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Gleanings From The Field

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Walnut Street Baptist Church, Evansville, recently ordained Lowell Holder and Frank Harris as deacons.

Editor A. L. Goodrich, *The Baptist Record*, Mississippi, is evangelist for revival beginning September 25, First Baptist Church, Benton.

Evangelist Willis J. Moore is preaching a special service with Pastor Ernest E. Brown at the Covert Avenue Baptist Church of Evansville, Ind.

Pastor Shirley Woods, Alton Baptist Church, reports recent revival conducted by Rev. Walter C. House, pastor, Liberty Church, Prospect, Ky. There were nine additions.

Dr. W. K. Sisk, Bible teacher, Mary Harden Baylor College recently assisted Pastor Z. T. Connaway, Sullivan, Ky., in a revival. Dr. Sisk's son, Wallace, directed the music.

Rev. Austin Roberts, Cynthiana, recently assisted Pastor Eugen I. Enlow in a revival at Clover Bottom Church near Versailles resulting in nine baptisms.

Lyn Claybrook, Oneida, Ky., has been with Pastor Leonard F. Gassaway at the First Baptist Church of Savannah, Tenn., in an evangelistic effort during recent weeks. There were 16 additions, 8 of whom were by baptism, and 8 by letter.

The Corinth Baptist Church at Providence has voted to improve the present building by adding a basement and Sunday school rooms, with the main floor to be redecorated, and a complete heating system to be installed. Gifford W. Berry is pastor.

Zion Baptist Church, Ohio County, conducted revival August 8-19 in which Rev. J. Argil McCamish, Livia, Ky., was evangelist, and Glenn Cheek directed the music. Rev. Clyde Voyles is pastor. Seven were received for baptism.

Pastor William Ward Ayer, of the Calvary Baptist Church of New York City, is scheduled for a two-weeks' evangelistic effort with Dr. L. Carlyle Marney at the First Baptist Church of Austin, Texas, which begins November 13 and runs through November 27.

Elkhorn Association was represented at the Brotherhood Conference held at Ridgecrest August 18-24 by four men from Grace Church, Lexington. Rolla C. Mullen, Dexter Welch, Sr., A. T. Flanders and Travis Nash report that

the meeting was packed with inspiration and information.

Rev. Fred Martin is the Associational Missionary for the Ohio Valley Association, and under his leadership twenty-one of the twenty-two churches therein have had Vacation Bible Schools this year. There have been eighty-five professions of faith in these schools. Bro. Martin is an untiring worker and is being used of the Lord in a great way in the Ohio Valley Association.

The Highview Baptist Mission of Meadow Home Baptist Church in Long Run Association is conducting a tent revival September 5-16. Brother Hugh James is the evangelist and Pastor James O. Watson is leading the music. The tent is located on the lot which the church has recently purchased for a building site on Fegenbush Lane between Glasser Lane and Watterson Trail. The public is invited to attend the services.

Robert W. Jackson, formerly pastor of Evergreen Baptist Church, Franklin Association, for nearly four years, has been elected as Assistant Professor of Religion at Furman University, Baptist school of South Carolina. Dr. Jackson was graduated from the Southern Seminary in Louisville in May with the Th. D. degree. His new duties will begin with the opening of school in the fall. His new address is 107 Wakefield St., Greenville, S. C.

The East Union Baptist Association had its annual meeting with splendid attendance and good spiritual results. Every church was represented and each church furnished a good report. The good women furnished plenty of fine food to go with the good old Southern hospitality. Twenty-eight churches reported. The interest was real good. The meeting next year will be held with the old Clear Fork Baptist Church, near Jellico, Tenn., about three miles from the town. The old officers were re-elected for the coming year.

The Advance Baptist Church, Baskett, Ky., has just closed a revival meeting with 17 professions of faith and two restorations. The evangelist was Rev. Goebel Phillips, of Temple Baptist Church of Evansville, Ind. The baptismal service was held August 14, with eleven being baptized. The Alexander family was well represented—a grandfather, 78, a grandson and a granddaughter, and also a great grandson were all baptized. Pastor Verner Barnett says

that they are building a new concrete block church which is steadily progressing.

A cable brings the news of a little son, Charles William Knight, III, who was born August 1, 1949, to Dr. and Mrs. Charles W. Knight, II, who are missionaries in Africa, now stationed at Kaduna, Nigeria, British West Africa. The baby was born at Ogbomosh, Nigeria, where the mission hospital is located. The young man's father was formerly pastor at Glasgow, Ky., and his grandfather, of blessed memory, was pastor many, many years at Harrodsburg, Ky. Among the persons to be congratulated on this new arrival is the young man's grandmother, Mrs. C. W. Knight, I, still residing in Harrodsburg.

Rev. and Mrs. Isham E. Enlow, of Belle Glade, Florida, with their daughter, Charlotte, a senior at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida, were in Kentucky recently on vacation. Mr. Enlow, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Belle Glade, while in Kentucky performed the marriage ceremony at the wedding of his son, Philip Ferrill, to Miss Ann Collins of Georgetown, Ky.; also while in Kentucky, the Enlows visited with Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Enlow, and the Elder Mr. Enlow preached for his son, Eugene, at the Clover Bottom Baptist Church, Versailles, Ky. Other visits were made in Georgetown and in Hodgenville, the home town of Pastor Enlow.

Dr. David M. Ramsay has resigned as pastor of the Shady Grove Baptist Church, near Greenville, S. C. Dr. Ramsey will be ninety-two years of age in October, but since the writer of these lines saw him in person (and in action), and heard him address the students of the Southern Seminary in Louisville, last spring, we cannot believe that his age has too much to do with his resignation. Perhaps he just wants to spend more time in his study, eager youthful of the best thoughts of time and eternity. He may be resigning, but we cannot believe that he is retiring—no, not yet, with all of his enthusiasm and vigor.

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Editorials

Dr. Leo Green Goes to Gainesville

News has just come, announcing that Dr. J. Leo Green, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida, home of the Florida State University.

Dr. Green became pastor of the Pensacola church eighteen months ago, going there from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, where he was Professor of Old Testament Interpretation. No man of his age ever left Kentucky whose going caused wider and deeper regret. His soundness in the faith and his fine influence on the young ministers of the Seminary won for him the confidence of all.

Dr. Green will, in his new work, be in position to influence the throngs attending that University. Of one thing we may be certain—his hearers will get the old time gospel and the truths of the Old Book without compromise. There will be no half-way statements of vital truths. He has had a living experience with Christ and he knows and believes and preaches the Book.

"Bon Voyage"

Using the above caption, Erwin L. McDonald of the Department of Public Relations of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, wrote an excellent article in *The Tie*, sounding certain warnings for those entering our colleges and seminaries this fall.

While all the article is good, two cautions impress us even above the rest: the danger of superficiality, and the hazard of allowing the devotions of the heart to cool.

Concerning the first, Brother McDonald remarks: "With the hard press of many affairs upon him, the student needs to be on constant guard against falling into the habit of just getting by. A life of great promise may be easily wrecked on the reef of mere expediency and doomed to spend its days on the island of mediocrity or abject failure." Truer words were never spoken, and it is a danger besetting not only the college and seminary student, but those already out in life. All along the shores of life lie wrecks of those who refused to expend that extra effort, preferring to do only what was actually required. Jesus taught not only a great spiritual truth but also a success-philosophy as deep and wide as life itself when He urged that His servants travel "the second mile." The victories of life lie in the second mile—that extra, special effort to go beyond what is required.

The second observation points a danger for us all, even the busiest: the danger of allowing our hearts to become cold. He said: "It is ironic that even min-

istrial students can easily become so involved in attending college and seminary that they have little time for meditative study of the Bible, for prayer, for family worship, for regular attendance on the chapel services, and for daily deeds of Christian living." He goes on to ask, and we place it in heavy type to accent its truth, "What will a bachelor's or even a doctor's degree be worth if one dries up spiritually in acquiring it?"

