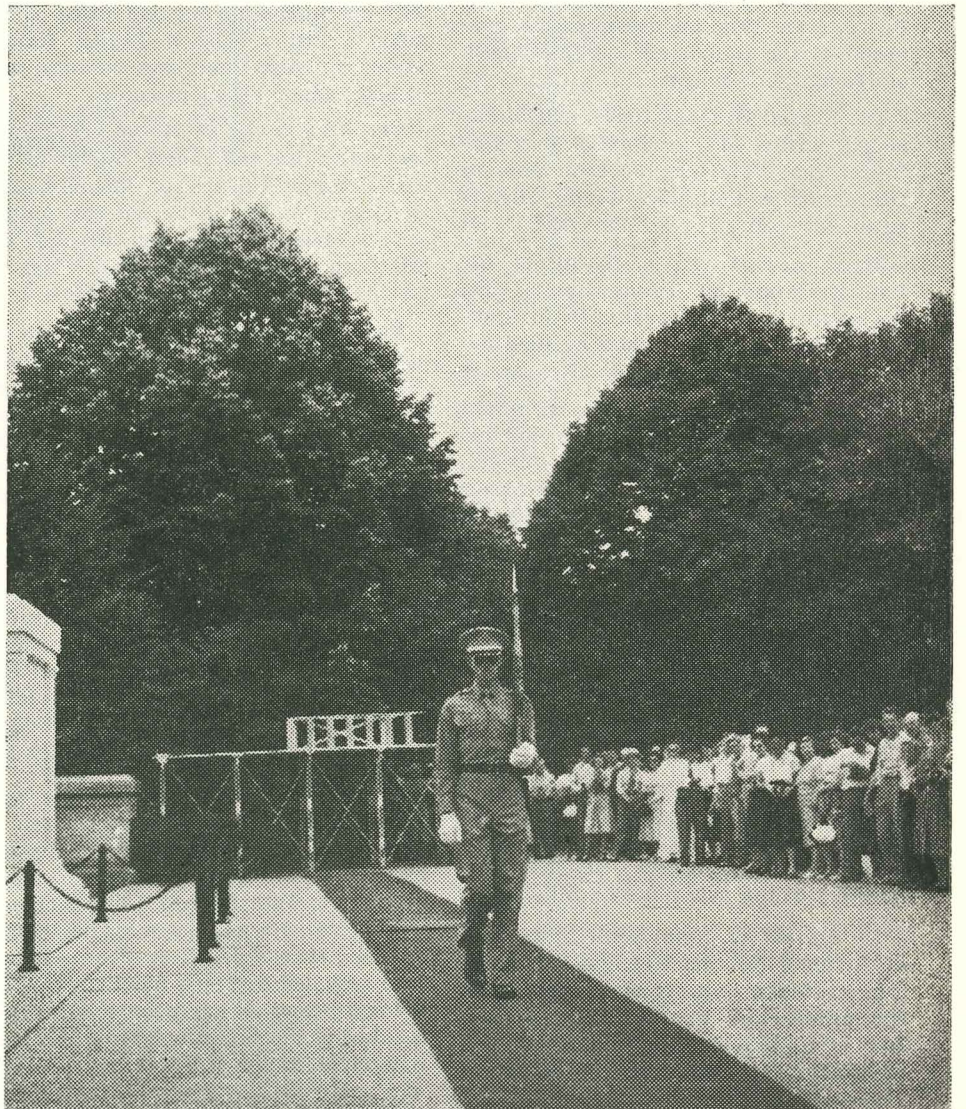
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THE TOMB OF THE UNKNOWN SOLDIER



The muffled drum's sad roll has beat
The soldier's last tattoo;
No more on Life's parade shall meet
The brave and fallen few.

On Fame's eternal camping-ground
Their silent tents are spread,
And Glory guards, with solemn round
The bivouac of the dead.

—Theodore O'Hara

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Gleanings From The Field

Send us the News From Your Church and District Association. Let Us Help You

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Hays, Sr., of Louisville, observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary on April 26 at Sarasota, Fla.

Dr. Fred F. Brown, Knoxville, Tenn., preached in a series of meetings with Dr. E. H. Puryear at the Lee Street Baptist Church, Danville, Va., recently.

Dr. Sam P. White, who was pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelbyville, Tenn., died at the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, Tenn., on April 10.

Gaye L. McGlothlen, editor of Sunday school lessons for adults, Sunday School Board, since 1946, has accepted the pastorate of the Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee.

Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, of Chattanooga, writes in *The Baptist and Reflector* that "The trouble with *Men of Distinction* is that they do not distinguish between right and wrong."

John Stewart was a deacon at the Baptist Church at Young Harris, Ga., for seventy years, according to an Associated Press dispatch when he died recently at the ripe old age of 110 years.

William Montgomery Sims, Jr., infant son of Pastor Wilbur M. Sims and his wife, was born at a Richmond Hospital on April 14. The young man's father is assistant pastor of Barton Heights Baptist Church, Richmond, Va.

J. G. Price, in former years Educational Director of the Broadway Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tenn., has been elected Educational Director of the First Baptist Church of New Orleans, La., where Dr. J. D. Grey is pastor.

Pastor W. G. Channon has resigned at the Metropolitan Tabernacle, of Spurgeon fame, in order to accept the pastorate of the Banstead Road Baptist Church, Purley, England. He started his ministry at the new place on May 1.

Dr. Harold W. Tribble, Sr., President of Andover-Newton Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass., has been preaching in special services at the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church of Huntington, W. Va., where Dr. J. Maurice Trimmer is pastor.

The newly elected Business Manager of the Virginia Baptist Hospital is Franklin Hough, Jr., son of the Superintendent of the Virginia Baptist Orphanage, Salem, Va. He succeeds Edwin C. Marsh, who resigned last February.

A Gipsy Rodney Smith memorial is being erected on Mill Plain, Epping

Forest, on the site where the famous evangelist was born. The unveiling will take place on Saturday, July 2, at 3:30 P. M., according to news reaching us from London, England.

Dr. William J. Crowder, Superintendent of Missions in Washington, D. C., has published the information that nearly all of the Baptist Churches in the Nation's Capital will enter a Simultaneous City-wide Revival during September 25 to October 9.

Rockhaven Baptist Church, Rockhaven, Ky., is planning a youth week revival June 5-11. Pastor George Irvin will do the preaching and bring chalk talks. Brother Vernon Taylor, former pastor of West Point and vicinity, will conduct the musical program.

The Baptist and Reflector, of Tennessee, states that the church library of the First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, is one of the ten best among the libraries in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. W. Griffin Henderson is pastor there.

Pastor William R. Hamilton began his new pastorate at the First Baptist Church of Sarasota, Fla., on May 1. In his new work he succeeds Dr. H. C. Wayman, now retired. The new Sarasota pastor has been for the last four and one-half years at the First Church of Dyersburg, Tenn.

Miss Virginia Wingo, for some years Professor of Missions in the Baptist W. M. U. Training School, Louisville, has been appointed by the Foreign Mission Board as a missionary to Italy. Her particular work will be the organization of a Woman's Training School somewhat like the institution which she leaves.

The Leigh Street Baptist Church of Richmond, Va., has called to their pulpit Pastor Howard L. Arthur, for several years at Port Norfolk Church, Portsmouth, Va. He will begin his new duties June 1. He succeeds Rev. Frank Morris, who resigned eighteen months ago. Dr. Solon B. Cousins has been interim pastor during the time the church has been without a pastor.

Secretary Charles W. Pope, of the Tennessee Baptist State Board, was injured in an automobile accident when the machine in which he was riding collided with a Trailways bus east of Monteagle, Tenn. The automobile was demolished, and Secretary Pope received cuts on the head, body bruises, and shock. Though he was taken immediate-

ly to the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., for examination and treatment, he was not required to stay.

The Roanoke Baptist Ministers' Conference of Roanoke, Va., gave a special luncheon in honor of Pastor Robert Lee Chadwick, who has resigned as shepherd of the flock at Central Baptist Church in that city in order to become pastor at the Newsome Baptist Church in Southhampton County, Virginia. Addresses were made by Brethren Wade H. Bryant, P. H. Chelf, W. H. Connelly, R. P. Downey and K. A. Painter. The wife of Pastor Chadwick is the former Miss Romaine Summers of Louisville, Kentucky.

H. H. Hargrove led in a revival campaign in the Trinity Baptist Church of Houston, Texas, during the two weeks, April 17-May 1. The music was conducted by Robert Chambers, Education and Music Director of the church. In spite of the fact that it rained thirteen of the fourteen days of the campaign, the Lord gave a good revival, as indicated by thirty-four additions received into the church, twenty-five of whom were on profession of faith. A. E. Harrison is the faithful pastor of the church and is leading in a forceful and effective manner. This revival was a part of a great simultaneous crusade in the Union Association in which 100 Baptist churches co-operated.

Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Statistics, Survey and Information, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., sends us the list of award winners for Kentucky in the 1948 Better Minutes Contest. Three were rated as **Good**—W. T. Robbins, Wasioto; Herman Luter, Mayfield; and J. L. Brown, Beaver Dam; one was considered **Excellent**—R. S. Moore, Georgetown; and three were given the highest classification of **Superior**—R. G. McClelland, Princeton; H. W. Jones, Cox's Creek; and R. Perkins Atherton, Paducah. Brother Routh says that many other minutes were very fine, but the clerks were not able to submit them for the contest because of printing and other difficulties.

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Weaknesses In Church Music

By LOREN R. WILLIAMS, Minister of Music
First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Kentucky

MUSIC IS MORE extensively employed in the church today than ever before in the history of man. In the majority of our churches at least one-third of the worship period consists of musical items of one type or another.

However, it is an accepted fact that music in many churches and denominational units has failed to make proportionate progress with the other organizations and services of the church. Church music is far from being what it might and should be.

Let us consider briefly the weakness in church music from two points of view: (Weaknesses in the churches' attitude toward and conception of music. (2) Weaknesses on the part of musical leadership.

Conceptions of church music and attitudes toward it vary widely in many ways and places. It is not uncommon to find church music regarded as "traditional routine." It is considered something necessary to provide a certain proportion and sequence to each service. This attitude treats it as something without significance—something indispensable but attaching no real spiritual values to the music used in the worship services.

Too often there is the church attitude of *classez-faire* or *hands-off* treatment of music in which those connected with the music have no clear-cut or generally recognized idea as to what they are to do in connection with the worship services. Instead of being considered a part of the "whole" church program the musical organization is left to drift and shift for itself.

Many churches look upon music as a "padding" to fill up time in some part of the service. Music, in any part of a religious service, should be employed **ONLY for a direct and profound religious and spiritual purpose.** When appropriate vocal and instrumental music is used in the church to KILL TIME it ceases to serve its real aim and function.

In some instances music is treated chiefly with reference to the participants. It becomes a vehicle for individual display and group exhibition. In such cases music frequently takes on a CONCERT HALL atmosphere and the fundamental function of church music is lost.

Few of our churches provide proper training of and encouragement for our young singers. We need to have junior and intermediate choirs, with special coaching for accompanists ultimately to be used in special programs utilizing the talent of our youth. We need special schools of training and a regular use of the vocal and instrumental talent of our young people in the church services. We must always be on the alert for recruits to augment our musical forces in the months and years which lie ahead.

Possibly the greatest weakness in the majority of our churches is too little earnest and prayerful selection of our music leaders. The same dangerous results of hasty leadership choices appear

in this part of church activity just as they do when hasty decisions are made in any other organization.

Lack of appreciation is RAMPANT. Music leadership and choir participation is often a THANKLESS task. If it is thought proper to thank those in other places of responsible leadership why neglect those who furnish the music?

Weakness on the Part of Musical Leadership

Too often leaders fail to make proper preparation for the services. The idea that "anything will do" is so often the policy, and, that last minute scramble to arrange music for a service is subject to most vigorous condemnation.

Many leaders do not properly encourage congregational singing. In many respects congregational singing is the highest form of musical expression. It is the basic form of church music; and to plan a service without including several well-known hymns is to plan a service contrary to worship needs. Without congregational singing an important element is felt to be lacking.

A common criticism of music leaders is that they look too much for artistic results, they seek to use church music to promote their own reputation. Anyone who seeks to build his own reputation or that of his organization for any purpose other than that of a real, sincere and spiritual contribution to the worship services has STRAYED AFAR OFF.

"Wholesome music is just as necessary for people as wholesome literature or wholesome sermons. The whims and wishes of the congregation should have no more to do with the selection of the music than the selection of the sermon topics. A music program should be provided that will be best suited to the spiritual needs of the congregation, and rendered in a way to receive commendation."

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Communism Exposed

The American Tract Society, 21 West 46th Street, New York 19, New York, has available for distribution a new 16-page folder entitled, "Communism." Author of this treatise is Rev. Robert I. Wells, a Chicago pastor who formerly was an infidel and an active communist worker. Since his conversion Mr. Wells has devoted much time to writing and speaking against this Red menace.

The ATS folder is not an attack on any political party, but it is a frank exposure of the origin, nature and objectives of atheistic communism, demonstrating conclusively that communism and Christianity have nothing in common. The tract was published, according to Henry G. Perry, ATS Executive Secretary, for use among young people and others who are exposed to the communistic influences so prevalent today, especially in our institutions of higher education.

Evidences of A Call to Preach

By W. T. CONNER, Fort Worth, Texas

ARE THERE not some corroborative evidences of the genuineness of a call to preach? What is there to confirm this inner conviction? Surely there ought to be some things that would bring us such corroboration. And there are. A few of these we will notice.

One is a passion to see other men come to an experimental knowledge of Christ and his saving power. When one knows Christ, he wants others to know him.

And one way that this longing may express itself is in the public proclamation of the word of salvation. Not that every one who has the desire to see others saved is called to preach. But every preacher should have, and every Spirit-called preacher does have, this longing. If a man does not have this, at least to some extent, he is not a Spirit-called preacher. And the possession of this passion in marked degree is at least an indication worth considering that a man otherwise qualified is called to preach.

Others Will Know of the Call

If one is called to preach, the Lord will usually make known a knowledge of this fact to others. The one called will arrive at this conviction, but so will others.

This does not mean that everybody will think that the one called should preach. If a man called of God should wait for all his friends and acquaintances to endorse his choice very few men would ever preach.

