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Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, who died in Richmond, Va., June 27.
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The final total of the 1952-Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was \$3,280,372, an increase of \$612,321 over the 1951 offering. The books close each year on May 1.

R. Harold Mincey, who has been an associate to Pastor Lucius M. Polhill for the last three years, has now left that work to enter the U. S. Air Force chaplaincy.

Dr. James L. Sullivan has arrived in Nashville and has taken over his new work as executive secretary of the Sunday School Board. Dr. T. L. Holcomb likewise took over his new assignment June 1 as secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation.

All prospective seminary students are reminded that the five Southern Baptist seminaries are in agreement that all applications for admission must be in the office of the registrar by August 1 in order to be admitted at the beginning of the school session, September 1.

Santa Fe, New Mexico, citizens will give a total of \$15,000 to \$20,000 to Glorietta Baptist Assembly, John Parker, president of the city's Chamber of Commerce, has announced. This amount goes toward the erection of New Mexico Hall.

The official 1955 dates for the Evangelistic Crusade, sponsored by the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board are: March 6-20, tropical zone; March 27-April 10, middle section; April 10-24, northern section; and April 17-May 1, Alaska.

Illinois Baptists have organized eighty new churches within the last eight years. The new churches began with a total charter membership of 1,900 and today have more than 5,000 members with 7,000 in Sunday school. More than 2,000 persons have been baptized since the churches were organized.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, will deliver a series of lectures at the European Baptist Layman's Conference in Switzerland (Zurich), July 2-8. Before returning to the States Mr. Schroeder will speak in Frankfort and Berlin, Germany.

Thomas E. McCullough, of New Mexico and Southern Seminary, is now editor of Young People's Sunday school lesson materials in Department of Sunday School Curriculum of the Baptist Sunday School Board. He assumed his duties June 1. McCullough served as B. S. U. secretary in New Mexico A. and M. College and has served in pastorates in Hatton and Murray, Ky.

In Portland, Oregon, only 31.9 per cent of the population belongs to churches of all faiths. In the next 48 cities

the percentage is 50.9 per cent. In suburban areas it is much less, and in Oregon's rural areas only 8.5 per cent belong to the churches. There were only 371,212 church members in 1952, and only 59,139 belonged to churches other than the 11 largest. Baptists numbered only 34,185. Taking the entire state, only 23.2 per cent of the total population belong to churches. What a field this is for Southern Baptists! (Figures gleaned from the Oregon Journal.)

The East Texas Baptist College had its ninth annual graduating exercises June 2. At that time President Harvey Daniel Bruce conferred 51 degrees upon the graduates. Dr. J. Carroll Chadwick, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Center, Texas, delivered the baccalaureate sermon on May 31. Dr. L. Taylor Daniel, of the Endowment Department of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, brought the commencement address. The honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon Pastors Chadwick, Daniel and D. H. Bonner, the latter of the First Baptist Church of Athens, Texas.

The annual G. A. Coronation Service was observed in the Jeffersontown Baptist Church, Sunday evening, June 7, 1953. Under the direction of Mrs. Marshall Floore, Jr., and their counselors, thirty-two girls who had passed the requirements for the various steps took part in this service. Richard Lin, music director, sang "The Love of God," and the girls were heralded in by Jimmy Henderson, trumpeter. Since the Coronation was held in conjunction with the WMU Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration, a reception and birthday party was given in the lower auditorium following the above program.

During the last week of May Evangelist Angel Martinez and Singer Mel Dibble assisted Pastor A. W. Walker in an evangelistic campaign, resulting in 40 additions by baptism to the Carlisle Avenue Church, Louisville. On the closing Sunday—a holiday week-end—1,358 were present in the Sunday school. Pastor Walker says: "I commend these two brethren highly for their wonderful work. Evangelist Martinez is well established among Southern Baptist churches. Brother Dibble has recently come back into the work of evangelism after spending two years with the National Broadcasting Company televising. He has marvelous talents, and we are happy to see him and Mrs. Dibble being used for the Lord again. Brother Dibble's wife makes a fine contribution as pianist and vocalist."

Rev. John E. Bell, former pastor of Knob Creek Baptist Church, who was graduated from Union University, Jackson, Tenn., in 1949 and from the South-



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ern Baptist Theological Seminary in 1952, is now stationed by the U. S. Navy as a chaplain in Hawaii. He and Miss Sue Ellen Rice, of Okolona, Kentucky, near Louisville, daughter of Mr. Marvin Rice, were united in marriage in the Bethlehem Baptist Church, with Pastor W. R. Manion officiating. Miss Rice was graduated from Western State College, Bowling Green, Ky., and taught at Silver Grove Elementary School until her marriage. Chaplain and Mrs. John E. Bell are now living in the Naval Housing Area at Moanalua Ridge, Honolulu, T. H. Their mailing address is Lt. (jg) and Mrs. John E. Bell, 3716 Flaherty Circle, Moanalua Ridge, Honolulu, T. H.

"Which Came First, the Bible or the Church?"

The caption at the heading of this article is the title of a large ad which recently appeared in a copy of the *Richmond Daily Register*, Richmond, Kentucky, a clipping of which was sent to Dr. R. T. Skinner, Editor of the *Western Recorder*, by Brother W. C. Younce; and the editor of our Baptist State Paper sent it to the writer for a reply.

The article is somewhat lengthy and purports to be the gist of the contents of a 32-page booklet which will be sent absolutely free to any one desiring it from the Catholic Information Bureau, Covington, Kentucky.

That the article is a clever piece of Roman Catholic propaganda, designed primarily to entice non-Catholics into the fold of "Holy Mother Church," is too evident to be gainsaid.

Likewise, the article "plays down" much of the official teaching of the Roman Catholic Church to make it appear quite harmless to Protestants and Baptists and other non-Catholics. Furthermore, like many articles by many authors, the clipping is notorious for what it leaves out.

By means of jesuitical casuistry the article attempts to prove primarily that the Bible is received as the Word of God, whether one is aware of it or not, on the authority of the Roman Catholic Church, based on the declarations of the Council of Carthage in 396 A.D. and through the centuries which have followed; and that, since the Roman Catholic Church gathered together the books of the Bible, tested their authenticity, and officially called them the Bible, the Church was before the Bible and gave the truth of God to the world.

It is further contended that, since many persons who claimed to be Christians prior to the invention of printing in the fifteenth century never possessed a Bible, had they not been taught by the Church, and the conclusion is conveniently drawn that the "Church" was and is the Roman Catholic Church, they would never have become Christians.

In pompous triumph, since it is bolstered by the above famous "firsts," "The Catholic Church—founded by Christ 363 years before the books of the Bible were assembled—accepts today, as it accepted then, not merely some, but all, of the teachings of Jesus Christ. And every year, after their own investigations, more than 100,000 American adults, who were not 'born' Catholics, nevertheless decide to become Catholics . . . often husband, wife and children together."

"What shall we then say to these things?" The answer is—much, very much.

Only by a process of fallacious his-

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torical gymnastics can it be proved that the church of the New Testament and the Roman Catholic Church are one and the same in doctrine and practice.

The New Testament Churches never knew anything of the supposed "supremacy of Peter," and that he was the "infallible vicar of Christ."

New Testament Christians never prayed for the dead nor paid for "masses" to be said to secure the release of the "holy souls" from "Purgatory."

The record is silent concerning any apostle or early Christian making loud and long claims for the equality of tradition with the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

The New Testament churches knew absolutely nothing concerning the worship of the Virgin Mary, her supposed immaculate conception and assumption into Heaven, the worship of images and relics, the canonization of saints, the celibacy of the clergy, an inquisition, the sale of indulgences, the use of Rosary beads in prayer, the changing of the bread and wine in the Lord's Supper into the actual body, soul, and divinity of Jesus Christ (Transubstantiation), infant baptism, a graded ministry, confession of sins to a priest, sprinkling for baptism, the denial of the cup in the Lord's Supper to the people, a hierarchical form of Church government, regeneration by the "sacrament" of baptism, absolution from sin by a priest, and a multiplicity of holy days, feasts, and fasts.

Instead of accepting "not merely some, but all, of the teachings of Jesus Christ," one is forced to the conclusion that the Roman Catholic Church has accepted a multiplicity of doctrines and practices which are foreign to the spirit and letter of New Testament Christianity and has become apostate from the faith.

Our Lord Jesus Christ, His early disciples, and the Apostles never believed in and practiced the above accretions to His revealed truth. It is the undeniable verdict of ecclesiastical history that the Roman Catholic Church is the climax of a system of change and perversion, which eventually reared a gigantic, totalitarian, political and religious despotism upon the edifice of the sim-

ple gospel, and substituted an oppressive and tyrannical worldly establishment for the New Testament churches built by our Lord Jesus Christ.

The claim that the Church (Roman Catholic) existed before the Bible and made the Bible possible is very erroneous.

It is quite evident that the Old Testament had its beginning in the time of Moses and was completed with the prophecy of Malachi about 400 B.C. The 39 books of the Old Testament (not 46 as is claimed by the ad), were in existence long before Peter was supposed to have started the Roman Catholic Church. Surely none would be so foolish as to claim that the Roman Catholic Church existed in the days of Moses, David, Isaiah, and Malachi.

Not only was the Old Testament in existence before Christ built His Church, but the *unwritten Word of Christ* was sounded forth by John the Baptist, our Lord Himself, His apostles and early followers, in the preaching of the gospel, all of which resulted in the salvation of souls, their obedience of faith, and their being gathered together into the fellowship of the Jerusalem and other New Testament churches to be instructed to obey the "all things" He had commanded as their Lord and Saviour.

The demands of the time called for a written record to take the place of the oral record from those who had accompanied Him "from the baptism of John."

Hence, from about 50 A.D. to about 100 A.D. the 27 books of the New Testament were written. These Books were read, loved, and preserved with extreme care by the early Christians. God Himself, through the illuminating and discerning grace of the Holy Spirit, as time and generations came and went, impressed the abiding value and unique origin of these Books upon His followers. Therefore, when the so-called ecclesiastical councils met in the early centuries they only approved what was the commonly received opinion among the early Christians.

What the councils did is wholly immaterial concerning the canon of the New Testament, as the primitive Christians and those of all ages are agreed as to the Books of the New Testament. The New Testament Scriptures have been given to all of the Lord's people for all time in keeping with His promise of the Holy Spirit who gave inspired truth to "holy men of old" as they were "borne along" by Him, and as He took the "things" of Christ and "made them known" to them.

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The Divine Call to the Ministry

Only God has the right to call men into the gospel ministry. Churches are right in refusing to ordain men who cannot give unmistakable evidence of a personal and divine call. Self-called, parent-called, preacher-called, and even church-called ministers are headed for trouble. It is all right to be "calling out the called" but in all instances they should be warned against mistaking man's voice for God's.

God alone has the right to say where the called shall labor. There is need to think much and pray long at this point. We accept as self-evident the truths: (1) God knows what lies ahead on every field of labor; (2) He has a certain man to fit into every situation—a man to whom He has personally imparted needed gifts for the work; (3) He is the Power for that man in that place and He will be with Him until the work is done; (4) He expects His people to work with Him and for Him as He calls and places His special servants.

God cannot be blamed for misfits. He does not make mistakes. When there are misfits, the man, or the church, or the would-be helpful brethren ran ahead of God.

Greatly worried brethren, honest in heart, have said something like this: "I realize, now, that I made a mistake in the last move. I allowed myself to become confused by the difficulties surrounding me in the last pastorate, and I was lured away from God's will and place. If God will give me another chance I will, as He helps me, listen only to Him." And those dear brethren were getting on high ground. God never promised an easy place. There was a real need where He called, else He would never have sent a gifted man to deal with it. Has any man the right to throw down the hammer until God's nail has been driven?

We heard it said of a man who had moved to what some considered a smaller situation, "He has come down quite a lot in choosing that field." As a matter of fact the man did not make the choice. It was God's, and the preacher knew it. The ease with which such remarks are made indicates the presence of a something which will hurt us all. Have we lost our sense of the primacy of the will of God? There is never any come-down in following wherever He leads. There can be a blighting come-down in "going up" to places of our own choosing. The glory of God's special servants is the presence and power of God, not in the place where they labor. Too many of us have departed from a great fundamental at this point.

