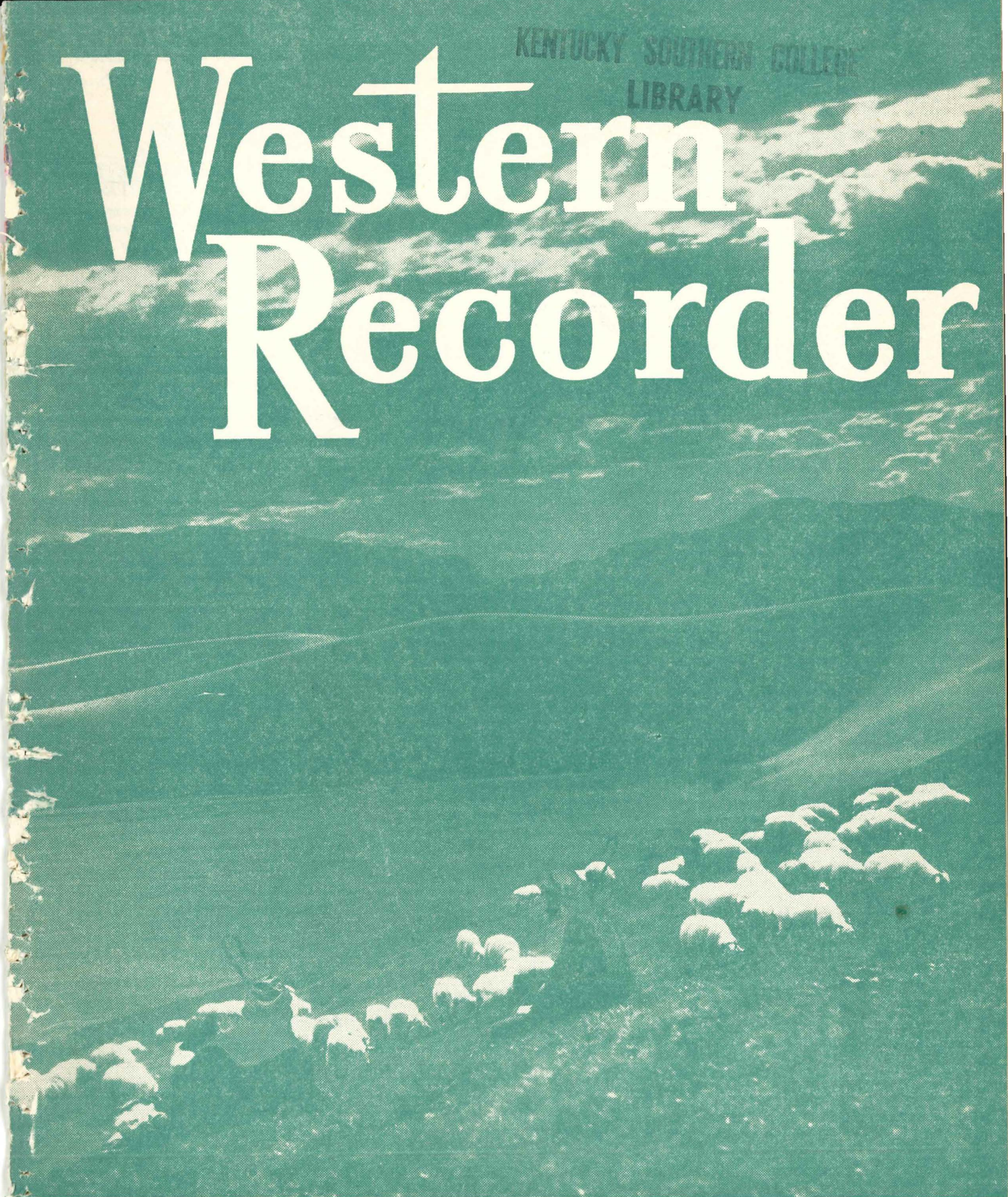


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►More than 6,500 were baptized in South Brazil in 1952.

►D. A. Thonton, 60, business manager of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, died, after a brief illness, November 29 in a Harlington, Texas, hospital.

►The Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, and the Catlettsburg Missionary Baptist Church, alternate in conducting the Tri-State Baptist Hour program Sunday mornings, 8:00 to 8:30, over Station WCMI.

►Edward Haun, for some time pastor of Steubenville Baptist Church, Route 1, Monticello, has accepted the pastorate of Williams Memorial Baptist Church, Ravenna, Ky. He began his new work November 15.

►Evangelist Reginald Wall, Decatur, Ga., was in a series of evangelistic meetings November 1-15 with Pastor J. W. Minor at the Patee Park Baptist Church, St. Joseph, Mo. There were 45 for baptism and 6 by letter.

►The First Baptist Church, Pineville, ordained Earl Clark for the ministry recently. Among those serving on the council and participating were Pastor Raymond Sanderson, First Church, Pineville; W. T. Robbins, L. C. Kelly, L. T. Hastings, Robert Turpin.

►The Lynn Acres Baptist Church, Louisville, has called Brother Rhea Gray as its pastor to succeed Brother Cort R. Flint. Brother Gray is from Chattanooga, Tennessee, and was graduated from Baylor University and is at present a student in the Southern Seminary. Mrs. Gray was also graduated from Baylor.

►W. W. Richardson resigned as pastor of the Buechel Church, near Louisville, November 22, to become pastor of the Baptist Church in Monroe, Ga. During his five years at Buechel the church has made great progress. Property has been purchased on Hike's Lane on which to erect a new building, leaving ample room for parking and recreation.

►Dr. George M. Trout, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Lexington, recently conducted a revival with the First Baptist Church, Caruthersville, Mo., in which 80 were added to the membership—65 of these by baptism. Attendance records both in Training Union and Sunday school were broken. Samuel G. Shepard, formerly of Nicholasville, Ky., is pastor.

►The Belmont Baptist Chapel, a mission of the Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, has been showing marked progress under the leadership of Pastor Wesley Harris. Offerings and contributions have increased considerably since he assumed leadership several months ago. A new educational addition is now under construction, and will make possible the accommodation of 150 people.

►District of Columbia Baptists will build a \$400,000 Home for the Aged. Final action was taken at the annual convention recently. Churches in the District now number 43—four new churches having been added during the year. Total church membership is now 32,368, and 1,565 baptisms were reported. Total membership increase was 4,063, but the net gain was only 768.

►First Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, recently opened a new mission Sunday School at Cove. From the very first service there was unusual interest. The attendance averaged 64 during the month of October. With the Cove Mission the Mt. Vernon Church is now sponsoring seven missions. Raymond E. Lawrence is the pastor of the Mt. Vernon Church. Mr. George Parrett is the superintendent of the mission.

►The Squiresville Church, in Owen County Association, ordained Charles Minch to the Gospel ministry November 15. Pastors and deacons of eight of the Owen County churches formed the council. Among those taking part were Pastors M. Filmore Strunk, James McCluskey, Hubert W. Hearn, H. L. Green, Claude Kelley, Jack Turner, Hoyt Roberson, A. E. Gibson, and J. Albert Johnson. Brother Minch is a student in Georgetown College and pastor of Caney Fork Church.

►Three deacons—L. A. Hazelwood, Jr., LeRoy Goldsberry and Serman Peckenaugh—were ordained by the Dupuy Baptist Church, Bluff City, near Corydon and Henderson, Ky., on a recent Sunday. Pastor Russell Duncan was assisted by Pastor Francis R. Talant, Henderson, Verner Barnett, Basket, Orville Gibson; Howard Lester; and Carl Moore, of Zion. Other ministers and deacons were on the council from First Church, Henderson; Bethel, Advance, Zion, Memorial and Cash Creek Churches.

►Following prayer services on Wednesday evening, the Crestwood Baptist Sunday School held a reception in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Scott, signaling their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The guests were welcomed by Mr. Stanley Gorvin, and a gift was presented by Mrs. C. A. Compton. Congratulations were made in a short talk by Pastor Joseph Richard Estes. The table was decorated with a yellow cloth, golden chrysanthemums, brass candlesticks holding yellow candles, and a three-tiered wedding anniversary cake, topped with a miniature bride and groom.

►The Moody-Breland evangelistic team conducted a very successful evangelistic campaign with East Church, Louisville, Nov. 9-15. They led the members in reaching 20 for baptism and 5 by letter, with four rededications. The meet-

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ings were well attended and the hearts of the people were warmed by the messages of Jess Moody and the singing of John Breland. East Baptist Church has recently redecorated the whole interior of its building and installed a new ceiling in the auditorium. A feature of the work with the children of the neighborhood is the Week Day Bible School, which was recently started. This church is holding up the light here in the heart of Louisville, and is looking to the future, confident that God has a great blessing for the work.

Christmas Commercialization

By KEITH PARKS
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A six-year-old boy of my acquaintance was so amazed hearing a teacher explain the historical meaning of Christmas that he could hardly wait to announce his discovery to his mother. "Did you know," he questioned with wide eyes, "that Christmas is God's birthday?"

If no one explained that this day of celebration commemorated an obscure birth in a manger, how many Americans would recognize the fact? Somehow the sudden forests of firs and cedars on corner lots, the rotund figures in white beards and red suits, the bright lights, the frenzied buying, the loud noises and gaudy decorations seem entirely unrelated to the manger scene at Bethlehem.

A borrowed manger is the first of many indications that Jesus of Nazareth lived a life of simplicity and even poverty. The pomp and splendor which kings (and more recently, queens) receive did not accompany the earthly life of the King of Kings.

But in contrast today, His birth is no longer associated with the simple quietness and lack of material riches. Those are buried under an avalanche of wealth and glitter which defies description. Apparently Christmas has become the slave of commercialization.

Many who decry such exploitation of His birthday point an accusing finger at business enterprises and naively charge them with total guilt.

A quick glance at headlines, full-page advertisements, tempting displays, unbelievable bargains and easy lay-away plans seems to uphold this accusation.

But a deeper probe provokes the realization that these agencies could not accomplish such a phenomenal feat alone. The money to pay for all this comes from the pay check of the average American family. Admittedly, agencies which thrive on selling have promoted increased Christmas buying.

Starting with mid-summer campaigns to put dolls or jewelry in lay-away for Christmas, they add an ever-increasing pressure in early November to promote the exchange of goods for as much money as possible. Consequently, clever minds of promotion and advertising are not blameless for the commercialization of Christmas. But, in reality, the attitudes and activities of business men are mere reflections of the current American philosophy.

Before children of this generation are capable of reasoning or developing individual opinions, they are besieged with queries about what they expect from Santa Claus.

For the next few blissful years they write extended lists of requests to him and patiently wait for his nocturnal visit.

The desire for toys on Christmas is so deeply embedded in young hearts that even the rowdiest find enough incentive to behave "angel like" for at least a few days.

And with the dawn of the eventful day youngsters attack bountiful treasures of presents, and Christmas is spent hilariously displaying and experimenting with them. Accompanying this is an overabundance of too-rich food which produces some regrets and demands quantities of bicarbonate of soda.

Somewhere in the middle of this tradition—suddenly, almost shatteringly—some parent, religious teacher or preacher explains to the little ones that all this is not the real meaning of Christmas.

The simple story of the Christ child is abruptly introduced into mid-December and the confused little minds are left to reconcile the theoretical view to the familiar observance of Christmas.

The child says little but looks quizzically and with bewilderment at the actions of his elders.

He sees them dashing with frowns and set jaws down crowded streets and feels the tension mounting in those last days before December 25.

He is pressed by the unsympathetic crowd as he is pulled from one store to another. He sees furrowed brows and dejected, sometimes exasperated, faces as gift lists and bank accounts are compared. He hears talk of money borrowed and charge accounts opened.

He puzzles as gifts are gauged to equal or better those received last year from particular relatives and friends. His wonder increases as presents are given to those from whom one is expected.

Finally Christmas comes and the child looks at the worn-out adults who have overspent their money, time, nerves and patience. He hears the discharge of enough explosives to destroy dozens of tin cans, several fingers and the calm composure of everyone in his block. Again somebody repeats that this is

an observance of the birthday of Jesus, but the child's conception is fixed. He reaches adulthood and passes it on to his children. The joy and success of Christmas are measured in material returns, but lip service must be given to its religious meaning.

Some shrug and say nothing can be done—so just enjoy it. Others develop a disapproving attitude and condemn the multitudes.

If the true spirit of giving is re-instated at Christmas, we will seek to give to the needy, the forgotten and others from whom there is no return. Second, instead of the exhaustive expenditures of self on physical excitement, we can pause for the quietness of a sacred time spent in the presence of the central Figure of Christmastime. Reading the story of His birth and portions of His life would be rewarding. And third, we can give ourselves and part of our substance to the One for Whom Christmas is named. Again, a little child expressed wisdom beyond her years when she asked, "If it's Jesus's birthday, where is His present?"

Let's Put Christ Into Christmas

By A. C. Miller

The Christian Life Commission joins in this appeal. Liquor is too weak a friend and too formidable a foe to have any part in the observance of heaven's announcement of the birth of the Christ child. The use of liquor in this observance is blasphemy at its worst.