The author of the above quoted statement is in position to sound the warning, and we are glad it was made by one connected with one of our seminaries, and not by one on the outside. Our colleges and seminaries and training schools should take up the word and sound it all along the line. Indeed, what shall it profit a man if he gain every scholastic honor and degree in preparation for the ministry or other Christian service and then lose heart-power? Paul said, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal."

Russian Controlled Agents Halt Bibles at Border

It becomes increasingly manifest that Communism, no matter where, operates along the lines marked out by its original designers. The false system may delay in reaching maximum character, but this is only that authorities may effectively jockey for stronger position in the land being taken over.

It is reported by the *Religious News Service* from Berlin that Soviet authorities stopped a truck load of Bibles, near the Helmstedt crossing point, bound for the German capital.

Soviet authorities claimed the Bibles were "propaganda material" and therefore banned. The Scriptures had to wait for a special permit from the German Economic Commission of the Eastern Zone of Berlin. It is not stated whether permission was granted.

The Bible is propaganda material in behalf of the God the Soviets deny, in behalf of the lordship of Christ among believers, the dignity of the individual, the liberty of the soul and the freedom of man. Unadulterated Communism is against all these doctrines. They have good reason to tremble before the Bible. Our task is to push with all haste the holy propaganda found in the Bible. The Word of God is the answer to Communism and all other totalitarianisms whether political or religious. If the followers of Christ had done an earlier and a better work of giving the Bible to the world, many of these isms wouldn't have existed.

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►Dr. and Mrs. George Sadler are now at Ruschlikon, Zurich, Switzerland to take up work. Dr Sadler is president of the Baptist Theological Seminary there. *The Little Commission* reports that the Seminary's staff is already being forced to consider the possibility of more dormitory and class room space for the new institution.

Simultaneous Youth Revival

LEXINGTON.—The Baptist Student Union of Kentucky is endeavoring to have simultaneous youth revivals in every college town in Kentucky, February 12-19, 1950. The theme for these revivals, chosen by Kentucky Baptist

to make plans for these meetings. Rev. R. B. Hooks, state secretary of evangelism, was present to help in the planning. A state steering committee was elected as follows:

General chairman, Paul Mosteller,



The Youth Revival Committee Meeting held at the Baptist Student Center in Lexington, showing part of the group during the discussion. Starting with J. Chester Durham, State B. S. U. Secretary, standing, to his right and on around circle: Paul Mosteller, State B. S. U. President, Murray; Russell Noel, Student Secretary, Georgetown; Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, Immanuel Baptist Church, Lexington; Dr. E. L. Skiles, Georgetown Baptist Church, Georgetown; Bob Shely, B. S. U. President, Campbellsville; Ed Cunningham, Evangelistic Chairman, University of Kentucky; Jim Hatley, B. S. U. President, Georgetown; Weston Bergman, B. S. U. President, University of Kentucky.

students during Student Week at Ridgecrest, is "Christ Is the Answer."

This is the first effort of its kind in the Southern Baptist Convention and grew out of a unanimous decision at the State Baptist Student Union Spring Retreat at Camp Piomingo, April 8-10.

There are more than 5,000 lost students on College Campuses in Kentucky. Our prayer is that many of these students may be reached during this evangelistic effort.

On Saturday, April 30, twenty-nine students, student secretaries, pastors and denominational leaders met at the Baptist Student Center in Lexington, Ky.,

Murray; program chairman, Ray Moore, Georgetown; publicity chairman, Richard Carlton, Georgetown; prayer chairman, Garnett Beach, Cumberland Jr. College; finance chairman, Hoge Hockensmith, University of Kentucky; radio chairman, Chester Culver, University of Louisville; fellowship chairman, Jim Bowling, Business University; special rally chairman, Tommy Beard, Western; follow-up-chairman, Weston Bergman, University of Kentucky; pastor-chairman, Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, Lexington, Kentucky.

State Secretary J. Chester Durham is in general charge of all B. S. U. work in the state.

Russell Creek Minutes Tell Of Luther Rice's Visit

We are in receipt of the following communication from H. S. Robinson, attorney, Campbellsville, Kentucky. Judge Robinson had seen a recent issue of the *Western Recorder* which carried a picture of Luther Rice's grave and an article

about it. His letter, printed below, is exceedingly interesting:

"I see in the last issue of the *Western Recorder* a picture of the memorial to Rev. Luther Rice and an article about it. Thinking that you would be interested in Kentucky History, and Luther Rice, I am writing you.

"I have before me the original minute

of the Russell Creek Association, the session of 1815, held at Friendship Baptist Church, then in Green County (now in Taylor County), now located at Bengal Post Office, seven miles west of this city.

"This Association was held beginning on the 16th day of September, 1815. This minute on page two states that, 'Rev. Luther Rice, agent for the Baptist Board of Missions for the United States, was present, and, after reading a circular address, presented the Association with 15 copies of the first annual report of said board. The purport of the letter being a request to receive the copies, inviting correspondence with the board, and tending to incite the missionary spirit. Accordingly, Brother Rice was invited to preach a missionary sermon on Lord's Day.'

"The minute states: 'On Lord's Day the stage was occupied by the brethren appointed, to numerous and attentive congregation and apparently with good effect. After Brother Rice had preached, a collection was made for the aforesaid mission, which, with a small sum collected on Monday, amounted to \$87.75.' Then the minute shows that \$24.00 in the hands of Brother Hodgins was added to the collection 'with interest on it,' and 'a sum from Good Hope Church made the collection the sum of \$114.50.'

"So far as I can find, this was the first collection made by any association in Kentucky for foreign missions—and you note about the interest being paid, the first time I can find that the treasurer of a church paid interest."

We are grateful for this information, and we thank Judge Robinson for writing.—Editor.

Mission Receipts Total Gains 10% Over 1948 Gifts

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptist mission receipts, given through the Co-operative Program and through designated causes, show a 10 per cent gain over 1948 for the first six months of 1949, Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary and treasurer of the Convention's Executive Committee, has announced.

Dr. McCall called attention to the fact that receipts for the first six months of 1948 showed a gain of 23 per cent over the first six months of 1947. He also noted that Oregon was reported as a Southern Baptist Convention constituent group for the first time. The Oregon Churches gave \$625.51 for world missions during the month of June.

Total receipts for the first six months are \$5,847,899.81 with \$3,154,081.01 coming through the Co-operative Program.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS—An old-timer is one who can remember when a fellow thought, with 3,000 miles of ocean between him and Europe, what was done there wouldn't affect him.—Carey Williams, *Publishers Syndicate*.

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

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The Challenge Of the Church

By DR. T. D. BROWN, Pineville, Ky.

ONE OF THE primary results of the ministry of Jesus was the formation and establishment of a fellowship. At first there was a mere handful of disciples; then a dozen; then seventy others; afterwards, about one hundred and twenty; later there added about three thousand souls; then "the number of the men came to be about five thousand." The new order was marked by continuous growth.

This fellowship crystallized in Jerusalem, at Antioch, and wherever the Lord's followers assembled for worship, witness, and work. There were temple services in Jerusalem and synagogue gatherings for national Israel in many places. For spiritual Israel, there were local churches. While Jesus used the word church but three times as far as we know—the kingdom of heaven receiving major emphasis in his teaching—the New Testament record clearly establishes the fact that churches are the supreme kingdom-of-God agencies on earth. The word itself is found one hundred and fourteen times in the New Testament, the local assemblies predominate the scene. The importance of such bodies, in the plan and purpose of God, is thus clearly signified and emphasized. The challenge of every true church of Christ is arresting and compelling.

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The starting point for us all, in any serious consideration of this matter, must be the Cross. It stands for the purchase price of the church. Its saving Lord loved it, and gave Himself up for it, Eph. 5:25. The purchase price for its redemption was his own blood, Acts 20:28. Christ's intelligent and purposeful love for his people was exhibited on Calvary. The church has no other Saviour, and He bought it at infinite cost.

