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Dr. N. H. Parker, native of Mississippi and graduate of Mississippi College, is now dean of the Divinity School of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. The McMaster school is Baptist supported.

Pastor Lyn Claybrook, Oneida, Ky., recently conducted a revival in the Lake Ozark Baptist Church, Lake Ozark, Mo., of which Joe Cyrus is pastor. Among those saved and baptized was a man 81 years old.

Clothes for Korean Relief may be sent directly to Southern Baptist Missionaries there. Please address the bundles: Rev. Rex Ray, P. O. Box, Special No. 1, Pusan, Korea.—*World Digest*, Foreign Mission Board.

Home and foreign missions received \$664,459 from the Advance Program between November 7, when that part of the Southern Convention budget went into effect and November 29, the date of the latest report. Foreign missions received \$498,344 and home missions \$166,144. Southern Convention Cooperative Program receipts are up 13.54 per cent for the first eleven months of 1952.

The First Baptist Church of Neosho, Missouri, where former Kentuckian, Raymond E. Lawrence, is pastor, recently experienced a wonderful revival meeting under the leadership and preaching of Pastor Fred McPhail of the First Baptist Church, Aurora, Missouri. Pastor Lawrence is a graduate of Georgetown College, and was formerly pastor of the Crittenden Church in Crittenden Association, and the Oak Island Church in Campbell County Association.

The first issue of OHIO BAPTIST MESSENGER, published by the White Water Association, has just come to our desk. It is a four page newspaper carrying news and articles concerning the churches affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky and the Southern Baptist Convention. The publication is edited by Ray E. Roberts, pioneer missionary, 123 Oxford Avenue, Dayton 7, Ohio, and is printed by the Baptist Printery and Book House, Germantown, Ohio.

The Baptists of the District of Columbia have invited both the American and Southern Baptist Conventions to hold their sessions in Washington in 1955. The invitation was issued in the form of a resolution adopted at the annual meeting of Washington Baptists. It is explained that the invitation does not mean the conventions are being invited to hold joint sessions. George B. Frazer, Washington attorney and recording secretary for the Southern Con-

vention was designated to convey the invitations.

SAND SPRINGS Baptist Church, near Lawrenceburg, experienced a good revival recently. Ray Roberts, Ohio missionary, was evangelist, and Earl Bell, Southern Seminary student, was song leader. There were 15 additions—11 by baptism and four by letter. Pastor John Kruschwitz writes: "Both these men are deeply spiritual and well qualified to lead in revival efforts." The church also observed Family Night December 4. The service was highlighted by a turkey dinner and 281 people came on that rainy night to enjoy the fellowship.

In a report issued by the Welfare and Health Council, New York City is credited with having 200,000 to 300,000 chronic alcoholics "to whom drinking is a compulsive illness, progressively impairing health and efficiency." The annual private and public cost to the victims and community is \$200,000,000.—*Survey Bulletin*. Yet there are those who, by their vote and influence, and by their yearning after gain, make it possible for these unfortunates to get the poison which destroys them. Alcoholic drinks constitute one of the largest problems in American society.

Dr. Paul G. Horner, extension director for Campbellsville College, held a revival meeting with Pastor J. B. Metheny at the Irvington Baptist Church November 17-23. The attendance was unusually large, and the Sunday school attendance during the meetings was the largest in the written records of that body. Among the spiritual results were the salvation of three grown people in the same family, the elderly father and mother both approaching 70 and a 38-year-old son. A little grandson also from the same family was saved. He was a 10-year-old boy. Others were added to the church by letter.

The annual meeting of trustees of Southwestern Seminary was held November 25 on the seminary campus. Officers re-elected were A. J. Holt, Waco, president; E. L. Carnett, Dallas, vice president; and D. A. Thornton, Fort Worth, secretary. Three special committees were also appointed: (1) to study the matter of increasing endowment of the seminary; (2) to deal with the matter of a long range building program, which would include providing new apartments for married couples, remodeling the present apartments, and renovating Fort Worth Hall; and (3) to give attention to general campus improvements, such as walks and drives.

The Shively Baptist Church, Louisville, announces the resignation of its minister of music—Revis A. McGrew—effective December 28. He takes a like

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position with the Elmwood Baptist Church of Dallas, Texas. The McGrews came to the Shively Church in September of last year. Pastor Ben F. Mitchell writes; "During this time he and his family have endeared themselves to the people of the Shively Baptist Church and community. Mrs. McGrew is a splendid musician and has a good voice. She plays the accordion as well as the piano. She and Mr. McGrew sing together and make an evangelistic team of first rank. Our church bids them Godspeed as they go to this new work in their home state." Pastor Mitchell is also resigning the church to become superintendent of missions in the Long Run Association.

Non-denominationalism, Inter-denominationalism and the Church

By M. THERON RANKIN, Executive Secretary
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Doctor Rankin herein sets forth his convictions concerning the current need "that we be thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of what the Bible teaches about the church."

The basic difference of belief between Southern Baptists and inter-denominational and non-denominational movements is our belief concerning the nature and function of the church. It is at this point that we would compromise our beliefs concerning the Scriptures most seriously if we were to become part of either inter-denominational or non-denominational movements.

If we are to be convincing to ourselves as well as to others in maintaining our position separately from these movements, we must restudy and be able to state convincingly what we believe the Scriptures teach concerning the church.

We cannot expect to avoid the pressure of either of these movements. It is a part of the environment in which we live today and comes from one side just as much as from the other. But we seem to be much more susceptible to the non-denominational influence than we are to the inter-denominational.

We have been highly alerted to the pressure of the inter-denominational influence, especially in its development in the ecumenical movement, and have taken rather vigorous positions in some instances to guard against it. For the most part, however, we have remained oblivious to the equally serious challenge to our beliefs concerning the church which arises from the influence of non-denominationalism.

Our answer to both of these challenges is to be found in what we believe the Scriptures teach about the church. In the Ecumenical Movement, a concept of the Holy, Sacramental, Ecclesiastical Body of Christ is clearly crystallizing which, in my opinion, Southern Baptists could not possibly accept and continue to be true to what we believe the Bible teaches concerning the church.

On the other hand, non-denominationalism so weakens the concept of the church and attaches so little importance to scriptural teachings concerning it that all ideas of the church seem to be equally valid, provided they give support to the particular theological interpretation of the Scriptures generally held by non-denominational groups.

Instead of determining our positions

with reference to both of these movements on the real issue of the nature and function of the church, we have taken our positions on the basis of our appraisal of their theology. We have condemned the theology of the inter-denominational, or ecumenical movement, as being modernistic, and have, therefore, refused to have any relation with this movement. On the other hand, we consider the theology of the non-denominational groups as conservative and, therefore, have had much closer affiliation with them than with the inter-denominational groups.

The fact is that our basic difference with both groups is in our beliefs about the church. I am persuaded that theologically we have much more in com-



mon with the inter-denominational groups than many of our people realize. It would be difficult to support a charge of modernism against recent statements issued by many of these groups concerning the revelation as recorded in the Bible of God's redemptive acts in the atoning death and resurrection of his son, Jesus Christ.

Be that as it may, however, this does not obviate the very real and vital difference in our beliefs concerning what the Bible teaches about the church. And no more does the fact that we may find much in common with the theology of the non-denominational groups obviate the equally real and vital difference we have with them in our beliefs concerning the church.

The presence of this pressure on our beliefs from these two sources leads me to suggest a third challenge which we face. This one is to be found within ourselves.

We are frequently tempted to resort

to the ecclesiastical strength and authority of the Southern Baptist Convention to guard ourselves against such pressure. To the extent that we yield to this temptation, we, ourselves, become the chief of violators of what we profess to believe about the nature and function of the church.

In our reaction to the concept of the church, as one ecclesiastical body, the Holy, Sacramental Body of Christ, we may react so far to an opposite extreme that we shall ignore the teachings which the Scriptures do have concerning the church and the body of Christ. We can so magnify the separateness of the local church that we may separate ourselves from the fellowship of those who constitute a large part of the body of Christ, even though they are not members of Southern Baptist churches.

The most effective defense and support of our positions in relation to inter-denominational and non-denominational movements is the truth of the scriptural teachings concerning the nature and function of the church. If we know this truth and speak it in love, then we are free and need no other defense. As we are guided by this truth we shall be able to avoid extreme reactions to the influences both without and within our churches which are challenging our beliefs about the church.

Dr. Duke K. McCall has rendered a service in calling our attention to the importance of our studying the doctrine of the church. Although many of us do not think that such study should be made by a Convention commission, we share fully the conviction that the time in which we live demands that we be thoroughly grounded in the knowledge of what the Bible teaches about the church.

The First Baptist Church, Taylorsville, Kentucky, has prepared a booklet, "Presenting the Program of Advance for 1953" for distribution among its members. This gives pictures and text setting for the officers, committees, and organizations, together with appropriate goals for each to strive toward during the coming year. Brother W. Henry Crouch is the pastor.

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"Danger of Anticreedalism"

Writing under the above caption in the August 14, 1952 issue of THE WATCHMAN-EXAMINER, Editor John W. Bradbury made statements concerning problems to which Southern Baptists on both sides of the question are giving earnest and sincere and prayerful thought. We present his editorial below:

"Anticreedalism can be carried too far. It could arrive where it would mean the death of Christianity, if enough people accepted it. Christianity is doctrine. It cannot be understood without doctrine. It cannot be taught without doctrine.

"Creedalism is not properly understood. It is too often classified with doctrinal requirement or teaching which are something different. Historical creedalism is that ecclesiastical interpretation of Christianity which a church body may agree upon and then make legally binding upon not only its following, but other people, whether they be religious or not.

"Creedalism is not the same as a confession of faith. For instance, the Baptists have published more confessions of faith than any other religious body, but they have remained consistently noncreedal. A confession of faith is not a legal document, nor can it be made legal for Baptists . . . Most of our Baptist confessions are didactic in purpose, as well as instruments for the promotion of homogeneity among Baptist people. But no Baptist can ever be confined legally to a confession of faith.

"This confusion between anticreedalism and a confession of faith has led to much misunderstanding. In the confusion, the advantage remains with the anticreedalists, particularly so among such freedom-loving people as Baptists. Actually there is no need for confusion. Both sides will believe in freedom to add to or to change the wording of any confession of faith. . . . The most that can be attained is general agreement to stand for certain truths.

"Anticreedalists, however, are frequently inclined to carry their conviction too far. For instance, last May the Rhode Island Congregational Conference took steps looking toward the elimination of doctrinal requirements . . . They wish to work for 'the removal of doctrinal requirements.' While this may be a move to protect free churches from a theological basis of cooperation, it is a negative attitude in the field of Christian doctrine. It is in line with the demand that ordaining councils shall not operate on a theological basis, or that churches in associating themselves with other churches shall not be required to assent to a common doctrinal understanding.

"To assume that Christians can be together, work together, or propagate together without some common doctrinal basis is anything but reality. No cult or fraternity could exist three weeks on such a basis. Churches are teaching institutions. The distinctive denominations are separated on the basis of their beliefs. Their doctrine is the reason for their existence. Their ministers are their means of continuity. Ordinations are a means of a denomination's continuance and therefore it cannot ignore or deny those distinctives by which the denomination lives. A norm is absolutely necessary. Creedalism is objectionable but when it is employed to deny or hinder a good confession of Christian faith it becomes at that point an enemy of Christianity itself."

Catholics, Baptists, and the State Paper

Though we previously called attention to this, we again note that the hierarchy of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States reported a circulation of their official papers in excess of 17,000,000 in the USA and Canada.

Catholic leaders are acquainted with the mighty power of the printed page in furthering their religious teachings and programs. And they do not depend on individual subscriptions alone. Catholic organizations at all levels see to it that the state and nation-wide publications go into the HOMES of their people. They do this to hold their people in their fellowship, to inform them concerning plans and purposes of the total organization from Rome on out to the farthest reaches of their influence. They even send their papers into the homes of many non-Catholic families in the hope of winning them.

Baptists and Catholics differ more than any two other religious bodies on earth, but we could learn something from their wisdom in placing their papers in the homes of their people. More than 700 churches in Kentucky's General Association of Baptists now send the Western Recorder into the homes of their people. More are coming in all along. But many need the widened vision of the power of the printed page. And it is not only so in our state, but throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory. Every Baptist in every state should regularly read his own state paper.

