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—Photo, Home Mission Board

An Eskimo woman who lives beyond the Arctic Circle at Kotzebue, Alaska, where the Home Mission Board now has mission work. She and many others are being helped through the Annie W. Armstrong Offering for Home Missions.

►Dr. F. O. Criminger, Sr., 107 Greenway, Lyndon, Kentucky, has recovered from his recent illness and says he is ready to get back to preaching. He hopes to do supply work and assist in revival meetings. His telephone is Louisville, TAYlor 6489.

►Mr. and Mrs. Davis M. Grimes, 917 Homeview, Louisville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Connie Joan Grimes, to Mr. Robert Neely Solomon, senior in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mr. Solomon is a son of Mrs. R. C. Soolmon, Asheville, N. C.

►Pastor J. Frank Young gave a presentation copy of Frank M. Masters' *A History of Baptists in Kentucky* to every one of the ten departments heads in the First Missionary Baptist Church of Benton, Ky., and has sent his personal check for \$30.00 to the Kentucky Baptist Historical Society to pay for the ten copies. That is an excellent book to be used for gift purposes, and we are sure the recipients will each appreciate the copy received.

►Little Edward Earl Joiner, II, arrived at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital weighing 6 pounds and 9 ounces on February 1. The young man is a son of Pastor and Mrs. E. E. Joiner, SENIOR, of Brownsboro, near Crestwood, Ky. The young man's father is pastor of the Harrods Creek Baptist Church, Brownsboro, and is a post-graduate student in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. Mrs. Joiner formerly was subscription clerk in the office of the *Western Recorder*.

►Miss Adelle Carlson became assistant in the church recreation service of the Baptist Sunday School Board the first of the year. Native of Alabama, and a graduate of Bessie Tift College, she was given the M. R. E. degree by Southwestern Seminary. She comes from the First Church, Salisbury, N. C., where she was director of youth activities. In her new work she will be associated with Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant, secretary of the church recreation service.

►Pastor Richard Miller writes us that January 2 marked the date for the beginning of a new mission Sunday school in the Caroline District of Greenup County and in the area of the First Baptist Church, Raceland. L. O. Branham, deacon and treasurer of the Raceland Church, is superintendent of the new mission, with George Reed, Mr. and Mrs. Ennis Griffith and Miss Georgia Barney as teachers. Attendance the first day was 24. VBS is planned this spring.

►In Mexico, several translations of the entire New Testament are undergoing final polishing before publication by the American Bible Society. Among them

are the Chol, which will be the product of three translators; the Tzeltal, the work of a devoted and able young woman; the Tarascan, the work of a family who have "lived Tarascan" for years, and the Totonac. Many other Indian groups in Mexico live in areas where they have little or no use of Spanish and can be reached only through their own tongues.

►Victory Baptist Church, Providence, Kentucky, surprised their pastor, Rev. W. W. Johnson, with a birthday party on the evening of January 26 in connection with the evening prayer service. A large host of the church people and friends brought a sumptuous dinner which was enjoyed by all, after which the pastor was presented with many personal presents and with a money gift from those who had not brought presents. Pastor Johnson says that this is merely a continuation of the many nice things they have continued to do for him during his pastorate there.

►William E. Mitchell has resigned his pastorate at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, Versailles, in Elkhorn Association, to accept the call to the Thomasville Road Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Florida. While in Kentucky he served as song leader of the Franklin Street Church and the Harmony Baptist Mission, both in Louisville. He was pastor of the Pisgah Baptist Church in Blackford Association, before going to the Mt. Vernon Church. He received his Th.D. from Southern Seminary in 1954. The two children of Brother and Mrs. Mitchell, were born in Lexington. Katherine Ruth is two, and Daniel Fairbanks is six months' old.

►Pastor W. E. Sears and the First Baptist Church, Belfry, Kentucky, wish to express appreciation to the many friends for their help and cooperation in contributing clothing to many in their area. Brother Sears is laboring in a territory where the mines are shut down and the people have been out of work for some time. He will be happy to receive other used clothing, especially for boys and girls of any age. He will be able to place it to good advantage. If packages are sent by mail they should be addressed to his post office, Pastor W. E. Sears, First Baptist Church, Belfry, Ky., or if sent by express they should be directed to Williamson, W. Va.

►Georgetown Baptist Church, Georgetown, Kentucky, had a special evening service on January 9, 1955, in which four men were licensed to preach, five retiring deacons were recognized, four deacons were installed, and one deacon was ordained and installed. James Mattingly, Charles Culp, Norman Dalton, and Robert Cook were given licenses to preach. Dr. R. D. Judd, L. C. Kemper, Dr. Richard Scudder, Carl Morrison,

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and Irvin Overall rotated off the diaconate. Dr. R. E. Ellis, Dr. S. E. Cranfill, J. Foley Snyder, and Durward Weldon were installed as deacons to serve four years. Robert Barlow was ordained a deacon and installed. Taking special parts in the service were: Dr. Dan C. Moore, pastor; Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, president of Georgetown College; Dr. R. D. Judd; Rev. I. W. Manley; Dr. Charles Hatfield; Dr. Carl Fields; M. L. Archer; Dr. J. Elmer Weldon; Gordon Moss; Calbert Anderson; and Ray Gaines.

THE RURAL MISSIONARY:

His Milieu, Message and Mission

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Southern Baptists are awakening to the significance of rural life for our denomination. Concern for the rural situation is reflected in the development of a steady, though inadequate, stream of literature in the field, an increasing expansion of our rural program, a larger number of able and consecrated workers dedicating themselves to rural work as a vocation, and the development of rural church departments in our seminaries.

The rural missionary has been the key man in the phenomenal progress Southern Baptists have made in the direction of a Christian rural civilization.

I. The Milieu of the Rural Missionary

Rural life is in process. The missionary serves in a dynamic and rapidly changing social context. Recent rural trends have implications for any individual or institution seeking to mold rural life. What are some of these trends?

1. The Breakdown of Rural-Urban Differentiation

The bifurcation of society into rural and urban categories is not so easy any more. Due to the influence of urbanism upon rural life we can no longer rigidly distinguish between city and country. There is now developing the so-called "rurban community" which has both rural and urban characteristics.

2. Rural population is Changing

From 1910-1940 the rural farm element decreased twenty-five per cent, while the non-farm population doubled. Again, the homogeneous rural population is becoming more heterogeneous, while ethnic and kinship ties are disappearing. Thus the social solidarity of rural people based upon similarity of traits, objectives and experience in dissolving. And while there are relatively more children in the country than in the city, the birthrate has slowed down in the past few years. In the South the fertility rate is higher than in any other region of the United States. It is truly the "seedbed of the nation."

3. Economic and Political Changes

The economic picture is changing in the country. There is an increasing number of farm people engaged in urban business and industry. Rural churches near industrial centers have an increasing number of members employed in factories. The number of farms is decreasing, while farms are be-

proclamation of the glory of Christ. His aim is to see Jesus and show Him to others. He must preach *Jesus*, the incarnate Word, *Christ* who fulfilled the messianic promises of God to Israel, and the living *Lord* to whom has been given all authority in heaven and on earth.

Christ, then, is the keystone of preaching. An arch stairway in the Old Capital building in Frankfort, Kentucky, was built by a famous Baptist architect. If the keystone were to be moved one-tenth of an inch the stairway would collapse. Christ removed from the heart of our sermons makes them nothing more than empty phrases and pitiable pipings.

III. The Mission of the Rural Missionary

The primary task of the rural missionary is to relate the changeless Gospel to a changing rural society. How can this be achieved?

1. By Prophetic Preaching

The Hebrew prophets proclaimed the righteousness of God and its implications for the spiritual and social issues of their day. They were men of conviction and prefaced their messages with, "Thus saith the Lord." A preacher is reported as saying: "If you do not believe in a measure, and repent to a certain degree, you will be damned to a degree." This reflects a watered-down gospel which will convict no one of sin and convert no one to Christ.

2. By Evangelism

To evangelize is so to proclaim the Gospel by the power of the Holy Spirit that people will be convicted of sin, put their trust in Christ as Saviour and serve Him as Lord in His Church and the community. Southern Baptists' greatest evangelistic opportunity is in rural areas where people still have a reverence for the Bible and a high birthrate. The Roman Church has launched an effective evangelistic program to make rural America Roman Catholic. If this happens the lifeline of our urban Baptist churches will be cut and they will virtually vanish. For no urban church, not even a Roman Catholic Church, can survive for long without recruits from rural churches. It is essential that we do more than verbally condemn Catholics for invading the country; we must out-think, out-live, out-evangelize, and out-give them to win the country for Christ and the church.

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The Annie W. Armstrong Offering

We take it for granted that all workers of the Woman's Missionary Union are thoroughly acquainted with the annual Annie W. Armstrong Offering for home missions, for the WMU fosters it; but we doubt that our people in general know as much as they should about its history and values.

The Offering is named for the first executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union—Miss Annie W. Armstrong—who was elected to this position in 1888—in the organizational meeting at Richmond, Va. At the time of the launching of the WMU movement only ten states were included; but Miss Armstrong set forth the purpose of the newly created Union—a purpose which has continued to this day: creating missionary interest by spreading information, praying, and raising money for mission work.

Miss Armstrong, a native of Baltimore, worked eighteen years without salary, and during most of those years she bore her own traveling expenses. In 1906 ill health caused her to resign, but the spirit she stirred in the hearts of Southern Baptist women lived on; and Miss Armstrong worked on, as she could, urging the women to go forward in missions, until her death in 1938. She believed strongly that the home base must be strengthened if the work around the world is to prosper. She said, "As we develop and strengthen the home base, we build surely and soundly for foreign missions."

Offerings, through the efforts of the WMU, have increased through the years—more than a million and a half being given between 1907 and 1937. The special offering for home missions was named after Miss Armstrong in 1933. Since the year 1894, offerings from the Woman's Missionary Union have been given to help the entire program of home missions.

Forty Per-Cent

In 1954, forty per cent of the Home Mission Board support for its entire program came from the Annie W. Armstrong Offering—the total offering amounting to \$1,212,434.59. And of this amount, \$256,247.84 went into the church extension loan fund to aid churches in their building programs—one of the greatest of all the programs of the Home Mission Board.

Every state, affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, reaps both spiritual and material benefits as the Woman's Missionary Union each year promotes prayer and sacrificial giving for home mission work and spreads information about home missions during the March Week of Prayer program. Listed below are the 1955 causes which will benefit from allocations out of the Offering:

Salaries and operational expenses for mission work with Deaf, Indians, and language groups (Chinese, French, Italians, Japanese, Russian, and Spanish); salaries and operational expenses, Good Will Centers; workers' salaries and partial expenses, Rescue Homes; salaries and operational expenses for the Outposts (Alaska, Cuba, Panama, and Canal Zone); Negro work in fifteen states; Jewish work; salaries and equipment, migrant workers; Margaret Fund;

western and pioneer missions; field workers; institutes and conferences; mission literature; scholarships; Woman's Missionary Union promotion in the West; student mission programs; Mississippi Indian Center; equipment and furnishings for missions and Good Will Centers.

The offering will be taken this year, we are informed by the WMU office here in the Kentucky Baptist Building, March 28 through April 4. All our people will do well to join our good women in prayer for the success of this highly important work.

Enthusiastic Convention in Colombia

All along, Southern Baptists need close-up views of their foreign mission work; for without such intimate contacts through reports from the foreign fields their support would soon drop to the purely mechanical level, a condition which would stimulate neither prayer nor giving for the furtherance of the foreign mission program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

For such reports, Baptist state papers are deeply indebted to Miss Ione Gray, press representative of the Foreign Mission Board. Not only has Miss Gray visited personally many of the mission fields, but she keeps constantly in touch with them through letters which pour into Richmond, Virginia, almost daily from our missionaries all over the world.

Such a report has just come from the Colombian Baptist Convention which was held in Barranquilla, January 11-14. The report may seem small as compared to conventions in the United States; for there were only fifty-eight messengers present from the sixteen churches. Nevertheless, it was a great convention and the sessions were ablaze with missionary enthusiasm and evangelistic zeal.

The theme for the convention was "Every Believer Winning at Least One Soul for Christ;" and in keeping with the theme, evangelistic services were held every night of the convention in the four Baptist churches of Baranquilla.

In spite of the many hardships which our mission work in Colombia has faced—including much persecution from the state-church—the work "goes forward at a noticeable pace." One fact which accounts for the rapid progress being made in Colombia is, each church gives one-tenth of its income as the minimum contribution to the denominational program, thus affording the convention a material basis on which to work.

Miss Gray states also: "Among this year's additions to the all-inclusive Cooperative Program are a promoter of evangelism, a promoter of stewardship, and a committee to promote religious education in the churches."

The Colombian Baptist Convention has its own Home Mission Board which is already assisting two small churches and which has made plans "to give some support to a newly developing work." Another long-range project is under consideration. The Colombian Convention is now accumulating funds in order to be able to send missionaries to another

country. That is the missionary spirit! Think of it! A convention as small as that in Colombia is already making definite plans to enter into and stay in the foreign mission programs.

Victor C. Martiez was for the third time elected president of the convention. This was the fourth annual meeting.

Vigorous Leadership Needed

The National Temperance and Prohibition Council which met recently in Washington, D. C., called for a vigorous leadership and an increasing program of education in the field of temperance. Sessions were held in the Simpson Memorial Chapel of the Methodist Building. Our Methodist brethren have long been insistent contenders for the cause of temperance and they are to be commended.

The Council heard reports of the Committee Against Liquor Advertising and strongly endorsed a measure of uniform tests for drinking drivers. The Council is to be complimented for commending President Eisenhower for instituting and encouraging a campaign for safe driving, and for recommending the elimination of all places selling alcoholic beverages from the neighborhood of our main highways as a partial approach to the problem.