Even industry is finding a better way. A survey of 225 firms in St. Louis employing 57,000 persons revealed that half of those who discontinued Christmas parties did so "because they found it impossible to control the drinking problem." The survey further revealed that those companies which had provided good entertainment, tastefully displayed food and soft drinks were enthusiastic about the effect on employee morale and management—employee relationships.

Let's get into the movement to put Christ back into his birthday party. The liberal use of a gummed stamp on your letters, cards, and packages will help. It is attractively colored in red and black and is 1¼ inches wide and 2 inches long. Order direct from the National Temperance League, 131 Independence Avenue, S. E., Washington, D. C. The price is \$1.00 for 200 stamps.

►The Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, N. C., has elected Pastor John T. Wayland, First Baptist Church, North Wilkesboro, N. C., as professor of religious education. He will assume his new duties January 1. He has been graduated by William Jewell College, Southern Seminary and Yale University.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS: The Board of Managers and staff extend Christmas greetings to the entire reader-family of the *Western Recorder*. May it be a time in which Christ shall reign in all our hearts and bring those joys which come only from Him. And, as we send out to you this greeting, we express the hope that with the passing of the years there may come more of the spirit of Christ and less of the commercial and secular. An early disciple said in disappointment when she could not find Jesus, "They have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid Him." Must we year after year repeat that cry as we go into the Christmas season? There was no room for Him in the Inn on the day of His birth. Is there more room for Him in what we call Christmas today? Have Santa Claus and seasonal hilarity taken His place in our hearts? Has the light of the Star in the East been dimmed by the blur of the secular? Let it not be so. A happy, happy Christmas to all!

CONCERNING TRANSLATIONS: Much has been written within recent months about translations of the Bible—some good, some hurtful, on both sides. However, here is an angle expressed by James R. Webb in the October (1953) issue of *Pastor*. A man remarked that he liked his mother's translation the best. When surprise was expressed that she had made a translation of the Bible, the answer came, "Yes, she *lived* her translation every day." Infinite harm has been done by faulty life-translations! You have heard truth proclaimed in a spirit which marred its features, and you have heard dangerous error taught in such winsome spirit as to make it attractive. It is highly important that we have the unadulterated truth, but it is also important that truth be told in a spirit that wins the heart. Years ago a lad, away in college, wrote his father a letter asking for money: "Dear Dad: I'm sick. Send me some money." Not being able to read, the father went across the fields to a neighbor who could. The neighbor, a bad-tempered man, read the letter with a choppy, hateful tongue. The old father said, "Why that boy! The idea of his talking to me like that! I'll not send him a dime." But when the mother heard, she said, "Dad, that does not sound like our boy. Go over to Neighbor Brown and let him read you the letter." Neighbor Brown, kind in spirit, and having a son himself, read the letter with all the appeal he knew was in the heart of a sick boy away from home. Hearing the letter Brown's way, the old father wept, saying: "Bless his heart! He can have the whole farm if he wants it!" When it comes to telling the story of eternal truth, there's more involved than words.

DR. J. O. WILLIAMS: Southern Baptists suffered real loss by the death of Dr. J. O. Williams who, after years as pastor, served nineteen years with the Sunday School Board. Prior to his going to Nashville in 1934 he was for a while pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bowling Green, Kentucky, and before that of the Fourth Avenue Baptist Church of Louisville. This editor succeeded him in Bowling Green and

found there a people who loved and trusted Dr. Williams. Though for years out of the pastorate, he was constantly in demand by churches and associations and conventions—this because he was supremely a preacher at heart. His influence will live on in the hearts of Southern Baptists.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE, WASHINGTON: The pastor of the First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C., E. H. Pruden, has voiced disappointment over failure of high-ranking Government officials to attend church services regularly. Though not including the president in his complaint, he regretted the loss of influence for good, stating that church attendance could be a "compelling example to others." Wouldn't it help if the American people sent only God-fearing, church-attending people to Washington? It all comes back to the ballot box.

CHURCHES AND THE PRESS: More and more churches are becoming aware of the amazing opportunities they have through the secular press. "It pays to advertize" is no idle statement. A Public Relations Program is increasingly important even with churches. We must be wise. Jesus said: "For the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." Every time a church breaks into the press with a real story which sets people thinking about Christ and that church and its work it has done itself and the public a favor. Every church should have a keen-minded, watchful, wide-awake, consecrated person who knows what real news is and how to write it. There's hardly a city editor anywhere who would not be glad to use newsy news from churches—real news, not just the dry, usual happenings and announcements so often handed the press and over which editors groan in agony. Cultivate acquaintance with your secular editor. He's human just like you are. His paper has standards that must be met; but never forget that he wants REAL news—live news after which readers grasp—and not just the dry, routine stuff. Your secular newspaper organization is a business just like your hardware store. You wouldn't think of walking into that store and asking something for nothing. Then why do the secular press that way? Churches should be ethical. What you hand your city editor for publication should be of such nature as to make people want to read his paper. If it is, you've paid your way. If it is not, and if it is pure promotional material, then you should pay for the space just like your church pays for its winter coal. Make friends with your secular paper's staff. They will respond to fairness and even go the second mile with you.

►F. G. Melcher said in *Publishers' Weekly*, "Books are windows for our minds and never has clear vision been more needed." But we've seen some windows that needed washing.

►When a man reaches the point at which he no longer yearns and labors for the salvation of the lost, he is through as a servant of the Lord. He needs to stir up the gift of God that is in him.

Plea For Classical Sermons

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The blight of our age is prosaic preaching to a prosaic age. "Great" preaching has always been classical preaching to a classical age. Professor Luccock's plea for simple preaching brings to mind the rather vapid expression of a certain preacher, "I am trying not to be sensational." When, bless his heart, to be sensational would have been an impossibility.

If Professor Luccock wants to hear simple preaching he only needs to visit most any church across the land today. In speaking of "prosaic preaching," our definition excludes the intrinsic message or truth which remains "the pearl of great price" in spite of the crass mold or setting in which we so often find it. For instance, as any great church can make a "great" preacher, so can a certain generation of Christians help make for great preaching. I wonder not at what would be the response of our age to such sermons as preached by F. W. Robertson, Spurgeon, and Maclaren—these still being considered the preachers' expository and homiletical par excellence—for, from effect to cause, the prosaic, contemporary pew has made for its kin in the pulpit.

While in one large southern city for several years, and recently, the writer could almost without exception fail to find a pithy or striking statement, reference or quotation in sermons in almost a complete circuit of the churches. Dr. Blackwood's "lameness, sameness, and tameness" were most appropriately compressed into only "Ichabod" upon my exit from the most prosaic sanctuaries unsanctified by the prosaic offerings costing the preachers very little or nothing. "Neither will I offer burnt offerings unto the Lord my God of that which doth cost me nothing," with the possible exception of a scholastic degree," spoke the preachers.

Professor Luccock's illustration may be at the heart of the matter: "For a traveler along the road, it is a far better thing to find a road sign, even in stark simplicity, than a painting by Picasso." I should think that one should find a road sign beside a road, a painting in an art gallery, and a sermon in the church. The fact is, Professor Luccock's "plea for simple, persuasive preaching" is an anomaly. It is the exception rather than the rule when prosaic-simplicity and persuasiveness unite. One would think from this statement that God had not chosen two of the most learned men of

Old and New Testament times to write most of the Bible—Moses and Paul. The former "learned in all the wisdom of the Egyptians;" the latter using every figure of speech in presenting the mellifluous overtures of redeeming grace, whose words were "living words, possessing hands and feet," not prosaic, but affording the bridge of God's grace between soul and soul. Speech often startling, filled with superlatives, so classic in form that all heights of literature since have bowed at the feet of Holy Writ. There was nothing simple about the

C. E. Daniel Moving to Ohio Valley Association



Rev. C. E. Daniel, Russellville, Kentucky, is the new associational missionary worker among the churches in Ohio Valley Association. He commenced his new duties the first of December.

three masters above of the 19th Century. And today of all days is not one for mediocrity in the pulpit.

If simplicity has any ultimate meaning whatever, such recognition is attested to by one of our great Southern Baptist Churches which hears a man of great persuasiveness and ability. So unusual is this pastor that many of our people believe he originated or has a "corner" on the opposite of simplicity, the definition of which word Webster informs us: without art, stupidly, plain, unadorned, elementary, insignificant, trifling. This is the simplicity prevalent today!

Such a complex and overwhelming age as ours must have preaching whose fibre is mixed with death as well as life. People must be startled from their complacency. No simple matter are the incarcerated of life's tragedy, caught in

the vice of demand and complexity, who for extrication are dependent solely upon the "gospel unto life." An age whose imagination as well as conscience has been seared as with an hot iron, benumbed and scarred by filmdom's enthrallment, must have preachers who under God's power can explicate the inexplicable in applying Christ to every exigency and vicissitude of life. To "out-Herod Herod" thus with Christ is not simple; prosaic means will not suffice.

A materialistic, scientific age is by no means a classic age. The latter has to do with form, principles, art, beauty, symmetry, taste; and is not the Christian message the pinnacle of all these? Faith, love, holiness, hope, righteousness—all consummated and personified in the Lord Jesus. Therefore an age—including Christians—that is devoid of classical make-up, as much of ours is, leans to Philistinism, becoming largely plebeian. Here are found the pleasure minded, sense-gratifying, irresponsible, technical exclusiveness of our generation. To put, therefore, the Gospel back into its native clime, to adorn it with the truth of "being a gift to the imagination," to apply life to it and it to life, is not a prosaic or common task, but is one of preaching the gospel with classic means to a people who need essentially its classic results.

The "Jericho sermon," "confectioner's sermon" and "smorgasbord sermon" in Professor Luccock's most stimulating article are part and parcel of such simple and prosaic preaching which is his real complaint.

W. M. Nevins Makes Free Offer of Books

Dr. W. M. Nevins, 51 Mentelle Place, Lexington, Kentucky, writes:

"I think you will be interested to know that my book, *Alien Baptism and the Baptists*, is now being translated into Portuguese and Spanish by missionaries in Brazil and Mexico. . . .

"Will you please announce that I shall be glad to send complimentary copies of my book to Baptist college and seminary libraries.

"The revised edition not only traces the history of the Baptists (Anabaptist) from 200 A.D. down to the Anabaptist church at Kioka in the wilds of Georgia, and the preaching of the Anabaptists in the wilderness of Kentucky, but takes up the question of the universal, invisible church, and the claim of the Roman Catholics that Christ built His church on Peter."

►Mr. Hugh McKinley has been named instructor in Religion in the College of Liberal Arts at Stetson University, DeLand, Florida.

Why the Angels Sang

By H. H. SMITH
Ashland, Va.

What was it that moved the heavenly host to sing on the Judean hills, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among men in whom He is well pleased" (Luke, 2:1)?

The advent of the long-promised Messiah was at hand. The prophecies of the centuries were about to be fulfilled. The blessing was to come to "all nations," and those who had walked in darkness so long (the Gentiles, especially) were to see "a great light." The house of the Lord established on the mountains should see "all nations flow unto it." The redeemed would be numbered from every point of the compass: "from the East and the West, and from the North and South." And the blessing that the Savior was to bring to the world was not only extensive—to all mankind—it was also intensive; He would save "unto the uttermost." It was to reach both body and soul; He would give them "new hearts" and bind up "broken hearts," as the prophets had declared.

If the deliverance of the Jews from Babylon was enough to make the prophet declare that all nature was in such sympathy with the momentous event that even "the mountains and the hills would break forth into singing and all the trees of the field clap their hands for joy," we need not be surprised that angels should come to earth to announce the advent of the Messiah who would bring deliverance from sin to all mankind.

The prophets have not spoken in vain. "From North and South and East and West, they come: from every land beneath the sun, they come." Among the early missionaries to Greenland was John Beck, a Moravian missionary. The outlook for the success of the gospel was anything but promising, but, as Dr. A. J. Gordon says: "One seed of the Scripture from his (Beck's) lips—the story of the Savior's agony in the garden—fell into the heart of a savage by the name of Kajarnak—into a heart all overgrown and choked with the thorns of barbarism—and immediately it germinated and brought forth fruit. The stolid savage became a disciple; the disciple became an evangelist. His dull heart kindled with an astonishing glow, while with flowing tears and resistless pathos he recited to his countrymen the story of the cross. This was the beginning of success in that field; and Kaj-

arnak is counted among the miracles of grace in modern missions."