As companion truth to that, let us add another word from Paul. He states that Christ's purpose in giving himself for the church was "that he might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the Word, that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:26, 27). The sin and guilt of the Lord's people have been removed by his atoning sacrifice; and, thus cleansed, they are separated unto Him, to be presented unto Him not having a stain or wrinkle or any such thing. The price paid for its redemption makes every church of Christ of utmost importance in the plan of God; and every such body presents an unmatched challenge to the world.

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The challenge of the church is further emphasized by our Lord in his word to Peter. After the apostle had confessed him as "the Christ, the Son of the living God" (Mt. 16:18), Jesus said, "I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it."

As Saviour and Lord of the church, he said, "My church." As Constructor of the edifice, he said, "I will build." The building of it is in his hands. He had already begun work on the spiritual structure. Every true church is a house

of living stones, each stone set in place by the Lord himself. In Acts 2:41, 47, Luke says, "There were added to them in that day about three thousand souls;" "And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved." Only Christ could save; only the Saviour could add to the church. That was his work then, and it is his work now. Increase, whether in numbers or otherwise, is always and only of the Lord (I Cor. 3:7). Many gave their testimony that day in Jerusalem; Peter preached; but the Lord added.

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But Jesus' other word needs our attention: "The gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." "It," of course, stands for the church. Whether he means that his church shall not be swallowed up or overcome by the powers of hell, or that Hades, thought of as the abode of the departed, shall not hold his people captives, Christ pledged ultimate victory to his church. Since He is building it, it cannot be ultimately defeated. His people are not engaged in a losing fight.

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We are challenged again by the task committed to us. No other master ever placed such a responsibility upon his servants. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation." The enterprise which He launched, he committed to us. On the basis of his kingly authority, which embraced heaven and earth, he sent his followers forth. The world which the Father laid at the feet of the Son became the field of conquest for his church.

Churches of Christ, at final analysis, have no other reason for existence. "It is Christianize or fossilize." The gospel, which is God's power of love and grace toward all mankind, is theirs in trust. To be good stewards of the saving Word, they must "preach the gospel to the whole creation," make disciples of all the nations, baptize every disciple, and teach them to observe all things whatsoever their Lord commanded them.

When groups of believers neglect this responsibility, they automatically drop out of the category of true churches of Christ. Such churches cease to justify their existence, and forfeit their right to claim the Lord's approval or power. If his challenge in his commissions does not stir us to action, what right have we to claim a place under the blood? Thank God, multiplied thousands of churches are responding to the challenging call of our conquering Christ!

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Pastor Ray H. Dean, of the First Baptist Church of Central City, Ky., has been coming to the aid of a young Timothy of his. He preached throughout a series of meetings in August at the First Baptist Church of Watertown, Tenn., where the pastor is V. R. Butler, a young man whom he baptized and helped to ordain while the Central City preacher was pastor at Old Hickory, Tennessee.

Many New Studies on Baptist Life Appear In 1949 Handbook

By PORTER ROUTH

Are you interested in some new facts about Southern Baptists? Many new studies have been made during the past year which will appear in the Southern Baptist Handbook which has just been released by the Baptist Sunday School Board and which may be ordered from Baptist Book Stores. The Southern Baptist Convention totals are given in the summary of some of the studies below. The state by state tabulations will appear in the Handbook.

Organizations

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 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.

New Churches

More than 3,000 new churches will be organized in the Southern Baptist Convention during the present decade if the rate continues for the next two years as it has for the past eight.

Since 1940, there have already been 2,588 new churches organized in the Southern Baptist territory. Texas led in the number of new churches with 355, but Alabama, North Carolina, and Tennessee all had more than 200 new churches reported organized.

Of the 26,822 Baptist churches now in the Convention, 3,289 were organized

when the Convention held its organization meeting in 1845. In the 25 years between 1851 and 1875, the Civil War and Reconstruction period, there were 3,140 new churches organized which still exist. But during the next 25 years, there were 6,184 churches organized which are still in existence. North Carolina and Texas both have more than 700 churches which were organized during this period.

There have been more than 6,000 new churches organized during the past 25 years which are still in existence, according to the study.

Churches Are Small

More than 64 per cent of all of the churches in the Southern Baptist Con-



Third Baptist Church
H. B. Kuhnle, Pastor
Owensboro, Ky.

vention have fewer than 200 members, according to information supplied by the associational clerks.

Of the 26,822 churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, 32.8 per cent have fewer than 100 members, 31.8 per cent have between 101-200 members, and 89.3 per cent of the total number have 500 members or less. Fewer than 1 per cent of the churches have more than 2,000 members. Of the 233 churches with more than 2,000 members, 63 are located in Texas. But Texas also has 1,138 churches with 100 or less members.

More than half of the churches in Arizona, California, and Kansas have fewer than 100 members. Of the larger states, Arkansas leads in the number of churches with 100 members or less with 460 churches in this group, or 45.9 per cent.

3,500 Churches Pastorless

When the 1948 associational reports were made by Southern Baptist churches, 23,362, or 87.1 per cent, of the 26,822 churches reported pastors.

The study reveals that churches in cities of 2,500 or more have the largest percentage of pastors. Of the 4,209 churches in the cities, 3,979, or 94.5 per cent, reported pastors. The town churches (populated centers from 501 to 2,500) reported 91.4 per cent of their churches with pastors.

Surprisingly, the open country churches have a larger percentage of pastors than the village (populated centers with less than 500) churches. The survey shows 11,550, or 86.2 per cent of the open country churches with pastors, while only 84.7 per cent of the village churches have pastors.

As was expected, the churches with services only once per month have a pastor problem. Only 83 per cent of the 4,874 quarter-time churches have pastors. The study shows that 85 per cent of the half-time churches have pastors, and 91.8 per cent of the full-time churches have pastors.

Pastors' Salaries

The average annual salary paid Southern Baptists pastors, tabulated for the first time for every church in 1943, is lower than had been estimated on a selected sample in previous years.

For many years, the average annual salary paid pastors of full-time, quarter-time, and half-time churches has been estimated from a selected group of associations. The complete tabulation of the salary paid by every church in the Southern Baptist Convention made this year by church groups shows that the sample reflected largely the better organized church paying a larger salary.

The average annual salary paid by the 12,333 full-time church in 1948 was actually \$2,138, compared with the \$2,636 estimated in 1947. Outside of the District of Columbia, pastors of churches with full-time services in Mississippi received the highest annual average salary, \$2,392.

The average annual salary paid by half-time churches in 1948 was actually \$498, compared with an estimated \$577 for 1947. Half-time churches in Mississippi had the highest average, \$562. The average salary paid by the churches with only one service per month was actually \$277 compared with a 1947 estimate of \$366.—*The Baptist Program*.

TEXTILE—To show how fast a suit of clothes can be made, a record-breaking demonstration was given not long ago, by a textile company in Huddersfield, England. Before a select group of spectators, employees sheared 12 sheep, processed and spun the wool into yarn, wove the yarn into tweed fabric, cut and sewed the cloth into a suit and had a man wearing it in just 130 minutes!—*Teller*.

"That Old Time Religion"

By JOHN E. HUSS

Have you read the article in *Life* dated June 13, under the title "That Old Time Religion" written by the son of Dr. A. T. Robertson, the esteemed world renowned Greek Scholar of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary? What were your reactions after reading the article? As you read, was there a burning indignation that began to well up in your heart?

I read that article. I noted the title with some satisfaction "That Old Time Religion." I also noted the name of the author, and recognized the name as being the son of one of the greatest teachers our denomination has ever had. My first thought was, well at last here will be an article in a prominent magazine which will reflect to the credit of the Baptist people. The sub-title to the article indicated that here was something worth while. "Lively Memories of his strict but happy Baptist boyhood lead a reporter to revisit the South's 'Valley of Religion.' There he finds the wellsprings that nourishes 'Protestantism.'"

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Brethren, there was no satisfaction in the article. Once again Baptists were presented in a most unfavorable light. The article borders on satire. The people of our great denomination are made to look just as ridiculous as possible. Those not familiar with the facts would gain the impression that Baptists are simply a flock of dumb sheep who are what they are because they do not know better.