In acts 16:7-10, there is the story of an attempted human choice, and of the final victory of God's will over man's. "After they were come to Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit suffered them not. And they, passing by Mysia, came down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night; and there stood a man of Macedonia and prayed him, saying, Come over into Macedonia and help us. And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us to preach

the gospel unto them." Paul and his associates shelved their personal opinions and desires and moved on with God. The world must never be given reason to believe God's special servants are motivated by anything less than the total will of God. Personal desires, the feeling that one deserves a better place, must go out the window when one surrenders completely to Christ's call.

Human Assistance

It is sometimes argued that since God alone has the right to call and place His servants, human assistance is never required. This is wrong. Neglecting to recognize God's use of human instrumentalities leads to dangerous error. That was the blunder of those who held that no man's voice was needed in winning the lost to Christ. They became anti-missionary, anti-evangelistic. They are dying under the blight of disobedience to the Great Commission.

A call to a special place of service is none the less of God because He elects to use Spirit-filled, Spirit-guided men in making the contacts for His other servants. He makes His call directly and personally in the heart of the called, but He also lays it on the hearts of His people to work with and for Him, and for the called ones. He so used the church at Antioch and called them, even as He called Paul and Barnabas, to make it possible for these special servants to fulfill their mission.

Assistance from the brethren becomes dangerous only when, in their effort to be helpful, they go beyond the will of God. And seeking the aid of the brethren becomes dangerous only when a brother, in his difficulties and confusion, tries to fly from his task before the assignment is done.

Yet, even though this danger exists both for the brother who wishes to change fields and for the loving brethren who would be of assistance, they must not run into the other danger of turning a deaf ear to God's Spirit Who may be moving. God will say when the work is done, and He will open the way, through helpful brethren or otherwise, to new work.

God's will must be supreme if the work is to go on and if His power is to be with us. We must not seek at any point to be gods. We are but bondslaves of Christ and servants each of the other.

►Obedience to Christ is personal. Proxy obedience is not obedience. Hence every man should read and interpret the Scriptures for himself. Hence a Baptist cannot accept infant baptism, which is proxy and not personal obedience. Hence he also rejects priests, bishops, and ecclesiastical courts. They are forms of proxy obedience. Hence the doctrine of democracy and self-government in the church.—E. Y. Mullins.

►Have you ever noticed what happens when someone, choosing his words carefully, says "unmarried woman" instead of "old maid;" "homeless unemployed" instead of "skid row bum?" For one thing, a certain amount of tension is relieved, isn't it? For another, you get a clearer picture of the person under discussion, don't you?—W. G. Leary and J. S. Smith. THINK BEFORE YOU WRITE (Hal-court, Brace).

The Offering For Ministerial Relief

By DR. PRESTON L. RAMSEY, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Somerset, Kentucky

Sunday, July 26, has been set by the Executive Committee of Kentucky Baptists as the day when our churches will receive an offering for ministerial relief. The offering will be used to supplement the limited funds now available from the Cooperative Program for relief purposes.

There are now carried on the relief rolls of the Southern Baptist Convention nearly 1,500 names, the largest number ever ministered to by the Relief Department of our Relief and Annuity Board. Of this number, about 120 are in our own state of Kentucky.

With the higher cost of living, many old ministers who never expected to be dependent have been forced to turn to the denomination for assistance. Many of these men served before there was an organized retirement plan, while others served in places where the salary was so meager that they felt themselves unable to participate.

In addition to this aged group mentioned above, there are also a few men who are retired under the Ministers Retirement Plan because of disability. The benefits such men receive are limited and insufficient to meet their needs. In consequence, the Executive Board of Kentucky Baptists authorized the placing of these men on the relief roll for an additional supplement to meet their need in this time of misfortune. Rising costs of living and increased medical expenses made this action imperative.

Both of these groups have given themselves sacrificially in the service of the Lord and of Kentucky Baptists. Concern for these unfortunate brethren is demanded not only by the need that is so apparent, but also by the very Christian content of the gospel we proclaim, "If ye love not your brother whom ye have seen, how can ye love the Father whom ye have not seen?"

Funds available for these relief purposes come largely from the southwide distributable Cooperative Program funds. In addition, Kentucky has some endowment funds, the interest from which is added to the Relief Funds available. These sources have not been sufficient to meet the needs of the ever-enlarging number of beneficiaries. As a result there has been an increasing deficit for the last three years, this being \$2,519 in 1950, \$3,017 in 1951, and \$6,030 in 1952. With this trend in deficits, something must be done at once, or we will be faced with the unhappy prospect of de-

creasing the already limited benefit and declining to add any names to the roll.

Such action by Kentucky Baptists is unthinkable. Our churches will rise to the call of need and will give generously so that these aged and needy friends will be provided not only with material comforts but with the assurance of gratitude from those whom they have served so long and well.

Only those who come in contact with these aged beneficiaries can ever know how much this financial assistance

means. It is far more to these friends than mere money, important as that is. It is an expression of love and appreciation, a token of remembrance from those who were once the beneficiaries of their own ministry.

Every church is asked to have a part in this offering on Sunday, July 26. There is no cause that Kentucky Baptists will rejoice more in supporting than this one which makes provision for faithful pastors and their wives who are now in need. A worthy response by our churches will not only wipe out a deficit and continue the ministry to these brethren and their wives, but will also enable Kentucky Baptists to care for such future situations as may arise.

All offerings received by the churches should be promptly sent to Dr. W. C. Boone, Treasurer, 127 East Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky, and designated for "Ministerial Relief."

M. Theron Rankin Dies

RICHMOND, Va. — June 27. — M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, died at his home in Richmond, Va., at 6:15 a.m. today. Several weeks ago, while undergoing a checkup prior to a scheduled trip to South America, it was discovered that he had leukemia. However, he continued work as usual until June 20 when his condition became worse. Then last Wednesday, June 24, he became critically ill.

Funeral services will be held at the First Baptist Church, Richmond, at 3:00 p.m., Monday.

Dr. Rankin was born at Newberry, S.C., in 1894. He attended Furman University one year and was graduated from Wake Forest College, Wake Forest, N.C., in 1918. He received the Th.M. degree from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., in 1921, the year he was appointed a missionary to China, and the Ph.D. degree in 1927 while home on his first furlough.

He received honorary doctorates from Union University, Jackson, Tenn.; William Jewell College, Liberty, Mo.; Baylor University, Waco, Tex.; Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee; and Wake Forest College.

As a missionary, Dr. Rankin taught in the Graves Theological Seminary in Canton, China. In 1935 the Foreign Mission Board elected him secretary for the Orient to supervise Southern Baptist mission work in that part of the world. In 1939 he represented Chinese Baptists at the International Missionary Conference, Madras, India.

When the United States entered World War II, he was captured by the Japanese and imprisoned for nine months at Stanley Internment Camp, Hong

Kong. For six months of that time he was vice-chairman of the American Communal Council of the internment camp, responsible for the welfare of fellow missionaries. He was repatriated in September, 1942.

The first missionary ever to become the Foreign Mission Board's executive secretary, Dr. Rankin found when he took office on January 1, 1945, that a limited number of mission volunteers and a meager overseas budget had frozen the number of missionaries at about 500.

But he set about getting a working knowledge of missions in Africa, Europe, the Near East, and Latin America to add to his intimate knowledge of the Orient. He studied the home field, too.

Then he and his associates spent the first three days of 1948 in a hotel room in a small Virginia town, working out a program of world advance, station by station, country by country. Thus, was born the Advance Program of Southern Baptists, which has extended the work of the Board to include 32 countries of the world and has increased the number of missionaries to 913. His dream was 1,750 Southern Baptist missionaries on foreign fields.

Dr. Rankin, always a missionary at heart, had never wanted to be executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board. He wanted to spend his life in China where he had served for 20 years.

But with the retirement of Dr. Charles E. Maddy in 1944, he was requested to appear before a committee of the Board to consider the position. He said he went to the committee meeting thinking it would take him only ten minutes to convince them that his place was in China.

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A Million More in Fifty-Four

By Dr. W. FRED KENDALL, Pastor
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There is always danger of being captivated by a slogan. A great slogan is good, but when it becomes a substitute for a movement of great significance, it can mean the difference between success and failure for the movement. It will be tragic if that happens with the program to enroll a million new members in Southern Baptist Sunday schools in 1954. This is much more than an advertising slogan to catch the attention. "A Million More in Fifty-Four" is a movement of great significance not only to Southern Baptists but also to the spiritual life of America and the world.

Why is it a movement of such significance? Is it merely Southern Baptist ambition? Is it merely an expression of the desire to be big and do big things? No, it is much more than that. It is a real effort on the part of a great host of Baptists to meet a great need; it is the response to the urgency to meet the spiritual needs of our time; it is a response to the call of Christ to go into the white fields and labor for Him.

Millions Unreached

Three great facts stand out to give the movement importance. First, there are so many millions who are not in Sunday school. This fact largely accounts for the amazing ignorance of the Bible and the truths it reveals as God's Word.

Somewhere I read that we have over two million Southern Baptist church members who are not enrolled in Sunday school. There are other millions who are not enrolled and who are not saved. This means that these people are not studying the Bible systematically week by week. It means they are not being reached for Christ in any sense. Those who are church members are largely nominally Christians and are not growing in spirit nor are they producing fruit for Christ. There is no other way in which they will ever study the Bible. The schools cannot teach the Bible to the children. Parents don't do it in their homes. Sunday school is the only answer that evangelical Christians have. This fact makes it urgent that we go all out in enlisting not only one million but as many as possible as soon as possible. This is an urgent task.

The Bible in Human Life

The second fact is the importance of the Bible in human life. More and more are we recognizing that crime,

war, broken homes, and hundreds of other woes are brought into modern life because men don't know how to live.

The Bible is indispensable in modern life. It is the only revelation of God that we have. It is truly the textbook of life. It reveals God, the facts of man's moral nature, what sin is and what it does to man, the plan of salvation, what the Christian life is, and how a Christian ought to live in the modern world. It has the answers to man's spiritual and moral problems. It leads man to God as a worshipper. It leads man to holiness in living. Rob man of the Bible and you have robbed him of the very essence of spiritual living. Yet we all know it is true that these millions not in Sunday school know not the Bible: to most of them it is a closed book, a book of mystery.

What It Means to Be Lost

The third fact is that most of these millions are unsaved. How many of us realize what it means to be spiritually lost? How many really care that millions are without God and without hope in the world? How many care if these millions are in spiritual blindness?

It is easy to raise money to help a blind man; it is easy to rally people to the cause of orphans or wounded soldiers. But what about spiritual orphans? What about the spiritually blind? What about those dying from the wounds of sin? We give blood for the Armed Forces. We launch all kinds of campaigns to aid the suffering: cancer drives, drives for tuberculosis, for crippled children, for heart disease. All these are worthy. They fill a great need. But what about the souls of millions? What about lives ruined in sin, who know not God?

We have urgent reasons, then, for reaching a million more next year. We have the people. They are in our cities. They are out in the villages. They are in the open country. They are in the mountains and on the plains. Even if we reach a million, there still will be a mighty host left waiting.

Jesus gave us a parable of the man who went out to hire workers in his vineyard. All through the day he found more and more. Finally, near the close of the day, he found yet others. When asked why they were not in the vineyard, they replied, "No man hath hired us, Lord." How many will be

waiting, still, at the end of 1954. with the cry, "No man hath hired us, Lord?"

We have a mighty host of workers in Southern Baptist churches. With so many pastors, superintendents, teachers and officers, we can't possibly fail, if we get the vision, and work.

There must be a concern that makes our hearts burn within us. There must be real love for the multitudes. Jesus looked upon the multitudes and was filled with compassion for them. He saw their plight as sheep without a shepherd. He had sympathy for their spiritual suffering and need. That is the kind of concern that must possess us if we are to add a million to our Sunday school next year.

Under His Command

We are under the command of Christ to go and make disciples of all nations. Our duty is to begin in "Jerusalem." We dare not disobey our Lord. Few realize what it would mean to Southern Baptists to get concern enough to enlist a million in one year. It will bless every church. God always blesses us when we obey. It will increase the effectiveness of our soul-winning and evangelism. It will arouse our concern for the needs of our fellowmen and will enlarge every phase of our work for the glory of Christ. Churches will grow. We shall see millions blessed. It will inspire others to adopt the same plan and will result in good coming to all the churches as well as our own denomination.