Catholics Urging Eisenhower to Send Representative to Vatican

A release from the Baptist Press states that Dwight D. Eisenhower is being "pressurized by Roman Catholics to appoint a special representative to the Vatican to 'pay back' the heavy Catholic vote in eastern cities and other Catholic centers."

According to the release, Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, pastor of Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., made the statement but declined to give his source. However, he declared, "I can assure you that it is absolutely true." . . . Doctor Poteat further stated that his source suggested that if evangelicals in the United States can do anything to help Mr. Eisenhower meet the pressure, then they should do so with all haste.

We pass this information on to our readers in the hope that all will let Mr. Eisenhower understand how they feel about sending such a representative. And not only should we let the president-elect know our minds on this vital issue: we should pray that wisdom and courage may be given him to stand against such pressure. Many vital issues will confront him from his first day in the White House and on through his administration. Liberty-loving Americans who know how to pray should be on their knees in his behalf.

►According to Catholic sources, Protestantism is gaining on Roman Catholicism in South and Central America. Their publication, Gentes, has issued a "Latin SOS" which says in part, "Every delay in our undertaking of religious reconstruction marks a progress in the methodical advance of Protestantism."—Survey Bulletin.

Search the Scriptures

Most of us know what it means to SEARCH. We search libraries for facts. We search for lost articles. But how many really SEARCH the Scriptures?

Scientists searched until they found the elements which give off radioactive rays. They continued searching until they knew how to split the atom. On they searched, diligently, and at great expense, until they discovered how to secure chain reaction in the fission of a uranium atom by a neutron, whereby more neutrons are released which cause further fissions.

Men searched until they uncovered the secret of the Rosetta Stone. That stone, to the common observer, appeared to be only a piece of black basalt that was found near the Rosetta mouth of the Nile. But there were those willing to delve into its mysteries. And those earnest searchers found it to be a bilingual inscription in hieroglyphics and demotic characters and Greek. And this searching gave M. Champollion the first clew toward deciphering the Egyptian hieroglyphics, and, thereby, a vast, new literature was opened to human knowledge.

Most Christians daily read small portions of the Scriptures, a few verses, perhaps. But there are few who SEARCH them. We neglect the Book. We push it aside, and this, in spite of the fact that our spiritual forebears literally gave their lives in the battle to open ALL THE BIBLE TO ALL THE PEOPLE. That Book, which was so long locked away in an unknown tongue or kept from the masses of the people by a 'priesthood' which even yet dares

not let its adherents know the whole truth, we neglect. We do not SEARCH it.

Every believer should be a STUDENT of the Bible, not just a reader. Could a thorough knowledge of Shakespeare's works be acquired by merely dipping in a little here and there? How much less then can we expect to KNOW the Book by little dip-ins here and there and now and then? Treating the Word of God thus will never make strong Christians. We are starved because we do not eat. We refuse the food, or else just nibble a little at it. We do not give God time to speak to our souls. If it be true that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God, then it is equally true that spiritual life wanes without the Word—enough of it to feed and enlighten the soul. We are spiritual midgets when we might be giants. Our hands hang at our sides when we could be strong laborers in His vineyard. We are wide open for every 'ism' that comes our way, because we do not KNOW. We have not SEARCHED the Scriptures.

Jesus was a searcher of the Scriptures. The Bereans searched the Scriptures daily. Paul called them "noble" for so doing. Paul himself was a constant searcher of the Scriptures. Jesus told the Jews to search the Scriptures.

In the searching of the Scriptures, we have the greatest Teacher and Guide—the Holy Spirit. Men, left to themselves, may fumble through. But the Holy Spirit Who inspired holy men of old to write all the Bible—Old and New Testaments—knows the meaning. And He will guide into all truth. Let us ask Him to guide us. Let us be completely submissive to His divine direction. Let us SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES!

W. A. Criswell, Dallas, To Address Kentucky Evangelistic Conference

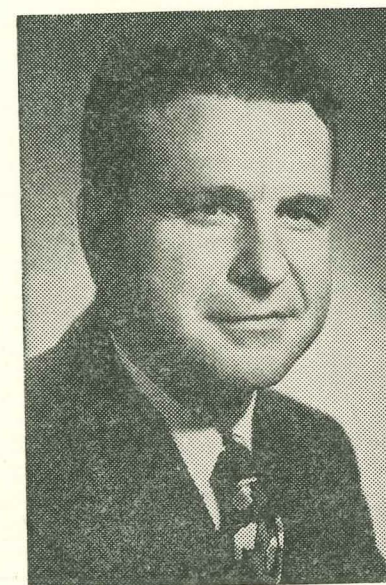
Kentucky Baptists will be happy to know that Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, will be one of the speakers on the State-wide Evangelistic Conference program, January 12-14, 1953, at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky.

Dr. Criswell has been on the evangelistic conference program in Kentucky before and those who have ever heard him will look forward with great anticipation to hearing him this time. Dr. Criswell is the pastor of a great church, has a warm evangelistic heart, and is a consecrated man of God. Being much in demand, he has been booked for this conference for over two years. Kentucky Baptists are fortunate to be able to secure him for this meeting.

He has kindly consented to bring three messages in this conference, one of which will be the message at the Tuesday evening evangelistic service. The young people of the Louisville area are making plans to have great num-

bers of young people in attendance at this meeting in addition to those who will come from all parts of the state.

Every church in Kentucky would greatly benefit if its pastor could attend this conference. We hope you will



W. A. Criswell

pray for the conference program and the speakers.

Make your own reservation now directly with a hotel and come to this important meeting.

Bruce N. Bowdler, Son of Guatemala Missionaries, Stricken With Polio

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Bruce N. Bowdler, five-year-old son of Dr. and Mrs. George Albert Bowdler, Jr., Southern Baptist missionaries to Guatemala, has been stricken with polio and is in a hospital in New Orleans, La.

Reports indicate that he is improving gradually and that his general condition is good, although he is still in an iron lung. Remedial treatment will take months, but there is hope for recovery of usefulness.

Mr. Bowdler is in New Orleans with his son but will be returning to Guatemala soon after Christmas.

CHURCHES HELP YOUR PASTORS TO ATTEND THE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE, LOUISVILLE, JANUARY 12-14, BY PAYING HIS EXPENSES.

Concerning the Revised Standard Version

Editorial, Baptist Standard

[We offer the following comment by Editor David M. Gardner on the Revised Standard Version. It is presented in the interest of fairness and that our people may know what is being thought by leaders among our Baptist people.—Editor.]

Numerous requests have come to the editor to express the attitude of Baptists toward the Revised Standard Version, or the "New Bible," as it is usually referred to. Some want to know if Southern Baptists have approved or disapproved the "New Bible." Some seem to like it; others condemn it in toto. Many have requested a statement from the editor.

We have answered these inquiries in personal letters, confessing that we have not had time to read the new translation, therefore do not feel competent to either commend or condemn it. In our opinion the judgment passed on the book in question, or any other book, by one who has not carefully investigated its contents, may prove dangerous to some and worthless to others.

There are a few things we can say safely and with a degree of certainty concerning the "New Bible." Southern Baptists have neither approved nor disapproved it. We might add that we know of no method by which more than seven million Southern Baptists could possibly register their judgment on the matter.

There are always some among us who seem to feel that our conventions ought to assume the role of ecclesiastical bodies and make ex cathedra pronouncements upon such matters. Fortunately, informed Baptists know such pronouncements do not come within the province of Baptist general conventions, and any action such bodies might take would not settle anything for seven million Southern Baptists but would likely do more harm than good.

In the opinion of some, the translation of certain texts, such as Isaiah 7:14 tends to encourage disbelief in the fact of the virgin birth of our Lord. Of course any emphasis by way of translation of the Scriptures or other, which so much as tends to weaken conviction on that cardinal doctrine, cannot be countenanced by us for one moment. But it is only fair to say that we have discussed this matter with Baptists who believe in the virgin birth of Jesus as firmly as we do and are better qualified as interpreters than we claim to be who are not all disturbed by the change. We agree with their contention that the conviction of Baptists concerning the truth

of the virgin birth is not based upon any single verse in Isaiah.

We are safe in saying that a great many Baptists will buy the "New Bible," read it, and like it and say so, which is their privilege. Others likewise will buy it, read it, and not like it and say so, which is their privilege. Others will go along with the King James Version as if the Revised Standard Version had never come out.

Baptists will continue in the conviction that the Holy Scriptures (not any particular version or translation) constitute God's full, complete, and inspired revelation for every soul of Adam born. Most of us will treat this new effort to simplify the Scriptures exactly as we have treated Moffatt's and other new translations. We do not have to buy them and do not have to read them or like them.

Older Christians who have become enraptured by the beautiful diction, elegant expressions, the rhythmic musical cadences of the old King James Version, will cling to it to the end. We have committed much of it to memory and find it easier to read than the new translations. We know there are many obsolete words and expressions in it and a few clashes with the original texts, but we opine that hands and minds of imperfect men though they be scholarly, have failed to bring the new translations to perfection. The Sunday School Board will continue using it (King James) in all their literature.

In correspondence with one of the members of the original committee on the translation, we are encouraged to believe that changes in such verses as Isaiah 7:14, Micah 5:2 in the Old Testament, and John 3:16, Hebrews 2:2 and others in the New Testament around which controversy centers will be changed in forthcoming editions. Our informant says, "There are many other passages that are less troublesome, but I am definitely urging attention be given to them and am hoping that in another edition we can have some help in the direction that you and I both desire."

Two or three things are certain concerning this new version. First, no translation of the Scriptures has ever had such world-wide publicity. Secondly, there is a wider and deeper interest on the part of the people in the message of the Bible than at any issue in history. Thirdly, the publicity given to the new version plus the fact that the translators have simplified the Bible by the use of English terminology and thus brought the message within the mental grasp of

the people, has contributed to the revival of interest in the Scriptures. Yet we are told that more than 85 per cent of the people are completely ignorant of the Bible message and never read it in any version.

Finally, since the vast majority of the people are not reading at all, King James or any other version, those of us who believe that a knowledge of the Scriptures will lead the lost to accept Christ as Saviour and will deepen the spiritual life of the saved, should be careful in our criticism lest we do more harm than good. We are told that throngs of people are reading the Bible in the new version who have never shown the slightest interest in any other translation. All of which means that we should pinpoint our criticisms, singling out particular verses. Our criticisms should be constructive in the hope of correcting the faulty translations of the new translation.

It is good to live in a land of free people, and we should all be gratified that we have varied and various translations of the Bible, sufficient to satisfy each and all. We have never seen a single version or translation of the Scriptures despite imperfections that did not contain enough of gospel truth to lead a seeking soul to the Saviour. After all, that is what counts most.

Million Gain in S. S. Sought by Southern Baptists

Dear Brethren:

In June, 1952, a Convention-wide movement was launched by our Sunday school leaders to enrol a net gain of one million members in our Southern Baptist Sunday schools in 1954, for Bible study. A challenge of such magnitude requires thorough preparation, intelligent planning, and earnest participation of all of our people.

Our first step in the matter of preparation is to inform the people of this movement. We therefore request you and the superintendent of your Sunday school to announce the program in all services of your church on the first Sunday in January, 1953. I venture to hope that you may be led of the Holy Spirit to deliver a special message challenging your people to join you in accepting your full share of this great undertaking.

Counting on your whole-hearted cooperation in this primary mission of our churches, and assuring you of my prayers and best wishes, I remain

Your fellow servant,

C. C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C., Chairman of Pastors for "A Million More in '54."

RECIPROCIITY: We'll find more milk of human kindness on our doorsteps when we remember to return the bottles.—Briggs Assembler.

Christ in the Center

F. TOWNLEY LORD
President, Baptist World Alliance

The Christian Faith has expressed itself in so many different ways that an inquirer, eager to know its central significance, would not find an obvious answer to his question.

What is the essential in Christianity? The Church has covered the western world with stately cathedrals, organized itself in an imposing hierarchy of archbishops and bishops and priests, clothed its leaders in colorful robes and vestments, given its sanction to dignified ritual and branched out in a variety of benevolent social services. What lies at the heart of all this? Is there something central to all Christian thought and practice which makes a man a true Christian although he may feel little inclination towards ecclesiastical elaboration?