But when God calls a man, he will impress others besides the one called—at least, usually so. Many people, even in our churches, have such a feeble spiritual life that the Lord would have difficulty in communicating to them a knowledge of his will on any subject. But on the other hand there is in practically every church a small group of spiritually-minded people to whom the Lord can and does communicate a knowledge of his will. And when the Lord lays his hand on one of his servants for a special task, he speaks to this group within the church saying, "Separate me this man for the work whereunto I have called him."

Not All With "Gift of Gab" Are Called

This does not mean either that every time some fellow with the "gift of gab" tickles the fancy of some of the people he is thereby evidenced as divinely called to the ministry. It may rather indicate that he has a wild fancy and a loose tongue. But it does mean that God has a way of making known his will to the spiritually minded in the church.

And if one should claim a call to preach and nobody else in the church had that impression, that within itself would throw serious doubt upon his claim. If God calls a Saul and a Barnabas, he usually has also a group to whom he speaks making known his will in the matter.

Another evidence of a call to preach is that the man called will not find satisfaction in any other work, but will find peace and satisfaction in doing what he

The Baptist Hour



J. D. Grey

Sunday morning, May 29, 1949. Speaker—Dr. J. D. Grey. Subject—"Jesus and Repentance." Subject for June 5, 1949—"Jesus and the New Birth." Heard in Kentucky over radio station WHAS Louisville at 7:30 A. M. C. S. T.

is impressed that he should do. This does not mean that to be a failure at everything else is evidence of a call to preach. Some people fail at everything because they are fit for nothing, or because they are too lazy to work. Neither general incompetence nor laziness is a very good qualification for the work of the ministry.

"Satisfaction" Is One Test

But what I am saying is that if God calls a man to preach he will not find rest and satisfaction at anything else. I do not believe in the advice often given young men struggling with this question, namely: "Do not preach as long as you can keep from it." A man ought not to

enter this work without sufficient assurance that God calls him. But on the other hand, a man can resist God's will until his life is wrecked and wasted. Some of the saddest stories I have ever heard have been the stories of men who felt a call, maybe in early life; but they resisted their impressions and delayed to obey until they realized that it was too late to do much, if anything, at preaching. They spent the rest of the lives in vain regret, or perhaps remorse, because of their disobedience and a wasted life.

A man should hesitate only long enough to have a reasonable assurance that God is calling him. Then he should launch out. And when he does, if God is calling him, he will find a satisfaction, a spiritual exhilaration, in proclaiming the gospel that he will find in nothing else in the world. And this satisfaction is to be carefully distinguished from the thrill that comes from the natural enthusiasm that comes to one in talking to a crowd or the mental satisfaction of propagating one's ideas or promoting one's religious convictions. One may have all that without a call to preach. One can propagate his ideas about religion, yes his sincere convictions, in about the same spirit that one pugilist manifests in fighting another, or with the satisfaction that any faddist or enthusiast propagates his ideas. But the spiritual satisfaction that comes to a God-called man in proclaiming the gospel is unique. Nobody else can experience it.

Understanding Comes From Experience

The fact that only the Spirit-called man can have this inner or experiential test of it might be used as an argument against the reality of a call. The objector may refuse to believe in it unless he can know from the outside what it is. In that sense, he cannot know for the simple reason that he is on the outside looking in rather than on the inside looking out. And that always makes a difference. There is always an understanding that comes from experience that cannot come any other way. And one who objects to the call to preach on the ground that he has not experienced it or verified it would be about as unanswerable as one who would deny the reality of love on the ground that he himself had not experienced it. One cannot know what love is until he "falls in."

But a Spirit-called man, when he launches out into this world, will find a spiritual satisfaction that will confirm his conviction that the good hand of his God is on him to lead him into this work.

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INVENTION—It was studying the wasp's method of making its papery nests by chewing wood that turned Frank Schaffer, of Ratisbom, to experiments with sawdust and so to play pioneer to the modern pulp industry.—*Universe.*

For Third Time City Anoints Southern Convention With Oil of Kindness

Reported By GEORGE RALEIGH JEWELL

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., May 18, 1949.—“After 104 years of history,” said President Robert G. Lee, Memphis, Tennessee, as he sounded the gavel this morning on opening the Southern Baptist Convention in the Municipal Auditorium here, “We are met today in our 1949 session.” With that sentence the nearly 10,000 messengers who by the opening hour had almost filled the vast auditorium, except for the upper balcony, were hushed into silence and gave rapt attention to the proceedings.

Dr. Warren Angell, Dean of the Department of fine arts at Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., was called upon by the president to lead the messengers in song. After two hymns, under Doctor Angell's direction, the opening devotional was delivered by Pastor Henry J. Huey, Milan, Tenn., speaking on “Jesus Bearing the Cross.” Using the Convention theme, “Always Bearing,” as found in Second Corinthians 4:10, He said, “Always bearing is for mankind. The response of the disciples was sufficient for that individual. I wonder today if that response will be sufficient for us. When we are called upon for our talent, when we are asked to give ourselves, to give our money, is that response, ‘Our Lord hath need of us?’ Will it be called to a building fund? Will it be the call to a sufficiently enlarging missionary program, you do not have to answer that question. Jesus is here making his own survey. As He looks all about us, he knows our hearts. He is going to be at this convention.”

Assistant Secretary Joe W. Burton announced that there were 6,669 messengers who had enrolled at the opening of the session.

E. Hermond Westmoreland, Texas, reported for the committee on Order of Business. The report was adopted as printed, except for a few changes in the Friday morning program, with the provision that other changes might be deemed wise by the body at other sessions as the program continued. Chairman Westmoreland requested that all speakers be on the platform at least thirty minutes before the time each is to speak, in accordance with the printed program, and report to the committee on order of business that they are here.

President Lee requested that all chairmen of committees will leave one-third of their time for free discussion of the reports from the floor.

Address of Welcome

Andrew Potter, Executive Secretary of the General Baptist Convention of Oklahoma, introduced Mr. Hansen, Chairman of the local housing committee, who reported that his committee had handled

30,000 pieces of mail before and during the convention so far.

Dr. Potter welcomed the messengers from far and near to the “Wonder State,” as he called it, on behalf of 315,000 Baptists of Oklahoma and sixty-seven Baptist churches of Oklahoma, City, to “witness the magic transformation from the wild wasteland, comprising the Oklahoma territory of sixty years ago, to the seven cities of gold searched for by Coronado, the Spanish Conquistador—but wrought out by the love and labor of the builders of Oklahoma, many of whom are with us today.”

The Executive Secretary of Oklahoma Baptists reminded his hearers that twice before the Southern Baptist Convention has held its sessions in the land of the Redman, thus giving us several opportunities to witness the transformation of their progress “From Tepees to Towers.”

Visitors were impressed by the clearness and newness of the city providing hospitality which anointed the visitors with the oil of human kindness during its one hundred and fourth session. The speaker said that he thought the messengers would be exhilarated by the same ozonic rejuvenating atmosphere which permeated the city in 1912, as well as by what they saw on their second trip in 1939.

Baptists of Oklahoma numbered 70,000 in 1912, but today their tribe has increased to a third of a million, said the Oklahoma secretary. “In 1912, many of our Christian workers were clothed from a missionary barrel.” “Today,” he continued, “Our Baptist family gives one and one-half millions of dollars annually to Christian enterprises.”

The messengers were reminded that it was in the 1912 session of the Southern Convention here that the Judson Centennial for Foreign Missions was launched. It was the first time we had ever talked in terms of a million dollars.

Secretary Potter invited the visitors to visit Oklahoma Baptist University forty miles to the east, at Shawnee, “Where a \$4,000,000 plant crown Bison Hill, and 2,000 young men and women

are enrolled in an institution combining the highest standards of culture and education.”

Response By Charleston Pastor

Wallace R. Rogers, Pastor of the Citadel Square Baptist Church in Charleston, S. C., in making the response to the welcome address was conscious of the new as compared with the old. “In Charleston,” he said, “We still eat rice and worship our ancestors,” as the remark brought laughter from the listeners. “I can understand what Dr. Potter meant about the rejuvenation of the atmosphere here. They washed it for us last night (more laughter). When we arrived in the city we found a baptistry on every corner,” he mused, as the laughter of the people died away, and the speaker could get more serious. “Down in Texas there is a big building with a large globe of the world on top, illuminated by neon lights. I have often wished that we might have a replica of that globe of the world on our church in Charleston, that the ships that go out to sea may know that we have the world above us and the world under us.”

Two Committees Appointed

President Lee appointed the committee on committees as follows: Kyle M. Yates, Texas, Chairman; E. F. Campbell, Ala.; John L. Dodge, Arkansas; Edward Morgan, California; K. O. White, District of Columbia; M. J. Berquist, Florida; James P. Westberry, Georgia; N. J. Westmoreland, Kansas; A. L. Kirkwood, Illinois; E. L. Skiles, Kentucky; E. B. Abington, Louisiana; E. C. Meedan, Maryland; J. T. Odle, Mississippi; O. R. Shields, Missouri; E. F. Lawson, New Mexico; R. A. Ellis, North Carolina; Lawrence Cobb, Oklahoma; Robert Naylor, South Carolina; J. Harold Stephens, Tennessee; and Bruce H. Price, Virginia.

At the same time he appointed the committee on Resolutions: W. E. Denham, R., Florida, Chairman; C. W. Pope, Tennessee; Hight C. Moore, North Carolina; John Jeter Hurt, Sr., Georgia; and W. O. Vaught, Jr., Arkansas.

The time for the fraternal messengers having come, E. B. Willingham, Washington, D. C., was introduced. Dr. Fleming, president of the Northern Baptist Convention, and president of the Berkeley Divinity School of California, had planned to be present but was hindered at the last minute from coming. He therefore telegraphed Dr. Willingham to speak for him.

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"And Ye Are Witnesses"

(Luke 24:48)

By J. E. SKINNER, Murray, Ky.

OUR ONE effective message to this world is the Gospel of the Son of God—"how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures" (I Cor. 15:1-4).

But, great as is that message, our task is not finished until we ourselves have borne our personal testimony to the truth of that message—bearing it from our own personal knowledge of Him and His saving grace, and not merely from the testimony of others.

We are upon an easy-going day of moving along lines of least resistance a day of excusing ourselves and others from the most exacting and self-sacrificing features of the Lord's work.

Bearing our personal testimony to the reality of the saving grace of the Saviour in our own souls is so heart-digging, that we have not only excused young converts from such testimony, but we have excused ourselves from doing so when trying to win sinners to the Saviour.

Indeed, bearing personal witness in soul-winning has been discredited and discouraged all over this land in this easy-going generation—contending for mass-evangelism exclusively from the pulpit—and easy-going laymen and preachers have swallowed the bait as a sweet morsel, alas for the result! Frankly, this writer wouldn't blame any sinner for asking a would-be soul-winner the question, "Have you tried it for yourself?" For he would ask it himself if he were in his place. Thousands want to ask it, but hate to do so. So, to remove such necessity, Jesus said, "And ye are witnesses of these things"—voluntarily bearing our personal witness in connection with the message.

A personal confession of our Lord and Saviour is not to be made just once, but as many times as we seek to win others to a saving faith in Him. And, with perfectly good reason, confession should be made in word and in deed.

No witness should expect others to believe his testimony if based only upon hear-say, or upon the testimony of others, and no definite verdict is ever reached upon such testimony. If a doubtful verdict is reached and acted upon, it only lengthens the long chain of intellectual doubters, who never enjoy the sweet assurance of faith, nor bear definite witness to others.

The religion of Christ is not a guess, nor a mere theory, nor a certain course of outward conduct, nor a vain hope of being saved "at last." It is a definite union with Christ Himself by an unquestioning faith (Jno. 1:12, 13). It is "Christ in you, the hope of glory" (Col. 1:27). It is wrought in the heart by the

Holy Spirit, and "not by works" (Eph. 2:4-9). It is a present possession, and not a vain hope of the future (Jno. 6:47). It is a spiritual resurrection "with Christ, Who is our life" (Col. 3:1-4).

Southern Baptist Foundation Director



Dr. C. H. Bolton

NASHVILLE, Tenn., May 15.—Dr. Charles H. Bolton, first full-time Executive Secretary of Southern Baptist Foundation was elected at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors on February 23. The Directors believe Dr. Bolton's election will meet the approval of Southern Baptists. He has had wide experience in the executive and financial field. He has served as pastor of the West Palm Beach Baptist Church—1927-1939—from which field of service he became Associate Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board of Dallas. He left the Relief and Annuity Board to become Executive Secretary of the Florida Baptist Convention in 1941, in which capacity he served until, in 1944 he accepted the pastorate in Miami from which he will go to the Baptist Foundation. Dr. Bolton took up his new work May 1.

The experience of it is as real as our first birth (Jno. 3:6). Its reality is assured to us by the Word of God and His indwelling Spirit (Jno. 5:24; Rom. 5:1-5; Rom. 8:15-17). We're not "strangers," but "children of the household of God" (Eph. 2:19) and "are kept by His power" (I Pet. 1:3-5).

We've not only got the one message the poor sinner needs and must have, but we can look him in the face and tell him that **we know for ourselves it is true**. No, we've not seen Him with our physical eyes, but we've seen Him by faith; "Whom having not seen, ye love; IN WHOM, though now ye see Him not, YET BELIEVING, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls" (I Pet. 1:8, 9). Yes, it is equally as real to see Him by faith, if not even more so, as to see Him by natural sight; for trusting faith admits Him into the soul, and enthrones Him in the heart, where His voice is heard and obeyed. "And this is life eternal," said Jesus, "that they might KNOW THEE, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, Whom Thou hast sent" (Jno. 17:3). We who trust in Jesus, "are not under law" (where doubts and fears reign supreme), "but under grace" (Rom. 6:14), where "ALL SHALL KNOW ME, from the least to the greatest" (Heb. 8:11). Our assurance of faith is within, and not from without; "For our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance" (I Thes. 1:5). Trusting faith in Jesus makes everything real, and we must be "witnesses of these things."

This easy-going generation of Christians have not only excused themselves, and even young converts, from bearing personal testimony to the saving grace of the Saviour, but have perverted His teachings by shifting the requirement of confession to the poor sinner, who neither knows the Saviour nor His saving grace. To encourage His disciples against human fears in their personal witness, He reminded them that only God was to be feared, and added: "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of Man also confess before the angels of God: but he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God" (Luke 12:4-9). The one way out of our human fears is to be "filled with His Spirit," for with Him our fear of men disappears (Acts 4:31), and our Gospel message becomes effective in the fearless hearts and hands of His Spirit-filled "witnesses."

