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

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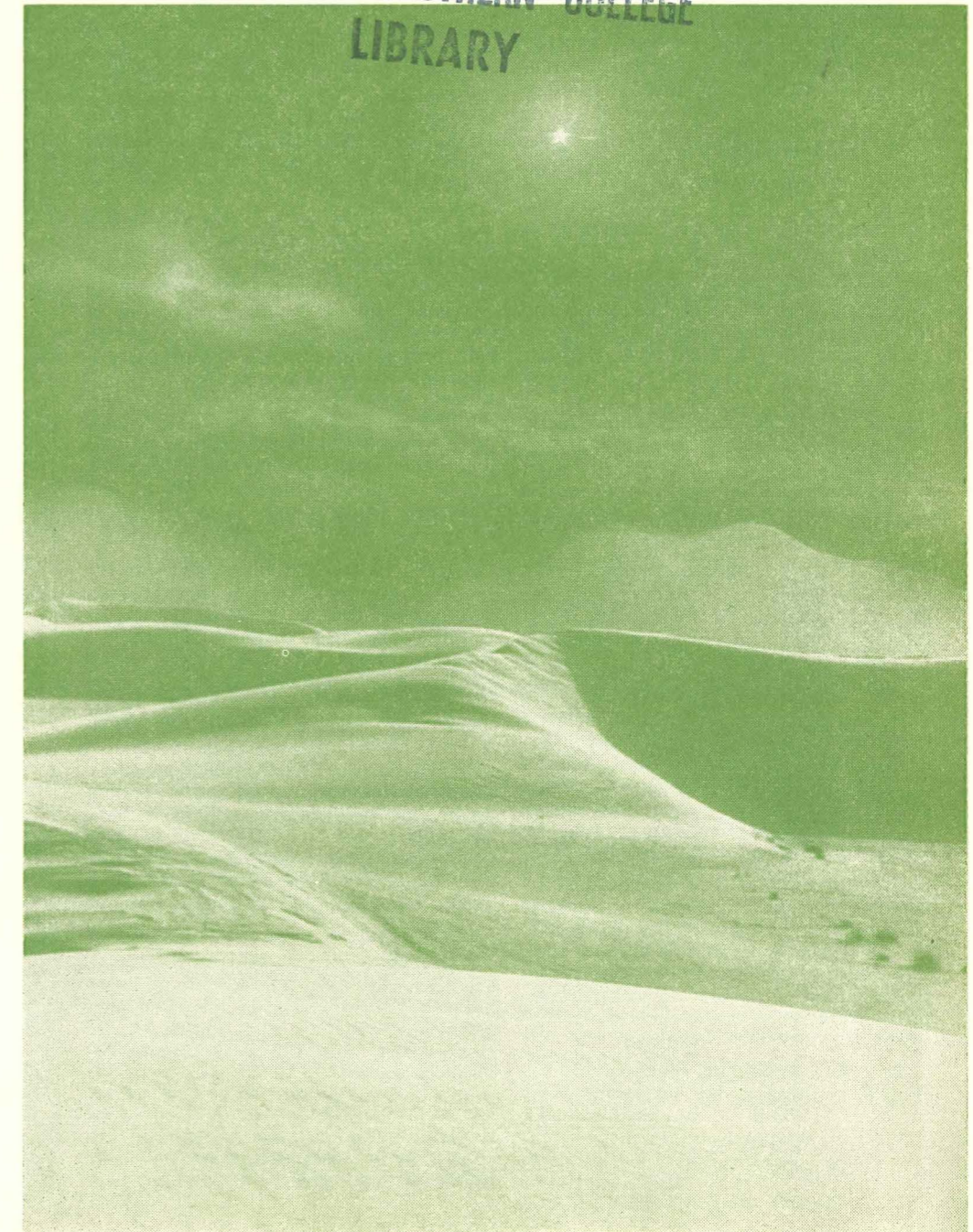
"And, Lo, the
Star, which
They Saw in
The East,
Went Before
Them, Till
It Came and
Stood Over
Where the
Young Child
Was."

Matthew 2:9

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Gleanings From The Field

The First Baptist Church, Savannah, Ga., observed its 150th anniversary on November 26.

Pastor Henry Beach, Jr., of the Hall Street Church, Owensboro, and Singer James Leonard have been conducting a revival at Hall Street's Mission, December 4-9.

Dedication for the new building at the Shively Baptist Church has been set for January 21, 1951. Pastor Ben F. Mitchell says that just sixteen years ago the first unit was dedicated.

Miss Gladys Hopewell, missionary, has returned to her home church—the First Baptist Church of Owensboro, Kentucky—after being three years in China behind the bamboo curtain.

Sheldon Jones, South Carolina, temperance leader, spoke for Pastor E. Keevil Judy at the First Baptist Church, Henderson, Ky., on a recent Sunday night.

Dr. Elroy Lamb, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Paris, Ky., has been preaching in a revival December 4-9 at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, Ky., where Dr. Frank F. Norfleet is pastor.

Chinese Communists, according to the New York Times, have laid the basis for stripping mission schools of all foreign control. All privately operated colleges and universities are required to re-register.

Glenn O'Bryan, an advanced music student at Murray State College, is now director of music at the Trinity Baptist Church, Paducah. Pastor Paul Weber says that he is leading the church and its three choirs in a wonderful way.

Dr. H. E. Turlington, faculty member at the Southern Seminary, spoke for Pastor Thomas R. Brown at the First Baptist Church, Paducah, on December 3. Pastor Brown and his family are on a short vacation in Florida at this time.

James W. Morrison, with the First Baptist Church, Princeton, Ky., has accepted the call of the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Ky., to become director of music and education. Pastor Harold D. Tallant announces that he will assume his new duties January 1.

The Cumberland College Choir, Williamsburg, sang Handel's "The Messiah" on Sunday night, December 10, at the High Street Baptist Church, Somerset. The more than 60 voices were under the direction of Richard E. DeBois, professor of music. Gerald K. Ford is pastor of the Somerset church.

Mrs. Sue Smallmon has resigned as church secretary at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Paducah, and Pastor Frank F. Norfleet has announced that she will be replaced by Miss Lois Ford, a native of Boaz, Ky., and a sister of Pastor

J. T. Ford, Huntsville, Alabama. She attended Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Dr. J. T. Gillespie, rural worker for the Home Mission Board, spoke for Pastor Harold J. Purdy at the First Baptist Church, Bowling Green, Ky., on Wednesday night, December 13. This was part of the Rural Pastors Conference, held in the Bowling Green Church. Other speakers included Dr. W. C. Boone, S. F. Dowis, L. O. Griffith, R. B. Hooks, and C. Y. Dossey.

There were 357 present at "M" Night mass meeting of Ohio County Baptist Training Union on Monday night, December 4 at Centertown Baptist Church. There were 256 present last year, and 150 the year before that. The Centertown Baptist Training Union received the attendance banner, and Beaver Dam Baptist Church received the efficiency banner. Rev. Carl Wright, Owensboro, brought a message on "Choose You This Day . . ." The Centertown and Mt. Carmel young people brought special music.

A new church has just been dedicated near Hopkinsville. This new building is the outgrowth of a tent meeting started some time ago. Rev. Flavous McCraw is pastor. Rev. J. H. Maddox, pastor of Second Church, Hopkinsville, preached the dedication sermon. Pastor L. L. Spurlin, Kelly Church, Pastor W. J. Stuart, West Grove and West Mt. Zoar, and several other preachers and deacons were present. The church now has forty-eight members and full-time preaching, prayer meetings, Sunday school, and Training Union. One preacher, Cleo Adams, has been ordained.

Dr. W. W. Hamilton, chaplain of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., has written Dr. W. R. Pettigrew as follows: "In the Western Recorder I have read with deep interest your story of Dr. M. J. Quattlebaum, and am making it the basis of a morning period of worship here in the Southern Hospital at New Orleans. It is a moving story. Each morning at 7:00 we have a devotional period, our Family Prayer, "over our loudspeaker system. I have probably an audience of 500 or 600, and the returns are most joyous. I thank you for the experience with Dr. Quattlebaum, and believe it will be a blessing to many."

"Mrs. Jesse Agee was a most devoted member of the Shelbyville Baptist Church, a member of the Woman's Missionary Society, also served as superintendent of the Shelby County Association W. M. U. for two years in a most efficient way, and was praised for her untiring efforts in each phase of work," reads some resolutions just passed by the Shelby County W. M. U. and signed by Mrs. I. B. Houchin, sec-

retary. Tribute is paid to her that the family has lost a "loving companion, mother and counselor, the church a loyal member, the pastor a staunch friend, and the W. M. S. a member who was always ready and willing to help promote the Kingdom's cause."

Deacon Charles E. Jones, of the Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, recently died. His church has passed resolutions regarding his passing, speaking in highest terms of his devotion. "Very few times were the doors of the church opened for a service that he was not there," the resolutions stated. He was "full of the faith and a ready and willing servant of his Lord and of this church. His unreserved devotion to the tasks assigned to him shall always be a shining example to all who knew him." After expressing sympathy to his wife and children, the paper concludes: "Truly earth was made better by the living of this man, and Heaven is sweeter and nearer now that he has passed on. The committee presenting the resolutions was composed of Brethren Terry W. Ham, C. Edward Sage and Carl F. Pollock.

THE FARMER: Said the young government agent to the old farmer, "Do you know that your methods are a hundred years behind the times?" Looking around, he continued, "Why, I'd be surprised if you make a dollar out of the oats in that field." "So would I," replied the farmer, "It's barley."

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By W. R. Cullum
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CHRISTMAS And Human Limitations

Limitations! Who is not conscious of them? Who is not strongly conscious of them? Who is not painfully conscious of them?

They tell me that the new born human infant is the most helpless of all the newborn creatures. How fortunate that the child comes into the world without intelligent consciousness of his extreme weakness.

Were you ever tempted to wish that you might have remained in that blissful ignorance? Surely such a cowardly attitude would be thoroughly unworthy of a child of the King.

And yet, without Christmas, and especially without what the Author of Christmas brings to the human race, I am not at all sure but that such might not well become the wish of every human being when he comes to see and know his own inadequacy for meeting and dealing with all that is in him and all that is about him.

God has graciously spared me to live out the expectancy of a normal life as this was seen by the Psalmist in his day (Psalm 90:10). The same God, in his goodness and mercy, has carried me on for almost fourteen years beyond that normal limit.

But in spite of all this, I am often reminded of a remark that my mother made to me when she was about 75 years of age. It was this: "Son, it seems to me sometimes that the devil will get me now, before I die". Knowing her beautiful, unselfish spirit as I did; and knowing the devoted Christian life that she had lived, I laughed at her. But back of my laugh and down beneath my laugh was a knowledge—an unmistakable knowledge—of what she meant.

People have often said to me that they would like to be Christians, and would make the surrender that is essential to such an experience, except for one thing: they were afraid they "could not hold out."

I don't generally say all that I think to such a person. If I did it would be this: "One of two things is true of you: (1) either you are acting the coward and trying to dodge the issue; or (2) your place is in the home for imbeciles or in an institution for the insane."

No: the older I grow, the more strongly does it become a settled conviction with me that in my own strength I shall never be equal to the task of facing and dealing with the issues life is sure to bring. A favorite hymn book in the church I attended as a boy was

called **Gospel Hymns**. In it was a hymn written by Mrs. Annie Hawks when I was five years old (1872). It runs thus:

"I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford.

"I need thee ev'ry hour,
Stay thou near by;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When thou art nigh.

"I need the ev'ry hour
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

"I need thee ev'ry hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son."

If I were going to be rigidly literal, I would amend one word in that hymn: instead of the word "hour" I should name the smallest possible fraction of time. And of course Mrs. Hawks meant just that.

If my experience is not in harmony with that of other Christians, I can't help it: such is certainly my own. With such an experience, one can readily understand my feeling as to the one who says, "I'm afraid I can't hold out".

So far in this discussion, no specific limitations have been named. To elaborate here would be impossible. Their name is legion. For example, we are all sinners. We are sinners by nature. We are sinners by long and repeated practice. How many and what awful limitations are to be seen and dealt with in this field! We are all subject to sickness and disease of many varieties. We are all possessed of emotions. We are met by sorrows, anxieties, cares, disappointments, and distress of a thousand kinds.

