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From the Church to the World

►The Baptist General Convention of Texas will meet this year in Houston. Dates of the meeting are October 25-27.

►Warren Nutt, formerly serving Arbor Baptist Church, Pell City, Ala., is now pastor of South Broad Baptist Church, Rome, Ga.

►The Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary has been accepted as an associate member into the American Association of Theological Schools.

►The Baptist Orphanage in Mississippi is making plans to remodel its present facilities for senior girls and build a cottage-type dormitory.

►John C. Cassle, superintendent of missions in Tillman Baptist Association, Okla., died recently following a lengthy illness. He was 50.

►Texas Southern Baptists have set a goal of 100,000 new converts during simultaneous evangelistic crusades conducted in March and April.

►Mrs. Virginia Algeo, of Greenville, Fla., has honored the memory of her husband, S. B. Algeo, by furnishing a classroom at Baptist Bible Institute, Graceville, Fla.

►The world color premiere of Southern Baptists' first dramatic TV film, "This My Son," has been scheduled for 3 p.m., Sunday, April 10, on WBAP-TV, Fort Worth, Texas.

►The Nelson Associational Brotherhood held its quarterly meeting Thursday, March 31, with the Cox's Creek Baptist Church. Brother L. E. Coleman, Sr., was the guest speaker.

►Miss Rosemary Limbert, Southern Baptist missionary to Japan who is in the States on furlough, has completed her studies at Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, and has moved to Grubbs, Ark.

►Pastor Carl Ellison, Laurens, S. C., will be the evangelist assisting Pastor Walter E. Bryant in a revival during the Simultaneous Crusade, April 10-17, at the Cox's Creek Baptist Church, in Nelson Association.

►The Cox's Creek Church, Nelson Association, had a week-end youth revival conducted by a team from Campbellsville College, March 11-13, resulting in two additions by letter, one by profession of faith and one rededication.

►Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Walker, Southern Baptist missionaries to Japan, are returning to the States on furlough. After May 1 their address will be Seminary Hill Station, Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Walker is a native of Danville.

►Mrs. Richard Wood resigned as young people's secretary, Illinois Woman's Missionary Union, effective March 15. She had served for three years in that position. Miss Betty Mitchell was named temporary young people's worker.

►A recent address of Mr. and Mrs. Williams Harlan McGinnis was published in our issue of February 3, but we now have a still later address. Friends may write them in care of The American Baptist Mission, P. O. Box 301 Sekondi, Gold Coast, West Africa.

►W. Rudolph Howard, minister of music of the Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, will assist Pastor Wesley O. Hanson, in leading the singing of the coming revival at the Yellow Creek Baptist Church, near Owensboro, April 10-20. Mr. Howard was minister of music of the First Baptist Church, Owensboro, before going to the Nashville church. Pastor Hanson has been asked by the church to do the preaching.

►The fortieth anniversary of the First Baptist Church of Smyrna, Tennessee, near Murfreesboro was recently observed. One of the speakers was John Sam Ridley, mayor of Smyrna, who reviewed the history of the church, which history had been compiled by Mary Robertson Baird and written by Adeline King, according to the Murfreesboro Courier. The pastor of the Smyrna church is Brother Roy M. Gabbert, formerly of Greenville and Lancaster, Ky., who has been there since August, 1952.

►Speakers for the Bible Conference at Ridgecrest, July 7-13, and at Glorieta, August 18-24, have been announced by Clifton J. Allen, director of the conferences. Four periods of daily Bible study will be led by Dale Moody, O. T. Binkley, Harold K. Graves, G. S. Dobbins, Ray Summers, Frank Stagg, and Wayne Oates. Ralph A. Herring and W. R. White will be the preachers at the respective conferences. Pastors and other church workers are advised to request their reservations promptly.

►Trinity Baptist Church of Newport led in a stewardship revival February 13-20 by Pastor Raymond Smith, of the Euclid Avenue Baptist Church of Bristol, Virginia. The goal in tithes and offerings was \$799.99. The result was \$818.21. There were 150 signed tithers' covenant cards. Many were new tithers. The general level of tithes and offerings before the revival has been raised by more than \$100 per week. The meeting was held during the fifteenth anniversary week of the church, which was organized in 1940 and has had Brother Leo Drake as its pastor for the entire time. The membership now is nearing 550.

►Brethren Wallace Cox and David Webster were ordained as deacons of the Nebo Church on March 6. Pastor Bailey Saddler was moderator; Kermit A. Lovelace, pastor of the Mannington Mission, was clerk; Associational Missionary George R. H. Gass was interrogator; and Pastor Ray Wolf, of Nor-



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tonville, led in the ordination prayer. Salem's Pastor W. T. Crumbaker brought the message on the qualifications and duties of a deacon. The invocation was offered by James Gold, Johnson Island, and the benediction was by John Boswell, Harmony. Others on the council included: William Flewallen, Labe Cole, W. C. Weldon, Robert Stanley, John Hill, Hazel Cates, U. S. Morgan, J. E. Skinner, Bracie Joyner, Harlan Woodward, Robin Mitchell, Thomas Lovan, L. B. Tucker, John C. Townsend, Morton E. Matheny, C. A. Martin and J. T. Norwood.

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What Are Baptists to Believe?

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An Anglican bishop recently declared that the Adam and Eve story was fictitious.

In a recent issue of a leading magazine there was an article concerning the beliefs of a modernistic church group which repudiates the virgin birth and resurrection, although extolling the virtues of human relationships.

A recently published comprehensive book of history begins by stating the origin of man is unknown or a mystery.