Carl McIntire, Presbyterian minister, writing in the "Christian Beacon" makes this observation: "What we would like to observe is that such an article written in such a vein about the Jews would be termed 'anti-Semitic.' There would be a clamor and a cry which would be heard all over the United States from New York to New Orleans and Houston to Los Angeles. If such an article were to be written about the Roman Catholics in the same vein by a man who occupies a relative position to the Roman Catholic faith as that occupied by Mr. Robertson, *Life* would not dare publish it!"

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There is a sense in which a man, regardless of how qualified he is in learning, is still not qualified in experience to write about the people called Baptists. Archie Robertson freely admits that he never experienced the "new birth," that he was not converted when he was baptized. No one can write with any authority whatsoever about Baptists unless he has had a genuine experience of faith. We have a lot of experts on Russia in our country who may never

have been to Russia. We also have experts on Christianity who know nothing about it from the standpoint of experience.

Mr. Robertson scorns the doctrine of hell, and it seems to be one of his pet aversions. He asked his Sunday school teacher this question: "Would the people in China who never heard the gospel be consigned to the everlasting lake of fire." Then he seems to get joy out of the fact that the teacher could give no clear-cut answer. There is an answer of course, and Mr. Robertson might read Isaiah

55:8 "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord."

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Referring to his father, the author disrespectfully calls him "A fearful classroom tyrant at the Baptist Seminary." Baptism is set forth in a way that would make an unknowing reader feel that it was a "gruesome experience." According to Robertson, Baptists construe being "True to Christ," as nothing more than "not going to dances, not drinking, smoking, or having any fun."

Regardless of whether Baptists make any vigorous protest to *Life* or not, every Southern Baptist who reads the article will register pronounced disapproval that such a feature article was published. In other words, I did not like that article. There are scores of other Pastors who could write a worthy article on "That Old Time Religion," if *Life* is interested.

Building Rural Churches

By JOHN CAYLOR

RICHMOND, Va.—Rev. Percy Ray, rural field worker of the Home Mission Board, in his brief ministry of sixteen years, has supervised construction of

Ray, pastor, value \$38,000; Pocahontas, Tennessee, 40 members, Troy Hueklebee, pastor, value \$15,000; Hatchie, near Hornsby, Tennessee, 125 members, C. W. English, pastor, value \$12,000; Mt. Gilead, near Selmer, Tennessee, 250 members, C. W. English, pastor, value \$40,000; Clear Creek Church, seven miles east of Selmer, Tennessee, 300 members, C. W. English, pastor, value \$35,000; Lutts Baptist Church, in the mountains twenty-three miles southeast of Savannah, Tennessee, 100 members, C. L. Garrison, pastor, value \$38,000; and Olive Hill, eighteen miles east of Selmer, 80 members, Wayne King, pastor, value \$20,000.

During his ten years as rural field worker for the Home Mission Board Brother Ray has dedicated twenty-seven new meetinghouses. Three more are under construction. His schedule of revivals for summer and fall is full. In his meetings during the past year there were over five hundred conversions.

Dr. Lee dedicated the first meetinghouse which Percy Ray built. The frame building at Hatchie Church, near Hornsby, Tennessee, was dedicated in 1934, but was destroyed in a tornado in 1944. It was replaced by the brick building which was dedicated June 26.

The total value of the eight churches is estimated at \$200,000. The combined membership is 1,000.

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A soldier who had just lost his 3 stripes for a slight infraction of regulations emerged from his CO's tent muttering: "That guy is a man of few words. He calls me in and says: 'Hello, sit down, sgt.; get up, cpl.; goodbye, pvt.'" —*Passing Variety.*



Percy Ray Robert G. Lee

thirty-six church buildings. In 1943 he dedicated seven new meetinghouses in one day. The record was broken on Sunday, June 26, when Dr. R. G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, joined Brother Ray in dedicating eight rural churches.

Dr. Lee dedicated the eight churches by preaching a different sermon to each of the congregations. It was the first time many of the people had ever heard him preach.

The first service was held at Mt. Tabor Church, four miles from Pittsboro, Mississippi, at five in the morning, and the last service was conducted at Olive Hill, eighteen miles east of Selmer, Tennessee, at 11:00 P. M. The debt-free, new, brick meetinghouses with their membership, pastors and value are:

Mt. Tabor, 150 members, C. R. Jarrett, pastor, value \$15,000; Calvary, near Bruce, Mississippi, 90 members, Percy

Paul Mosteller, BSU President in Kentucky, Writes from Hawaii

LEXINGTON, Ky., August 25.—J. Chester Durham, Secretary of the B. S. U. work in Kentucky, has received a letter from Paul Mosteller, President of the Kentucky BSU Convention, who was sent to Hawaii by Kentucky Baptist students as a summer missionary. Mr. Mosteller went to Hawaii on a similar mission last summer. This work is promoted jointly by the Foreign Mission Board and the State Department of Student Work.

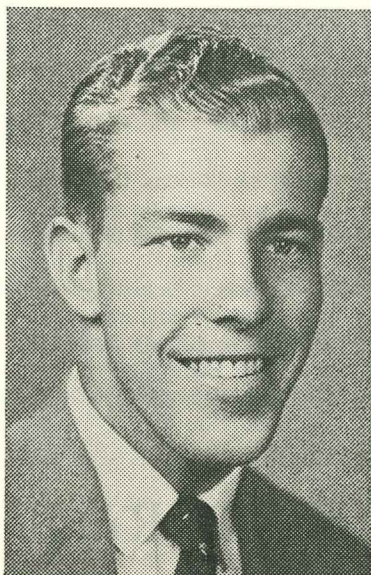
Young Mr. Mosteller writes from Kaunakakai, Molokai, Territory of Hawaii, which may be all Greek to the reader, but perfectly familiar to the summer missionary. His letter to Mr. Durham reads:

"For information concerning the work here this year, I will endeavor to give those things that will mean the most to the people there in Kentucky. During the concentrated program in the first six weeks we were blessed in numbers here on Molokai as never before. For Vacation Bible School last year, we had an enrollment of 39 with an average attendance of 30. This year the Lord blessed us with an enrolment of 84 and an average attendance of 67. Our camp for the boys and girls increased from last year's registration of 6 to 14 this year. There have been six conversions and a number have been very interested.

"For more material facts, there has been an Intermediate Training Union formed, the Sunday school put on the six-point record system, and the Training Union put on the eight-point system. We are building interest in these new systems and already in Sunday school one hundred per cent members have increased from five the first Sunday to 28 yesterday. I've been teaching a study course on Wednesday evenings to a combined class of Primaries and Juniors. Next week, I will teach another to the same group for five consecutive nights while the pastor will teach a combined group of Intermediates and Adults.

"The Buddhist opposition seems to be more prolonged and extensive this year. They are not too concerned about their children coming to our Sunday school until they become interested and con-

cerned in their soul's salvation in Christ. Then the parents stop them from com-



Paul Mosteller

ing, or the priest tries to scare them away through various means. The Mor-

mons are gaining ground rapidly on the island. In that respect, they have the workers, too. It is just a personal thought, but it seems that a number of them at least, are more concerned in winning Christian groups to their church than in winning lost souls.

"The work is slow here for a number of reasons. One major reason is a lack of workers, and another is the type of people. It is amazing to see the difference in this mission task among these people than that on Oahu. In Honolulu the barriers seem to be fewer and less difficult in regard to customs, language, etc. I don't mean to minimize the difficulties there, but they are so different from those here.

"Missionary school teachers, as Miss Georgia Pruden, provide an answer to one of the problems. We would not lack for workers so much if we had many Christian school teachers, dedicated to the Lord, teaching in grammar and high schools through the week and in the missions on Sunday. I hope to press this exhortation when I return, the Lord willing. The Lord needs them here if they are willing and able to come."

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"The Way From Want to Wealth" is the theme selected for his messages by Dr. Robert G. Lee, Baptist Hour speaker for October, November and December.