Living is an upstream-business to those who would fulfil the ends for which they were made. Those who fail to find and follow the purpose for which they were made bring on themselves an awful disaster.

So, whatever we do or fail to do, we shall be reminded of our limitations from the cradle to the grave. And whichever way we go, we shall find ourselves, over and over again, ready to cry out with Simon Peter when the waves were about to engulf him. "Lord, save or I perish!"

When one thinks, moreover, of all that has been suggested as to our limitations, he feels inclined to turn to Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead for counsel and help. This great man of God lives in London, which fact puts him out of the reach of most of us in person. Fortunately, however, he has written out, in simple form, his cardinal ideas in this field in a leaflet of about 30 pages which he has called "The Mystery of Pain." This leaflet is put out in this country by **The Upper Room**, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville 4, Tennessee. Its price is nominal—a dime or less. Its value is beyond price.

But what has all this to do with Christmas? Alas, that this question should be raised when for nearly 2,000 years the original Christmas message has been echoing from the fields around Bethlehem of Judea. "Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). And from that day to this, men have been hearing His voice as he says, "Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light" (Matt. 11:28-30). And not only have they heard, but they have come and keep coming. Nor has anyone come to him yet to be disappointed.

A great Chinese Christian, Dr. T. C. Koo, was traveling in England, and came in touch with one of the world's noted professors of comparative religions. The professor asked Dr. Koo if he would tell him what it was that led him to renounce Confucianism to become a Christian. The Chinese leader's reply was this:

"Confucianism is a great system of ethics, good as far as it goes; but I find in my soul a hunger for a fellowship that is personal and satisfying. I cannot find this in a mere external system. I turned to Hinduism to find, there, that all is god and nothing is personal. This, too, leaves my soul hungry. I turned to Mohammedanism to find a god who is personal; but he is so far away that I am still left without fellowship.

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By H. B. Kuhnle
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The Assumption of Mary

Sermon Delivered on a Sunday Night in November

"Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."
—Hebrews 7:25

It is a wonderful thing to be an American. We are truly grateful for the freedoms we enjoy, chief among which is the freedom of religion. At this season of the year our nation is thinking of Thanksgiving Day, and we are reminded of the Pilgrim Fathers. Let us never forget that back of this picture is the quest for religious freedom.

I believe in religious freedom. It is one of the basic tenets of Baptists. We will defend any man's right to worship as he pleases, to believe as he pleases, even though, in so doing, he may violently disagree with us and even be hostile in his criticism, unkind and unchristian.

I believe in free speech—another Baptist tenet. To be able to disagree and yet live together as neighbors, each respecting the other's convictions, is a wonderful tribute to our American way of life.

I now exercise my freedoms in the matter of "freedom of religion" and "freedom of speech." My subject is, "The Assumption of Mary"—a dogma recently proclaimed by a group of Christian people. I cannot subscribe to this, and I shall tell you why. But if others feel they must believe this, then it is their concern, and it is not for me to attempt to coerce them, for I believe in religious freedom. Those who have accepted this teaching are still my friends, even though I cannot accept this dogma of their church.

The Story of the Assumption

From what I have been able to gather, the story of Mary's Assumption is as follows (from THE SUNDAY VISITOR, 9/10/50): "You ask what is the story about Mary's death and assumption of her body into heaven? It is told by St. John of Damascus in his second prayer on the 'Death of the Mother of God.' Although St. John of Damascus, a Doctor of the Church, lived in the seventh and eighth centuries he writes:

"We have received from an 'ancient' tradition that at the time of the death of the glorious Blessed Virgin, the Apostles, transported from different parts of the world, gathered at Jerusalem. While there, they had a visit from an angel and heard celestial sing-

ing. They were present when, with divine glory, she surrendered her holy soul into the hands of God. But her body, with angelic and apostolic hymnology, was deposited in a grave at Gethsemane.

"In that place the chants of the angels



continued for three days. But after three days, when the angelic chanting ceased, the Apostles who were present (Thomas, alone, who was absent, arrived on the third day, and wished to see the body of the mother of the Master) opened the tomb, but her body was not there. They found only the things in which the body was wrapped, from which an ineffably sweet odor proceeded, and they closed the grave.

"Stupefied by the miracle and its significance, they could think only that He, Whom it pleased to take flesh from the Virgin Mary to become man and to be born, while He remained the Eternal Word and the Lord of Glory, and Who preserved her virginity incorrupt after His birth, was pleased to

take her immaculate body, preserved incorrupt before the universal resurrection."

How Baptists Regard the Virgin Mary

We believe every Scripture concerning the Virgin Mary. Mention is made in the Old Testament of a 'virgin' bearing a son, the Christ of God, but the name, Mary, is not used in connection with the virgin. In the New Testament, Mary is mentioned by name—five times in Matthew, once in Mark, and seven times in Luke—a total of thirteen times.

From a study of the Scriptures we come to the conclusion that Mary was chaste and highly favored. She was used of God in a special way. But we do not find any teachings in the Scriptures to indicate that Mary was more than a woman. She is to be admired and respected, and we thank God for her. But God's Word does not teach that she is to be worshipped, prayed to, or made the object of adoration. Nowhere in Scripture is Mary referred as "Mother of God" or "The Queen of Heaven." We thank God for the Virgin Mary but we worship the Christ, not Mary the handmaiden of the Lord.

Why We Cannot Accept the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary

1. Because it is not taught in the Scriptures. Baptists ask but one question, namely, "Is it scriptural?" We accept all the Bible, and we reject everything not included in it. The assumption of Mary is not taught in the Scriptures.

Following, are some quotations taken from articles appearing in THE SUNDAY VISITOR. In these articles the writers admit there is no scriptural basis for the dogma of the assumption of Mary: "In the articles we shall tell why the feast of Mary's assumption was not observed before the sixteenth century, and why the Bible does not speak about it" (emphasis ours). This statement was taken from THE SUNDAY VISITOR of December 3, 1950. The same writer says in the referred-to article, "We agree that there is nothing in the Holy Scripture which directly reports such an event . . ." "Nowhere, however, is it explicitly stated in Scripture that Mary was taken body and soul into heaven. There is nothing in Scripture regarding the assumption of Mary that corresponds with the explicit statements regarding the ascension of Christ." (SUNDAY VISITOR, October, 29, 1950.)

On what then is the assumption of Mary based? You will notice, according to the story of Mary's death, it was St. John of Damascus who quoted an "ancient" tradition not contained in Scripture that when the disciples found not the body of Mary "they could think only that he . . . was pleased to take her . . . body . . . before the universal resurrection."

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First Coronation of G. A.'s at Prospect



PROSPECT, Ky., — The first Coronation of the Girls' Auxiliary was held at the Prospect Baptist Church on the night of November 1, under the direction of Mrs. Nell Marsh. In the picture are shown:

Front Row (left to right): Mrs. Ruth Yates, Junior G. A. Leader; Thelma Lowrey, Janice Vaughn, Barbara Marsh, and Eleanor Ernst, all Sunbeam Assistants; and Mrs. Nell Marsh, Intermediate G. A. Leader.

Second Row: Donnie Sheehan, Page; Anna Mae Burgin, Queen; Libby Skaggs, Queen; Jimmy Marsh, Page; Delois Sheehan, Queen; and Stanley Sheehan, Page.

Third Row: Doyle Fortney; Eugene Purvis; Barbara Hardin, Princess; Margaret Ann Vaughn, Princess; and Carroll Bristow, Princess.

Back Row: Carol Massey, Marjorie Gadd, Betty Hall, Ethel Hall, Clara Lawson, Ann Skaggs, all Maidens; Ruth Sheehan, Lady-in-Waiting; and G. C. Sills, Jr.

The Drama of a Baptist Literature

By H. C. Gabhart, Williamsburg, Kentucky

This is an attempted appraisal of the men and women who diligently, day by day, select, supervise, and distribute our literature for usage in all our organizations. They are a large host, devoted to what many would term a thankless task.

Having been associated with a newspaper before entering the ministry, I know something of their labors. Since entering my present pastorate, I have had several assignments from our Editorial Department in Nashville. Whether in the writing of devotionals for Open Windows or Sunday School lessons for the quarter of feature articles for departmental magazines, I have found a wonderful spirit of prayer and love emerging through the care and detailed analysis given each assignment.

Our churches are fortunate in being able to order as needed such splendid

literature. It is easy for the church secretary to fill out an order blank and open packages of quarterlies and periodicals and distribute to the various departments and organizations in the church's program, but there is much more to this drama of Baptist literature than such a short cycle.

Months before a quarterly reaches a junior lad (or other lads and lassies from the cradle to the grave), careful and prayerful labor has gone into the production of that quarterly which is destined, no doubt, to receive some pretty rough treatment before its life-span has been reached and its contents assimilated by a fast-growing youngster. Many steps go into the making of such literature, and from among the many, only several can be mentioned. Devout leaders select the yearly topics, keeping in mind the growing youngster, his

needs, and what would be a wise program of Bible study. After the topic, scripture lesson, and memory verse have been chosen, then the editorial division tries under the Spirit's leadership to select a capable, intelligent, and consecrated lesson writer. After the lesson writers have been chosen, they are invited to Nashville to a Writer's Conference. During the Writer's Conference the lessons for the year or quarter, as the case may be, are discussed from the angle of the meaning of the scripture, the needs of the pupils, how to teach the lesson, how to make the lesson personal for the pupil. Such a conference goes way beyond the intellectual experience, it is a spiritual experience never-to-be-forgotten.

The lesson writer leaves the conference to work on his first draft of the lesson. After he has completed his work, he sends it to Nashville where a careful reading is made by the department editor. Corrections, revisions, and suggestions are made. When the material is ready for the printer all is not over from the standpoint of the editorial department or the writer. Careful proof reading is done by two or three competent readers. Layouts, titles, and references are checked and double-checked. All quotations from books, magazines, and poems must be carefully footnoted. When the finished product rolls over the press many hands and hearts have contributed to its life. It, in itself, seems to live, to assume something of the personality of those who have brought it into being.

The importance of this work magnifies itself as we think of the many teachers, leaders, and pupils who will use it. The literature must be doctrinally sound, grammatically correct, and inspirational and challenging. Lives are shaped and changed by its contents. The spiritual life of the church is partially fashioned by its help. During these days when so much of what is coming off the printing presses is unworthy of meeting the eyes of young and old alike, we should feel deeply grateful to God that our editorial leaders are men and women of the lost and the edification of the saved as much as does the heart of the pastor or teacher.

I would like to add a similar expression of appraisal and gratitude to the editors of our state papers, but knowing the humility and modesty of our own editor, I must refrain from so doing if I have any hopes of getting this little article in THE WESTERN RECORDER.

Many, many times during the year, pastors and teachers receive kind expressions of appreciation and gratitude which, no doubt, are very much in order yet are brought about, to some degree at least, because of the splendid Baptist material at their disposal. So I believe this article is, likewise, in order and in the words of the dear old colored man: "Dem's my sentiments." I hope they are yours, too.

Dr. Fred T. Moffatt, Pastor
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Prayer Is The Answer

(Continued from last Week)

In the second place, prayer must have an objective. As you read the life of Christ again and again, you discover that His prayer is that the Father may be glorified in the Son. That ought to be the objective of all of our praying—that the Father may be glorified in the Son. But I want to share with you this fact, namely, that any lower motives will make us fail miserably.

During my first pastorate, which has always been my first love, Mrs. Moffatt, who is here, had a very serious illness when our first boy was born. (Thank God he is now a student in the Seminary in Louisville.) I had to take her to a specialist in Chicago. I'd go between Sundays, and sometimes come back on Wednesdays.

I got off the day coach one Wednesday morning about 11 o'clock, and four of my deacons met me. (Those deacons helped me more than anybody. I was young. I remember the first summer that two other churches talked about union services. I didn't know, and I went to one dear old deacon. I said, "You know the pastors are talking about union services." He put me where I belonged! I've never forgotten. He just looked at me and said, "Brother Moffatt, did we call you for half-time or full-time preaching?" O, I thank God for those men!)

Well, I got off the train that morning and I met those four men, and I thought they'd be anxious to hear about Mrs. Moffatt and the boy, but they had their minds on something else. They were solemn. They looked like pallbearers. It was a small town. We all walked. I had no car. Finally one that I call Tom said, "Brother So-and-So, while you were away, completely lost his mental balance. Five of us had to take him in one car to a private institution. They say there is no hope."