Now turn from the "icy fields of Greenland to the torrid plains of the Dark Continent," Africa, and hear how Africaner, who was such an "incarnate fiend that he actually made a virtue of cruelty and a diversion of murder, killing men in order to make drum heads of their skins and drinking cups of their skulls," was reached by the gospel. Dr. Gordon says: "The audacity of his crimes created a reign of terror through-

Pastor Resigns Junction City Church



Rev. Floyd J. Berry

JUNCTION CITY, Ky. — After three years as pastor of the Junction City Baptist Church, Rev. Floyd J. Berry has resigned. During his pastorate here 153 members have been added—27 the first year and 54 the last. The church made progress along all lines—organization, evangelism, missions, training and stewardship. He is an A. B. graduate of Southeast Missouri Teacher's College and received the B. D. degree from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville. Mrs. Berry received the B. S. degree from the same Missouri college and also did a year's graduate work at the W. M. U. Training School. His future plans have not been announced but it is expected he will soon be situated in another pastorate. The Berrys reside for the time being in Junction City.

out the country where he dwelt, and neither savage chiefs nor colonial governments had found any way to tame him. But Robert Moffatt went to him in spite of the most earnest warnings to the contrary. He conquered him, not with carnal weapons, but with the living Word. The germ principle of that Word being implanted in his heart, a whole harvest of sweet and Christlike virtues sprang up. The demon of cruelty became a meek disciple of Christ, and such a disciple that Moffatt was able to say of him, concerning the whole time of his association with him after his conversion, 'I do not once remember having occasion to be grieved with him or to complain of any part of his conduct; his very faults seemed to lean to virtue's side.' His dying testimony was: "I feel that I love God, and that He has done much for me, of which I am totally unworthy. My former life is stained with blood; but the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." Do we wonder now that "the angels sang?"

Dr. Morrison, a missionary to the Congo, related this incident at a missionary conference several years ago: "Only a few days before I left Luebo an old woman about sixty years of age came to the station, and her right arm from her finger tips to her shoulder was a reeking mass of sores. The bones of the elbow and hand were protruding through the rotten flesh. I asked her what was the matter. She said they accused her of being a witch, and in order to test it compelled her to put her arm into a pot of boiling oil. The poor woman lived along a few weeks, and died in great agony." The gospel of Christ has saved multitudes from such inhuman cruelties and superstitions.

Can a human being sink lower than cannibalism? Hear the testimony of James Calvert, the pioneer missionary to the Fiji Islands: "When I first arrived at the Fiji group my first duty was to bury the hands, feet, heads, and bones of arms and legs of eighty victims whose bodies had been roasted and eaten in a cannibal feast. I lived to see the very cannibals who had taken part in that inhuman festival gathered about the Lord's table." And all this in fifty years! No wonder "the angels sang!"

We have not yet a warless world, it is true; but progress is being made toward that goal. When it shall have been reached, as it surely will be, it will be seen that it was brought about by the practice of the principles of the gospel of the Prince of Peace, of whom "the angels sang."

►Although the St. Matthews Baptist Church, Louisville, has practically a new building, they have voted to begin a \$300,000 enlargement early in 1954. The plan is to erect one \$100,000 unit now, and the other two at a later time, increasing the capacity from 600 to 1,600.

Religious Controversy

By JOSEPH C. C. HARSCH
Special Correspondent, *Christian Science Monitor*

[Readers will be interested in statements contained herein. This article indicates that the present controversy is not confined to narrow limits but has again taken on world-wide proportions. It is reprinted by request of several of our Baptist pastors and by consent of the *Monitor*.]

WASHINGTON, D. C. — The New York Times of October 15 carried a dispatch from London which began with the following paragraph:

"In a speech which seemed to presage increased denominational controversy in this country, the Most Rev. Geoffrey A. Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury and Anglican Primate of England, charged the Roman Catholic Church today with intolerance and oppression."

On November 3 the general council of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. issued a letter to the members of its 8,000 congregations declaring that "truth is being subtly and silently dethroned by prominent public figures from the position that it has occupied hitherto in our American tradition," and warning that the "moral consequences will be terrifying."

The Presbyterian statement also included the following paragraph:

"A painful illustration of this development is that men and women will be publicly condemned upon the uncorroborated word of former Communists. Many of those witnesses have done no more, as we know, than transfer their allegiance from one authoritarian system to another. Nothing is easier for people, as contemporary history has shown, than to make the transition from one totalitarian system to another, carrying their basic attitudes along with them."

For about half a century it has been impolite to air in public print the old issues in the Christian world between Protestant and Roman Catholic. A sort of tacit truce has developed to the point where a generation has grown up almost in ignorance of the issue which in earlier times occupied the minds and passions quite as much as the Communist issue has in our own times.

This tacit truce is plainly breaking down, and has broken down to the point where news of the views and activities of the churches is emerging from the oblivion of the "religious" pages of the newspapers and is reaching the front pages along with political news.

It is a matter of personal opinion whether it is a good thing that the old

truce should break down, but when the Primate of England and the governing body of the major Presbyterian group in the United States, numbering some 2,500,000 persons, speak out as they have there can be no question of the fact. The Protestant churches are distressed and aroused as they have not been in half a century. Individual leaders of many Protestant denominations had spoken in similar vein before anything so official as the pronouncements referred to here had taken place.

Plainly, something lies behind all this which has not yet broken through the inhibitions of the true period. This reporter is not currently informed of the specific matters which prompted the Archbishop of Canterbury to rejoin the old issue between Protestant and Roman Catholic in Britain, but it is possible to report a bit more of the background of the issue in the United States than has yet appeared widely in public print.

While the facts are not available in full, enough information has been gathered in Protestant circles to make it clear that the activities of Senator Joseph R. McCarthy (R.) of Wisconsin have had the incidental effect, whether accidental or intentional, of increasing the proportion of Roman Catholics to Protestants employed in the public service.

Government officials, seeking to protect their departments and bureaus from McCarthy attacks, have increasingly resorted to the practice of employing Roman Catholics as security and personnel officers. This appears to provide immunity from attack. The sequel is that the proportion of Roman Catholics included in dismissals is low and the proportion of Protestants high.

Inquiries by this reporter have failed to find a single Roman Catholic among officials dismissed from the State Department. A Protestant compilation of dismissals from the Foreign Operations Administration indicates that 80 per cent of all dismissals are Protestant and that many of the 20 per cent of dismissed Roman Catholics were subsequently "reabsorbed" into the service. If the present trend were to continue, Roman Catholics, who are a minority of the

American population, would become the majority of federal employees.

It is the implication of this possibility which is stirring among the Protestant communities. They see in it a possibility that the open Roman Catholic attack on communism spearheaded by Senator McCarthy actually is directed as much against Protestantism at home as it is against the Kremlin abroad; even that the Roman Catholic fervor against communism may turn out in the end to be primarily a vehicle for an assault on Protestantism.

The evidence to substantiate such a concern among Protestants is not conclusive. The Presbyterian statement is in itself conclusive evidence of the existence of the concern.

His Mother and Brother and Sisters

By Louie D. Newton

With the approach of another Christmas Season, there will be much said and thought about Jesus Christ, our blessed Saviour and Lord, much of it without too much thought, some of it without fidelity to the Scriptures.

For example, What is meant by Mary, "Mother of God?" What is Mariolatry? Did Jesus Christ have any brothers and sisters?

Reference to the Scriptures will answer all these questions, and end debate and speculation for all who believe the Bible.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus

For prophecy of the Incarnation, read Isaiah 7:14, and Isaiah 9:6-7 goes on to describe what this Child shall do.

For the record of the announcement to Mary that she was "the favored of the Lord," read Luke 1:26-56.

For the record of the birth of Jesus, read Matthew 1:18-23; and Luke 2:1-19.

For the record on Mariolatry, that is, any reference in the Scripture that Mary, the mother of Jesus, is to be worshipped, or prayed to, there is absolutely none in the Bible. A revealing comment by Jesus, regarding His mother, is found in Matthew 12:46-50. Jesus usually referred to Mary as "woman." Example, John 19:26.

His Brothers and Sisters

For the record on His brothers and sisters, born to Mary and Joseph, read Mark 6:3; Matthew 12:46; Luke 8:19-21; Acts 1:14.

Read these, and many kindred passages, and you will have no difficulty about the Virgin Birth, about the Saviourhood and Lordship of God the Son, nor will you have any difficulty about Mariolatry, or any other ism or oboly. Baptists do all right when they have a "thus saith the Lord" for their faith and practice.



BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT

LUCIEN E. COLEMAN, SR., Secretary

"Man power utilized through evangelism, missions, stewardship and consecration."

A Personal Word

This first Brotherhood column brings to Kentucky Baptists our deep, heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for the honor of having been elected as your Brotherhood Secretary. I sincerely covet your prayers that Brotherhood work in Kentucky shall be a blessing and a real help in the promotion of all of our causes at home and ". . . unto the uttermost. . ."

Let me assure every pastor, our Executive Board, every department, agency and institutional head of my fullest cooperation at all times. Our policy will be to work "through" the pastor, never "around" him. I come simply as your servant, and the Lord's, to lead in one of our greatest movements in our Baptist work. Your suggestions and constructive criticisms are invited. I want you to know that my services will be available to all of you, if and when I can serve you in any way. The "latch string" will always be on the outside to you both at home and at the office.

Our Schedule To Date

December:

- 4 First Baptist Church, Bardstown, Rev. Carman Sharp, Pastor
- 7 Ohio County Association, Hartford, M Night meeting
- 8 First Baptist Church, Muldraugh, Rev. Lyndon W. Collings, Pastor

Why I Joined A Baptist Church

By GILBERT LAWS

I was not born of Baptist parents. I was not converted through any contact with Baptist people. I had been a Christian some time before I knew of the existence of Baptists. I am thankful to God for those who taught me what they knew of divine things, though I did not continue with them.

One day a young lad of my own age, who travelled to the city daily with me and was a Christian drew my attention to the matter of Baptism in the New Testament, and gave me a little book on the subject. This friend was not a Baptist either, but he knew that baptism must be a believer's own act and should follow, not precede, personal decision for Christ.

I was convinced from the New Testament that my friend was right, and I was troubled. I had been christened as an infant—I was told—and my Christian friends assured me that that was

- 10 First Baptist Church, Hickman, Rev. Joe Williams, Pastor
- 15 Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, Rev. E. N. Wilkinson, Pastor
- 17-18 State Brotherhood Secretaries Association, Nashville, Tenn.

HELP WANTED!

Brethren, we need your help! Please send us your Brotherhood news for this column. Dr. W. C. Boone, our General Secretary and Dr. R. T. Skinner, Editor of the *Western Recorder* have arranged for us to have this column each week, and we want you to help us use it. We are grateful for this space. Let's use it!

Our Goal!

An active Brotherhood in every church is the ultimate goal of this department. No one could be more cognizant of the task before us than your secretary, but, "behind every cloud there is a silver lining." The 1952 General Association Annual records two-hundred eight church Brotherhoods with a combined membership of seven-thousand two-hundred thirteen. Bro. Eldred Taylor's office has furnished us with information which shows that we have twenty-five associational Brotherhoods. All of this is encouraging and we believe we can reach the goal in time. Watch Kentucky Baptist "Men on the March."

enough. I studied the New Testament all through, with my eye upon all references to baptism, and all the examples of baptism, from the baptism of Jesus onwards.

It was not easy to follow my convictions, for very dear friends, far better Christians than I was, disapproved of my intention to ask for baptism as a believer. And many who knew far more about religion than I did tried to dissuade me, and used many arguments. I was, however, intelligent enough to notice that practically none of their arguments were drawn from the Bible. As these friends had often told me to believe nothing that could not be proved from the Bible, I could not accept their reasoning, which was drawn merely from the practice of the "Church" long after the Apostolic age.

So I was baptized. It was a holy, happy time. My conscience was at rest. I had obeyed the Scripture teaching. I had followed Jesus through the waters of baptism. I had long believed in Him as my Saviour and had now yielded obedience to Him as my Lord. Very

naturally, I continue in association with those who were baptized at the same time as myself, and felt it right to throw in my lot with them as a member of the Church.

The church that received me into membership, and the pastor himself, taught me how to serve Christ, in simple ways at first, and after a time to preach publicly the gospel of Christ. This led me to give up my work in the city and to enter upon the Christian ministry.—*New Zealand Baptist*

Gleanings

►The First Church, Whitesburg, has ordained three new deacons—Walter Enlow, J. Don Collins and Alvin Holbrook. Pastor Ben Landrum, Jenkins, preached the sermon; Lee Adams was interrogator; Jack Cox presented the Bible, and A. P. Williams and Virgil Picklesimer led in prayer.

►The Sunday school attendance at the Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, is seriously taxing the capacity of the Primary, Junior and Intermediate departments. The Junior Department is having a double-header program, alternating the two halves of the department between the class rooms and the assembly room. Plans are being studied for the increase of the educational and worship facilities in the near future.

►The Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, has called Dr. Harold G. Basden, pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson, Miss., to succeed Dr. W. Marshall Craig as its pastor. Native of Tennessee, he was graduated by Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and with the Th.D. degree by Southwestern Seminary. He was for a time dean of men at Mississippi College before going to the Jackson church.

►Cane Creek Baptist Church, Wickliffe, Ky., in West Association, ordained Brethren Andrew Pittman and Rueben Buchanan as deacons. Approximately 30 preachers and deacons formed the council. Taking part were Pastors A. M. Johnson, LaCenter; D. F. Fraser, Bethlehem; Byron Cullen, Lovelaceville; Hubert Stokes, Kevil; and J. W. Allen of Ohio Valley Church. Brother Jesse Rye is pastor of the Cane Creek Church.