BROADMINDNESS—Broadmindness is highmindness which has been flattened by experience.—*Construction Digest*.

PROOF OF CHARACTER—Having the power to fix taxes, and neither favoring your friends nor soaking those you don't like.—*Daily Oklahoman*.

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On The March With Kentucky Baptists

By B. C. LAND

It was recently my delightful privilege and great pleasure to be with Dr. W. C. Boone, General Secretary of the General Association of Kentucky Baptists, and a group of his workers in a series of eight regional one-day conferences, planned and conducted in the interest of the twin causes of evangelism and stewardship.

In the party were Dr. R. T. Skinner, Editor of the Western Recorder, Rev. L. O. Griffith, assistant to Secretary Boone; Dr. A. M. Vollmer, Secretary of the Department of Christian Education, and Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation; Rev. R. B. Hooks, Superintendent of Evangelism and Rural Work; Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, pastor Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington, Kentucky; Rev. B. F. Fox, Field Worker for the Relief and Annuity Board, of Dallas; Rev. A. B. Cash, Superintendent, Co-operative Mountain Mission Program; Mrs. Charles R. Isom, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, and Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Executive Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky. Dr. Robt. E. Humphreys, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky., was with us at Murray, Ky.

Beginning at Elizabethtown, we covered Bowling Green, Henderson, Murray, Paintsville, Loyall and Stanford, closing out at Georgetown College.

The conferences were well attended by pastors, laymen and laywomen. Nearly all the seventy-nine associations of the State were represented at one or another of the meetings. The interest was very encouraging. That the conferences accomplished much good was the conviction of Dr. Boone, the entire party and those who attended them. It is worthy of note that the states which have conducted such conferences, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky and Texas for example, invariably show an increase in receipts and quickened interest in the whole program.

Kentucky Baptists are a mighty, militant, marching, kingdom host. They have 2,254 churches, seventy-nine associations and a membership of 496,580. Last year was their greatest in baptisms and receipts. They baptized almost 23,000 people and gave a grand total for all purposes of \$10,196,245; of this amount \$1,872,258.58 was for missions.

One of the many things that impressed me greatly about Kentucky Baptists was the beautiful fellowship and harmony

which exists among them. They love the Lord and they love one another.

From the humblest to the greatest, they believe in and are loyal to their great leader, Dr. W. C. Boone. They are solidly behind him and are co-operating beautifully with him in his aggressive program of education, enlistment and evangelism.

Kentucky Baptists have in Dr. Boone one of the greatest secretaries in the Southern Baptist Convention. He is a natural born leader of men and a great organizer of forces. Gentle, quiet, modest, humble and unassuming, he leads, not by dictatorial command, but by the warmth of his magnanimous soul and

the power of his noble personality. His associates in service believe in him and are loyal to him because they know that he is their friend and that he is for every agency and department of the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

Dr. Boone has done a marvelous job in enlisting, mobilizing, organizing and uniting the Baptist forces of that great and growing state. Thanks to him and his tireless labors, Kentucky Baptists are both organized, thoroughly united and more aggressively evangelistic today than any time in their long and eventful history.

This mighty kingdom program of evangelism, education, benevolence, enlistment and missions, has been carried forward with a remarkably low overhead cost. Secretary Boone believes in economy and practices it. He has a pass over the leading roads and thereby saves Kentucky Baptists a great deal.

A great secretary, leading a mighty Baptist army from triumph to triumph and from victory to victory! It was a real joy and a rare privilege to be associated with him and his workers for two busy happy weeks! "More strength to his bow and speed to his arrow."

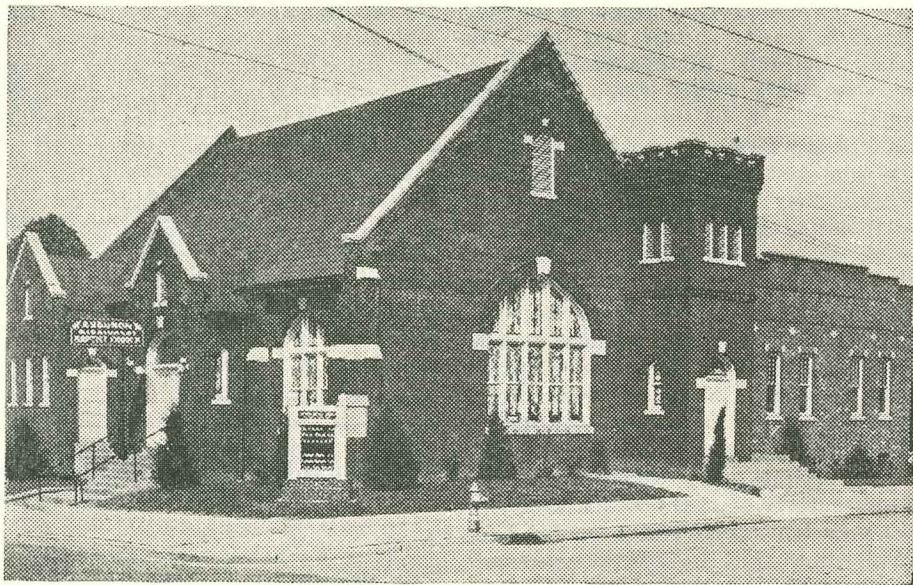
Unusual Program at Audubon Church, Henderson, Ky.

The writer had opportunity recently to speak at the prayer meeting service of the Audubon Baptist Church of Henderson, Kentucky, of which Rev. John R. Flynn is pastor.

In spite of the fact that a heavy rain was falling, a large audience was present—not an unusual thing by any means in that church.

Asked for the reason for such an attendance on a rainy night, the pastor answered by telling something of the plan which we pass on to the readers.

The entire prayer meeting group assembles at the usual hour, and about twenty minutes are given over to songs and prayers. The prayer meeting group then breaks up and the next thirty or so minutes are spent in special meetings. The



Y. W. A.'s, Sunbeams, G. A.'s, R. A.'s, etc., have their weekly gatherings in that period. The adult group stays in the auditorium and the pastor brings to them any message he wishes. When the middle period is over they will come back into the auditorium for a final gathering for a special prayer period.

The plan, according to the pastor and his members, has worked next to a miracle in the attendance and in the general program of the church. All ages were in the meeting the night the writer was there, and as fine an enthusiasm as we have seen any place. Pastor Flynn recommends the plans highly—R. T. S.

Sinners In the Hands Of An Angry God

By the Late JONATHAN EDWARDS

(Continued from May 12 issue)

4. It is everlasting wrath. It would be dreadful to suffer this fierceness and wrath of Almighty God one moment; but you must suffer it to all eternity. There will be no end to this exquisite horrible misery. When you look forward, you shall see a long forever, a boundless duration, before you, which will swallow up your thoughts, and amaze your souls; and you will absolutely despair of ever having any deliverances, any end, any mitigation, any rest of all; you will know certainly that you must wear out long ages, millions of millions of ages, in wrestling and conflicting with this almighty merciless vengeance; and then when you have so done, when so many ages have actually been spent by you in this manner, you will know that all is but a point to what remains. So that your punishment will indeed be infinite. O, who can express what the state of a soul in such circumstances is? All that we can possibly say about it, gives but a very feeble, faint representation of it; it is inexpressible and inconceivable; for, "Who knoweth the power of God's anger?"

How dreadful is the state of those who are daily and hourly in danger of this great wrath and infinite misery! But this is the dismal case of every soul that has not been born again, however moral and strict, sober and religious, they may otherwise be. Of that you would consider it, whether you be young or old! There is reason to fear that there are many who will read this book, or who have heard the gospel, who will actually be the subjects of this very misery to all eternity. We know not who they are, or what thoughts they now have. It may be they are now at ease, and hear all these things without much disturbance, and are now flattering themselves that they are not the persons, promising themselves that they shall escape.

If we knew that there was one person, and but one, of those that we know, that was to be the subject of this misery, what an awful thing would it be to think of! If we knew who it was, what an awful sight would it be to see such a person! How might every Christian lift up a lamentable and bitter cry over him! But, alas! instead of one, how many is it likely will remember these solemn reflections in hell!

And some may be in hell in a very short time, before this year is out. And it would be no wonder if some readers, who are now in health, and quiet and secure, may be there before tomorrow morning. Those of you who finally continue in a natural condition, who may

keep out of hell longest, will be there in a little time! your damnation does not slumber; it will come swiftly, and, in all probability, very suddenly, upon many of you. You have reason to wonder that you are not already in hell.

It is doubtless the case of some whom you have seen and known, that never deserved hell more than you, and that heretofore appeared as likely to have been now alive as you. Their case is past all hope. They are crying in extreme misery and perfect despair; but here you are in the land of the living, blessed with Bibles and sabbaths, and ministers, and have an opportunity to obtain salvation. What would not these poor damned, hopeless souls give for one day's opportunity such as you now enjoy?

And now you have an extraordinary opportunity, a day wherein Christ has thrown the door of mercy wide open, and stands calling, and crying with a loud voice to poor sinners; a day wherein many are flocking to him, and pressing into the kingdom of God; many are daily coming from the east, west, north, and south; many that were very lately in the same miserable condition that you are in, are now in a happy state with their hearts filled with love to Him who has loved them, and washed them from their sins in his own blood, and rejoicing in hope of the glory of God. How awful it is to be left behind at such a day! to

see so many others feasting, while you are pining and perishing! To see so many rejoicing and singing for joy of heart, while you have cause to mourn for sorrow of heart, and to howl for vexation of spirit! How can you rest one moment in such a condition? Are not your souls as precious as the souls of those who are flocking from day to day to Christ?

Are there not many who have lived long in the world, who are not to this day born again, and so are aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and have done nothing ever since they have lived, but treasure up wrath against the day of wrath? O sirs! your case in an especial manner, is extremely dangerous. Your guilt and hardness of heart are extremely great. Do not you see how generally persons of your years are passed over and left, in the dispensations of God's mercy? You had need to consider yourselves, and wake thoroughly out of sleep; you cannot bear the fierceness and wrath of the infinite God.

And you, young men, and young women, will you neglect this precious season which you now enjoy, when so many others of your age are renouncing all youthful vanities, and flocking to Christ? You especially have now an opportunity, but if you neglect it, it will soon be with you as it is with those persons who spent all the precious days of youth in sin, and are now come to such a dreadful pass in blindness and hardness.

And you children, who are unconverted, do not you know that you are going down to hell, to bear the dreadful wrath of that God, who is now angry with you every day and every night? Will you be content to be the children of the devil, when so many of the children of the land are converted, and are becoming the holy and happy children of the King of Kings?

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"What was your Sunday school lesson about?" asked the mother as her small daughter returned from church.

"About a man named Solomon," the child answered.

"And what did you learn about Solomon?"

"Teacher said he had 300 wives and 7,000 cucumber vines!"—*Bluebird Briefs*, Bluebird Bakeries.

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Rabbi Silva Gives His Views

By RABBI WILLIAM H. SILVA

[Editor's Note: Because Rabbi William H. Silva presents a new angle of the problem he discusses—the Jewish side of missionary endeavor, and the Jewish impression of what it takes to reach the Jew—we offer below a statement from the noted Jewish leader which appeared some time back in the *News-Sentinel*, Knoxville, Tennessee. As will be observed, the statement was made after hearing Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus speak at the Broadway Baptist Church. The article is of value because of the insight it offers to the attitude of the Jewish mind toward Christian evangelism among the Jews and what they conceive to be the best way of going about it.]

In my life I have heard quite a number of Jewish converts, from the sensational evangelist, who knew his "business" and made a success, to the unsophisticated who could hardly repeat his new credo, "Jesus is my Savior."

In the majority of cases these folks used to do lots of mischief to their people and not less to the Christianity because the old time convert, as a rule, had a habit of "knocking" his own people in order to win the sympathy of his new brethren and appear a martyr to the cause of Jesus. Indeed, it was too often that these converts systematically intensified the age old racial and religious antagonism, which was very damaging to the social and economic life of the Jews and equally damaging to the Christian spirit of love. Yet, the Christian world failed to understand the Jewish attitude towards this type of convert.

But times have changed and even the Jewish convert has come to his senses and discovered the fallacy of his old time Jew-baiting methods, and this was my surprise. Dr. Gartenhaus made it plain that he still considered himself a Jew, spiritually indebted to his people even for the good things he found in the new faith.

He hit the nail on the head when he stated that the failure of Christians to win the Jew was not due to mere Jewish stubbornness, but rather to the unChristian and unhuman practices of persecuting the Jew throughout the ages, and pointed to kindness and love as the only way to win him.

... I personally would prefer a Jew to be a good Christian than to be a bad Jew. After all, it is not what a person calls himself, but what he actually is. . . Time and life itself—the actual Christian behavior toward the Jew—will have to win him over. By that, I do not mean that the Jew should, in any sense, be

"officially," politician-like patted on his back because he is supposed to be of the "chosen people, but rather he should be made to feel himself on equal terms with others, to pay when punishment is due, and also to be given credit when credit is due him.

All that the Jew wants is for the Christian world to realize that, like other cultured people, he, too, possesses a soul, sensitive to environments, to the way he is actually being treated by the world around him. The sensitive Jew knows when love and kindness are genuine, and when they are only used as a mere habit to win him. The true, Christ-like love knows no boundaries or "conditioning."

Evidences of a Call to Preach

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A fourth evidence that one is called to preach is that when he preaches somebody gets a blessing out of his preaching. Again, this needs to be interpreted with some care. Not every God-called man will have crowds flock to hear him when he preaches. And some men who are about as much God-called as Balaam's ass may have thousands go to hear them. But when a God-called and Spirit-directed man

preaches somebody will get a blessing from his message.

When God calls a man to preach he will call somebody to hear him. As in the case of Peter and Cornelius, God works at both ends of the line. He brings a hungry soul and a prepared messenger together and then works out his will of salvation for the lost or of blessing for the saved. When a Spirit-called and Spirit-guided preacher proclaims The Word some saint or sinner will hear in his preaching the message of God and God's will of redemption will be accomplished. A God-called man preaches to do the will of God, not his own will. Such a man can venture to preach with the assurance that, in spite of all obstacles, he can accomplish the will of God. If God calls a man to go to China or Africa, he can go to China or Africa depending on God to open the way, to prepare the hearts of the people and to give fruitage to his labors. —Baptist Standard.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

W. A. Stokes, R. F. Shearer and C. B. Stephens.

PREACHER—To remind his congregation that ministers, too, are affected by rising costs, one clergyman ostentatiously borrowed a dollar from a man in the front pew, mounted his pulpit, and preached a stirring sermon.