The man he mentioned had taught a class in the Junior Department; was a member of the Senior Choir, the clerk of the church; he always attended Prayer Meeting; and tithed his income.

Well, the deacon said, "This is Wednesday and we have met you, and we have given you the information. You can go by and see the folks," which I did.

A Great Prayer Meeting

On Wednesday night we had the Prayer Meeting. I always have the Prayer Meeting in the main auditorium,

from the first church I had. I said to the folks that night, "You know the situation. I have seen both of the physicians, and they say the man's mental equilibrium is gone forever." "But" I said, "I want us to have a real Prayer Meeting. We won't sing a hymn. I want you to get down on your knees."

I saw some of those stout women and men squeezing down, and they finally



got down on their knees. I said, "Now, we'll pray this one prayer, that God, in His mercy, will lay His healing hand upon this man, not for my sake, not for your sake, not for his sake, but for the glory of God!"

Oh, it was a real Prayer Meeting! We prayed and prayed and finally dismissed.

The Visit

In the morning I caught the five o'clock train, to go and see the man. I got to the city at seven in the morning, and took a taxi out to the private institution. I went to the desk and told the clerk my mission. She said, "You can't see him!" I had my Bible in my hand, and I said, "Now listen, I'm a Baptist minister, and this man..." "Oh," she said, "you can't, . . . !"

Well, of course, I have some Irish. My father was Irish, my mother was Scotch, and sometimes the Irish gets the ascendancy. And the Irish began to work

on the inside. And I said, "Now listen, young lady, I've never said, to my knowledge, an unkind thing to a woman, and I'm not going to begin with you; but listen, I'm going to see that man!" Well, she stepped on a bell. It must have been a bell in the floor. In came a couple of fellows with white suits, and she said, "Here he is, throw him out!"

I said, "No you won't!" I got the superintendent who said, "Well, you can see him, but you will see him at your own risk."

We went up a stairs and they opened a steel door; they closed it on the third floor, finally, and said, "Now we'll stand on the outside. If you need us, let us know."

I went in. There was the man. His eyes were sunk and his face was drawn.

He said, "Brother Moffatt?" I said, "Yes." He said, "You going to lead in prayer with me?"

And I did. As I looked at the man I said, "When did you begin to feel better?" (This was Thursday morning.) He said, "I don't know. Last night, after dark the presence of God was so real in this room that I had to pull the blanket over my face; I couldn't stand the brightness of His holiness."

That was when the old church was praying for the glory of God!

Oh, you say, "Brother Moffatt, you're a fanatic." Well, that's all right. You can call me anything that you want! That doesn't make any difference to me! But I want to tell you, I'm getting sick and tired and nauseated in our congregations that become so sophisticated and so filled with human egotism and which try to make an impression instead of taking God at his word!

That He May Be Glorified

That the Father may be glorified in the Son! I could tell you pastors the way I begin. I begin in our church with our deacons. I have four different deacons meet me every Sunday morning in my study. There's no "How are you?" and "What did Kentucky do?" and "Did Parilli make..." Oh, no! If they're late to come in, and there's plenty of room, they just kneel down and pray.

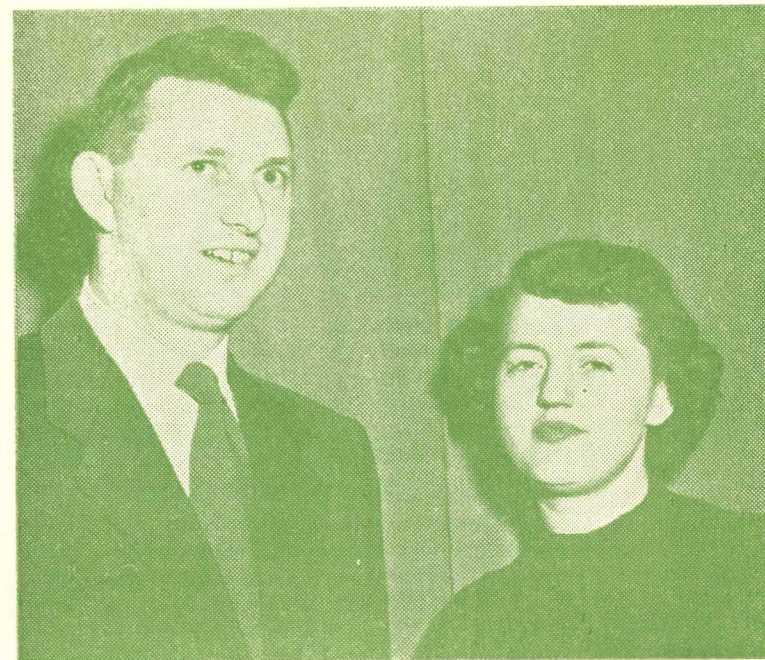
Now I'm certainly thrilled about this Simultaneous Revival that's coming, but I'm so afraid. I wouldn't predict, but I don't think we'll get anywhere—we won't get to first base unless we first of all have a revival of prayer! There's no chance of any one of us pulling ourselves up by our boot straps!

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Christmas Breezes: Christmas comes but once a year, and whaddya know, it's almost here! Last Christmas seems but a few months back—they pass so fast you soon lose track. It slips upon you before you know it; you get some dough, and then you blow it.—Emory Moore.

By Edison H. Thomas

Going To Jerusalem



The Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Francis, who leave on January 1, for Palestine as Agricultural Missionaries. Among the very first to be appointed as missionaries of this type, they will operate a farm near Tel Aviv for the benefit of Christian Jews. (Photo by Edison H. Thomas)

New Year's Day, 1951, will mark an entirely new year in more ways than one with the Rev. and Mrs. T. H. Francis. On that date, their ship is scheduled to start them on a journey to Palestine.

"Tom," as he was known to his friends at Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, where he has been a student for the past two years, and his wife have been appointed Agricultural Missionaries to that country.

"I'll be operating a farm," Tom said. Owned by Southern Baptists it consists of about 40 acres and is located in the new State of Israel, near the city of Tel Aviv. Tom says that the seasons are so mild that four crops a year are not uncommon. Returns from its operation will go toward helping the Christian Jews in that area.

"Tom and his wife are among the first to receive this type of appointment. 'We will go to Jerusalem first,' they said, and this visit will probably be a highlight of their journey.

The real highlight in Tom's life was on Sunday, December 3, when he was ordained a minister. This took place at the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, the church he and his wife call "home."

WESTERN RECORDER

Church, in Trigg County, where he was born.

He attended grade school at the little country school near the church where he was converted, and later was graduated from Trigg County High School at Cadiz. He completed his course at Southern Seminary on November 18.

He is the son of Mrs. Isabelle Thomas Francis and the late O. H. Francis. His mother, and grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Vernon Thomas, reside in Cadiz and Trigg County.

Mrs. Francis is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Alvey, 2335 Frederica, Owensboro, Ky., and is a graduate of the Owensboro Senior High School. She also attended the Owensboro Business College.

Christmas And Human Limitations

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"I turned to the West to find that there things are in the saddle—banks, factories, offices, railroads and such life.

"I finally turned to the New Testament and found Jesus the Saviour. He gave me a satisfying view of God as the Heavenly Father. He gave me a satisfying view of man as one who bore the image of God, and who therefore is my brother. He gave me a most satisfactory view of property as something that we can use in serving God and in helping our fellow men. He gave me a most wholesome and satisfying conception of life as our opportunity for enrichment, for growth, for usefulness.

"I accepted Jesus as my Saviour and Lord and have found and am finding in His fellowship and in His service a joy and a blessing that I could not otherwise imagine. And so, professor, I propose to go on with this fellowship and in this service through time and eternity. The further I go with it, the better it becomes. This, Sir, is why I became a Christian, and why I shall remain a Christian forever."

When the One Who gave us Christmas is the One Who does all this for us, can one ask further, "What is the connection between Christmas and the matter of human limitations?" Instead of raising this question, I shall turn to my task singing as I go,

"My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame:
But wholly lean on Jesus' Name
On Christ the solid rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand."

LET'S: It's Christmastide! Let's clean the slate of every old-year grudge or hate. Let's pin a sprightly sprig of holly upon dull care and melancholy. Let's reach out friendly hands and grip each other in warm comradeship.—Sunshine.



"Let Christ come into your home this Christmas"—a worthy admonition!

Revelation 3:20 pictures the Master standing at the door of a church, knocking for entrance. Could we not hear Him saying at our home doors, also, "Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in and sup with him and he with me?"

Our Lord found rebuffs in the world. "He came unto his own, and his own received him not" (John 1:11). But to those who opened their hearts, "gave he power to become the sons of God."

The Wise Men from the East came asking, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" (Matt. 2:2). What would our answer be to that question today? At the right hand of the Father making intercessions for us? Yes. In the hearts of those who really love Him? Yes. But could we not say, also, "He is standing on the outside of many hearts and homes, knocking for entrance, this Christmas time"?

"There's a Stranger at the door;
Let Him in!
He has been there oft before;
Let Him in!
Let Him in ere He is gone;
Let Him in, the Holy One,
Jesus Christ, the Father's Son;
Let Him in!"

(J. B. Atchinson.)

Love Makes The Difference

Jesus had been preaching in a certain place (Luke 7:31-50). Pharisee Simon was in the audience. A lot of people didn't like the sermon. Some did. It's always that way when there's real preaching.

When the sermon was over, Simon asked Jesus to come home with him for dinner. He accepted. Maybe Simon was like some today — wanted to have a celebrity in his house.

There are those who would run over a farm tractor just to get to say they shook hands with So-and-so or had So-and-so in the house for a meal. But let's be fair. Maybe Simon wanted to learn more. Well, he did. He learned why people do like they do.

The custom in those days was to lie down to eat, reclining on the elbow. They lay on a couch with their feet away from the table.

While Jesus was eating with the others, a woman came in. I think the woman had likely been in the audience that day, too, and had heard the sermon by Jesus. And I think God had convicted her of her sins, and that she had been saved, trusting Jesus as her Saviour. Yes, something had happened in her heart. After the service, she inquired around and found where Jesus had gone for dinner. Then she bought some ointment and went to Simon's house.

With a new joy in her heart and with a sense of forgiven sins, she knelt down at Jesus' feet and just cried for joy. Her tears fell on His feet. Seeing them, she wiped the tears away with her long hair and then put the ointment on his feet. She had been converted and she felt she just had to do something for Jesus her Saviour. That's the way people feel and the way they want to do when they are born again.

When Jesus did not raise objections to what the woman was doing, Simon, who knew little or nothing about the behavior of new-born souls (some don't even know today), said to himself, "If this man were really a prophet, if he were really what he claims to be, he would know what kind of a woman this is, and he wouldn't let her so much as touch his feet."

But Jesus knew Simon's thought, and He said, "Simon, there's something you ought to know, and I'm going to tell you. I came to your house as your guest. But you neglected even the small courtesy of a pan of water to wash the road dust from my feet. But this woman washed them with her tears and wiped them with her hair. You did not give me the customary greeting when I came in, but this woman has even kissed my feet and anointed them. You want to know WHY I permitted it. I'll tell you why, and I'll tell you why she did what she did, and I'll tell you why you didn't do any more for me. She LOVED much, and you DIDN'T love much.

A change of heart — love in the heart for Jesus — makes the difference. It does today. It always will. There's but one reason why people do not do much for Jesus — they do not love Him much. Just as real faith always leads to works, so the divinely planted love makes us want to do whatever we can for Jesus Who saved us.

BUT SOMEBODY SAYS—

"I want to do for Jesus, and I love Him. But I don't have the means to express my affection." There was a story written in the Bible just for such people. You can read it in Mark 12:41-44. Jesus was in the temple and sitting near the box into which the people were dropping their offerings. He was watching HOW the people cast in the money. Not HOW MUCH, mind you, but HOW. He was not watching primarily the money, but the PEOPLE and their devotion to the house of God and His cause.

There were those who had a lot of money and who gave large amounts. We thank God for those who have much and give much!

But as Jesus was sitting there, watching the people, a

What Do YOU Say?

Albert A. Michelson, in SCIENCE DIGEST said: "I believe that I shall be much more likely to interest you in talking about what I know than by repeating what someone else knows."