►The First Baptist Church of Mt. Vernon, Kentucky, has had a revival meeting with 14 additions by baptism, three by letter and a number of rededications. Mr. Neil Darnell, music director of The First Baptist Church of Nashville, Tennessee, was guest music director, and the pastor, Raymond Lawrence, did the preaching. Large crowds attended the meeting from the very first service. Bro. Lawrence said of Mr. Darnell, "He did a grand job leading our singing during the revival. Our choirs loved him and worked with him in a way which made a large contribution toward a soul-saving revival meeting."

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

ROY E. BOATWRIGHT
State Secretary

Standard Sunday Schools

Cloverport—Pastor G. C. Sandusky; Superintendent Walter Newby.

Lexington, Rosemont—Pastor O. W. Yates; Superintendent Monroe Florence.

Ten Good Reasons For Grading Adults

1. It recognizes the individual's growth and development, his differences in levels of ability and capacity, and his consequent change of interest due to passing time.
2. It places adults in congenial groups with common needs and interests.
3. It makes possible the enlistment of more adults in Bible study.
4. It assigns definite responsibility for the enlistment of each individual.
5. It provides more evangelistic opportunities.
6. It makes better Bible teaching possible because of similar capacities, interests, and needs.
7. It permits teachers to become more proficient in teaching one age group.
8. It exposes pupils to the influence of new teachers periodically.
9. It promotes regularity in attendance.
10. It makes new classes easier to start.

Upper Cumberland Association Training School

A very successful Associational Training School was held in the Upper Cumberland Association the week of November 30-December 4 under the leadership



The Upper Cumberland Training School

of Mr. Earl J. Lovitt, High Splint, associational superintendent, and Rev. Thomas Brown, pastor of the Harlan Baptist Church, Harlan. The meeting was held with the Harlan Church.

A total of eighteen churches and two missions participated in the program of the week. The churches and missions were as follows: Ages, Black Mountain, Baxter, First; Calvary, Loyall; Coxton; Evarts, Harlan; High Splint; Kelley Street; Loyall, First; Liggett; Putney, Riverside; Sunshine; Verda First; Willow Grove; Wallins; Pine Flat; Dressen Mission and Venito Mission. Day meetings with excellent attendance were held in the following churches: Willow Grove, Pine Flat and Dressen Mission.

The faculty consisted of workers from the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn. The Sunday School Department of Louisville and qualified people from churches in Kentucky: Cradle Roll, Mrs. W. L. Blankenship, Nashville; Nursery, Mrs. Ralph Couey, Carrollton, Ky.; Beginner, Miss Mary Ella Davis, Louisville; Primary, Miss Allene Bryan, Nashville; Junior, Mrs. T. L. Nash, Lexington, Ky.; Intermediate, Rev. Darrell Richardson, Ft. Mitchell, Kentucky; Young People, Rev. Dan Thomas, Louisville; Adult, Rev. Roy E. Boatwright, Louisville; Extension, Mrs. Will S. McGraw, Nashville; General, Mr. A. V. Washburn, Nashville; and Associational Officers, Mr. Chester Igleheart.

The enrolment reached 235 with an average attendance of 179.

High Ten in Sunday School Training through November 30, 1953

Stanford	202
Westmoreland, W. Va.	197
Hopkinsville, First	175
Louisville, Beechmont	156
Madisonville, First	114
Louisville, Parkland	108
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	106
Louisville, 9th and O	99
Evansville, Ind., Grace	99
Lexington, Grace	98
Covington, Southside	98

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, DECEMBER 6, 1953

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Ashland, First	77	613
Unity (1)	119	446
Bellevue	90	361
Berea	---	404
Bowling Green (2)	335	1,261
Buffalo	---	244
Burlington	90	226
Cadiz	77	247
Blue Spring	110	205
Campbellsville (1)	---	608
Pleasant Hill	150	266
South Campbellsville	---	210
Carrollton	33	217
Central City	243	442
Clay, First	---	219
Corbin, First	178	413
Covington, Calvary	---	592
First (1)	---	333
Latonia (2)	244	1,039
South Side	129	495
Cynthiana	---	393
Danville, First (3)	204	782
Dayton, First	---	255
Dayton, Ohio, Westwood	236	649
Dawson Springs	---	267
Elizabethtown, Severns Valley (3)	119	719
Erlanger	---	532
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	131	605
Grace (1)	---	361
Keck Avenue	105	245
Vann Ave.	---	217
Walnut Street	---	457
Falmouth	---	226
Ferguson (1)	67	252
Fort Thomas, First	77	---
Frankfort, First	178	939
Thorn Hill	---	359
Fulton	160	448
Georgetown	171	540
Glasgow (1)	120	728
Glendale, Gilead	---	330
Greensburg	66	207
Harlan	181	562
Harrodsburg (2)	272	896
Hawesville	83	267
Hazel	58	294
Henderson, First	139	460
Immanuel Temple (1)	124	625
Hima, Horse Creek	---	254
Hodgenville, First	431	122
Hopkinsville, First	129	644
Second	174	844
Independence	143	249
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	---	288
Lancaster (1)	59	330
Lawrenceburg, First	128	345
Lebanon, First (1)	149	458
Leitchfield	69	248
Lexington, Ashland Ave. (3)	---	1,288
Calvary (1)	148	863
Felix Memorial	96	330
Grace (1)	---	734
Hillcrest	---	229
Immanuel	271	918
Porter Memorial (1)	192	626
London, First (1)	163	613
Louisville, Audubon	91	208
Baptist Tabernacle	215	693
Baptist Temple	---	309
Beechland	138	528
Beechmont (1)	189	890
Bethany	---	235
Broadway	72	340
Clifton	124	491
Crescent Hill	385	1,098
Crestwood	51	249
Deer Park	---	543
Eastern Parkway	81	541
Fairdale (1)	146	307
Farmdale	---	340
Harmony	129	311
Hazelwood	69	452
Highland Park First	---	431
Kenwood	---	238
Lee's Lane	83	252
Lynn Acres	87	257
Okolona	80	397
St. Matthews	170	646
Shively	114	692
South Side	88	503
Third Avenue	71	456
Twenty-third and Broadway	200	673
Valley View	86	224
Victory Memorial	312	900
Virginia Avenue	63	---
Walnut Street (4)	278	1,799
West Broadway	131	602
Ludlow, First	97	340
Madisonville, First	---	907
Marion	---	253
Mayfield, First	382	1,016
North Side	124	269
Middlesboro, First (3)	141	523
East Cumberland Avenue	---	297

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Baptist Training Union Department

JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary



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You will be using the title of this book as your theme for Sunday evening programs throughout 1954. Here is a book which can be a real help to program leaders for the several age groups. Order yours today.

A CHRISTMAS IDEA. Why not lead your union to buy this book (\$1.75) and present it to your Pastor or Training Union Director as a Christmas present. Use the form printed at the bottom of this page.

YOUTH WEEKS IN KENTUCKY

We have just received a tabulation of the number of Youth week reports received from all the states by the Training Union Department in Nashville. Kentucky was in twelfth place with 29 reports. Our neighboring state, Tennessee, led the list with 82. We are reporting these figures not to imply a spirit of competition, but for us to see how we compare with other states.

Baptist Book Store
Louisville 2, Kentucky
Please send — copies of *Keeping the Faith*, 12 messages on the Training Union theme for 1954, compiled by J. E. Lambdin. \$1.75 per copy.
Enclosed \$ — Please charge my account
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The churches in our state that are not having a Youth Week sometime during the year are missing a wonderful opportunity to see what the young people of Kentucky can do.

Later in the year you will hear more about this event but plan now to have one in your church in 1954.

"M" NIGHT ???

In the next issue of the *Western Recorder* we hope to start listing the attendance, number of churches represented, and number of pastors present at "M" Night. If your association has not sent in this information, how about doing it now?

ATTENTION UNION SECRETARIES

There is now available for you a new set of forms to make follow-up memos for each of the union committee chairmen. This is a pad which has a place to write the names of those who failed to qualify on any of the eight points on the records. It comes in triplicate form, and is perforated for ease and rapidity of distribution. We heartily recommend the use of these forms in your unions, for with proper use it can help your committee chairmen to do their jobs more efficiently. These pads can be purchased through the Baptist Book Store at a cost of 40c for a half-year's supply. The order number is TU-1470.

MEET THE WINNERS! (Second of a Series)



Patricia Penick

Miss Patricia Penick attained the "exception to the rule" record by being one of two who tied in the Southern Region's Sword Drill this year. Pat is fifteen years old, and lives in Adairville, right next to the Tennessee border. She is vice-president of the sophomore class in Adairville High School, and was elected as the "Best All Around Student" in her class this year. She is a member of the Future Homemakers of America Club.

Pat plays the piano for the Intermediates in Training Union, and is also the Bible Readers' Leader. She was trained for the Sword Drill by Mrs. Troy Acree, the pastor's wife of Adairville Baptist Church. Among her other church activities, Pat is an assistant Sunday school teacher for the five-year-olds, and Lady-in-Waiting in Girls' Auxiliary.

She was a state winner in the Junior Memory Work Drill in 1950, and among other honors, won a trip to Ridgecrest (Training Union week) this past summer for enlisting the most new members in Training Union.

WANTED!

"Two Hundred Churches Lighted O'er Helping Light Two Hundred More."

Gleanings

►The First Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., broke an all-time record November 15 and over-subscribed a budget of \$220,000. Ten years ago the budget was only \$27,000. C. C. Warren is pastor.

►The Wood Station Baptist Church, Butler County, Ohio, examined and ordained Brother Paul Nevels to the work of the Gospel ministry, and called him as its pastor. He had served the church previously while it was a mission being operated by the New Zion Church of Hamilton, Ohio.

►The Survey Bulletin states: "Test Pilot Scott Crossfield has flown 1,327 miles per hour in a rocket powered plane to become the first man ever to fly at twice the speed of sound . . . This was a speed of 22.13 miles in five seconds. At this speed one could leave New York at 8:00 a.m., E. S. T., fly two hours and land in Los Angeles at 7:00 a.m., P. S. T."

►Brother Maurice L. Bates writes: "After two nervous breakdowns during the past three years I am now almost back to my normal strength again, thank the Lord." He adds: "Gradually I expect to take up where I left off when I first broke down. I wish to thank my many friends for their prayers for me through the past three years." He resides at Winchester, Kentucky.

►Melvin Torstrick, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Louisville, reports a recent revival in which Joe Richard Estes was evangelist. There were 22 additions, mostly adult professions of faith. "A revitalized and new spirit is to be found in our church since Brother Joe Estes preached for us. Gerald Alexander of the Music School directed the music," said the pastor.

►Pastor A. C. Queen writes: "The Temple Baptist Church, 700 W. Kirby on Dawson Drive, Champaign, Illinois, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and the Illinois State Baptist Association, will appreciate the names and addresses of Baptists and other prospects who have moved from your state to East-Central Illinois and the Champaign-Urbana area. Temple Church is three years old and is especially active in its ministry to students attending the University of Illinois."

►Rev. Bruce Franklin Wills, Wickliffe, Kentucky, has been called to be pastor of the First Baptist Church, Anna, Illinois, and he has accepted. He succeeds Brother L. H. Moore, who has been there for the last nine years. While Brother Wills was at Wickliffe a new annex, consisting of 17 class rooms, nursery, pastor's study, kitchen, and other rooms, was erected at a cost of \$100,000, and a seven room parsonage was modernized. The Sunday school has jumped from 134 to 408. He has been moderator of the West Union Association for the last two years.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

May the joy that filled the hearts of the wisemen on that first Christmas be yours today and all through the new year.

Yours in His joyous service,
MRS. GEORGE R. FERGUSON
BEULAH WINGO
J. C. BALLEW
ANN GRIFFIN
MRS. R. D. BENNETT
MYRTLE ROSENBAUM

An Important Reminder

Be sure to check with your church treasurer to see that your Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is sent to Mrs. W. H. Jaegle, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville. Otherwise your W.M.U. and Kentucky W.M.U. may not receive credit for this offering.

An Urgent Need

A letter received this week from Dr. and Mrs. Robert F. Goldie, of Nigeria makes the following urgent request:

"We are in urgent need of muslin bandages torn from old sheets, etc. There are more than 150 patients in the Ogbomoshu Settlement alone whose ulcers are dressed daily, using these bandages. There are at least 100 in the other nine settlements whose ulcers are also dressed daily. To us, these bandages are 'worth their weight in gold.' One of the greatest contributions that can be made to the work is the continuous supply of these bandages by churches at home."

If your W.M.S. or Circles can help meet this need please follow these mailing instructions. Mail them by parcel post in packages not exceeding twenty-two pounds in weight. Make out customs declaration marking them as bandages for leper colony. For valuation, say they are made from torn sheets and have no commercial value. Address to: Baptist Leper Colony, Ogbomoshu, Nigeria, British West Africa, in care of Dr. R. F. Goldie. (They are less likely to charge duty if the package is addressed to the leper colony, in care of Dr. Goldie than if it is addressed to Dr. Goldie.)