I found myself putting these questions as I listened, the other Sunday evening to a famous Salvation Army band. This excellent band plays near one of London's traffic circuses every Sunday and attracts a crowd. In the intervals of music a leader, with bared head, offers prayer and gives a Gospel invitation. As I paused to listen I reflected on what it was which justified the Salvation Army leader in regarding himself as a true disciple of Jesus just as much as his brother who, not far away, clothes himself in vestments and celebrates a sacrament for which there is no place in Salvation Army practice. The answer, of course, is clear. Central to our Christian Faith is a Person. I found myself mentally quoting Whittier:

Nor name, nor form, nor ritual word,
But simply following Thee.

To have the Gospel means to have Christ.

Now and then it becomes necessary to remind ourselves of this. It is necessary, too, when we find men and women trusting in an organization or in a special form of ecclesiastical observance. No organization has the power to save. No ritual can reinstate us before God. It is Christ, crucified and risen, who saves. We cannot have His Gospel unless we have Him. We cannot have the Kingdom unless we have the King.

This is not true of all the systems of thought and practice which claim our allegiance in the modern world. Christian thinkers have always paid respect to Plato and have found much to enlighten and stimulate in the writings of the famous Greek. But you can derive a good deal of help from the pages of the

Republic without concerning yourself very much with what Plato did when he was alive, or with the manner in which he died. Similarly the figure of Socrates emerges from the ancient scene and a modern man can gain much of value from the Socratic approach to truth without being deeply concerned in Socrates as a person. The Buddhist noble "Sevenfold Path" has great value, and it is possible to gain much from the study of Buddhist ethical teaching without any special concern for the founder of that system.

It is otherwise with the Christian Gospel. In a unique sense Christianity means Christ. It is inseparable from Him as a historic figure. You cannot take His words apart from Him. It matters supremely that He lived and died and rose again. In this all-important sense Christ is central to the Christian Faith. Once a man can say, as Paul said in F. W. H. Myers' poem:

Christ! I am Christ's! and let the name suffice you,
Ay, for me too He greatly hath sufficed;
Lo with no menacing words I would entice you,
Paul has no honour and no friend but Christ.

He is at the center. We are not Christians because we believe in any theory of the Church or of the Ministry or of the Sacraments: we are Christians by virtue of our personal relationship with Jesus, Son of God and Saviour of mankind. Faith is always prior to form.

How much Jesus Himself meant to apostolic Christianity is apparent from the literature which that age, under Divine inspiration, produced. The Gospels themselves put the Saviour in the center—in His claims, and in His demands on those who would follow Him. "I and the Father are one," He said. He claimed power to forgive sins. He demanded faith in Himself. We imagine Plato saying to his readers, "I would like you to reflect on these my views of life;" but Jesus said to those who heard Him "I want you to believe in Me." And the strange thing is that as we reflect on these claims made by Jesus they do not in the slightest degree sound egotistical; they come naturally from His lips, as from One who spoke (as his hearers said) with authority; until as we listen we find ourselves sinking to our knees and exclaiming like one of old "My Lord and my God."

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A Bear on the Mountain Side

By O. W. TAYLOR

One day, so the story goes, a man was walking on a narrow mountain path on one side of which was a steep precipice. With great fear, he saw in the foggy distance what seemed to be a bear coming toward him. When the two came closer to each other, he saw that the object was a man. And when they met, he found that it was his own brother.

This is a parable of life. "While climbing the mountain way steep," oftentimes what at first appears to be a "bear" turns out to be a brother in Christ when the following fact is present: "the eyes of your understanding being enlightened." Perhaps a few personal reminiscences will serve an illustrative purpose along this line.

A preacher-friend remonstrated with me because on a previous day I met and passed him on the sidewalk and neither looked at him nor spoke to him. Why had I been "high hat?" It developed that my eyes had been dilated with belladonna preparatory to glasses and I could hardly see or recognize anything and had not seen him at all that day. The "bear" was his brother in Christ. More information made the difference.

Rather strongly criticized by a woman in a certain city was an editorial of mine. She said, in substance, that I was opposing peace efforts, helping to tie the hands of the President, helping to weaken Americanism and was unpatriotic. Without rancor, the purpose of the editorial was explained, the bonds we had bought to help the war effort were cited and the grave of our younger son in the Infantry in Normandy was appealed to as evidences of patriotism and Americanism. She then wrote and asked forgiveness, saying, "I did not know." The "bear" vanished.

The Southern Baptist Convention in the early years of my ministry was in my estimate a huge, criminally expensive, corrupt, dictatorial organization cracking the whip over churches and pastors. I interpreted the three unclean spirits like frogs in the Book of Revelation to mean the State Mission Board, the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board!!! Then gradually increasing information, acquaintance with Convention people and observance of the Convention in action and reading about its work and studying its history plus a study of the Scriptures above all, led me to see that a brother stood where a "bear" once stood.

Of course, there are "bears" which sometimes must be met and vanquished. But let's not allow fog to make us almost constantly conclude that a "bear" is in our way when it is really a brother who loves us and is ready to help us.

Seven

Seven Veteran Faculty Members Are Honored by Cumberland College



WILLIAMSBURG, Ky. — Seven members of the faculty of Cumberland College who have served the institution faithfully and well for a total of almost 250 teaching years were honored at a special service at the First Church in Williamsburg on Cumberland College Homecoming Day, November 29.

The well-trained and experienced group forms a solid center for the Cumberland College faculty of 1952. All began their teaching careers while quite young; and even though they have spent years in their classrooms, they have rich years of service still before them.

The educators have given so much of themselves to the youth of their section that many young men and women who have sat in their classes caught a vision of a greater and loftier life and have made contributions to mankind that reflect the strength of character of those who inspired them.

At the conclusion of the principal address of the service by the Honorable Bert T. Combs, judge of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky, an engraved loving cup was presented by alumni to each of the following honored faculty members: J. L. Creech, A. R. Evans, P. R. Jones, J. T. Vallandingham, Besse M. Rose, Nell Moore, and Mary Thomas.

President Emeritus J. L. Creech is a graduate of Cumberland College and of Columbia University, and he has also studied at Harvard. In 1938, he was given the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Georgetown College. He served as instructor at Cumberland College for twelve years prior to becoming president in 1925. He retired from the presi-

dency in 1946, but he still remains on the teaching staff.

A. R. Evans, head of the Social Science Department, has served on the faculty forty years, including two years as acting president. A graduate of Cumberland College and Brown University, his graduate work has been done at the Universities of Kentucky and Chicago.

P. R. Jones has been identified with Cumberland since 1909. He has served as a coach and as an instructor of science, and he is now head of the Chemistry Department and the dean of the College. Dean Jones is a graduate of Denison University and has done his graduate work at Ohio State University and the University of Kentucky.

J. T. Vallandingham, head of the Mathematics Department, began his work at Cumberland in 1913. During part of the thirty-nine years that he has been identified with the college, he served in both World War I and World War II. In World War I, he was a first lieutenant in the Army; in World War II, he served again in the Army, but as a captain. He is a graduate of Georgetown College, and has done graduate study at the Universities of Chicago and Kentucky.

Miss Besse M. Rose, head of the English Department, has been teaching at Cumberland since 1912. She served as principal of the Cumberland College Academy for a number of years. Miss Rose is a graduate of Cumberland and also of Georgetown College. She has done her graduate work at Columbia University and at George Peabody College.

Dr. Nell Moore, head of the Music Department, began her teaching at Cumberland College in 1922. She is instructor in piano, harmony, music history, and music appreciation. Dr. Moore received her degrees at the Louisville Conservatory of Music and at the Institute of Musical Art.

Miss Mary Thomas, head of the History Department, started her work at Cumberland College in 1929 as an instructor of history and as dean of women. Miss Thomas earned her bachelor of arts degree at Indiana University. She has done her graduate work there and at the University of Wisconsin.

POLITICS: Oh, for the days of William McKinley and William Jennings Bryan, when the speeches reached you a week later.—*Changing Times*.

Receipts for 1951-52 to Be Printed in Western Recorder Next Week

The financial statement of 1951-52 receipts of the Baptist State Board of Missions will be printed in the columns of the Western Recorder of next week. This report of the treasurer, Dr. W. C. Boone, will show that the sum of \$2,327,457.53 was divided between all causes throughout the fiscal year. Watch for this statement of receipts.

Sunday School Department

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT, State Secretary

A Million More in 'Fifty-Four

WHAT? Some will ask, What is the meaning of the slogan, "A Million More in '54?" "A Million more in '54" is more than a slogan; it is our objective. Southern Baptists are agreed to work together to do all possible to increase the Sunday school enrolment in 1954 by one million. The year 1953 must be a year of definite preparation.

WHY ENROLL A MILLION MORE IN '54? There are many reasons. First, we believe it is the Father's will. The multitudes—un-enrolled multitudes—must have been in the mind of the Father when it was said, "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son—" Second, the masses of un-reached people provide another reason why Southern Baptists should increase their enrolment. Millions of unsaved people are living within easy reach of our churches who are our definite responsibility. If we do not reach them many will perish without God and without hope. There are also approximately 2,500,000 of our church members who are not enrolled in our Sunday schools; consequently they are not being taught God's word and, for the most part, are lost to definite Christian service. A third reason is our churches need a great goal toward which to work. Most of us can do much more when we are faced with a worthy challenge.

HOW TO ENROLL A MILLION MORE IN '54? First, organize new Sunday school classes. Many large classes have reached, at present, all they will ever enroll. In many cases two or more classes should be formed from these large classes and growth will follow. Many new classes should be organized from prospect lists. Second, secure additional workers. On the average our schools will have enrolled about ten for every teacher and officer. Increase your faculty and your enrolment will

increase. Upon securing additional workers an intensive training program should be inaugurated. Third, establish an Extension Department. Fourth, establish a Cradle Roll Department. Fifth, adopt and promote a weekly visitation program. Sixth, organize one or more branch Sunday schools. There are many places where new Sunday schools should be organized and many of our churches are so located as to be under a divine responsibility. If we don't start new schools on a large scale, then many will be deprived of Bible study and consequently the Saviour. Seventh, provide more space for more people. Eighth, pray for the "Lord of the harvest to send more workers."

There are many other ways which will be used. No doubt your church can do some of these things which have been suggested.

We would like to request each Sunday school superintendent to announce the plan for "A Million More in '54" on Sunday morning, January 4, and seek to secure cooperation on the part of your church.

Standard Sunday Schools

Auburn—Pastor John Laida; Superintendent Prather Price.
Casky—Pastor James R. Ross; Superintendent George Powell.
Elliston—Pastor Simon Webster; Superintendent Odis Kendall.
Knoxville—Pastor Floyd Whistler; Superintendent Lawrence Ashcraft.

EIGHT REGIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS FEB. 1953

REGION	MEETING PLACE FEB.	HOST PASTOR
Western	Henderson, First..... 9	Francis Tallant
Southwestern	Murray, First.....10	H. C. Chiles
Southern	Horse Cave.....12	Leon Larrimore
Central	Lawrenceburg.....13	George Jones
North Central	Frankfort, First.....16	Fred Moffatt, Sr.
Northeastern	West Liberty.....17	Gordon Duncan
Southeastern	Williamsburg, First.....19	Clyde Freed Jr.
South Central	Somerset, High Street.....20	Gerald Ford

INTROSPECTION—These conventions will serve as a time for Sunday school workers and leaders to search their hearts to remember that the work we do is "Not by might nor by power but by my Spirit, Saith the Lord."

INFORMATION—The State Sunday School Department will furnish a specialized leader to assist in the conferences for the various departments of the Sunday school.

DETERMINATION—Determine that we will use our Sunday schools to perform the task at hand. Particularly as we prepare to enroll "A Million More in '54."