Several years ago I recall reading a treatise on the origin of the earth and of life. One theory went something like this:

The earth is a "chunk" of the sun which was thrown off during an explosion of the sun. The earth cooled, the surface after a time developed plant life by an accidental combination of the right chemicals, and plant life conditioned the atmosphere to make it suitable for animal life. Then, by a chance combination of the right chemicals at the right time under the right conditions, animal life was formed, probably in the form of a single-celled animal. This not only reproduced itself, but evolved through more complex forms until man was the eventual product. Behind man, of course, remained the various stages through which man had evolved, and that accounts for the smaller animals.

Now it's known that there are similarities between apes and men, and to fill in the gap or so-called "missing link" different skeletons or parts thereof were found in various parts of the world and presented as possible proof to support a transition from ape to man.

Now, such scientific work is admirable, but not so for some conclusions that one might be tempted to draw from it.

Maybe there were Java men and Heidelberg men, etc., which may have looked similar to our present gorillas, but that doesn't prove man evolved from them.

It's not surprising that God made man and animals similar in many respects, because both share equally in many of the phenomena of nature—breathing the same air, swimming in the same water, enjoying the same or similar types of digestive and reproductive processes, etc. It must have simplified things to use a similar plan, to a certain degree, for both man and animals. Enough of that, however.

The point is, what are we to think and say when friends ask why we don't go along with "modern and scientific" ideas and if we aren't perhaps a little behind the times or even narrowminded.

Baptist beliefs are not founded on

superstition or fancy as a review of our history would indicate.

Because we are on firm ground, we do not rip a page out of the Bible every time somebody comes forward with a theory. If we did, soon there would be no Bible left.

Christianity is not based on theory; theory for science is another matter. Science deals with knowledge and its acquisition; religion deals with man's relation with God.

Science, as usually understood today, embraces the observation, study, and manipulation of things and forces which are already provided for us. By these measures man has been able to probe into the mysteries of nature and make discoveries which have been of much benefit to the human race.

To learn the secrets of the atom, the workings of the body, or to observe the first breath of a newborn child is truly marvellous. However, we're only watching, guiding, and manipulating what God has given us. A carpenter may build a beautiful house, but he should thank God for the tree. So we see that science belongs to God; it is a knowledge we should use to the fullest; it is in no sense a substitute for religion. Science can never "prove religion wrong" and it's impossible to conceive how one could ever become atheistic through scientific endeavor. All of science confirms Psalm 19: "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the earth shows his handiwork."

How about the persons who doubt or deny the divinity of Christ, as well as about everything else in the Bible?

A history teacher with a Ph.D. isn't necessarily a religious person any more than is a physician or any other educated person. Both of us could be in the kindergarten level as regards Christianity and still know our chosen fields well.

At the same time such people may be very kind and gentle, good citizens, etc. They may prefer sermons full of philosophic prattle; they may edify man and his good works; they may abhor the words "sin" and "condemnation" as almost dirty or at least uncomfortable; they may claim God is too good to condemn man, or man is too good to be con-

demned; they may go to church like other people because it's a nice place to go on Sunday; they will likely agree that Christ was a great teacher and certainly brave to stand up for what was right; they may agree that we need a few men like Christ around now to get the world straightened out; however, this sin, blood, condemnation, and redemption stuff is just too much for them to swallow.

The only trouble with all these beliefs (and they are frequently voiced by the high and the low) is that there is no basis for them. They originate from man and not from the Bible, and this book is not just some history or nice literature, or a paper weight inherited from an uncle.

As previously indicated, a little simple observation leads to the impression that God exists; science should confirm this belief.

Further, religion deals with our relation to God, and this is entirely outside the scope of science as the term is usually understood.

Therefore, it is not surprising that many things in religion are unscientific, because the two fields are separate.

Ordinarily, a virgin does not give birth to a child, a person who has died does not rise up again, lepers are not cured instantly, manna does not fall from heaven, and multitudes are not fed on a few loaves and fishes.

These events are beyond science; they are miracles, and ultra-scientific would be a better term than unscientific.

But would it not be peculiar if God should limit His power to the bounds of science, bounds which He Himself created? Cannot God who made the rules also make exceptions to them if He desires? These are only logical conclusions for any rational person who accepts the fact that God exists. With this in mind, no Christian should be surprised that miracles have occurred, and can and probably still do occur whenever it suits the purpose of God.

Baptists know in whom they believe. They accept Christ historically and also as personal Savior. They keep the faith and preach the Gospel, as good Christians have been directed to do. Standing firm on their beliefs, they have been blessed by a phenomenal growth so that today, if their children were counted, they would probably outnumber any other religious group in the United States.

May our ministers continue to preach the Word from our pulpits that each of us can say, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation. . ."

Congratulations to Brotherhood Department

The editor congratulates Secretary L. E. Coleman, Sr., Brotherhood Department. Churches all over the state are responding to his leadership. Men are being organized and are taking part in church and denominational life as never before.

Of particular interest right now is the Baptist Men's Tour which Secretary Coleman has organized. At least 300 men from all over the state are expected to go by chartered busses to visit all institutions supported by our General Association through the Cooperative Program. The tour begins Tuesday morning, May 3, and lasts four days. The start will be made in Louisville. Institutions to be visited include Kentucky Baptist Hospital, Louisville; the Baptist Building, Louisville; Spring Meadows, Middletown; Central Baptist Hospital, Lexington; Georgetown College, Georgetown; Magoffin Institute, Mountain Valley; Oneida Institute, Oneida; Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School, near Pineville; Cumberland College, Williamsburg; Campbellsville College, Campbellsville; Kentucky Baptist Children's Home, Glendale; Bethel College, Hopkinsville; Western Baptist Hospital, Paducah. The busses will arrive back at Spring Meadows in the late afternoon of May 6, where the men will take their own cars which are to be parked there during the tour.