A Correction

Through an oversight, Calvary W.M. U., Lexington, Elkhorn Association, was

omitted from the list of those meriting recognition on the Achievement Chart. This W.M.U. achieved 455 points on this plan.

GIVE GIFTS THAT REACH AROUND THE WORLD

Give mission magazines to every person on your shopping list—Christmas, birthday or any day. *Royal Service* for women, \$1.50 a year; *The Window* of YWA for young women, \$1.50 a year; *Tell* for girls, \$1.50 a year; *Ambassador Life* for boys, \$1.50 a year; *Sunbeam Activities* for Sunbeam Band leaders, \$1 a year.

Order from Woman's Missionary Union, 600 North 20th Street, Birmingham 3, Alabama.

HAVE YOU REPORTED?

Many W.M.S.'s have not reported their new officers for 1953-54 to our office. Following is a list of those whose cards have not been received. Please help us keep our mailing list complete, in order that you may receive your materials promptly.

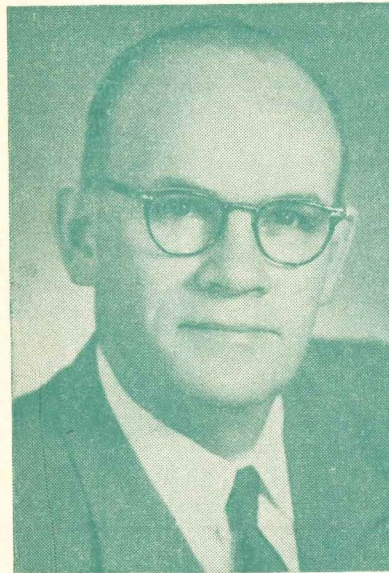
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Cumberland River
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Wolfe Creek |
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►J. B. Hill, for many years Sunday school secretary in Virginia, died in his sleep on the night of November 16.

►The Dupey Baptist Church, Bluff City, near Corydon, Ky., has just completed a new educational building, a new choir addition, and installed a gas furnace. Plans are under way now to rework the auditorium with new windows, arched ceiling, hardwood floors and new pews. A new organ is now in the church on trial. The church has had 34 decisions since Brother Russell Duncan became pastor there on March 1.

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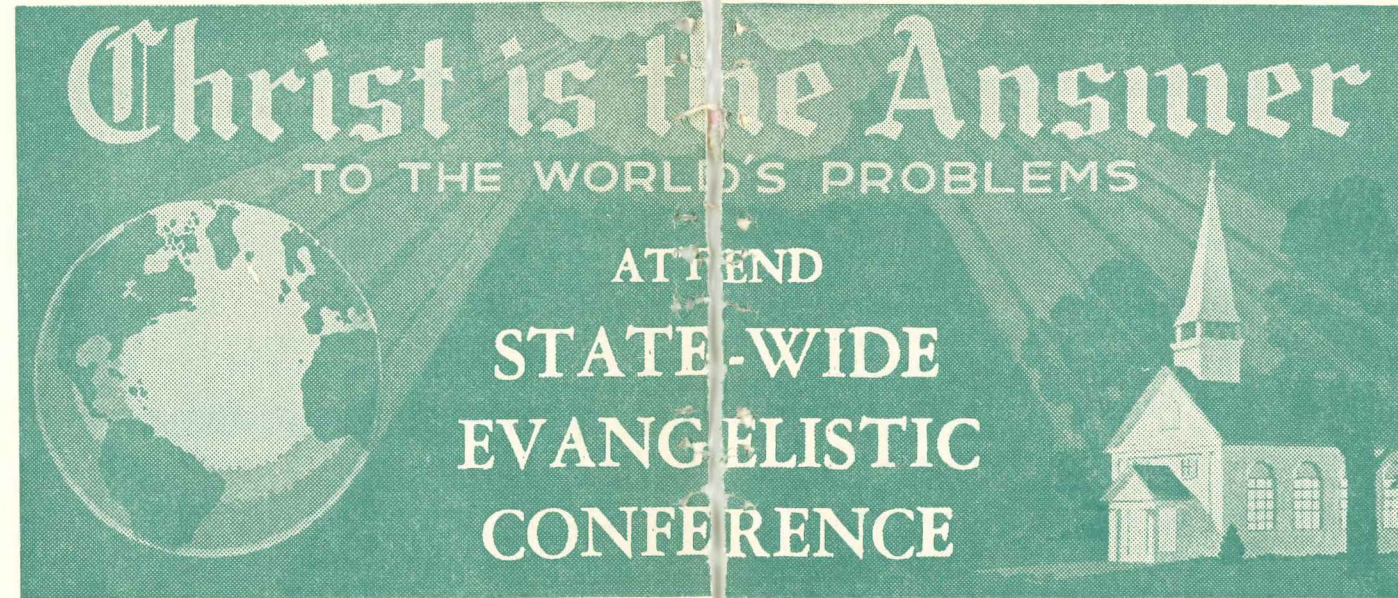


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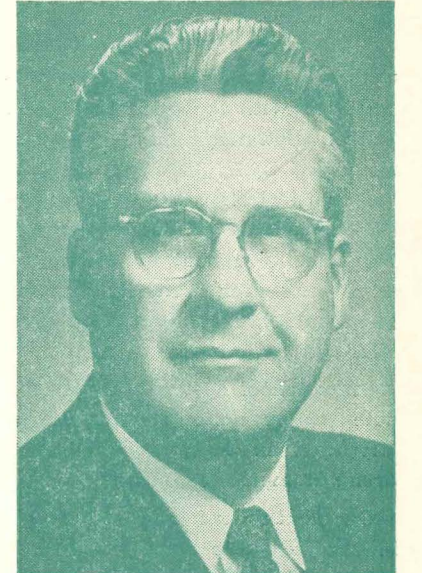
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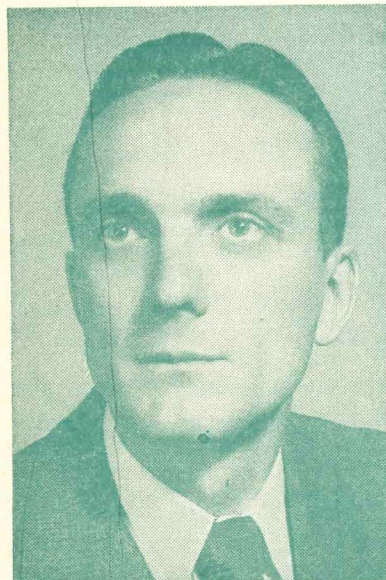


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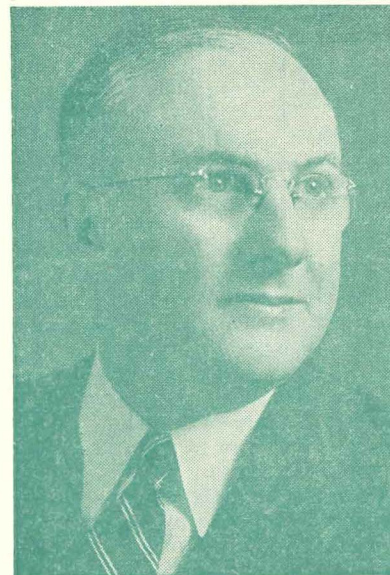
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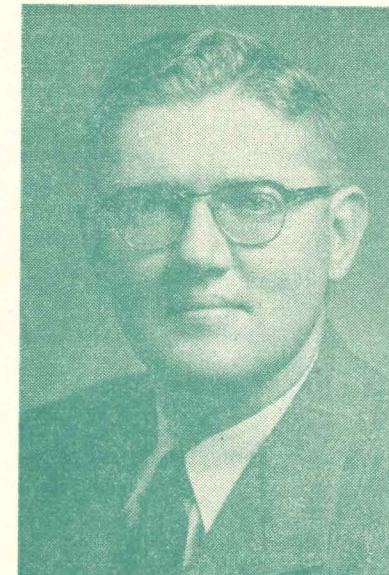
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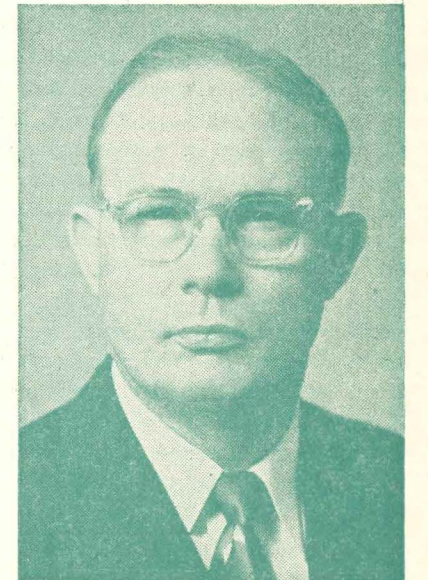
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Since School Began At Glendale

Life's tempo in the Kentucky Baptist Children's Home is always greatly accelerated with the opening of Glendale School. Summer's humid days are gone, and with their passing the children's lackadaisical air vanishes, their eyes become brighter, their steps become livelier, and throughout the Home there is an electric excitement that can be felt. Vacation time is over, and school is starting!

Since school opened this fall at Glendale a number of interesting things have happened in Kentucky Baptist Children's Home.

Our family has increased in size. Within the last two months thirteen new children have come to live with us. Three of these were from Sharpe, Ky.; three from Graefenburg, Ky.; two from McKee, Ky.; three from Middlesboro, Ky.; one from Bardstown, Ky.; and one from Paris, Ky. We now have 215 children under our care.

We continue to have many visitors. On Sept. 3, the Harrodsburg Willing Workers Class came to see us. On Sunday, Sept. 13, the men of the Good Samaritan Class, Ninth and O Church, Louisville, brought us an ice cream treat. This is an annual affair. The W. M. S. of Lees Lane Church, Louisville, visited us on Sept. 25, and the next day (Saturday) the Men's Bible Class from the Third Baptist Church, Owensboro, gave us a "hot dog" supper complete with all the "trimmings," including 20 cases of soda pop. This proved to be a most delightful occasion, enjoyed by the men as much as the children. William Hund, who teaches this class, is an uncle of Home Superintendent C. Ford Deusner. The class also

sponsors an Owensboro boy who has come to live in the Home.

Women from New Hope Church, near Springfield, brought pillows for all the beds in our new cottage for boys on October 1. Holly Church, near Leitchfield, sent a large delegation to visit the Home on Sunday, October 11. On October 15 came the W. M. S. from Okalona Church, Okalona, for an all-day sewing bee, while just before noon there drew up before our administration building a chartered bus from the Audubon Baptist Church, Henderson, the superintendent's home church. Most of the party were members of a Sunday school class taught by his mother, Mrs. J. P. Ashby. The annual mission rally of Severns Valley Association was held in our assembly building on October 16, afternoon and evening. Mrs. George R. Ferguson, Eldred M. Taylor, Fred Tucker, L. W. Martin, Percy Ray, and Eugene Siler were the principal speakers. Special music was provided by the children of the Home. The brotherhoods of the association served a beef barbecue at supper time. Some 300 visitors were on our campus for this meeting. Aetna Grove Church and Pastor Nobel Cottrell, from Lynn Association, came from Sunday school on October 18 to visit us. After preaching by Bro. Cottrell in our church, a bountiful picnic dinner was spread beneath the great trees on our campus. Surely there never was as much fried chicken in one place before! "Billie" came to see us on October 24, and liked our children so well he stayed. "Billie" is a black, Shetland pony, given to us complete with saddle and bridle by Clifford Culver, of West Point, Ky.

During November we have had two

groups come to the Home to sew, both from Severns Valley Association. These groups were from Mt. Zion Church, on November 6, and Middle Creek Church, on November 13. On Saturday night, Nov. 7, a group of men and boys from Tunnell Hill Church came to engage our boys in basketball. The game was played in our gymnasium and ended with our boys sitting on top of a lopsided score. Tilford Marshall and his trained donkeys paid us a visit on the night of Nov. 23. The donkey ball game that evening was a hilarious event. On November 24, came women from Cedar Creek Church, Long Run Association, with Christmas gifts for 20 children, and the next day, November 25, the W. M. S. of our own church, Gilead, came to see us, bringing 52 home-baked pies for our Thanksgiving meal. This, too, is an annual treat, to which we all look forward.

Home children win honors in school. This is nothing new in Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, but we are thankful that this year's school crowd is no exception to the rule. We have five graduating high school seniors. We have four children in college. Three of our boys are basketball letter men, and are playing on Glendale High's first team this year. The manager of the team is a Home boy. Two of our girls are cheer leaders. Two boys from the Home are serving on the staff of the Glendalian, the high school paper. The president of the senior class is a Home boy. This boy is also a volunteer for full-time Christian service. We are proud of our children. We think we have as fine a family as can be found anywhere.

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Dr. Pettigrew Stresses Importance of Evangelistic Conference—Jan. 11-13

The Walnut Street Baptist Church feels itself fortunate to be the host to the annual Evangelistic Conference, and looks forward to having the brethren of the state with them in the next conference meeting, January 11-13.