ASSOCIATION—Recognize that ours is a common task and that we do not labor alone and that in numbers and cooperation there is strength.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE December 14, 1952

Church	Missions	Total
Louisville, Walnut St., (4)	242	1,659
Louisville, 9th and O (1)	35	1,149
Louisville, Parkland (1)	165	1,095
Bowling Green, First (2)	97	1,038
Owensboro, First (1)	145	1,021
Mayfield, First	---	1,001
Owensboro, Third (1)	135	944
Hindman (11)	720	912
Louisville, Crescent Hill (2)	160	905
Covington, Latonia (2)	284	859
Evansville, Ind., Grace (2)	172	841
Maisonville, First	---	836
Frankfort, First (1)	81	829
Hopkinsville, Second (1)	21	824
Murray, First (1)	83	817
Lexington, Porter Memorial (2)	331	804
Louisville, Beechmont (1)	70	787
Louisville, Victory Memorial (2)	142	765
Lexington, Immanuel	---	727
Glasgow (1)	46	716
Newport, First (2)	153	673
Somerset, First	---	665
Dayton, Ohio, Westwood (2)	121	641
Lexington, Calvary (1)	27	631
Louisville, West Broadway	---	627
Danville, First (4)	212	623
Harrodsburg (2)	71	622
Harlan (1)	58	603
Louisville, 23rd and Broadway (1)	57	603
Evansville, Ind., Calvary (1)	83	599
Paducah, Immanuel (1)	42	599
Middlesboro, First (1)	85	583
Louisville, St. Matthews	---	567
Shively	---	556
Louisville, Eastern Parkway	---	556
Elizabethtown, Severn's Valley (2)	82	556
Paducah, First (1)	75	554
Lexington, Grace	---	553
Hopkinsville, First	---	530
Covington, Calvary	---	530
Louisville, Meadow Home (1)	115	529
Louisville, Clifton (1)	102	503
Georgetown (1)	46	500
London, First (1)	27	499
Ashland, Pollard (4)	108	488
Beechland (Long Run Assn.)	---	483
Ashland, Unity (1)	46	440
Owensboro, Hall Street (1)	27	438
Winchester, Central (1)	24	405
Covington, Southside	---	403
Louisville, Southside	---	396
Danville, Lexington Ave. (1)	30	395
Fulton, First	---	376
Williamsburg, First	---	375
Hodgenville, First	---	375
Henderson, First	---	374
Whitesburg, First (3)	160	372
Evansville, Ind., Walnut St., (2)	91	372
Lebanon (1)	50	370
Louisville, Highland Park, First	---	367
Morganfield, First	---	363
Louisville, Immanuel	---	357
Paducah, Twelfth Street (1)	61	356
Corbin, Central (1)	47	355
Russellville, First (1)	26	353
Springfield	---	347
Williamson, West Va., East	---	344
Corbin, First	---	344
Louisville, Shawnee	---	337
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial (1)	21	330
Louisville, Harmony	---	325
Winchester, First	---	320
Versailles	---	316
Owensboro, Seven Hills	---	312
Middletown, First	---	306
Belleue	---	300
Louisville, Farmdale	---	289
Lawrenceburg (Sand Spring)	---	288
Lexington, Felix Memorial	---	288
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	288
Sonora	---	278
Greenville, First	---	277
Covington, First	---	275
Ludlow, First	---	272
Lawrenceburg, First	---	270
Bardstown	---	268
Paintsville, First (2)	88	265
Hazel	---	260
Louisville, Virginia Ave.	---	251
Walton, First (1)	20	247
Monticello, First (1)	13	244
Stanford	---	238
Auburn	---	235
Hawesville (1)	14	234
Ft. Thomas	---	232
Dawson Springs	---	229
Cadiz	---	227
Pikeville	---	223
Pleasant Hill No. 2 (Near Somerset)	---	221
Marion Baptist	---	221

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Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE
State Secretary

JANUARY

(State and Convention Wide Schedule)

Theme: The Truth About Human Life

Scripture: "And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one, that is, God" (Luke 18:19)

Aim: To Show That Life's Supreme Need Is Jesus Christ

Song: "Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me"

Denominational Emphases

1. Cooperative Program
2. Special Bible Study Week
3. Church Schools of Missions
4. Student Life-Commitment Day, January 11
5. W.M.S. Focus Week, January 18-23

Suggested Activities for Churches

1. Start the new year right by setting out to build a Standard Training Union, Standard departments, and Standard unions for 1953.
2. Early in January show the film-strip, "Learn from Me." This may be procured from your nearest Baptist Book Store.
3. Plan now to make March a big Enlargement Month in Training Union. Follow the suggestions in the enlargement packet which has been sent to all the churches.
4. Launch the Bible Reading Crusade and the Prayer Meeting Attendance Crusade in January.
5. Conserve evangelism by conducting a class for new church members, using the book *Your Life and Your Church* by James L. Sullivan.
6. By the last of January order all of the books for the March study course from your Baptist Book Store.

Suggested Activities for Associations

1. Lead every church to get ready for the March study course and big Enlargement Month.
2. In the associational executive committee meeting set up the associational calendar of events and activities for the year if this was not done in December.
3. Attend the state planning meeting for associational officers if it is held in your state this month.
4. Determine now to have a Standard association this year.

Credits and Bible Week in January

Training Union credit will not be given to Juniors and Intermediates in

the requirement on those making 70 per cent the Sunday school book to be taught in Bible Week in January. Credit will be given to all others who request it. It is suggested that during that week a book in the Junior course of the Training Union be taught to the Juniors and one in the Intermediate course of the Training Union be taught to the Intermediates.

Standard Interpretation

The following note was received from the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board:

NOTE—Below is the new wording for cent or above to be inserted in all union Standards as they are reprinted, and to guide now in the interpretation of that point.

IV ACHIEVEMENT

1. The union shall encourage every member to make a high grade on the Eight Point Record System.
2. The weekly average number of members making 70 per cent or above¹ shall be at least two thirds of the weekly average enrolment.²

1.—Add the weekly totals of members making 70 per cent or above and divide the sum by the number of Sundays in the quarter.

2.—Add the weekly enrolments and divide the sum by the number of Sundays in the quarter.

"Learn From Me"

The above is the title of the new book of twelve sermons on the monthly themes for 1953, written by different preachers and compiled by J. E. Lambdin. This should be of great value and may be purchased at the Baptist Book Store.

November Awards by Courses

During the month of November there were 933 awards issued in Kentucky by courses as follows: Administration diplomas 5, seals 33; Adult diplomas 35, seals 348; Young People's diplomas 33, seals 88; Intermediate diplomas 53, seals 126; Junior diplomas 30, seals 182.

Standing of November Awards by Courses

The report of study course awards for November shows the standing of the courses as follows: Adult, Junior, Intermediate, Administration, Young People's.

Standing of November Awards by Books

The standing of November awards by books is as follows: Baptist Adult Union Manual, The Baptist Junior Union Manual, Baptist Intermediate Union Manual, Baptist Young People's Union Administration, Building a Church Training Program.

Christ in the Center

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The apostolic Christians put Jesus in the center of their theology. Before any of the historic creeds were formulated the men and women of the early days had a creed of their own. It was the shortest creed ever, and the best—"Jesus is Lord." They took Him at His word because they accepted Him for what He claimed to be, Son of God and Saviour of their souls.

Certain forms of liberal theology from time to time have tended to give us a picture of Jesus which has less content and therefore less meaning than the Figure we have in the New Testament. Too often the portrait they have offered is that of a religious genius, winsome, attractive, colorful—but not the Christ of faith. "Why any man" wrote William Temple in *Readings in St. John's Gospel*, "should have troubled to crucify the Christ of liberal Protestantism has always been a mystery." Happily in the theological development of the past half-century, to which A. M. Hunter refers in his *Interpreting the New Testament* a much bigger Jesus is put before us. "One of the greatest services of the theological renaissance has been to recall us to a truer view of that Christ whose figure dominates not only the Gospels but the whole New Testament, the Christ who is alone big enough to explain historic Christianity and to redeem a lost world."

Through the long centuries Christ's followers have found Him to be central in their experience. Listen on this to C. H. Spurgeon. "The most real thing under heaven to my soul is the Lord Jesus Christ. Brethren, can you all say that? I do not say that I can use this language always. Alas! alas! when my Lord has gone it is not so with me! But when I know He is near there is no force that doth so completely constrain me, no impulse that doth so utterly hold me spell-bound as the impulse that arises from His presence, and the constraint that flows out of His love shed abroad on my soul."

The Baptist Times, London, England

Dr. Charles H. Bolton, executive secretary for the Southern Baptist Foundation, has resigned to become pastor of the Avon Park Baptist Church in Avon Park, Florida. He went with the Southern Baptist Foundation in 1949. Prior to that he was pastor for a number of years and was for a while state secretary of Florida Baptists.

78,000...
By Houston

January 1, 1953

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary
MISS BEULAH WINGO, Young People's Secretary
J. C. BALLEW, R. A. Secretary

THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

May peace and joy completely
Fill your heart today,
And may God bless and guide you
All along the New Year's way!

MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
BEULAH WINGO
J. C. BALLEW
ANN GRIFFIN
MRS. R. D. BENNETT
MYRTLE ROSENBAUM

W. M. S. Focus Week January 18-23

Last year we observed our first W. M. S. Focus Week. The date was in October. This year the date has been changed to January 18-23. Some of our Societies had splendid plans last year and made Focus Week a real event in the church. Let's have more of us making bigger and better plans than ever this year! We hope you have read the suggested plans on pages 16-17 of the December issue of Royal Service. Study them carefully and adapt and use as many of them as possible. See also Page 75 in the Year Book.

Use Focus Week also to give excellent publicity to Fiftieth Anniversary Goals of Kentucky W. M. U. Do these things in connection with the suggestions given in Royal Service.

1. If you organize a new society, as suggested under point 5, remember to report it promptly to the State Office and also keep a record of it for your Anniversary report remembering that special recognition will be given at our State Meeting in 1954 to new organizations perfected during our anniversary year and to the societies organizing them.

2. If you take a survey, remember to record it on your *Achievement Chart*.

3. Be sure to report *Soul-winning visitation* programs to your Associational Anniversary chairman as this is a part of Associational goals.

4. As part of the work of the *Community Missions Chairman* for Focus Week, keep in mind and give publicity to the anniversary goal of emphasis on the importance of family altars.

5. Let the *Mission Study Chairman* add a third point to her suggestions by announcing that we expect to introduce the new *History of Kentucky W. M. U.* and its author at the State Meeting with the goal that each organization of our state (except Sunbeams) will study this book during the anniversary year.

6. The *Stewardship Chairman* will also add a third point to her plans. The anniversary goals in stewardship are 15% increase in total gifts during the Weeks of Prayer. Promotion of a definite goal for the Fiftieth Anniversary Scholarship Fund and Birthday gifts at the Birthday Parties. Ask your W.M.S. President about the Fifty Dollar certificates and the Dollar-a-month Plan Certificates. She has samples of them. Order as many as you need from the State Office and use them to solicit gifts. Dollar-a-month Plan offering envelopes are also available upon request.

7. The *Young People's Director* will see to it that the young people's organizations are given an opportunity to participate in all of the anniversary plans and encourage them to lead effort in reaching their goals. Lead them to honor the "mother society" by helping them observe W.M.S. Focus Week.

We know you will like W.M.S. Focus Week!

Clothing for Korea

There are literally thousands of crippled and orphaned children in Korea shivering in their rags with very little food and sadly in need of clothes. Ask your W.M.S. to pack a box of good clean, used clothing and get it mailed at once. Check with your postoffice as to the size of package that can be sent. Send several. You will be glad to know that we can send clothing direct to our Southern Baptist missionary, Rev. Rex Ray, P. O. Box, Special No. 1, Pusan, Korea.

Sending Money to Korea

If you want to send money for relief in Korea, send it to the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia and designate it for Relief in Korea. Dr. Baker James Cauthen says, "Southern Baptists have sent to Korea more than \$90,000 in relief money. There is no way of adequately describing the blessings which this money has brought in direct relief, medical care, strengthening Christian workers and providing for war victims."

Mission Study

We are sure that everyone is aware, by this time, that the requirement with regard to Mission Study has been changed on the Standard of Excellence. The requirement for this point now reads, "At least two mission study books taught in class periods totaling not less than three hours for each book; two-thirds of the enrollment of the society reading a missionary book."

Have You Reported?

Last week we published a list of W. M. S.'s whose 1953 officers have not yet been reported. We did not have space for all of them and so listed below are those for Associations in the alphabetical listing, S-Z.