So we plead that "A Million More in Fifty-Four" will not die as a good slogan. We must make it a reality. If we fail the cost will be tremendous to Christ, to the churches, to the million people who need the Bible, who need Christ, who need the church. The million people are waiting, Christ is waiting, the Holy Spirit is waiting to lead us. What will our answer be?

Correcting An Error

Regarding the article, "A. W. Walker Completes Ten Years at Carlisle Avenue in Louisville," which appeared in the Western Recorder of June 18, page 21, we omitted one entire typewritten line from near the end of the third paragraph, causing the latter part to lose its intended meaning. To clarify the matter, we are reprinting the entire paragraph as it should have read:

"During his ten years at Carlisle Avenue 2,190 have been added to the church; the average Sunday school attendance has jumped from 591 in 1943 to 1,054 this year; the sum of \$23,804.19 was raised a decade ago, and \$110,301.61 last year; and the grand total of all gifts during the ten-year-period was \$523,066.92. The total membership ten years ago was 1,662, whereas the total on June 1 of 1953 was 2,647—a net gain of 985."

We regret the error.

The Year Ahead

By J. W. Storer, President
Southern Baptist Convention
Tulsa, Oklahoma

He would be both presumptuous and foolish who would predict what lies ahead of us, unless it would be that in affairs mundane, *uncertainty* is the word.

Our material prosperity, about which we boast, is geared to war and not to peace. It is a debatable point whether, put to the economic test, this country actually wants peace. Witness what happens when the threat of curtailment of any war expenditure affecting any local situation bobs up its head.

Let none of us say this has no bearing on our Southern Baptist mission program. The vastly increased dollars pouring into our treasury—would they, could they, continue to pour in if peace were to come overnight? I do not pretend to have the answer, but I feel sure we would do well to be realistically prepared as we can for what could be a very, very serious threat to expanded budgets.

I am afraid there are cases where we delude ourselves into thinking we have no debts because present income will amortize our indebtedness. It is to be devoutly hoped that present incomes will continue, even increase, though with hesitancy I raise the gruesome thought of the present basis of our prosperity. I am concerned most for our mission causes—knowing too well from past experiences, that the mission causes are the first to suffer.

It would be illuminating, if not happily interesting, to know how much is the indebtedness, present and projected, which rests on the churches making up our constituency. I am sure it would be amazing and arresting in its total. Not to mention our varied projects, educational and eleemosynary, for which our several state conventions are responsible.

In all our advance programs, it is the part of wisdom to keep faith and facts in heart and mind. Nor would this in any sense prevent us from attempting great things for God and expecting great things from him.

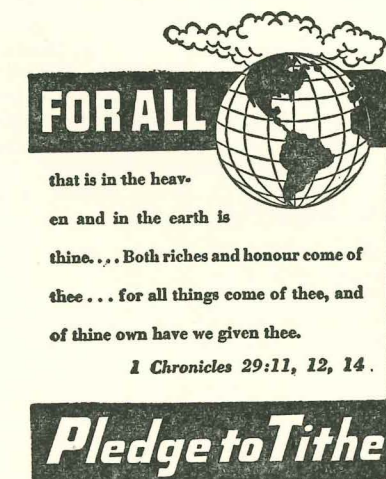
We must lengthen the cords. But it would be well to know the cords are strong, and that put to the test they would not part, strand by strand.

As one who has tried to do his full share in paying off the crippling debts of the early thirties, and at the same time to help his brethren move out into a far-flung mission obedience to the Great Commission, I know it is well that we think on these things. Such

thinking is not easy, nor perhaps is it at all popular. But it is wise to do it before trouble develops, rather than afterwards.

One of our great defects is that we are too given to post-mortem thinking; we are too much given to stationing an ambulance down in the valley, rather than erecting a fence at the edge of the cliff.

This is but one phase of Southern Baptist Convention life, and what I here set forth must not, I again insist, be constructed as sounding forth any call for retreat. That is contrary to



every throb of my heart; who, having seen even a small portion of the world of lost men, and having looked upon the wretchedness of our so-called civilization's failure, can but cry out, "More, O Lord God, more of everything for Thee!"

Yes, I trust God, and my hope is in him. That very trust impells me to keep my power dry; which is not evidence of distrust of him, for he made the powder, and he trusts me not to waste it, but to have it ready for use when occasion shall arise.

If the brethren will allow me, not because I think there is anything omniscient in what I have to say, but because I have it on my heart, and to stir up their pure minds by way of remembrance, I should like to use the media of our denominational papers to share from time to time my thinking on other phases of our Convention life. [Dr. Storer is welcome to use the Western Recorder.—Ed.]

NBC-TV Network to Feature Southern Baptists During This Month of July

The July 12 telecast of "Frontiers of Faith," weekly broadcast of the NBC television net work, will feature a special program presented by the Radio and Television Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Participants on the program will include the Reverend Byron M. Wilkinson, pastor of the Grove Avenue Baptist Church in Richmond, Virginia; the Reverend Dupree Jordan, acting director of the Radio and TV Commission in Atlanta; Frank Boggs, featured soloist on the nationwide Baptist Hour radio broadcast, and George Watkins, soloist and music director for the Grove Avenue Church. Also featured will be a men's quartet and a mixed quartet from the Grove Avenue Church in Richmond.

The live telecast of this "Frontiers of Faith" program will be seen at 1:30 Eastern Daylight Saving Time, and will be carried at that hour by the following stations: KPRC-TV—Houston, Texas (11:30 A.M., CST) KPTV—Portland, Oregon (9:30 A.M., PST) Other stations and their schedules are:

July 19, 1953

WNBW, Washington, D. C., 11:30 A.M.
WBAL-TV, Baltimore, Md., 12 Noon
WWJ-TV, Detroit, Mich., 9:30 A.M.
WOOD-TV, Grand Rapids, Mich., 12 Noon
WKZO-TV, Kalamazoo, Mich., 11:30 A.M.
KSD-TV, St. Louis, Mo., 12 Noon
WLW-D, Dayton, Ohio, 9:00 A.M.
WJAR-TV, Providence, R. I., 11:00 A.M.

July 26, 1953

KRON-TV, San Francisco, Calif., 12 Noon
WNHC-TV, New Haven, Conn., 9:30 A.M.
WSB-TV, Atlanta, Ga., 2:00 P.M.
WBZ, Boston, Mass., 10:00 A.M.
KSTP-TV, St. Paul, Minn., 10:30 A.M.
WGRB, Schenectady, N.Y., 11:30 A.M.
WLW-TV, Cincinnati, Ohio, 10:30 A.M.
WNBK-TV, Cleveland, Ohio, 12:30 P.M.
WDTV, Pittsburg, Pa., 10:30 A.M.

For schedules on WPTZ, Philadelphia, Penna., and KFMB-TV, San Diego, Calif., please consult your local paper.

Sales Manager Uncle Sam?

"Ten million GI's have learned to know and like BEER much earlier than they would have as civilians. For five years there has been no need to 'sell.' Uncle Sam has been your sales manager and the best you ever had."—Statement made by Kenneth Laird, advertising man, to the Wholesale Beer Association of Ohio, February 7, 1947, reported in Brewers' Journal, March, 1947 (Copied from The Chimes, First Baptist Church, Dayton, Kentucky).

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary

IONE GRAY
Press Representative

Ridgecrest Foreign Missions Conference

It's not too late to make plans to attend the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, July 30-August 5. Bring a group from your church. It could make a difference for all eternity. Here's part of the testimony of a young man who was appointed at the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board:

"During Foreign Missions Week at Ridgecrest, when the needs of the world were presented, I knew without a doubt that God was leading me to foreign mission service. This response brought a new sense of peace, for I then felt that wherever I might go or whatever I might undertake to do, God's strength and leadership would bear me up and help me to accomplish his will. It was the greatest happiness and feeling of peace and utter satisfaction I had ever experienced."

Your vision will be lifted to new horizons as you listen to Southern Baptist missionaries on this year's program. Some of them are Cecil F. Roberson, Nigeria; Lonnie A. Doyle, Jr., Brazil; Oswald J. Quick, Formosa; William C. Gaventa, M.D., Nigeria; James E. Musgrave, Brazil; E. Luther Copeland, Japan; Clyde J. Dotson, Southern Rhodesia; D. Curtis Askew, Japan; and Marion F. Moorhead, Japan.

Here's what another young man, appointed for overseas service at the June Board meeting, said:

"Not long after I became a Christian, I heard Missionaries Lucille Reagan and Rex Ray speak. These made a great impression on me. From that time on I had an interest in missions. . . . Not too long after I heard Miss Reagan speak, we received word that she had died. The thought came to me that someone would have to replace her and maybe the Lord wanted me. . . . At the age of 16, after hearing a missionary message at a district encampment, I felt God calling me. . . . I answered that call."

The keynote address on "Freedom from Spiritual Bondage" will be delivered by H. Guy Moore, pastor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex., who has just returned from a trip to Southern Baptist mission fields.

Here's the testimony of still another June appointee, a nurse:

"In February, 1947, I experienced the call to the mission field. . . . My pastor, Dr. Theodore F. Adams, had made a trip to Europe that winter, and he was telling of world needs in a series of sermons. On that particular morning, as he preached on the subject, 'The War Against Want,' it seemed that he was

talking just to me. And I was aware of a voice within me saying that I must be one to go to fight this war against want—spiritual, moral, and physical. I went forward that morning, with a compulsion and conviction which were of divine origin, in dedication of my life as a foreign missionary."

God still uses people and circumstances to bring about his will in the hearts of his children. The Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest can be a spiritual experience for you and those you lead. Make your reservation now by writing Willard K. Weeks, Manager; Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, North Carolina.

June Appointees

The following were named missionaries of Southern Baptists at the June meeting of the Foreign Mission Board: James Henry Bitner and Fern Weaver Bitner, Texas, for Chile; Lonnie Ross Brock, Jr., North Carolina, and Barbara Howard Brock, Tennessee, for Brazil; Barbara Epperson, Missouri, for Nigeria; Herman L. Petty, Idaho, and June Goodwin Petty, Texas, for Israel.

Your World Journal

Have you ever wished you might attend a semiannual meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board? Most Southern Baptists will never have that opportunity; but every Baptist can read the report of the executive secretary to the April meeting in the July issue of *The Commission*.

Have you forgotten that the way of Christianity is still the way of the cross? Read "Men Still Die for Freedom," by John N. Thomas, in the July issue of *The Commission*. Illustrations from that article will enrich your Training Union program for July 26.

Are you keeping up with the series of articles on Baptist work in Japan now running in *The Commission*? The second will appear in the July issue.

What would you do if you were under thirty? Read about Southern Baptists' school of Christian world service in the July issue of *The Commission*.

Does 100,000 sermons in a day sound to you like a lot of preaching? A picture story of tract distribution by the young people of the Hong Kong Baptist churches will thrill you and send you to your knees in prayer. It's in the July issue of *The Commission*.

The Commission will come to you for one year for \$1.00, or three years for \$2.00. The better plan is the "church budget" whereby ten or more subscriptions may be had for six cents per

copy per month, payable monthly or quarterly. Send money for your subscription to *The Commission*, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

Foreign Missions Study Books

Plan now for a mission study course in your church. The 1953 Foreign Missions Study Series will be available in your Baptist Book Store on August 1. The new books and authors are:

ADULT: *Let's Listen*, by H. Cornell Goerner. This is something new in missions study books. The author becomes the spokesman for Christians in other lands and helps you take a look at yourself.

YOUNG PEOPLE: *Sixteen to One*, by W. Boyd Hunt. The author says you are in a minority group. Speaking of Southern Baptists, he says, "Either Southern Baptists will take the world, or the world will take Southern Baptists."

INTERMEDIATE: *As Others See Us*, by Johnni Johnson. This book will extend your vision to include a whole world. It is like a round-table discussion with young people of all nations, finding differences and likenesses.

JUNIOR: *My Two Countries*, by Sue Terry Woodson. This is the story of a missionary kid who feels that she belongs to both Brazil and the United States. Sue will tell you how to be friends with people everywhere.

PRIMARY: *Sunbeam Sandals*, by Vivian Bruner. This is a story about Sammy and Sue, seven-year-old twins. Sammy discovers why Jesus loves all the little children of the world.

Leader's Helps are available for each age group.