In fact, we are all recarpeted and re-decorated for the coming of the brethren. We fear we are almost sinfully vain over the new beauty of our Sanctuary, but surely we are righteous when we say that we shall be so happy to share it.

The annual Evangelistic Conference is fundamental in our denominational life. When evangelism lags among Baptists, we will start down the hill; indeed, we will have already been on the way down. It is, therefore, exceedingly important that we confer one with the other on our major mission of soul winning, and that we share inspiration and information. This is the sole purpose of the Conference. Our churches will go a long way in assuring themselves of a warmer evangelistic leadership by making it possible and easy for their pastors to attend.

W. R. PETTIGREW

Mission Gifts Up in November

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Mission gifts to Southern Baptist causes through the Cooperative Program for the month of November total \$886,699, Porter Routh, executive secretary-treasurer of the Southern Baptist Convention, announced. This brings the total for the year to \$8,989,055, an increase of 7.57 per cent, or \$632,596, over the same period last year.

Designated mission gifts received for the month amounted to \$103,380, which brings the year's total in designated contributions to \$5,575,732. This figure is 17.27 per cent higher than the same period last year.

The Foreign Mission Board received during the month of November through the Advance Program \$477,791 and the Home Board \$159,263 making a total of \$637,055. The first \$160,000 of the Advance Program went to the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky.

When compared with the same period last year, Florida, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Virginia are the only states not showing an increase in gifts.

►The problem of orphans and waifs in South Korea is acute. It is estimated that there are more than 100,000—30,000 in institutions and the rest roaming the open country.

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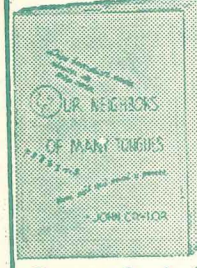
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J. G. Chastain will be 100 Tomorrow; T. W. Ayers Will be 95 Next Week

Tomorrow—December 18, 1953—Retired Missionary James Garvin Chastain will be 100 years old. This would be a good time to write him a letter or a telegram. These may be addressed: Richton, Route 1, Mississippi. He went as a missionary to Mexico in 1889, and spent many years there. He translated much of the New Testament into Spanish, while there, and later wrote a book of his own, "Thirty Years in Mexico," which contains much biographical material on many of his contemporaries and much source material of inestimable value to anyone today seeking writing and lecturing material on Baptist missions in the land to the south of the Rio Grande border. He has outlived all of his contemporaries, and all of us are "the younger generation" to him. Write this veteran patriarch of the cross—the oldest of Southern Baptist missionaries.

And while you are writing, remember also to exert your penmanship on a few lines to Dr. T. W. Tyers, who will be ninety-five years of age on December 22. He is the one who took medical missions into China, and is still living to tell the tale. He may be addressed 978 Juniper Street, N.E., Atlanta, Ga.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, DECEMBER 6, 1953

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Monticello, First	71	239
Morganfield, First	59	410
Mt. Washington	81	221
Muldraugh Hill	217	216
Murray, First (1)	143	900
Newport, First (2)	97	717
Trinity	166	228
Owensboro, Buena Vista	197	513
Eaton Memorial	359	429
First	178	1,113
Hall Street	138	465
Macedonia	130	338
Seven Hills	201	304
Third (1)	223	1,204
Paducah, East	239	486
First	71	699
Immanuel (1)	91	763
Oaklawn	65	272
Paintsville, First	74	274
Paris, Central (1)	204	330
First	288	65
Perryville, Beech Grove	170	288
Pikeville, First	170	288
Pineville, First (6)	289	382
Prestonburg, Irene Cole Memorial	140	289
Princeton, First	121	571
Northside	152	204
Second (2)	345	288
Russellville, First	424	288
Somerset, Calvary	156	382
First	72	289
Pleasant Hill No. 2	90	571
Sonora	166	645
Springfield, First	100	209
Stanford	254	285
Sturgis, First	99	450
Versailles	122	274
Vine Grove	83	254
Walton (1)	108	370
Willisburg	140	293
Winchester, Central (1)	156	83
First	420	276
	461	420

►According to Peter Y. F. Shih, Chinese missionary to America, only 8 per cent of the 137,000 Chinese in the United States are Christians.—Survey Bulletin.

Twin Ladies Reach the Ripe Young Age of 95

The WMS of the Lebanon Junction Baptist Church has just celebrated the birthday of their oldest matriarch, Mrs. Mary Ann Boots Mann, who, along with her twin sister, Mrs. Eveline Boots Masden, now living in Yokum, Texas, were both ninety-five years old on November 30. They were born in Bullitt County, Kentucky, two miles north of Lebanon Junction.

Mrs. Mann is the mother of 6 children. She has 22 grandchildren; 23 great



Mrs. Mary Ann Boots Mann

Mrs. Eveline Boots Masden

grandchildren; and 3 great, great, grandchildren. She gets around splendidly, and can still cook. She lives with her daughter, Mrs. Ethel Edwards. She has been a member of the Lebanon Junction Baptist Church for the last 58 years.

Her sister, Mrs. Masden, moved from Bullitt County to Texas some years ago. She has been the mother of 9 children. She has 4 living children; 15 living grandchildren and 10 living great grandchildren.

►Dr. Charles L. Graham, retired former pastor of the Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, died December 11 at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., where he has been living for about six months with his two brothers. We stopped the press to insert this paragraph. Will carry a more complete article of his passing next issue.

►There will be no Western Recorder December 24. Next issue will be January 1.

Even Christmas can bring its tragedies. A little boy in Galashiels, Scotland, came home from school and said mournfully to his mother: "The Nativity play is off. Six angels are down with the mumps."—SUNDAY POST, Glasgow, Scotland.

Kiddie Korner

Not Quite

By Helen L. Toner

It was such a beautiful morning that Tom Adams paused to have a last romp with his new puppy before going to school.

His mother called from the front porch, "Tom, you'll be late for school again."

Sure enough, he was the last one in his place in the classroom, and Miss Williams asked, "Tom, must you be late every morning?"

"I was almost on time. The bell rang just as I came in," Tom mumbled defensively.

Later that day he handed his arithmetic problems to Miss Williams, but she turned them back saying, "You didn't do all the problems, Tom."

He explained impatiently: "I almost finished them. I'm in a hurry to get out on the baseball diamond."

After staying to finish the last problem, he hurried out to the ball field and took his turn at the bat. He knocked the second ball across the field and into a vacant lot. Trotting toward first base, he thought, "Shorty won't find it right away."

When he passed third base, he saw that Shorty had the ball. The fellows on his team shouted, "Hurry Tom, Hurry!" But Tom didn't change his pace because he felt sure that Shorty couldn't throw that far. Before he knew it, however, the catcher had touched him with the ball and he was "out."

"Almost, but not quite," the coach said sarcastically.

On his way home Tom saw a fire engine speeding toward the edge of town. There was his father's car by the post office. Tom ran over in time to meet him coming out of the building with his hands full of mail. "Dad, let's go to the fire," he urged.

"All right son, it isn't quite dinner time yet." The two climbed into the car and drove after the fire truck.

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a truck carrying gasoline had caught on fire. While the firemen worked at putting out the blaze, the fire chief talked with the driver. He was pointing to the back of the truck and Tom edged closer to hear what the men were saying.

"That last link on your safety chain was gone. It was static electricity that caused the fire," said the chief.

Tom turned to his father. "What is a safety chain?"

"It's the chain you see dragging under certain trucks. It acts as a conductor and carries off accumulated electricity. Unless it touches the ground it doesn't work."

"But, Dad," Tom pointed out as he walked closer to the truck, "look, the chain's almost to the ground."

"Yes, son, almost—but not quite."

That sentence sounded vaguely familiar to Tom. Those were the words of the coach and of Miss Williams.

It seemed to Tom that there was a meaningful twinkle in his father's eyes as he continued: "It's like some people, Tom—'almost people,' I call them. They're almost on time, almost honest, almost kind, almost there when you need them. They're the folks who make this an almost happy world."

As the two climbed back into the car, Tom didn't say a word. They drove home in silence. Pulling into the driveway, Mr. Adams asked "What's up son? You haven't said a word all the way."

"Oh, nothing," grinned Tom a little sheepishly. "I was just thinking about the safety chain that didn't do any good at all because it wasn't quite long enough—and about those 'almost people' you spoke of, Dad, would you say I'm an 'almost' person?"

Mr. Adams put a friendly hand on his son's shoulder. "Sometimes lately I've thought you might be leaning that way."

"I'm glad you told me," Tom spoke thoughtfully. "Miss Williams was trying to tell me that at school, I guess, and the coach too. But somehow I didn't really get the point till I saw that safety chain!"—THE CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

"Did our new baby come down from heaven, Mom?"

"Certainly, Darling."

"They sure did get rid of a lot of yelping, didn't they!"

"Dad, one of the boys said I was the spittin' image of you."

"And what did you say?"

"Oh, nothin'. You always told me not to fight."

Mother: "Is Pop asleep yet?"

Daughter: "He may be, but his nose is still wide awake."

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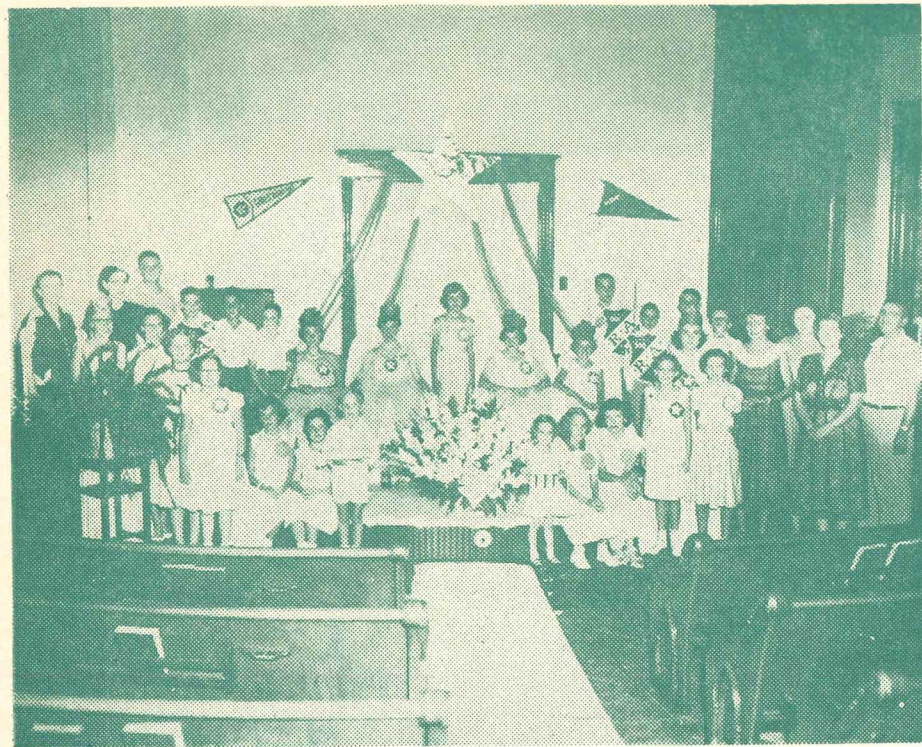
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The R.A. Pages are David Thompson, Joe Dee Wilcoxson, Stanley Thompson and Bobby Doyle. The Squire is Donald Lester Thompson. Three ambassadors—Walter Ray Wilcoxson, Jimmy Duncan and Leslie Doyle—were recognized. Others in the picture are: Ann Chaney, Honor Queen; and Gwendolyn Dilly, Queen, who helped in the service; Stevie Bale and Debra Broady, Crown Bearer and Flower Girl; Mrs. B. T. Chaney, WMU president; Mrs. Amos Houk, Junior GA Counselor; Mrs. Marvin Doyle, YP Leader; Mrs. Lyndon Bale, Intermediate GA Counselor; Mrs. David McLellan, helper; Mrs. Walter Wilcoxson, Junior RA Counselor; B. T. Chaney, Intermediate RA Counselor.

Virginia Baptists Adopt \$1,760,000 Mission Goal

ROANOKE, Va. — (BP) — Virginia Baptists at the annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia adopted a \$1,760,000 budget for 1954. The recommendation adopted is as follows: "We recommend that our budget for 1954 be \$1,760,000; that our Operating Budget for 1954 be \$700,000, an increase of \$50,000 over 1953; and that our Capital Needs Budget be \$350,000.

"We recommend that the first \$800,000 Cooperative Program distributable funds be divided on a 50-50 basis; then the division charge to 75 per cent Virginia—25 per cent Convention-wide until we have raised our Operating Budget of \$700,000 and Capital Needs Budget of \$250,000; then all of the Cooperative Program distributable funds will be divided 75 per cent for Convention-wide

and 25 per cent Virginia for Advance Program."

The Association also approved federal legislation to permit pastors to participate in Social Security on voluntary basis.

R. F. Hough was elected president for next year.

One thousand and seventy-nine attended the convention.