Congratulated at the conclusion of the services, he remarked, "I always preach a better sermon with a dollar in my pocket."

His flock took the hint, raised his salary that same day!—Robert Yelton Robb, *Rotarian*.

All Western Recorder Areas Are Now Complete

On April 28 we finished the task of zoning the State. Never in the history of the **WESTERN RECORDER** have we been better prepared to serve Kentucky Baptists and their churches.

The State has been divided into six areas. For each of these areas we reserve two full pages each week to be used in the promotion of the work in the churches and district associations and regions. Revivals, enlargement campaigns, training schools and departmental meetings of whatever nature can be promoted through these special pages without cost to the churches or the associations or regions.

Our only difficulty is experienced in getting the news, and getting it far enough in advance to be of real service to the people. In our effort to secure up-to-date news we have subscribed to more than twenty weekly and daily newspapers in every section of the State. From these we have managed to glean a few leading articles, but nothing to compare with what we should have. Additional workers have been added to comb the papers and the church bulletins, which are sent us, for news items. District and associational missionaries have been asked to be on the lookout for news in their respective fields.

We have also prepared a special envelope designed especially for reporting the news. These will be mailed to all the pastors within the next few days. These envelopes will require no stamp. Just fill in the news, seal and drop in the nearest box.

These added features and services should be of tremendous value to all our people, but especially to those churches having the **WESTERN RECORDER** in their budgets. And to those who do not, we hope the service may be an added incentive to put the paper in the budget right away. You can reach your people through your State paper as in no other way.

Editorials

Advertising for a Pulpit! What Next?

We don't want to be unkind, but we just about had the breath knocked out of us recently when we read in the *Watchman-Examiner*—a great paper—an advertisement for a pastorate.

We have had one or two such requests for advertising space in the *Western Recorder*, but we didn't believe any Baptist paper in the whole country would accept such advertising.

Baptists hold that the minister of the gospel must be called into the work by God *alone*, that He directs a church to ordain this God-called man to the full work of the ministry, and that He Himself, *alone*, has the power and the authority to direct his MAN to the work where He wants him to go—moving the church to extend the call and the man to accept.

A great deal of the grief of our day has stemmed directly from man-made decisions on holy matters. A God-called man divinely directed to the field on which He wants him to serve is never a misfit. God knows what is needed and He has the man for the place. There have been too many men who have tried to sort of manage things for Him.

God, who calls into the ministry, is well able to make his will known to his man and to the church, and He will do it if men do not fog the air and confuse the minds of preacher and church. Let God-called men find the will of God and stay in that will. Let them not fear. God is still in his heaven and He is working in the hearts of his people, and He reigns! Human management leads to destruction. Divine guidance and empowerment leads to victory!

At Beaver Dam

The editor recently had the privilege of visiting on a Sunday night at Beaver Dam, Kentucky, supplying for the pastor, Dr. Chester Badgett who has been there two and a half years, going to that field from Utica, Ky.

Pastor Badgett has done a remarkable work and is greatly in the hearts of his people. There have been 92 additions to the church so far this associational year. Two young people have dedicated themselves to full-time Christian work—a young man to the ministry, and a young lady to special Christian work wherever the Lord may lead.

The writer dropped in on the closing assembly of the Training Union and there saw the fruits of real evangelism and kingdom building. The program that night centered around the Christian home. At the center of the program were Brother and Sister Enos Ferguson and a small son—giving a demonstration of what a home altar is like and can do. The demonstration was beautifully and effectively done. The thing about the program which attracted us most was the fact that Brother Ferguson and four of his

sons were converted last November and joined the Beaver Dam Baptist Church for baptism. Since then they have thrown themselves into all the work of the church. Brother Ferguson, along with his consecrated Christian wife have established a home altar, and daily, they and their children pause for Scripture reading and prayer. Homes built on this foundation will endure. We congratulate them and Pastor Badgett and the entire church on the work being done.

Another Great Book

This latest book by Dr. W. T. Connor—**THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**—takes its place alongside the great books of our time. It is needed today, when human efforts are being magnified, and the work of the Holy Spirit, all too many times, is being passed over.

Dr. Connor needs no introduction to Southern Baptists. All regard him as an authority. His plainness of speech, his unique manner of writing, his nearly fifty years in the ministry—most of it spent as a teacher of preachers—make him and his writing to be sought after as a coveted blessing.

This work can be obtained from any of our Baptist Bookstores. It is priced at only \$2.25. The Broadman Press, Nashville, gave it a form and beauty worthy of its contents. No Christian library should be without it.

"The Salt of the Earth"

Another great book of sermons by the matchless preacher—Dr. George Truett—has been published. Dr. Powhatan W. James, president of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Kentucky, edited the volume, and it is beautifully printed by the Broadman Press, Nashville.

Going through these fourteen sermons, one again senses the sweep and power of the great preacher. The book is called by the title of the first sermon of the fourteen—**THE SALT OF THE EARTH**.

Surely, every preacher, and every active layman, and each special worker, will quickly lay hold on one of these great books to read and cherish through life. Orders may be placed with any Baptist Bookstore.

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Shots at Random

► Dr. Boone states: There are more Baptists in Kentucky than any other religious group—more than all other non-Catholics combined, three times as many Baptists as there are Catholics. And it will be remembered that Baptists do not count children who have not made a profession of faith and united with a church, as do some of the others, including the Catholics.

► A report from W. C. T. U. headquarters, Mrs. Leigh Colvin president, states that the total cost of drinking and crime, plus the money gambled in this country in 1947, amounted to the unthinkable sum of more than \$50,000,000,000, an increase of almost \$15,000,000,000 over the previous year. Yet there are still those who squint their eyes behind their blind bridles and declare America to be a Christian land.

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

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Education and Promotion

Missionaries Are Prepared for the Fall of Shanghai

By Secretary BAKER J. CAUTHEN

[From Dr. Cauthen's monthly report, written April 30.]

The fall of Shanghai is now an imminent possibility. Nationalist armies declare they will defend the city strongly, but there seems little evidence of any preparation for a fight. We do not see heavy guns being mounted nor barricades constructed as one would expect to find in a city preparing for all-out defense.

In order to prevent their ships from being attacked or being bottled up in the Whangpoo River, the American Navy has left anchorage in Shanghai and moved to the Yangtze River. The Navy has offered transportation to all Americans who wish to leave. They still have small vessels at Shanghai which can be used to take people to the ships in the Yangtze. Commercial vessels are still available and airlines are making their regular runs.

Missionaries in Shanghai

Many missionaries representing most of the mission boards at work in China are remaining at their tasks. Southern Baptists have thirty-one missionaries and five children remaining in Shanghai. Some of these people may decide to leave later, but they have no definite plans to do so up to this point.

Missionaries in Shanghai are: Dr. and Mrs. Frank H. Connely, Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Hipps, Dr. Robert F. Ricketson, Rev. W. W. Lawton, Dr. and Mrs. B. L. Nichols and three children, Dr. and Mrs. Glenn Morris, Misses Roberta Pearle Johnson, Irene Jeffers, Harriette King, Martha Franks, Josephine Ward, Thelma Williams, Elizabeth Gray, Inabelle Coleman, Olive Lawton, Kathryn Bigham, Lorene Tilford, Marie Conner, Catherine Walker, Gladys Hopewell, and Dr. and Mrs. B. J. Cauthen and two children.

Due to the fact that the Baptist Compound is just outside a wooden fence built around the city to keep refugees from swarming into Shanghai, and the gate is closed by soldiers from time to time, the schools are carrying on most of their activities inside the city. But a strong nucleus of workers remains on the compound with the missionaries so as to continue activities there and to protect the property.

Emergency provisions have been made within the city to take care of all these people if it should be necessary for

them to come in during time of fighting. We stand in greater danger of rioting and looting than we do of actual fighting in the city.

University of Shanghai Closed

Military authorities have ordered the closing of fifteen universities including the University of Shanghai. The order came only four weeks before the school would normally close. Seniors will be given examinations and Commencement will be held. Although we regret to see the university close its work before the usual date, President Henry Lin and the missionaries at the school feel it may turn out to be a blessing in disguise. During times of unusual crisis, it is easy for serious problems to arise on a university campus in China and dismissal of the school at this point will eliminate this danger. Missionaries and a strong group of the Chinese staff will remain on the campus exerting every effort to keep the property free.

In Communist Territory

As this report is being written the Communist armies have taken Wusih and Soochow and are nearing Kunshan. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Jackson and Mrs. P. W. Hamlett, our missionaries in Wusih, are still there. I talked with Miss Blanche Groves by long distance telephone the day before Soochow fell and she told me she, Miss Sophie Lanneau, Miss Ola Lea and Miss Jenell Greer were remaining by their own choice. Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Johnson are in Kunshan and intend to remain there as the Communists come in.

Rev. Stockwell Sears, Rev. Charles Cowherd and Miss Pearl Johnson are still in Tsingtao where the situation is unchanged. Dr. A. W. Yocum is still in Chengchow and we were able to receive letters from him through the mail until last week when the drive began in the Yangtze valley.

Hongkong Office Opened

It has become evident that the emergencies prevailing in Central China may shortly extend to South China. Miss Lucy Smith went to Hongkong this week where she will have an office in a location already acquired so as to be able to have funds available to meet any emergencies in the South China area and at the same time be in a position to channel funds to Shanghai through any existing means if communications between this city and America are broken so as to make impossible our getting in funds. Even if channels do not exist for getting funds to Shanghai from Hongkong we could get along for a period until communications could be reestablished. I think there is no need

for undue concern on this point. Missionaries have been supplied with funds in advance and ample food secured. Chinese workers have also been provided for.

Plans in South China

We have forty-five missionaries and eighteen children in South China. When emergencies begin to prevail in that section, those who are in uncertain health or have furloughs due soon will undoubtedly return to America. Because of the number of missionaries who have little children in South China there will be considerable shifting in time of crisis. Most of these people are new missionaries who are still studying the language. We consider it highly urgent that they be enabled to continue the study of the language and work among Chinese-speaking people if they find it necessary to leave South China.

We are working toward placing any of the people who feel they must leave South China, but believe they should not return to the States, in Hongkong, Macao, Saigon and Bangkok. There are large Chinese-speaking populations in each of these cities. Dr. G. W. Strother left last week for Bangkok to survey the possibilities of placing people in that city and in Saigon should the need arise. He will remain in the Bangkok-Saigon area until the China development comes to definite form and will be there to assist any people who need to transfer to those cities.

Necessity of Remaining Among Chinese

To send a large number of new missionaries back to America in time of emergency would likely result in losing the staff to missionary work. To enable them to remove to places of security where they can continue the study of the language and work among Chinese people may result in having a staff ready to continue to serve whatever opportunities are available.

The Lord has a way of extending his work in times of distress. We should not forget that the Hawaiian Mission was born in the last China evacuation. The emergencies prevailing in the Orient during recent years gave the opportunity for larger work in Latin America, with the result that the wonderful work in Colombia was emphasized. The Lord may make possible new mission undertakings as a consequence of our present China emergencies.

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BEHAVIOR—Crooked rivers get that way by following the lines of least resistance. So do some men.—*Spooner (Wis.) Advocate.*

Two Baptist D. P. Families To Live In Kentucky

Two Baptist displaced persons families have been approved by the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative for resettlement in Kentucky, it was announced yesterday.

These families represent six people. D.P.'s are coming from Austria, Germany and Italy, according to Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Representative.

Persons sponsoring these families in Kentucky are: Miss Florence McMurty, Nicholasville, 1; and Mr. L. C. Brewer, Lexington, 1.

There are approximately 9,000 Baptist displaced persons in Europe for whom the Southern Baptist and Baptist World Alliance relief committees feel a special responsibility, according to Gage. The present Displaced Persons Act passed by the 80th Congress of the United States provides for the entry of 200,000 displaced persons in to the United States in a two-year period. In order to come to this country, D.P.'s must have sponsors who are willing to assure our government that the D.P.'s will have jobs and homes without displacing Americans and that inland transportation for the D.P.'s will be provided (ocean transportation from Europe to the United States is provided free of charge by the International Refugee Organization of the United Nations). Sponsors must also assure the government that the D.P.'s will not become a charge on public funds.

Displaced persons are available in almost every job classification and are qualified as plumbers, electricians, carpenters, cabinet makers, nurses' aids, domestic servants, etc. If you are able to offer an opportunity to some of our Baptist displaced persons, contact the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons representative, 601 South Olympia, New Orleans, La.

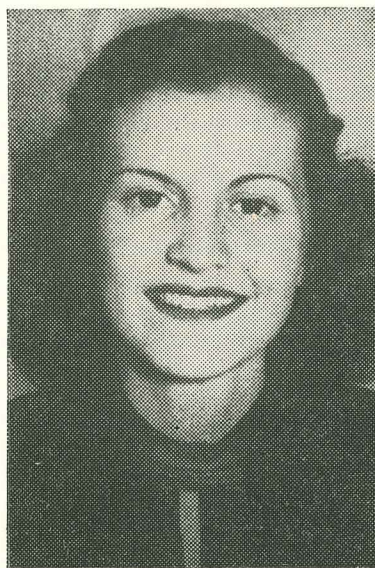
The Baptist World Alliance has organized a complete program for resettling D.P.'s. Dr. Randolph L. Howard serves as co-ordinator in Washington, D. C.; Rev. Yasumura is the Northern Baptist Displaced Persons representative

with duties corresponding with those of the Southern Baptist representative; Rev. Fred Schatz was sent to Europe as European Representative of the committee; Rev. Adolph Klaupiks, Washington, D. C., is a field representative in the United States for the Committee.

Miss Margaret Gordon In State Student Office

By Miss Norma Ann Richards
Student Secretary

BOWLING GREEN, Ky.—Murray's gift to the State Student Department in 1945, after her graduation, was Margaret



Miss Margaret Gordon

Gordon, associate to J. Chester Durham, state student secretary. Margaret, now located in Lexington, is a native of Owensboro.