Secure the books from your Baptist Book Store. Secure the Leader's Helps from the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

I came in contact with Christ in a revival meeting at the age of twelve. I accepted Him unconditionally; and, somehow, I knew that I could never be a Christian with just nominal interest. At the age of fourteen, I cried, "Lord, show me what you want me to do, and I will do it." Peace came with the answer. I was to be a missionary and the knowledge was weighted with eternal assurance.—Catherine Chappell, missionary appointee to Brazil

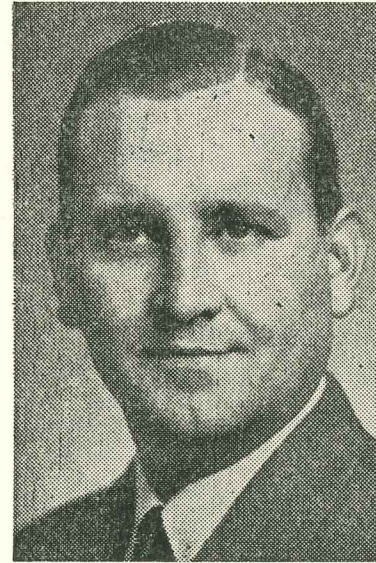
HELP AVAILABLE

Experienced preacher, former Bible teacher, well trained stenographer, knowledge of bookkeeping, acceptable song leader, available September 1 for Associate Pastor, church secretary, financial secretary, Bible class teacher, song leader, or any combination of these. Best of references furnished. Reasonable salary acceptable. Address, Associate pastor, c/o Western Recorder, Louisville, Ky.

Sunday School Department

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT
State Secretary

Cedarmore Sunday School Week
August 10-14, 1953



Dr. V. L. Stanfield

We are happy to announce that Dr. V. L. Stanfield, assistant professor of preaching at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, will be the inspirational speaker during the Sunday School Week at Cedarmore, August 10-14. Dr. Stanfield will speak first at the 8:30 hour Monday evening and each day at 11:50 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. except Friday. There will be no service Friday night.

Has your church planned to send a delegation of Sunday school workers to Cedarmore to attend the Sunday School Week?

This is a good opportunity to inform your people on Sunday school methods and to gain inspiration for better work.

New Plan of Ministering to Service Men and Women

The following is the substance of a letter from Nashville explaining the new plan of ministering to service men and women.

"It is our pleasure to announce a new plan that may be used by the churches to minister to their young people, 17-24, who are now in military service or who may be called later. The name of the new plan is the Military Service Membership Plan. The Military Service Membership Plan provides for a distinctive Sunday school ministry. It emphasizes regular Bible study. It is carried out by the Young People's Sunday

school classes and departments. It stresses prayer and church attendance. The plan also provides for a personal approach.

At the heart of the plan is the enrolling of the absent servicemen and women as members of their home classes and departments. Pastors, general superintendents, department superintendents, and teachers should keep the service members in their thinking and on their hearts in just as real a way as they do their members who can attend every Sunday. They should lead the service members to feel that they belong to the home Sunday school even in their absence and that a place is awaiting them upon their return.

In keeping with this principle, the service membership enrolment should be counted as a part of the larger enrolment of the Sunday school in the same way that Cradle Roll and Extension enrolments are counted. It should not, however, be included in the Sunday to Sunday class or department report.

Copies of the leaflet explaining this ministry may be ordered from your State Sunday School Secretary free in reasonable numbers. Printed materials for the operation of the ministry are available at a nominal price at your Baptist Book Store. The use of these materials, their prices, and the quantities to order are explained in the leaflet.

It is our earnest prayer that the Military Service Membership Plan will provide the practical guidance needed for a ministry that will enlist 200,000 or more service young people in a close Bible study relationship with their home churches."

Vacation Bible School Reports

Many Vacation Bible School reports are coming to our desk with the testimony of bigger and better schools. These encouraging reports make us rejoice over the good work being done by our churches, pastors, superintendents and missionaries in providing extra Bible instruction for the children of their communities.

If you have not sent in your report do so as soon as possible.

Standard Sunday Schools

Dione—Pastor Jack Bruce; Superintendent J. H. Lewis.
Mt. Salem—Pastor James C. Porter; Superintendent Russell Baird.
Williams Memorial—Pastor W. T. Dunaway; Superintendent T. T. Yancey.
Vine Grove—Pastor James S. Haskins; Superintendent Raymond H. Bennett.
Hart—Pastor Earl Bustle; Superintendent Shively Pope.
Kuttawa—Pastor Harold L. Anderson; Superintendent R. P. Whittington.
Lily—Pastor Carl Standifer; Superintendent Dan Vaughn.
Marion—Pastor Shelby R. Beaty; Superintendent James W. Carnahan.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Bardstown	---	309
Bellevue	---	305
Bowling Green, First	252	1,038
Burlington	---	82
Campbellsville	---	506
Pleasant Hill	182	291
Central City	209	382
Clay, First	---	215
Corbin, First	119	383
Central	89	406
Covington, Calvary	---	593
Latonia	175	835
South Side	---	411
Cynthiana	---	312
Dayton, Ohio, Westwood	---	632
Danville, Ky.	241	664
Erlanger	50	337
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	112	569
Grace	192	793
Falmouth	---	204
Ferguson	56	212
Ft. Thomas	66	225
Frankfort, First	118	680
Thorn Hill	---	247
Franklin, First	---	354
Fulton, First	---	378
Georgetown	---	374
Glasgow	84	586
Harlan	122	569
Harrodsburg, Bruner's Chapel	124	244
Hazel	67	293
Henderson, Immanuel Temple	---	495
Hima, Horse Creek	---	241
Hopkinsville, First	105	553
Second	112	708
Independence	108	260
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	68	280
Lawrenceburg, First	100	317
Lebanon, Muldraugh Hill	---	230
Leitchfield	68	218
Lexington, Ashland Ave.	---	1,091
Calvary	118	609
Felix Memorial	72	262
Grace	---	564
Immanuel	142	736
Porter Memorial	97	734
London, First	141	548
Ludlow, First	72	316
Louisville, Baptist Temple	---	259
Beechland	87	397
Beechmont	131	654
Bethany	---	212
Carlisle Ave.	200	989
Clifton	73	287
Deer Park	---	414
East Audubon	71	232
Eighteenth Street	94	351
Fairdale	136	241
Farmdale	---	310
Harmony	72	232
Highland Park First	---	344
Immanuel	64	354
9th and O	144	914
Okolona	---	296
Parkland	229	810
St. Matthews	86	432
Shively	86	518
South Side	59	344
23rd and Broadway	143	520
Victory Memorial	227	600
Walnut Street	229	1,233
West Broadway	---	508
Madisonville, First	147	641
Marion Baptist	---	239
Mayfield, First	279	910
Middlesboro, East Cumberland Ave.	---	315
First	67	536
Morganfield, First	---	361
Murray, Sinking Spring	97	212
Newport, First	123	634
Owensboro, Buena Vista	---	330
Eaton Memorial	145	384
First	239	921
Hall Street	146	365
Seven Hills	76	240
Third	377	1,120
Paducah, First	119	512
Trinity	97	247
Twelfth Street	---	296
Paintsville, First	70	289
Paris, First	56	---
Pikeville	---	237
Pineville, First	167	403
Princeton, North Side	132	---
Second	99	231
Russellville, First	87	374
Somerset, First	---	677
Pleasant Hill No. 2	54	216
Springfield	---	421
Stanford	92	255
Versailles	95	342
Whitesburg, First	---	381
Williamsburg, First	54	452
Winchester, Central	94	440
First	136	388

Baptist Training Union Dept.

BYRON C. S. DeJARNETTE
State Secretary

Can Democracy Survive?

It was on the morning of August 6, 1945. A B-29 flew over a sleeping town and dropped from its womb a bomb of death and destruction. The bomb hit its target and exploded in the quiet morning air bringing misery, grief, death and loneliness to thousands upon thousands. The pilot nosed his plane back home thinking that he had accomplished his purpose and that peace would be restored to a weary worn, war ridden world; and that the precious gift of Democracy which our forefathers founded through many hardships, had been saved.

It was over seven years ago that the Atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima and look at this, our land, today. Today we are not at war; we merely have the Korean "police" action in which 122,000 American boys have given their lives. We have coal strikes, steel strikes, corrupted government, low morals and high prices. Young people have been smitten by the new disease, Modernism. It seems to be the latest idea to see who can smoke the longest cigarette, drink the most whiskey, tell the lewdest joke, drive the fastest car and get the most money for the least amount of work. We have forgotten about the Bible, the Star-Spangled Banner and the Pledge of Allegiance and have turned our attention to a television set, an electric stove and a new 1953 automobile. We have taken our trust from God and placed it in a gun; and our faith from Jesus and put it in the almighty dollar.

There is an old legend which says that if, on a dark and stormy night, a person will stand near the grave of old Daniel Webster, that from deep within the tomb a voice rumbles out the question, "How stands the Union?"

Before I answer that question let me show you another scene. This time it is a football stadium because there is not another place that can hold the multitude. An invitation is given and hundreds of people come streaming down the aisles to accept Jesus as their Saviour. Not only here but in municipal Auditoriums, radio stations, large brick churches and small white ones America is turning to the God of our Fathers. Yes, Democracy not only can but it is surviving. But the fields are white unto harvest. The Lord needs each one of you listening here today. What can you do? He hath shown thee, O Man, what

is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee but to do justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with thy God.

In order to keep the Statue of Liberty standing we must "Turn our eyes upon Jesus, look full in His wonderful face and let the things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory



Miss Lois Jean Carter, Loyall, Upper Cumberland Association, who won first place in the State Young People's Speakers' Tournament at Campbellsville in April. She will represent Kentucky in the Southern Tournament at Ridgecrest, N. C., July 11 (next Saturday).

and grace." Yes, Christian friends we must walk humbly, often and pray earnestly this prayer: "O God! give us strong Christians, a time like this demands strong wills, brave hearts and true minds."—AMEN.—Lois Jean Carter.

Cedarmore Speaker



Rev. Earl Stallings, pastor, First Baptist Church, Ocala, Florida, who will bring the main message to the State Training Union Assembly in the tabernacle at Cedarmore, Bagdad, Ky., each night, Monday through Friday, August 17-21. On Thursday night he will conduct the Life Dedication Service.

"I Don't Pledge!"

By Lee Gallman, Director
Seminary Extension Department
P. O. Box 530
Jackson, Mississippi

As we approach a great stewardship effort, we hear now and then the statement, "I don't pledge."

By this the speaker means that he never makes a church pledge. The basis of this statement is a false sense of honesty.

What the individual feels is that a pledge is an irrevocable obligation; it is a committal of one's self on the side of God materially. If one should pledge and fail to fulfill it, he would be guilty of dishonesty (they say). Now in order to preserve my honesty, I will refuse to pledge. Since I have no pledge, I have no obligation. What ever the church gets out of me is over and above what it expected for I don't pledge.

Foolish man, or woman! Your pledge is your commitment on the side of God. It assumes an obligation that is yours, whether you agree or not. Of course it is wrong to break a pledge. But the real wrong is not pledge breaking, but in seeking to escape obligations.

The principle, when applied to business is impossible. I buy a suit of clothes on credit. The merchant asks, in substance, do you pledge to pay for this merchandise? We make a substantial down payment on an automobile. How is the rest handled? By pledge. We pledge to make payments; a mortgage is a pledge; credit rating is based on one's honoring his pledges; the marriage vow is a pledge. Many who make such statements have entered into some covenant relationship with his fellowmen in some fraternal orders, or civic clubs. This is all well and good, but why would one swallow such camels and strain at the gnat of church pledges.

Surely one who intends to be honest would not object to saying so! Surely one who can read knows that he can alter or change his pledge at will.

My pledge is based upon a sense of Christian stewardship. I see no reason why one should object to obligating himself to do what he should do.

If it is wrong to break a pledge and not give, the wrong of not giving is as great. The real wrong is in abrogating our obligations.