This National Council is doing a great work and deserves the support of the people all over the nation. Movements set in motion by the Council are having a measure of success, one notable result being the reduced sale of liquor in Federal areas. Needed now is a sustained program of education concerning the harmful effects of alcoholic beverages, such program being brought to bear on the young people in the homes and churches.

Temperance-minded citizens should not rest until there is complete prohibition of radio and television advertising of alcoholic beverages of all kinds; and every possible pressure should be brought to bear on those in authority to secure state and national legislation to stop this evil. According to Dr. R. H. Martin of Pittsburgh, eleven leading magazines of the country, with between twenty million and twenty-five million circulation annually, are now refusing all advertising of beverage alcohol—advertising which would have brought them \$200,000,000. Television advertising of beer and wine greatly increased within recent months. It is estimated by the Council that the liquor industry is now spending annually something like \$200,000,000 to further their

Virginia Baptists Request Information

The Richmond Baptist Association, Virginia, requests pastors in Kentucky to send the names and addresses of their non-resident members, living in Richmond, to Rev. Paul E. Crandall, Baptist Building. The Church Loyalty Committee is asking the Richmond ministers to write all their members who live away,

encouraging them to join a local church. March is Transfer Church Membership month in the Association, preparatory to the April revivals. Because of a Sunday school clinic in October, a census will be taken then.—Paul J. Forsythe, Chairman, Church Loyalty Committee, Richmond Baptist Association.

business through advertising. And this is being done while juvenile delinquency is spiraling to unprecedented heights.

Christian people of America are faced with a real challenge; and needed now is a leadership vigorous enough to inform the people from the pulpits and in the homes and in Sunday schools and public schools. No matter how discouraging situations may be in certain sections, there is never any place or time to lessen our emphases on the evils and dangers of alcoholic beverages, and on the harmful effects of throwing liquor advertising before the eyes of Americans. Certainly this is one cause on which all God-fearing citizens should unite.

Federal Aid to Public Schools

Readers of the secular press have no doubt observed that Kentucky's Senator Earle C. Clements has joined hands with several of his colleagues to sponsor a bill which would grant federal aid to the states for school construction purposes. The measure behind which Senator Clements has thrown his influence is specifically for elementary and secondary PUBLIC school construction. We have been informed that there are also several other bills which will be introduced in Congress dealing with the matter, and also that the Administration is in process of preparing detailed recommendations.

So far as we know, our General Association has never expressed itself regarding the matter of federal aid for state public schools. It is conceivable that there might be some division of opinion on this question. Into this phase of the matter we do not enter.

We have, however, from a reliable Washington source, information to the effect that, in the event federal aid is to be made available for schools in the several states, certain advocates of parochial education will exert strong pressure on Congress to eliminate the word "public" in order that sectarian or parochial schools may share in the provision.

If federal aid should be made available for schools in the several states, it is highly important that they shall be only public schools. Hearings are now in process in Washington in the Senate Labor and Public Welfare Committee. An avalanche of mail and telegrams to our lawmakers, demanding that any such bill passed shall retain the word "public," would greatly strengthen their hands. At all costs, church and state must be kept separate.

►An Extension Division of Shurtliff College, Alton, Illinois, is being conducted on certain week nights twenty miles from its home base in the Third Baptist Church of St. Louis, Mo., where Dr. C. Oscar Johnson is pastor. Says Dr. Johnson: "There are a great many whose education was interrupted in days gone by. This opportunity will be renewed or recovered as the Extension Department gets under way."

Counseling For Christian Vocations

By SAMUEL SOUTHARD, Pastor
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Only one-third of the students in one Baptist seminary talked to their pastor for as much as an hour about their vocational decision. If ministerial students had such a small amount of time to discuss vocations with their pastor, what about young people who were seeking guidance on some other vocation? Many of them may have felt as this seminary student who wrote:

The period during which I needed counseling more than any other time was from the age of fourteen to sixteen. At this stage of my life were the more crucial tests. I needed constructive guidance to channel me in the proper direction and to help me understand what the Christian life really was. I had to fight that battle alone not knowing enough to even ask anyone for help. If someone had taken a kindly initiative I would have greatly profited.

Many young people make their vocational decision before they leave their home community. The majority of decisions for a church vocation, for example, are announced in the home-town church. The responsibility for guidance in the selection of a vocation from the Christian point of view rests largely upon the local pastor.

The local pastor who accepts his responsibility for vocational guidance does not have to work alone. Here are a few suggestions of resources that will help him to establish a program of vocational emphasis weeks and vocational counseling:

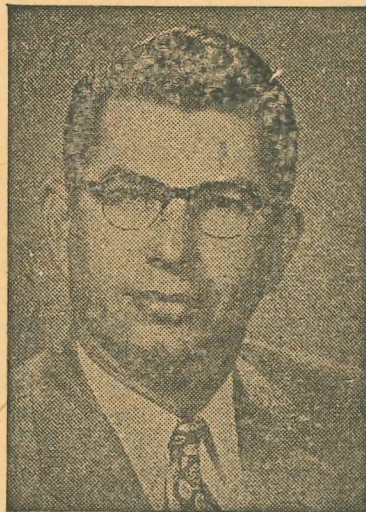
(1) Promote a vocational emphasis week. This may be held in connection with the graduation of high school students, or during the Christmas holidays when high school and college students can meet together. It may be a community-wide affair in which a number of churches contribute speakers and reading materials. Young people, teachers, vocational counselors, and ministers can work together on a central committee to plan this vocational emphasis week. A pamphlet which will be helpful is *Christian Youth and Christian Vocation* (The United Christian Youth Movement, 79 East Adams Street, Chicago 3, Illinois).

First the committee should discover their community resources. The local library may have reading material on vocations such as M. Panzer, *You Can Change Your Career*. Junior or senior high schools may teach vocational coun-

seling (some useful textbooks are J. H. Bedford, *Your Future Job*, P. W. Chapman, *Occupational Guidance*). Men and women in various occupations are willing to speak to young people about their vocational choice if the committee will ask them. In large cities they may find vocational counselors or clinical psychologists who are willing to help them.

Once the available material and speakers are selected at home, the committee will need to gather in resource material from the national agencies. A large selection of books on careers are available from Vocational Guidance Manuals, 45 West 45th Street, New York 36, New York. One of these is *Opportunities in Protestant Religious Vocation* by Dr.

Comish is Superintendent Of Intermediate Work At Sunday School Board



Allen B. Comish

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Rev. Allen B. Comish is superintendent of Intermediate, Sunday School Work, Baptist Sunday School Board. He was former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Ga., and before that associate pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brunswick, Ga. He succeeded Dr. E. Stanley Williamson, who is now secretary of Co-operative Field Promotion in the Sunday School Department of the Board.

John Oliver Nelson of Yale University. He lists 48 different church vocations!

The committee will need several types of material:

(a) *Resource books* which describe the "Christian calling," such as *The Glory of God in the Christian Calling* (Broadman Press); by Dr. W. O. Carver; *Christian Faith and My Job* (Association Press) by Alexander Miller; or *God and the Day's Work* (Association Press), by Dr. Robert Calhoun.

(b) *Discussion materials* such as "How About My Career Choice?" or "Students ask about Missions," available from the Joint Department of Christian Vocation, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York. Unfortunately no uniform material has yet been prepared by our own denomination. No central agency has been established by the Southern Baptist Convention to compile and distribute such material. However, a great deal of relevant material may be obtained through the *Recruitment Packet* distributed by the Interboard Committee on Christian Vocations of the Methodist Church (P. O. Box 871, Nashville 2, Tenn.).

(c) *Promotional material* such as "If you want to be a missionary nurse" (a series of these pamphlets is available from the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia), "A medical question box" (Student Volunteer Movement, 150 Fifth Avenue, New York), or "Keep that dream alive" (Methodist Publishing House) prepared especially for draftees.

(d) *Devotional material* on Christian vocation (Matthew, 6:33, I Corinthians 12 Ephesians), church vocations (Romans 10:15, Ephesians 4, Mark 16:15, Matthew 13:46), calls to life service (Exodus 3:1-7, Isaiah 6:1-13). *An Enlistment Manual for Church Vocations* by John Oliver Nelson has many references to Biblical verses.

(2) Establish a vocational counseling program. The pastor should be one of the vocational counselors selected by the committee. He will find useful information on vocational counseling in *Pastoral Counseling* (Harper) by Carroll Wise and *Counseling for Church Vocations* (Methodist Publishing House). He should keep several types of material on hand:

(a) Promotional pamphlets such as "Out of uniform into what?," "Women's Church Vocations," "Possibly the Ministry," available from the Joint Department of Christian Vocation, 297 Fourth Avenue, New York. Several promotional booklets are very attractively illustrated: "A Young Man's View of the Ministry" (Association Press) by S. M. Shoemaker, *Look at the Ministry* (Association Press), by John Oliver Nelson, and *Look at the Missionary* (Friendship Press, N. Y.) by Winburn Thomas.

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Encounter With the Orient

A Travelog By JOEL SORENSON

II. Hongkong—With a Glimpse of Communist China.

To fly in to Hongkong is quite an experience! The planes are approaching this British Crown Colony from the South. After hours of nothing other than the blue, wide sea underneath, some rocky islands appear on the horizon. They grow fast and soon the plane is over rather high hills, divided by the clear, blue water. And there is the city! Marvelously located around the waters, growing up on the high hillsides. I have seen only one city, which can be compared with Hongkong as far as beautiful setting goes: Rio de Janeiro in Brazil.

There is not much space to land, and the plane almost scrapes the top of some hills before it dives down on the runway. We did it all-right, however!

Hongkong is a most unusual city. It is a free spot on the Southern coast of the mainland, belonging to Great Britain. Almost 2.3 million people live in the city and territory. Walking on the streets gives you a taste of what China is like: colorful advertisements with Chinese characters, narrow streets with markets, where wares of all kinds are being sold, a congestion of people with the typical East Asia faces.

In Hongkong the new and modern meet the old and primitive. Beautiful new buildings are growing up on the hill sides—white, with modern architecture. Then on other hills and on some of the streets there are the gray, depressing, old fashioned huts—homes of the many refugees from Communist China. And there are hundreds of thousands of them. Modern, spectacular American cars running side by side with the old rick-shaws, pulled by the coolies. And in the land between the city and the border of Red China, the Chinese farm their land as they have done it for a thousand years!

Hongkong has a Communist and a Western bank side by side. Red China built its building just a little bit higher than the other bank building! Hongkong is the place where trade contracts between the new China and the free world are signed. An enormous trade has been built up. The city is a sort of Asiatic Berlin. Here is the eye of the free world into China proper—and the city is China's contact with the free nations. Communist China could rather easily take Hongkong, if she wanted, but she does not want to do so. She needs Hongkong for her trade and other contacts.

In this strange and beautiful and

fascinating city there is a prosperous Baptist work. In 1949 there were 4 Baptist Churches and 1 so-called Chapel. Now there are eleven churches and twenty Chapels! The Sterling Road Baptist Church—a Cantonese speaking church—had in 1937 not even 20 members. Today that church has more than two thousand members. Recently a baptism took place in which 185 people were baptized! The largest Swatow speaking church started as a prayer group of 10 people 16 years ago. Now there are more than 600 members in the church. Recently a new church-building has been erected.

Two big Baptists schools in new buildings operate in the city: the Pool To Middle School for girls with 1,200 students and the Pool Ching High School for boys with 3,200 students. This last school was started by the Chinese themselves in Canton 60 years ago. After the change of government in China it was moved to Hongkong. Its president is a wealthy and devoted Chinese businessman, Mr. Lam Chi Fung. He gives the first two hours each day to the school and then often puts in afternoon time for the welfare of the institution. The cost for the new school—\$300,000—was carried by the Chinese themselves with exception of \$25,000, which was given by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Southern Baptist missionaries have boosted the work after the war. They have inspired a program of evangelism

and started a seminary. Now a missionary couple from the American Baptist Convention has started to work with the 500,000 Swatow speaking Chinese, who live in the city.

The meetings I held were most inspiring. I found a spirit of freedom, joy and expectancy. In my last meeting more than 1,000 people gathered to listen to the Word. They packed the Sterling Road Church and took their seats outside on the yard. The Chinese pastor asked me to give an invitation to a new encounter with God or a first acceptance of God's love and grace. More than 35 people responded! Their sincerity was apparent. Many were deeply moved.

As I said before: Hongkong is an eye into Red China. What about the Baptist work there? Recently a greeting had come from Canton: "Be of good cheer, we preach the same Gospel and the same Bible as you do!" A Baptist pastor, who recently had arrived in Hongkong from Shanghai, told me that the work goes on. In a city named Hing-Wa a new Baptist church had been built a year ago. A revival was held and many people were brought to Christ. The Baptist press in Shanghai continues. In Shanghai a united Christian Seminary is in operation. It is easier to work in the cities than in the countryside. Many country churches have been closed. The Church in Canton, which before the war had about 1,000 members now has 400. There is no direct persecution right now. The churches can preach, hold Sunday schools and have youth work, but no institutions are allowed. The churches are wholly self-supporting. The contact with the outside is completely cut off. No connections with foreigners can be retained.

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West Side Church, Hamilton, Ohio, Has Unique Calendar

The West Side Baptist Church, Hamilton, Ohio, of which Ernest A. Petroff is pastor, has a unique and most useful calendar. Pastor Petroff favored us with a copy.

The calendar carries, day by day throughout the entire church year, a detailed announcement of every general and departmental meeting.

The meetings or activities are clearly noted in the day-space and the exact hours listed. When an entire week is dedicated to some special purpose, such as a revival or study course, that also is listed but in larger type covering all days included in the plans. Also, notices are given of special state and Convention-wide programs.

Such an arrangement makes it necessary to plan the entire year's program in advance—a very excellent idea! Ob-

viously a great deal of work was done on this calendar, but such labor pays off.