New Reprint Plan Announced by Baker Book House

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH. — An entirely new series of re-prints is announced by a publishing house already engaged in bringing back some of the more valuable religious writings. The new series will include books by such well-known authors as Sir William Ramsay, Joseph A. Seiss, F. B. Meyer,

Alfred Edersheim, and others. The new series will be known as THE PAPER CO-OPERATIVE REPRINT LIBRARY, and will be published by the Baker Book House of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Under this new plan, announced, about twelve well-known and reliable Christian classics, which have been in great demand by scholars, teachers and pastors, will be released under the ever-popular Volume-a-Month Plan. This will begin in March of 1954, and will continue each month until the entire series of twelve books is completed. Much lower retail price, averaging about 20 per cent, is possible since the publishing house will consolidate all promotion and advertising on twelve books, and will issue all twelve in uniform bindings and dust jackets.

The first volume to be released in the REPRINT LIBRARY is Fifty-Two Sermons, by Horatius Bonar. This will be followed in April by History of the Jewish Nation, by Alfred Edersheim. These will be followed by others carefully selected by the publishing house. It is planned to enlarge the series and make available a much wider selection of books when the present series is finished.

Four Russian Baptist Pastors Visit Stockholm

The *News Bulletin* of the European Baptist Federation states in its October, 1953 issue:

"Early in August THE TIMES [London] announced that four Russian Baptist pastors were in Stockholm for conference with Quakers about the problems of international peace.

"The secretary of the European Baptist Federation flew to Stockholm and was able to get some first-hand information about our brethren in Russia. According to the secretary of the Russian Evangelical-Christian Baptist Union, there are 500,000 members in 4,000 churches in Russia, and about 3,000,000 people who believe as Baptists and are friendly to them."

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Congressional Advice to be Sought on Liquor Question

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BP) — Assistant Secretary of Defense, John Hannah, disclosed recently that the Defense Department would seek Congressional advice on the question of whether sales of liquor by bottle should be eliminated on military bases.

Hannah made the statement one day after Duke K. McCall, president of the National Temperance League and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, conferred with White House officials regarding military base liquor sales.

Texas Baptists Pass No Curtain of Secrecy

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. — (BP) — The following was adopted by the Baptist state convention in San Antonio, recently.

"Southern Baptists have no curtain of secrecy behind which any clergy can hide on the issues of communism. Baptists have advocated complete religious freedom since the time of Christ; and are in accord with any sincere investigation concerning communism among the clergy, or in any other realm of religious, economic, professional, and other phases of life.

"Throughout religious history Baptists have been in the forefront of those who stood for free church, free state, and liberty of conscience. This concept is utterly incompatible with slave state ideals of communism, which always results in the curtailment of individual liberty."


"We do not believe that blanket charges against the clergy or any other group is either factual or fair," David M. Gardner, editor, *Baptist Standard* said. "We believe that any investigator who is so free in giving the public the number of communists among the clergy ought to be able to give their names.

"We are not foolish enough to assume that Baptists have never been imposed on by imposters. We have been, and there might be such among us now," Gardner said, "but we assert that we do not and will try not to shield such unworthy characters from public exposure.

"We make bold to assert that it would be impossible for any person to be a Baptist and a communist at the same time. One would be forced to renounce his faith in Christ and the Baptist conviction of the dignity and freedom of the individual to worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience before he could become a communist."

►Latin America has 33 per cent of the Catholics of the world, but only six per cent of the priests.—World Digest.

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In response to their request that He teach them how to pray, Christ gave His disciples this model prayer from which these verses are taken. From the standpoint of simplicity, sincerity and fulness this prayer is incomparable. It contains the essential elements of all true prayer. These elements include:

1. A right relationship—"Our Father." Only the children of God have a right to pray this prayer.
2. A reverent attitude—"Hallowed be Thy name."
3. A real desire—"Thy kingdom come."
4. A ready submission—"Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Prayer is one of the essential means at the disposal of Christians for their growth in grace. They should pray daily to discover the Lord's will for their lives and to have the strength to do it. God is pleased when they approach the throne of grace and ask things of Him in the name of Christ. Due to His exaltation and their unworthiness, they can approach Him only through the merits of His Son.

II. A PRESENT RESPONSIBILITY.

Matthew 28:16-20

In obedience to the command of their Lord, the eleven apostles made their way to Galilee, and there they met the Master. When they saw Him, they proceeded to worship Him, and He really accepted their worship.

1. His power was announced. Mat. 28:18.

Quietly, but without any hesitation or reservation, Christ announced that to Him had been given all authority over the entire creation. "All authority is given unto Me in heaven and on earth." No greater claim was ever made than that. It is a claim of unconditional and unlimited authority. In the light of this claim, Christians need not be troubled by what they may encounter. Rather, they should ever remember that nothing can be done to them by men or demons without the permission of the Lord.

2. His program was advanced. Mat. 28:19.

Christ has commanded us to go into all the world making disciples for Christ and teaching them His glorious truths.

He expects us to evangelize the unsaved and to edify the saved. It is His will that we proclaim His gospel wherever men are found. Christ's program, which is our task for life, is universal in its scope, individual in its appeal, practical in its purpose, and personal in its obligation. We are not expected to bring the whole world to Christ, but we are commanded to take the gospel of Christ to the whole world. In this regard, we must strive to obey this great command of our blessed Lord.

Proclaiming the glorious gospel of Christ to lost people everywhere is the greatest task which the Lord has committed to us. No greater work can occupy the thought, the time, the strength or the substance of the saved than this. What a tragedy that Satan has blinded the eyes of so many Christians to the tremendous privilege and the marvelous responsibility that God has conferred upon us! We are certainly challenged to be faithful and obedient to our Lord in this all-important task by the immediate, cheerful, and enthusiastic response of the early Christians to Christ's program.

3. His presence was assured. Mat. 28:20.

"And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age." If we hope to enjoy His blessed presence, it is incumbent upon us to advance His program. The enjoyment of Christ's presence is conditioned upon our obedience to His commands. If we are obedient to Him, we may expect to enjoy His glorious presence all our days. All who obey His command have the blessed assurance of His abiding presence. His presence with us guarantees constant companionship, fulness of joy, sufficiency in trial, and comfort in sorrow.

JOHN 17:18-21.

Shortly before He went to the cross, our Lord uttered this intercessory prayer. It included the believers in His day and all the Christians in the succeeding centuries. As the Father had sent Him into the world, Christ sends His followers into the world as His representatives, to live, to witness and to shine as lights for Him. If they are to accomplish His purpose, they are in need of practical sanctification. He prayed that His own might be separated from the world. A prayerful study of the Word of God with open minds and receptive hearts will lead to this desirable result.

Of the various significant things in

this prayer, not the least in importance is the portion on the unity of believers. He prayed that believers in Him might be linked in inseparable union with one another as well as with the Trinity. The purpose of the oneness of believers was their good and in order "that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me."

ACTS 1:6-8.

Just before Christ ascended He told His disciples that He expected them to be busy witnessing for Him. They were to witness by their words, by their ways and by their work. Witnessing to Christ's power to save is a task incumbent upon all Christians. The sphere in which we are to witness for Him is unlimited. No tribe, district or nation is to be excluded. We have the responsibility of getting the gospel of Christ out so that willing souls in every land may have an opportunity to believe. Our supreme business is to take the gospel to every person.

This task transcends our national abilities, so we must have spiritual and supernatural replenishment. Ability to perform this task does not lie in learning, however wide, nor in enthusiasm, however great, nor in money, numbers, prestige or any self-attainment. No amount of education, training, culture or human achievement will ever enable and qualify any of God's people for effective witness-bearing. It is entirely possible for a church to have a beautiful building, excellent equipment, thorough organization, cultured people, talented members and precise services and still be without spiritual power. All of these things may be used by the Holy Spirit to advance the work, but the power resides in Him alone. Apart from the Holy Spirit testimony for Christ will be ineffective. He alone can give us the power which we need for what needs to be done in the service of our Lord. If our witnessing for Christ is to be effective in changing the hearts and lives of people, the supernatural power of the Holy Spirit must accompany it.

III. A PROPHETIC REVELATION.

Revelation 11:15

This verse is the announcement by the angel of the great and glorious truth of the final triumph of Christ. He, whose right it is to reign, will reign forever.

►The District of Columbia Convention is celebrating the tenth anniversary of Executive Secretary M. Chandler Stith. During the ten years church membership grew from 25,000 to more than 32,000; total gifts increased from \$691,000 in 1943 to \$1,998,000 in 1953; the per capita gifts from \$27.96 to \$72.20; property value from \$3,821,000 to \$10,375,000. The Convention voted to send Dr. and Mrs. Stith to the Baptist World Alliance (Europe) in 1955.

Book Reviews

KEEPING THE FAITH—twelve sermons compiled by J. E. Lambdin to assist Training Union leaders in preparing Sunday evening programs throughout 1954.

The sermons were written by nine pastors, two seminary professors, and one denominational administrator. It is an excellent book and should be had not only by Training Union leaders but by pastors, homemakers, and Christians generally.

The chapters are:

"Keeping Faith With the Faith," by Herschel H. Hobbs; "Unified in the Faith," by T. P. Allen; "Nourished Up in the Words of the Faith," by Monroe F. Swilley, Jr.; "Adding to Our Faith," by Henry A. Parker; "Keeping the Faith in Our Homes," by James L. Sullivan; "Strengthened in the Faith," by Ray Summers; "Keeping the Faith in Our Citizenship," by Douglas W. Hudgins; "Fighting the Good Fight of the Faith," by R. G. Lee; "Continuing in the Faith," by W. F. Powell; "Showing Faith By Works," by Vernon B. Richardson; "Striving Together for the Faith," by C. Oscar Johnson; and "Keeping Faith With the Future," by Harold K. Graves.

There is much rich material in this book and you will do well to buy it from your Baptist Book Store. It is published by BROADMAN PRESS, Nashville, and sells for \$1.75.

"THE MAKING OF A PREACHER," by W. W. Melton, published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Price \$2.

Dr. W. W. Melton is a Texas Baptist preacher of wide experience in the pastorate and in denominational leadership. He was pastor of one church for twenty-nine years during which time he was associated with Baylor University and the many young ministers on that important campus. During a four and one half year period Dr. Melton was Executive Secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. It is out of his rich experience that he has written this book. Young men going into the ministry will find

this book exceedingly helpful. The author had young men in mind as he wrote. Older men will find much to recall them to the fundamentals of God's calling. Dr. W. R. White, President of Baylor University, has written the Introduction. Here is a book well worth the price and the time to read it. Here is a good Christmas gift suggestion. Your Baptist Book Store can supply you.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"SPURGEON'S SERMONS" by C. H. Spurgeon, et al. published as vol. XX of the Memorial Library of Charles Haddon Spurgeon by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan, Price \$2.95.

Here is the final volume of the twenty volume set of C. H. Spurgeon's sermons. While the preceding volumes contain the bulk of his sermon material, this book is biographical. Presented here is the life of the great Baptist statesman and preacher of another generation and another land. The biographical estimate is by Professor W. C. Wilkinson. Though rambling in places it is well done and presents an interesting side of the life of the great preacher. It makes a fine summary and completes the work of the preceding nineteen volumes. Your copy can come through our Baptist Book Store.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

"THE SECRET OF BEAUTIFUL LIVING," by Oswald Riess, published by Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Missouri, Price \$1.50.

In 1925 the Rev. Oswald Riess became pastor of the Bethany Lutheran Church in Detroit, Michigan. From then 'til now he has been the pastor of this 1,100-communicant-member church making a fine record in his local church and in his denomination. An author of other books, this present work was undertaken at the request of the Michigan District of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Condensed into 134 pages is the message of Christ as the author has preached it to his people through the years. From his

point of view he discusses such fundamental topics as forgiveness, peace, joy, hope, love, and power as the Christian can know it and ought to know it in Christ. The Baptist Book Store can get this book for you.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP, by J. M. Weidenschilling. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

A book (paper bound) designed by the author to teach good citizenship. There are 124 pages and seven chapters. The chapters are: The Christian a Citizen of Two Kingdoms; The Powers That Be Are Ordained of God; Good Government a Divine Blessing; The Priceless Boon of Religious Liberty; The Christian a Patriotic Citizen; The Christian a Law-Abiding Citizen; Tribute to Whom Tribute Is Due; and Christians work for Good Government.

MY GOOD MANNERS BOOK, by William and Vivian Lessel. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, Mo.

This little 23-page booklet (paper bound) is written for youngsters, and sets forth the basic rules of good manners. It will serve a good purpose, and will make a useful present.

►Arkansas Baptists in annual session at Hot Springs set a Cooperative Program of \$1,190,460 to be divided 55 per cent to state causes and 45 per cent to Convention-wide causes. All funds received above the Cooperative Program goal plus \$10,000 which is designated to the Memorial Baptist Hospital at Memphis, Tennessee, will be divided 50-50 between the Southern Baptist Convention and capital needs of state institutions. W. O. Vaught was elected president. The convention also voted to secure a site for an R. A. and G. A. camp.