Pastor Harold E. Cameron, 273 South Alfred Street, Elgin, Illinois, asks that the names and addresses of Southern Baptists now residing in the cities of Waukegan, Ill.; Melrose Park, Ill.; Maywood, Ill.; River Forest, Ill.; Cicero, Ill.; Madison, Wis.; and Beloit, Wis., be sent to him. He is the pioneer missionary there, working under Executive Secretary Noel M. Taylor of the Illinois Baptist State Association.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

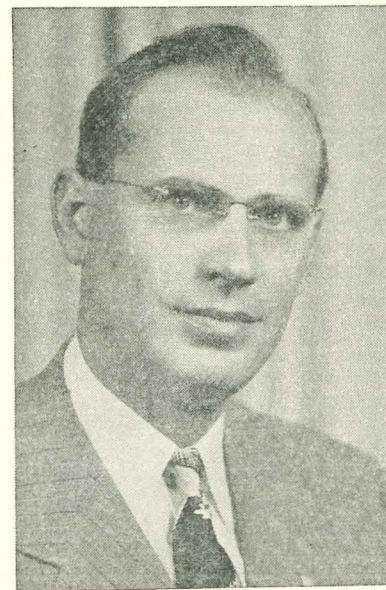
MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON, Executive Secretary
MISS BEULAH WINGO, Young People's Secretary
MR. J. C. BALLEW, Royal Ambassador Secretary



Miss Edith Rose Weller

Personel for Girls' Auxiliary and Young Woman's Auxiliary Camps at Cedarmore

The Camp Pastors for the Girls' Auxiliary Camps will be: Rev. C. E. Daniels, of Russellville, for the Intermediate Camp and Rev. Robert H. Alston, of Hazelwood Baptist, Louisville, for the Junior Week. The Missionaries for the two weeks will include Mrs. Edward Galloway, of Russellville, formerly of Thailand; Rev. Luciano Marquez, a Cuban pastor; Miss Edith Rose Weller of Brazil; and Miss Florence Ongais of Hawaii. The two main speakers for the Young Woman's Auxiliary Camps will be Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler and Dr. Wayne E. Ward. Mrs. Tyler is the recording secretary of Woman's Missionary Union and is a renowned speaker for both Young people and



Robert H. Alston

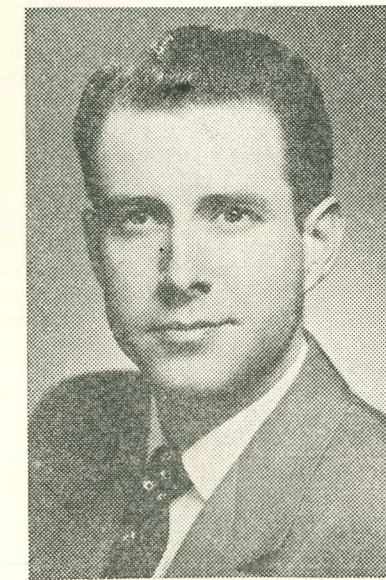


Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler

Adult groups. She will be the speaker for the Vesper and Morning Watch services.

Dr. Ward is an Instructor of Theology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He will be the pastor for the week-end and serve as Bible teacher. He has just returned from a tour of Palestine and the Holy Lands.

Other Camp personnel will include Miss Beulah Wingo as Director; Miss Helen Sinclair, as Assistant Director; Miss Myrtle Rosenbaum as Recreation



Wayne E. Ward



C. E. Daniels

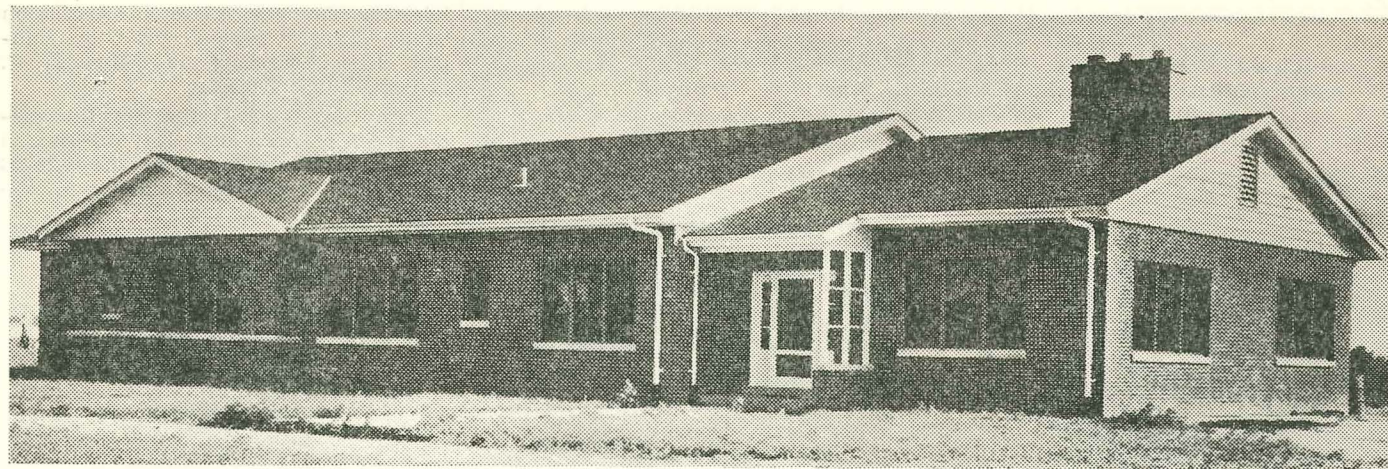
WMU Office. All of the reservations which can be accepted have already been received for the Junior Camp.

We are not having Forward Step work at G. A. Camp this year, but are having a variety program that we think will be of great value to the G. A.'s and Counselors alike.

For those of you who have been to Cedarmore before you will be happy to hear that electric water coolers have been ordered. This is good news to all of us since good water is so essential to good camping. The Tabernacle has been finished and we will not have to meet in the tent. The showers at Barnmore have been much improved also. We are looking forward to greater camps this summer with our young people, and our prayers is that they shall return home with an enriched spiritual life and healthy bodies. Pray for us.



Miss Florence Ongais



Kentucky Baptist Children's Home Will Dedicate New Cottage

By C. FORD DEUSNER, Supt.
Glendale, Ky.

We think our new cottage at Glendale above is the best one we have constructed to date. Both attractive in appearance and functional in plan, it provides a comfortable, modern home for twenty boys, and is already filled to capacity! On Sunday, July 19, at 2:00 A.M. (Central Standard Time) this cottage will be dedicated. Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of the Western Recorder, will deliver the dedicatory address. A choir of our children will sing. You are cordially invited to attend this service and inspect the new cottage.

New-comers to the Home

The completion of our new cottage has enabled us to provide for a few more children in our older buildings. In the last few weeks, we have received four from Louisville, two from Harlan, one from Glencoe, three from Owensboro, and three from Sonora. Our Home is the largest of its kind in the state, with a present enrollment of 218 children.

"My People That Clothe Me"

This expression is heard often from our children. Of course they refer to the individuals, Sunday school classes, missionary societies, etc., that sponsor them. Sponsors assume responsibility for the children's clothing and remember them with seasonal gifts. Correspondence between sponsor and child is encouraged and visits exchanged. With new children coming in every month, we urgently need about twenty new sponsors. Why not write in to-day and let us "give" you a child?

Graduates Leave the Home

Our two high school graduates, whose pictures appeared in a recent issue of the Western Recorder, have secured employment. Stanley Bain is working for Reynolds Metals Co., Louisville, and Shirley Tunstall is doing secretarial work in the office of our Kentucky Baptist Hospital, in the same city.

New Play Equipment

We are always glad when we can set up a new piece of play equipment on our campus for our children's enjoyment. A few weeks ago, Miss Louise Turley, one of our housemothers, presented the Home with a Junior Castle Tower. We think such devotion deserves some recognition, and how the children are enjoying it!

Eggs for the Home

Fancy frying, boiling, and scrambling 6,763 dozen eggs! However, we will use many more than this number at the Home before Christmas. We are grateful to Kentucky Baptists for sending us so many. While the number received this spring was not as great as last year, a number of churches sent us checks designated "for eggs." This means we will be eating fresh eggs in the fall, when ordinarily we are eating stored ones.

Summer Pastimes

There's plenty of work to be done on a farm, but there's time for fun, too! We try to arrange summer vacation visits for all our children. Most of them

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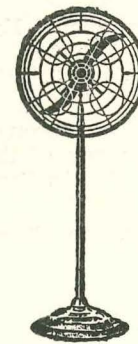
Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Elsey In Shelbyville Hospital After Auto Accident

Just as we go to press on this paper we learn that Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Elsey, Shelbyville, were in an automobile accident at Frankfort last night, June 29. Details of the accident are not available as yet, but we do know that Dr. and Mrs. Elsey were both taken to a hospital in Frankfort, and later removed to the Kings Daughters Hospital in Shelbyville. Mrs. Elsey's injuries are thought to be worse than those of Dr. Elsey.

I feel that what I have accomplished is indeed very little, and I have failed to measure up to the ideals and aspirations within me. There is some consolation, however, in the recurrent thought that to feel this way is at least in part symptomatic of a healthy attitude, for only the unregenerated and essentially self-centered heart, it seems to me, can feel personally exalted rather than duly humbled at the unfolding of God's plan before the human eye.—Albert I. Bagby, missionary to Brazil.

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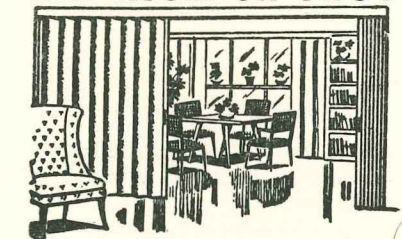
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A Retired Preacher

By JOHN D. FREEMAN
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Two years have gone by since the step was taken that turned me loose with no definite task to perform, no regular place in which to labor, only an annuity as assured income.

These years have led me to know some things which other people should learn, especially men who have reached the age when their effectiveness as regular workers declines and their inability to recognize the symptoms of "growing old" decreases. I venture, therefore, to offer two observations.

I. Retirement Is Good

It is natural for one to fear the move that ends the relationships and activities which have made life for many years. Fear, God's protective instinct, never releases its sway over the human spirit; age brings it into more active play than it has known since the days of childhood. The idea of turning loose the old tasks and of facing life without the income that has been so essential to well-being, therefore, causes one to hesitate about retiring.

Two years have convinced me that such fears, except for the invalid or the very aged, are baseless. With one's children grown and trained for a place in the world; with a home provided during years of active service; with a field so big that there are always places needing special help; and with the overshadowing wings of the Almighty to bring assurance, the days following retirement can be happy ones, and income may be earned to make the annuity go as far as the salary formerly did.

Furthermore, the privilege of being able to work with little thought of income to be secured and with no institutions or agency to be considered in planning for the work has brought a sense of well-being which the days of regular employment never gave.

For example, all through my ministry I coveted the privilege of going into remote rural areas for revival work, but seldom could do so, either because of press of other engagements or because of lack of money with which to pay expenses involved. During the last two years I have held revivals with ten rural churches whose offerings for eight days or more ran from \$14.75 up to \$100 each. In only five of them did the offering cover the expenses, if one counted the regular mileage of his car.

The annuity does not provide for all needs, but it provides assurance against hunger and nakedness. The fields of service are not always attractive, but

they are in God's vineyard where the work is pleasant and brings happiness. Time given to teaching ministerial students, to revivals and to helping develop the rural program of schools and mission boards, has made the two years of retirement a special privilege. I have preached as many sermons and rendered as many other services as during any year of my regular ministry, and the income has more than covered all needs.

II. A New Way

"Why doesn't Brother Blank realize that he is past the age of vigorous labor and step aside for one young enough to enlarge the glorious work he has so well done?"

I have heard that query a number of times since joining the unemployed. In almost every case the only reply I know to make is, "He is afraid to give up the regular work." The ordinary reason given is, "I am able to do the best work (or preaching) of my life." I, too, thought that and was deeply grieved when physicians advised me to give place to younger men. Other retired men have told me how angry they were when some board or church insisted on the retirement, but of new found pleasures and privileges which resulted from their forced retirement.

It is a wise worker who can recognize the signs of age and who can step aside from the routine of regular work to enter the field as a counsellor and guide to younger men. God's economy calls for the visions of youth to be seasoned and restrained by the dreams of old age. Who is more worthy of respect, of admiration, of love,—the youth who is learning how to conduct the business of the Kingdom, or the sage who can sit down beside him and help him to make wise plans for the labors needed? Who can realize more from his investments of time and talent and energies,—he who holds on to some work which he has done for years and thereby hinders its further growth or he who finds his rewards in aiding younger people and in running across the trails of the many whom he has helped in the past and who gladden his heart by their expressions of praise and thanks?

The two years in retirement have been anything but idle ones, and there has been little loneliness connected with them. Health has been restored; strength is returning to the body; the mind is still active; the future is rosy all the way to the edge of the Valley, and beyond that the path toward the dawn-

ing day grows aye brighter. So I am glad I retired, and am grateful unto God for the many opportunities of special service which greet me everywhere I turn.