That is a great truth, one we ought to remember. The man who himself knows what he's talking about convinces his hearers. While it is good to quote from thinkers who are trusted (we exercised that right in the first paragraph), we convince others when we know, first hand, and by experience, the truth we declare. And we ought to tell it with tongues and hearts aflame. Jesus said to the Roman ruler, "Sayest thou this thing of THYSELF, or did someone tell thee?"

The man who has had a deep and abiding experience with Christ and tells about it in his own way and in his own words will be far more effective than the man who can quote a thousand opinions others have. We need, always, to go forth telling "what great things the Lord hath done" FOR US.

►There has been a net gain of 166 missionaries of the Foreign Mission Board during the last three years. The Board has entered and begun work, during those three years, in Southern Rhodesia, Switzerland, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Korea, Formosa, Philippine Islands, Thailand (Siam), Indonesia, India, and Malay Straits.

►Andrew M. Hall writes: "I read the other day in a current book that the people in our country in one year spent twice as much for dog food as for missions. Sixty million dollars worth of dog food may be a worthy expenditure, but it occurred to me that actually we have been twice as concerned about a dog's howl as a soul's cry." And it's not only dogs, Brother Hall, there are a lot of things Americans and even some church members love better than souls, judging from expenditures!

poor widow came up. There was something unusual in her face — something which caught Jesus' eye at once. There were signs of a great devotion to God's house and the cause it represented. And when Jesus saw her, and what and why she was giving, He motioned to His disciples to come up close, where they could hear and watch. And as they listened and looked, He said, "Verily I say unto you, This poor widow hath cast in more than all they which have cast into the treasury."

The poor widow's LOVE made her gift great, not the amount. God looks not on how much we give, but on how much we could have given and would have given if we had loved Him more. It is love that makes the difference. Great love always catches the eye of the Son of God.

In the light of this truth, ought we not to take a look at ourselves? Maybe He would say to us as He did to Simon, "I have somewhat to say unto thee."

Shouldn't We Keep Our Terms Straight?

Now and then we see or hear statements which refer to houses of worship as "churches". Such statements even appear from time to time in Baptist publications. Errors like this may have appeared in news reports, etc., in this paper.

We know the English dictionaries apply the word "church" to houses of worship. But Baptists, who claim the New Testament as their rule, ought to stick to the old Book, not the English dictionaries. The dictionaries blunder gravely at a lot of points in definitions of things religious.

The word "church", in the New Testament, always refers to people, never to houses in which churches assemble. A church is a body of baptized believers, and the world will understand us better if we keep our terms straight, everywhere.

New California Secretary Will Take Office January 1

FRESNO, Calif.—(BP)—Dr. S. G. Posey, professor in Golden Gate Seminary and pastor, Calvary Church, Berkeley, Calif., has accepted the position of state secretary for California Baptists. He succeeds Dr. A. F. Crittendon and will take office January 1.

Posey was born near Brookhaven, Miss. After graduation from Southwestern Seminary in 1918 he returned to Mississippi where he remained in various pastorates until 1926. From 1926-1935 he served the Coliseum Place Baptist Church in New Orleans. From 1935-1944 he served First Baptist Church, Austin, Texas and from 1944-1947, Temple Church, San Antonio. He has been Director of the Department of Religious Education in Golden Gate Seminary since 1947.

He has been active in various Kiwanis Clubs and is at present member of the Commonwealth Club in San Francisco.

His hobbies include rose growing, Spanish literature, and hydroponics. (Webster says hydroponics means the growing of plants, especially vegetables, with their roots immersed in an aqueous solution containing the essential mineral nutrient salts, instead of in soil).

Posey has for many years been regarded as one of the most useful preachers in the Southwest.

All Co-operative Program Gifts Go Now To Foreign Missions

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Nov. 30.(BP)—All Co-Operative Program gifts received in the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee office during December will go to Foreign Mission advance. According to Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

Tennessee sent in \$30,000 today to

push Southern Baptist Convention gifts past the required \$6,672,500 mark. The first Co-operative Program check for \$3,218.18 to Foreign Mission advance is enroute from November gifts. Dr. Merrill D. Moore, director of promotion, calls attention to the significance of this event. He said, "The knowledge that all Southern Baptist Convention gifts for Co-operative Program during December will go to Foreign Mission advance should stimulate us to make the largest Co-operative Program offerings in our history during this month. Let us advance!"

O. T. Binkley Elected Southeastern President

ATLANTA, Ga. — (BP) — Dr. O. T. Binkley, professor of Christian ethics and sociology, in Southern Seminary, has been elected the first president of Southeastern Seminary. If he accepts he will reside at Wake Forest, N. C., where the Seminary is expected to open next September.

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE,
State Secretary

FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

Our prayer and wish for you and yours is that you may enjoy that peace and happiness that comes only to those who faithfully serve our Lord and Christ, whose birthday we celebrate. Byron C. S. DeJarnette Jane Cole Edward Earl Joiner Ava Albro Dorothy Blankenship George Fletcher

Kentucky at Ridgecrest

About 500 from Kentucky attended the Leadership Assembly at Ridgecrest, N. C. in July. The dates for the three weeks in 1951 are July 12-August 1. Reservations should be made before January 1.

State Assembly

The Seventh State Assembly at Clear Creek was attended by 250, a larger number in regular attendance the whole week than last year. It was one of our very best. The tentative date for the Eighth Assembly is August 11-17, 1951.

Some Present Vital Needs

1. Knowledge of and application of principles, plans, and methods of Training Union work as outlined in the Manuals and successfully used in churches and associations.
2. More time for better reports and discussions of Training Union work in every church and association.
3. All associations fully and permanently organized and functioning with responsible officers serving long enough to plan the work and work the plans.
4. Every church with a fully graded Training Union for all its members.
5. All adults in the Training Union as officers and leaders or as members of the Adults' Unions, and all children in the Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Story Hours.
6. Every association and church conducting an Enlargement Campaign and studying the manuals.
7. Every church providing for Training Union needs by doing what is necessary in the way of new building, remodeling, or re-arranging.
8. Every Church conducting a church-wide Study Course for all Ages.
9. All Unions doing evangelistic, missionary, and extension work.
10. All Unions adopting and using the Standards of Excellence as a program of work.
11. To see that Training Union and Sunday School, being the only organized agencies of the church for the entire resident membership, are church

THE STORY HOUR CORNER

Miss Ava Albro
State Story Hour Worker

As the first of the year draws near, it is natural for us to think of the past year and its experiences. As 1950 comes to a close, I am thinking of the past five years and their many interesting experiences. Most of all, these things stand out in my mind and I shall always be grateful for them:

The privilege of coming to work with the Training Union Department in December 1945.

My first actual study course at the Glasgow Baptist Church, the first week of December, 1945.

The privilege of working with Intermediates and Intermediate leadership from December, 1945 to June, 1947.

The opportunity of placing major emphasis on Story Hour work since June, 1947.

The fifty opportunities I have had to teach the *Story Hour Leadership Manual*.

The growth from less than 400 Story Hours in 1947 to almost 800 in December 1950.

The very fine Approved Workers who have aided us so wonderfully—Miss Dorothy Blankenship in the past and these, at present: Nursery—Mrs. J. C. Bullard; Beginner—Mrs. O. C. Markham; Primary—Miss Christine Hesse.

The Convention Leaders who have cooperated so well—Mrs. G. R. Pendergraph, Miss Christine Hesse, and Mrs. Mildred Oaks.

The Story Hour workers from the churches who have "backed us up" in everything we have done.

The very gracious homes in which we have been entertained during these years.

The Training Union Department and all of its workers who have been so cooperative and helpful in every way in this new venture in children's work.

The growth of the feeling of importance of Story Hour work—and the realization that a Training Union must provide a place for the children and that, to do the most successful piece of work, this Story Hour work must be graded.

There will always be a special place in my heart for Training Union work and Story Hour work. I shall always remember you and hope that you will remember me in prayer as I go. I shall be praying for an increased growth in this very important phase of our work—the work with these "little ones" whom Jesus loved so very much.

twins, and should be given equal consideration.

12. Larger State Department budget, equal to that of the Sunday School.

Warnings From Your Health Department

Health officials throughout the state are becoming increasingly concerned over the sudden rise in diphtheria in Kentucky. At present there is an unusually high number of cases in the south central part of the state, with some of these in the high school age group. There have been 15 deaths from diphtheria from January to October this year.

"Parents have made the mistake of thinking that once the child is immunized and given a booster dose on entering school he is safe from diphtheria for life," said Dr. Robert Hansen, Director of the Division of Preventive Medicine of the Kentucky State Department of Health. "They are finding out too late the folly of this notion, for children need booster doses at five-year intervals and on into young adulthood."

State Health Department officials recommend that babies be immunized when they are from three to six months of age. Many physicians routinely give a triple vaccine which protects the child from whooping cough and tetanus, as well as diphtheria.

With the slackening of immunization, there is the constant danger of an epidemic, Dr. Hansen pointed out. Diphtheria, which is commonest in colder months, may cause death or result in permanent injury to the heart, nerves, or kidneys.

Since there is a definite immunizing agent available, there is no excuse—other than ignorance or negligence—for diphtheria, smallpox or typhoid fever.

Immunizations are available from the family physician or your county health department.

SOMETIMES

Across the fields of yesterday
He sometimes comes to me,
A little lad just back from play—
The lad I used to be.
And yet he smiles so wistfully,
Once he has crept within,
I wonder if he hopes to see
The man I might have been.

—Thomas S. Jones, Jr.

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Christmas Greetings!

May the Star of Bethlehem guide you in faith anew to worship the One who is "Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace!" May the joyous songs of the Heavenly Chorus dwell in your heart! May the example of the Wise Men and the Shepherds inspire you to come with a worthy gift to the King of Kings! Sincerely,

Odessa L. Ferguson	Helen Sinclair
Marjorie Jones	Ann Griffin
J. C. Ballew	Sue Coker
Annie Allen	Mary Konkle

Long Run B. W. C. Officer's Clinic

Tuesday, November 14, at 6:15 p. m. one hundred and six B. W. C. officers of Long Run B. W. C. Federation met at Immanuel Church in Louisville for their officers' clinic. A delicious turkey supper was served by the ladies of the host church. Immediately following the dinner the entire group assembled in the main auditorium for a short business session and a devotional period led by Miss Barbara Moriston. They then adjourned to conferences led by the following: Chairmen, Miss Jane T. Kent; Vice-chairmen, Mrs. L. M. Polhill; Program chairmen, Mrs. Hugh R. Petersen; Secretaries and Editors, Mrs. W. L. Dennis and Mrs. J. B. Massie; Community Missions, Miss Edna Moody; Mission Study, Miss Elaine Neeley; Stewardship, Mrs. C. M. Morrison; Advisors, Mrs. John T. Steverson.

B. W. C. Guides, Community Missions Guides, 1950-51 Kentucky W. M. U. Guide Books, Membership charts, and Foreign Mission Study Books on Africa were provided for easy purchase. The Baptist Book Store also furnished pencils and note-books, gratis.

A great deal of interest was manifested by each group and it is expected that an outstanding Federation will become even more proficient in administration of the Lord's work.

The Clinic was under the direction of Miss Edna Moody, State B. W. C. Federation President and Mission Study Chairman of Long Run Federation.

Steps For Young People's Organizations

Two new steps have been added to our Forward Step program for members of Girl's Auxiliary. These steps are entirely optional. One is the Honor Queen for Junior G. A.'s only who have completed the Queen step and are not

yet ready to be promoted into the Intermediate G. A. The other step is for the Intermediate G. A. who has completed her Queen Regent work and desires to continue to work on the Forward Steps until she is promoted into the Y. W. A. This step is the Queen in Service.

Work for the 8-year-old Sunbeam has been also added. This is the work for the Superior Sunbeam. There are 12 projects for the 8-year-old Sunbeam to complete before he or she is awarded the certificate for the Superior Sunbeam. Information concerning these three steps may be obtained from the State W. M. U. Office.

To Remind You Of The G. A. Houseparty Requirements

Girls planning to attend the Georgetown and Bethel Houseparties must be Intermediates who have completed the requirements for Princess in their Forward Steps. Those planning to attend Campbellsville houseparty must be Juniors and Intermediates who have completed their Lady in Waiting step. Those planning to attend the Cumberland houseparty must be Juniors or Intermediates who have completed their Maiden step. It is advised to let only those girls who are active in their G. A. work and who have completed a step during the past year attend a houseparty.