Three Great Rallies

A great men's rally will be held in the chapel of Georgetown College in the evening of May 3 for those on the tour and all the men of that area. Nelson F. Tull, Brotherhood Secretary of Arkansas, will be the speaker. On the evening of May 4 another great men's rally will be held in the chapel of Cumberland College in which Chester Swor, evangelist and lecturer, will be the speaker. Still another rally will be held in the chapel of Bethel College the night of May 5. Speaker for this rally is to be announced.

Laymen making the tour will be thereafter much better acquainted with Kentucky Baptist institutions. Information is the basis for interest and support. Secretary Coleman's tour will help muster the manpower of the churches and bring about a better day for all our work. Good traveling, gentlemen! and may the entire trip be safe and rewarding!

Great Rally Still Ahead

Secretary Coleman also announces that the annual Baptist Men's Rally and Free Barbecue will be held at Cedarmore Friday, June 24. An attendance goal of 3,000 has been set. We believe they will be there. Men from 17 up are invited.

Kentucky Baptists have many needs, but one of the quickest and best ways to meet those needs is to get all our men behind the program. And they will be behind it and supporting it when they are recognized and enlisted.

Picture of Foreign Mission Advance

The Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, will report to the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami that:

At the close of 1954 Southern Baptists had 949 foreign missionaries at work—361 men, 371 married women, and 217 single women—in 35 countries and territories.

And those missionaries labored alongside 1,016 ordained and 2,566 unordained full-time workers last year. "The churches were served by 1,408 national pastors and 120 missionaries," the release states. The 2,268 Baptist churches abroad, related to Southern Baptist work, baptized 22,125 last year, and this ingathering brought the membership of those churches to 209,346. On account of conditions, reports from China have not been available since 1949.

Eight hundred and two of the churches on foreign fields are self-supporting and, together, all the churches gave the equivalent of \$1,484,396 during 1954.

Many outstations have been established, most of which will become churches. Outstations numbered 3,776 at the end of the year as compared to 2,178 at the close of 1953—an increase of 1,598.

On the foreign fields we have 3,311 Sunday schools with a total enrolment of 226,020. And to complete the picture, the 4,256 youth groups have enrolled 105,794, and the 2,120 missionary societies enrolled 47,432.

On foreign fields there are 545 Baptist schools. Of this number there are 23 theological seminaries with 979 students, and 10 training schools with 664 students. There are also 11 Baptist hospitals, eight dispensaries, 28 clinics. These are served by 27 missionary physicians, 24 national physicians, 39 missionary nurses, and 119 national nurses. All these served a total of 226, 548 patients during 1954.

And missionary presses were busy, putting out a total of 121,600 Bibles, 496,624 copies of 137 books, 6,558,605 pieces of 225 tracts, and 2,179,100 copies of 96 magazines. Also operated were 11 Good Will Centers which enrolled 1,742 children and 489 adults, and six orphanages cared for 361 children.

Concerning all this report Dr. Cauthen said: "Only a small portion of the story can be told. The remainder will have to be visualized in terms of love, devotion, and sacrifice, making possible what has been done."

We've been told again and again that figures are not interesting. That may be true in some instances. But figures like the above, for those who love Christ and long for the coming of His Kingdom, are highly interesting. Of course there are those who had no part in any of it. They gave little or nothing to further the work. Such persons are not interested in the fruits of missionary labors. Could it be that such persons will decide to share in it this year and on as they never did before, through the Cooperative Program?

The total income of the Foreign Mission Board

from all sources reached \$10,137,532 last year, an increase over the previous year of \$936,472. And the Board's release states: "Approximately 94 per cent of this total was used for support of missionaries and work conducted abroad."

Christian Education a Great Need

The need for *education* is everywhere recognized these days. Minds that are awake will not dare to neglect it. Only trained, informed minds can compete in today's world. There must be education of some kind.

More than Education

But our young people need more than education. They need training which includes Christian ideals, a living faith in the living Christ. They need Christ-likeness. They need the challenge to present their bodies a living sacrifice to God, to refuse to be conformed to this world's pattern, to be transformed that the Glory of Christ may shine through.

More than Ordinary People

Our young people must become more than just ordinary men and women. There are millions of ordinary people, but comparatively few who are as lights in a dark world.

Abraham was an ordinary man in Ur of Chaldea. He would have remained just a Chaldean, had he not gotten that added something which those about him never possessed. He came face to face with God and surrendered. He walked with Him, not knowing whither he went. He did not know the way he would travel nor the destination, but he knew the Hand that was holding and guiding him. That makes the difference between a mere Chaldean and an Abraham.

Moses was an ordinary man among the Egyptians. He was learned in her science and glory. But he caught a glimpse of the coming Christ and chose rather to suffer the afflictions of the people of God than to enjoy the pleasures of sin. He met God face to face and surrendered. That makes the difference between an ordinary man and a Moses.

Isaiah was an ordinary man until one day he came face to face with God in the temple and surrendered. He beheld God high and lifted up, His glory filling the place; he beheld his own need for God's healing touch and he came to understand likewise that those about him needed God's coal of fire. He said, "Here am I, send me!" That makes the difference between the ordinary man and the Isaiah who shone so brightly in the Old Testament.

Zayde, the sage of Mecca, broke with his religion and traveled, searching for the truth about God, seeking something to satisfy his own soul. At last, in prison, he cried out to the God he didn't know, "Lord, if only I knew how Thou wouldst be served, I would obey thy will. But I am ignorant." Christian Education points the way for thousands of mystified young people who search for the answer to life's biggest problem.