Before becoming a student secretary, Margaret got an excellent foundation in BSU at Murray. She served on the executive council there as social vice-president, devotional vice-president, and during her last year served as president of Murray's First Magnitude student organization. During that year she was also devotional vice-president on the state council.

In addition to BSU activities, she was also a member of Kappa Delta Pi, an honorary organization in education.

Margaret has been winning the hearts of Kentucky students for the past few years not only with her very understanding and charming personality, but also with her sweet and consecrated voice. State conventions, retreats, etc., just aren't complete if Margaret doesn't sing. Students love especially to hear her sing one of their favorites—"The Love of God."

Because of all these things, but most

of all because Margaret seems to draw them closer to the Christ they are seeking to follow, Kentucky students and all others who are associated with her feel that Murray's gift was indeed a blessing.

Dr. Fuller Delivers

Furman Baccalaureate

GREENVILLE, S. C., May .—Furman University's 123rd annual commencement exercises will be held in Textile Hall at 10 A. M. Monday, June 6, to accommodate the large crowds expected to hear the address by Former Secretary of State James F. Byrnes, university officials said today.

Mr. Byrnes' address will highlight the four day commencement activities which will be concluded with the university's conferring upon him the honorary degree of doctor of laws.

Honorary degrees will also be bestowed upon four alumni, Julian H. Scarborough, president of the Federal Land Bank, Columbia, doctor of laws; Dr. David Smith, member of the Duke University School of Medicine faculty, Durham, N. C., doctor of literature degree; Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. F. O. Mixon, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., doctor of divinity degrees.

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday, June 5, in the auditorium of the David M. Ramsay Fine Arts building at the Woman's College.

More than 300 seniors are scheduled to receive Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degrees at the June 6 exercises and Master's Degrees will be awarded to approximately eight candidates.

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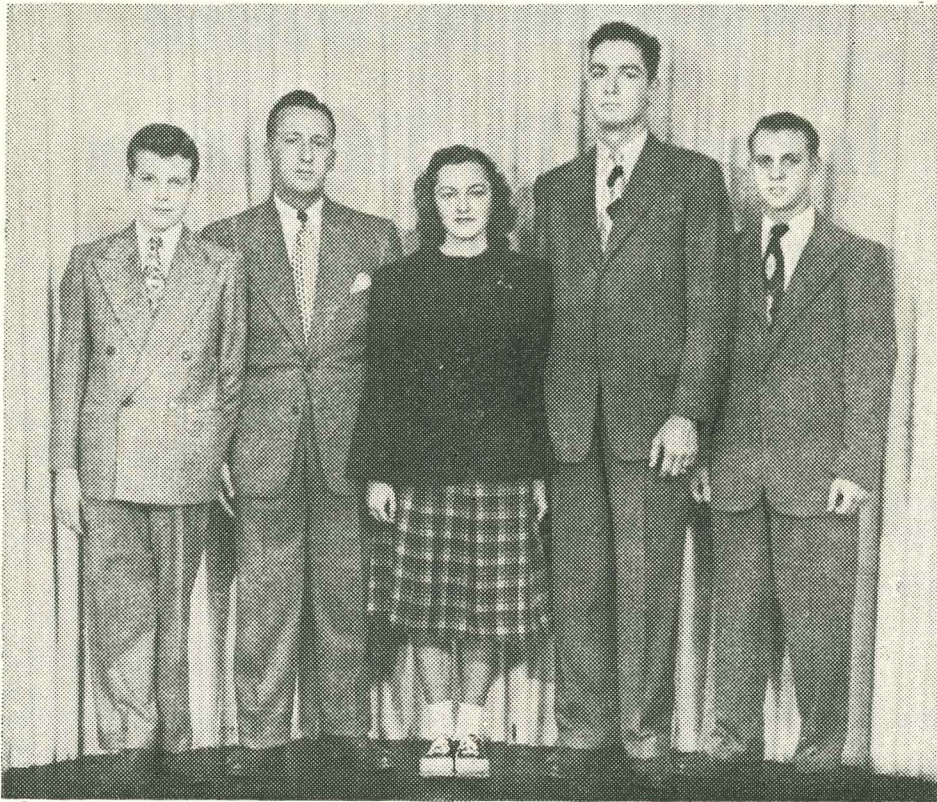
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Five Elizabethtown Youths Enter Religious Work



These five young people, from the Severns Valley Baptist Church of Elizabethtown, Ky., where Dr. L. E. Martin is pastor, have signified his or her conviction that they have been called by the Lord into the ministry or, in the case of the young lady, into missionary service. Reading from left to right, a brief statement is given about each one:

- (1) Richard "Dick" Allison, 15, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Allison. Sophomore in Elizabethtown High School, firm in his purpose to study for the ministry.
- (2) John "Jack" Nichols, 25, Sophomore at Georgetown College, is already preparing himself for the ministry.
- (3) Miss Virginia Clay Bush, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Shelby Bush. Elizabethtown, Kentucky. Senior at Glendale High School, plans to enter Georgetown College next September. Missionary volunteer.
- (4) Shelby Bush, Jr., brother to Virginia Clay Bush, 19. Graduate of Glendale High School, plans to enter college next fall. He is now a sergeant in the National Guard.
- (5) William D. Jagers, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lennie S. Jagers, Senior of Elizabethtown High School, plans to enter Georgetown College next fall as a ministerial student, having received the call to the ministry at the age of 12.

Judge Bars 143 Catholic Teachers From New Mexican Public Schools

SANTA FE, N. M.—District Judge E. T. Hensley, in a written judgment here barred 143 Roman Catholic nuns, brothers and priests from public school teaching posts in New Mexico. His ruling also

prohibited the holding of tax-supported school classes in buildings owned by the Roman Catholic Church.

The written judgment supplemented an oral decision from the bench on October 7, in which Judge Hensley ruled that "There is no separation of Church and State" in some New Mexico public schools, thus violating the state and national constitutions.

At that time he indicated that his written judgment, to be released later, would rule "generally in favor of the plaintiffs," a group of non-Catholics seeking to bar Roman Catholic nuns teaching in the New Mexico public schools. Harry L. Bigbee, of Santa Fe, brought the suit in behalf of twenty-

eight non-Catholic residents of seven counties.

The written judgment decided a wide range of questions left unsettled by the verbal decision. One of the most important results of the judgment is that at least sixteen school buildings owned by the Catholic Church must be replaced by public-owned schools.

Other declaratory judgments in the ruling specifically prohibited the following:

Free state bus transportation for students in parochial schools; purchase from public funds of textbooks for parochial schools, and purchase of books especially for Catholic schools; teaching of sectarian doctrine in any tax-supported school; holding of public classes in rooms where religious or sectarian symbols are displayed; payment, by the state, of persons teaching sectarian doctrines.

The ruling also stated that the 143 garbed Catholic teachers who taught in the twenty-eight schools be "forever barred from receiving any school monies and employment in the public schools of the state."

R. B. Hooks and E. Lowell Adams Help in Oakwood Meetings, Knoxville

KNOXVILLE, Tenn., May 4.—The Oakwood Baptist Church of Knoxville, Tennessee, of which Rev. L. C. Roberts is Pastor, has just closed a revival meeting. Rev. R. B. Hooks, Superintendent of Evangelism of Kentucky, was the Evangelist and Dr. E. Lowell Adams, the newly elected Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Covington, Kentucky, was the singer. There was a total of 36 additions to the church with 42 rededications. "Let me congratulate Kentucky Baptists on having a man like Bro. R. B. Hooks for Superintendent of Evangelism," writes Pastor Roberts. "He is true to God's Word, has a passion in his heart for the lost, and co-operates with the Pastor fully in his revival work."

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**College Students
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NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Six missionary groups of Baptist students from Southern colleges will tour various sections of the world this summer in evangelistic and teaching ministry.

William Hall Preston, associate secretary of the Department of Southern Baptist Student Work, said that the student groups will spend six to eight weeks each in Europe, Hawaii, Alaska, Mexico, the San Andres Islands, and California.

It is the third summer that Preston has led college students in overseas mission activity during their summer vacation periods. "The tours serve the double purpose of taking Christ to mission fields and of giving the students experience in actual mission work," Preston said.

Largest group in the 1949 student mission program will go to Europe, with 25 students participating. Leaving New York, July 6 by air, the group will visit England, Belgium, France, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Holland, Norway, Sweden, and Denmark. Preston said that the itinerary calls for the students to lead in evangelistic and teaching services, to associate closely with European youth, and actually to live in the homes of Baptists in some of the countries. They will return August 15 after attending sessions of the World Baptist Youth Congress at Stockholm, August 3-9.

A dozen students, six boys and six girls, will make the trip to Hawaii, leaving Los Angeles June 10. Six boys will go to San Andres Islands, off the coast of Colombia, and other groups will go to Alaska and Mexico. Some 15 or 20 students will work with Baptist mission forces in California.

Preston said that the students making the trips are selected by Baptist student organizations in the various states on the basis of their own devotion and ability in Christian service in their home churches and on the college campuses. Expenses are paid by gifts from other students in the organization. In the overseas countries, the groups work under the direction of Baptist mission forces in each area.

A Unique Service

The First Baptist Church of Frankfort, Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, pastor, has developed a unique layman's program. A recent issue of its bulletin states "May 22-25 will soon come to be known as one of the church's high-light times, when the laymen of this church lead out in revival services. Bringing the evangelistic message at this time will be Gen. M. D. Holifield, Mr. Joe Leary, Mr. Milton Mefford, Mr. Bert Sparks and Prof. C. D. Redding." This announcement is passed on to our readers in the hope that many of our churches may be challenged to push their laymen into the active evangelistic program of our churches.

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Baptist Layman is Honored By Dentists in State Convention

The dentists of the State of Kentucky assembled in Louisville for their eighty-ninth annual convention of the Kentucky State Dental Association April 3-6, and among the *usual* things they do at their conventions, they did an *un-usual* thing in honoring Dr. William Marcus Randall, one of their number who has come in his own way to be a big brother to them all. Dr. Randall has been for fifty years a member of the faculty of the University of Louisville's School of Dentistry—located at the corner of Brook and Broadway, right next door to the Kentucky Baptist Building.

Though Dr. Randall has been teaching students the fine art of making dentures for half a century, he himself "has never had to take his own medicine," for at seventy-two years of age he still has all of his natural teeth except two. On the other hand, perhaps he has *taken his own medicine* by practicing what he preaches regarding the care of molars, well knowing that *eight ounces of care and prevention* forestall the necessity of relying upon the *sixteen ounces of cure*.

Dr. Randall is said to have taught nine-tenths of all dentists now practicing in Kentucky. He was born at Petersburg, in Boone County, Kentucky, and as a boy attended and became a member of the famous old Bullittsburg Baptist Church when he was eleven years of age. The Bullittsburg Church was under the pastoral leadership of the venerable J. A. Kirtley, Sr., at the time he united with that church. It is just possible that Dr. Randall learned something about finding one's job and then sticking to it from the man who was then his pastor, for Dr. J. A. Kirtley, Sr., remained in that one pastorate for forty-nine years.

Dr. Randall joined the Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville in November, 1905, and he has been one of its deacons since 1907—forty-two years ago.

But before joining the Walnut Street Church in Louisville he married earlier in the year of 1905 Miss Zayda Kirtley Gaines, of Petersburg, Ky. They were born in the same neighborhood, had been schoolmates all of their lives, and joined the Bullittsburg Church in the same re-

vival meeting being conducted by Dr. Oscar M. Huey, and were baptized on the same cold, February day when Pastor J. A. Kirtley, Sr., had to break the ice covering an outdoors pool.

A new quarterly dental publication, called "Journal of the Kentucky State Dental Association," made its appearance last quarter. This new organ is edited by Dr. Joe W. Jones, Jr., Dawson Springs, and its Business Manager is Dr. Don P. Newsom, Owensboro. The new publication is the official organ of the Kentucky State Dental Association, and its first issue devoted almost two pages to Dr. Randall's life and work up to now.

Without going beyond second cousins, or two generations in each direction, there are more doctors of one sort or another to the square yard in the family



Dr. Wm. Marcus Randall

of Dr. Randall than one can usually count among his next of kin. Some of these are now deceased, but most of them are still living. There have been eight physicians, eleven dentists and one veterinarian.

The physicians are, or have been, Drs.: Fruonnoy Grant, and James L. Grant, Petersburg; Robert L. Grant, Texarkana; Elijah L. Grant, Louisville and Covington (all uncles); Charles L. Grant, H. Horace Grant, William Edward Grant (born 1845), one-time Dean of School of Medicine, U. of L.; and W. Owsley Grant, Louisville (all cousins).

The dentists are, or have been, Drs.: William Edward Grant (born 1872), at one time Dean of School of Dentistry, U. of L.; Alfred Chambers; James Edward Grant and Henry L. Grant, Louisville and Panama; Lewis F. Grant, Munfordsville (all uncles); Raymond Edward Grant and Henry Lee Grant, both of Louisville (cousins); Paul G. Randall, Albany, Ky. (brother); Harold Collins Randall, Columbia, Ky. (nephew); Marcus Gaines Randall, Louisville (son); and himself, William Marcus Randall.

Then another brother, Dr. Thomas E. Randall, is a veterinarian at Albany, Ky.

Baptists are proud of the life and usefulness of Dr. Randall both in his dental profession and in his active church life.

Don't Insult the Dead !!!

By Chester M. Savage
Liberty, Mississippi

"He **WAS** a good man." "She **WAS** a good woman." How many times we hear such remarks at funerals! Such is an insult, first of all, to God. With God there are no "has-beens." Such is an insult to the deceased—as though he or she is no more! Such statements show lack of Bible knowledge about the state of the departed.

Death, for the Christian, is only **MOVING DAY**. When a good man moves from Louisville to Bowling Green, we **DO NOT** say, "He *was* a good man," but "he **IS** a good man." Moving does not put him out of existence! Moving does not make him a "has-been." It merely means he has changed locations, that he **LIVES** in a different place.

This **BODY** is my house! It is where I live. I am not a body; I am a soul. When death comes, I will move out of this body, to be with the Lord—but I will not cease to exist. I will be alive as much as ever before, but I will be **living** with the Lord instead of **living** in my body. Is there **life** after death? **YES!** Abundant life, eternal life, life with Christ. Would it be "far better" (as Paul states) **IF** we become "has-beens" and **IF** death means the end of our existence?