Free Identification Cards For Girl's Auxiliary Members

Free identification cards for G. A.'s may be obtained from the State W. M. U. Office. When ordering please state the number wanted.

Shirts Andackets For Royal Ambassadors

T-shirts and jackets may be ordered from the State W. M. U. Office for the Royal Ambassadors. Order from J. C. Ballew, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville.

Washington Baptists Elect Layman Head

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—Herbert Ludwig, a retired government employee, was elected to succeed Frank Bures as president of Washington, D. C. Baptists. The convention also adopted a budget of \$176,000. All outside mission money will be divided half and half between American and Southern Baptists.

Dr. N. Chandler Stith, executive secretary of the convention, announced that more than two million dollars has been spent during the past year by Washington area Baptist churches on new buildings or renovation of old buildings.

George B. Fraser, treasurer, said a \$56,000 debt owed on the District Baptist Headquarters, 1628 16th Street, N. W., a year ago, will be wiped out within the next several months.

Prayer Is The Answer

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Doctor Truett

I remember when I had the beloved Doctor Truett with us in Frankfort for a revival meeting. Bob Coleman came with him and Mrs. Truett came. I was so thrilled and excited. He got in on a Tuesday night. We were back in the study. The music had begun. I was nervous in the presence of this wonderful man. Finally I said, "Doctor Truett, it's about time; they've been singing now for about ten minutes."

Doctor Truett said, "Let's kneel." I knelt at a chair, and he knelt. I want to tell you, I've never heard such a prayer! He just told the Lord. He said, "I'm only George Truett. I don't possess anything. I'm only a stammering sinner, saved by grace, and he said, "God, unless you do it, it won't be done!" We never had a service without professions of faith.

I hold my own revival meeting almost every other year. I like to do it. Had one awhile ago. We had 150 additions in ten days. I baptized 113 on the second Sunday night and it took two hours to do it. But it wasn't anything that I did. It was the revival of prayer that preceded the so-called revival in the church. People were praying!

As Brother Pettigrew said a moment ago, "People are taking hold of the hem of the garment of Christ and they refuse to let go." Prayer is union.

(Continued Next Week)

A man riding on a city bus got up and gave a lady his seat. She fainted. When she came to, she said, "Thank you sir." Then the man fainted.—Copied.

Christmas
Greetings
From
A
Friend

The Assumption of Mary

(Continued From Page 4)

Another writer says, "Just as Christ's body, after his cruel death was taken up, glorified, into heaven, so it is reasonable to believe that the body of Mary . . . should have been assumed into heaven" (SUNDAY VISITOR, November 3, 1950). The same writer says, "There while still living, revealed the manner in which Mary left the world." Based only on tradition and human reasoning the same writer frankly admits, "It is on such data that the assumption theme developed in the Church. It is on such data that theologians (in fairness he should have said 'our theologians') argue to Mary's assumption."

It is tremendously important that we know what is in the Bible. It is equally important that we know what is not in the Bible. Baptists accept all the Bible and we do not find any teaching even remotely hinting at Mary's assumption. The church advocating the assumption of Mary places tradition on the same plane as the Word of God and even above the Holy Scriptures. One dignitary of that church says, "The Scriptures alone should not be declared the rule of faith . . . for 'our worship and our beliefs in their entirety depend on tradition.'" Another authority in that same church has made the statement, "Today we live one-tenth on the Bible and nine-tenths on tradition. Tradition is greater than the word of the Bible." (All emphasis ours.)

Here is where we part company, theologically, with these Christians. Just as we part company with friends and neighbors, politically, so we part company with them theologically, yet remaining friends and neighbors—each having his own view and respecting the convictions and views of his fellowman. We part company because Baptists must have Scripture for their faith. Tradition has no standing with us whatsoever. As Baptists we have found the Word of God to be the instrument which the Holy Spirit uses to enable a man to become a new creature in Christ Jesus, the one thing alone able to give a man spiritual light and understanding; the only guide for our churches and the only thing to mature Christians. With Baptists it is the Word of God, not questionable tradition.

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Because It Places Mary In The Role of Intercessor

The church in question teaches men to pray to Mary, that she in turn might intercede and present our petitions to Christ. This is not taught in Scripture. It is never commanded in Scripture. We have no record that it was ever practiced in the days of the early church, and we know it did not begin until the fifth century. Feasts were not held in Mary's honor until the seventh century. There is not one verse in all the Bible which tells us Mary intercedes with Christ in our behalf. There is not one verse in all the Bible which declares Mary is the dispenser of God's favors. Mary, herself, never invited or commanded anyone to pray to her or worship her. God never commanded anyone to pray to Mary. The apostles never commanded or urged anyone to pray to or worship Mary. God never commanded anyone to put his trust in Mary. There is not one verse which tells us to look to Mary in the hour of death. Mary has never had and never will have anything to do with the soul's salvation. **WHAT SAITH THE SCRIPTURES?** "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (Jno. 14:6). "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest" (Matt. 11:28). "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus" (1 Tim. 2:5). "For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (Acts 4:12).

"I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish" (Jno. 10:28).

I imagine Peter knew quite a bit, don't you? How strange that in his writings he never even mentioned Mary, but he did say, concerning Christ, "For He received from God the Father, honor and glory, when there came such a voice to him from the excellent glory, 'This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased . . .'" and this voice which came from heaven we heard, when we were with him in the holy mount" (2 Pet. 1:17, 18). Peter exalted Christ as did God the Father. Peter did not exalt Mary, or point men to Mary.

I imagine Paul knew quite a bit, don't you? To me it is very significant that in all his writings he never once mentioned Mary (much less so the assumption of Mary), but Paul did say concerning Christ, "For he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in him should all fullness dwell" (Col. 1:18,19).

The writer of Hebrews says, "Wherefore he is able to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercessions for them" (Heb. 7:25).

According to the Bible there is no assumption of Mary. According to the Word of God Mary does not intercede with Christ for sinners. Because God's Word is true every man can come to the Christ who said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life." With love in our hearts for all men, even though they may differ from us, our sincere prayer is that the Word of God may be exalted, that men might know the truth and in knowing it be made free.

Season's Greetings to Kentucky Baptists

From the children, staff and Board of Trustees

SPRING MEADOWS

Middletown,

Kentucky

Sunday School Department

W. A. GARDINER
State Secretary

They Are Again Standard

The following Sunday schools have again qualified as standard. This is as it should be with every church.

Lexington, Porter Memorial—Pastor O'Ray Weeks; Superintendent O. L. White.

Paducah, East—Pastor Sam Sloan; Superintendent J. H. Fitch.

Old Cedar—Pastor W. M. Wilson; Superintendent Charles Hodson.

Mt. Washington—No Pastor; Superintendent Roy A. Tinsley.

Fairview—Pastor Virgil Wright; Superintendent Ransom Arnold.

Hart—Pastor Jewell Arthur; Superintendent Shirley Pope.

Wolf Creek—Pastor Hugh Chambliss; Superintendent Logan Greer.

Greensburg—Pastor B. B. Hilbun; Superintendent Hugh Howell.

East Pittsburg—Pastor J. L. Bill; Superintendent L. T. Bullock.

Jeffersontown—Pastor Raymond E. Connell; Superintendent Frank McQuillen.

OUR TASK

By J. N. Barnett

A fresh, personal, and constant effort at restating our task as Sunday school leaders is necessary to growing effectiveness in promoting our work. What are our chief concerns?

PEOPLE—

The Sunday school exists to serve people, ALL the people. We must lead the churches to reach people faster.

BIBLE—

The Bible is God's message to man, the textbook of the Sunday school. It is "The Sword of the Spirit." It is the Sunday school worker's tool. God honors His Word.

JESUS—

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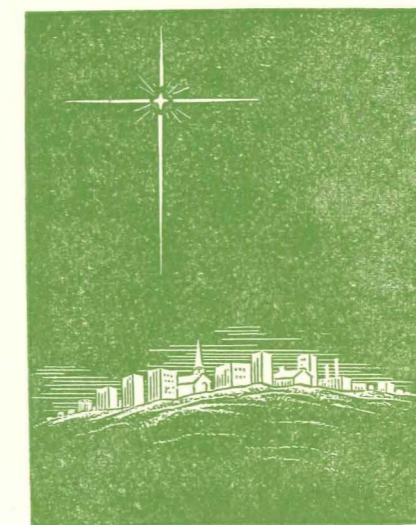
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The Sunday school is the most effective means a church has for ministering to the spiritual needs of all the people. Our task is to help the churches understand and use the Sunday school for right purposes. We help churches best when we show them how to help themselves.



Education Commission Elects New Secretary

RICHMOND, Va. — (BP) — The Southern Baptist Convention Education Commission elected an executive secretary. He is Dr. Richard Orin Cornett, 37, vice-president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Dr. Cornett is a layman and has majored in physics. A native Oklahoman and a graduate of O. B. U., he received his Ph. D. from the University of Texas in 1939. The author of several textbooks in physics and mathematics, he lectured at Harvard University from 1942-45 on electronics.

He will have offices in Nashville, Tenn., beginning February 1.

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Work Started On New Educational Building Glasgow Baptist Church

GLASGOW, Ky., Dec. 5. — The excavation for the new three-story \$125,000 educational building of the Glasgow Baptist Church has been started. The new structure is to be of brick, concrete and steel. Pastor Bradford Curry and the chairman of the building committee, Elbert J. Myers, anticipate that the new building will require a year to a year and a half for completion.

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The Survey Bulletin

By PORTER ROUTH

Facts Of Interest

The wholesale commodity price index (1926 equal 100) hit a record high of 171.1 on November 18, compared with 168.7 on Oct. 21, and 151.6 on Nov. 19, 1949.

Southern agriculture took a shot in the arm and cotton prices soared above 45 cents a pound. A year ago the price was just under 30 cents a pound.

Television companies have announced they will change their advertising emphasis that children without television sets would develop an inferiority complex. Papers carrying the ads were flooded with protests.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued orders to railroads to drop segregation of white and Negro travelers on interstate dining cars.

A recent survey by the Chicago Daily News of five public high schools in Chicago indicated that more than half of those questioned were casual drinkers, one out of five of the teen-agers had been drunk at least once.

And now publishers have come out with a "Happy Mother Goose." The "blind mice" become "kind mice", and Jack and Jill tumble down the hill without injury.

In The World Of Religion

The Russell Sage Foundation reports that giving in the United States has increased from \$1,200,000,000 in 1929 to \$4,000,000,000 in 1949. The Foundation reports that 60 per cent of the philanthropy in the U. S. comes from those with annual incomes of less than \$3,000 while 82 per cent of the total comes from those with less than \$5,000 annual income.

The Sage Foundation report indicates those with net incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 give the smallest percentage of their income to their

church and to charities, only 1.9 per cent on an average.

The Foundation Report reveals that the average family of four with an income of \$5,004 spent \$96.89 for contributions in 1949 while it spent \$111 for tobacco, \$218 for alcoholic beverages, and through taxes it spent \$376 for national defense, \$120 to aid European recovery through the Marshall Plan, and \$58 for social security payments to the needy aged, dependent children and the blind.

The Catholic Church Extension Society reports nearly \$2,000,000 spent for Home missions in the U. S. by the church during the past year.

A recent Detroit survey indicated that only 3 per cent of the population of that city expressed no church preference, 54

per cent expressed Protestant preference, 38 per cent Roman Catholic.

The American Lutheran Church estimates that 80 per cent of its 496,000 confirmed membership attended services of the church on Loyalty Sunday, Nov. 19.

Baptist Highlights

Texas Baptists will seek to win 250,000 to Christ during the next year. William Fleming was re-elected president. More than 12,000 heard Billy Graham in closing address to the Convention.

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I do not think I'll ever be much help around a Christmas tree, a smiling tree that gaily gleams, whose friendly rafters kiss the beams. When I festoon the tree with spangles, I usher in domestic wrangles. I yearn to show where things should go, but I'm, alas, malapropos. I'm like the funny circus clown: what others hang up I knock down. Poems are made by fools like me, but only wives can trim a tree. —Arthur L. Lipman.