Timour the Tartar had learned the emptiness

of mere material things when he said, "The world is too small to satisfy the ambitions of a great soul." And the Sheik of Samarcand said: "The ambition of a great soul is not to be satisfied with the possession of a morsel of earth, but by the possession of God." Man needs more than things. He needs more than an education. He needs more than facts and skilled hands. He needs God, without Whom all else is nothing.

Only redeemed men can lead the world out of its confusion, out of the shadows of bloody hate into the safety of brotherly love.

Education could uncover the mysteries of the atom, but only Christ can enable men to live together safely in this atomic age.

We need a new birth of spiritual power. Emerson said, "Great men are they that see that the spiritual is stronger than any material force."

Saul of Tarsus was educated but still lacked that something which could take hate and bigotry and sin out of his life—rather, he lacked that Somebody Who could do this. But he met Him on the Damascus Road and surrendered to Him for time and eternity and then went forth to live and die that others might know Him too. Christ made the difference between Saul of Tarsus and Paul the Christian. Saul of Tarsus knew many facts but he didn't know Jesus. Jesus is the great Truth and no man is fully educated until he knows Him. Blessed is the young man who can say, "I know Whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is ABLE . . ." And blessed are those people who make it their daily concern that their young people shall know Christ and be educated in an atmosphere in which He dominates. Such young people know not only how to get; they know how to give—give what they have and all that they are that others may know Him too. Christ makes the difference. Christian Education makes a difference. Never has the world needed education more, and never has it needed anything as much as it needs lives that are saturated with the Spirit and power of Christ! Give through the Cooperative Program and make possible an expanded Christian education, as well as all other causes fostered by Kentucky Baptists.

COMICS: *Publisher's Weekly* reveals that Americans spend each year more than \$100,000,000 on comics of all kinds. This amount is considerably beyond the total figure the entire country expends annually for textbooks used in all the elementary and secondary schools, and it is more than four times the sum spent for books in all the public libraries of the United States. We ask: Are Americans losing the ability to do serious thinking? Does this represent our concept of values?

►Benjamin Franklin said: "When a religion is good . . . it will support itself; and when it cannot support itself and God does not care to support it, so that its advocates are obliged to call for help of the civil power, it is the sign . . . of its being a bad one." Quoted by J. M. Dawson in his *Church, State, and Society* (MacMillan).

Evangelism's Trumpet Call

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(Continued from Last Week)

In evangelistic meetings, I think the pastor ought to always stand down at the front to receive the folks, the evangelist, of course, up here making his appeal.

In my own church, Sunday after Sunday, I come down off of the pulpit. As long as they are coming, we just keep on singing. As long as they are coming, don't change the appeal; don't change the hymn as long as they are coming; just keep on singing that same hymn, and just let that appeal that you've already made be sufficient.

If they quit coming and there's a lull, then that's the time to change your appeal or the hymn as you feel led of the Spirit.

There will come times in the revival meeting when you have made these appeals, and some people have responded; then, suddenly, it just stops.

I remember, during the simultaneous meetings a few years ago, I was out in Carlsbad, New Mexico, holding a meeting.

On Sunday we were having that great unified service. The people were coming, coming, coming! Then all at once they quit. I thought that, in that audience, there were a great many who needed to come. So I asked the folks to sit down and rest a minute; they had been singing and singing. Then I asked the Christian people:

"How many of you know of someone in this audience that ought to believe on Christ, someone who hasn't come, but who ought to come? Raise your hand." Then I said, "How many of you would like us to pray for some lost person here this morning? Will you raise your hand." Then I said, "Will you bow your heads, we are going to pray."

They bowed their heads. I asked for any unsaved, lost people in the audience that had any problems at all, any difficulties, and would like for us to pray for them, to raise their hand. Perhaps a dozen people over the audience raised their hands. We had an earnest word of prayer.

Then we came to this point. You know how many times you've gone to hold a revival meeting, and you would give anything in the world to know if there were really any lost people out there. You don't know how far to go; you don't know how long to press that

invitation. You can be too short with it; you can be too long with it; you can drag it out; to know just when to stop is the most difficult thing in the world. You, perhaps, can know that in your own church, but in a strange place you do not know.

But there's one thing, brethren, we want to remember: never embarrass people in the house of God. I never go to a church and begin by separating the sheep from the goats. I try to begin with that invitation in the beginning of my sermon.

In my own experience I find it is much easier not to have any break between my sermon and the invitation. I just glide into the invitation and I'm in the invitation before folks know. They don't know which is which. Just glide into the invitation as a natural part of your message, prepared with your message.

And then without embarrassing folks, I use this method which I believe God has richly blessed: As a stranger here in this pulpit, I wish I knew you people personally. It would be such a great joy. I know you are some of the finest people in the world, and I would really love to get acquainted with you this morning. I'd love to know who you are. I wonder if you would co-operate with me just a few minutes so we can get acquainted. Would everyone of you who are members in this church stand to your feet." And they stand.

Then I said, "Would all of you who are not members of this church, but you are members of some other church in this community, stand please?" And they stand. There's no one embarrassed.

Then I say, "I presume then that there are some of you here that are Christians and church members, but you have come to this community; you have come to this city; you've never yet moved your membership. You intend to do it, but for some reason you've just put it off. You don't intend to rob God of your service, you don't want to grow cold in your Christian life." You can make this appeal in a very tactful way. And then I say, "Will you stand to your feet?" And they stand.

But you say, That leaves the lost people and you are certainly embarrassing them."

But we do not. You can very skillfully say, "Now I presume that those of you who are not standing have never yet openly confessed Jesus Christ as your

Saviour. Perhaps many of you are already convinced that Christ is the Son of God, the Saviour of the world. Perhaps many of you are already convicted that Christ died for your sins and that Christ will save you if you will believe upon Him and trust Him. You do not intend to go out of this life without God. You intend sometime to trust Christ. You intend sometime to confess Him as your Saviour. Will you stand to your feet."