Dr. Wortham Resigns

Terminating a pastorate of slightly less than two years, Dr. T. E. Wortham recently resigned as pastor of Central Baptist Church, Winchester, Kentucky. The action was taken on the advice of his personal physician, and the resignation was effective September 1. It is felt that within a reasonable time he will be again able to undertake ministerial responsibilities.

Prior to his Winchester pastorate, Dr. Wortham was with the First Baptist Church of Franklin, Ky., for five years, and, before that, seven years with the Baptist church at Leitchfield. He and Mrs. Wortham and their fifteen-year-old son, Charles, have a host of devoted friends in Winchester and wherever they have labored. He has a great pastor-heart and is magnificently trained for his work, having received his doctor's degree from Southern Seminary. Mrs. Wortham is an accomplished musician, both in voice and as organist.

The Central Church of Winchester has an excellent building and offers one of the strongest opportunities to be found in our state. The innumerable kindnesses shown the Worthams during his illness and before, demonstrate the church's fine spirit. The members are gracious in attitude, and, when God guides them to the man He wants there, the church will go on to greater and higher achievements. It is truly a challenging field.

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Standard Sunday Schools

The following have been added to the Honor Roll of Standard Sunday schools:
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Franklin—Pastor Bailey F. Davis; Superintendent Cecil Carter.

Young People's Installation Service

"The Ladder of Efficiency," is the title of a suggested program for installation of officers in Young People's classes and departments. It is in the September issue of the Sunday School Builder on page 50.

State Convention Postponed

It seems wise to postpone plans for the State Sunday School Convention which had been scheduled for Owensboro October 10-12. We greatly appreciate the invitation of the Third Church and the very fine spirit the members manifested. Because of this we hesitated to postpone the meeting but some conditions existed which led us to believe it best not to try to have this convention in October.

Greenup Had 302 in Meetings

The Greenup Sunday School Association averaged 302 in the monthly meetings for the year. This is exceptionally fine. This has been the best year in many associations in such meetings.

Elsmere Builds

The Elsmere Church in North Bend Association has erected quarters for its Sunday school expansion. The writer was there to help dedicate this unit and greatly appreciated the courtesies shown by Pastor W. H. Lodwick and the church. Baptists are marching onward.

Redeem the Time

About 500 churches should use the weeks remaining in September to either complete the requirements for the standard or else to make a good start for the new year. The standard keeps us on the right track. It prevents a school from going off on side tracks. Use the standard to make your school better.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

August 28, 1949

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St. (4)	247	1,427
Owensboro, First (1)	91	815
Louisville, Parkland (1)	59	805
Harrodsburg (3)	129	711
Owensboro, Third		681
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	224	626
Mayfield, First		618
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	143	604
Murray, First		580
Paducah, Immanuel (2)	46	558

Evansville, Ind., Calvary (2)	144	548
Louisville, West Broadway (1)	60	544
Danville, First (1)	38	530
Newport, First		502
Louisville, Highland (2)	126	482
Somerset, First		480
Lexington, Immanuel		443
Hopkinsville, Second		442
Louisville, 23rd and Bdwy.		441
Louisville, Eastern Parkway		417
Madisonville, First		415
Louisville, Clifton (1)	79	414
Henderson, Audubon (1)	89	414
Fulton, First		401
Hopkinsville, First		401
Barbourville, First (1)	70	399
London, First		392
Lexington, Calvary (1)	26	380
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	25	376
Corbin, First		362
Louisville, Third Ave. (1)	38	349
Paducah, Twelfth St. (1)	90	342
Lebanon		336
Louisville, Franklin St.		331
Morganfield (1)	28	326
Covington, Southside		325
Greenville		321
Owensboro, Hall St.		316
Glasgow (1)	24	314
Lexington, Grace		308
Corbin, Central		307
Henderson, Immanuel		306
Williamsburg, First		303
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St.		294
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley		291
Willisburg		284
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial		275
Bellevue		263
Paducah, Trinity		252
Springfield		251
Franklin, First (1)	15	249
Louisville, Gethsemane		243
Sturgis, First		240
Ft. Thomas		231
Jellico, Tenn., First		230
Louisville, South Side		230
Louisville, Baptist Temple		228
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial		223
Owensboro, Seven Hills		215
Owensboro, Crabtree Avenue		212
Bruner's Chapel (near Harrodsburg)		209
Versailles		208
Hazel		207
Dayton, First		203
Frankfort, Thorn Hill		203
Albany (1)	41	202
Ludlow, First		201
Louisville, Kenwood		200
Oneida		200
Mt. Olivet (near Willisburg)		200
Carrollton, First		200

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETT
State Secretary

Central Convention at Sonora

The Central Regional Convention will meet with Sonora Baptist Church, Sonora, beginning with the banquet at 6:00 P. M. Friday, September 16 and closing on Saturday night. Dr. L. E. Martin, Elizabethtown, will be the devotional speaker, and Dr. W. R. Pettigrew, Louisville, will speak on Friday night. Rev. Robert H. Alston, Louisville, will speak and conduct the Life Dedication Service Saturday night. The Junior Memory Work Drill will be at 11:40 A. M. Saturday, the Intermediate Sword Drill at 2:20 P. M. and the Young People's Speakers' Tournament at 4:15 P. M.

For free bed and breakfast, write to Miss Jo Ann Ferguson, Sonora. For place at the banquet, write to Miss Carrie Mae Fulkerson, Sonora, at once.

Southern Convention

The Southern Convention will be at Cave City September 23 and 24. Please write at once to Mrs. Edna Gardner, Cave City, Kentucky, for free bed and breakfast. For place at banquet, write before September 16 to Mrs. C. P. Loving, Cave City, Kentucky.

Young People's Chats

HAROLD D. TALLANT

State Approved Young
People's Worker

Ridgecrest, Clear Creek, and summer-time are gone. The Regional conventions are now passing rapidly by and if your convention has not passed, attend and get the facts that will help you to build a better Young People's Union. WHAT THEN IS MOST IMPORTANT IN OUR THINKING AT THE PRESENT TIME?

Promotion Day

Do I think Promotion Day is important to Young People's Unions? Yes, I certainly do and I believe I can tell you why.

INTERMEDIATES and many times entire Unions are being promoted into the Young People's Department. Take advantage of this opportunity and make a new Union of 17 year olds. Why put this entire Union or these many Intermediates into an already functioning, well organized Union of Young People? The more Unions you have the larger the attendance will be.

Promotion Day is the time for DIVISION. It can be done then when it cannot be done at any other time of the year. Separate the Young Married People and start a Union for them and see the new Union grow. This will make the Union of unmarried Young People grow also because they will be given more responsibilities.

PROMOTION DAY is the day to promote those who are adults to the Adult Department and start a new Union. Perhaps you will promote an entire Young People's Union. Better still, ask your Director to start a Young Adult Department.

Promotion Day is ORGANIZATION TIME when all the Unions will reorganize and see that the Unions have a complete set of officers, committees, and groups. Do not hesitate to change officers where it is needed. Give every member of the Union something to do. Place every member on a committee.

Promotion Day is the time to prepare for an OFFICERS CLINIC when each officer will be instructed in his duties. Then he will be ready to work in making his Union a functioning Union.

SEPTEMBER 2 is PROMOTION DAY! It is important to Young People. It is important to the entire Training Union. Make your Union standard in 1949 and 1950. Let's have another chat October 20.

EDUCATION—Students at Michigan University turned the tables on the professors and gave the whole faculty an examination. The way the students scored it, most teachers got a "B" average, 42 had straight "A's," five flunked. —U. S. News and World Report.

Woman's Missionary Union

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
Executive Secretary

Y. W. A. Camp at Clear Creek

The annual State Y. W. A. Camp was held at Clear Creek Springs, July 25-29. The camp was based on the theme "That the World May Know." A splendid staff of speakers and leaders led the activities of the week. Miss Marjorie Jones, W. M. U. Camp worker for the summer, led the daily morning watch following breakfast. Music was directed by Mrs. Bruce Hartsell of Shepherdsville, with Mrs. David Sheng, of China, at the piano. Miss Edith Dority of Covington acted as conductor on the "Y. W. A. Special" train of methods information each morning. Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Kentucky W. M. U. Executive Secretary, taught the book, "Stewardship in the Life of Youth," leading the group to see the value of the total stewardship of life.