The calendar carries at the top a picture of the church buildings, a picture of the pastor and of the minister of music and education. There is also space for telephone numbers and addresses.

Pastor Petroff has met a real need, and it would seem that the idea would be valuable to other churches, stimulating attendance and participation in church and denominational activities.

►Mr. Robert L. Harris, Southern Baptist missionary to Peru who has been attending Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, has rejoined his family at Box 471, Fort Valley, Ga. The Harrises are in the States on furlough.

People of No Understanding

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

The worst that can happen to any nation is to become a people without understanding.

In the twenty-seventh chapter of Isaiah is one of the most eloquent strains of the Prophets.

It describes a deplorable destruction of Jerusalem and the demolishing of its stately buildings. "The defended city shall be desolate." No defense can keep out a judgment when commissioned by God to enter. "For it is a people of no understanding; therefore he that made them will not have mercy on them, and he that formed them will show them no favor" (Isaiah 27:11).

"For it is a people of no understanding." One would think that ignorance should excuse the sin: that he that sins out of ignorance is rather to be pitied than punished. Is any father so cruel, so hard-hearted, as to disown and cast off his son, because he is a fool?

The usual answer is that an innocent ignorance excuses from sin, both before God and man. But there is another sort of ignorance which is not that of any empty understanding, but of a depraved nature. Such ignorance does not only consist in bare privation, but in corrupt disposition.

This was the sort of blindness that struck the Sodomites; there was darkness in their eyes, because there was evil in their hearts. In life, there is a villainy which cannot be remedied. There is an affected ignorance which is simply due to people refusing to learn. For such people there can be no hope. There is no heaven for them. They can blame no one but themselves, if judgment falls upon them. They are ignorant of God's divine grace and love because they will not learn. In their case, to be ignorant means that they are blind in the midst of light (John 9:39-41).

The temptation before the American people is to refuse the everlasting light which God is constantly pouring out for their salvation and edification. It is a temptation deluding multitudes, because they desire to be deluded, preferring an Egypt in a Goshen to a Goshen in Egypt. Without vision the people perish, but there is no vision where people refuse knowledge.

God has come to man in the person of his Son, Jesus Christ, declaring his love and providing salvation for sinners. But if people will not pause long enough to learn the nature of God and to enjoy the blessings of his grace, what is there left for them but that they shall continue in the darkness in which they have

hitherto lived and, in addition, invoke upon themselves the eternal judgment which their Creator has decreed.

The teaching which God gives to mankind is that the creature derives its being from God. He is the Creator. In his creation he has unfolded his holiness and his love. This love is demonstrated in the dependency of the creature upon the Creator. This dependency requires nearness. The nearness of God is demonstrated to us in the Gospel of Christ and ministered to our lives through the Holy Spirit. As the fruit is produced by the tree, so it hangs upon the tree. If by creation the creature is endeared to God, then much more by its dependence on him. God has said, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Sinful man has said, "I will both leave thee and forsake thee." If God were to forsake his creatures, he would disappoint himself. When the creature is dependent upon God, he is met with love and mercy. Our national motto, "In God we trust," printed on our coins, is a recognition of that humble dependency which has characterized our American life.

The entrance of sin into the relations between the creature and the Creator has brought about a separation. For a creature to sin against him from whom it had its whole being is to fly in its Creator's face, which gives a deeper dye to sin, making it ten times more sinful. The treason of an Absalom, the stab of a Brutus, is doubled by the circumstance of so near a relation. The nearer the party that offends, the keener the alienation. Between friends, the same friendship that passes by some affronts heightens others. It is the cause why some are pardoned, and why some cannot, ought not, be pardoned. Judas went to his own place. The Creator is always strong in love, until sin enters; but after sin, that same strength vents itself in condemnation. When it meets with desire for holiness, it protects; when it meets with persistent sin, it destroys. The love that endears God to the repentant fires him against the determined sinner.

Sin hinders the display of God's love to the creature. The creature may still have some resemblance of the image of God, but the greatest resemblance, that which consists in moral perfections, is totally lost and defaced. Sin debases the being in which it is and makes the soul more unlike God. It comes to a point where the Father had better have no son at all, than a prodigal, profane, unclean son; better not be a man than

an irreligious man; better an innocent nothing than a sinful being. The universalists claiming to be evangelicals, who believe that God in his love will ultimately save every creature he has made, lose sight of the important fact that sin discharges God from showing love to the unrepentant. In persistent sin the creature quits his hold of God and seeks to find his happiness within the center of his own endeavors, totally departing and apostatizing from God. It was an absolute, independent happiness that was aimed at in the first sin which made it so detestable. It is the same in our day, the pursuit after independent happiness which sinful people practice by ignoring the claims of their Creator. He who pretends to live upon his own means does not deserve the continuance of his pension. He who will not acknowledge his felicity from the Creator deserves to lose it.

The tragedy of sin is that it renders the creature nonresponsive to the love of God. Hating God, despising his law, refusing to learn from his Word, he fails of the purpose of his creation and defeats it. As long as a man continues an instrument of God's glory, so long his title to life and happiness stands sure, and no longer. The soul, by reason of sin, is unable to act spiritually. Sin creates a disorder in the soul. It turns the force and edge of all its operations against God.

This may serve to inform us of the cursed, provoking nature of sin. The kingdom of antichrist is an economy of rebellion against the Lord Christ. The antichrist is constantly dissolving the bonds of divine love, by which alone the creature binds man to himself and also to God. In this sense, there is war in heaven, as well as upon the earth. The basic cause of war, this frightful struggle between Christ-hating men, is due to the refusal of the creature to recognize his Creator, to obey his eternal laws, to submit to his mercy and abounding grace, and to seek that light and wisdom which shall order the affairs of mankind with the eternal wisdom of God.

Let us therefore take solemn heed of the prophet's warning: A people that could know the divine purpose and refuse it, that could learn eternal wisdom and yet reject it, that could receive grace and glory and yet do despite to both, must not be surprised if a day shall come when it seems as though God no more has mercy on them and "he that formed them will show them no favor."

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►Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Anne Adele Jarman, Nashville, Tenn., to Mr. Fred Taylor, II, Princeton, Ky. Miss Jarman is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Maxey Jarman and Mr. Taylor is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Rumsey B. Taylor.

Barnette Reports On Sunday School Campaign

By AGNES FORD

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BSSB) — Southern Baptists' campaign to enrol a million more in Sunday school was climaxed with the report released recently by the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. J. P. Edmunds, secretary of the Board's Survey, Statistics, and Information Department, reported that the 1954 Convention-wide campaign increased the denomination's Sunday school enrolment 613,190, bringing the total to 6,372,318.

The campaign was under the direction of the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville. Dr. J. N. Barnette, department secretary, said it was the greatest effort in Southern Baptist history to enrol people in Sunday schools.

"The results cannot be enumerated in cold facts and figures," Dr. Barnette said. "Some of the achievements are quite intangible, such as the vision that Southern Baptists now have of Sunday school work. No longer is it thought of in little terms."

The idea of the MILLION MORE IN '54 campaign was started with the state Sunday school secretaries at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May, 1952. The campaign was officially launched in Nashville in Dec. 1952 at the annual meeting of the executive board of the Sunday School Board, the state Sunday school, Training Union, Vacation Bible school, student, and music secretaries. The year 1953 was the preparation period for the campaign.

Dr. Barnette said one of the biggest gains from the campaign was a larger pattern of organization for all the churches. Thousands of churches advanced during the year from class to department Sunday schools. "This means," Dr. Barnette said, "that these churches will be able to more than double their enrolment and classes."

He named other objectives attained in the campaign as: (1) a fuller conception of the place of Bible teaching in the work of a church; (2) a better understanding of the place and power of a Sunday school rightly used in the work of a church; (3) the enlistment of additional workers in the churches; (4) a rapid growth of the Sunday schools and more Sunday schools organized. From 1920-45 Southern Baptists had an annual net gain of 2½ Sunday school members per church; from 1946 through 1953 the average was 10 per church. In

1954, during the campaign, the net gain was 21 members per church.

The campaign was promoted through the Ridgecrest and Glorieta Baptist assemblies, at state Sunday school conventions, clinics, and associational, state, and Convention-wide meetings. The Sunday School Board periodicals were used to sustain interest in the campaign. Printed folders, leaflets, and brochures were prepared to stimulate interest and give information to the churches on conducting the campaign. A device to promote it was the song, "A Million More in '54."

At the beginning of the campaign the Sunday School Board produced a book, "The Pull of the People," written by Dr. Barnette, to explain and give instructions on conducting the campaign. More than 275,000 copies of it were used.

Goals were set up for each state. To aid in this phase of the campaign a Victory Card was prepared to enable every church to set an enrolment goal of a 20% increase for each Sunday school department and class, based on the size of the schools. Thousands of letters were mailed to Sunday school superintendents and pastors throughout the year. More than five million pieces of special promotional literature were prepared and mailed.

Each department of the Sunday school

Board shared in the promotion of the campaign. The leadership of the twenty-two state mission boards, associational workers, and millions of others, contributed to the success of the campaign.

Dr. Barnette admitted he was often disappointed but never discouraged during the campaign, since more than 29,000 churches, and millions of people were behind it with a constant week-by-week effort. He smiled his satisfaction over the results of the campaign when he said, "Many new units of work — Sunday school departments and classes — were started. There are now thousands of additional workers in Southern Baptist churches."

"The momentum of the campaign has not slowed down. The germ of the idea has been planted and continued growth is bound to come," the denominational leader said. "More than 10,000 babies are being born every day in the United States. Each baby is a potential member of a Sunday school. Each baby has two parents—more potentiality for Sunday schools."

"Let Us Go On!" Dr. Barnette said. "This year we are trying to challenge the churches to lift their Sunday school enrolment to 125 for every 100 church members. At present it is 80 in Sunday school for every 100 church members."

A special effort will be made, Dr. Barnette stated, to enrol more men in Sunday school, as it is believed that when the men enrol in Sunday school every member of the family will follow. From this it is expected that more Christian homes will be established; higher moral standards will be reached; and purposeful citizenship will be magnified. All this means an expansion of every phase of the work of the Sunday School Board.

Awards Announced For Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest

EVANSTON, Ill., Feb. 11. — An intercollegiate oratorical contest with state and national awards to encourage study of the alcohol problem by young people, was announced by the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, here today.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, the Union's president, said state contests will be sponsored by State W.C.T.U.'s, in interested universities and colleges, and that state winners will be eligible to enter the national competition.

"Participating State W.C.T.U.s," Mrs. Hays said, "will offer preliminary contest prize money to each college having five or more qualified contestants, the amounts probably differing by states and to be apportioned as each college desires."

"The contests are to encourage and promote research among young people

on the harmful effects of drink in the areas of health, safety, home and social welfare, crime, juvenile delinquency, and economic and industrial security, as well as on individual happiness and capacity for progress and achievement."

Mrs. Hays said times and places of the contests in the states will be announced "preferably soon after March 1," and that impartial judges are to rank the contestants.

"State contests," she added, "must be completed by June 1, 1955. The place and dates of the national contest at which state winners will appear in person will be announced shortly."

The national winner will be awarded \$150, with \$100 and \$50 going to second and third. Rules for the contests, Mrs. Hays said, may be obtained from the National WCTU in Evanston, or from State WCTUs.

Encounter With the Orient

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This was the story of Red China. Which confirms the glory of our faith: Jesus Christ builds His church on earth—also in the Communist world!

Of course, there are many problems confronting a city like Hongkong and the people, who live therein. For ambitious youth there is the problem of education. Youth, who graduate from the Pooi Ching High School for instance, have only limited opportunities for college studies. The Hongkong University does only accept a limited number of students. A new Christian University has been started, with at present about 300 students. But their degree is not recognized by the British authorities. What shall the youth do? Some of them go to Red China, where the opportunities to study are good. And many of those, who go, become Communists. Then there is the matter of employment. One of those, who came forward in my last meeting, was a young girl, who had graduated from the Baptist school. She was deeply moved. She explained in good English that she and her mother had "many troubles." And one was that of finances. She did not have a position now. She was one of the many students, who have a hard time to create for themselves a future in this little needle head on the map of the China mainland.

I recall with delight the question and answer period, which was arranged one afternoon. Here are some questions, which were asked: "Why is it so difficult to keep alive the burning love and desire to serve the Lord, that we felt in the summer camp?" "What shall we do, if our parents object to our devoting too much time to serving the Lord?" "How can we bring together more closely the young people and the older members of the church?" "How shall we apply the teachings of the Bible to the problems of our daily Christian living?" The second question reflects the difficulties for youth from non-Christian families. And the third seems to be a world-wide problem! Another question I had to answer was this one: "The Bible says, For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit (Cor. 12:13). That means that we Christians are already one in the Lord. Then, why do we have to have such organizations as the Baptist World Alliance? Somehow it sounds like just a human attempt to draw the Baptist Christians together. Will you explain the main purpose of having this Alliance?" I think that it was possible for me to convey to the young people,

that our fellowship does not rest on human foundations but on the working of the Spirit. The B. W. A. is the world wide expression of this one spirit, into which we all have been baptized!

Also the problem of Christianity and Communism was brought to the floor. One young lady from another denomination asked if it was true that the World Council of Churches in its Evanston assembly had condemned Communism. In my answer I tried to give a Christian view on this mighty power in the

world. No wonder that such a question comes up, so close to the Communist world as Hongkong is located!

I will not easily forget the friendly receptions on account of my presence. I learned to appreciate the delicious taste of Chinese food and made some not wholly unsuccessful attempts to eat with Chinese chop-sticks! But more than for the food I was grateful for the genuine spirit of love and affection for our world Baptist fellowship, which came to expression in many ways. And the spirit of freshness, joy and vitality was contagious, greatly enriching the visitor. Chinese and missionaries alike—here were responsible Christians, joyously active in proclaiming the good news to a city, which badly needs to hear thereof.