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Louisville Area News

George Bridges To Become Chaplain In U. S. Air Force

The Farmdale Baptist Church observed Sunday, November 19, as GEORGE BRIDGES DAY. This was the last day Brother Bridges was with us, and he brought the evening message, using as his subject, "This Same Jesus," which was very challenging and well received. At the close of the service the church presented him with a fine piece of luggage.

Brother Bridges left Louisville on November 26 for Fort Dix, New Jersey, for processing into the United States Air Force. After a few days at Fort Dix, he will report to Chaplain's School at Carlisle Barracks in Pennsylvania.

George is a product of Farmdale Baptist Church, having had all his early training here. He was licensed to preach here and preached in both the old and new buildings. He graduated from Georgetown College in 1947 and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1950.

We are proud of George and the fine record he has made. He is a member of Farmdale Baptist Church, and we commend him to the new task that lies ahead. We feel confident he will make a good chaplain and spiritual leader of our men.—James Borders, Pastor, 1227 Farmdale Ave., Louisville, 13, Ky.

Dr. W. J. Shacklette Given Broad Recognition In Feature Story

Mr. Paul J. Hughes, Sr., wrote a feature article, "Doctor of Diversity," in THE COURIER-JOURNAL MAGAZINE of November 12. This story dealt with the many-sided Dr. Warner J. Shacklette, of Hodgenville. We dare say that Mr. Hughes consulted at length his dictionary of synonyms to find words to describe such versatility as he found in this veteran native of Brandenburg. The article was freely illustrated by many candid photo shots by Thomas V. Miller, Jr.

Three years ago the University of Louisville gave Doctor Shacklette a certificate of merit for the fifty years he has practiced medicine since his graduation from its School of Medicine.

Mr. Hughes' story on the 79-year-old Doctor Shacklette is a well-placed tribute. In the language of the recently popular slang, "It couldn't have happened to a nicer guy." Doctor Shacklette has long been a familiar figure in the First Baptist Church, Hodgenville. This writer has heard physicians offer excuses about not going to church. A most familiar one is, "I'm a physician and have to keep myself available for my

patients. Many of them can come to see me only on Sundays." Such excuses do not hold water. A more correct statement would be that they don't want to go to church.

Not so, Doctor Shacklette. If patients want to see him on Sunday they are most apt to find him at the Hodgenville Baptist Church, for he is there practically every time the doors are open. No preacher was ever more devoted to his Saviour and to his church than is Physician Shacklette.

In LaRue County he knows everybody and everyone knows him. His interests in life run all the way from the most primitive to the most cultivated, from the most practical to the spiritual. He is a "walking encyclopaedia," a "galivanting Baedeker," a collector of rocks, semi-precious stones, flint arrowheads and Indian lore, tableware, violins, postcards, pennants, a cultivator of roses, and he also goes in for painting pictures in oil, playing his old violins, practicing the lapidarian arts by grinding and polishing rocks he collects from all parts of the world, looking for their hidden beauty.

Years ago Doctor Shacklette built a log house in all its primitive, rustic simplicity, quite in keeping with the nearby and more famous log cabin which served as the birthplace of Abraham Lincoln. This log house serves him as a residence, a physician's office and as a miniature museum for objects de art, de relics, de antiques, de libros, et what-have you?

"Words fitly spoken are like pictures of gold in frames of silver."

Mrs. Madge Montgomery Leaves \$5,000 To The Bardstown Church

BARDSTOWN, Ky., Dec. 4.—The late Mrs. Madge Montgomery, Elizabethtown, left \$5,000 in her will to the Bardstown Baptist Church. Mrs. Montgomery was the former Mrs. Madge Bowles of Bardstown, a long time and active member, of the Bardstown Church before moving to Elizabethtown a few years ago.

Revival Meetings At Franklin Street And Ninth & O Churches

I was with Pastor I. Ferd Graves, Franklin Street Baptist Church here in the city. September 25 through October 6. We had a genuine revival within the church and some fine victories among adults in the altar. There were thirty-two additions to the church, twenty-four on profession of faith and baptism. Franklin Street Church has its own peculiar problems, but under the able leadership of Brother Graves

they are meeting and solving their problems in a beautiful way.

Ninth and O had a grand fall revival October 22—November 5. Dr. A. C. Baker led us in a two-weeks' campaign for church revival and evangelistic effort. We were blessed in abundance as a church by his pointed messages to the Lord's people. There were sixty-one decisions for membership, forty-seven of those being professions of faith. Some outstanding conversions among fathers and mothers made our revival even more thrilling. God truly blessed us through the ministry of A. C. Baker.—Roy C. McClung.

In Appreciation Of Those Who Have Helped With Cedarmore Camp

BAGDAD, Ky.—Cedarmore was very fortunate this summer to have Miss Doris Annis of Lexington, Kentucky, as dietician and manager of our dining room. She had all food set on tables in bowls, and they were refilled as long as the campers would eat. Under her supervision she had a staff of table servers who did a very fine job. Because of their hard work and fine spirit, it made the dining room a success.

In behalf of Long Run and its leaders, I would also like to express our appreciation to those whose names are listed below for the wonderful service they have given Cedarmore. They put in long hours and hard work. They expressed themselves as having enjoyed it very much. They saw the wonderful results coming from the girls and boys as they are being saved and are dedicating their lives to special service. They are:

Sylvia Chism, secretary; Benny Bob McPherson, lifeguard; Jim Murell, lifeguard; Alva G. Parks, storekeeper; Ruth Hardin, Norma Wood, Wilma Joyce Johnson, Elizabeth Kendall, Nora Taylor, Patricia Taylor, Mildred Thompson, Carole Swanay, Marcelline Shoemaker, Ruth Reed, Freda Quire, June Phelps, Jo Ann McMichael, Mabel Glass, Bonnie Dickens, Joyce Bishop, Doris Scarse, dining room girls; and Mrs. Ethel Wood, Mrs. Amy Montgomery, Mrs. Charles Hardin, and Mrs. Geneva Bishop, kitchen workers.—MARVIN BRYDWELL, Manager.

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Correcting the Name of the Donor of the J. J. Rucker Portrait

From Dr. John L. Hill, director of Ridgecrest and Glorieta Assemblies, with offices in Nashville, comes an appreciated letter calling attention to an error in the article, "Regarding J. J. Rucker, For Whom the Portrait Has Been Unveiled," which appeared on page 16 of the Western Recorder of December 7. Much of Dr. Hill's early life clusters about Georgetown College, so he knows its time-honored traditions and hallowed history.

The mistake made had to do with the name of the donor of the oil portrait. The name should have been printed James Jefferson Rucker Bristow, a grandson of the late Dr. Rucker, whereas we had it, "the gift of a relative, J. J. R. Briscoe, Dunedin, Fla.," etc. The error was first made, as Dr. Hill rightly says, in the Georgetown newspaper, and we copied the name of the donor from them.

Dr. Hill goes on to tell us some additional information which we are glad to pass on. "He [James Jefferson Rucker Bristow] is the son of the late Mrs. L. L. Bristow, Dr. Rucker's daughter, who was in charge of Rucker Hall for many years and whose memory is treasured by thousands of Georgetownians." Concluding his letter, Doctor Hill says: "Mr. Bristow is a successful Florida businessman and his desire to honor the memory of his grandfather is beautiful."

We are glad to have this correction, and want to set the matter straight.

Thomas Edward Gatton, Georgetown Student, Ordained To Ministry

BUECHEL, Ky., Dec. 4.—Thomas Edward Gatton was ordained to the Gospel ministry on November 22. The Stewartsville Baptist Church, in Ten Mile Association, to which he was recently called as pastor, requested his ordination.

The ordination council was called on that Wednesday by pastor W. W. Richardson from among the local pastors and ordained ministers, and the ordination service was held that night. The message and charge was delivered by Dr. J. J. Owens, teacher in the Southern Seminary. Rev. Eugene Daily presented the Bible, and Rev. B. B. Isley offered the ordination prayer. Special music was given by Rev. W. M. Parker.

All of the ministers thus far named, together with Chaplain Ferdinand L. Hipps, and Rev. H. E. Bradey, of Crider, participated in the laying on of hands. Mrs. Gatton, and Brother Gatton's parents were asked to stand by his side when the hand of Christian fellowship was extended.

Letters were granted to the Stewarts-

ville Baptist Church for Brother and Mrs. Gatton. He has one more year of work at Georgetown College.

Elvis H. Egge Preaches In Lancaster Revival

LANCASTER, Ky., Dec. 5.—The Lancaster Baptist Church was recently blessed by a revival November 5—12. The church's pastor, Elvis H. Egge did the preaching. Following the general theme, "Man's Queries and God's Replies," each sermon subject was in the form of a question, the answer which was given in the development of the

recently any Adult, Young Peoples or Primary Unions had 86 in attendance.

Brother Egge has been with the church five months, coming from the faculty of Georgetown College. In that time there have been 67 new members received, 35 of them coming for baptism.

A Call To Prayer

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

All American Christians who think sanely and seriously must recognize the abundance of God's material and spiritual blessings upon our land. God owes us nothing, but each of these blessings from God makes us debtors to the world and to God.

In the face of the terrible, tragic conditions of our world at war, we believe that all American Christians recognize also that America needs to get back to God before we can expect victory and peace in the world. We believe that a nation-wide sincere, yet sublime, confession of sins, and repentance toward God and away from sins, are "musts" if Christians are to pray for peace. God has made His promise in the Word: "If my people, which are called by name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land" (II Chron. 7:14).

Therefore, the Prayer Committee of the Louisville Baptist Pastor's Conference makes the following recommendations:

1. That each individual Christian make an honest confession and honorable repentance of sins before God;
2. That each of our churches place in its order of worship services a time for silent prayer for our men in the armed forces and for peace and victory;
3. That each of our churches have a special prayer time when the people can gather at the House of Prayer, the church, and pray together;
4. That all Christians join together at 7:00 P. M. daily to pray genuinely as individuals, family groups, or other groups as conditions permit.

[Adopted by Louisville Baptist Pastor's Conference on December 11, 1950 and printed by request.]



message. Rev. Sherman Swan, pastor of the Midway Baptist Church, led the singing.

The visible results were seven received for baptism and six by letter. Several other of professions of faith were made that have not been received for membership. There was also one rededication. Sunday school and Training Union attendance broke all records. A goal of 350 was set for November 12—the actual attendance was 399. The Training Union which has had only



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Northern Kentucky News

Ft. Thomas Becomes First Standard Nursery In Kentucky and the South

FORT THOMAS, Ky., Dec. 7.—The Nursery Department of the First Baptist Church, Fort Thomas, has not only the distinction of being the first standard nursery of the state, but also the first standard nursery reported for the new year in the entire Southern Baptist Convention. A letter and a certificate attesting to this fact have been received by Mrs. Lehmann, nursery superintendent.

We are justly proud of this distinction and realize it is through the splendid work of Mrs. Helen Lehmann and her staff of co-workers that this accomplishment has come. We have three nursery departments with the following as the capable workers: Mrs. Helen Lehmann, nursery superintendent; Mrs. Howell Hensley, Nursery I; Mrs. Joseph Hicinbothem, Nursery II; Mrs. Andrew Wright and Mrs. Franklin Shaw, Nursery III,

and Mrs. H. C. Floyd as the secretary for the entire nursery unit.

We congratulate this splendid department and these fine workers for this recognition which has come through their work with the boys and girls in our Sunday School.—Bulletin, OUR CHURCH, First Baptist Church, Fort Thomas, Ky.

Pastor and Mrs. Carl Sears are rejoicing over the arrival of their first child, a son, Carl Brent Sears, born November 22. Brother Sears, is a pastor of the Falmouth Baptist Church.

W. C. Fields, Bethany Pastor, Becomes A Chaplain, Bowman Field

Dr. W. C. Fields, pastor of Bethany Baptist Church in Louisville, has received a commission as Chaplain in the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary to the U. S. Air Force. He will serve as squadron Chaplain for the unit stationed at Bowman Field in Louisville, and will hold the rank of Captain. This new assignment will be in addition to his pastoral duties.

He that would live in peace and ease must not speak all he knows, nor judge all he sees.—Ben Franklin.