- Salem
Big Spring
Cold Spring
Hill Grove
Rock Haven
- Severn's Valley
Hodgenville, First
Rineyville
Round Top School House
Tunnell Hill
- Shelby
Beech Ridge
Elmberg
Mt. Moriah
- Simpson
New Salem
- South District
Benton
Bruners Chapel
Cornishville
Willow Grove Chapel (Danville Mission)
Davistown
Fellowship
Pleasant Hill
Salt River
- South Union
Black Oak
High Cliff
Mountain Ash
Nevisdale
Oswego
- Sulphur Fork
Bedford
Corn Creek
- Tates Creek
Richmond, Broadway
Richmond, Calvary
Tates Creek
- Ten Mile
Clark's Creek
Glencoe
Paint Lick
Poplar Grove
- Three Forks
Dwarf
Hardburley
Hazard, Petrey Memorial
Hyden
Lothair
Mt. Olivet
Yerkes
- Union
Powersville
Union
- Upper Cumberland
Ages
Chevrolet
Coxton
Harlan, Kelly St.
Huff Settlement
Louellen
Loyall, Calvary
St. John
Tremont, Pine Flat Church
Wallins
Willow Grove
Yokum Creek
- Warren
Bethany
Bowling Green, Calvary
Plum Spring
Rocky Hill
- Wayne County
Central Union
- West Kentucky
Spring Hill
- West Kentuckiana
Fulton Mission (Evansville Calvary)
Henderson, Zion
- West Union
Bethlehem
Blandville
Paducah, Phillips Memorial Mission
Providence
- White's Run
Jordan
- Whitewater
Avondale Mission (Dayton, North)

One Thing at a Time

"Why do people make New Year's resolutions?" asked June.

"I suppose they feel like I do," said Sue. "They feel as if on New Year's Day they are getting another chance to be as good as they would like to be."

"I wish I were as good as I'd like to be," said June.

Sue laughed. "Poor little kiddie. Just you keep on wishing and if you wish hard enough, you will be some day."

"But, Sue, do you always keep your resolutions?" asked June.

"Dear me, no. I break them to a thousand flinders before January is over."

"Well, what's the use to make them, then?"

"Honey, we must set a goal for ourselves and try to live toward it. You know a very wise man said, 'Not failure, but low aim is disgrace.' We just must set a high standard for ourselves and try to live to it or we would never get anywhere. Now I must run and dress or I shall be late for the party. Before I go, I wish my dear little sister a really happy New Year" and Sue hugged and kissed each little girl then hurried away to dress.

"I perfectly adore Sue," said June.

"Wouldn't you hate her, almost, if she were like Stella Kate Robbins' sister? She is so mean to Stella Kate. I don't guess she ever kissed her in all her life. Girls like Maude Robbins ought not to have a little sister," said Ruth. "Are you going to make any resolutions, June?"

"Of course," answered June. "Let's see. We must resolve to stop doing things that we know are bad habits. I know my worst one. It is starting things and never finishing them. Poor mother and Sue are always after me. Mother said if I were to start in and finish all the things I have begun, it would take me the rest of my life to finish them. Gracious! Do you believe it would?"

"Let us make a list of the things we should like to improve on and have them for our New Year's resolutions," said Ruth.

June got some pencils and paper for herself and Ruth. "Now," she said, "you write out yours and I will write mine. Then we will show them to each other."

For a few minutes the twins wrote busily, then Ruth finished hers with a flourish. "If I keep all these," she said, "I will be a heap better by this time next year."

"I will, too," said June. "Read yours first, Ruth."

Ruth read: "I will not put off doing anything. I will keep my dresser drawers clean and neat. I will not lose my temper. I will try to get 100 percent on everything at school."

June chuckled, "You will never do 'em, Ruth, but of course you can try."

Ruth laughed, too. "I know I will do just like Sue said she did, but she said to aim high."

"Well, here are mine," said June. "I will finish everything I have started. I will feed the chickens without having to be told. I will not fuss when I have to go on errands. I will study my arithmetic lesson first every day." June hated arithmetic.

Ruth laughed and June joined in. "We might as well set a high standard," said June. Then she became real serious. "Sure enough Ruth, if we ever expect to quit our bad habits I guess we ought to be starting. I know my list sounds impossible but I mean to try to keep every one of them."

"So do I," said June, and she and Ruth solemnly shook hands on it.

It was on the fourteenth day of January that mother went to the door of the twins' room. Ruth sat on the edge of the little white iron bed on which she and June slept. She had been crying.

"What is wrong, baby?" asked mother, sympathetically, sitting down beside Ruth and putting her arm around her.

Ruth burst into fresh sobbing. "It's my resolutions, mother. I said I would keep my dresser drawers straight and not put off anything and keep my temper. Well, you know we overslept this morning and I left everything tumbled up and so I said I would clean them up first thing when I got home. But I forgot that we were to go to Alice Reed's this afternoon, and now June is gone over there and is having such a good time. She begged me to go and said she would help me with the cleaning when we got back but I told her I didn't need her help, and I said it so crossly that June is hurt with me. And O, I missed my spelling lesson. I will never be as good as I would like to be." Ruth sobbed heart-brokenly in mother's dear arms.

Mother's eyes were twinkling, but of course Ruth didn't see them. When she stopped crying, mother said: "Now let's get at this straightening business and see just how soon we can get it out of the way. It won't take long."

"You sit right there, mother, and watch me. It won't take long, if you will stay with me." Ruth began to take things out of the drawer and rearrange them. While she worked she talked and told about the doings of the day at school. Soon she was laughing and al-

most before she knew it, the task was done. "I'm so ashamed," she said, "but, what I hate most is that I was so cross with June. I hope she is having a good time. I will tell her how sorry I am as soon as she comes home."

"Come down to my room," said mother, leading the way. Ruth followed and when mother opened her room door, there sat June busily darning a stocking. Ruth stared open-mouthed. Then she began to laugh hysterically. June was laughing, too. "You see, I started to darn this stocking yesterday and didn't finish it and you set me such a good example I couldn't let it go another minute."

Ruth flew at her twin and June dropped the stocking and caught her in her arms. "I'm so sorry I was cross, June."

Then both of them sat down beside mother to talk it over. "Mother, we meant to be so good by next New Year's Day," said June, "but we have already to keep our resolutions."

"It doesn't seem much use to try, does it?" asked Ruth, despondently.

"It certainly does do good to make resolutions," declared mother. "If you didn't make any effort, you would never grow better."—MRS. B. M. PORTER IN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Gleanings

Pastor A. L. Meacham has resigned the First Baptist Church of Dawson Springs, Ky. to accept the pastorate of the De Haven Memorial Baptist Church of La Grange, Ky. He begins his new work January 4.

Miss Mary Frances Gould, Southern Baptist missionary to Thailand, is now in the States on furlough and may be addressed at 100 Wallace Avenue, Covington, Ky. Miss Gould makes her permanent American home in Kentucky.

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Holcomb to End Service With The Sunday School Board

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary-treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, for the past eighteen years, has announced he will conclude his work and retire next June. He will be seventy and retirement age December 22, but was elected last June for a full year.

A committee has been named to select a new executive secretary-treasurer. In his remarks to the Board, Dr. Holcomb pointed out that "the purpose of all the varied ministries of the Sunday School Board in literature, promotion, book stores, assemblies, and in all of its work is to render a spiritual service to the home and the church."

"The Board is definitely committed to the extent of its resources to help bind these two divine institutions in the holy task of advancing the cause of Christ throughout our land and in all nations of the earth."

The Sunday School Board also voted to send Dr. Holcomb to Zurich, Switzerland, as a representative from the Board to explain the overall workings of the organization, literature techniques, etc.,

to students of Southern Baptist Seminary there.

The retiring executive secretary was also invited by the Sunday School Board to become a general associate with the Board after his retirement. His status would be that of department head and his main emphasis would be promotion

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of the "Million More in '54" Sunday school campaign.

Dr. Holcomb did not indicate whether he would accept the position.

In other action, the Sunday School Board approved an appropriation of nearly \$300,000 with which to complete and equip Glorieta Assembly buildings now under construction in New Mexico. The new Southern Baptist counterpart of Ridgecrest for the western states will

open June 8, 1953, and will accommodate 1,000 persons.

Dedication of the nine story addition to the Board administration building was announced for sometime next spring. The building is now only partially finished but is already occupied on some floors.

The retirement of Dr. Homer L. Grice as head of the Vacation Bible School Department of the Board created two vacancies since the editorial and promotional work were set up under different heads. Dr. Grice had worked in his present position since September 1, 1924.

Dr. Charles F. Treadway, formerly pastor of First Baptist Church, Columbia, Miss., joined the Board's editorial departments and was today approved for the editorial position. Sibley C. Burnett was elected secretary in charge of promotion for Vacation Bible work in the Sunday School Department.

Dr. John M. Carter, president of Campbellsville College, and Mrs. Carter announce the matriculation of a young co-ed on their campus. Her name is Mary Jill Carter, born November 17 in a Lexington hospital. She is their third child and their second daughter. How fortunate that Campbellsville is co-educational!

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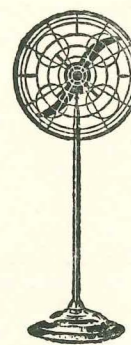
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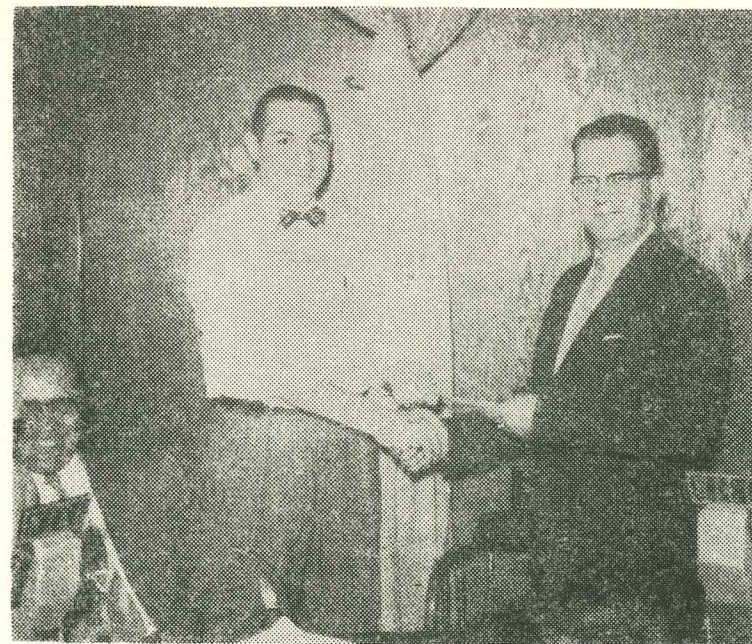
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Elizabethtown Lions Give Glendale Children The Bird



GLENDALE, Ky. — In the accompanying picture from *The Hardin County Enterprise*, Mr. Ed. Ward, president of the Elizabethtown Lion's Club, presents a check for \$150 to Superintendent C. Ford Deusner for the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home here. The money was given to the Home to provide a turkey dinner, including dressing, gravy, cranberry sauce, vegetables, bread and ice cream, for the more than 200 children in the Home on Thanksgiving Day. The appeal for funds for the children's dinner was an extra feature this year of the Lion's Club's annual radio auction. An additional treat is planned by the Club for the Children at Christmas.

The food required for this feast included ten 20-pound turkeys, eight gallons of peas; a bushel and a half of potatoes; forty dozen dinner rolls; one case of celery; twenty-four cans of cranberry sauce; fifteen gallons of sweet milk, and eight gallons of brick ice cream.

An interest and significant sidelight connected with this donation is the fact that Mr. Ward, Elizabethtown business man and the president of the local Lion's Club, is a "Home Boy," having spent his boyhood and youth in the Glendale institution, and is now serving as treasurer of its alumni association.

Lake Dreamland Church Organized Southwest of Louisville City Limits

A group of people from Virginia Ave. Baptist Church, the pastors and deacons of neighboring churches and the members of the Lake Dreamland Baptist Mission met at the mission building on November 16 for the purpose of organizing a full-time Baptist church. Pastor T. P. McGary, of Virginia Avenue, presided, calling for the reading of their articles of faith, covenant and the list of names of all who wished to become charter members of the new church.

Pastor W. Oscar Gibson, Eighteenth Street, read the Scriptures. The first official act, after the body was declared a church, was to call Brother Newell

first pastor. He resigned in May, 1951, to accept an appointment with the Foreign Mission Board, and is now a missionary in Venezuela. He was succeeded by Pastor Charles C. Germany, who preached until July of this year.

The present pastor, Brother Massey, began his duties last September. Visiting ministers at the organizational meeting included Pastors John Boyk'n, Shawnee; Paul Youngs, Lee's Lane, W. Oscar Gibson, Eighteenth Street, and Orrin W. Stites, Beechland. Deacons present from sister churches included Brethren Fred Mercer, Harold E. Jenkins, E. L. Moore and Chester J. Real.