MILITARY TRAINING

An Urgent Family Issue

By JOE W. BURTON

The big debate in America for many months has been on the question of military training. That debate is rapidly growing to a climax in the present session of Congress as the president and the National Security Council have approved and are submitting a plan for the military organization of this nation.

One wonders if America ever faced a graver problem. We have been convinced that our survival depends on an expansive military establishment. But what should be the degree of that militarism? How far dare we go without suffering losses to the spirit which might be worse than the alternatives to survival? Moreover, can militarism ever produce the character and courage and confidence which are essential to survival? These are some of the serious questions which Christian citizens are pondering deeply in these days.

Take the economic aspect for instance. How far, to what extent, can a nation produce the implements of war without impoverishing the people? Manifestly, there must be a saturation point, for physical substance has limits—the same coal, iron, clay, uranium used for weapons cannot at the same time be made into refrigerators, automobiles, carpenters' tools. A military structure at some point must fall under its own weight if not supported by a sound peacetime economy.

Again, look at the vocational aspect. There is a point beyond which a nation cannot afford to disturb its young people in the choice of, and training for constructive, peacetime careers. Undue delay either in choice or in training can

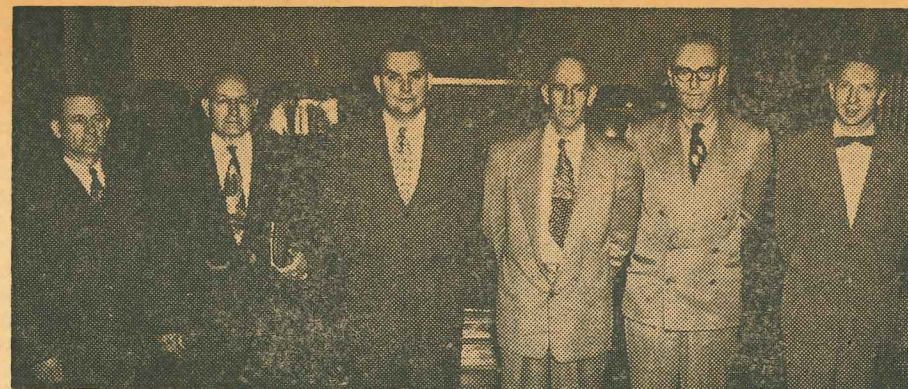
undo a whole generation for worthwhile vocational pursuits. Experience seems to indicate that military training is not often, perhaps seldom is, the best sort of preparation for constructive work in a healthy economy.

Still more important, look at militarism's effect on home life. Delay of marriage (or the greater evil, hasty marriage), delay of children, instability of residence, crowded and unsuitable living quarters, doubtful religious influences—undoubtedly here are tolls taken of family life which are indeed dear payments to a military order.

But most serious of all, look at the coarsening of the spirit. Many feel that the inhumanities witnessed in Central Europe a decade and a half ago had some cause and effect relation to the prior development of a military state. What will the military organization of this nation do to our young people? To their spirits? To their sensitivities? To their souls?

The present military program is already affecting family life most seriously. The proposed plan will surely affect our homes not less but more. Every Christian parent owes it to his family and to his children to study most carefully the newspaper reports of the debates and hearings in Washington, to pray very earnestly that our national leaders will exercise unusual wisdom, and to express his own convictions persistently and in the right places.

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FIVE MEN ORDAINED AS DEACONS AT LOYALL.—The First Baptist Church of Loyall has ordained five of their men as deacons. They are, as shown above (left to right): (1) Beckham Carmichael, (2) Pastor William E. Roby, (3) Ernest Howard, (4) John D. Gross, (5) Raymond Miller and (6) Glenn Durham. The charge to the church was delivered by Pastor Elby Frost; and the charge to the deacons delivered by Pastor C. M. Peacock; and Pastor George Meadors led the ordaining prayer.

The Rural Missionary: His Milieu, Message and Mission

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3. By Religious Education

The rural missionary is an educator. He is a teacher of the Bible and seeks to strengthen the educational program of the churches. He seeks to develop intelligent leaders and inspire them to consecrated service in the church and community.

4. By Effective Administration

As an administrator the missionary must have the ability to get people to work together as a team toward established goals. Years ago when Bo Macmillan, coach of little Centre College in Kentucky, was asked how his team could defeat the mighty Harvard football team, he replied: "There were eleven men in every play." The rural missionary must transform an association of churches sitting on the sidelines into a team in which every church will be in every major play to reach spiritual and moral goals.

5. By Building Christian Communities

The rural missionary will be concerned for civic righteousness. He will seek to shape the moral character of the community in terms of Christian ideals. He will be familiar with the agencies within the community and cooperate with those whose purposes and ideals are in harmony with Christian principles and community welfare.

6. By Symbolizing the Ideals of the Gospel and the Group

Loyalty to Christ and to the churches which the rural missionary serves is fundamental. The missionary who is obviously using his present position merely as a stepping-stone to a better one loses the confidence of the churches he is supposed to serve for they will

come to feel that he is not devoting himself wholeheartedly to their welfare.

These are a few of the functions of a rural missionary. He is a pioneer serving on the spiritual frontier of our day.

Joe Thomas Odle, Jr., Native Kentuckian, Dies in Gulfport

The funeral service for Joe Thomas Odle, Jr., 20, was held in the First Baptist Church of Gulfport, Miss., February 1, at 2:30 o'clock. Participating in the service were Dr. D. M. Nelson, Sr., president of Mississippi College and Dr. Russell McIntyre, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss., and Frank Horton, B. S. U. secretary at Mississippi College. Burial took place in Southern Memorial Park.

Young Odle was a ministerial student in Mississippi College. He died at the residence of his parents, Pastor and Mrs. Joe T. Odle, Sr., 1528 Beach, Gulfport, Miss., where his father is pastor of the First Baptist Church. His illness lasted for three months. He was the only son of his parents, and was born January 15, 1935, in Paducah, Kentucky, where his father at that time was pastor of the East Baptist Church.

Though only 20 years of age, he had already been signally honored in practically every avenue of life he had traveled. The Gulfport High School graduated him with high honors in 1952, and he was one of several orators selected to grace the program on commencement night. While still a high school student he was awarded a cash fund in the Lion Oil Company essay

His job is a big one and he is challenged by every conceivable problem as he ministers to the churches. Hence, he must be everything from a herald of the Gospel to a handy-man. There is little recognition of the role of the rural missionary. Most likely he will never be appointed to one of the many boards, committees, or commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention (out of 710 members in these organizations only 6 were from rural areas in 1952), nor is there much of a chance that he will be written up in "Who's Who in America," but his work is of strategic importance. Most of our churches and church members are in the country (83.3 per cent) and they are the life-blood of our city churches. So let the rural missionary take heart! Perhaps the greatest opportunity for an effective and satisfying ministry is not under the dazzling neon lights, but under the stars.

►Bethel College's Baptist Student Union had its Vocational Emphasis Week at Hopkinsville January 31-February 4. The program was designed to emphasize the necessity of Christian living in every-day life and every field of work. Speakers for the noon-day services were Dr. Gabe Payne, Jr., physician; Mrs. Paul Cathcart, housewife; Gilmer B. Pursley, church treasurer; Dean W. E. Burton, teacher; and Mrs. H. B. Shelton, writer.

contest, and a scholarship in the National Honor Society contest.

Going off to the state Baptist college, he was likewise in the center of things. He was a member of the Debating Team, sang in the Chorale Choir and the Men's Chorus, and was vice president of the freshman class. The students made him managing editor of *The Collegian*, school weekly, and the faculty selected him as student assistant in the History Department.

He was president of the Philomathean Literary Society, and was an officer in both the local Baptist Student Union on his own campus and the Mississippi State B. S. U.

As if that were not enough, he found time during his summer vacation two years ago to be a staffer at the Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, and spent last summer as a missionary in Wyoming, Montana and North Dakota for the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

He was licensed to preach by the First Baptist Church of Gulfport in 1953.

Besides his parents, he leaves a sister, Sarah Odle, Gulfport; maternal grandparents, Retired Pastor and Mrs. L. R. Riley, Mayfield, Kentucky; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Winona Odle Ice, and an aunt, Mrs. Lester Doty, both of Benton, Illinois.

Reflective Writing Trends

By LEWIS A. MYERS
Phoenix, Arizona

It is an evil day when people quit writing in the deeper strains and become satisfied with the light and racey. Will you study these facts for a moment and in the light of what is reflected write the paper regarding your opinion on how to meet the situation?

- Articles submitted for publication, by daily average, run nine to one in favor of the field promotional type.
- Nine articles to one come from the pen of Southern Baptist secretaries.
- The one article of a non-promotional nature is usually a feature interpretive of some life factor, as for instance, "Sunlight and Shadows."
- Articles of an exegetical nature or those touching Bible interpretation run about one out of each twenty-five received.
- Of all the stories submitted voluntarily, pastors are the authors of about one out of fifty. If my New Mexico pastor-friends will permit this word, of the few preacher-written articles, less than 10 per cent are from the pens of local men.

What is reflected is multiple in its scope. Involved is the increasing difficulty of editing a balanced denominational magazine in this highly specialized age. Involved is the danger that there will ultimately be a minimized importance placed upon discussions of a scriptural and doctrinal nature.

Of course, we could be unduly alarmed since direct effects are felt first and with constancy at the desk of an editor whose very "charge to keep" includes setting forth the truths, maintenance of the doctrines of our faith, defense of our liberties, definition of the spiritual in application to life, creation, and maintenance of unity, the propagation of truth and justice, and so on *ad infinitum*. These cannot be omitted and the future be the same with our denomination of tomorrow.

If we may suggest, there are too few religious leaders agreeable to assignments requiring researchful study. This thing, is due to the ever increasing organizational demands of the local fields, so far as ministers are concerned. When invitations for articles are addressed to them, they tell us that their activities are bounded by organization. There are, of course, exceptions to the rule and

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even the busiest of pastors and religious leaders find the time to produce Christian stories on request and without request.

In suggesting more stories of a researchful nature and more in a deeper strain of thought we do not depreciate the field stories. These we would like to receive in every mail. We appreciate the field secretaries and agency heads who take the time to prepare articles with care. We hope that they will keep up that good work. It isn't less of something that we are talking about as much as it is more of something. Intricacies of much organization and the necessities of much promotion demand much writing. The use of the printed

R. B. White Returns to Louisville After 8 Years in Paducah



Ralph B. White

PADUCAH, Ky. — Rev. Ralph B. White has resigned as pastor of the Twelfth Street Baptist Church here, where he has been located since 1947, to return to the Louisville Area where he is to be pastor of the Lee's Lane Baptist Church, on Cane Run Road at Lee's Lane, a few miles southeast of Louisville. In former years he was pastor of the East Baptist Church, in downtown Louisville, as well as other churches in Shelby and Spencer Counties.

During his eight year pastorate here he led the Twelfth Street Baptist Church in the erection of a modern \$60,000 educational building, which was dedicated last August 22, free of debt. The building was constructed accord-

page at this point is good. Finally, we would like to suggest that "Writer's cramps" is an imaginary ailment and there are plenty of leaders among us with adequate ability for writing, an ability for which an accounting should be made along the course of service, rather than at the great judgment day.

Virginian To Head Child Care Group

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—R. F. Hough, Sr., Salem, Va., superintendent of the Baptist Orphanage of Virginia, was elected president of the Child Care Executives of the Southern Baptist Convention at their recent annual meeting in Atlanta. Wade B. East, Carmi, Ill., was named secretary treasurer.

Twenty-six children's homes in eight states were represented at the meeting. The group voted to meet at the Tennessee Children's Home in Nashville, next year.

ing to the design suggested by the Department of Church Architecture of the Sunday School Board.

Since the erection of the new Educational Building the Sunday school has developed into a fully graded school, with graded nursery and two standard departments. Brother Ray Hodges is superintendent of the Sunday school, and Brother Rudy Warford is Training Union director. Under the leadership of these men study courses are being held which will culminate in a graduation to be held in May, 1955.

Twelfth Street Church now has a membership of 950 persons, 717 of whom have come into the church during Pastor White's pastorate. More than \$201,187 has been raised for all causes.

People of no Understanding

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We, to whom are committed the oracles of God, have a solemn charge. We bear on our souls the destiny of a nation and the happiness and hope of a people. Ours is a duty to see that they shall not be a people of "no understanding." The prophets of God must speak forth and let the people know his eternal counsels. The future is dark and foreboding. The nations march to Armageddon, among them our own. This is not a day for frivolous speech, of proud, materialistic exploitation, but a time to take counsel together in the things of God and to become a people of understanding. — THE WATCHMAN-EXAMINER.

A Plea For Change of Name

By BRUCE H. PRICE, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Newport News, Virginia

The use of the term "southwide" in reference to the "nationwide" Southern Baptist Convention is deplored by Dr. C. E. Wilbanks of Mississippi in the Baptist and Reflector. He continues, "Southwide" cannot describe our territory with state conventions in 22 states, Home Mission Board work in 37 states, and one or more Southern Baptist churches in each state of the Union." Dr. Wilbanks makes this plea, "Brethren, we have enlarged our borders. Dare we enlarge our vocabulary?" Three names are suggested. "Continent-wide," "United States-wide," and "Convention-wide." The last comes as my first choice.

Editor W. Barry Garrett of the Arizona Baptist agrees that we should stop using "Southwide" in reference to our boards and agencies, and puts his finger on the heart of the problem by asking, "How are we going to get 'Southwide' out of our thinking when we continue to call our convention 'Southern'?"

The spreading of the convention over the West and North leads the editor to assert, "We are just fooling ourselves when we think we have a 'Southern Baptist Convention.'"