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Widow Of Late Rev. J. A. Pierce, Of Green County, Dies In Louisville

GREENSBURG, Ky., Dec. 2. — The funeral of Mrs. Louisa E. (Chaudoin) Pierce, 95 years of age, was conducted by Pastor Manley Towles, of Magnolia, assisted by Brother T. S. Curry, Campbellsville, at the Cowherd & Parrott Funeral Home, Greensburg, and the Trammell's Creek Baptist Church. Burial was in Pierce Cemetery.

Mrs. Pierce was the widow of the late Rev. J. A. Pierce, who preceded her in death twenty-two years. She passed away at 1213 Cypress Street, Louisville, where she has made her home for the last fourteen months. She was a life-long resident of Green County prior to a little more than the last year.

Mrs. Pierce was the mother of Mrs. E. U. Clark, 1225 Larchmont, Louisville; Mrs. A. A. Hay, Lexington, and one son, Gillock W. Pierce, now deceased; six grandchildren, eight great grandchildren; and two stepsons, Ira and Brook Pierce, both of Pierce, Ky. She is also survived by one sister, Mrs. Maggie Cook, Donansburg, Ky.; two brothers, Sam Chaudoin, Donansburg; and Ben Chaudoin, Campbellsville.

Baptist Students At Western Kentucky State Make Who's Who For 1950

The COLLEGE HEIGHTS HERALD recently published the names of twenty-eight Western seniors elected by the faculty and student body to appear in "WHO'S WHO IN AMERICAN COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES" from their institution. While this writer does not know all of those named, we recognize the names of a number of Baptists among them. In fact, we have counted thirteen, or nearly one-half, and there may be others. Those we recognize are:

Thomas F. Beard, president of the BSU and past president of the Kentucky BSU. He hails from Hardinsburg. He is a foreign missionary volunteer, and

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expects to attend the Southern Seminary in Louisville.

Ruth Bilbrey, Louisville, a graduate of Jeffersontown High, who intends to teach.

Wilma Jean Depp, Eighty-eight, Ky., in Barren County, who plans to teach.

John T. Johnson, graduate of Bowling Green High, expects to come to the U. of L. School of Medicine.

Robert Liveley, another grad of Bowling Green High, whose ordination to the Gospel ministry by the First Baptist



Church of his home city, was published in the Western Recorder. He expects to attend the Southern Seminary.

Homer Nation, Owensboro, a graduate of West Louisville High, in Daviess County, expects to make the army his career.

James Pickens, graduate of Butler High, from Princeton, Ky., who majors

in physical education, is looking forward to coaching and teaching.

Thomas S. Redford, Bowling Green, distinguished military student, expects to make a career of the Air Force.

J. D. Sigler, two years a track team man, from Sturgis High, plans to take post-graduate work leading to his master's degree, following which he expects to teach.

Vernon Stone, editor-in-chief of the College Heights Herald, from Woodburn, a graduate of Bristow High, expects to go in for journalism.

Hal Taylor, Louisville, graduate of DuPont Manual High, expects to coach. He is a son of Mr. H. L. Taylor, superintendent of the Western Recorder Print Shop and superintendent of the Baptist Tabernacle Sunday School, this city, and Mrs. Taylor. Hal comes from a family of athletes. His father before him was long basket ball and baseball player, and has since followed the administrative work of amateur athletics. Also Hal has two older brothers who have been eminently successful in school athletics and have followed some in the professional fields.

LaVerne Van Cleave, graduate of Bowling Green High School, has majored in science, and hopes to obtain her MRE, and then teach as a foreign missionary in Africa.

Mary Louella Wycoff, Mackville, has majored in music education. She expects to teach music.

Congratulations to all of these and to the others in the list of twenty-eight. Should any Baptists be omitted from the above list we will be glad to add their names, if someone will kindly call our attention to the oversight.

Pastor Joe Prater, Island Baptist Church, has just completed a one week meeting with Glenville Baptist Church, of which Mitchell Bennett is pastor. There were eight additions to the church.

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First Church, Fulton Observes Loyalty Day

FULTON, Ky., Dec. 4.—Homecoming and Loyalty Day was observed here at the First Baptist Church yesterday. Twenty-five deacons sitting at the front of the church during the worship service were the first to drop tithing cards in the miniature church in front of the pulpit. The congregation followed the example set by the deacons.

Seventy-eight people have united with the church in the past year. Lewis D. Ferrell is pastor.

Pastor J. Frank Young, Benton, Supplies At Trinity Church, Paducah

PADUCAH, Ky., Nov. 27 — Pastor J. Frank Young of the Missionary Baptist Church at Benton supplied the pulpit of the Trinity Baptist Church of Paducah, yesterday. Dr. Paul Weber is the pastor at Trinity church. Brother Young was chairman of the deacons and choir director at the Trinity Baptist Church before he entered the ministry. He is dearly loved by the Trinity people and they are proud of his progress in the service of the Lord.

Associational Training Union In Ohio Valley Holds "M" Night Program

STURGIS, Ky., Dec. 5. — Last night the Ohio Valley Associational Training Union had its "M" night program at Morganfield. The goal was 200, but 211 were present. Last year Ohio Valley had 120 present. Pastor Sam Sloan, Paducah, delivered a challenging message on "Life's Greatest Choices." A film strip, "Choose You This Day," was shown.

Under the guidance of Director V. E. Gunnels, Poole Church, Corydon, Route 1, the association adopted six goals for the year: (1) Four more Training Unions in churches not now having them by "M" night, 1951. (2) Thirteen study courses in as many churches. (3) At least seven unions represented at Ridgecrest in 1951. (4) Executive, Leaders' and Officers' and Mass Meetings every quarter. (5) All unions represented at the annual Western Regional Conven-

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tion. (6) At least nine churches represented at Training Union State Convention at Louisville in April.—Fred W. Martin, Associational Missionary.

Deacons Ordained By The Moscow Church

MOSCOW, Ky., Dec. 1.—The Moscow Baptist Church, of the West Kentucky Baptist Association, called a council of pastors and deacons October 29 at 2 p. m., for the purpose of giving consideration to ordaining four men to the office



of deacon. These four men were Brethren Thomas Rogers, Charles Adams, Raymond Adams and Robert Adams.

In the organizing of the presbytery, Dr. J. J. Gough, pastor of the Moscow church, was elected moderator, and Orman Stegall, Clinton, was elected clerk. Rev. Harry Harp, Bardwell, questioned the candidates as to their experience and qualifications. After the questioning, the brethren having qualified satisfactorily to all, the presbytery vot-

ed unanimously to recommend that each of the brethren be ordained as deacons. Upon this recommendation, the church voted to ask the presbytery to proceed with the ordination.

Pastor G. W. Archer, Arlington, brought the ordination message, after which Pastor Galen Hargrove, Milburn, gave the charge to the candidates and to the church. Deacon W. L. Williams, Spring Hill, offered the ordaining prayer.

After the laying on of hands by the presbytery, the brethren ordained were given the hand of Christian fellowship, after which Pastor Galen Hargrove dismissed the service with prayer.

Nashvillans To Be Married In Owensboro Ceremony Saturday

OWENSBORO, Ky., Dec. 9.—Miss Lou Emma Taylor, of Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., and Mr. Ken Adkisson, a student in the Engineering School at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, are to be married in their home town of Owensboro at the Third Baptist Church on December 16. The ceremony is to be performed by the brother of Miss Taylor, Rev. Eldred M. Taylor, associational missionary in Daviess-McLean. Following the wedding the newly married couple expects to return to Nashville, where Miss Taylor is secretary in the Department of Home Curriculum.

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London Church Has Silent Class For Deaf Mutes



LONDON, Ky., Dec. 6.—The Silent Class, a group of deaf mutes, is taught by Dr. Marion Roberts, a local optometrist, at the Sunday school of the First Baptist Church here. Dr. Roberts is a former teacher in the School for the Deaf in Louisiana State University. Already one young man has been converted and another has moved her membership to the First Baptist Church of London as a result of the work of this class.

Once a month the class remains for the preaching service, and Pastor George W. Phillips preaches, while Dr. Roberts interprets the message to them.

On the occasion when the accom-

panying picture was taken there were 25 present, including some out-of-town visitors. At present the enrollment is 17. Dr. Roberts is standing at the extreme left, and Sunday school superintendent D. B. Johnson is on the extreme right. The picture was taken on the occasion of an outdoor outing.

Pastor Phillips says that deaf mutes come for miles to attend this class. Living as they often do, in a world to themselves, they appreciate the company of kindred spirits and are grateful for what Doctor Roberts and the church are doing for them. The class has now been organized for one year.

Training Union In The Enterprise Association Has First "M" Night

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., Dec. 5.—The first "M" Night service in Enterprise Association was held at the First Baptist Church, here, on last night. The program was under the direction of Lewis Lynch, the Association Director, and was inspiring to the extent that 25% of the churches attended.

Churches represented were East Williamson, in West Virginia, and Stone, Allen Paintsville, Pikeville, Prestonsburg, West Van Lear and Van Lear in Kentucky. The Stone delegation travelled the greatest distance—seventy miles.

The music was under the direction of Harry Sammons, East Williamson.

Pastors Lewis Lynch and O. C. Anderson discussed, "Where We Have Been and Where We are Going." Franklin Delano Conley spoke on, "Our Aim Through Training Union." The Intermediates of the Paintsville Church gave a demonstration with reference to the importance of the Standard.

Pastor Gordon Paschall, East Williamson Church, brought a challenging message on "Life's Greatest Choices."

Considering the number in attendance—140—in the light of the length and breadth of the association—65 miles wide and 75 miles long—the Baptists of Enterprise Association are greatly encouraged.

Pastors present included: E. L. Hower-ton, Pikeville; L. W. Benedict, Prestonsburg; Dave Perkins, Allen; O. C. An-

derson, Stone; Gordon Paschall, East Williamson; Lewis Lynch, Van Lear; and Roy A. Hamilton, Paintsville.

Surprise Birthday Party Given Pastor Oscar F. Davis By Corinth Church

LONDON, Ky., Dec. 12.—The Corinth Baptist Church of London gave a combined welcome and surprise birthday dinner in honor of its new pastor, Oscar F. Davis, who has just come from the Houstonville Baptist Church. Pastor Davis was presented with a number of birthday presents after he had blown out the candles on his beautifully decorated cake.

Van B. Burnette, Of Lone Pine Church, Dies In Perry County

VIPER, Ky., Dec. 5.—The Grim Reaper has again called from time to eternity on November 16, 1950, one of our faithful and loyal members, Van B. Burnette, age sixty-three.

In the passing of this good brother the community has lost a friend, his family a loving father, and the Lone Pine Baptist Church one of its most faithful members and minister.

Now, be it resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the church, a copy sent to his family and a copy sent to the Western Recorder for publication.—LONE PINE BAPTIST CHURCH, Aaron W. Brashear, Troy Brashear, Jr., and Harold Brashear, Committee.

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. C. L. DAVIS

ASHLAND, Ky.—On September 26, 1950, Mrs. L. T. Davis, a faithful member of the First Baptist Church, Ashland, went home, after a long illness, to be with her Saviour.

She was a consistent member of the Woman's Missionary Society; always present at the meetings unless providentially hindered. Her Christian life was an inspiration to many.

Therefore, be it resolved: That as members of the W. M. U. we thank our Heavenly Father for having permitted us to enjoy her companionship for so many years.

Be it further resolved: That we express our deepest sympathy to her loved ones through a copy of these resolutions; that they be recorded in the minutes of our W. M. S.; and a copy sent to the Western Recorder for publication. Respectfully submitted—Miss Edith A. Chapman, Mrs. I. N. Rush and Mrs. J. E. Burke.