Dr. Henry H. Turlington, recently returned from China and the Philippines, led the Bible Hour daily. His messages on the life and missionary work of Paul were highly enlightening and interesting. One evening he showed colored slides he had made in Shanghai, Peiping, and the Philippine Islands.

Mrs. Charles Standridge, Louisville, directed the recreational activities each afternoon and a fun period each evening. Miss Cornelia Leavell, one of the missionaries to China, now home on furlough, spoke each evening and showed pictures of her work in China and Hawaii. Vespers each day after supper down by Clear Creek were led by Mrs. George Munro, formerly of New Zealand. Camp closed on Friday night with a candelighting service, with each person present passing on the Light of the World so that "all the world may know Christ."

New Mission Study Series on Japan

If you have not already planned your fall mission study classes for all the organizations of your W. M. S., may we remind you that the 1949 series of foreign mission books centers our attention on Japan. Five new books are now available for every age group in your church. May we introduce to you:

"JAPAN'S NEW DAY" by Edwin B. Dozier. This book gives a first-hand description of conditions in Japan after the atomic bombing as well as the story of the revitalizing of Baptist work. This book is recommended for adults.

"RING IN THE NEW" by Akiko Endo. The author, now a student in the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, presents a picture of the Japanese people and their need for Christ. Your young people will enjoy this.

"JOTTINGS FROM JAPAN" by Ernest O. Mills. Intermediates will be interested in this book giving varied

glimpses of life and religions in Japan. "MY DADDY TOLD ME" by Sarah Ellen Dozier. The daughter of missionaries to Japan, this Junior girl writes for Juniors some of the things her father told her when he returned to America after a trip to Japan.

"CHIE-KO-CHAN" by Mary Wiley Dozier. An illustrated book for Sunbeams telling numerous incidents in the life of a real Japanese child.

A very limited supply of free helps for teaching these books is available in the state office.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To All Associational Superintendents

There are still thirteen Associational Superintendents who have not reported the 1950 meeting places for quarterly associational meetings. Please report these as soon as possible to the W. M. U. Office, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky, in order that our schedule of meetings may be completed.

Kentucky Farmer Discovers New Grass

The new-famous grass discovery of a Kentucky mountain farmer has brought new wealth to those struggling to make a living in poor grazing areas.

Kentucky 31 fescue, the "wonder" grass discovered by the late William M. Suiter, has proved itself capable of carrying a cow to the acre on cheap land which hardly provided a living before.

This is the report given in the August issue of Country Gentleman by Howard Bloomfield, a well-known writer who was assigned to take a second look at the famous grass experiment and check its accomplishments of two years against its original claims.

Bloomfield found that fescue 31 thrives on poor soil, does well in droughts and stays green all year. Describing a trip he made into eastern Clark County with William C. Templeton, Jr., associate state agronomist, Bloomfield said he saw millions of beef and gallons of milk coming off heap land. It was not unusual, Bloomfield reported, to see a farm of 200 green acres of fescue, entirely surrounded by a completely brown landscape.

The practical side has also brightened. Kentucky 31 fescue seed can now be had from most Kentucky seed dealers for from 35 to 75 cents a pound, depending on quality. The 1948 seed crop in the state was between two and a half and three million pounds, according to B. W. Fortenberry, manager of the Kentucky Seed Improvement Association at Lexington. In 1947—just two years ago—Kentucky 31 seed was so scarce it sold for up to \$3.00 a pound, and the year before there just wasn't any.

Wants Names of Boys In U. S. Naval Academy

Pastor W. C. Wood, of the College Avenue Baptist Church, Annapolis, Maryland, requests that Kentucky Baptist pastors and parents having boys in the U. S. Naval Academy write him of these boys and their address at the Academy. College Avenue Church, with its Sunday school and Training Union organizations, is eager to contact all Baptist boys in the Naval Academy and to extend to them all possible fellowship and Christian service. In addition, there are homes within the membership of the church which from time to time welcome these boys as guests. It is not possible to secure the Midshipmen's names and religious affiliation from the Academy officials. This is due to the desire of the Academy to protect its Midshipmen from self-seeking people. Please send this information now, so that the new class of Midshipmen may be contacted. In order to join the Baptist Church Party from the Academy each Sunday morning, the Midshipman must formally make this request to Academy officials before the Fall session begins.

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The Challenge of the Church

(Continued from Page 5)

Two great words of our Lord add undying emphasis to this truth. He said to his group, "Ye are the salt of the earth;" "Ye are the light of the world." As such, they occupied a particular station and performed a particular function in the world. They, alone, were salt and light. By virtue of their relation to Him, and the work of divine grace in their hearts, they were checks against the world's moral corruption and opponents of the world's darkness—its ignorance, blindness, and folly. As salt is for corruption, light is for darkness. **Christ in us and working through us makes us salt and light.** Thus are the Lord's people the essential preservers of society.

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Again, our Lord magnified his church, when, on the day of Pentecost, "there appeared unto them tongues parting asunder, like as of fire; and it sat upon each of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance" (Acts 2:3f).

This was the divine certification of the group as the true people of God. The Spirit, as poured out upon them with his manifold, miraculous manifestations, marked them off from all others as the chosen of God, spiritual Israel. The new order thus stood out as the qualified and empowered agent of the risen and exalted Lord Jesus. World-conquest was the order of the day. The church of Christ went forth conquering and to conquer.

No other institution or organization among men has such responsibility or endowment for service.

This matter of trusteeship extends to gospel ordinances as well as to the Word itself. Baptism and the Lord's Supper are church ordinances. My church is responsible to its Lord for proper administration and observances of baptism and the supper. This is a common responsibility with that of preaching the gospel and the observance of all the things commanded by our Lord. The perpetuity of the church order for the people of God is thus established by Christ himself. Not until Jesus returns to earth a second time will his people be relieved of their obligation with respect to the baptism of believers and the eating of the bread and the drinking of the cup in remembrance of Him. In the baptism of every believer, pictorial declaration is made to the world of the death, burial, and resur-

rection of Christ and the personal experience of the believer in sharing the benefits of his atonement. He is buried with Christ in baptism, and rises from the watery grave to walk in newness of life in Christ. As often as we eat the bread and drink of the cup, we show forth the Lord's death till He comes. The ordinances, then, are declarative and prophetic of the work of Christ for us, the benefits thus procured for and secured to the believer, and the personal return of our Lord. The importance of the church thus becomes one with the importance of the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the ordinances.

(Continued in next issue)

The friendly Bible Class of the Twenty-third and Broadway Baptist Church, Louisville, will hold its annual Rally and Home Coming on September 18, 1949 at 9:30 A. M. The guest speaker will be C. A. Jensen, teacher of this class for forty years. The class is now taught by William White.

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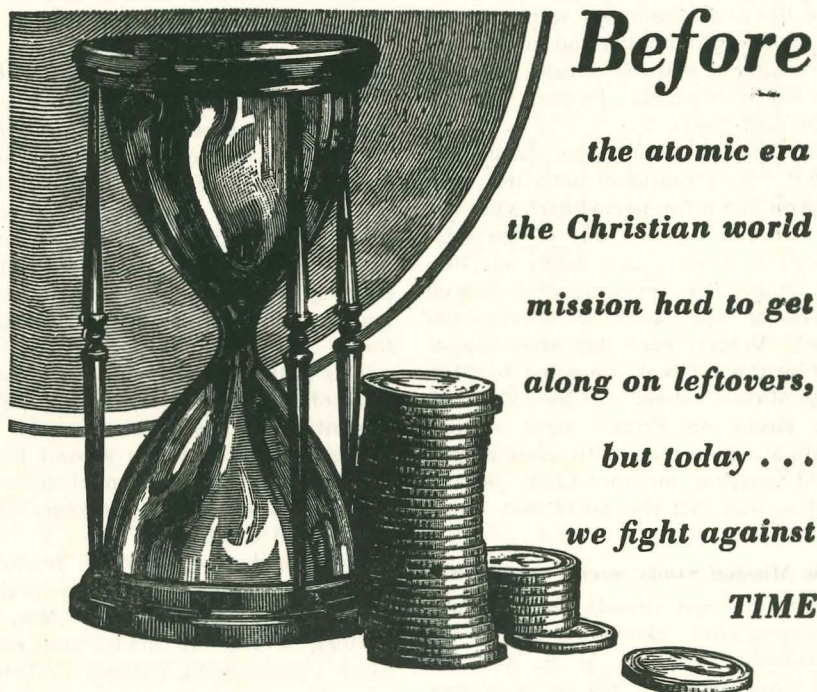
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BOOK Reviews

YOUTH SPEAKS. By Charles Wellborn. Published by The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$1.50.