The only answer is in a new name.

For several years some have felt a need of a more appropriate name for our rapidly expanding denomination. Considering the present boundaries of our habitation "Baptist World Convention" would not be a bad name, but

this would be confusing with the World Alliance.

Some of the other 24 Baptist denominations in the United States have selected names, a few of which might be desirable for our use. This limits our choice.

Among the names already taken by Baptist groups I shall mention: American, North American, National, Union, and General.

This leaves two appropriate names which come to my mind. I suppose both have been suggested previously. Reference is made to "United Baptist Convention," and "Cooperative Baptist Convention"; and the most fitting of these is "Cooperative."

"Cooperative" makes no reference to territory. It was the desire of churches to cooperate in mission work which united Baptists in the Triennial Convention during 1811 from which the churches of the South withdrew in 1815 to organize the Southern Baptist Convention. It is the desire to cooperate in mission work with us which leads some Baptist churches from many sections of the nation and a few outside the continental limits to ask for our fellowship. The Cooperative Program describes the method we use in supporting our agencies and institutions. The name "Cooperative Baptist Convention" describes our attitude, fellowship, and unity in effort without mentioning territory.

We are Cooperative Baptists. Why not accept the name?

BOOK REVIEWS

Better Church Bulletins, by Stella O. Barnett. Fleming H. Revell Company. Cloth edition, \$2; paper edition, \$1. Publication date will be May 16.

The author, formerly church secretary of Crescent Hill Baptist Church, Louisville, offers in this volume a handbook for use week after week in the preparation of the Sunday bulletin, which includes suggestions for increasing the attendance-getting qualities of the outdoor bulletin board. The book is rich in ideas of every type needed for a better, more effective church bulletin, whether outdoor, or printed. The author is also the creator of ILLUSTRATED HYMN TALKS and HOW TO MAKE CHALK TALK.

Simple Sermons on Salvation and Service, by W. Herschel Ford, published by Zondervan Publishing House, 134 pages, price \$2.00.

Simple Sermons on Salvation and Service, by Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor of the First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, and published by Zondervan, is a volume of excellent sermons by one of our outstanding preachers. The sermons, twelve in number, abound in Scripture as evidenced by a Scriptural index given in the back of the book.

More important is the fact that the sermons are true to the Scripture. The preacher fits his words to the word of God and not the word of God to his words.

These sermons will be a delight to the homiletically minded reader. They are models of fine outlining and are enhanced by touches of the dramatic and sanctified imagination. This is to be seen, especially in the sermons, The Church of My Dreams, Part 1, The Church of My Dreams, Part 2, and Journey through the Halls of Hell.

Dr. Ford has well followed his Master's method in the use of well chosen illustrations. These sermons must have arrested hearers when they were preached; and they will make intriguing and profitable reading. —W. R. Pettigrew.

STUDIES IN HEBREWS, by Herschel H. Hobbs. Published by Sunday School Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$1.60.

In this work Dr. Hobbs, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, presents a readable popular commentary on the often unused Epistle to the Hebrews. Though written especially for Bible Study

Week among Southern Baptists this book should be of continuing help to the layman and pastor in teaching and preaching from this vital letter. Where difficult passages exist Dr. Hobbs meets them face to face. Several times he presents differing views, then his own. The book does not seek to be a final and complete commentary on Hebrews, but the kind of outline valuable to lay Bible teachers. Your Baptist Book Store has this book for you.—J. T. Burdine, Jr.

THE HOLY SPIRIT IN EVANGELISM, by J. B. Lawrence, published by The Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn., 7 chapters, 60 cents.

The Holy Spirit in Evangelism by J. B. Lawrence, has come from the heart and head of one of our greatest preachers and denominational statesmen.

In six brief, concise chapters Dr. Lawrence has presented in simple language, profound phases of the doctrine of the Holy Spirit. Preachers and teachers will greatly appreciate the superb outlines of these Scriptural studies.

The timing of the book's appearance (just before the 1955 Evangelistic Crusade), the book's author (former Secretary of the Home Mission Board), and the book's introduction by Dr. C. E. Matthews, Secretary Department of Evangelism, are facts that might lead one to feel that this book is geared to a single movement and for a given hour. One who reads it will find it a book that will live as a worthy contribution to literature on the subject of the Holy Spirit.—W. R. Pettigrew.

The Christian View of Science and Scripture, by Bernard Ramm, published by W. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, 1954, 351 pages, price \$4.00.

Baylor University may well congratulate itself that it has secured as its Director of Graduate Studies in Religion the author of this book. Dr. Bernard Ramm holds to the time honored Christian belief in the infallibility of the Bible; yet he believes that science has certain rights which must not be denied it. It is in the treatment of the points where conservative Christianity and the best scientific opinion seem to clash that he does his best work.

Although it is not specifically stated, the author seems to have a three-fold purpose.

(1). To show the insufficiency of the flood of shallow, anti-evolutionary pamphlet literature popularly produced and consumed by conservative Christians. Yet, Dr. Ramm criticizes in a spirit of brotherly love those who are his kindred in the household of faith.

(2). To present a positive philosophy of Science, Nature, Man, etc. Merely attacking isolated scientific theories is not producing an alternative philosophy which can be accepted.

(3). To attempt a solution of the problems between science and Scripture. The jacket states that he is, "Acutely aware of the imperative necessity for a harmony of science with Scripture. . . ."

Even though one may have only an ordinary knowledge of science, as this reviewer, he gains the impression that this book is preeminently honest. I do not believe that the author has intentionally avoided any data which would militate against his own ideas. He presents alternative solutions to the problems, points out their strength and weaknesses, and then presents his own views.

On one subject at least (the age of the race), the author is honest enough to admit he can develop no solution to the impasse. One is happy to note that he can not accept the (too easy) liberal solution that the Scripture is unreliable in its account of the origin of the race. To disparage the Bible raises more problems than it solves, and strikes at the very roots of Christian faith.

This is a book which a pastor could place, with confidence, into the hands of a college student who faces a professor hostile to the Bible. It is intended to be, also, a book for the professor. And last, but not least, it is excellent for a pastor who is alert to the thought tensions between modern culture and orthodox Christianity.

Dr. Wilbur M. Smith is certainly right in stating, ". . . and no book, conservative or liberal, on the subject of science and the Christian faith can be written during the next few decades, if it is an honest work, without fully taking into account this truly remarkable volume. It is the best our evangelical world has yet produced in our day."—Elvin L. Clark, Pastor, Baptist Temple Church, Louisville, Ky.

**Baptist Training
Union Department**
JAMES H. WHALEY
State Secretary

**Additional Associations
Reporting**

Russell Creek Association

Mr. Homer R. Kirtley, director of Russell Creek Associational Training Union, reports 48 churches in the association with 16 of these having a Training Union. There were 488 present at the "M" Night meeting. The Union is not standard but from the list of officers it looks like some work will be done on it.

Lynn Association

One good thing about the report from Lynn Association, of which Delmer R. Rice is director, is the fact that a new Training Union was organized during the quarter in the South Fork Baptist Church. There are eight churches with Training Unions out of a total of 39. The associational organization has all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence. At the Mass Meeting during the quarter there were 150 present. One demonstration program was presented. The Union is not standard and according to the director in his report the association needs improvement on all four points, namely: (1) organization, (2) meetings, (3) activities, and (4) achievement.

Central Association

Rev. Louis H. Taylor, director of Central Associational Training Union, reports that out of 12 churches in the association there are 11 with Training Unions and that they have all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence. The meetings held during the quarter were as follows: an Executive Committee Meeting with 8 present, an Officers and Leaders Council with 20 in attendance, an "M" Night meeting with 178 present. The association is not standard and one of the points noticed on the report is achievement. Not all leaders have studied the Associational Manual. One outstanding part of the report has to do with the organization of a new Training Union at Brush Grove. A study course was taught with 66 in it.

Shelby County Association

According to the quarterly report from the director, Mr. Gilbert Wilborn, an outstanding fact is recorded and reported, namely that all 24 churches in the association have a Training Union. They have all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence. The 3 meet-

ings were held during the quarter as follows: Executive Committee Meeting, with 11 in attendance, Officers and Leaders' Council with 18 present, and Mass Meeting with a splendid attendance of 691. The association was standard the third quarter and the fourth quarter.

Franklin Association—Mr. J. T. Jordan, the associational director, reports 16 out of 19 churches in the association have Training Unions. This is an excellent percentage. Last quarter 15 were present at the Executive Committee Meeting, 55 at the Officers and Leaders' Council and 200 at the Mass Meeting. The association is also planning on a Baptist Youth Night for this quarter.

Daviess-McLean Association

According to the director, Mrs. Robert S. McGinnis, Sr., Daviess-McLean Associational Training Union has all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence, namely: director, associate director, pastor-advisor, group directors for each group of churches, leaders for each department of the Baptist Training Union, secretary-treasurer, song leader, and pianist.

Ohio County Association

Rev. Bill Holladay, of Centertown, director of the Ohio County Associational Training Union, reports that 24 out of the 41 churches in the association have Training Unions. They have all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence and have held the following meetings during the past quarter: Executive Committee Meeting with 15 present, Officers and Leaders' Council with 15 present, and a Mass Meeting with an attendance of 364. The report indicates that the association is not standard and needs improvement on the four main points: organization, meetings, activities were participated in during the last quarter: organized a new Training Union, taught study course, presented demonstration program, helped two churches plan for study courses, helped in Associational Leadership School which was held at Beaver Dam, conducted an Associational Enlargement Campaign, and participated in Baptist Youth Night.

Owen County Association

The Owen County Associational Training Union of which Mr. Roy Minch is director has organized a new Training Union and taught a study course during the past quarter. The association has all the officers required by the Standard of Excellence, and 20 out of the 26 churches have Training Unions. These meetings were held during the quarter: Executive Committee Meeting with 11 present, Officers and Leaders' Council with 50 present, and Mass Meeting with an attendance of 290. A request has come in to the state office for an application for standard recognition.

COUNSELING—

Concerning Church Attendance

Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

Question: I have a certain illness which causes me such embarrassment until at times I feel like covering my face and hiding. I do my best not to let it worry me because I cannot help it.

I listen to messages by radio and desire to go to church as much as anyone. I have been saved and try to live the Christian life. Will not my life be a successful one?

Answer: Success for the Christian is finding God's will for his life, and living in it. You have a unique path to walk, just as each life has. Do not measure your success by God's will for others.

I judge that your trouble is epilepsy or some serious deformity. Why are you ashamed of it, whatever it is?

If you would go to church you have no idea how much encouragement you might be to others who have handicaps also. The trouble with you is that you have labeled yourself as some sort of shameful person. A person is always precious in God's sight and in the sight of true Christians. A person who has epileptic seizures, for example, is not an "epileptic," but a person who happens to have epilepsy. Is that any greater disgrace than having diabetes or heart trouble or undulant fever?

It will do the church good to enter into "the fellowship of suffering." Christian fellowship is one of the divinely ordained means of growth. Without it you cannot be your best for Christ.

Why don't you call a pastor and talk the whole thing over with him? He will probably understand. God does, and loves you as dearly as any of his children.

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, 400 W. Meyer, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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New By-Laws Proposed for the Kentucky W. M. U.

You probably know that Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, adopted a new constitution at the annual meeting held last May, in St. Louis. To bring our work in Kentucky into conformity with those plans and suggestions and to meet apparent needs in the great growth of our work, the Executive Committee of Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky is proposing that the By-laws as given on this page be presented for adoption at our annual meeting to be held April 5-7 at Madisonville. It is the suggestion of the best authorities on parliamentary procedure that what was formerly known as "constitution and by-laws" be put in more concise form under the title "By-laws." This has been done for Kentucky W.M.U. In keeping with the requirements of our present Constitution and By-laws the following changes were presented to our Executive Committee and approved in the September and November meetings and are herewith published in the Western Recorder more than a month prior to our annual meeting. We trust that you will study them carefully and prayerfully and come to our meeting informed and ready to cast your vote. You will remember that only accredited messengers are to vote.

**By-Laws of Baptist
Woman's Missionary
Union of Kentucky**

ARTICLE I

Name

This organization shall be known as the Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky, and shall be auxiliary to the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this missionary union shall be:

1. To distribute missionary information and stimulate missionary effort through Woman's Missionary Union.
2. To encourage the organization of Woman's Missionary Societies and those in the Department of Youth.
3. To secure the earnest cooperation of our women and young people in contributing money for missions at home and abroad.
4. To cooperate with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky in all missionary, educational and benevolent work.

ARTICLE III

Membership

The membership shall be composed of members of organizations of the Woman's Missionary Union of any church affiliated with the General Association of Baptists in Kentucky.

ARTICLE IV

Officers

Section 1. The officers shall be a President, a Vice-President from each of the Regions of the state, a Recording Secretary, Executive Secretary, and Treasurer.

Section 2. The officers shall be elected annually at the W. M. U. State Meeting. All officers shall assume their duties at the close of the annual State Meeting.

Section 3. The Regional President shall be the Regional Vice-President of the state. Each region at its annual session shall elect a president and a vice-president.

Section 4. The term of office of the President, Vice-President and Recording Secretary shall be limited to five years.

Section 5. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of one member from each of the regions and one member from the Executive Board. The Chairman of said committee is to be chosen each year in rotation of names of regions as follows: Central, North Central, South Central, Northeastern, Southeastern, Southern, Western and Southwestern.

Each region at its annual meeting and the Executive Board at its annual meeting shall elect their members of the State Nominating Committee and alternates (whose duty it is to name a candidate for each office to be

filled at the next annual session. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.). Each Vice-President shall immediately send the name of the member from her region to the Executive Secretary who shall notify each member of the Nominating Committee of the personnel and chairman of same and include a copy of the plan of procedure.