Mrs. C. B. Renaker Expresses Appreciation

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"I was also impressed by the excerpt from Dr. McCall's address to the Seminary graduates. If our viewpoint remains the same we are not growing. We do not repudiate the alphabet but demonstrate its value when we learn to read. We do not repudiate the fundamentals of our faith but demonstrate their value when we are hungering and thirsting to 'apprehend that for which also we are apprehended by Jesus Christ.'

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"Sincerely,
"Mrs. C. B. Renaker."

[And we thank Mrs. Renaker.]

Miss Doris Mae Owens and Mr. Albert Norris Barringer were united in marriage in a ceremony performed by Dr. W. R. Pettigrew at the Walnut Street Church, Louisville, June 12. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank William Owens, Jr., and the groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross Barringer.

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Pewee Valley Baptist Mission Organized East of Louisville

The Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Avoca, Jefferson County, began to pray about the establishment of a mission in the vicinity of the beautiful and historic Pewee Valley in the fall of 1952. Feeling led of the Lord, they started a mission at Lake Louisville on May 24, and called it "The Pewee Valley Baptist Mission."

About seventy-five people were present at the first meeting. Taking part on the program were Pastor Dan C. Moore, Pleasant Grove Church; Pastor William Bowen, of the Pewee Valley Mission; and Brother Ben F. Mitchell, superintendent of missions and evangelism of the Long Run Association. When the invitation was given ten came forward to be the first members of the mission. They were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Cosat, Donald Cosat, Salley Cosat, Mrs. Paul Robinson, Virginia Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. Vance Thomas, and Mr. and Mrs. William Bowen.

This first meeting was held in a pavillion, which was borrowed for the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Tandy, at Lake Louisville, have invited the mission to meet in their house until a more suitable place is found. The first objective of the mission is to secure a lot about 200x500 feet on Highway No. 22, and the second objective is to build a basement for the new building before cold weather this year.

The mother church of the mission, Pleasant Grove is located on a beautiful and spacious lot in the village of Avoca, near Middletown and Anchorage. This lot was donated by Mr. and Mrs. Beckley many years ago. It was a pleasant surprise to learn that among those present at the first meeting of the new mission were Mr. and Mrs. Beckley. They slipped away quietly after the service, almost unnoticed, but surely their hearts must have been warmed as they saw something of the result of their investment in the days gone by. Pleasant Grove Church is also the mother of Poplar Level Baptist Church.—Dan C. Moore, Pastor.

Clifton Heights Mission Is Organized into a Baptist Church

The Clifton Heights Baptist Mission, 2917 Cleveland Blvd., Louisville, was organized into a church on May 3. Sponsored by the Clifton Baptist Church, Louisville, the mission has carried on a full program of work since 1948 when its present building was erected. The property, consisting of a red brick build-

ing furnished with natural oak pews and pulpit furniture, is debt free.

Under the able leadership of Rev. J. Kenneth Allaby, pastor of the Clifton Baptist Church, a strong bond of fellowship existed between the mother church and the mission.

Several churches were represented at the organization service with pastors and deacons which formed a council with Rev. Mark A. Dobbs, pastor of Clifton Heights, elected as moderator, and deacon George Bocook elected clerk. Dr. Bradford Curry, pastor of the Shively Baptist Church, read the Scripture; Dr. L. C. Ray, pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Louisville, gave the



Mark A. Dobbs

charge to the church; and Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, pastor of the Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, preached the sermon. Deed to the property was presented by Virgil Marlowe for the Clifton Church.

Though constituted with only 91 members, three more were added by profession of faith during the following week in revival services with Pastor Dobbs doing the preaching. Brother Dobbs has just completed his first year at the Southern Baptist Seminary and has served as pastor at Clifton Heights since last September, succeeding Rev. Marion Hendrix who had served the

mission for three years before being called to Spartanburg, South Carolina.

The Intermediate Department of Clifton Church presented the new church with a gift of \$3,100 which has been used to start a fund to install a baptistry in loving memory of Dr. E. C. Stevens who served as pastor of the Clifton Baptist Church for 35 years which time he started the work at Clifton Heights.

River View's Pastor, Roy Mitchell in Revival With The Mill Creek Church

BARDSTOWN, Ky., June 20. — Pastor Roy Mitchell, of River View Baptist Church of Cox's Creek, was the evangelist in a recent revival at the Mill Creek Baptist Church, Route 1, Bardstown. We feel that God richly blessed his efforts among us and that Brother Mitchell's work was of such a nature as to be a lasting tribute to the glory of God. There were nine professions of faith, five of these being adults and one of these adults having been a Roman Catholic.

In addition to the professions of faith there were 20 rededications, 14 establishing family altars, 13 forming a pastor's visitation team and 15 becoming tithers which now brings our total of tithers to 41. One came on statement and two by letter.

The revival spirit opened the way for the pastor and evangelist to propose a new budget for the coming year and the church in conference has adopted the Unified Budget with the figure at twice that of the preceding year. Following the meeting the deacons recommended and the church voted unanimously to raise the pastor's salary.

Follow up of the meeting shows a decided increase in the weekly offering and a general spirit of good will and Christian love.—George W. Miller, pastor.

W. Scott Harvin, a third year student and layman from Manning, South Carolina, took up his work on June 15 as educational director of the Van Buren Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, where he will be associated with Pastor Verner V. Raines. He is studying in the field of Religious Education at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and resides at 224 Kennedy Court in Crescent Hill, Louisville.

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Immanuel Baptist Church of Lexington Welcomes Pastor Wayne E. Todd and His Family



LEXINGTON, Ky. — The members of Immanuel Baptist Church had a reception for Pastor and Mrs. Wayne E. Todd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Thompson, 1721 South Limestone Street, Lexington, May 24. Some 300 members attended, as did also many pastors and their wives and other friends.

In the receiving line were Mr. Thomp-

son, chairman of the deacons and trustees, Mrs. Thompson; Keith Mee, educational director; Mrs. Mee; Shirley Cutter, superintendent of the Sunday school, and Mrs. Cutter; Clyde Wells, superintendent of the Training Union, and Mrs. Wells; Mrs. Roy Williams, president of the W. M. S., and the new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne E. Todd.

Shown in the accompanying picture in the front row, are among the others: Pastor Wayne E. Todd and daughter, Vivian, Mr. and Mrs. Keith Mee; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Cutter, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wells, President and Mrs. Samuel S. Hill; Dr. and Mrs. Russell Purdy; and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warren.

M. Theron Rankin Dies

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However, before he was given ten minutes in which to persuade the committee, the spokesman for the group told him a story:

A committee of the Board had met to consider an executive secretary with the general agreement that a staff member would not be chosen. (Dr. Rankin was then the Board's secretary for the Orient.) The Board members prayed for the Lord's leadership, and each was asked to write on a piece of paper the

name of the person he thought to be God's man for the position. Each piece of paper had the same words: M. Theron Rankin.

"What could I say?" he asked Mrs. Rankin when he returned home.

In accepting the new responsibilities he expressed his absolute faith in God: "I am grateful that I do not have to measure the task in terms of my own capacities. I come to this position with the assurance of God's support and strength. Christian missions is his undertaking and he calls his servants to work with him as they serve in this enterprise."

Uppermost in Dr. Rankin's mind to the very end was the Christian missions undertaking. And there was a final message for Southern Baptists; but strength and time ran out.

He is survived by his widow, the former Valleria Greene who was born in China to missionary parents, and two daughters, Mrs. John McMillan and Miss Mary Lee Rankin, both of Richmond.

Training Union Materials To Have New Editor

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Raymond M. Rigdon has been transferred by the Sunday School Board to its Department of Training Union Curriculum where he will serve as editor of Training Union lesson materials.

This announcement is made by Dr. J. O. Williams, secretary, Division of

Education and Promotion, and Dr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary, Training Union Department of the Board.

Dr. Rigdon will edit the Board's Baptist Adult Union Quarterly and the Baptist Young People's Union Quarterly.

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Sixteen

Missionary to Indians On Encampment Programs In Northern Kentucky



Rev. H. E. Baer, missionary to the Navajo Indians, Flagstaff, Arizona, who is preaching at the 1953 Bethel Baptist Encampment for Junior Girls' Week, July 12-18, Intermediate Girls' Week, July 20-25 and Junior Boys' Week, July 27-August 1.

Day of Dedication Held In the East Bend Church Of Boone County

UNION, Boone County, Ky. — The East Bend Baptist Church held a dedication service June 6 which closed a three-year building program under the leadership of Pastor Donald White.

Pastor Roy Lyons, of the Thornhill Baptist Church of Frankfort, was the preacher of the dedicatory sermon. The presence of ten visiting ministers and many interested friends of the church from both near and far made the day one of high spiritual value.

During the past three years notable progress has been made by this church. The first undertaking was the building and furnishing of a six-room Sunday school plant. The church was completely redecorated inside and out. A pleasing color scheme was chosen for the interior and the old red brick was transformed into a gleaming white exterior. Venetian blinds were purchased for auditorium as well as Sunday school room windows. An oil furnace was purchased for heating of the entire building.

After some months the church felt a need for further physical improvement and plans were set in motion for the renovation of the front of the church building. The two front entrances were

replaced by a vestibule in the center front. A bell tower with bell was added. Hardwood floors were placed in the auditorium and new church furniture was installed. This improvement proved to be the most marked change in the building program. The old pews were handmade and were characterized by a partition down the center. The installation of the new pews made an outstanding change in the interior of the church. A new rug and sign were added for the day of dedication.

Not only has the church witnessed great physical strides during this three-year period, but also spiritual growth has kept abreast of the physical prog-

Richardson New President North Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference



Darrell C. Richardson

COVINGTON, Ky. — Pastor Darrell C. Richardson of the Fort Mitchell Baptist Church here, was elected president of the Northern Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference for 1953-1954 recently. Other officers elected were: Pastor E. Keevil Judy, First Baptist Church of Newport, vice president; and Pastor Kenneth Parks, First Baptist church of Covington, secretary-treasurer. The Northern Kentucky Baptist Pastors' Conference is composed of ministers in the North Bend and Campbell County Associations. These two associations are made up of churches in Boone, Kenton and Campbell Counties.

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ress. The Sunday school, prayer meeting and worship service attendances have greatly increased; gifts to all causes have more than doubled; the pastor's salary and gifts to the Co-operative Program have been increased; and the missionary organizations are functioning in an excellent manner.

The first of this year a Baptist Training Union was organized. It was started with a study course, "Building a Church Training Program." Members of the church testify to the fact that the Training Union is one of the greatest factors in building our church program. It is growing steadily and has a remarkable attendance.

The church has just closed a successful revival meeting with Rev. Orden Rice, of the Blue Ash Baptist Church, Blue Ash, Ohio, as evangelist. Pastor Rice brought forceful messages each evening which not only strengthened our congregation but also encouraged many to unite with our church by letter and by profession of faith.

Pastor White, a native of Frankfort, Kentucky, was graduated from the Southern Seminary this spring.

Winnie Brandenburg Goes From Louisville's Parkland To Westwood, Dayton, Ohio

DAYTON, Ohio. — Miss Winnie Brandenburg has come to be educational secretary with Pastor John W. Kurtz at the Westwood Baptist Church, this city. She began her new duties June 13. She comes to her new work from the Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, where she was a teacher in the Parkland Baptist School. She is a graduate of the Baptist WMU Training School in Louisville.



Miss Winnie Brandenburg

Seventeen

First Church, Somerset, Operates Kindergarten



The kindergarten of the First Baptist Church, Somerset, Ky. (left to right): Patricia J. Cornett, Sarah Jane Phillippi, Susan Waddle, Patricia Salyers, Jimmy Albertson, Libby Patterson, Shirley Giesecke, Gail Adams, Sussie Smith, Tommy Weaver. Second row: Judy Alice Morgan, W. T. Walker, Darlene Burton, Bill Sandusky, Garry Dalton, Joe Howard Flynn, Lloyd Neikirk, Jerry Owens, Bill Hall, Naimi Blevins, Patty Jesse, Charles Strunk, Alice Roberts.

SOMERSET, Ky. — Last September the city schools of Somerset opened their doors, so the First Baptist Church, and Dr. Preston L. Ramsey, the pastor, began the operation of a kindergarten.