Regardless of how many books of sermons you may have, you will want a copy of this book. These messages were delivered by ten young men to thousands of young people in youth revivals. The simple, direct and enthusiastic way in which these young men speak to our hearts will be appreciated by young and old alike. This book is to be recommended to every pastor and Christian worker as a refresher course in the art of speaking to young people and leading them in a closer walk of dedication to Christ. This book speaks in the language of youth of today and we who have somehow let our thinking revolve around form, style and theological terms and phrases will be pleasantly helped by these fresh, enthusiastic presentations of the old, old Gospel story in a faithful and scriptural manner. These messages from young men already successful in their chosen field are to be recommended to all and will find a place in the hearts of young and old throughout the land.—R. E. Sasser.

RING IN THE NEW. By Akiko Endo, printed by Broadman Press, Nashville. Price 40c.

This little study course book is beautifully written by a Japanese Christian woman. Miss Endo, brought up in a Buddhist family, was converted to Christianity while in her early twenties. She knows, first hand, the needs of Japan and the horrors of war. Miss Endo is splendidly educated and her discerning mind and deeply Christian heart equip her thoroughly to write this book. It is written in pungent English and she does not hesitate to point out the dangers in failing to Christianize her native land. She is devoted to Japan, but her's is a high, Christian patriotism which recognizes its needs, and leads her to seek the aid of American Christians in meeting that need. Miss Endo entered the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville in 1948.

HEART SERMONS IN OUTLINE. By Jerome O. Williams. Published by The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee, \$1.75.

The author of this book is well known throughout the country as a safe and sound Gospel preacher and popular inspirational speaker. He was a successful pastor and is now a denominational worker. His experi-

ences are various and rich in the work of his denomination in many fields. This little book of fifty-eight outlines is probably the best of similar works by this author. It deals with great texts that meet heart's needs. Rich, heartfelt thoughts are blended into these outlines. To the busy preacher, pressed for time to prepare for the many demands of this rushing day, this little volume will come to meet a definite need. Each outline reveals the fact that it has not been hastily prepared but that much thought, experience and labor has gone into each one. This is one of the best books of sermon outlines we have examined and we believe it will meet a real need.—R. E. Sasser.

THE MASTER'S MINORITY. By Frank H. Leavell, The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Price \$2.25.

We do not know of a better way to review this book than to quote the statement of Dr. John L. Hill, Book Editor of Broadman Press, concerning it:

"We have not read a book that reflects so nearly perfectly the spirit of the author as this one does: it is the soul of Frank Leavell. In just one sentence, the volume is a heart-searching appeal for spiritual religion . . . Dr. Leavell gives a thorough appraisal of social, moral, and religious conditions of our day. The results are manifest in all relationships. The social order tends to become a field of garish display and revolting extravagance, calling for excuses banned in decent society of long ago. Since morals merely reflect the customs of society, we need not be surprised at the outrageous looseness which obtains. It is perfectly natural that the author should turn to our college youth to meet the terrible crisis which confronts us . . . This is a thrilling book, good for all who would make their lives count for Christ.

The Life and Diary of David Brainerd, by Jonathan Edwards, published by The Moody Press, Chicago, Ill., 385 pages, \$3.50.

In this recent issue of an established Christian classic there has been included a biographical sketch of Jonathan Edwards. This furnishes a very acceptable refreshment of memory concerning the brilliant author of this work, and prepares one for the reading or the rereading of "The Life and Diary of David Brainerd." One cannot read the story of David Brainerd without arriving at the conviction that many of our Christian efforts are weak because our prayer preparation for Christian effort is weak. David Brainerd's practice of prayer proves that no gate of hell can prevail against the army of the Lord which advances upon its knees.

David Brainerd's own journal presented in this volume and edited by Jonathan Edwards, concerning the triumphs of the Gospel among the early ignorant, superstitious and idolatrous Indians, is a record of sacrificial service that never fails to inspire.

The last fifteen months of David Brainerd's life is presented in this volume by selections from his diary (which he kept almost to the last day of his life), along with extensive interpolations by Mr. Edwards. The reader will stand in awe as he sees this young Christian saint and hero (not yet thirty), as he grows physically weaker, advancing toward physical death with open arms in the manner of one greeting a cherished friend. One comes to the close of the story praising God for not only living grace, but for unfailing grace with which to die victoriously.

"TOGETHER." By W. C. Boone, Broadman Press, Nashville.

This eighty-page book is not only beautifully written, it is beautifully printed and bound . . . A charming present for young people about to be married. In carefully chosen words Dr. Boone has pointed the way to happy wedlock . . . We feel he has done the youth of our day a service for which all should be grateful. The book is reasonably priced and will make an ideal gift to include in the list of presents.

TRIUMPHANT PERSONALITY. By Robert Clyde Yarbrough, published by The Macmillan Company. Price \$2.00. Pages 104.

The author's proposition is that life may be lived victoriously, and this in spite of our living in the midst of a very adverse world. Victory may be had by our resorting to resources to be found in Christ and His teachings.

Triumphant personality includes the making the most of what one has, and one can find ample inspiration in this by observing Jesus doing so much with "the scanty raw material He had at hand." Other elements that go into triumphant personality are putting the emphasis in the right place, choosing the right manner of meeting life, conquering fear, overcoming despair, refusing to give up; in all of these one may find ample direction and power in Christ and His teachings.

This little book is readable because of its many splendid illustrations.—W. R. Pettigrew.



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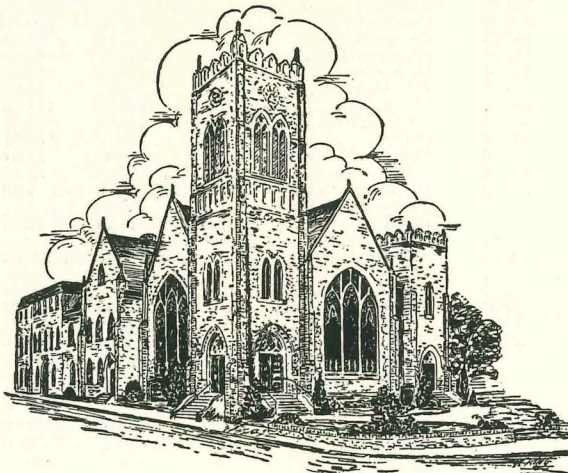
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Receipts For First Nine Months of Year, 1948-1949

By W. C. Boone, General Secretary and Treasurer

November 1, 1948 to July 31, 1949

In this exhibit the name of the church and amount contributed for the first nine months of the associational year, November 1, 1948 to July 31, 1949, is given. The first column is the amount raised for the Co-operative Program. Designated amounts are included in the second column and are not subject to percentage division among the objects included in the Co-operative Program.

In some instances, church treasurers failed to give the name of the contributing church in remitting funds and credit had to be given to the association as a whole.