Section 6. The duties of the various officers shall be such as are specified in these by-laws the by-laws and policy of the Executive Board and the parliamentary authority adopted by Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky.

Section 7. A vacancy occurring in an office shall not be filled; the Executive Committee shall determine the manner in which the duties of the office shall be discharged for the unexpired term.

ARTICLE V

Meetings

Section 1. A regular session of Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky shall be held annually, the exact date to be set each year at the previous annual session or, in case of emergency, by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. The annual session shall be open to members and visitors. The privilege of making motions debating and voting shall be limited to accredited messengers and those who have been instructed to report at the meeting.

Section 3. Messengers to the annual session shall be (1) Members of the Executive Board, (2) W.M.U. Field Workers, (3) Chairman of divisions of Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship and Community Missions, (4) Regional Chairmen of divisions of Prayer, Mission Study, Stewardship and Community Missions, (5) Regional Youth Leaders, (6) Superintendents of Associations, (7) Associational Group Leaders, (8) Associational Youth Leaders, (9) Former State Presidents, (10) One from each W.M.S. and one additional for every fifty members above the first fifty, three being the limit (except the hostess church entitled to six) and three from the Department of Youth.

Section 4. One hundred voting members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. Conferences, councils and camps for promoting a missionary spirit and developing missionary activities among women and youth shall be held as authorized by the Executive Board.

ARTICLE VI

Executive Board

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers, five members-at-large, twelve resident members, the secretaries of departments, the Margaret Fund Chairman, the member of the Board of Trustees of the Carver School of Missions and Social Work, and the President of Carver School. Salaried workers shall serve without vote except in meetings for promotion.

Section 2. The members-at-large shall have had state-wide W.M.U. experience.

Section 3. The members-at-large, the resident members, the Margaret Fund Chairman and the Carver School of Missions and Social Work Trustee shall not be employed by Woman's Missionary Union concurrently with their term of office.

Section 4. The resident members shall live in the vicinity of headquarters.

Section 5. The members-at-large, the resident members, the Margaret Fund Chairman, the Carver School of Missions and Social Work Trustee shall be elected at the annual session and shall be eligible to serve for five years or until their successors are elected as herein provided; the first year one member-at-large and two resident members respectively shall be elected to serve for one year, one member-at-large and two resident members respectively shall be elected to serve for two years, one member-at-large and two resident members respectively shall be elected to serve for three years, one member-at-large and three resident members respectively shall be elected to serve for four years, one member-at-large and three resident members respectively shall be elected to serve for five years, or until their successors are elected. After the first five years of rotation in this manner, one member-at-large and two resident members shall be elected to serve for five years or until their successors are elected. No member-at-large and no resident member shall be eligible for two consecutive terms in the same office or the aggregate of these two offices.

Section 6. The Executive Board shall have all power and authority over the affairs of Woman's Missionary Union during the interim between sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union excepting that of modifying or changing action of Woman's Missionary Union.

Section 7. The officers of Woman's Missionary Union shall ex-officio be the officers of the Executive Board.

Section 8. There shall be two regular sessions of the Executive Board, one just prior to the annual state session, the date and time of the second to be set by the Executive Board.

Section 9. Special sessions may be called by the President and shall be called upon request of three members of the Board.

Section 10. The Departments shall have meetings for planning and promotion preceding the second session of the Executive Board.

The Regional Youth Leaders shall be invited, with expenses paid, for planning and promotion of the work of the Department of Youth.

Section 11. The Executive Board shall receive and administer all funds, properties, trust funds, and securities coming within possession of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Section 12. The Executive Board shall have committees for each department as the work demands, each department committee shall be divided into the committees for the respective divisions.

Section 13. The Executive Board shall make an annual report to the annual session of Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky.

Section 14. If a vacancy occurs in the office of a member-at-large or a resident member, the office shall be filled at the next session. (By-laws of the Executive Board will state how officers and departmental heads shall be elected.)

ARTICLE VII

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Board shall have an Executive Committee composed of the President, one vice-president, Executive Secretary, the Treasurer, one member-at-large and the resident members.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall authorize the Executive Committee to perform between meetings of the Executive Board such duties as the Executive Board may deem expedient.

Section 3. The President shall be Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall have three meetings annually and at other times upon call of the President, or three members of the Executive Committee.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall receive and act upon all reports, recommendations, and care for all business arising between meetings of the Executive Board.

Section 6. The members of the Executive Board when present may have all privileges of the Executive Committee.

Section 7. The Executive Committee shall make a report at each meeting of the Executive Board.

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Science Degree in Medical Technology Now Offered At Georgetown College

GEORGETOWN, Jan. 17. — Georgetown College now offers a complete course of study for the bachelor-of-science degree in medical technology. Studies toward the new degree may be completed in four years of concentrated work at the College in cooperation with Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. Three years of study on the Georgetown campus include 44 hours in the arts, humanities, and social sciences. Fifty-eight hours of the required work are in specialized science subjects (biology, chemistry, physics, and mathematics). The remainder, about one year's work, consists of laboratory studies at the Hospital.

Medical technology lecturers chosen to work through Central Baptist Hospital are Dr. Henry D. Chipps, hospital pathologist, and Malcolm Shawk, head technician. Dr. Chipps holds the bachelor-of-science degree from the University of Alabama, and the doctor-of-medicine degree from the University of Louisville. Mr. Shawk is a graduate of Ohio State University where he received the bachelor-of-science degree and completed studies in medical technology. Both professors will teach as members of the Georgetown College faculty.

Cost to the student will be no more than the amount required for the average college degree in science.

BY-LAWS OF BAPTIST WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION OF KENTUCKY

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ARTICLE VIII Departments

Section 1. There shall be the following departments: The Department of Youth and the Department of Missionary Fundamentals. Such other Departments may be created as Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky deem necessary.

Section 2. The work of the departments shall be under the supervision of the Executive Secretary and the Executive Board.

Section 3. Each department shall be composed of the secretary of the respective department, chairman of each division of the department and a committee of the Executive Board.

Section 4. The Department of Youth shall be developed through divisions for various age groups according to the plan of the Woman's Missionary Union for the education of youth.

Section 5. The Department of Missionary Fundamentals shall be developed through the divisions of Prayer, Community Missions, Mission Study and Stewardship.

Section 6. The Chairman of divisions of the Departments shall be elected by the Executive Board.

Section 7. The Department shall promote and stimulate Prayer, Community Missions, Mission Study and Stewardship among women and youth.

Section 8. Each division shall meet at the second session of the Executive Board.

Section 9. Each division shall be composed of the Chairman of the division and the respective committee of the Executive Board.

ARTICLE IX Committees

Section 1. The President shall plan the program for the annual session.

Section 2. The President and the Executive Secretary shall be ex-officio members of all committees except the Nominating committee.

Section 3. Such other committees, standing or special, except these herein prescribed, shall be appointed by the President, as authorized by the Woman's Missionary Union or Executive Board.

ARTICLE X Parliamentary Rules

The Baptist Woman's Missionary Union of Kentucky shall use as its guide the parliamentary rules laid down in Robert's Rules of Order Revised.

ARTICLE XI Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at the business meeting of any regular annual session of the Union by a two-thirds vote of

the messengers provided the proposed amendment shall have been submitted in writing to the Executive Board at least three months before the annual meeting and published in the Western Recorder at least one month before the annual meeting.

STANDING RULES

1. A majority shall be considered a quorum for all boards and committees, standing or special of Woman's Missionary Union, its departments or divisions.

2. A woman appointed or elected to fill a vacancy for one-half or more of a term shall be considered to have served a full term; a woman who fills a vacancy of less than a year of an unexpired term shall be eligible for a full term.

3. These standing rules may be amended at any business meeting of the annual session by a two-thirds vote.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. W. SANDERS
MRS. W. P. STUART
MRS. HENRY SCHOO
MRS. V. V. COOKE
MRS. ENCIL DEEN, ex-officio
MRS. GEO. R. FERGUSON, ex-officio
MRS. ELLIS A. FULLER, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, FEBRUARY 6, 1955

(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Bardstown	312	312
Barbourville	117	364
Beaver Dam (1)	173	394
Bellevue	70	375
Benton, First	76	212
Bowling Green, Eastwood	74	218
First (2)	292	1,047
Burlington	70	208
Campbellsville (3)	192	554
Pleasant Hill	149	267
South Campbellsville	102	259
Central City, First	205	376
Corbin, First	115	400
Central (1)	135	426
Covington, Calvary	594	594
First (1)	138	301
Latonia (2)	226	916
South Side	109	391
Crestwood	54	257
Cynthiana (2)	397	397
Danville, First (3)	167	619
Lexington Avenue (1)	458	458
Dayton, First	36	206
Dawson Springs	255	255
Elizabethtown	775	775
Severns Valley (1)	173	477
Erlanger	89	477
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	153	533
Grace	86	751
Florence	78	291
Fort Thomas, First	183	737
Frankfort, First (1)	112	391
Thorn Hill	112	391
Fulton, First	156	572

Georgetown	201	493
Glasgow (1)	130	617
Greenville, First	171	398
Harlan	121	593
Harrodsburg (2)	214	713
Hartford, First	80	200
Hawesville	64	210
Hazard (2)	97	362
Hazel	67	247
Henderson, First (1)	178	471
Immanuel Temple (2)	105	593
Hima, Horse Creek	229	229
Hopkinsville, First (1)	124	610
Second	188	754
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	56	220
Lebanon, First (1)	77	379
Leitchfield	71	209
Lexington, Calvary	181	681
Fellowship	171	447
Grace (2)	99	632
Hillcrest	99	223
Immanuel	223	680
Porter Memorial	115	477
Rosemont	46	210
London, First (1)	139	490
Louisville, Beechland	147	500
Beechmont (2)	185	817
Bethany	33	267
Bethlehem	91	213
Broadway	78	278
Buechel	101	249
Carlisle Avenue (2)	314	1,125
Clifton (1)	119	419
Eastern Parkway	86	473
Eighteenth Street	96	253
Farmdale	96	315
Harmony	93	315
Hazelwood	76	420
Highland (1)	238	540
Highland Park First	334	334
Immanuel	78	311
Jeffersonton	70	223
Ninthand O (8)	406	1,291
Parkland (1)	250	797
Shawnee	292	292
Shively (1)	188	708
Southside (1)	166	432
Valley View	66	732
Victory Memorial (2)	188	732
Virginia Avenue	265	1,362
Walnut Street (4)	194	489
West Broadway (1)	113	387
Ludlow, First	265	1,004
Madisonville, First	90	232
Marion	263	744
Maysfield, First	64	627
Middlesboro, First (5)	159	238
East Cumberland Avenue	137	212
Monticello, First	137	212
Morgantown (1)	115	704
Murray, First	115	636
Newport, First (2)	96	418
Trinity	163	362
Owensboro, Buena Vista (1)	84	913
First (1)	287	913
Hall Street (1)	145	471
Seven Hills	102	211
Third (1)	140	282
Paducah, First (1)	60	211
Oaklawn	98	281
Trinity	70	239
Paintsville, First (2)	62	340
Paris, Central	206	420
First	437	437
Pikeville, First (3)	143	511
Pineville, First (5)	128	270
Prestonburg, Irene Cole	104	327
Memorial (8)	227	227
Princeton, First (1)	543	543
Second (1)	197	241
Russellville, First (1)	110	343
Shepherdsville	110	246
Somerset, First	61	327
Calvary	111	296
Springfield, First	65	348
Sturgis, First	62	329
Versailles	110	412
Walton, First	137	391
Williamsburg, First (1)		
Williamson, W. Va., East (1)		
Winchester, Central		
First		

►The Religious Herald, Richmond, Va., announced that the Board of Trustees of The Virginia Baptist Foundation has elected James R. Bryant as its executive secretary. Until his retirement a short time ago he was executive secretary of the Virginia General Association of Baptists. Secretary Bryant formerly lived in Owensboro, Kentucky, where he was educational director of the First Baptist Church.

1955 Is The Year

By J. HOWARD WILLIAMS, President,
Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary
Fort Worth, Texas

Southern Baptists have had many remarkable experiences in the 109 years of corporate existence. The Lord has used them in pioneering in various types of work and in the accomplishment of some outstanding achievements.

Perhaps no greater opportunity ever has been afforded them than the simultaneous crusades planned for 1955. It all but staggers the imagination to think of the potential of this movement, when "all the estates of Zion" are asked to throw themselves full length into the primal tasks of witnessing to the saving grace of our Lord and the calling of the people to repentance, faith, and confession. It is to be hoped that every pastor, denominational worker, executive secretary, ministerial student, as well as all laymen (which includes the women of our churches) will feel a direct responsibility and plan to make a personal contribution to this mighty movement.

From time to time our colleges make time available for their athletes to be away from school. In proper proportions, this is good. It would be equally wise if they would make it possible for ministerial students to be away for a period to join in one of these evangelistic efforts.

All five of the seminaries planned long ago to enter wholeheartedly into this movement. Some are going to close the school for a week. Others have made other adjustments. In Southwestern, we are excusing for a week, without penalty, any student who participates in one of these crusades. Since

the Southwest has been divided into three areas and we have student preachers in each, no one week would serve all the areas. Therefore, instead of closing for a week, we are granting a week of absence at any time to any student who can help in one of these meetings. In addition to this, each student has an allowable number of absences, and therefore can be away for a two-weeks meeting without serious damage to his program of study.

All of us, personally, officially, or in any other relationship, should dedicate ourselves to this task, the impact of which may move the nation nearer to the Lord and give further impetus to the evangelistic spirit which is spreading among our fellow Christians of other denominations. The contribution of Southern Baptists in this field of evangelism may prove to be our greatest in the twentieth century. For years we have been urging evangelism. As time has passed we have intensified our program. 1955 is somewhat of a climax to a long series of plans and programs, and with the blessing of our Lord it may be we can serve the total cause of the Kingdom of God far beyond the individual meetings which we shall conduct throughout the nation. With declarations of the necessity of a spiritual awakening coming from President Eisenhower, other men of state, law, medicine, and science, and with the glaring needs of mute millions who do not know how to voice the anxiety of their hearts, we have every reason to give ourselves to ardent prayer and consecrated and even sacrificial service at this time.