This kindergarten has been under the supervision of a church committee. It has been paralleled with the city school schedule being kept open until noon each day.

Children of the proper age to enter school the following year were eligible to enter. In order that the teacher would not be overloaded, the maximum enrollment was placed at 25, which has

been maintained during the year. Children from homes of all denominations were accepted.

Mrs. Max Flynn, graduate of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., in Nursery and Kindergarten training, was employed as teacher. Under her supervision it has commanded the favor of the church generally because of the fine training and entertainment afforded the children. It appears now to be an organization of the church that should not be abolished.

A nominal tuition was paid by the children to make the school self-supporting.

Prof. David R. Murphy, Kentuckian, Ex-College President in Alabama, Dies

Prof. David Rhodin Murphy, 80, died in Tampa, Florida, June 12. He had been the founder and superintendent for 25 years of the City School System, Anniston, Alabama.

His funeral was held in Birmingham, Alabama, on Saturday, June 13. He was a native of Pembroke, Christian County, Kentucky.

Professor Murphy was graduated by Bethel College, Russellville, Kentucky, in its class of 1893; and the same school conferred an honorary M. A. upon him in 1896. He took post-graduate studies in the University of Chicago.

His early teaching work took him to Tennessee, where he was president of

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Elizabeth College in 1896. From there he went to Anniston. He is a former president of the Alabama Educational Association.

The annual Vacation Bible School was held by the First Baptist Church, Springfield, Ky., June 5-14. The enrollment was 276, with an average attendance of well over 200. It was one of the largest and best schools ever held by the church. Several rededications were made and some united with the church on professions of faith. Mrs. Ennis Shewmaker served as principal. Prue H. Kelly is pastor of the church. Work in every area is progressing nicely. A baptismal service is being held every month as the folk come to Christ and unite with the church in the regular services. In the absence of Pastor Prue H. Kelly for two weeks, Dr. T. D. Price of the Southern Seminary faculty supplied the pulpit of the First Church, Springfield, June 28 and July 5.

"Some church members on Sunday morning sing, 'I am satisfied with Jesus'—in bed."

Baker James Cauthen on Baptist Hour Broadcasts During This Quarter

ATLANTA, Ga. — Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, will be the featured speaker on the nation-wide Baptist Hour radio broadcasts during July, August and September. His theme for the thirteen weeks will be "Light For a Dark World." The subjects for the quarter include:

- July
12 "A Great Light," Isaiah 9:2
19 "How the Light Came," Philippians 2:5-11
26 "Gifts of the Light," John 1:17
- August
2 "Longing for the Light," Luke 18:44
9 "Thy Sins are Forgiven Thee," Luke 5:20
16 "He is Able," Hebrews 7:25
23 "Light for Dark Days," Psalm 94:17-19
30 "Christ in the Heart," 2 Corinthians 13:3
- September
6 "Unfailing Light," Acts 27:23
13 "Rejected Light," John 3:19
20 "Send the Light," Psalm 126:5-6
27 "Then Shall Thy Light Rise in Darkness," Isaiah 58:10.

When fifteen years old, I felt definitely called to foreign mission work. After about forty-three years under the Foreign Mission Board I can think of no more blessed opportunity than has been mine in China. The assurance that God put me there has been my strength through the various national upheavals I have witnessed.—Lettie S. (Mrs. P. W.) Hamlett, missionary of the China staff.

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Glenville G. A.'s Have Coronation Service



G. A.'s of the Glenville Baptist Church in Daviess-McLean Association were recognized in a candle-light Coronation Service on Sunday evening, May 24.

Back Row: Maidens: Betty Jean Hayden, Margaret Hill, Flossie Maidon, Joan Dame, Betty Leonard, Jenny Neal; Ladies-in-Waiting: Shirley Coy, Helen Henderson.

Second Row: Candle-lighter, Elizabeth Shultz; Ladies-in-Waiting: Sandra Rightmyer, Marian Arnold, Stella Burgess, Shirley Clark, Betty Hill, Eppie Rightmyer, Judy Clark, Pat Fuqua, Shirley Arnold; Candle-lighters, Shirley Turner, Nellie Allen.

Front Row: Crown-bearer, Sherry Tyler; Queen, Elizabeth Ann Tyler; Flower-girl, Peggy Hill.

Mrs. Jean Ayer and Mrs. Forest Tyler are the Intermediate G. A. Counselors, Mrs. H. B. Cravens and Mrs. Roy Muffitt the Junior G. A. Counselors.

New Slaty Creek Church, in Ohio County Association, Was Dedicated June 7

Pastor W. L. Pearce led the Slaty Creek Church, Ohio County Association, in a dedication service for their new church building June 7. Pastor Pearce preached the sermon. Rev. Joe Lerner, a converted Jew and a student in the Southern Seminary, read the Scriptures about Solomon's dedication prayer in the temple. Brother David Pearce, a senior ministerial student at Baylor, offered the dedication prayer. Pastor Pearce has been teaching a Men's Bible class in the Highland Baptist Church, Louisville, for the last six years. About twenty men from the Highland class went down for the dedication. Dara Cross, Jr., president of the class, was present. Dinner was served on the grounds, with about 200 persons in attendance. The dedication started the week of revival and Vacation Bible School. Seventy-seven VBS diplomas were awarded.

Royal Ambassadors Hold Camp on Kentucky Lake

MURRAY, Ky. — Forty Royal Ambassadors and ten Counselors from Blood River Association recently at-

tended a 24-hour camp on Kentucky Lake. Bro. J. C. Ballew, state R. A. secretary, was among those present.

Swimming in the lake, playing "Capture the Flag" in the woods, eating and sleeping out-of-doors, enjoying stunts and contests around the campfire—these were interspersed with periods of manual study, ranking study, prayer, and worship.

Churches represented at the camp included Benton First Missionary, Murray First, Murray Memorial, Scott's Grove, and Cherry Corner. Several boys from other churches, some of whom attended a similar Associational camp in 1952, were unable to attend this year for various reasons.—William McElrath, Associational R. A. Counselor.

Crutchfield Church Now Enjoying Full-Time Program Schedule

CLINTON, Ky. — The Crutchfield Baptist Church has just completed its first year and a half of full-time preaching. Prior to January 1, 1952, they had had only half-time services. Brother J. R. Lell was called as pastor February 1, 1952. One year ago Mrs. Lell started

the W. M. S. The group is now composed of twenty-two members, with an average attendance of fifteen. The W. M. S. is now sponsoring an Intermediate G. A. and a Junior G. A. A Sunbeam group will be next in line for a trial.

The Crutchfield W. M. S. celebrated the 50th Birthday Party of the Kentucky W. M. U. The G. A.'s painted paper plates in gold, cake iced in gold, and gold paper flowers were presented each lady as she came to the party. The usual party games were played. All members and nine visitors were present.

Young Wing Avenue Church Of Owensboro Licenses Two Men to Ministry

OWENSBORO, Ky., June 12. — Donald Terrill, of 1009½ E. Fourth Street, and Leslie Moody of Route 3, this city, were recently licensed to preach by the Wing Avenue Baptist Church here. Wing Avenue Church was an extension from the First Baptist Church.

Both of these young men have had opportunity to preach in prayer meetings and church services in the surrounding territory.

Brother Terrill is planning to attend Campbellsville College this fall, and Brother Moody is planning to attend the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary this fall.

The many friends of Don, a native of Owensboro, and of Les, a native of Calhoun-and-Sacramento neighborhood, will be glad to know of the decisions of these two fine young men who have dedicated their lives to the cause of Christ.

Hopewell Baptist Church, Philpot Route 2, in Daviess-McLean Association, concluded two weeks of revival Friday, June 5. The preaching was done by Tom Dillon, a young evangelist from Louisville. Pastor J. D. Hancox says that many of the old-timers reported that it was one of the most wonderful meetings in a long time. The meetings resulted in 11 rededications, 8 professions of faith, 2 joining by letter. "The most thrilling blessing of the meetings came in the final night when two young mothers, both raised in Roman Catholic homes, came forward, professed faith in Christ, and asked for baptism. The people were ready and God poured out His power, and wonderful works were performed in the name of Christ."

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By H. C. Chiles

A Pattern of Christian Behavior

Romans 12:1-2, 9-21

Both God and men expect the behavior of genuine Christians to be far superior to that of the unsaved, and rightfully so.

I. Before the Saviour. Romans 12:1-2.

Paul's method was to lay the foundation and then to build the superstructure, to set forth doctrines and then to emphasize duties, to teach principles and then to appeal for practices.

Paul asks that Christians literally give their bodies to God as a living sacrifice. God cannot use a corpse, but He can use a living body wholly dedicated to Him.

This surrender is to be continuous—a living sacrifice. This kind of surrender is "reasonable" in view of God's great mercy in redeeming the believer.

One of the principle stones in the

foundation of true Christian living is that of non-conformity to this present age. It is God's will for believers to be separated from the world for various reasons: because the character of this age is evil, the conduct of this age is foolish, the spirit of this age is selfish, the end of this age is destruction, etc.

Unless a person had made a definite presentation of his body to God, his life plans will invariably be conformed to this world. His aim is apt to be money, fame, pleasure, or power. Conformation to the world is opposed entirely to the Christian way of life.

When we present ourselves to God, He calls us to a renewed mind. He gives us spiritual discernment, and we come to have a new appreciation of values. He shows us that the life lived for self is the wasted life, and that the life which is lived for Christ and others is worthwhile.

II. Before the Saints. Romans 12:9-16.

Here is a high standard for Christian living. And love is the key to the entire matter. Our love for the brethren must be a reality. There is entirely too much hypocrisy—two-faced business—among professed Christians.

should be abhorrent to us. We must have a real interest in and love for our fellow-Christians. It is just as natural for the children of God to love one another as it is for those who are related by ties of blood to love each other.

A genuine Christian will manifest a number of exemplary virtues, such as: humility, "in honor preferring one another;" faithfulness, "not slothful in business;" earnestness, "fervent in spirit;" diligence, "serving the Lord;" joyfulness, "rejoicing in hope;" devotion, "continuing instant in prayer;" and thoughtfulness, "distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."

Christian love is shown by abhorrence of evil, cleaving to the good, an affectionate attitude, preference for others when honors are being bestowed, diligence instead of laziness, prayerfulness, interest in the needs of others, and hospitality.

"Abhor that which is evil" is an appeal for a conscience on the subject of sin. Sin is just as bad today as it has ever been. We are admonished to abhor evil, which means to dread it, to despise it, and to abstain from it.

Believers are admonished to be whole-hearted in their service for Christ. Their real business is to serve the Lord faithfully and acceptably. And remember that our Lord never puts a premium on indifference or laziness, but He expects us to be fervent in spirit.

In these days when many are urging us to assert ourselves, to demand our rights, and to succeed at any cost, it is somewhat old-fashioned to plead for humility and to advise against being wise in one's own conceits.

III. Before the Sinners. Rom. 12:17-21.

Unsaved people usually return evil for evil, but the saved are expected to return good for evil. Throughout this life we shall meet rebuffs, unpleasant circumstances in business dealings, and unkind criticism of our religious convictions, but Paul has told us to bless those who thus treat us wrongfully.

Love returns good for evil, endeavors to bring about peaceful relations, never seeks vengeance, always shows kindness to enemies, and constantly strives to dispel evil with goodness.

Crittenden R. A. Recognition and G. A. Coronation



The First Baptist Church of Paris had a standard Vacation Bible School this summer, June 8-19. The school was made up of ages from 3 to 16 and had an enrollment of 149, with an average attendance of 125, or 84 per cent. Mrs. Kenney Williams, Jr., was the principal.

CRITTENDEN, Ky. — The Crittenden Baptist Church was the scene of a beautiful R. A. Recognition and G. A. Coronation May 3, 1953, at 8:00 o'clock. Ten boys and twenty girls were recognized for various ranks and steps.

Girls in the coronation were: Christine Pugh, Mary Louise Brooks, Jean and Frances Brooker, Patsy Marksberry, Patsy Moss, and Barbara Reynolds, Maidens; Janet Caldwell, Betty Ann

Simpson, Betty Lou Turpin, Charlene Chambers, Alma Clay and Willa Mae Chambers, Betty Jo Huff, May Joe Profit and Glenna Thompson—Ladies-in-Waiting; Alberta Caldwell and Betty Lou Landrum—Princesses; Betty Ellen Profit—Queen; and Wanda Lee Turpin—Queen-with-Scepter.