You have had a census of your whole audience. Almost invariably they will all stand to their feet. Then we can say, "Now you have said that you intend to do it sometime. There is no sometime for you; the only time that you can be sure of is now. What we ought to do sometime we ought to do now. 'Behold today is the day of salvation, now is the time saith the Lord.'" Make your appeal.

And many, many times I have seen them, after the invitation opened up again, start coming. Some by letter, some by confession of faith. And many times you can have such a break in your services and in the invitation, and you will find that God will honor that message and many more will come forward in response to the invitation.

Brethren, the difference between successful and unsuccessful evangelists is largely in the invitation!

Every time I have an evangelist in my pulpit, every time I have a visiting minister in my pulpit, I watch him like a hawk. I observe his every move, and I observe his every word; and all that I know is what I've been able to absorb through others, and as I have read and studied, and have gained experience as I have tried these things' out.

Depend on the Holy Spirit

Now, of course, we are entirely dependent upon the Holy Spirit. We can't do anything apart from His presence. We can't do the work of the Spirit; we can only discern the Spirit's promptings. We honor the Spirit by preaching Christ. The Holy Spirit uses the Word of God, and we honor the Holy Spirit when we allow Him to use us in the invitation.

Most of us are afraid of the invitation. I'm ashamed as I go about visiting in the summertime when I'm on vacation. Brethren, in church, after church, the sermon is preached and the pastor announces that we are going to stand and sing one stanza of an invitation song, and if no one comes we will be dismissed.

The Holy Spirit doesn't work on that kind of a timetable! A harvest doesn't always ripen at one time. You have to give it time. Some come on the first stanza, then some more on the second, and so on.

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►The Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held in First Baptist Church, Memphis, November 8-10 this year.

While Men Slept

By RANDLE MANWARING
(England)

It happens in fairy-tales, those caricatures of real life. Wizards doze while their old mothers pluck the three golden hairs which represent their store of wisdom. The hare takes a rest and the tortoise wins the race. Two older brothers snore at the crossroads while the younger one overtakes them and arrives first at the king's palace. Giants lie down to sleep and their hearts are stolen away.

In real life you cannot afford to drop off to sleep when you ought to be vigilant. "While men slept" the enemy sowed tares. The bridegroom came while the unwise bridesmaids slept. While their Lord was wrestling in prayer, the disciples dozed and failed Him in His hour of deepest human need.

Often we awake to our peril when it is too late. It happened in 1938 when, beneath the mounting blows to our faith in the future, Hitler was on the march. It was then, and then only, that we awoke to our peril. Similarly, when the Iron Curtain fell on Eastern Europe a few years ago, we became aware, almost over night, of the global threat of Communism. In the Christian church, it seems that something approaching disaster is needed to awaken her members to decisive action.

Consider, if you will, two current topics: the need for evangelism, and the employment of "laity" in the accomplishment of the church's mission in contemporary society. In these instances only stark failure has brought home the needs of the hour—foresight has been lacking and problems have been dealt with, not as they arise, but only after they have reached the festering and unpleasant stage.

Over the need for evangelism there is, of course, a wide difference of opinion in Christendom, varying from the false premiss of the Middle Ages that a man's only concern was the salvation and culture of his own soul in monastic seclusion, to the efforts of isolated open-air workers. Nowadays, it seems, the churches at large have been awakened out of the easy-going, self-satisfied liberalism or modernism of between-the-wars, into the stark alternatives of pushing forward the frontiers of Christianity—or perishing.

The churches look out on the growing materialism of an age feather-bedded by State-welfare and technical advancement, and at the cosh-boys who typify the law-breaking and godless gangsterism which has grown out of total war.

Half-empty churches confirm that, in general, Christianity is not getting to grips with the people, and thus there has been born, in what may perhaps be the twilight of organized religion, a neo-orthodoxy, in which evangelism is to play a leading part. Dr. Sangster recently sounded a clarion call concerning the pagan state of our land and its desperate need for true revival; and his words received more publicity than any other religious statement of recent years. Mr. Tom Rees has shown how to reach some sections of youth, at least, at his rallies in the Albert Hall. In certain places there are special evangelistic efforts or missions as assaults

Home Board's J. W. Wells in Whitesburg Survey

By CLEL B. RODGERS, Pastor,
First Baptist Church

WHITESBURG, Ky., March 9. — One of the greatest aids we have had for the coming revival was given us recently when John W. Wells, of the Home Mission Board, came to the First Baptist Church here for a two weeks' survey of the possibilities.

We had been taking a census just about every year, but somehow the joy some find in it did not make it a longed-for annual task. There was always the problem of getting workers, training them, and yet never getting the proper results, making it necessary to retrace steps, going back to find those not at home, etc. After it was over, and the teachers and officers received the cards, then further visits were made. Finding them was always a problem, and ascertaining who were the other members of the family.

In the past, family cards have been made from the census cards. I have numbered the houses in the territory and tried to number the cards properly so as to correspond with the houses.

Brother Wells had us paint a four-by-eight foot plywood board for a map of the community. On a small map we placed each house in the community, and this was transferred to the large map was zoned with 15 to 35 houses in each zone, and these zones were given a letter, and the houses were numbered within each zone. The workers began the survey within the zones, putting the same letter and number on the proper

on the hearts of the men and women of the "couldn't-care-less" age.