Bethany Church of Louisville Breaks Ground Sunday

The Bethany Baptist Church, 2319 Taylorsville Road, Louisville, will hold ground-breaking ceremonies for its new \$84,000 auditorium next Sunday morning, February 20, at 10:30.

Bethany has made substantial progress in the last three years. For two years there have been two Sunday morning worship services. The membership has grown from 292 to 450. The Sunday school enrollment has increased from 300 to 465. A debt of \$15,000 has been retired on the church annex, an \$18,000 parsonage purchased, and \$26,000 was raised toward the new building. The present budget is \$41,825, with 50% of all funds given above this year's budget going for missions and benev-

olence, along with the mission appropriations already set up in the budget. The new building will be brick, veneer, Colonial design, and will have a maximum seating capacity of 625. This will also give space for 700 capacity for Sunday School enlargement.

The building committee is composed of C. L. Alwes, J. W. Applegate, Scott Dunn, Mrs. William McKeigan and John Hicks, chairman. Dr. Eugene I. Enlow is the pastor.

►The year 1955 marks the centenary of Baptist work in that country which was started in Queensland. Baptists of the nation are seeking to signalize the occasion by setting up a goal of 1,000 new members during this year.

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►Dr. W. C. Boone attended the meeting of the State secretaries the second week in February at Hot Springs, Ark., and Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor, and Robert L. Pogue, business manager, both of the *Western Recorder*, were at the same time attending the Southern Baptist Press Association in Birmingham, Ala. While in Birmingham, Dr. Skinner preached at the Central Park Baptist Church, his former pastorate. Dr. Wayne DeHoney, formerly of Kentucky, is now pastor of the Central Park Church.

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State Vacation Bible School Clinic a Success

The 1955 State Vacation Bible School Clinic, held with the Carlisle Avenue Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, is now past history. The interest and enthusiasm manifested was very encouraging.

The attendance at the clinic:

Associations represented34

Associational, District, and Local Missionaries present15

Departmental Conference Leaders for Associational Clinics15

Associational Vacation Bible School or Sunday School Supts.12

Moderators present 5

Key Pastors present12

Others present143

Total present202

Some of the goals set for 1955 were:

A Vacation Bible School in every Baptist church in Kentucky.

More Mission Vacation Bible Schools in every association.

More Negro Vacation Bible Schools.

Better Vacation Bible Schools in every church and Mission school.

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In 1954, Kentucky had 1,830 Vacation Bible Schools, with 146,236 pupils enrolled and 29,481 faculty. There were 2,116 professions reported and 1,157 dedications. The average cost for each pupil enrolled was 9.8 cents per day.

In the Convention we had 24,335 schools with an enrolment of 2,082,660 boys and girls. The faculty numbered 487,630. There were between 55,000 and 60,000 conversions in the 24,335 schools.

The Vacation Bible School Department announces several firsts for 1954:

1. For the first time we had over two million pupils enrolled—2,082,660.

2. For the first time two and one half million total enrollment—2,570,162.

3. For the first time over two million in average attendance—2,107,416.

4. For the first time our churches spent over a million and a half dollars to minister to these children.

What this has meant for the enrichment of child life staggers the imagination. Think of the 197,114 boys and girls that were enrolled in Vacation Bible School that do not attend Sunday school. Think of the conversions and dedications, also the mission offering.

We must meet our goals as set forth earlier in this column, for the sake of the boys and girls, for our homes, for our church, and for Christ's sake.

Have you planned to have a Vacation Bible School in every church in your association?—Lawrence Holzschuh.

MISS HANNAH BRUMMITT TO SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD



Miss Hannah Brummitt

Your Sunday School Department is happy to announce that Miss Hannah Brummitt has accepted the position of Superintendent of Cradle Roll work with the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee.

Miss Brummitt comes to the Board from the First Baptist Church, Henderson, North Carolina, where she served as educational director. Although a native of North Carolina, she has received much of her training in Virginia and Texas.

We are delighted that Miss Brummitt is with the Sunday School Board. Kentucky will be calling on her from time to time to assist in our Cradle Roll work.

Counseling For Christian Vocations

(Continued from Page 6)

(b) Factual information on various vocations, especially on church vocations. *There's a Job for You* (Friendship Press) by Ruth Ransom is the kind of booklet to hand to a young person. If they show definite interest in a church vocation they can look over *We Have This Ministry* (Association Press) by John Oliver Nelson; this will give them a condensed report of many different types of church work.

The young person who is concerned about qualifications for a particular church vocation, for example, will find "Get Ready for a Real Job" a helpful outline of qualifications for missionary service (available from Foreign Mission Board). *The Minister's Job* (Harper) by Albert W. Palmer contains a chapter on "Self-Analysis for Ministers."

(c) Materials for the cultivation of the devotional life. The pastor can recommend many excellent books on the prayer life, such as John Baillie, *A Diary of Private Prayer*. In addition, he can use biographies and autobiographies which reveal the personal struggles of devout men and women, such as Augustine's *Confessions* or *The Diary of David Brainard*. For those committed to a church vocation, there are the great classics on the pastoral office such as Richard Baxter's *The Reformed Pastor*, Arthur Hewitt's *Highland Shepherds*, or John Oman, *Concerning the Ministry*. The pastor can discuss with all his young people the great Biblical passage on the Christian calling to everyone and the particular call to a church vocation. *The Christian Pastor* by Dr. Wayne Oates will provide him with an exposition of Biblical requirements for the ministry and suggestions for pastoral counseling.

Young people need vocational counseling in their home church if they are to be "fully equipped for every good work." They want a pastor's help now:

One of my most perplexing problems after I was called was, "What field of the ministry does God want me in?" I have a younger brother who is presently having that same problem facing him. To give our pastors help in guidance in counseling these young people will be a more profitable and appreciated help. (Statement on student's questionnaire at a Baptist Seminary.)

►The Allensville Baptist Church, in Boone's Creek Association, recently ordained four new deacons: Floyd Chism, James Herbert Harris, Garland Haggard and William Snapp. Taking part were Missionary Arlon Davis, Paul Fox, Davis King, Cova Duvall and Pastor George Mason. They were assisted by a large council of pastors and deacons.



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Once more we call your attention to the Regional Conferences to be held February 28-March 11. These conferences will emphasize Stewardship and Evangelism. Following is the schedule of dates and places of the conferences: February 28, Unity Church, Ashland; March 1, Hindman Baptist Church, Hindman; March 2, Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School, Pineville; March 3, First Church, Somerset; March 4, Immanuel Church, Lexington. March 7, First Church, Mayfield; March 8, First Church, Owensboro; March 9, Bethel College, Hopkinsville; March 10, First Church, Bowling Green; March 11, Severns Valley, Elizabethtown. Afternoon session begins at two-thirty and the evening session at seven o'clock. We will be looking for you!

Plan Now!

Plan now for your Associational Men's Rally on March 21 in support of the April Evangelistic meetings. Work with the Missionary in your field and other associational leaders in planning the

rally. Let's have a rally in each association!

About The Cottage Prayer Meetings

The Brotherhoods of the Southern Baptist Convention have been called upon to hold at least 500,000 cottage prayer meetings this year in support of the Simultaneous Revival campaign. The time set apart for this endeavor is April 4-9. Plan with your pastor and church leadership in this movement. Write us for tracts on the subject. Our goal is one prayer meeting each night during this period for every fifteen church members. "Revivals are not worked up, but prayed down."

They Are Going!

The Baptist men of Kentucky are going on the Tour May 3-6. A number of men have already written us for reservations. We will be sending out a prepared form for this purpose soon. Watch this column for details also.

Other Journals Now

Don't forget to order your *Brotherhood Journals* now in order to receive them before the new quarter begins on April 1. Remember these Journals are only fifteen cents each per quarter. Order them from the Brotherhood Commission, 1548 Poplar Avenue, Memphis 4, Tennessee.

Shall America Become a Military State

By A. C. MILLER
Secretary of the Christian Life Commission

The hard realities of the present world situation warn us against the neglect of our military strength. But many of us do not agree with those who insist that this situation can be met only by universal military conscription. We must be realistic about our military requirements without becoming militaristic in our national spirit and economy.

A plan for the military organization of this nation has been approved by the president and the National Security Council. It will be submitted to the current session of Congress for enactment. It provides for all 18-year-old men to be drafted for a two-year term of military service followed by six years of re-

serve duty. It also authorizes the army to enrol 100,000 youths of 17 years on a volunteer basis for six months of basic training after which they will be transferred to the National Guard or Organized Reserves. All members of the National Guard and reserve units would be compelled to attend weekly drills and summer camps for from six to seven and one-half years. The penalty for non-compliance calls for reinduction in the regular army for a period of eighteen months enforced by martial law and Military Police. Here are the beginnings of a military state.

America does not need and our people do not want any military plan that will fasten upon us a permanent

system of military conscription in time of peace. A great American once said, "This nation cannot exist half-free and half-slave." Neither can democracy flourish from the seeds of military autocracy. Within our generation we have seen many of our democratic processes destroyed by the pressures of military requirements. Why should we expect less under a permanent military system?

A prominent educator of our nation sums up a warning to us in these words: "It stands to reason that though free and independent citizens make the best army, the army is not the best place to make free and independent citizens."

The Congress and people of this nation have in the past devised plans for military action that have defeated every military state we have fought. If the objection be raised that former measures have been unjustly administered, let us remember that justice in the administration of any law depends on the integrity of those charged with its enforcement. The most perfect universal training laws would be subject to the same weakness.

The citizens of this country prevented the passage of a universal military conscription act in 1950 by writing their protest to their senators and representatives in Congress. We can do so again if we act in time.

Ridgecrest and Glorieta Home Missions Programs Now Being Planned

ATLANTA, Ga. (BN) — Programs and personnel for the Ridgecrest and Glorieta Home Mission Weeks have been announced by Dr. Courts Redford, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board.

The Ridgecrest conference is slated for June 2-8, with Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor, First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas, as nightly speaker.

Dr. E. N. Patterson, professor, New Orleans Baptist Seminary, will speak on "The Ordinances" in his daily Bible Hour at Ridgecrest.

Dr. H. H. Hobbs, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., is speaking each night in the Glorieta conference August 11-17. The Bible teacher will be Dr. Jesse J. Northcutt, Director, School of Theology, Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas. His subject will be "The Church."

The Second Annual Convention-wide Rural Church Conference will be held in conjunction with Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest.

►Dr. and Mrs. John L. Riffey, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil who are in the States on furlough, will move from Louisville to Fort Smith, Arkansas, where they may be addressed after February 20 at 38 Vista Hillcrest.

The Question Is:

"IS IT RIGHT?"

By H. H. SMITH
Ashland, Va.

When General Lee realized that the South was losing the war and to prolong the struggle would mean a needless sacrifice of life, he took steps to make the surrender. "There is nothing left for me to do but go and see General Grant," he said, "and I would rather die a thousand deaths." An officer said to him, "Oh, General, what will history say of the surrender of the army in the field?" Lee replied, "Yes, I know they will say hard things of us; but they will not understand how we were overwhelmed by numbers; but that is not the question, Colonel; the question is, is it right to surrender this army? If it is right, then I will take all the responsibility." (No doubt Lee emphasized the italicized words).

Those were great words from a great man! In that trying hour, Lee's deep concern was to know what duty required of him. "Is it right to surrender this army?" If the answer is "yes," he will do so and take all the responsibility.

Prevalency of Evil

It is depressing to observe the great amount of evil in the world, and it is not confined to any single class of persons. Some are thieves, thugs, bandits, but there are also many so-called white-collar deadbeats—tax-dodgers, forgers, embezzlers—men and women who are ready to lie, cheat, steal, and in various ways take advantage of others. There is too much crookedness in the world today, because too many are asking themselves the wrong questions. With high-minded men, like General Lee and others, there is but one question, "Is it right?" But with many the question is, "What can I get out of this—in profit, pleasure, prestige?" And too often these ends are sought regardless of whether right or wrong.

There are many who do not hesitate to steal from the government, or some corporation, as a railroad or street-car company, who would not be guilty of stealing from an individual. They will make false statements about their taxable income—and perjure themselves in doing so. If the conductor on a railroad or bus line should fail to collect the fare, they cheat the company out of the fare, instead of calling the conductor's attention to the oversight. Hotel keepers complain that some guests steal bed linen, towels and such things. Why will some people steal from a hotel, who would not think of stealing from a pri-

vate home where they may spend a night?

In a recent issue of the Reader's Digest there is a startling account of what is described as "the personal-injury racket." We are told that the public is robbed of millions of dollars annually by deadbeats who make a business of claiming fake injuries and collecting damages.

Honesty In All Things

An honest person is honest in all things. Remember the words of the Master, "He who is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and he who is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much." (Luke, 16:10-RSV).

An interesting essay—or lecture—was written by Dr. George W. Bagby during the latter part of the last century, titled, "The Old Virginia Gentleman." After naming several commendable traits of the old Virginia statesman Dr. Bagby mentioned integrity. "Honesty?" he asks. "The question is almost an insult. 'Madam,' said Judge John Robertson, when in Congress, to his wife, who asked him to frank a letter for her. 'Madam, I am not a thief.'"

"What a small matter to make any ado over," does someone say? True, it was a matter involving only a few cents, but that Congressman was observing the

teaching of the Master about being "honest in a very little." If during the past several years all of our public servants had been as careful to be strictly honest in all their duties and dealings as was this old-time statesman, not one of them would have been called upon to spend, a few years as a "prison guest."