Let's watch our language! Let's say, "She **IS** a good woman. She **IS** 63 years, 8 months, and 4 days old today. **SHE** has departed this life; has left this body—but she **LIVES** today with Christ. She is no "has been." She has merely **MOVED.**" Don't insult the dead !!!

Quartet: Four people who think the other three can't sing.—*Loyal* (Wis.) *Tribune*.

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New Building for Walnut Grove; Homecoming Being Planned for August

CLOVERPORT, Ky.—Several years of planning are to culminate this year in the erection of a new church at Walnut Grove, Lodiburg. There stands one of the oldest Baptist churches in the territory of the Breckenridge County Baptist Association. It was erected 1854. The building looks to be in a fair state of preservation, but the heavy timbers that give a building strength are said to be tottering under their weight of years and the destruction of termites.

John D. Keys, chairman of the building committee, in advertising for bids this week for a contract in the erection of a new building, has in his possession blue prints of the modern rural church. These were provided by architectural department of the Kister Lumber Company in Louisville, owned and operated by William S. and John Dutschke. Donors of building material, labor and cash make up a list to be appreciated, and heading this list are the Dutschke Brothers, who will contribute finishing material, walls, ceiling, floors and in the end, the church pews.

Dutschke Brothers' Mother Buried at Walnut Grove

William S. and John Dutschke, in their gifts, hold in loving memory their mother, whose burial place is over in the church cemetery at Walnut Grove. Before her marriage to Saxton Dutschke, who passed away many years ago, she was the former Gertrude Cashman. The Dutschke brothers as children, resided in the community of Walnut Grove and reached young manhood there. The elder William, began his career as a successful lumberman in the vicinity of Lodiburg, and from his early days as an employee in a neighborhood saw mill he has continued to press upward until he is now at the head of a large lumber

establishment in Louisville. So the Dutschke brothers, with many people of the county, will watch with interest the building program of Walnut Grove Church.

The new church edifice will rest on a concrete foundation which forms the basement walls and for this construction work the cement is now packed in the rear of the church building.

Timber Grown on Property

The rough lumber from which the frame will be constructed is to be sawed in the early Spring from great forest trees of the sturdy oaks that have grown on a plot of ground belonging to the church. A nearby saw mill owned by Mr. Keys will be put to use and men of the church will contribute their labor in getting the trees felled, taken to the mill and sawed into the necessary lumber for all of the frame work.

Mr. Keys and his assistants expect to get all material assembled and the contractor then will carry out, step by step, details of the blue prints now at hand.

The architect's drawing calls for a bell tower. And, up there when it is finished, will swing an old bell that has called people of that vicinity to worship for decades.

Old Furniture Has Sentimental Value

Then amid the new, there will be some of the old. The pulpit from which the Gospel has been proclaimed these many years was built by John W. Keys, father of John D. Keys. It is made of sassafras wood and inlaid with black walnut and will find its place in the new auditorium. Then a table at the front was built by the late Joe Fitch, and a couple of nice chairs were also contributed by the Fitch family so these are some of the old furnishings that will be carried over to the new structure when it is ready for occupancy.

The old church building there in the grove as it stands today was built by A. J. Keys, Sr., grandfather of J. D. Keys. Handed down from generation to generation has been the story that Mrs. Hulda Barr was the first person to be buried in the church cemetery. This occurred in July of 1854. The elder Mr. Keys used to tell about the burial out in this lonely spot, which took place while he was erecting the framework of the church building. This is the means by which men and women there now recollect that the old house is approaching a hundred years of service.

The Rev. Sigurd Bryan of Louisville, for two years or more has been pastor of the church. He and members of his congregation have been planning, praying, giving and working toward a new

church home. They hope it will be ready for dedication for the annual Home Coming Day at Walnut Grove in August of 1949.—The Breckenridge News.

Vice President Barkley

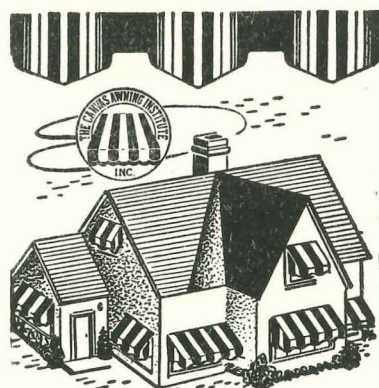
Centre Commencement

Speaker on June 12

DANVILLE, Ky., May 16.—Alben W. Barkley, Vice President of the United States, is to deliver the address at Centre College's 126th Commencement exercises on Sunday, June 12, it was announced here today. The exercises are to begin at 6:15 P. M. in Centre's stadium. Dr. Walter A. Groves, Centre president, is to preach the baccalaureate sermon, and Robert D. Mathias, former Centre student and now president of the Chicago National Bank, is to be the chief speaker at the annual alumni banquet.

Baccalaureate services are to be held on Sunday, June 12, at 11 A. M. in the Second Presbyterian Church. The alumni banquet is slated to be held on Saturday, June 11, at 6:30 P. M. in McReynolds Dining Hall on the men's campus.

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Dr. Hill Addresses Texas College

BELTON, Tex., April 10.—“And those that look out of the windows be darkened . . .” This quotation provided the inspiration for Dr. John L. Hill’s talk on “Keeping Life’s Windows Clean” at the appreciation dinner extended him by Mary Hardin-Baylor College on April 5. Dr. Hill is conducting the annual revival at this oldest college for women west of the Mississippi river. The revival closes April 8.

The dinner program was presided over by Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, president of the college, and the following brought greetings and tribute to the guest of honor: Dr. R. T. Wilson of Austin, president of the college board of trustees; Dr. R. M. Cavness, president of the University of Corpus Christi, speaking for Texas Baptist colleges; Mrs. E. E. Nation, of Iola, president of district 15 Woman’s Missionary Union of Texas; Dr. George J. Mason, executive secretary of the Baptist Foundation of Texas; and Dr. Kyle M. Yates, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Houston. Dr. William Harvey Andrew, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bryan, Texas, gave the benediction.

The appreciation dinner is one of a series which has been given by Mary Hardin-Baylor in honor of distinguished ministers and laymen and laywomen. Other dinners have honored the late Dr. George W. Truett, the late Dr. L. R. Scarborough, and Mrs. Oveta Culp Hobby, and others.

Dr. Hill, in whose honor the John L. Hill auditorium was recently erected at Georgetown College, teaches one of the largest Sunday school classes in the South in Nashville. He has taught the

same class for 25 years. When he has completed the services for the college revival which began April 4, Dr. Hill plans to return immediately to Nashville in time to teach his class on Sunday, April 10.

Wade Armstrong Accepts Church in Oklahoma City

Rev. D. Wade Armstrong, pastor of the Covert Avenue Baptist Church, Evansville, Indiana, has accepted the pastorate of the Crestwood Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and will begin his work the second Sunday in May.

Pastor Armstrong has been with the Covert Avenue Church since October,



Rev. Wade Armstrong

1947, and during his ministry there the membership has grown from sixty to 120, most of the additions coming by baptism. The church was organized only two years ago, Leland Hall being its first pastor. Pastor Hall has accepted the position of Associate Pastor and Educational Director of the Crestwood Baptist Church to which Pastor Armstrong is going. Both have been, for some time, students in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Brother Armstrong has received his Th.M. and is now in the graduate school. Brother Hall hopes to receive his Th.M. this spring.

Pastor Armstrong is a native of Hartford, Arkansas, having become a pastor while still in high school. After coming to Kentucky he was pastor at Irvington for four years before accepting the pastorate at Covert Avenue Church, Evansville.

Sinners in the Hands Of An Angry God

(Continued from Page 8)

And let every one that is yet out of Christ, and hanging over the pit of hell, whether they be old men and women,

or middle aged, or young people, or little children, now hearken to the loud calls of God’s word and providence. This acceptable year of the Lord, a day of great mercy to some, will doubtless be a day of as remarkable vengeance to others. Men’s hearts harden, and their guilt increases apace at such a day as this, if they neglect their souls. Never was there a period when so many means were employed for the salvation of souls, and if you entirely neglect them, you will eternally curse the day of your birth. Now, undoubtedly it is, as it was in the days of John the Baptist, the axe is laid at the root of the trees, and every tree which brings not forth good fruit, may be hewn down, and cast into the fire.

Therefore, let every one that is out of Christ, now awake and flee from the wrath to come. The wrath of Almighty God is now undoubtedly hanging over every unregenerate sinner. Let every one flee out of Sodom: “Haste, and escape for your lives, look not behind you, escape to the mountains, lest you be consumed.”

(The End)

DIRECTION—A traveler in Switzerland, who lost his way far out in the country, saw a small boy in the field and said, “Son, where is Lucerne?” The boy replied, “I do not know, sir, for I have never been there, but there is the road that leads to it.”—Gerald Kennedy, “A Road to Heaven,” *Christian Herald*.

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Special Emphasis Column Each Week

From now on, a portion of this page will be devoted, each week, to a certain unit of the Training Union. We begin this week at the beginning, with the Story Hour. The third column of this page this week has been prepared by our State Story Hour Worker, Miss Ava Albro, who will prepare this column every six weeks.

Next week this space will be devoted to the Junior Department, directed by Mrs. Byron C. S. DeJarnette, State Approved Junior Worker. Our State Intermediate Worker, Miss Maurita Morris, will prepare it for the next week. Then the Young People's Department will be featured by Rev. Harold D. Talant, State Approved Young People's worker. The next week, the Adults headed by our State Approved Adult Worker, Rev. D. E. Jones, will fill the space. Last in the series will be the Association, headed by our new Director of Associational Work, Rev. George Fletcher.

Introducing New Worker

It is a very great joy to announce that on May 1, Rev. George William Fletcher, of Quincy, Florida, became full time Director of Associational Work in the State Training Union Department, to succeed Rev. W. Neville Claxon.

He was converted at the age of 12 years and has since then been in the Training Union. He is a graduate (AB) of Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, and a graduate (BD) of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Rev. Fletcher, three years ago, became Pastor of two half-time churches, Freedom and Poplar Grove, in Rockcastle Association. They both became full-time and he remained as Pastor of Freedom. More than a year ago, he was elected Director of Rockcastle Associational Training Union, which, it seems, will be standard this quarter. Last year he was elected Moderator of the Association.

Please write to Brother Fletcher, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, concerning Associational Work in your association.

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Laurel River, London, First.

Adult Unions

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Young People's Unions

Severns Valley, Gilead.

Intermediate Departments

Laurel River, London, First.

Intermediate Unions

Laurel River, London, First, "Companions," "Crusaders," "Cheerful Helpers;" Severns Valley, Gilead, "15 years," "14 years," "13 years."

Junior Departments

Laurel River, London, First; Ohio County, Beaver Dam.

Junior Unions

Laurel River, London, First, "Hustlers," "Busy Bee," "Doers," "Shining Light," "Gogetters;" Little Bethel, Madisonville, First, "Jesus' Helpers;" Ohio County, Beaver Dam, "Willing Workers," "Pastor's Pals;" Severns Valley, Gilead, "12 years," "11 years," "10 years," "9 years;" West Union, Tabernacle (Paducah), "Busy Bees."

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Bell County, Middlesboro, First; Little Bethel, Madisonville, First.

Story Hours

Bell County, Middlesboro, First, "Primary," "Beginner," "Nursery;" Little Bethel, Madisonville, First, "Beginner," "Nursery."

20%-ERS

The following churches have reported their church Training Union attendance for May 8, 1949, equivalent to 20 per cent of the resident church membership: Eddyville; Elkhorn; Gethsemane; Jellico, First; Kuttawa; London, First; Steubenville.

STORY HOUR CORNER

MISS AVA ALBRO

State Story Hour Worker



Miss Ava Albro, State Story Hour Worker, who prepared this column and will do so every six weeks.

Attention, Story Hour Workers!

Every six weeks, there will appear, in this space, some material that we feel will be especially helpful and interesting to you. We want to use this space as profitably as possible. If you have any suggestions or questions, please feel free to write us about them (127 East Broadway, Louisville, Kentucky).

State Convention News

About forty Story Hour leaders attended the Story Hour Conferences at the State Training Union Convention at Paducah, April 20-22. There, conferences were held for the Nursery Story Hour Leaders, Beginner Story Hour Leaders, and Primary Story Hour Leaders, and Story Hours were provided for the Beginner and Primary children. About twenty-five different children attended these Story Hours.

We were very happy that five of our eight Regional Story Hour Leaders were able to be present sometime during the Convention: Miss Alma White of North Central Region; Mrs. Mildred Oaks of Southeastern; Mrs. Furman Wallace of Southern Region; Mrs. O. C. Markham of Southwestern and Mrs. George Oates of Western Region. This was a very fine percentage; all of those who were not able to come had good reasons for not attending.

Five of the Associational Story Hour Leaders were present: Miss Christine Hesse, of Long Run Association; Miss Geraldine Lewis of Salem; Mrs. P. P. Dumas of Warren; Mrs. O. C. Markham of West Kentucky and Miss Etta Dunn of Ohio County.

Exactly sixty people attended the Story Hour Luncheon. Of course, not all of these were Story Hour workers; some were interested pastors and directors. We were happy so many were able to attend. Next year we hope to have seventy-five.

In the next issue, we will have reviews of some books that you may find helpful. WATCH FOR THE STORY HOUR CORNER JULY 7.

COMPLACENCY—Danger: Nothing is more dangerous than the delusion nothing can destroy the U. S.—Woodrow Wilson, former U. S. President.

Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
Executive Secretary

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

By Mrs. J. R. Hagan

Mrs. J. R. Hagan, Young People's Leader of North Central Region, sends the following report of some recent activities among the young people of her Region.

We are most grateful to our state office for this opportunity to send greetings and some news.

Mrs. Milton Loder, Young People's Leader for North Bend Association, examined and presented eighty-three girls to Miss Anna Frances Todd to receive their charges and awards in a large and beautiful Coronation Service, Friday evening, May 6, in the Ludlow Church. The church was decorated like a flower garden. All those participating wore pastel floor-length gowns, even the tiny flower girls, each carrying an adorable May basket. Miss Todd, missionary to Cartagena, Colombia, South America, now on furlough, told most appropriate and challenging stories to each group and each queen.