Along with the stark need for evangelism, if the drift away from the churches is to be arrested, goes the need for using the laity in the churches. Sacerdotalism and priestly-clericalism will doubtless fight to the last ditch against the breaking down of barriers between "clergy and people," but the alarming shortage of clergy causes ministers furiously to think of ways and means of fulfilling the ministry of the church in all its various forms. After all, the church, militant here on earth, has so often failed to recognize the priesthood of all believers and the functions of every member of the body. Laymen have been very much in the minority; but now the Church of England, for one, talks of extending the influence and scope of its laity in the days to come.

But why, one is bound to ask, has there not been more vigilance, more timely action, and more prevention on the part of us Christians? Cures are always more difficult. Can we not learn from our own history?

The survey card is prepared by Mr. Wells' department of the Home Mission Board, and the cards and the survey instructions cost one dollar.

Because we could check the progress of the work with the aid of the letters and zones, and the numbers on the cards on the map, we were able to get a 100% survey. The cards allow easy tabulation of the results, and a master-file of prospects was soon compiled. From this, a card for each prospect was given to the teacher of each class. The zone number and letter gave the location of the house, and the survey cards were filled so the teacher could quickly find all the information about all the family on the family prospect card.

The survey can continue because of the correct basic procedure. A zone leader is selected for each zone. This person has adequate report forms, maps, names and information to keep the pastor fully aware of all activity in the respective zone. In this way the map and information are kept up to date.

►Last week's Baptist Standard, of Texas, shows a photograph of four men breaking ground for the new Tarrytown Baptist Church of Austin, Texas. One of them is the pastor, Dr. Edgar Balance Bratcher, and another is Dr. L. Carlyle Marney, pastor of the First Church there. Both of these men are former Kentucky pastors.

"Those Rotten Southern Baptists"

Saying that Southern Baptists are "rotten to the core" is the method used to separate Baptist churches from their denomination. This was the charge made by Rev. Samuel H. W. Johnson against Southern Baptists in the North Rocky Mount Baptist Church, North Carolina. The church voted to withdraw from the convention. The same statement, in substance, was made in Illinois, which resulted in the Holts Prairie Baptist Church withdrawing from the Nine Mile Association, the State Association, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Let's see how rotten Southern Baptists are.

This means that every class officer, Training Union leader, and every person who goes to a Sunday school, or attends any Baptist church in any capacity is rotten. Southern Baptists are organized. They are organized down to every local church, department, and class. This is what makes them grow. They are so rotten that they are the "fastest growing denomination in the United States."

They now have 8,182,305 persons who voluntarily made a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, asked for church membership, and have been baptized. There is not a proxy baptism in the whole 8,000,000. They all claim to be rotten at the core, repented of their sins and made a profession of faith. Not one of them, so far as we have been able to find out, claims to be perfect or without sin.

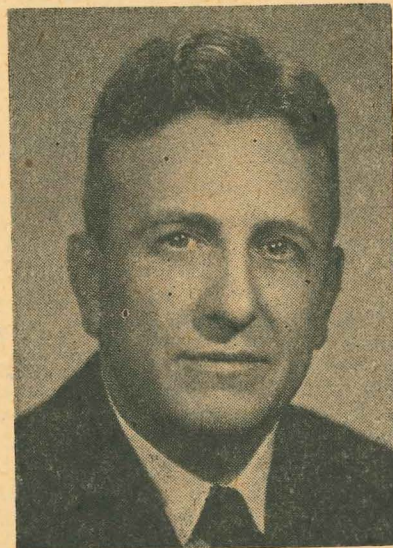
Those rotten Southern Baptists won and baptized 396,757 persons to the Lord. Last year, with all their rottenness, they increased their Sunday school enrollment more than 600,000 until it reached 6,372,318.

Those bad Southern Baptists gained 403 churches last year and the 29,899 churches gave \$305,573,654 of filthy lucre to the Lord, of which \$53,926,157 was given to preach the gospel outside the local churches. Their Vacation Bible Schools were so bad that they had 2,570,290 persons in them, of which 48,038 were led to the Lord. Those rotten Southern Baptists now have \$1,075,761,138 in church property, which is a gain of \$55,256,924 over last year.

Those Southern Baptists are so bad that they have spread like wild onions and have co-operating churches in 35 states, Alaska, Hawaii, and Canada. They have become worse since 1944 when they had 5,667,926 in their membership. That means that there are now 44 per cent more bad Southern Baptists than there were in 1944. The Sunday school is 80 per cent worse off than they were in 1944 in number. Their badness sure is spreading.

Those churches are so bad that they go out and call their own pastors with-

out consulting any Bishop, Archbishop, Pope, or anybody else. Like naughty children, they do just as they please. They run their own business, decide how much money they will give to any cause, and where. They even elect their own members to go to the Local Association, State Association, and the Southern Baptist Convention. Their elected messengers carry on the business, and when they get back home the churches don't have to do a thing that their own messengers voted. The churches are so free that they can do as they please. This is a rotten set-up in the eyes of the world, some church groups, and all would-be church bosses and dic-



DR. PERRY F. WEBB, pastor of the First Baptist Church, San Antonio, Texas, is to preach in a revival with Dr. William R. Pettigrew at the Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, April 10-17.

tators. It keeps them from running things.

Those rotten Southern Baptists took care of 5,588 homeless children in their orphanages last year at a cost of \$4,600,000. Their 29 rotten hospitals took care of 22,853 charity patients who couldn't take care of themselves. They spent \$2,760,723 on these poor, unfortunate people. More than 8,000 Negroes, 96,000 people from other denominations, and 23,000 non-church members were given treatment in the hospitals owned by these bad Southern Baptists. More than 55,000 young men and women attended schools which these bad Southern Baptists provided. Some 7,000 are preachers and missionaries who are

going to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ.