Among other faults, this generation has been accused of a lack of sensitivity of conscience. How may one acquire a more sensitive conscience? A sincere desire to know and do what is right in the sight of God, with watchfulness and prayer, will help. Even the apostle, Paul, said—according to the Revised Version: "I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward God and toward men." (Acts, 24:16-RSV). If the great Apostle felt it necessary always to be on guard against slipping, how much more should we feel the necessity of constant watchfulness and prayer?

We should take care not to become disheartened because of the prevalence of evil in the world. Sin of every kind was rampant in Paul's day, but remember it was the apostle who said, "Where sin increased, grace abounded all the more." (Rom. 8:20-RSV). God has a remedy for sin. When we read a report from the F. B. I., giving the number of crimes committed throughout the country, every hour, we should be disturbed but not discouraged. There is much good as well as much evil in the world. While some of our leaders in public life may go wrong and disappoint us, we readily agree with a prominent churchman who recently wrote, "The government at Washington has hundreds of thousands of honest and competent people working for it."

As for ourselves, let us all strive to make a better world by being "steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord."

Sunday School Board Contributes To Work of American Bible Society

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB)—The Baptist Sunday School Board believes in the American Bible Society. This week the Board sent a contribution of \$5,000.00 to help the Society distribute the scriptures to the armed forces of the nation.

Dr. H. E. Ingraham, who attended the December meeting of the Advisory Council of the Society, said: "The marvelous work of the American Bible Society has been fundamental to our world missionary enterprise.

"The Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in St. Louis last year, passed a resolution recognizing the great work of the Society and urging Southern Baptist

churches and individuals to make worthy contributions to its work," he said.

"The Bible has been translated into 1,077 tongues through the work of the Society. Last year their distribution work abroad resulted in the circulation of 331,121 Bibles, 633,004 Testaments, and 4,459,477 portions of the Bible, or a total of 5,423,602. Here in America their distribution work is largely limited to those who otherwise would not get the Bible. The American Bible Society conducts a vigorous, widespread campaign in America to get the Bible read. This activity reaches far beyond their Bible distribution."

Francis Carr Stifler Retires From American Bible Society; Succeeded By William F. Asbury, a Layman

NEW YORK CITY, N. Y. — Dr. Francis Carr Stifler, secretary for public relations of the American Bible Society, and for the past 18 years editor of the Society's publication, the Bible Society Record, will retire from his active duties on February 1. Dr. and Mrs. Stifler will spend the next two months in Florida, returning to their home in Summit, New Jersey, in April.

Dr. Stifler stands among the half dozen religious broadcasters who have been most constantly welcomed before the "mike." His annual series of addresses on the Bible on "Faith in Our Time" and "Radio Chapel" have resulted in the receipt of hundreds of pieces of fan mail.

He is the author of several books and numerous pamphlets and magazine articles which focused attention on the work of the American Bible Society both here and abroad.

Dr. Stifler will be succeeded by Wil-

liam F. Asbury, a layman and graduate of the School of Journalism of the University of Washington. From 1950 to 1952, Mr. Asbury was a lay missionary of the Methodist Church in the Far East and served as Associate Secretary of Public Relations of the United Church of Christ in Japan. Returning to this country, Mr. Asbury has held various posts with the Christian Children's Fund, with headquarters in Richmond, Virginia, and in 1954 became the Fund's International Field Supervisor.

While in the Far East he was co-editor of the Japan Christian Yearbook, published by Friendship Press, and Far Eastern correspondent for The Christian Herald. Mr. Asbury has published articles in the Student Times in Japan and in other magazines. He also aided in conducting a special survey of orphanages supported by military units in Korea, for General Hull, United Nations Commander in the Far East.

FALLEN ASLEEP

MRS. STELLA THOMAS

NEW LIBERTY, Ky., Jan. 25, 1955. — Grief fell over the quiet little town of New Liberty, Kentucky, when news was spread of the passing of one of its dearest citizens, Mrs. Stella Thomas, wife of the late William A. Thomas.

Mrs. Thomas was born September 17, 1868, to Anne Crouch and Boswell H. Garnett. After a short illness she passed away on October 26, 1954. She became a member of the Long Ridge Baptist Church when a young girl, and later moved her membership to the New Liberty Baptist Church.

"Tommy" as she often called herself to her best friends, will long be remembered for her loyalty to family and friends, and most of all for her sunny, humorous disposition, which she displayed to the last. Her influence is greatly missed in her church and community.

Be it resolved, that Mrs. Stella Thomas, a charter member of the New Liberty W. M. S., be long remembered for her loyal service to her God and her church.

That we express our deepest sympathy to her family.

That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the minutes of the W. M. S., on the New Liberty Baptist Church, a copy be sent to her family, and one to the Western Recorder.—Mrs. C. E. Ayres, Mrs. J. S. Lusby, Committee.

MRS. NEMA CHERRY

FRANKLIN, Ky., Jan. 26, 1955. — WHEREAS, it has been the will of Almighty God to remove from among us Mrs. Nema Cherry, who has been a most valued member, ever active in the work of her church through its various organizations, one who throughout the years has served loyally, generously and unselfishly. The memory of her consecrated life will be an inspiration to us as we carry on His work.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we, the members of the Sulphur Spring Woman's Missionary Society, have lost a useful member.
2. That the Junior Department of Sulphur Spring Sunday school has lost a capable and devoted superintendent.
3. That Sulphur Spring Church has lost one of its most faithful members.
4. That a copy of these Resolutions be sent to the bereaved sons, Reverend Millard Ross

WESTERN RECORDER

Intermediate Age Population Increasing

Building committees of local churches will be interested in figures recently released by the Statistical Department of the Southern Baptist Convention predicting a growth of 37 per cent in intermediate age population by 1960.

This age group, 13-16, will jump from 9,000,000 to more than 12,000,000 in the nation by 1960. This is the largest rate of increase of any Southern Baptist age group.

The next largest increase is in the Junior age span, 9-12, which will grow 27 per cent by 1960. Certainly these two facts point to the conclusions that more space must be provided, and new departments and classes organized for this vital age group.

Conservative Group Unites With Southern Baptists

FRESNO, Calif.—(BP)—A group of Conservative Baptists withdrew from the Memorial Baptist Church, Fresno, Calif., and organized Baptist Temple Church. They voted to affiliate with the Southern Baptist Convention.

►Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Poe, Southern Baptist missionaries to Nigeria who are in the States on furlough, have moved from Tuscaloosa, Ala., to Louisville, where Mr. Poe is studying at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. They may be addressed in Care of the Seminary.

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FOUR NEW BARDSTOWN DEACONS:—Pictured above are four new deacons elected by the Bardstown Baptist Church to serve terms of four years beginning the first of 1955. Left to right, they are: (1) Nash Stoner, (2) Howard Hilton, (3) Frank Wilson, and (4) John Burris. The last named Mr. Burris, not previously a deacon, was ordained January 2, at which time Dr. W. W. Stevens, pastor, First Baptist Church of Hodgenville, preaching the ordination sermon. The four were installed the first Sunday evening in January. Dr. J. T. Burdine, Jr., is the new pastor of the Bardstown Baptist Church.

Miami Hotel Space Sufficient For SBC

MIAMI, Fla. — (BP) — Southern Baptists going to the annual Convention in Miami, May 18-21, will not have the problem of finding a hotel room. Hotel rooms will be plentiful this year, so says Carl Moberg, chairman of the local publicity committee.

There are 210 hotels in Miami and 375 in Miami Beach ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$8.00 per person. There are also 50 motels in Miami.

Food will not present a problem either for an abundance of restaurant and cafe facilities are available. The Convention-goer will be able to find any kind of food he desires from lobster n버그 to corn beef and cabbage.

The Convention-goer might find it a bit difficult to get to and from Dinner Key Auditorium, where the Convention will be in session, as it is about four miles from most hotels to the auditorium. However, there will be excel-

ent bus and taxi service. Bus fare is 15 cents and taxi fare for the trip to the auditorium is approximately \$2.25.

The average distance from the Florida East Coast Railroad Station to the hotels is eight blocks and three miles from the Seaboard station. It is eight miles from the airport to most of the hotels, and only one block from the bus stations. There is a shopping center only two blocks from most hotels.

Other services available at the hotels and motels are: public stenographers, florists, barber and beauty shops, post offices, air-conditioned conference rooms, dry cleaning and laundry, and parking facilities for those coming in cars at 35 cents for 12 hours and 70 cents for 24 hours.

Remember that application for Miami hotel rooms may be made with hotel or through the Housing Bureau. Application for hotels in Miami Beach or in any motel should not be channeled through the Housing Bureau. Write to the hotel or motel of your choice.

If applying for hotel room in Miami, list six choices of hotels, and confirmation will be mailed to applicant by the hotel.

The Convention-goer should expect the very best from his stay in any Miami hotel for "Miami hotels are best in the land and everything is available," Moberg stated.

Attitude Toward Communism

Editorial
Watchman-Examiner

Many Christian people are in danger of obtaining their solution of the Communist menace from the public press, from exciting commentators, and from military-minded people who, evidently, want war at any price.

Let us as Christians beware lest we offend our Lord Jesus Christ by going to the world for our perspectives of its needs.

Communism will never be defeated by war, although Communistic governments can be overthrown. Communism is primarily in the realm of ideas. It is Marxism nationalized. It is the world seeking to solve its problems of poverty, underprivilege, class hatred, with an unholy covetousness of the have-nots against those who have.

Dr. D. Elton Trueblood, who is now chief of religious policy for the U.S. Information Agency, put it clearly for us when he said: "Only in the Christian message of the Bible is there something more compelling than Marxism which can win men's minds and devotion. The only way out is to have an ideology so clear, so thorough, so positive in its affirmation, and to which we are so thoroughly committed, that we have something that leads us to world brotherhood."

To this we must preach the redemption of the whole life of man. Then we must add the spirit of goodwill, since it is the divine requirement that we shall love God with all our heart, and our neighbors as ourselves.



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By EARL MITCHELL, Pastor
Pembroke Baptist Church

PEMBROKE, Ky., Jan. 31. — Reporting on Mr. William James Garnett's long and continued service to his Lord and to his church as a Sunday school teacher, I wish to state that he will be seventy-nine years of age on July 12, 1955. He began teaching the Men's Bible Class of the Pembroke Baptist Church's Sunday School in the year 1904. Other than two years that he served as a Representative of Christian County in the Kentucky State Legislature in Frankfort, he has served as a teacher of the Men's Bible Class all of the last fifty years.

Brother Garnett recalls the night he was conducting the mid-week prayer services when the lights went out and remained out for the entire period of the service.

Brother Garnett was graduated from old Bethel College at Russellville, Kentucky, in the class of 1895.

He and Mrs. Garnett will observe their fifty-eighth wedding anniversary this year.—His pastor.

EDITORIAL NOTE: This news item from Pastor Mitchell brought to light the quiet, unostentatious service which has been rendered for half a century by this

fine layman and 1895 graduate of Bethel College.

Looking back over the Bethel College Alumni List we notice that the Class of 1895 was made up of eleven men. They were: (1) William Adams, Jr., teacher; (2) William Walter Agnew, teacher; (3) D. E. Burrow, physician; (4) Homer Felts, teacher, now residing at Campbellsville; (5) Zorobabel Ferrell, minister; (6) William James Garnett, farmer and former state legislator, and the subject of this article; (7) Henry Alexis Hopkins, occupation unknown; (8) William Robert Long, teacher and farmer; (9) Robert Ferguson McCuddy, banker; (10) Percy Taylor, laundryman; and (11) Thomas David Watkins, broker. Many of these no doubt have passed on. This list was made up in 1912, and addresses and occupations of some may have changed, but from the meagre information given it is obvious that there were many choice souls among those graduates.

Pastor Mitchell's brief article about Brother Garnett calls to mind that this coming June it will have been sixty years since this nearly a dozen men were given their diplomas from the hand of the then president, Dr. W. S. Ryland, of blessed memory.

A. P. O. Privileges Terminated in Korea

Southern Baptist missionaries in Korea have received official notice that on March 31, 1955, the Eighth United States Army in Korea will terminate all logistical help to U. S. civilians living there. This includes Army post office privileges and means that missionaries can no longer use A. P. O. addresses. All mail received by the Army after March 31 will be returned to sender.

Rev. John A. Abernathy says, "We have enjoyed these special privileges granted by the Army but realize it has always been only a courtesy on their part. We shall be able to get along without them from now on."

Address mail as follows:

Rev. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy: Baptist Mission Headquarters, 55 5-Ka Choong Moo Ro, Seoul, Korea.

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All relief packages should be sent to Rev. Rex Ray, P. O. Box 35, Pusan, Korea. All money for relief in Korea should be sent to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va.

►Out at Shawnee, Oklahoma, the B. B. McKinney Music Research Foundation has been incorporated intended to perpetuate the memory of the man whose name their organization bears. The organization is on the Oklahoma Baptist University campus. Dr. McKinney, until his unexpected death a little more than two years ago as the result of an automobile accident in the mountains of North Carolina, was church music editor and secretary of the Department of Church Music, at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

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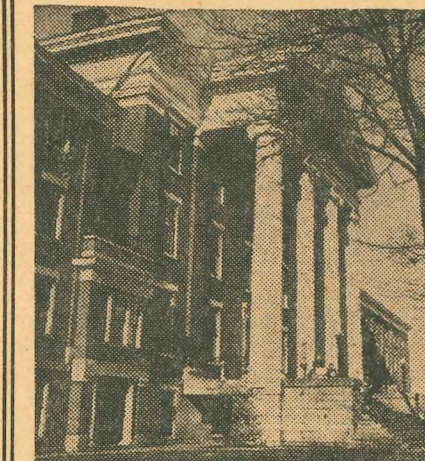
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