V. R. Prather, Who Served As Workhouse Chaplain, Dies in Louisville

By Fred G. Tucker, Long Run
Association's Institutional Worker

The Rev. V. R. Prather, of Louisville, Kentucky, went to be with the Lord on October 28, 1952. Death came to him at his work at 8:20 in the morning, after a life of fifty-one years and three months.

For several years Brother Prather had been active in Christian work, at the City Workhouse, and for the past two or three years had been in charge of the Baptist interests there on Sunday afternoons. He took a keen interest in this ministry to the prisoners.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Effie Mae Prather; three daughters, Mrs. Will'am E. Goodlett, Miss Edna Fay and Miss Martha Jane Prather; one granddaughter, three brothers and four sisters.

He was an active member of the Mount Hermon Baptist Church, Louisville, in whose sanctuary the funeral was held on October 31. The services were conducted by the Rev. E. M. Wilburn and the Reverend Robert Taylor. Burial was in the Highland Cemetery, Brandenburg, Kentucky, October 31.

We pray God's blessings on the dear family, the church, and the work that Brother Prather has laid down.

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Dr. O. W. Yates, pastor of the Rosemont Baptist Church of Lexington, is shown getting a shovel from Frank Happ, associate chairman of the church's building committee, Sunday afternoon as he prepared to move the first shovelful of dirt for the foundation for a new church building. Work on the foundation is expected to start in a few days. Construction of the building proper is scheduled to get under way next spring. Principal speaker for the occasion was Dr. F. Russell Purdy, shown at left, pastor of the Calvary Baptist church, Lexington. Others, left to right, are William Mitchell, Rosemont music and educational director; the Rev. Ira McMillan, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church; Mr. Yates; the Rev. O'Ray Weeks, pastor of Porter Memorial Baptist Church; Charles Hatfield, clerk of the Elkhorn Baptist Association, and Mr. Happ.—The Lexington Leader.

East Texas Baptist College Launches Building Program

BELTON, Texas. — President H. D. Bruce has announced that the East Texas Baptist College, Marshall, Texas, is continuing its program of enlargement and expansion. A campaign to raise funds for a science hall and library building

was a success when the goal was exceeded by about 20%. The actual construction should be started about May 1, 1953, and the building should be ready for occupancy not later than the opening of school in September, 1954. This building will be one of the most modern and well equipped of any in Texas.

Included, also, in the construction program is the remodeling of the present Administration building which was erected in 1917-18. New equipment will be installed. This will continue to be the main administration and class room building. A modern and adequately equipped commercial department will be provided.

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The Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, has called W. Dean Brooks, Columbus, Georgia, as its new assistant to Pastor W. R. Pettigrew. He expects to begin his new duties as soon after the first of the New Year as he can locate here.

After one and one-half years with Pastor Roy C. McClung at the Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, Bro. Donald M. Everson has resigned as minister of music and education to become the pastor of the Hiseville Baptist Church. He hails from Jacksonville Beach, Florida, and is now a student in the Southern Seminary.

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Cumberland Students Visit Northern Kentucky Churches



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 Second Row: Katherine Scent, Barbourville, Ernestine Cordell, Whitley City; Edith Leeper, Dayton.
 Third Row: Wallace Gosser, Nancy, Eddy Lovelace, Albany; Donald Hart, Dayton, Ohio.
 Back Row: Robert D. Hopkins, Cold Springs; Ted Lynn Powell, Norwood, Ohio; Marshall Phillips, Shelbyville.

NEWPORT, Ky. — A group of students from the Baptist Student Union of Cumberland College, Williamsburg, Kentucky, recently gave programs at the First Baptist Church at Dayton; the Trinity Baptist Church in Newport, and the First Baptist Church at Ludlow.

The young people rendered special music in addition to the sermonic parts on the program. Marshall Phillips was the principal speaker at Dayton and Newport, and Robert D. Hopkins made the principal talk at Ludlow.

Visalia Baptists Dedicate Their New Church Building

COVINGTON, Ky., Nov. 23. — A dream became a reality recently when the Visalia Baptist Church dedicated its new colonial building. For fifty years this small congregation had met in a small frame one-room structure. Now they have a new \$40,000 brick edifice in which to worship. Three years ago, July, 1949, with less than \$250 in the treasury and no building fund, this work was started on faith. In March, 1952, the actual work was begun.

Pastor Bob W. Brown came to Visalia the first Sunday in November, 1948. He was a 17-year-old freshman in Georgetown College. Under his dynamic

leadership 160 have been added to the church membership. The membership has now more than doubled. The Sunday school attendance has increased from the thirties to an average of 140 each Sunday, a Training Union has been organized and is averaging more than 70. The budget has increased from \$1,250 in 1948 to more than \$12,000 in 1952. The church operates its own bus. The climax of all this growth was the dedication of the new building.

Dr. Samuel S. Hill, president of Georgetown College, delivered the dedicatory message. Associate Pastor Fred Martin, of Visalia, led the music, with Mrs. Helen Brown at the new electric organ. Also on the program were Pastors Bill Burchett and Roy Johnson, and Layman Willard Anderson. Dedication Week was observed with a revival

in which Pastor Rans Hill, Liberty Church, Cincinnati, did the preaching, following which 24 were led into the baptismal pool.

The brick structure, designed by Abner Foster, Covington architect, and erected by Schefer and Son, contractors, will seat 300.

Preaching Centers Are On the March

HAMILTON, Ohio, Nov. 25. — The New Zion Baptist Church, located at Western and Elmont Avenues, here, and a member of the White Water Association, rejoices greatly in what God is doing.

In the last four Sundays there have been twenty additions, thirteen of which came for baptism. The Sunday school is growing rapidly. A large room has been partitioned so as to make six more class rooms.

New Zion has three missions. The largest is at Germantown, Ohio. This mission is making great progress. Souls are being saved there and they have about \$3,000 in a building fund for future use.

The other two missions—City View Heights and Wood's Station—are both fairly new, but are averaging around forty in Sunday school at each place. High hopes are being held that these missions will soon become Baptist churches.

In addition to these missions and the regular church work at New Zion, two thirty-minute radio broadcasts are conducted over two different radio stations every Sunday morning. Pastor W. A. Fox would like for Baptist brethren to listen to the "Bible Hour Broadcast" every Sunday morning over WMOH 1450 on your dial 9:00-9:30, EST.

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New Parsonage Finished For the Doctor's Fork Baptist Church

PERRYVILLE, Ky., Dec. 12. — Members of the Doctor's Fork Baptist Church recently enjoyed an evening meal in the basement of their new modern seven room parsonage, which was completed in September. Those who attended the dinner were highly complimentary of the parsonage, the meal, and the evening together. They surprised the pastor and his wife with a generous pantry shower.

The parsonage was built on a lot given to the church by two of its members—Mrs. Briscoe Harmon and Mrs. Keron Glascock. The church selected five men to serve on the building committee. These men were Robert Whitehouse, Alfred Whitehouse, T. D. Harris, Harley Lanham, and Pastor J. O. Drew. The house is located in Perryville, Kentucky.

The church has just experienced one of its most effective and fruitful revivals with Rev. Marshall Black of Harrodsburg as the evangelist. All those who attended the services were richly blessed. Christians came from the services rejoicing in the fact that they were Christians. Those who were not doing the Lord's will were made to see their failures and short comings, and those who were not Christians were shown how to be saved. There were twelve saved, eight of whom were adults, and three came by letter.

E. T. Wright, Jr., Becomes Pastor of Mt. Gilboa Church

FINLEY, Ky., Dec. 7. — Rev. E. T. Wright, Jr., assumed his duties as pastor of Mt. Gilboa Baptist Church, East Lynn Association, on November 1. He succeeded Rev. Henry T. Parrott, who had been with the church since January 1, 1952.

Pastor Wright came from the Canmer Baptist Church, Liberty Association. He is also pastor of the Rolling Fork Baptist Church in East Lynn Association.

Pastor Parrott has accepted full time work at Harrods Fork Church in Russell

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Creek Association. During his pastorate at Mt. Gilboa much progress was made. Six new class rooms were built and a furnace installed. Brother Parrott, with Brother Wright as evangelist, closed what the church considers a successful revival.

Mt. Gilboa was organized as a church in 1921. Since that time the church has had only six pastors. Rev. L. E. Whitlo, Louisville, served the church nearly twelve years.

Rockcastle Baptists Pass Resolutions on Pastor Wendell Belew

MT. VERNON, Ky., Dec. 10. — The Executive Board of the Rockcastle Association has passed resolutions regarding the departure of Pastor Wendell Belew from their midst, where he has been serving as pastor of the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, to become director of mountain missions for Eastern Kentucky, under the Baptist State Board of Missions in Kentucky. He is at present moderator of the Rockcastle Association, and the resolutions speak of his services in that connection as being outstanding, and the results almost miraculous.

The resolutions thank him for his labors among them in the Master's causes. They commend him to Kentucky Baptists "as one who will do his full duty in any capacity to advance the Kingdom in his new work in Eastern Kentucky." The resolutions committee was composed of H. C. McQueary, chairman, Elmer Elliott and Raleigh Brady.

Albert Eugene Griffin Ordained to Ministry By Mt. Vernon Church

MT. VERNON, Ky., Dec. 10. — Albert Eugene Griffin was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at the Mt. Vernon Baptist Church Sunday, November 30. He desired to be ordained while Rev. Wendell Belew was yet pastor of that church. The council was made up of: Pastors Wendell Belew and Raleigh Brady, and Deacons C. H. Noe, Asher Cummins, J. T. Meadows, Grant Banks, Charles Machal, Beecher Owens, R. B. McKenzie, all of the Mt. Vernon Church and William Payne of the Freedom Church and L. C. Towery of the Conway Church.

The officers of the council were: Beecher Owens, Moderator; R. B. McKenzie, clerk; C. H. Noe, charge to the church; Wendell Belew, charge to the candidate; Grant Banks, presenter of the Bible; and Raleigh Brady, interrogator.

Albert Eugene is at present a student at Georgetown College as a freshman.

He plans to complete his college course and then enter the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville. He has already been accepted by the school.

Gleanings

Pastor J. Chester Badgett says that many blessings have been received as a result of the meetings held in the Campbellsville Baptist Church by Dr. W. Fred Kendall, Jackson, Tennessee.

Pastor Edward D. Galloway reports that Dr. V. L. Stanfield, teacher of homiletics at the Southern Seminary, did the preaching in a revival at the First Baptist Church of Russellville, Kentucky, recently. The music was led by Burney Morriss, Springfield, Missouri. During the meeting more than 30 persons came on profession of faith and 90 signed tithers' cards.

Pastor Leon Larimore did the preaching in a revival in his own pulpit at the Horse Cave Baptist Church recently. The music was led by Rev. James Haskins, of Louisville. From the beginning the attendance was good, gradually increasing until all available seating was filled. The church was revived, and many rededicated their lives. One of the outstanding features was the Youth Fellowship by Brother Haskins in the homes. This resulted in many decisions for Christ and many rededications. There were added to the church 7 by letter and 12 by baptism. Others were converted, but preferred membership in other churches.

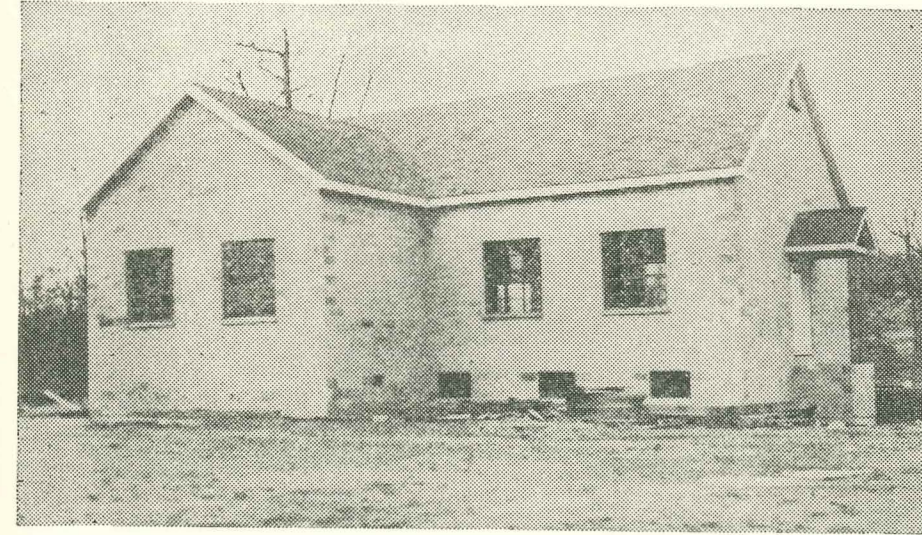
Horace O. Niceley, who has been pastor at the Hopewell Baptist Church, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, four years and two months, has resigned, effective the first Sunday in January, to accept the pastorate of the West Creek Baptist Church, Batesburg, S. C. Brother Niceley has been a familiar figure at the meetings of the General Association for many years. He was elected recording secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Ministers' Meeting in 1930, and has been re-elected almost every year since, except one or two years back about 1943 when he served that body as its moderator. He will be greatly missed by his friends in Kentucky as he goes to the Palmetto State.