All these Southern Baptists claim to be sinners saved by grace. None of them claim they or the church saved them. They claim their sins are under the blood of Christ. The only perfection they claim is in the meritorious work of the Lord Jesus Christ. Their perfection is in Him. It is through His blood that they are saved from the punishment of sin, the power of sin, and eventually from the presence of sin.

Yes, Southern Baptists admit they are rotten to the core. That is one of their cardinal doctrines. Their only hope of perfection is in Christ Jesus. No real Southern Baptist will belittle our sins and imperfections. We would pray that we shall be more like Christ. With all of our imperfections, we are still winning more people to Christ than anybody else, and pray that we shall do a better job in the years ahead than we have done in the past.—*The Illinois Baptist.*

Dr. T. C. Ecton Elected Pastor Emeritus of Lexington's Calvary

LEXINGTON, Ky. — On Wednesday night, February 16, the Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, unanimously elected its beloved former pastor, Dr. T. C. Ecton, as pastor emeritus. The present pastor, Dr. Franklin Owen, brought the recommendation of the action to the church and, following the enthusiastic vote, presented Dr. Ecton with a supply of personal stationery under the letterhead of the church, bearing his name in the above mentioned office.

Dr. Owen stated in the February 20 issue of Calvary's bulletin concerning the action: "Of course this does not add anything to the personal esteem with which he is held, but simply makes official the place he has held in our minds and hearts all along.

"Dr. Ecton was for 39 years pastor of this church where his marvelous service distinguished both himself and the church, making noteworthy achievements with which you are more familiar than I.

"He recently observed his eighty-second birthday and we are grateful for his inspiring presence among us in robust health. Henceforth his name will appear with our staff members in our bulletins. We all join in assuring him of our love and prayers for God to give him rich years among us."

►On a recent Sunday Dr. A. M. Vollmer, secretary of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, supplied the pulpit of the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, Tennessee, of which Dr. R. G. Lee is the pastor.

"Not Every Spirit"

By EDMOND RAYMOND ANDERSON

It was Wesley who said that there are two kinds of religious fools in the world: the first believes nothing and the second believes everything. And from there I would say that the second is as deadly as the first.

On a particular afternoon there was a knock on my door. A dear, sweet lady stood there.

For a moment I stared at her. She seemed so like my own mother who was two hundred miles away. I wondered whether she had come to pay a surprise visit.

The voice was so gracious, she did not mean to take up too much of my time, she was interested in religion and was certain I was too, could she come in for a moment and play a phonograph record about the all-important subject of life after death and leave some very enlightening literature?

You recognize her of course. Too bad there are so many deceived, deluded, devil-driven agents abroad in the land today, too bad they go about in such bewildering disguise, even to deceive the very elect! Religious terms roll so easily from their lips, the Bible in hand is well-worn and the stock-texts are so easy to find and read, accompanied with the "illuminating commentary," in such a voice of seeming authority.

It all sounds so well because all too few take the name of God in anything save that of the curse, and it comes almost as a relief to hear the Holy Name breathed in such apparent reverence.

But as the apostle said, this should be no marvel, nor should we assume this to be the extraordinary manner of satanic subtlety. Satan himself can well transform himself into an angel of light, and little wonder that he has passed along the secrets of religious counterfeit, to alas! ensnare many a "second fool" who is all too ready to believe anything that is served on the religious platter.

All this is intended to impress upon our minds and hearts the urgent necessity of reading, of studying, of poring and praying and pondering over the Word of God.

This is the emergency which is meant to drive us to the living Word that the man of God may be thoroughly furnished against all that "seems to be."

Beloved, we certainly need this practical approach to Bible study in this day, when religion has once again become popular, and the Name which is above every name seems to have come in for some measure of apparent approval.

Knowing the Word is the safety as

well as the satisfaction, and the right use of the Word will ward off the enemy, as well as warm us to the hearts of those who are in his foul clutches. The Word is a weapon as well as a wonder, a tool as well as a treasure.

Our Lord withstood the enemy in the wilderness with the Word! not with religious sentiment. "IT IS WRITTEN" is the first and last answer which wipes out every question and disguise of the adversary. If the Word was thus, and meant thus, to our Lord, it can hardly be less or otherwise to us, if we would know of spiritual success.

John has a most up-to-date word for

Biloxi's G. C. Hodge To Be in Revival at Lebanon Junction



G. C. Hodge

growth under his leadership. Pastor Joe Canzoneri says that Dr. Hodge is one of the most aggressive pastors in Mississippi.

us in his first epistle, which would be well to lay against every religious movement and enterprise in this day—"Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world" (1 Jno. 4:1).

If John could say that in the early day, what could be said in these last days of grace! Not every spirit is spiritual, even though they call themselves such. Not every prophet comes from "Holy Headquarters," even though he assume the outward garb. The inspired writer who cried, "Believe! Believe!" in the Gospel record must need complement the divine record by equally crying forth, "Believe not! Believe not!" Both messages are from the Lord—the first that we might be saved, the second that we might not err from the truth.

Beloved, these are the "times of the

tares," and we live in the grim swell of it, "it seems to be." But with the open Word and the receptive heart, the Holy Spirit can minister the unction from above which more than meets the curse of the counterfeit.

New Organ Given to the Perryville Church

PERRYVILLE, Ky., March 21. — A new organ was recently presented to the Perryville Baptist Church by four persons, namely, Mrs. Allen Bond, Mr. A. B. Coyle, Perryville; Mrs. Madeline Cull, Frankfort, and Mr. Edward Coyle, Danville, in memory of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coyle, long-time residents and outstanding citizens of Perryville and Boyle County. Mrs. Coyle, who died several years ago, was in her lifetime a most loyal and devoted member of the Perryville Baptist Church. Mr. Coyle, who passed away last year, served for more than 30 years as superintendent of the Sunday school and was a Bible class teacher.