(Continued from last Week)

	Program Co-op.	nated Desig-		Program Co-op.	nated Desig-		Program Co-op.	nated Desig-
GREENUP—			Old Salem	86.62		Slover	6.00	10.00
Ashland, Central	310.15	231.12	Pilgrim's Rest	3.44	20.00	Tradewater Valley		25.00
Ashland, First	8,117.58	2,864.47	Pine Grove	5.03	11.69	Victory	318.50	253.45
Ashland, Second	101.00	130.93	Pleasant Grove	4.83	13.00	White Plains	89.31	
Brushy Fork	27.76		Rough Creek	11.92	6.00	Woodson Avenue	53.05	16.67
Cannonsburg	117.03	175.64	Salem	11.76	2.35	Zion Brick	41.98	16.50
Carr		25.00	Sinking		19.04	LITTLE RIVER—		
Catlettsburg	2,137.64	747.92	Slate Hill		7.63	Bethany	56.70	66.06
Danleyton	72.02	167.45	Swiss Colony	4.84	214.80	Bethlehem	70.69	2.00
Everman		57.00	West London	3.20	20.87	Blue Spring	605.90	244.30
Fairview Missionary	165.79	55.35	White Oak	26.26	50.00	Boyd's Hill	60.00	45.40
Flatwoods	87.95	53.87	LIBERTY—			Buffalo	201.40	200.90
Fullerton, First	145.00	16.50	Association		266.03	Cadiz	1,315.22	1,261.13
Garrison	317.53	46.60	Canmer	340.09	125.89	Canton		178.14
Glenwood		30.00	Cave City	434.52	269.45	Carmack		41.40
Grayson	255.04	480.97	Edmonton	15.00	168.25	Cerulean	20.00	230.29
Greenup, First	66.18	232.36	Glasgow	7,484.97	3,637.91	Cumberland River		53.39
Kirk Memorial	40.00	87.84	Grace Union		10.00	Delmont	115.33	63.57
Leach Station	254.00	56.13	Hardyville		152.25	Donaldson Creek	133.52	
Louisa	61.00	246.06	Hiseville	77.13	288.23	Ferguson Springs		12.71
Mt. Olivet	90.00		Horse Cave	1,421.88	858.10	Golden Pond	10.00	31.75
Mt. Zion		8.37	Little Bethel		42.65	Hurricane	659.08	561.72
Olive Hill, First	277.20	113.15	Mt. Tabor		6.56	Julian	218.66	50.00
Pollard	3,279.72	1,492.44	Park City		37.76	Lamasco	8.05	22.92
Raceland	117.61	34.02	Pleasant Valley		182.88	Liberty Point	210.70	
Russell, First		37.00	Poplar Spring		25.00	Locust Grove	39.64	145.04
Salem	26.00		Rock Spring		16.00	Maple Grove	151.61	96.00
Sandy Hook	19.56	18.57	Rowlett's	15.00	56.10	Mt. Pleasant		270.00
Sandy Valley		40.00	Salem	56.00		New Bethel	.50	
Summitt	35.00	25.50	Savoyard	35.00		New Hope	3.00	
Union	3.00	35.00	Shady Grove		60.51	Oak Grove	527.81	178.24
Unity	2,938.50	1,100.49	Siloam		59.22	Pleasant Hill	2.39	25.00
Vanceburg, First	25.00	20.00	Three Springs	28.00	100.00	Pugh Flat	2.00	30.36
Wayne Avenue	177.22	23.60	Walnut Hill	57.97	218.27	Rock Front	73.23	29.23
West Moreland	483.26		LINCOLN COUNTY—			Rocky Ridge	33.78	10.00
Wildwood	289.29	50.25	Association		945.75	Sand Run	.50	
Wurtland	255.18	103.50	Blue Lick	2.00	10.85	Turkey Creek	89.00	74.25
GREENVILLE—			Crab Orchard	112.38	52.45	Union	1.54	
Campton	119.07	20.17	Dixon Missionary	5.00		Wallonia	75.00	59.39
Immanuel	20.00		Double Springs	420.35	37.56	LOGAN COUNTY—		
HENRY COUNTY—			Drakes Creek	209.35	367.70	Association		5.00
Association	17.14	8.90	Ephesus	12.00		Antioch	415.25	137.29
Bethlehem	594.97	724.19	Fairview	226.39	270.47	Beechland	129.69	102.60
Campbellsburg	1,154.42	518.59	Friendship	23.00	53.60	Bellview		28.25
Eminence	794.84	447.24	Hustonsville	385.19	481.60	Cave Spring	20.00	129.83
Franklinton	28.70	181.00	McKinney	177.61	290.29	Center	51.50	42.65
Lockport	15.00	250.38	Mt. Hebron		14.96	Cliff Hill	153.14	24.00
New Castle	205.39	304.20	Mt. Salem	194.19	171.08	Elk Lick	421.18	261.93
Pleasureville	887.50	384.41	New Salem	156.98	69.03	Green Ridge	234.17	32.58
Port Royal	548.15	601.81	Olive		80.51	Gupton's Grove	157.25	78.75
Smithfield	556.20	482.70	Parlor Grove	66.45	33.54	Lewisburg-Mt. Pleasant	1,765.88	987.72
Sulphur	487.46	407.56	Pilot	47.09	35.00	Liberty	654.41	901.44
Turner Station	187.95	312.08	Pleasant Point	143.50	7.48	New Friendship	516.83	195.94
Union	65.56	114.23	Pleasant View	5.00		Oak Forest	12.75	
IRVINE—			Pond	44.75	28.42	Oak Grove	75.78	63.90
Annnville	6.00	26.61	South Fork	2.00		Pleasant Hill		10.52
Chestnut Gap		36.94	Stanford	1,274.92	2,128.08	Shady Grove		249.46
Egypt	11.71	50.07	LITTLE BETHEL—			LONG RUN—		
New Zion	6.00	3.00	Association	33.26	385.04	Association		506.83
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Bond	4.00	20.25	Madisonville, First	8,066.11	3,865.13	Carlisle Avenue	2,485.30	3,294.63
Corinth	12.96	96.36	Manitou		80.00	Cedar Creek	527.86	277.37
East Bernstadt	643.43	573.17	Morton's Gap	800.00	163.77	Central Baptist Mission		100.00
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Friendship	.26		Nebo	74.12	117.10	Clifton Heights		16.00
Green Hill		20.00	New Hope	5.00	6.00	Crescent Hill	7,249.12	6,271.11
Greenmount	8.06	87.00	New Salem	91.95	186.38	Crestwood	2,344.66	776.20
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San Francisco Pastor Opposes Convention's Coming to California in 1951

We present the following letter from J. T. Summers, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church (affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention), 281 Hamilton Street, San Francisco 24, California:

"Dear Editor: You may inform your readers that there are some of us who do not agree that the Convention should meet in this city in 1951, nor within the several years to come. The reasons are obvious to those of us who work in and know this city.

"There seem to be different opinions about the Convention meeting here; but since I am pastor of the only Southern Baptist church with a full-time pastor on the field during the past two and a half years (each of the other two pastors having spent much of their time in some other interest), and since some have asked that I express my views about this matter, the following statements are made with much prayer and Christian love:

"First: this is no more than a mission

field for Southern Baptist work, and if we are to take the Convention to every mission field, why not take it to Singapore next?

"This one mission field you will know very little about even after having attended a Convention here. Can you imagine a city the size of this without even one of the three Southern Baptist churches meeting in a regular church building, or without one or all of these churches receiving the help of a missionary as much as one day per week? This city and mission field do not have enough church consciousness to appreciate or respect any Christian organization meeting here. This is one mission field which needs our service and truth rather than our vacations.

"Second: if a large auditorium and hotel rooms have become more important than distance, or more important than attendance from many communities and Baptist homes, then may the Lord bless us when we meet in this city of sin.

"Third: even though it was a sacrifice for our church and me, when I attended the Convention in St. Louis, Memphis, and Oklahoma City, I do not believe it would be wise for thousands of our churches and pastors to suffer in order that this kind of relief be given

to the few of us in this western country. Many believe that meeting here would prove to be a greater sacrifice for all. Some have suggested that this matter be given further attention at the Convention in Chicago. If so, I believe both sides should be heard.

"Although these are my convictions, let me assure you that you are welcome in San Francisco at all times, and we shall do our best to make you feel that welcome, whether during a meeting of the Convention or on any other occasion."

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