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Counting donated material and labor, the building can easily be valued at \$13,000 or \$14,000. Rev. G. R. Pendergraph, regional worker for the Western Region and now the new Rural Worker for the State, helped in giving suggestions and advice. Carlton Tabor is moderator of the Ohio River Association and W. G. Potts was the missionary until his recent retirement.

George W. Archer Accepts Pastorate in Martin, Tennessee Church

ARLINGTON, Ky., Nov. 28. — Bro. George W. Archer has resigned as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Arlington, Kentucky, to accept the pastorate of the Central Baptist Church in Martin, Tennessee. He has been pastor here for the past five years, and the church has prospered under his leadership.

During his ministry at Arlington, Missions through the Cooperative Program were increased from ten percent to thirty-five per cent. Offerings to missions have increased from \$1,115.83 to \$5,458.07. The pastor's salary was doubled, and the janitor's salary was more than doubled.

A strong Adult Training Union has

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a new electric organ. The basement has been redecorated, and the church purchased 100 new steel chairs for use in the basement.

Pastor W. B. Watts And Family Enter New Parsonage at South Hampton



W. B. Watts

OWENSBORO, Ky., Nov. 26. — Pastor W. B. Watts and family moved into the beautiful new, all-modern parsonage, which was erected by the South Hampton Baptist Church last September. Since the arrival of Brother Watts—who is the first pastor ever to live on the field—there have been eleven received for baptism and eleven by letter.

A complete religious census was taken on one Sunday afternoon.

The church began a series of revival services under the leadership of the pastor, with Brother Irvin Parrott, of Northside Baptist Church in Princeton, doing the preaching. The meeting lasted ten days and there were four for baptism, one by letter and five rededications, making a total of twenty-seven additions.

The South Hampton Church is on the march for God. The people had a mind to work and pray—and the Lord gave the increase.

CRIME: Last year 1,118,210 persons were victims of pickpockets; 52,090 were robbed by armed men; 6,820 were murdered; 78,640 were assaulted; 407,130 homes were burglarized; and 196,960 automobiles were stolen.—*Christian Action.*

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By H. C. Chiles

Confessing and Following Christ

Matthew 16:13-25

Approximately six months before the Saviour was crucified, unbelief was prevailing among the leaders in Israel and opposition to Him was increasing rapidly. Fully aware of all this, our Lord took His disciples and went into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi. There, away from the multitudes that usually thronged Him, and away from His enemies who sought to destroy His influence, He had a choice opportunity to instruct His disciples.

I. The Person. Matthew 16:13-17.

In the light of His irreproachable life, matchless teachings, astonishing miracles, and marvelous example, our Lord asked His disciples to tell Him Whom they had heard others say that He was. He was not seeking this information for Himself, because He knew all things, but He asked the question in order to get His disciples to give the subject more serious consideration.

Christ's question was answered promptly, and the answer revealed that the people had a variety of opinions about Him. Some thought that He was John the Baptist, reminding them of their obligations to God; others were of the opinion that He was Elijah, calling upon them to live righteous lives; still others thought that He was Jeremiah, advocating a genuine revival; and numerous others declared Him to be one of the prophets. All seemingly thought well of Him, and readily admitted that He was some great man, perhaps the greatest one who had ever lived. In reality the people did not know Him. To them He was no more than man. They ignored or denied the fact of His deity.

A proper estimate of Christ has never been made by unguided human reasoning. Such a confession of Christ as those people made is not sufficient. It is not enough for men to recognize and to acknowledge Christ Jesus as an extraordinary individual, a perfect example, a great teacher, a moral leader, and a courageous martyr, but only a man. His teachings and miracles had been aimed at leading all to recognize Him as the Messiah. How tragic that many failed to recognize Him as the Son of God!

A right conception of Christ is essential to a proper relationship to God. So, after Christ had listened to the various reports as to His identity, He asked His intimate friends a very personal question, "Whom say ye that I

am?" This question was vastly more important than the first one, and it was intended as a heart searcher.

With his usual impetuosity, Peter, the spokesman for all the disciples, answered, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." His answer indicated that there was not any doubt in his mind about that. His reply was a very wonderful confession of faith. So pleased was our Lord with this splendid confession from the lips of Peter that He highly commended him. The fact that Peter confessed Him as the Son of God, and therefore the proper object of worship, brought great joy to the Saviour. At the same time the Master hastened to tell Peter that it was not due to any human wisdom that he had reached that conclusion, but that it had been revealed to him by the Father. The glorious truth of the deity of Christ, which is the very heart of the Christian faith, is a divine revelation, and not a human discovery.

II. The Purpose. Matthew 16:18-20.

In announcing His purpose our Lord said, "Thou art Peter (Petros—literally, 'a pebble' or 'a little rock'), and upon this Rock (Petra—literally, 'a fixed rock' or 'a ledge rock') I will build My church." So, this Rock, upon which Christ promised to build His church, is Himself, the Son of the living God. "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:11. As a foundation He is solid, safe, secure, and eternal. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

It would be difficult to find anything in the scriptures more magnificent than this marvelous declaration of Christ, "I will build My church." The carrying out of His purpose in this regard through the centuries constitutes the clearest possible proof of the deity of Christ. Only God could speak thus and then bring it to pass.

III. The Program. Matthew 16:21-23.

Christ had known all along that He was to suffer, and die, and rise again. When He informed His disciples that such was on His program, Peter immediately opposed it. From confessing his Lord, Peter turned to tempting Him to avoid the cross. For the time being he yielded to Satan, and did his bidding by trying to keep Christ from going to the cross. Satan did everything within his power to keep Christ from the cross,

because he knew that there at last the seed of the woman was to bruise his heel. In response to the remonstrance of Peter, Christ administered a solemn and sharp rebuke, letting him know that all opposition to God's plan for Him to go to Calvary originated with Satan. His language, "Get thee behind Me, Satan," was certainly appropriate.

IV. The Price. Matthew 16:24-25.

In these two verses our blessed Lord set forth the price of discipleship. To all who have any idea of being His disciples He makes it known that three things are involved.

1. Self-denial.

This does not refer to little acts of so-called "self-denial," but rather to a continuous attitude. Self-denial is a renunciation, a disowning of self, a declaration that self shall not rule. It is the complete setting aside of self-will for full obedience to Christ's will. It is the dethronement of self from the control of life in order that we may put the management of life into the hands of Christ. The more we are absorbed in the service of Christ, the more self will fade out of the picture. And denial of self is the surest way to usefulness.

2. Cross-bearing.

A Christian must be ready, as his Master was, for suffering and death. However, this verse does not teach that a Christian is to bear the cross that Christ bore, but that he is to bear his own cross.

3. Following Christ.

Following Christ is a priceless privilege and an indescribable glory. We are to follow Him when things go well with us, and when they go ill with us. As we follow Him a joy unspeakable will flood our souls. To follow Christ includes the thinking of His thoughts and the working out of His will.

Brotherhoods Sponsor Man-Boy Probation Plan

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — (BP) — Something new in Christian service is being sponsored by Baptist Brotherhoods in two Tennessee cities.

In Memphis the associational brotherhood under the leadership of W. C. Hornsby, a Baptist layman, has arranged with the local juvenile courts for individual Baptist laymen to sponsor boys placed on probation by the courts. Contact and promotion will be done by the Brotherhood organization. The plan was approved at the annual Brotherhood banquet at which Judge Elizabeth McCain of the city juvenile court was one of the speakers. The arrangements call for the eventual sponsorship of about forty youths.

A similar plan has been functioning in Knoxville, Tenn. for some time.

Standard Award Granted to Mt. Pisgah S. S., Fairview



The officers and teachers of the Mt. Pisgah Sunday school: Front row: (left to right) Lizzie McCall, Edith Ray, Katherine Fulton, Florence Osborne, Dorothy Leet, Ann Craig, Mable Stockdale, Betty Lou Darnell, Florence Thomas. Second row: Forest Donovan, William Darnell, Rev. J. Elbert Chapman, Pastor, Dallas Stockdale, superintendent, and Glen Osborne, assistant superintendent.

EWING, Ky., Nov. 16. — This was a great day for Pastor J. Elbert Chapman and the members of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church, at Fairview, Kentucky, near here. The occasion was the announcement that the Sunday school's application for a Standard Award had been approved by the Sunday School Department of Kentucky.

Charles A. Jolly, of Pineville, Helps Howerton In Revival at Pikeville

PIKEVILLE, Ky., Dec. 4. — Brother Charles A. Jolly, First Baptist Church of Pineville, assisted Pastor E. L. Howerton in a ten day revival at the First Baptist Church of Pikeville, November 17-26. One of the outstanding messages was on "Tithing," on the second Monday night, when some eighty persons came forward and publicly signed tithers' cards.

The song services were led by Bro. Harry E. Sammons, the local church worker.

There were twenty additions; twelve for baptism and eight by letter, making a total of twenty-seven additions during the month of November.

Pastor Howerton said: "Brother Jolly is a real Gospel evangelist, and we un-

This was the culmination of an extensive campaign by the membership, beginning with the arrival of a new pastor on the field in August of this year, and is of particular significance, being the first Standard Sunday School in the Bracken Association in a number of years.

reservedly recommend him to any church for a revival." Concerning Brother Sammons, he added: "Brother Sammons, who expects to re-enter the Southern Seminary in Louisville soon, is also heartily recommended to any church needing a song leader."

Rock House Mission, Near Hyden, Becomes an Organized Baptist Church

HYDEN, Ky., Nov. 26. — A group of brethren were organized into the Rock House Baptist Church, near here, November 8 under the guidance of a council composed of Pastors Shafter Couch, Combs Church; C. D. Stevens of Second Creek and Confluence Churches; Winn T. Barr, First Church of Hazard and three of his brethren; Moe Sizemore and John Horton, both of the Hyden Church; E. D. Baker, Robert

Morgan and Noah Bentley, Short Creek Church.

Brother C. D. Stevens was chosen moderator of the council and Moe Sizemore its clerk. E. D. Baker was chosen as the first pastor of the new church.

The Rock House Church voted its first business meeting to give ten per cent of its total collections to the Cooperative Program.

The Short Creek Baptist Church presented Brethren Robert Morgan and Noah Bentley to the council which helped to organize the Rock House Church.

Pastor Barr, Hazard, questioned them, and they were ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands of the council.

The Rock House Baptist Church has had one profession of faith and four to come by letter. They own their church house and have a lot and seven rooms and half basement for the pastor's home, which still lacks quite a little being furnished.

TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE DECEMBER 14, 1952

Church	Missions	Total
Auburn	---	91
Bowling Green, First (1)	39	317
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	---	133
Carrilton, First	---	54
Covington, First	---	93
Cypress	---	75
Danville, First (2)	7	194
Earlington	---	65
Fairview, Bethel	---	136
Frankfort, First (1)	36	156
Georgetown, First	---	103
Glasgow	---	152
Greenville, First	---	100
Hodgenville	---	115
Hopkinsville, First	---	151
Second	---	138
London, First	---	167
Louisville:	---	---
Baptist Temple	---	78
Beechland	---	101
Clifton (1)	32	258
Harmony	---	103
Immanuel	---	71
Parkland	---	230
Victory Memorial	---	282
Virginia Avenue	---	108
West Broadway	---	139
Lynch	---	117
Madisonville, First	---	232
Mayfield, First	---	367
Murray, First	---	180
Owensboro, Eaton Memorial	---	144
Seven Hills	---	131
Third (1)	42	276
Princeton, First	---	102
Somerset, Pleasant Hill No. 2	---	65
Stanford	---	103
Valley View	---	81
Versailles	---	90
Winchester, First	---	152
Central	---	77

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Book Reviews

TRAVELING TOWARD SUNRISE—by Mrs. Charles E. Cowan. Published by Cowan Publishing Company, Los Angeles 27, California. Contains three hundred and sixty-five pages of daily meditations which will challenge the reader to a more fruitful Christian life. Its pages are packed with excerpts from some of the world's finest religious literature, enriched by a wealth of her own thought and experiences.—Robert L. Pogue.