Mrs. W. N. Carnes, Associational G. A. Counsellor, and Miss Eva Kennedy, G. A. Counsellor of First Church, Covington, assisted with the awards and the procession.

At the organ console was Mrs. Clarence Peeno, Ludlow. Soloists were Misses Mary Ethel Bramlage, Erlanger, and Mary Lou Wilson, Ft. Mitchell.

Mrs. A. H. Hopperton, president of Ludlow W. M. S., gave a cordial welcome to parents and friends. Mrs. J. R. Hagan gave a short devotional, after which the trumpeter, David Adams, and the Herald, Billy Peck, announced the approach of thirty-five maidens, seventeen Ladies-in-waiting, fifteen princesses and the following queens who came single file: Janita Galbraith, Anna Lois Jackson, Jo Ann Fugate, Shirley Nelson, Shirley Nalls, Eddie Lee Mavity, Mildred Nates, Joan Lee Downer and Nancy Dorsey.

Queens-with-Scepter were: Wanda Lee Jones, Mary Frances Doyle and Ruby Perkins.

Queens Regent included Dorothy Blackburn, Betty Sue Beeman and Virginia McMichael. Rev. T. H. Shelton, pastor of the Ludlow Church, closed the service with prayer. All were invited to a delightful reception in the church parlors. Many pictures were made.

Mrs. W. R. Cole, Young People's Leader of Campbell County Association, can be proud of her first Coronation Service which was held Monday evening, May 9, in the Dayton, Kentucky, Baptist Church.

It was most impressive with candle-

light and soft music. White lilies, snapdragons and snow balls transformed the stage into a bower of white and green. Mrs. Grace Ludlow was at the organ and Mrs. Robert Bridewell and Mrs. Leonard Schhoo sang a duet. Mrs. Williams Schmalz, president of the W. M. S., gave the devotional; David Adams, of Newport, was the Herald and Trumpeter. Mrs. Cole heard the many well-recited passages of scripture and answers to questions of each girl then presented seventy-three girls to Mrs. J. R. Hagan who gave the charges and assisted by Mrs. Ray Bridewell, pinned arm bands on sixty-five girls. The Queens who were crowned were: Carolyn Cranford, Nancy Pickett, Carol Ballanger, Carla Whitton, Nancy Jo Schafffield and Ann Lee.

Queens-with-Scepter were: Jackie Rhoads of Ft. Thomas, who told of what she was required to do and showed her hand-work. The queens removed their crowns as all sang "Crown Him Lord of All." Mrs. Elston White, Superintendent

ATTENTION!

W. M. S. and Church Treasurers
Please Report All
Recent Contributions Sent to the
W. M. U. Office
To That Office At Once
See letter sent to all W. M. S.
Treasurers for further information.

of Campbell County Associational W. M. U., spoke tenderly to the girls on how to follow Christ. Rev. W. R. Cole, pastor the church, closed the service with prayer.

Mrs. Cole also directed a R. A. Conclave, May 7, at Cold Spring Baptist Church. Over fifty boys gathered at 4:00 P. M. for recreation. At six o'clock the church invited the boys to a real feast. After they were filled to capacity, food was left (Believe it or not!). Pictures were shown in the evening. Rev. T. H. Shelton, pastor of Ludlow Church, gave a message on "Being a Good Soldier for Christ." Reservations for the Conclave were \$1.00 each and \$10.00 was sent to Cuba for R. A. work there.

Mrs. Loder will direct a Conclave for North Bend R. A.'s soon at Crescent Springs Church. Robert Brown, of Georgetown College, will assist her. James Hatley, also of Georgetown College, will have charge of the Consecration Service.

Mrs. L. W. Gibbs, Young People's Leader of Franklin Association, reports a splendid R. A. Conclave, directed by Mr. John A. Wrenn. Mr. Spurlock, of

the Seminary, had the Dedication service.

We hope the other eight Associations of North Central Region will send us reports of their work. Either send it to me or to the State Office and ask that it be put in the Western Recorder.

Just a word about Camps: Now is the time to get your R. A.'s and G. A.'s lined up for camp. **After May 30** send your reservation and \$1.00 reservation fee to Mrs. W. N. Carnes, Bethel Baptist Encampment, Box 375, R. R. 5, Latonia Station, Covington, Kentucky. North Central Region is invited to send boys and girls to the following camp weeks: July 11-16, Intermediate G. A. Camp, Mrs. Milton Loder, Director; Miss Rose Marlowe and Miss Mary Sampson, speakers; Dr. and Mrs. Lowell Adams, will be in charge of the music and Dr. Adams will serve as Camp Pastor. July 18-23, Junior G. A. Camp, Mrs. W. R. Cole, Director. Miss Marjorie Jones, summer field worker of the W. M. U. of Kentucky and a graduate of the Training School, will be in charge of handcraft and recreation and will be the Inspirational Speaker. The Intermediate R. A. Camp and the Junior R. A. Camp will be in charge of Robert Brown and Russell Andress, Co-directors.

Don't forget Y. W. A. Camp at Ridgecrest in June. Each Association should be represented. I'll be seeing you at camp.

Daviess-McLean Has Largest School of Missions

To Daviess-McLean Association goes the honor of conducting the largest School of Missions ever held in Kentucky and one of the largest in Southern Baptist Convention territory. Forty churches participated and the total attendance was 37,000—over a thousand being at the mission rally service.

Concerning the School of Missions the editor of the *Owensboro Messenger*, a Methodist, wrote, "For two hours I sat with a great host of Baptists and my heart thrilled as I heard glowing reports of mission work around the world . . ." Three radio programs were conducted each day, bringing the missionary messages to countless thousands in homes.

W. H. Curl, Director of Missionary Training in Kentucky states that from November 1 to April 8 there have been programs in twelve associations with 207 churches participating and a total attendance of 98,844. Such news as this is worth passing on to the brethren.

"Which way for the train to Boston?" enquired an old lady.

"Walk straight ahead," said the gate-man, "turn to the left and you'll be right."

"Young man, don't be facetious with me."

"All right, Madam, turn to the right and you'll be left!"

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER
State Secretary

Standard Sunday Schools

The Sunday schools below have qualified as Standard and, on May 13, brought our total for the year to 116; giving us twelve more than we had at the same time last year:

Hardinsburg—Pastor R. E. Sasser; Superintendent Thos. M. Beard.

Elm Grove—Pastor Leslie Gilbert; Superintendent Allen C. Wells.

We Are Growing

The following Sunday schools have reported the increases in enrolments in the Sunday schools. Drop us a card, telling how much your school has increased in enrolment over the figure reported in the associational minutes last year.

Louisville, Carlisle Ave.	311
Hardinsburg	177
Bethany, Pulaski County	25
Augusta	69
Carter's Creek	29

Keyed to Soul Winning

Every Sunday school officer and teacher and saved pupil should be keyed to winning the lost to Christ. We have yet to do the volume of winning that should be the norm for Christian people. If your class has not won a lost person what is the matter with the teacher and the class officers? Just careless or thoughtless I am sure.

Your teachers are the best people in the church and we offer no criticism of them, but we wish they might get a compelling vision of the need of the lost and do some praying and personal work, and that they also might put heartfelt power into their teaching.

Your Standard Application?

Can your school apply for the Standard award yet? We had 116 in hand May 13, and by the time this reaches you that number will be increased. ANY AND EVERY SUNDAY SCHOOL CAN BECOME STANDARD IF THE SUPERINTENDENT WILL DO HIS BEST IN LEADING OFFICERS, TEACHERS AND PUPILS TO DO THE THINGS LACKING TO BE STANDARD

Nelson Has 275 In Monthly Meetings

The Nelson Association, according to Superintendent H. W. Jones, is having around 275 in attendance at their monthly Sunday school meetings. Many others are reporting great attendance and interest. THESE MONTHLY MEETINGS CAN BE MADE TO COUNT TREMENDOUSLY IN ALL PHASES OF SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK. The quarterly meetings will not get the results we need.

Training is 5,333 Ahead

In Sunday school training Kentucky is 5,333 ahead of its record at the same time last year. Send us your list for

awards and help make this far greater than any previous year in training.

Elkhorn Association Plans Campaigns

The Elkhorn Association is planning for Sunday school enlargement campaigns the week of November 6-11. Many workers from other states and from Nashville will help us.

Vacation Bible Schools

EVERY BOY AND GIRL DESERVES THE PRIVILEGE OF ATTENDING A BAPTIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THIS SUMMER. Has your church planned a school this summer? Have you planned to help a small church, a Negro church or go to a mission point and conduct a Vacation Bible School? It will be a marvelous help to those whom you help.

They Have Started

Some of the Vacation Bible Schools have started. That is fine! Let us all get into the running and have as many schools this year as is possible!

Make a Drive For More Pupils!

During June and July let us make a real drive in Visitation to increase the enrolment of our Sunday schools? Has your school gained? Compare the present enrolment with that in the Minutes of 1948.

HAVE YOU ENROLLED THAT BABY? Do not overlook a baby anywhere who ought to be enrolled in either the Cradle Roll or the Nursery department.

THOSE BOYS IN THE ARMED SERVICE! Please enrol them in your Extension Department and send them monthly the magazine, **Home Life**.

Boys, girls, men, women—all need the Word of God. Get them to attend, enrol them and include them in your prayers!

GET CHURCH CLERK TO INCLUDE THOSE ENROLLED IN THE CRADLE ROLL AND EXTENSION DEPARTMENTS IN THE TOTAL ENROLMENT FIGURES IN THE LETTER TO THE ASSOCIATION!

LET US DO OUR BEST BEFORE THE ASSOCIATIONS MEET! LET US WORK AND PRAY AS NEVER BEFORE THAT OUR SUNDAY SCHOOLS HELP THE PEOPLE BY REACHING AND TEACHING THEM THE BIBLE!

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

May 15, 1949

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	239	1,717
Louisville, Ninth and O (1)	235	1,212
Louisville, Carlisle Ave. (2)	219	1,139
Indianapolis, Ind., Broadway	---	1,101
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (2)	178	970
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	224	927
Harrodsburg (2)	147	925
Owensboro, First (1)	75	916
Covington, Latonia (2)	188	886
Bowling Green, First (1)	16	814
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	185	804
Lexington, Calvary (1)	37	771
Louisville, West Broadway 1)	45	706
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	---	701
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	163	695
Madisonville, First	---	687
Owensboro, Third	---	675
Lexington, Immanuel	---	673
Newport, First (1)	46	669
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (3)	229	661
Frankfort, First (1)	58	658
Somerset, First	---	656
Murray, First	---	654
Lexington, Grace	---	621
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	62	596
Ashland, Pollard (1)	17	590
Georgetown	---	576
Louisville, 23rd and Broadway	---	574
Glasgow (1)	22	572
Louisville, Highland (2)	163	559
Middlesboro, First	---	558
Hopkinsville, First	---	550
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley	---	536
Barbourville, First (1)	39	531
London, First	---	509
Louisville, West Side (1)	104	506
Danville, First (1)	22	501
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	501
Hopkinsville, Second	---	483
Campbellsville (1)	54	477
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	472
Louisville, Deer Park	---	467
Fulton, First	---	463
Morganfield (1)	79	448
Louisville, Clifton (1)	50	443
Covington, South Side	---	442
Hodgenville, First	---	439
Henderson, Audubon (1)	77	436
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	34	432
Williamsburg, First	---	431
Corbin, First	---	418
Corbin, Central	---	417
Henderson, First	---	410
Erlanger (1)	35	406
Owensboro, Hall Street	---	393
Winchester, Central	---	393
Henderson, Immanuel	---	387
Shively	---	376
Franklin, First	---	374
Louisville, Franklin St.	---	370
Paducah, 12th St. (1)	90	368
Beechland	---	368
Lebanon	---	358
Bellevue	---	345
Mt. Vernon, 1st (Rockcastle Co.) (2)	110	344
Richmond, First (2)	37	336
Winchester, First	---	336
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.	---	336
Greenville	---	325
Versailles	---	323
Mackville	---	317
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	---	316
Crouches Creek (near Jellico, Tenn.)	---	315
Evansville, Ind., Temple	---	315
Campbellsville	---	311
Paducah, Trinity	---	310
Middlesboro, E. Cumberland Ave.	---	301
Cynthiana (1)	22	301
Hall's Gap, Fairview	---	297
Ferguson (near Somerset)	---	294
Columbia (2)	93	294
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	288
Willisburg	---	285
Louisville, East	---	281
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	---	276
Albany (1)	71	275
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	271
Shepherdsville	---	266
Jellico Tenn., First	---	262
Owensboro, Seven Hills	---	261
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	61	257
Bardstown	---	251
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	243
Louisville, Shawnee	---	242
High Splint (1)	37	238
Crestwood	---	237
Louisville, Kenwood	---	236
Ludlow, First	---	235
Hima, Horse Creek (1)	40	234
Dayton, First	---	234
Owensboro, Crabtree Ave.	---	233
Hartford, First	---	232
Pikeville, First	---	230
Louisville, Gethsemane	---	230
Hazel	---	228
Richmond, Calvary	---	228
Loyall	---	227
Russellville, First	---	226
Lawrenceburg, First	---	224
Steubenville (1)	16	219
Jefferson, Hillcrest	---	216
Lexington, Hillcrest	---	215
Jefferson, Hillcrest	---	215
Monticello, First	---	211
Owenton	---	210
Sand Spring	---	203
Cloverport	---	200
Newport, Trinity	---	200

Victim of Terrible Shooting Tragedy is Converted in Hospital

By **HARRY L. CARTER**, Bardstown, Ky.
Writing from Nicholas Hospital, Louisville, Ky.

Many Western Recorder readers have doubtless read of the tragedy that occurred in Louisville several weeks ago in which the former suitor of a bride of a week came into her home, and, in the presence of her husband, Enoch King, is alleged to have fired five shots into her body, killing her instantly. The husband is said to have grappled with the assailant, got hold of the gun, which discharged into his leg, inflicting a flesh wound, and he tumbled down the steps, suffering a bad break of the left leg.

The injured man was brought to the Nicholas Veterans' Hospital for treatment. It so happened that the writer—one of the Rural Church Workers of the Baptist State Board of Missions in Kentucky—was also a patient in a nearby ward, suffering from a fractured wrist. This missionary, with other Christian patients, went in to see the husband, who was not a Christian, hoping to comfort him.