This was a candlelight service. Mrs. Hazel Jones was the organist; Mrs. James Cummins, Soloist; Miss Linda Turner presented the emblems to the G. A.'s. Pastor Lawery and Mr. Wilbur Bingham are the Intermediate and Junior R. A. Counselors; Miss Norma Beach, Junior G. A. Counselor and Mrs. Adah Turpin, Intermediate and Young Peoples' Director.

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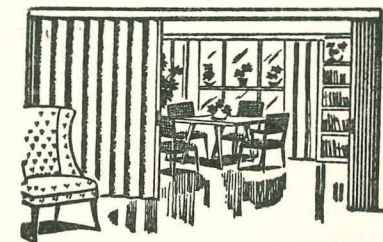
and the student family moved in by night fall.

A big majority of the preacher students who attend the Bible School at Clear Creek Springs, near here, have families and the school faced an acute housing shortage at the time. About 700 volunteer workmen, representing churches and district associations of Baptists in Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina and Virginia came on one day and erected the cottages.

These cottages are now to be dedicated in a special memorial service on July 14, according to Dr. Kelly, and representatives of the associations, churches and families that contributed toward the erection of the cottages in the beginning will be present to join in the dedicatory service.

Dr. Willis E. Howard, of LaGrange, Ga., will be the speaker for the dedicatory service. Other speakers for the Conference week are Dr. J. B. Lawrence of Atlanta; Dr. Ben Fisher of Louisville; Rev. George B. Fletcher of Hampton, Va.; Dr. A. H. Cullen of Evansville, Ind.; and Rev. W. H. Wood of Ashland, Ky. The School invites the public to attend all these services, the week's program opening on July 12 and extending through July 17.

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"Which Came First, the Bible or the Church?"

(Continued from Page 3)

Since the record is now complete, infallible, authoritative and sufficient to be a guide to faith and practice, Christians are now in need, not of inspiring grace, but of illuminating grace to understand "the things that are written."

No council of the Roman Catholic Church made pronouncement on the canon of the Scriptures until the Council of Trent in 1546 A.D. The Council of Carthage published only a completed Canon of the New Testament, and the Council was of the African and not the Roman Church.

The early followers of Christ recognized the Scriptures to be a legacy of their Lord. In no sense of the term were they Roman Catholics, as the decrees, dogmas, traditions, and pronouncements of Romanism were unknown in their day.

As the Books of the New Testament were able to serve as their own apologists, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, they, and not an infallible Church and Pope, served also as an immediate source of true religious knowledge to the people. And copies of these Books were not as scarce as the Catholic ad would lead us to believe. All of this occurred many, many years before the establishment of the Papacy under Gregory I (590-604 A.D.), who is generally conceded to be the first absolute pope: but the Roman Catholicism of his day was different and distinct from the Roman Catholicism of our day, as that of our day is largely the result of the Counter-Reformation and the declarations of the Council of Trent together with modern accretions.

That the Roman Catholic Church was the sole guardian of the Scriptures until the Protestant Reformation cannot be substantiated by secular and religious history. We are told by Josephus (Antiquities, V. 1, B. 1, C. 8) that the Jews had the full Old Testament, as we now know it, in the day and time in which Jesus lived. Likewise, the Syriac, Tatian's Diatessaron, the Peshito, the Old Latin, the Coptic, and the Ethiopic versions of the Scriptures were completed by 350 A.D. The Gothic version of Ulfilas appeared about 375 A.D.

It is extremely doubtful if one can call Jerome, who translated the Old and New Testaments into the Latin Vulgate in the period 382-404 A.D., a Roman Catholic, although he performed his work at the request of Bishop Gelasius of Rome and other learned men, and his work became the generally accepted Bible of the western world for over a thousand years. The Georgians and Armenians received their versions of the Scriptures in the sixth and seventh centuries, and the Arabic and Slavic versions were completed in the ninth

century. After that time the growth and consolidation of the influence of the Papacy caused the Scriptures to fall into general disuse, being supplanted by the decrees of Councils and Popes, and the accumulation of a multitude of traditions, rites, and practices which tended to obscure the importance of the Word of God. It took the Renaissance and Reformation to awaken the western world from its lethargic indifference toward and ignorance of the Scriptures, and by scholarly investigation and translation put the Scriptures again into the vernacular of the common people.

Dr. Means Suggests Cause of African Uprising

RICHMOND, Va. — Basic cause of the national uprising in Africa is the fact that the African has been frustrated in his ego, said Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for missionary education and promotion for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, upon his return to Richmond, Va., from a visit to mission fields in Africa, Europe, and the Near East.

Dr. Means made the trip to discover resources which will be used by the Board's department of missionary education and promotion in informing Southern Baptists of conditions on the mission fields.

Unrest in Africa, Dr. Means said, is following the "general pattern of world revolution. The downtrodden people are pushing their way up. They will not be held down any longer. The African is coming into his destiny as a man."

Dr. Means listed other aspects of the revolution in Africa as the desire for a better way of life, for education, and for self-government. It is his opinion that racial dominance is a symptom of the revolution rather than a cause. He said the African thinks of the white man as being the black man's problem; but in Nigeria, the Gold Coast, and Southern Rhodesia, areas where Southern Baptists have missionaries and where he visited, there was the "finest sort of Christian fellowship."

Africans are seeking to win advantages for themselves by processes available to them, Dr. Means said. One of the advances made is in the Gold Coast where the people have their own Prime Minister who has administrative authority. "This has brought them much satisfaction since the British government had been in complete control for many years," he said.

"The people of Nigeria are also moving toward having their own government," he continued. But he suggested

that it will be some time before this is accomplished. "The people in the south are looking toward independence by 1956, but those in the north feel they are not ready to assume the responsibility."

Dr. Means said the African is anxious to have an education at any cost and feels education will accomplish everything. "He may be disillusioned and find that education is not everything," he added.

Mission work is vitally related to the immediate future in Africa, Dr. Means said. But he expressed concern that Southern Baptist work is confined to relatively small areas.

He paid tribute to the competent staff of Southern Baptist missionaries in Nigeria where Baptists have been at work for more than 100 years and to the smaller number now working in the Gold Coast and Southern Rhodesia, fields which have been entered since the close of World War II.

Virginia Parsell, Louisville Girl, Given Music Honors By Blue Mountain College

BLUE MOUNTAIN, Miss. June 5. — Miss Virginia Parsell, Louisville, Ky., received the Bachelor of Music Degree from B.M.C., and her diploma was presented to her by President Lawrence T. Lowrey at the 80th Annual Commencement of Blue Mountain College, June 1.

While working toward the degree Miss Parsell was also active in the extra curricular activities of the college.

Miss Parsell was a Eunomian and majored in public school music. She served as House President during her freshman year and attained the Honor Roll during her college course. She was a member of the Cath Club, the French Club, Vivace Club, the Y.W.A. Council, the Presidents' Club, and the Madrigal Singers.

Miss Parsell was awarded near the close of this session the Rosa Mae Kennedy Music Award. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Parsell and was graduated from the J. M. Atherton High School, Louisville.

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My Boutonniere

Chaplain W. W. Hamilton, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La.

Whenever you see a man wearing a boutonniere you may be pretty sure that he is not on the warpath. Some meaningful quotations about flowers are: "Flowers preach to us, if we will hear" (Rossetti); "How like they are to human beings" (Longfellow) "I always think the flowers can see us, and know what we are thinking about" (George Eliot); "Flowers are the beautiful hieroglyphics of nature, with which she indicates how much she loves us" (Goethe). When one wears a boutonniere he says with a flower what is in his heart.

What a beautiful flower is faith! To wear it signifies a simple and sincere trust in Jesus Christ as Redeemer and Lord, and the fact that he is our Ideal, our Friend, our Helper, our Great Physician. One who thus trusted in him said that a firm faith is the best philosophy, a clear conscience is the best law, a rugged honesty is the best policy, and temperance is the best physic; that the highest order ever instituted on earth is the order of faith; and that faith is among men what gravity is among planets and suns.

Hope is another good boutonniere to have in the lapel of the coat, and is when so placed right near the heart. In the great passage in Corinthians it is named along with faith and love. "Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and whose hope the Lord is." Paul says that we should be "Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing steadfastly in prayer." The wearer of this flower will be "Looking for the blessed hope and appearing of our great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ." The poet Shelley tells us that "Hope will make thee young: for Hope and Youth are children of one mother."

Love is of course the beautiful rose, unfading, everlasting, whose presence and fragrance never fail to brighten and sweeten the day for the hovel and for the palace, for one who suffers and for one who serves. It will lead us to speak kindly and to act thoughtfully. It will encourage the one who is despondent, and will call the erring one back to the upward path, and will be a healing balm to the wounded in heart. We cannot wear this flower and be merely professional and mechanical.

Faithfulness is a carnation, and comes in many colors, and is one of the sturdiest flowers, suggesting "Mothers Day," and so the characteristics of devotion and loyalty and self-sacrifice. He that is faithful in that which is least will be faithful also in much. How it thrills us to have Jesus say, "Be thou faithful unto death," and how rewarding it will be if he can say to us in the great day, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant!"

It is told that when the body of David

Livingstone was brought into Westminster Abbey his African friend stood at the head of the casket. He had accompanied his master's body from the Zanzibar swamp to the sea, and then on to England. Great as was Livingstone in his ministry, in his medical skill, in his vision and courage and consecration, it was matched by the devotion and loyalty and faithfulness of the Negro who so loved him.

"Stand up, stand up for Jesus,
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you;
Ye dare not trust your own;
Put on the gospel armor,
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Be never wanting there."

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Chaplain Ashcraft Writes Dr. Goerner Concerning Mission Work on Formosa

Dr. H. C. Goerner
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Dear Dr. Goerner:

While I was in the Far East as chaplain for Destroyer Squadron Seventeen, I had the opportunity of touring Southern Baptist Mission work in Formosa during my time on the Formosa Patrol. Time did not permit me to visit the seminary in Taipeh or the work in the northern part of the island, but missionaries Lorene Tilford and Mary Sampson took me on a guided tour of the work in Kaohsiung, Chia-Yi, and Tainan.

Contrary to the opinion of many Americans, the island of Formosa is rich, beautiful, and productive, well deserving its name "Island Paradise." It is now producing not only the food for its inhabitants, but is exporting large quantities of rice and sugar. The beautiful fields of irrigated rice and sugar cane are equal to those anywhere, and yield three crops annually.

As I understand it, most of the missionaries there now were originally on the mainland, but had to leave when the communists took China. They have

done an amazing job of establishing their work in Formosa.

Although I met missionaries of four denominations, and saw some of their work, I found that the work of Southern Baptists was second to none, and it seemed to me far ahead of the others. Our missionaries are making a considerable contribution to their communities even apart from the realm of religion. Missionaries Tilford and Sampson, for instance, teach English by radio three times weekly. Our mission buildings are new, modern, and of permanent-type construction. They are beautiful, well-planned, well-built and well-utilized.

Miss Marie Conner, of Milan, Georgia heads the work in Chia-Yi, Taiwan. She has just moved into the new sanctuary, which also has a new pastor's home for their Taiwanese pastor. Through her leadership other residential property has been acquired. The old building in Chia-Yi is a bamboo type, and will remain for summer revivals. Miss Bertha Smith of Tainan is now beginning a new church in her city, just opposite the city hall. She is already building a chapel near the

Chinese Air Base at Tainan. Her church baptized 68 last year.

The new church in Kahosiung has already been completed. It is complete with Sunday school rooms and a nursery-kindergarten.

Through the efforts of missionaries Tilford and Sampson in Kaohsiung, we have a church of 264 members, of which 46 were baptized this year and 81 last year. Each new member has been taught the meaning of church membership after his profession of faith, but prior to his baptism.

Since the Baptist work is flourishing there, it seemed that you may be able to use some of this information in publicity. If you do wish to use it, change or adapt it to fit the need. I think the *Western Recorder* may like an article since the missionaries mentioned here are well-known there. Marie Conner is from Milan, Georgia, and attended Southwestern Seminary, a small school somewhere in Texas. The other three: Miss Lorene Tilford, Miss Mary Sampson and Miss Bertha Smith are graduates of the W.M.U. Training School in Louisville. Miss Sampson is the daughter of a member of the Seminary Board of Trustees, was secretary of Walnut Street Church, is from Louisville. Miss Tilford now claims Louisville as home.

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