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES FOR 1953, by Wilbur M. Smith, W. A. Wilde Co., 131 Clarendon Street, Boston 16, Mass. Price \$2.75.

This is the 79th annual volume of this great Sunday school lesson help, a commentary on the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching. The work is well known throughout the United States and Canada, and, in fact, in other English-speaking countries. The work contains the usual carefully prepared material, careful study of the lesson texts, bibliographies, editorial material, illustrations on the text, maps, full-size reproductions of famous religious paintings in color and a comprehensive index. The entire text is printed in a new, clearer type. Whatever other helps you may use, you will find it helpful to have this treatment of the Sunday school lessons on your desk.

"POINTS FOR EMPHASIS" by Clifton J. Allen, Broadman Press, price 75c.

Under Dr. Hight C. Moore's editorship, lasting 35 years, this pocket-size analysis of the Sunday school lessons became one of the most sought after books at any price. Readers will miss the unique style of Dr. Moore but they will welcome also the careful, thoughtful presentation of the Sunday school lessons by Dr. Allen. And we predict the general public—teachers and class members—will keep right on buying and using and enjoying it more and more through the years. It is available at your Baptist Book Store.

"AS LOVE KNOWS HOW," by David and Alice Cheavens. The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$2.25.

Well written, this novel presents several interesting characters in the persons of Nancy Carver the young, beautiful, Christian school teacher, Hank Wortham, the man of the world, materialistic yet idealistic newspaper editor, Manos Ocha the football, basketball star from the wrong side of the tracks, and Steve Wainwright, the up and coming seminary student soon to be a missionary. With the setting of a small town with all of its peering into private lives, here is a story that should be widely read both for the interesting story and for the way in which the authors deal frankly with the problems of today that face every Christian. Young people and adults will find much to help faith in Christ. This book is a must from your Baptist Book Store.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"LEARN FROM ME," compiled by J. E. Lambdin. The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$1.75.

For the Training Union conscious pastor, the active Training Union Director, and the interested Training Union worker here is a book that should prove most helpful. Twelve outstanding preachers of the Southern Baptist Convention here present sermons upon the monthly themes of the Baptist Training Union. The preachers are Gaines S. Dobbins, Fred T. Moffatt, Claud B. Bowen, James F. Heaton, J. W. Storer, John E. Huss, Nathan

C. Brooks, E. Herman Westmoreland, K. O. White, Walter L. Moore, Harold E. Dye, and C. Roy Angell. These messages all center around the B. T. U. theme for the year, "Learn From Me." Here is material long needed by our Training Union. Order from your Baptist Book Store.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"THE SECOND EPISTLE TO TIMOTHY," by H. C. G. Moule. Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Michigan. Price \$2.25.

Here is a brief, worthy, devotional commentary on what the author chooses to call "the dying letter of St. Paul." In it the Bible student will find much help for sermons and devotionals. The author is the late Bishop of Durham, England, and a graduate of Trinity College, Cambridge. Bishop Moule is noted for his many expository writings. The reader will be aware of the author's Anglican background.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

BAPTIST DISTINCTIVES AND THE ORIGIN OF DIFFERENT DENOMINATIONS by W. A. Sloan, M.A., Th.D. Price (paper bound) 75c. Copies can be ordered by addressing him at Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School, Clear Creek Springs, Pineville, Kentucky.

Doctor Sloan, in this 63-page booklet, offers seven chapters: Why Baptists?; The Absolute Lordship of Jesus; The Supreme Authority of the Scriptures; The autonomy of the Soul; The Practical Application of the Baptist Principles; The Origin of Different Denominations; The Origin of Different Denominations (Cont'd). Page 63 carries a chronological table of denominations.

After showing why Baptists could never enter into organic union with other denominations, Doctor Sloan sets forth that there are three Baptist distinctives: the Lordship of Jesus; the supreme authority of the Scriptures; and the autonomy of the soul. These three distinctives constitute the heart of his book. In Part II, he discusses the origin of Baptists; Roman Catholics; Greek Catholics; Lutherans; Episcopalians; Presbyterians; Unitarians; Congregationalists; Friends, or Quakers; Methodists; Universalists; Disciples; Mormons; Adventists; Spiritualist; Salvation Army; Christian Science; Christian Alliance; Jehovah's Witnesses; Holiness Movement; Foursquare Gospel.

Most of the chapters of this booklet were first presented as addresses by the author to his own church. They make, therefore, the practical approach to problems discussed. They are informative, challenging. The reader will find in them a rich source of material for further study of this almost inexhaustible field.

"THIS IS GOD'S HOUR," by Charles Wellborn. The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$1.75.

Known best to Southern Baptists because of his preaching on the Baptist Hour radio program, Charles Wellborn here gives us twelve of the messages preached on the program during January, February, and March, 1951. His messages are brief and to the point due to the demands of radio preaching. A fast-rising preacher among Southern Baptists, Charles Wellborn is presently pastor of the Seventh and James Baptist Church, Waco, Texas. His many listeners to the Baptist Hour will welcome this book of his timely sermons. Contact the Baptist Book Store for your copy.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"THE TREASURE OF THE GOSPEL," by F. Townley Lord. The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$1.50.

Here is a book of sermons from the pen of one of England's outstanding Baptist preachers. Not only is Dr. F. Townley Lord pastor of the Bloomsbury Central Church, London, and editor of the Baptist Times, but he is now president of the Baptist World Alliance. The sermons in this volume were preached in our country at the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and the First Baptist Church, West Palm Beach, Florida, during the evangelistic campaign held east of the Mississippi River in the spring of 1951. Dr. Lord made two divisions of his sermons, preaching on "The Heritage"

for his morning themes, and "The Foundation in Christ" for the evening. These messages should prove helpful to every Baptist pastor and lay leader. Order from your Baptist Book Store.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"STUDIES IN PHILIPPIANS," by Ralph A. Herring. The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price with board binding \$6.00.

The growing effect of January Bible Week in our Southern Baptist Churches should be increased this year by the use of this new book on the Philippiian epistle by Dr. Ralph Herring. Simple yet profound, understandable yet scholarly, the author presents valuable study help for Paul's letter to the first church he established upon the continent of Europe. Dr. Herring's vivid picture of the first reading of the letter is of great help in setting the tempo of the entire study. Our people should welcome this study course book. Class orders should come early to your Baptist Book Store.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

W. A. Gardiner Thanks Kentucky Baptists

Please let me thank the many friends who had part in the gift presented to me in the form of a check at the meeting of the General Association in Middlesboro.

It was most generous on the part of all the good people of Kentucky to thus remember one who loves them and will continuously be interested in all phases of the work of the churches and of the denomination. The 31 years and seven months of blessed fellowship in the work in Kentucky were years and months of work with the best people on earth.

The full forty-four years of work in the ministry as pastor, evangelistic singer, camp pastor during World War I, and then in Sunday school work in the San Antonio Association (Texas) and in the secretaryship in Kentucky seem all too brief in service for my Saviour. I look forward to yet other months and years of training school work and preaching.

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Miss Jean Bach, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria who has been in the states on furlough, sailed from New York on November 21, for Lagos. She is a native of Kentucky and makes her permanent American home in Florence, Kentucky.

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Home Mission Board Accepts Dr. Lawrence's Request for Retirement

By JOHN CAYLOR

The annual meeting of the Home Mission Board was held in Atlanta on December 3, with all state members present except three. It was characterized by harmony and a progressive spirit.

Dr. Lawrence Makes Request For Retirement

Upon the re-election of Dr. J. B. Lawrence as Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Home Mission Board for his twenty-fourth year, he presented a statement accepting the responsibilities of the office but requesting that at the end of 1953 he be allowed to retire from his executive duties. The Board voted to ask a committee to recommend to its next annual Board meeting that Dr. Lawrence be made secretary emeritus and be given the duties of radio minister and writer for the Home Mission Board.

Dr. Lawrence has been secretary of the Home Mission Board since 1929. His statement to the Board revealed that his first election came as a shock and that it was after much prayer that he finally found the will of the Lord to accept the position. He said there were three things in his mind as objectives for the work when he took up the arduous duties as secretary of the Home Mission Board. First was that of paying the debt of two million dollars, interest and principle, in full and save the credit of the denomination. Another objective was to secure a permanent home for the Board and the third was to develop a program for home missions that would be comprehensive, adequate, and efficient. He stated that the first two objectives had been accomplished and that he hoped that by the end of 1953, with the help of the Board and its special committee which for two years will have been studying the program of the Board with a view to the enlargement of the work, the third objective should be realized.

Nominating Committee Appointed

In accepting Dr. Lawrence's request for retirement the Board named a committee consisting of D. H. Hall, O. M. Seigler, George M. Sparks, and J. C.

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Wilkinson, of Georgia; J. Ralph Grant, Texas; Hugh R. Bumpas, Oklahoma; Claude Ammerman, of Alabama; James T. Horton, of Louisiana; and Frank Brasington, of District of Columbia, to nominate to the Board in its August session at Ridgecrest a successor to Dr. Lawrence. Dr. D. H. Hall, of Decatur, Georgia, is chairman of the committee.

Budget Adopted

The budget for the Board for 1953 is to be \$1,710,000. It is a slight increase over the present budget but is not



Dr. J. B. Lawrence

enough to add new work. Fortunately an announcement by Porter Routh encouraged the Board to provide for some temporary work in anticipation of the 1952 over-and-above mission fund which is now being received.

Survey Committee Reports

Dr. Harold Sanders, chairman of the special committee on survey, reported the findings of the study of his committee during the past year. Advances were recommended and proposals for increasing the budget in order to increase the work are being studied.

Officials of the Board

The Board re-elected G. Frank Garrison as president and W. A. Duncan as vice president with Mrs. Ralph Smith as recording secretary.

Administrative officers of the Board were re-elected.

Faith of Our Fathers

By S. H. Stille

When the pilgrims landed on the barren shores of the New World they began a new chapter in the history of man's struggle to be free.

Chapters recording the bloody and futile efforts of man to establish freedom in the Old World were closed. Old systems had become so out of date and discredited that they were cast aside. Thus was established the 'new birth of man,' and on the pages of our achievements there seems to have been written, 'Behold, I make all things new.'

The blessings of American freedom have been so great that we have been able to produce more of the good things of life than have all the people of the whole world up to the birth of our Nation. This fact staggers the wildest imagination of poet, prophet, philosopher and sage. In this type of freedom, man's soul has been clothed with dignity befitting ancient kings.

Our fathers wished to develop a tie of common brotherhood among all citizens, to break all ties with feudalistic traditions; for in the book of American liberty all men are brothers and all are created equal before God and the law of the land.

So, as men grew and became engulfed in the mighty dream, they forgot their ancient hates and the Nation expanded and became great.

In our present situation, it is necessary that we return to the faith of our fathers and rededicate ourselves to the divine and fundamental truth that all men are created equal—that is, they all possess a common heritage of rights. In the book of American liberty, there is no space for black chapters of hate and class battle. Ours is a brotherhood of brain, brawn, love and cooperation. Long live our Republic and the faith of our fathers!

GOD: When a man leaves God, things start happening to him. When he comes back to God, things start happening for him.—Frank Johnson Pippin.

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Those who have been blessed with possessions should practice faithful stewardship in life and in death.

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A Will is the most important, most permanent document which you may compose.

A Will may reveal your most treasured possessions—external, material things and also internal faith and hope in eternal realities.

A Will clearly reveals your relationship to men and also to the Eternal. "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself."

A Will is permanent—you have the assurance that the state will see that your last will and testament is enforced throughout the coming years.

A Will is final—you may change it up to the hour of death—after it cannot be changed.

A Will puts on record your character and reveals you to your friends and to your fellowmen.

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