Then Sunday morning Mr. King called

the writer to his bedside to talk with him about the death of his wife. I read the Word and prayed with him. For several days following, the man was in a serious condition, and all visitors were barred. On Wednesday, he hailed me as I passed, and said, "I feel better. Come in and talk with me."

Breathing a prayer, and taking a large-print Gospel of John, I entered his room.

Wanted to Find

NEAREST RELATIVE OF W. S. WHEATLEY

The **WESTERN RECORDER** has received an unusual request but one we are glad to grant. The fact is it makes an interesting story.

Right after the battle of Gettysburg a survivor picked up a small copy of the New Testament where it had been dropped by a soldier engaged in the fight.

Inside the cover of the small book were written these words: "Presented to W. S. Wheatley by the Church of the Bethel Baptist Association, Southern Kentucky."

This copy of the New Testament was kept by the finder and perhaps others for many years. The person who now has it (living in Kansas City, Missouri) wishes to locate the nearest relative of W. S. Wheatley that the little book may be presented. In all probability there are relatives living in that section of Kentucky or elsewhere. If you are a relative or if you know of one who is a near relative of W. S. Wheatley, then write at once to the editor of the **WESTERN RECORDER** indicating the relationship and establishing the right to the little book. He will then put such person in touch with the one holding the book. The copy of the New Testament would have great sentimental and perhaps historical value.

The Lord apparently had prepared the way, and, after the plan of salvation had been simply presented, the man was happily saved, and in a simple prayer Mr. King thanked the Lord for saving him. He promised me to tell the first acquaintance who visited him of his new-found Saviour. I have since learned that he did tell the first person

—who happened to be a minister—who entered his room.

This missionary, thrilled to be able to tell the old, old story after four weeks of confinement, is also thrilled beyond words that Brother King has made Jesus Christ the King of his life.

Only 3,000 Churches Have All Four Organizations

By **Porter Routh**

Only 3,091 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention have all four of the major organizations sponsored by the Convention, it is revealed in a survey to be published in the **1949 Southern Baptist Handbook**, based on data supplied by 959 associational clerks.

The survey, the first complete study made of the organizational life of Southern Baptist churches, shows that 6,875 churches have Sunday school, Training Union, and W. M. U., but no Brotherhood. Among the surprising facts disclosed by the analysis is the information that 3,130 churches have Sunday school and W. M. U., but no Training Union or Brotherhood; and 3,046 churches have Sunday school and Training Union, but no W. M. U. or Brotherhood.

Pointing up the need of many churches is the fact that there are still 8,769 churches which reported a Sunday school as their only organization in 1948. There were only 1,522 churches reporting no Sunday school. Many of these churches are inactive, but are still carried on associational lists.

Of the large states, Texas and Louisiana report the largest percentage of churches with all organizations. The complete survey, showing the number of organizations in each state, will be published in the **1949 Southern Baptist Handbook**, soon to be on sale by Baptist book stores.

Have You Made Your Reservation?

Have you made your reservation
For that home beyond the sky;
Where there'll be no tears or sorrow
And the soul shall never die?
Do you know your destination,
When this life on earth is o'er?
There's no time for hesitation
As Christ knocks upon your door—
He who suffered coronation,
Crown of thorns, for thy salvation;
Come, make open declaration,
Lean on Him forevermore.
Christ, the Master of creation,
Every color, every nation,
Bled and died upon the cross to set you
free,
Why the long deliberation?
Come and make your reservation
For your home with Him in God's
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About Praying to Music

By W. M. NEVINS

I want strongly to protest the idea of "praying to music." I wish to give my personal experience:

I visited a country church. A revival meeting was in progress. The pastor's wife was at the piano. The pastor asked me to pray. When I began she began to play. I was confused. I did not want at that time to think about Chopin, or Handel or Mendelssohn, or cadence, or fitting my prayer to the music, and wondering whether "we would come out even" as the dear lady has expressed it in the *Recorder*, but rather to reach the ear of God, helped, as brother Paul has expressed it, "with groanings of the spirit that cannot be uttered." The thought came, "Shall I stop, and ask her to desist?" To do so I knew would hurt and offend both her and the pastor, who meant well. Whether I did right or not has been a grave question in my mind and troubled me since, but I blundered on. I hope I did not offend my Lord and the Holy Spirit, but I said in my heart, "Never again."

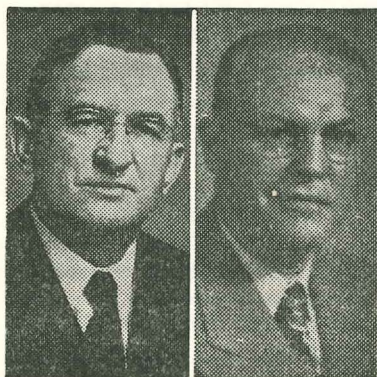
I love music as well as any one, I believe, but I do not believe it will help the pray-er to reach the ear of God, nor help the Holy Spirit in His groanings to help us through. Praying is serious business. We do not need prayer wheels as the Chinese use, nor beads like the Catholic, nor beautiful music like the oratorios of Handel and Mendelssohn, nor the vain boastings of the proud pharisee who thanked the Lord he was not like other men. What we do need is to reach the ear of God "by the Spirit who helpeth our infirmities with groanings that cannot be uttered." God deliver us from formalism in worship as evidenced so often in these days in PRAYING TO MUSIC.

[We believe the article to which

Brother Nevins refers related itself to music during the offertory prayer. As previously stated, if such things hinder, then they should not be used. Certainly Baptists should stay entirely away from all formalism.—Ed.]

Commencement Speakers At Blue Mountain

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss., May 5.—Dr. Slater A. Murphy (left), pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn., will give the baccalaureate sermon for Blue Mountain College Sunday morning, May 29, at 11 o'clock in Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. Murphy is a graduate of Clarke College, Mis-



Slater A. Murphy and
Lowrey B. Eastland

issippi College and the Baptist Bible Institute. His daughter, Mary, is a member of the graduating class.

Lowrey B. Eastland (right), Baton Rouge, La., president of the Southern National Life Insurance Company, will deliver the commencement address Monday morning, May 30, at 10 o'clock in the Modena Lowrey Berry Auditorium. He is a graduate of Louisiana State University and has been a member of the legislature of the state of Louisiana. His business activities are extremely varied and successful. He is an active member of the First Baptist Church of Baton Rouge, and has been the teacher of the Eastland Men's Bible Class (one of the most active in the state and South) since 1920. He is second vice-president of the Louisiana Baptist Convention; vice-president of the Southern Baptist Foundation; and president of the board of trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Alien Baptism and The Baptists

Editor John Bradbury of *The Watchman-Examiner* has given strongest endorsement to W. M. Nevins' book *Alien Baptism and The Baptists*. Dr. Bradbury says in a letter to Brother Nevins:

"We have at last gotten to the careful reading of your book, *Alien Baptism and The Baptists*. It has been a worthwhile study and your doctrinal evidences are most convincing and effective. I do not see how anyone can gainsay your argument. At any rate it brings before the churches and our Baptist people, as well as before others, the vitally important subject which needs to be thought through. We like your emphasis upon the New Testament standard of faith and practice as the Christian pattern. I trust your book is going well and that our review which will appear shortly will assist in its distribution. Yours fraternally, John W. Bradbury, Editor, *The Watchman-Examiner*."

Baptist people everywhere should give this book closest study. Editor Bradbury well states "your doctrinal evidences are most convincing and effective."

It can be purchased from the author, 311 Ridgeway Road, Lexington, Kentucky. The price is most reasonable, but the book is invaluable.

Baptist D. P. News

The Baptist World Alliance Displaced Persons Commissions office at Muenich reports that it has received up to March 15 validated U. S. affidavits for 199 Baptist family units involving 601 persons. Most of these assurances have already received the E. C. number and are now at the field offices where documentation is taking place. This represents approximately one tenth of the Baptist Displaced Persons estimated to be eligible for emigration.

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Congressman Golden Expresses Convictions

By DR. H. LEO EDDLEMAN, Louisville, Ky.

A letter which has just come to us from Congressman James S. Golden, Representative from the Ninth District of Kentucky, is encouraging. He states, regarding Senate Bill 246 on Federal Aid to Education:

"We thought the most effective way to get before the House a square limitation that the funds should be given to public education only was to draw a bill with this protection in it at every turn. We are introducing this bill in the Congress at 12:00 today (May 9, 1949)."

Of the many contacts with our men in Washington, through correspondence and otherwise, Congressman Golden is one of the few expressing themselves openly and frankly and indefatigably in favor of abiding by the strict application of the American ideal of separation of church and state. We appreciate Congressman Golden and any others who may have stood firmly—refusing to let the Government of the United States go into the religious school business.

At this writing the victory is not yet won. We beseech God to undertake in behalf of what we believe to be the right course.

According to reports in our daily papers, neither of our two Kentucky Senators was listed among those voting last week to confine Federal Aid to public schools when the Senate passed its Bill 246 by a vote of 70 to 3.

We feel that our two Kentucky Senators, Garrett Withers and Virgil Chapman, in not voting to limit Federal Aid to public schools only, were willing to set the clock of our nation back to the darksome decades prior to the American Revolution, as regards this issue.

Your letter insisting that aid to education be limited to public schools only may still be a potent factor, especially if signed by you as a member of a specific labor union (if you are a member). This

lies in the fact, according to information reaching us from Washington, that one of the most effective voices favoring this bill is that of the C. I. O. headed by a man actively connected with the Knights of Columbus.

Missionaries Are Prepared for the Fall of Shanghai (Continued from Page 11)

By having a group of people in Saigon and Bangkok, we may lay the foundations for opening mission work in French Indo-China and Siam. Strong recommendations are coming to us from our missionaries evacuated to the Philippines that plans be laid for a Philippine mission. We need to keep in mind that western India is a vast area wherein there is no Baptist work whatever. If we are thrust out of one area, we must enter other open doors.

Those of us who remain to work in a

land overrun by the Communists are entering a dark valley but it is lighted by the promises of God. It is absolutely necessary that some of us remain on the field to see what can be done under the new regime. If all missionaries were to withdraw at this point it would be a tragedy from which we might never recover. It would be practically impossible to come back to the field at an early time. Those who remain recognize the serious risks which will be encountered, but the path of duty leads us into this valley and we enter it saying with David: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death I will fear no evil for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me."

[Editor's Note:—Some of the names mentioned in this article are of particular interest in Kentucky. Dr. Glenn Morris was pastor of a rural church in Kentucky; Olive Allene Morris served as teacher in Bethel Woman's College; Lorene Tilford served as educational director and church secretary at Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville; Gladys Hopewell was born in Hopkins County, attended business college at Providence, and worked for a while with a business firm at Owensboro.]

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British Editor Speaks

The second fraternal messenger was Dr. F. Townley Lord, editor of the Baptist Times, and also Pastor of one of the Baptist churches in London. He spoke:

"We preachers in Britain have been preaching to so many Americans during the war. Many of them made excellent judgment in marrying our English girls. Part of my work now is to go around and see these English brides, and ask them how their American husbands are treating them." He concluded by challenging Southern Baptists and English Baptists to stand together to make our joint witness to the Kingdom of God and our blessed Saviour more effective.

Also present from England were George W. Hart Secretary of Spurgeon's College, London, and his wife, both of whom were presented. Said Secretary Hart: "We came over a big ocean. We have come to a big country. We are traveling over big states . . . and we have had big meals. Continuing, he spoke of having the biggest school of Theology in England. They have only fifty students, and they think that is big—but beside the Southern Seminary in Louisville that is awfully small, he continued.

German Preacher Thanks For Relief Gifts

Jacob Meister, representing the Baptists of Germany, thanked the Convention for their efforts in sponsoring relief gifts. He told about an American Army Chaplain who came and knocked on his door, and asked, "Where can I baptize some people next Sunday?" He said he told him: "Only in open air." Practical-

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ly all of the German churches are in rubble. They are no longer standing.

Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, St. Louis, President of the Baptist World Alliance, spoke on behalf of the little countries of the world.

Billy S. Hilbun, of Mississippi, sang a solo, prior to the preaching of the Convention Sermon by Dr. Norman W. Cox, text of which was printed in the Western Recorder of May 19.

Wednesday Afternoon Session

The scripture and devotional were conducted by John S. Wimbish, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Edgefield, S. C., which church has a special significance for us since it was a century ago under the pastoral leadership of the late Dr. William B. Johnson—the first President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

In the report on the Calendar of Co-ordinated Denominational Activities, special tribute was paid to Miss Elsie Richardson, who has now retired from her work with this committee after having been in one branch of service or another since 1919. The major recommendation of the committee concerned the changing of its name to committee on Denominational Calendar, which was accepted by the messengers.

J. M. Dawson, Washington, D. C., brought in the recommendation of the report on Public Relations by the Joint Conference Committee. This recommended that this Convention affirm its devoted support of the God-appointed agencies of home and church for religious instruction and urging all possible use of legitimate week-day religious instruction, "Does here and now uphold the Supreme Court's finding against sectarian teaching in the public schools to the end that all faiths may enjoy

equal rights under the law and any tendency toward union of church and state with attendant evils may surely be avoided." At the conclusion, Walter Pope Binns, Liberty, Mo., Chairman of this committee, stressed the necessity of Baptists keeping their hands clean on the matter of accepting gifts from the government.

President Lee called upon Maxie Jarman, Vice President of the Convention, and Chairman of the Southern Baptist Foundation, to introduce C. H. Bolton, new Executive Secretary of said foundation.

The committee on time, place and preacher was appointed as follows: W. Morris Ford, Texas, Chairman; H. Leo Eddleman, Kentucky; James W. Middleton, Georgia; Ross Holloman, Oklahoma; and E. C. Brown, Arkansas.

Rupert P. Nanney, Oklahoma, offered a motion changing the By-Laws to do away with the nominating of persons for committees by messengers from the states, and place this work back on the committee on nominations.

W. Oscar Gibson, Kentucky, offered a motion pertaining to the Southern Seminary. However, a substitute motion by Dr. John Jeter Hurt, Sr., Georgia, that the matter be referred to the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was sustained by a vote of the body.

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SOCIALISM—A harassed Briton who had watched the shadow of government control creep over his country's coal mines, railroads, steel mills, and even into the dental profession, described the situation as "a weeping, a wailing, and a nationalizing of teeth."—*Tit-Bits*.

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