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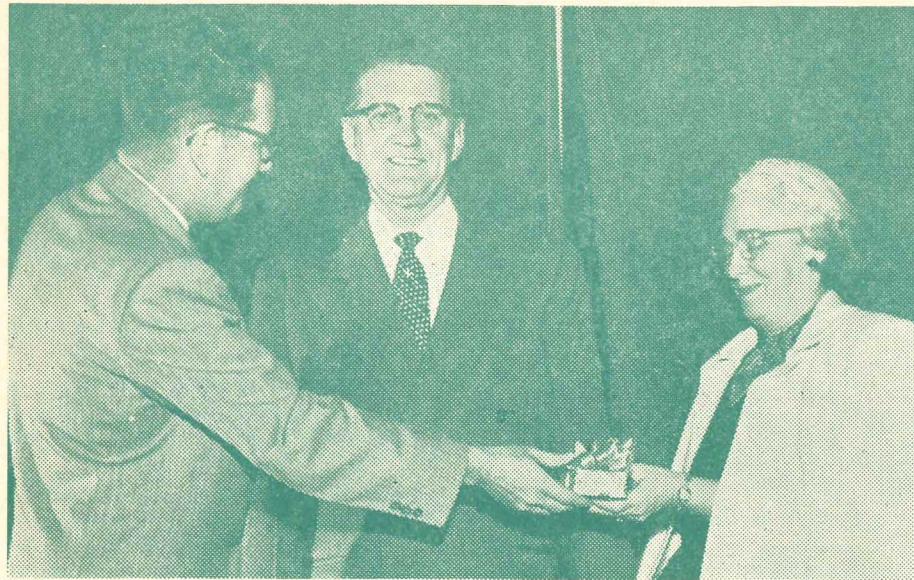
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Dr. and Mrs. E. N. Wilkinson Now Have Time On Their Hands (i. e., on Their Wrists)



The members of Parkland Baptist Church, Louisville, used the occasion of the first anniversary of Pastor and Mrs. Elwyn N. Wilkinson among them as an opportunity to commemorate the event. Immediately following the evening worship hour, Moderator Ray McGinity (left), called to order those who were in attendance. By pantomime and reading, various highlights in the life of Dr. Wilkinson were presented. The climax of the hour came, as depicted in the picture above, when the Deacon McGinity presented a Mr.-and-Mrs. Watchset to Dr. and Mrs. Wilkinson (middle and right). Since then both have had time on their hands (i. e., on their wrists). A reception was held in the educational building following the presentation.

FALLEN ASLEEP

JESS F. COOPER

ASHLAND, Ky. — The First Baptist Church of Ashland and many Training Union organizations in eastern Kentucky suffered a great loss in the home-going of Jess F. Cooper on October 16, 1953. Though Jess was only 34 years of age, and seemed to have many years of service for the Lord ahead of him, God had a higher purpose.

He was a deacon of the First Baptist Church and teacher in the Young Adult Department. Jess was active in Training Union work in his own church and throughout eastern Kentucky. He has served as director of the Greenup Associational Training Union and as president of the Northeastern Regional Training Union Convention.

His wonderful Christian spirit and his devotion to his Lord has been a blessing and inspiration to many. His witness and testimony during his illness and death led others to accept the Christ Jess loved and his influence shall continue in the hearts and lives of many people for a long time.

His wife, Ellouise Cooper, has been a true helpmate to Jess during his life of service for the Master.

REV. M. C. DENNEY

ASHLAND, Ky. — Whereas, it has pleased God in his infinite wisdom, to call to himself on September 17, 1953, the soul of Rev. M. C. Denney, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Ashland, Kentucky, for the past thirteen years, and a Baptist pastor for almost half a century,

And, whereas, Brother Denney has been for many years a faithful and conscientious member of the Executive Board of Greenup Association of Baptists, serving gladly and well in various capacities, being especially burdened for the distribution of sacred literature to the people, and

Whereas, his influence among us, as a

Christian gentleman, a faithful pastor, and a loyal fellow-laborer will long and mightily be felt,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the present Executive Board of Greenup Association of Baptists in Kentucky, do express our gratitude to God for the life of this man who like Barnabas, "was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith;" that we express our sympathy to the widow and daughter; that we send copies of these resolutions to the widow and the Western Recorder, as well as spreading them on our own records; and that we pray with the prophet of old, "let my last end be like this."—EXECUTIVE BOARD, GREENUP ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS, Ralph E. Webb, Moderator, Quentin Lockwood, clerk.

MRS. SUSIE ZEISS

PADUCAH, Ky. — Whereas, it has pleased the Heavenly Father to take home our esteemed friend Mrs. Susie Zeiss, who departed this life November 14, 1953.

She was a consecrated Christian, endeavoring at all times to put Christ first in her life, and all who came in contact with her will miss her Christian influence.

She has been a faithful member of the Immanuel Church and W. M. S. for many years and, because of this, and also for her love and devotion to the entire cause of Christ, the W. M. S. feels it to be altogether fitting that we record our appreciation of her.

Therefore, be it resolved that the W. M. S. has lost a loyal member, the community a valuable citizen, and the family a devoted mother and sister.

Be it further resolved, that the W. M. S. extend to her family their sincere and heart felt sympathy.—Mrs. Frank Norfleet, Mrs. R. R. Houston, Mrs. L. J. Watlington, Committee.

MRS. URA ROBERTS

VERONA, Ky., Nov. 11. — Whereas, it has pleased God our Father to call from our midst our beloved sister in Christ, Mrs. Ura Roberts, who passed from this life to her eternal rest on October 28, 1953, at the age

of 73. Leaving us with a feeling of deepest sorrow and great loss in our hearts that only time can heal.

Therefore be it resolved, that we, the members of New Bethel W. M. S., remember Mrs. Roberts as a loyal and sincere member of our society, as well as a true and loyal friend. We shall always remember her love for and faithfulness to our Lord's work. We extend our sincere sympathy to her husband and family in their hour of sorrow.—New Bethel W. M. S.

MISS PEARL HOLMAN

BOWLING GREEN, Ky. — Miss Pearl Holman, long a faithful member of the First Baptist Church, this city, died November 20 after having been an invalid many years. At one time she was church secretary and visitor, and otherwise active.

Before her passing she penned a poem, "Going Home," a part of which we offer as a tribute to her great faith:

"I'm going home with Him to live.
There I'll behold His blessed face.
I'll see those scars He bore for me,
When here on earth I've run the race.

"I'm going home with Him to live,
Who's gone there to prepare for me
A mansion far beyond the sky,
And where He is, He'd have me be."

Miss Pearl is survived by Pauline and Albert Patterson—niece and nephew.

RICHARD W. WOODRUFF

GEORGETOWN, Ky. — Richard W. Woodruff, "Uncle Dick" as he was affectionately called by so many of his younger friends, passed from this earth to be with his Saviour August 5. He was born in Bracken County, Kentucky, September 25, 1874, and was one of nine children. He is survived by his faithful companion and by three children: Mrs. L. M. Hamilton (the youngest), Mrs. Harley Crowe and Irville Woodruff—the last two being of Lake Worth, Florida. Also by 14 grandchildren, 5 brothers—Roy, Lewis, Jed, John and Joe—all of Ohio. Besides these there are many nieces and nephews and a host of other relatives and friends.

Since his marriage 46 years ago he has lived most of this time in Georgetown, Ky. By trade he was a contractor. For many years he had been a member of the Georgetown Baptist Church.

Dr. J. Elmer Weldon, his Sunday school teacher, preached the message. He was the father-in-law of Pastor L. M. Hamilton, Macedonia Baptist Church, Jonesville, in Grant County, Kentucky.

MRS. ADA MAY BLAKEMAN

GREENSBURG, Ky. — We, the members of the Fidelis Class of the Baptist Church, Greensburg, Kentucky, feel that we have sustained a great loss in the death of our beloved member, Mrs. Ada May Blakeman, on October 1, 1953.

Mrs. Blakeman loved her church and all its activities, and is greatly missed by all who knew her. Her pleasant manner and joy in serving her Lord shall ever inspire us to greater service for our Lord.

Be it resolved that we hereby express our gratitude to God for her beautiful Christian life of service in her church and community. Since she has been taken from our midst we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. Though our hearts be grieved we bow in humble submission to His will.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be recorded in the minutes of our Fidelis Class of the Baptist Church and that copies be sent to the family and the Western Recorder for publication.—Respectfully submitted, Mollie T. Durham, Lettie D. Perkins and Mrs. W. B. Owen.

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Andrew J. Smith is Ordained by Trinity Church of Hopkinsville

HOPKINSVILLE, Ky. — A meeting was called by Trinity Baptist Church, November 15, for the purpose of examining Brother Andrew J. Smith to the full work of the ministry.

Pastor Harold O. Waitman served as moderator; J. J. Jenkins, clerk; J. H. Maddox, interrogator; W. E. Richardson, ordination sermon, charge to the church and candidate; A. T. Gray, to present the Bible; and Olen Sisk, to offer the ordaining prayer.

The answers to the questions propounded by Brother Maddox were thoroughly satisfactory to the council and the council recommended to Trinity Church that he be ordained. Trinity Church, having already voted authority to the council to carry through the ordination of the candidate met with their approval, the service proceeded by the preaching of the sermon, prayer and the laying on of hands.

Brother Smith is a student at Bethel College and is pastor of the Pleasant Hill Baptist Church of Christian County Association.

Controversy in Britain Between Anglicans and Catholics

By John W. Bradbury
Watchman-Examiner

What promises to be a forerunner of increased denominational controversy in Britain is evidenced in a speech by Dr. Geoffrey F. Fisher, Archbishop of Canterbury, to the bishops and clergy of his province, in which he charges the Roman Catholic Church today with intolerance and oppression.

His delivery was caused by the "constant attacks" of the Roman Catholic Church on the Church of England. "In honesty to them and to truth," Dr. Fisher said, "I ought to say that there are oppressions and denials of just liberties which lie at the door of the Roman Catholic Church itself; and one must say that that church has not yet learned the lesson that toleration as between Christian parties, while by no means the last word as to their proper relations, is the first and essential word to those who would follow the teaching and spirit of our Lord."

History has taught the Anglicans the duty of toleration and fellowship with other Christian churches. In this connection, Dr. Fisher went on to say, "We hate attacking another Christian body as much as many Roman Catholics deplore the constant attacks of their own church upon ours." Then he described the doctrinal errors of the Roman church and the dogmas that have been declared

as essentials of the Roman Catholic faith in the last century, such as papal infallibility, the immaculate conception of Mary, and her bodily assumption, as "infallible fallacies." As long as such pagan inventions are brought into the area of Christianity, their honest examination cannot be prevented by describing them as "infallible."

Robt. Johnson, Jr., Ordained

Rev. Robert M. Johnson, Jr., was ordained to the full Gospel ministry by the Eastern Parkway Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, November 11, 1953. Supt. Ben F. Mitchell, Long Run Association, spoke, on the church's re-



Robert M. Johnson, Jr.

sponsibilities to the minister; Dr. R. T. Skinner, Editor, Western Recorder, delivered the charge to the candidate; Rev. Mike McGee, close friend, offered the prayer of ordination; and Pastor Roy L. Puckett presided over the service, and presented the certificate of Ordination and the Bible. The service was concluded with prayer by Brother Johnson. At the request of Pastor Puckett, Mrs. Robert M. Johnson, Jr., was seated with Mrs. Puckett and Mrs. McGee, immediately behind her husband, during the service, and stood at his side during the period of congratulations.

►Revival meeting has been held by Wayne DeHoney, Central Park Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., assisting Pastor Clinton B. Coots at the Unity Baptist Church, Ashland, Ky. A 40-voice choir was under the direction of Ray Mayer, the local choir director. Pastor Coots says there were 21 for baptism; 15 by letter and 23 rededications. Pastor DeHoney is a former pastor at Pineville and Immanuel Church of Paducah, Ky.

A Red-Letter Life

By Herbert C. Gabbart

All week long we baled hay. The sun was hot and the atmosphere humid. But each night after a hurried supper, we had to make our way to church on time. My father would not miss the revival morning or evening.

"Well, Dad," I said, "surely we won't be able to go to church tonight. The weather is bad and we went this morning."

"O, yes, my son, we will go. God's house and its services come first." I surrendered, but with doubt as to his wisdom.

My father practiced the admonition "not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is . . ." (Heb. 10:25). He practiced it sincerely and joyously. I have now begun to understand fully his dedication. I see him beyond the three score and ten years still "found faithful." His hearing is almost gone. He could only hear bits of my sermon last summer when I preached in "the old home church." But his interest, enthusiasm, and loyalty has not waned a degree.

Half of the answer is in the words of Oliver Wendell Holmes who answered a friend when asked why he went to church regularly, "I have in my heart a little plant called 'devotion' which I discover needs watering at least once a week." The other half of the answer in the words of Albert Schweitzer, who in one of his books tells of an old man deaf as a post who gave as his reason for going regularly to the services of his church, "the communion of the saints; the communion of the saints."

Now I know that my father knew that his regularity upon the services would reflect in his children's lives, keep his own spirit fresh, and bespeak to others his sincerity and undying interest in the cause of Christ.

God's hours are truly the "red-letter hours" of the week for him.

Herbert C. Gabbart is pastor of McLean Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

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