"Old thanks, old thoughts, old aspirations outlive men's lives and the lives of nations."—Copied.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE December 10, 1950

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut Street (4)	276	1,595
Louisville, 9th. & O (1)	35	1,101
Louisville, Carlisle Avenue (2)	192	1,085
Louisville, Parkland (1)	87	972
Bowling Green, First (2)	96	937
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	330	915
Owensboro, First (1)	70	880
Harrodsburg (4)	256	848
Owensboro, Third	—	830
Mayfield, First	—	741
Murray, First (1)	22	737
Covington, Latonia (2)	185	724
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	158	723
Danville, First (3)	112	653
Louisville, Beechmont	—	640
Lexington, Immanuel	—	628
Hopkinsville, Second	—	624
Louisville, Victory Memorial (1)	66	621
Madisonville, First	—	614
Louisville, Baptist Tabernacle	—	610
Frankfort, First (1)	53	592
Lexington, Calvary (1)	23	579
Louisville, West Broadway	—	577
Louisville, St. Matthews	—	567
Middlesboro, First	—	535
Glasgow (1)	24	526
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (2)	152	520
Campbellsville (1)	76	509
Somerset, First	—	507
Newport, First (1)	47	487
Paducah, Immanuel (1)	19	482
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley	—	475

Hopkinsville, First	—	472
Louisville, Clifton (1)	85	452
Paducah, First (1)	60	446
Louisville, Deer Park	—	437
London, First (1)	—	431
Morganfield First (1)	—	423
Corbin, First	—	418
Dayton Ohio, Westwood (1)	—	402
Lexington, Grace	—	396
Danville, Lexington Avenue (1)	—	394
Fulton, First	—	382
Owensboro, Hall Street (1)	—	359
Henderson, Immanuel Temple	—	350
Corbin, Central	—	350
Covington, Southside	—	349
Hodgenville, First	—	345
Franklin, First (1)	—	344
Winchester, First (1)	—	341
Lebanon (1)	—	334
Louisville, Southside	—	314
Middlesboro, East Cumberland Ave.	—	313
Louisville, Franklin Street	—	312
Louisville, Meadow Home	—	303
Elsmere	—	290
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial (1)	25	290
Paducah Twelfth St. (1)	72	288
Middlesboro, Old Yellow Creek	—	283
Glendale, Gilead	—	279
Louisville, Baptist Temple	—	270
Jellico, Tenn., Crouches Creek	—	268
Louisville, Gethsemane (1)	21	263
Versailles	—	259
Louisville, Harmony	—	245
Evansville, Ind., Temple	—	245
Frankfort, Thorn Hill	—	238

Paducah Trinity	230
Bardstown	227
Louisville, East	224
Jellico, Tenn., First	222
Sturgis, First	221
Louisville, Lee's Lane	215
Middletown, First	213
Lawrenceburg, First	213
Vine Grove	213
Shively	210
Nicholasville	212
Mt. Sterling, First (1)	210
Columbia (2)	208
Hazel	204
Monticello, First	201
High Splint	200
Covington, First	200
Ludlow, First	200

The wedding of Miss Jane Morrison and Mr. Fred T. Moffatt, is to take place at the First Baptist Church, Mobridge, South Dakota, on Friday evening, December 22 at 8:00 o'clock. Miss Morrison is a daughter of Mr. Patrick Cornelius Morrison, and young Mr. Moffatt is a son of Pastor and Mrs. Fred T. Moffatt, Sr., First Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky.

The Urban Church Serving Its Community

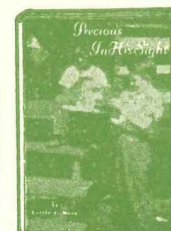
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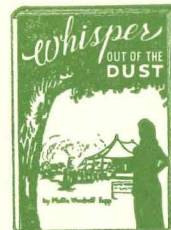
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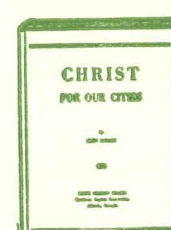
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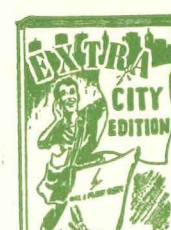
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An Extra

EVERY CHRISTIAN'S JOB by C. E. Matthews (Soul-winning) Broadman Press—available March 1, 1951.

Kansas Merchants Lose \$30,000,000 Market

CHICAGO, Ill.—With the Liquor Traffic relegalized, the merchants, in the state of Kansas, in everyday retail trade, are, at the most conservative estimates, going to lose an approximately \$30,000,000 market in 1950, asserts the American Business Men's Research Foundation, reporting an initial study of repeal conditions in what was the oldest prohibition state of the country.

It is expected that Kansans will purchase 1,600,265 gallons of whiskey and other hard liquors in 1950, the average retail price of which, according to the United States Department of Commerce estimates, is approximately \$25.41 a gallon.

Kansans paid \$39,622,450 for spirits during the first twelve months of legal sale (up to July 1, 1950). Of this, however, only \$14,881,124 remained. Kansas paid out \$23,741,326 to the Distillers of Kentucky, Pennsylvania and other states.

But meanwhile, the merchants and manufacturers of useful articles, groceries, dry goods, clothing, hardware, the bankers, building and loan projects and the local movies lost \$39,622,450 in trade, money diverted to the purpose of intoxicants.

Kansas' 2,000 manufacturers' plants

have an average payroll of \$80,000 per factory. The whole retail trade in the commodity mentioned and the merchants and manufacturers of Kansas lost the equivalent of the entire payroll of 495 factories.

And Kansas' wealth was directly reduced \$23,741,326 because, concludes the Foundation study, that was sent out of the state.

Good Road To Be Built Into Cedarmore

By Marvin Byrdwell, Mgr.

After we had revealed to the Shelby County Office the volume of traffic that would move over the road to CEDARMORE, the officials saw the need of a wider and better road.

Mr. Orville Hopper, magistrate, and I asked the people along the road to give more land on each side of the road with the view to giving the new road a fifty-foot right of way.

For the information of those interested in coming to CEDARMORE when the next season opens, the graders are already at work and new culverts are being put in. It is expected that this work will be finished in ten or fifteen days. The road will be gravel until next spring when it will be black-topped to the gates of CEDARMORE.—Ky. Baptist News.

The Survey Bulletin

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Herbert W. Ludwig, retired government employee, was elected president of the District of Columbia Baptist convention. It was reported that the Baptist Building, which also houses the Baptist World Alliance and the Public Relations offices, would be free of debt within the next few months.

H. C. Price was re-elected president of Oregon-Washington Baptists. C. E. Boyle was named editor of Pacific Coast Baptist. Former editor Bob Hite was elected superintendent of evangelism.

Arkansas Baptists reported a record total of 16,000 baptisms. T. H. Jordan, Van Buren, was re-elected president of the Arkansas Convention.

Patients of the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis receive an estimated \$500 in flowers daily.

Sunday School and Training Union secretaries from SBC states will meet in Nashville, December 7.

Associational reports have been received from 900 out of the 961 associations in the Southern Baptist Convention.

"Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."—The Prince of Peace.

Prayed Out of Purgatory?

There are perhaps times when students of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and its Practical Activities Department may weary in their mission activities on city streets. And it may be that they do not fully realize at once the real good being done.

The word "obligation" had been mentioned in a Training Union program in one of the New Orleans churches. "That reminds me of a great deal," a middle-aged man remarked as part of his discussion of the subject. The following approximates the rest of his testimony:

"From birth until a few years ago I belonged to a church of another faith. When my father died I was told that for \$1,000 he could be prayed out of purgatory. That was my obligation to the church. I raised and paid the money.

"A year later my wife died. Again I was told that my obligation was \$1,000, or her soul would never rest in peace. I paid it by the hardest.

"Not long after that my child died. This time I was told that the obligation would be only \$500 for the necessary masses.

"I refused to pay. I also left the church. One night months later I was downtown and heard a street preacher say that a person can be saved from his sin forever; that there is no such place as purgatory mentioned in the Bible.

"I asked the speaker how much this would cost. 'Cost, man, he said. 'Salvation is free!' And he showed me in the Bible where Jesus died for our sin. He died for me. I was shown that Jesus paid it all. All to Him we owe.

"That did something for me that never had been done before. I saw it immediately, and accepted. Later I was directed to this church where I was to ask for membership.

"So now I have a greater obligation. Now I can say with the Apostle Paul,

'For me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.'

"What I have now is mine forever, and it is something money cannot buy."

I've riány a cross to take up now,
And many left behind;
But present troubles move me not,
Nor shake my quiet mind.
And what may be tomorrow's cross
I never seek to find;
My Father says, "Leave that to me,
And keep a quiet mind."

—Anonymous

To Our Baptist Friends

A Merry Xmas
Happy New Year
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CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO KENTUCKY BAPTISTS AND THANKS

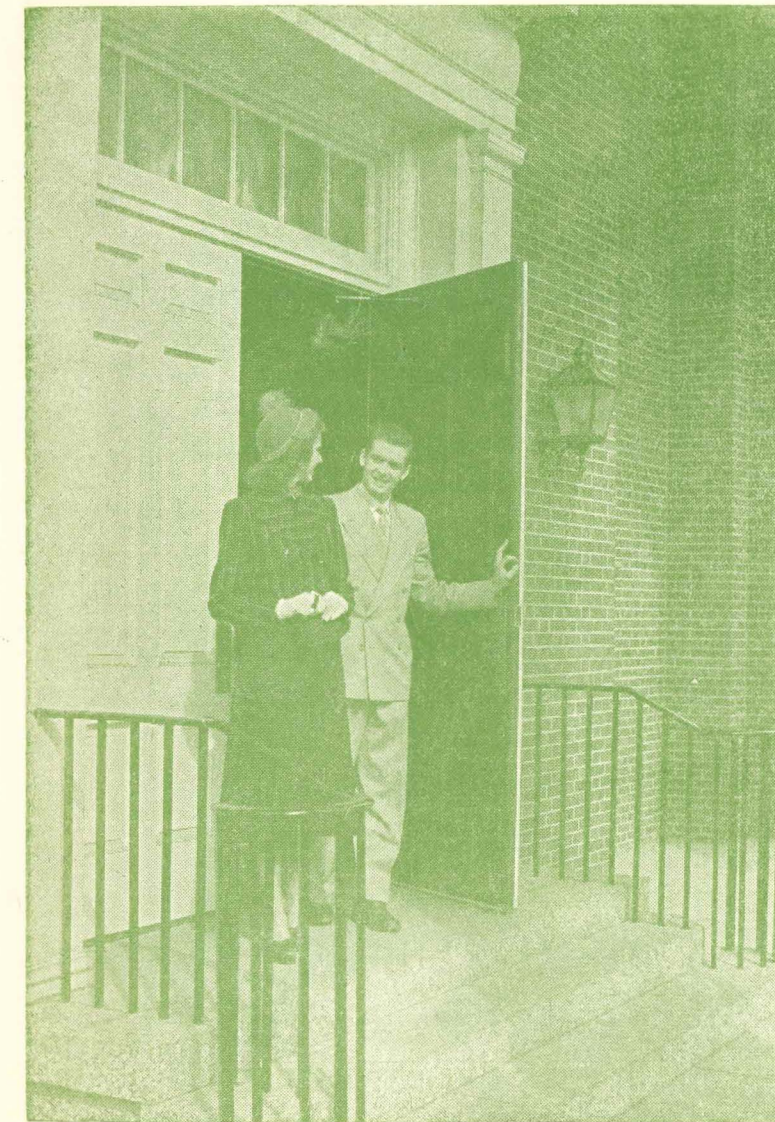
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2. For special gifts enabled us to launch our expansion program to care for some 200 additional young people.
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While heavenly hosts their anthems sing,
And wise men their grateful praises
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He came the Way, the Truth, the Life.

"Glory to God" they sang that night,
As over flocks spread heaven's light;
The angel host o'er Judah's hill,
Sang peace to all men of good will.

Thou who to lowly manger came,
Who ever doth remain the same;
Bless us who walk earth's sinful ways,
As now we bring our Christmas praise.

Thou who didst turn water to wine,
The lepers cleansed, gave sight to blind,
From sins we may not know nor see,
Through grace forgive and set us free.

Thou blessed Lord, Saviour and Friend,
Whose life free gi'vn shall never end,
We worship Thee, a Blood-bought
throng
And lift again our Christmas song.

Ernest O. Sellers, Emeritus,
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SIGN IN A SMALL RESTURANT:
"If our steaks are too tough for you,
get out. This is no place for weaklings."

Cedar Creek Church To Erect \$50,000 Building On Basement Structure

FERN CREEK, Ky.—The Cedar Baptist Church, Fern Creek, near Louisville, of which W. D. Martin is pastor, has taken official action to begin construction of a \$50,000 auditorium.

The action was taken at the church's business meeting Wednesday night, December 6. The contract has been awarded and the work will start at once. Approximately six months will be required to finish the construction.

The church, until now, has worshipped in a basement-structure which has housed both the regular audiences and Sunday school and Training Union programs.

Lord, teach us to pray . . .

Prayer

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