A special service was held yesterday afternoon, March 20, at which time the organ was formally presented to the church and dedicated to the service of the Lord Jesus Christ. Pastor Ellis M. Ham brought a brief message on the value of music in church services and work. A series of appropriate musical numbers was presented by a guest organist, Mrs. William Bush, Lexington. Many members and visitors from other churches and the surrounding towns attended the dedication.

This worthy gift honors in a most fitting manner the memory of these two fine Christian people who served their town and church with zeal and devotion.

Tom Francis Resigns as President of Magoffin

WINCHESTER, Ky. — Rev. Tom Francis extended his resignation to the Board of Trustees of Magoffin Baptist Bible Institute Saturday, March 19. The resignation was accepted by the Trustees in their special meeting at the First Baptist Church of Winchester, Kentucky. Miss Anna Starkey was asked to accept the temporary leadership of the school.

The Trustees extended to Mr. Francis and his family their best wishes and sincerely pray that his life may continue to be used of the Lord and the work of His Kingdom.—Rev. Dalton Leath, Chairman of Board of Trustees, Magoffin Baptist Institute.

►Brother Charles W. Holland, Jr., is now pastor of the Fountain Memorial Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., and not the Foundation Baptist Church, as erroneously printed in the Western Recorder recently.

Evangelism's Trumpet Call

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In our own church in Jacksonville we have trained our people, over these nearly fifteen years, to stay just as long as people are coming and the invitation is going. I almost always say, when we come to the invitation: "We are going to stand and sing the invitation hymn, and no one will leave the building. This is the supreme moment of this hour. And no one will leave the building." And certainly, if there are those who have to leave, they will always seat themselves near the rear door where they have to go. You can train an audience.

I know you can train an audience! If you will just stay with it, be patient, don't fuss at them, just show them the importance of that supreme moment, and how they must co-operate with you and must be in a spirit of prayer when people come forward, and if you give your audience part of the credit, they'll stay with you!

Oh brethren, it is the way you do it. It's the mannerism in which we do it. It's the tone of our voice; it's our attitude that irritates. This invitation cannot be given in a cold manner. There has to be a feeling of compassion in it. Unless there is that warmth and compassion, we will not have the results.

An Illustration

May I give this illustration that happened during the war?

We had, as you know, literally hundreds of thousands of servicemen stationed at Camp Blandy and at the Naval Air Station and at the Mayport Carrier Basin and all about Jacksonville. We had hundreds of servicemen in our services every Sunday.

We carried on a vigorous program for them. I had the joy of baptizing hundreds and hundreds of those men, coming from up east and from the north because, as you know, they sent all the southern boys north and all the Yankee boys down south. Those boys would come into our church. They had never been in an atmosphere like that. They had never felt such warmth.

I baptized literally hundreds of Catholic boys—boys out of Catholic backgrounds and Catholic homes—who came there to our city and under the influence of the friendliness of our church and the warmth of the spirit.

I recall one Sunday morning, I had delivered my sermon, and I gave the invitation. My song leader led in the invitation song. We sang one stanza and no one came; two stanzas and no one came; three stanzas no one came: I was about to close the invitation but I had the prompting of the Spirit that we

ought not to close. The house was packed. I felt there were folks there who, unless they decided that day, would perhaps never again have an opportunity.

We sang seven stanzas. And on the seventh stanza they started. We had eighteen soldier boys converted that morning.

Now just suppose we had quit on the first, or the second, or the third, or the fourth, or the fifth. Suppose my folks had walked out on me. But on the seventh stanza they started!

What a glorious service it was. We didn't get away that day until about 12:30, but there was no fussing. I lined all those boys up around the altar, and the people came down with tears in their eyes; and the boys had tears streaming down their faces. There was joy!

That isn't the end of that story. Not long after that, when I had closed my message one Sunday, standing near the door was a young woman. She kept

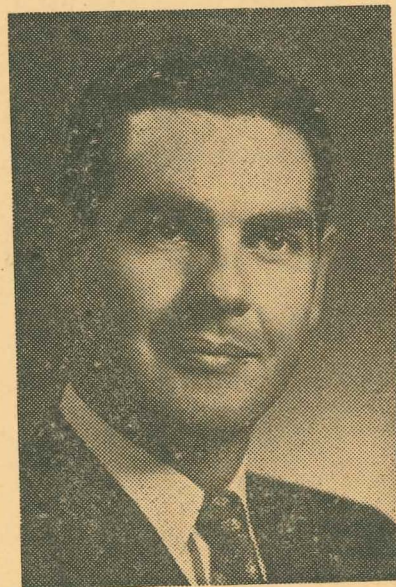
standing there until all the people had gone and then she came up and said:

"Dr. Lindsay, I've come from Atlanta to meet you and to thank you for what you have meant to me. Then she identified herself, and said: "Do you recall one Sunday, some two months ago, that you gave the invitation and no one came until you had sung seven stanzas? and then they started? My husband was the first one to walk down that aisle. He went back that afternoon and wrote me a letter. He told me about the service and that he had given his heart to Christ. He said, 'Darling, we will now have a Christian home; and the children will have Christian faith.'"

And then she said, "The very next week he was killed. You didn't know, but we buried him up in Atlanta, near our home. Dr. Lindsay, don't ever let up easy. Remember, it took seven stanzas to win my husband; and if you hadn't held on that morning, he, no doubt, would not have given his heart to Christ. I wouldn't have this beautiful letter (she had it there in her hand) which is the greatest comfort that I have. It means everything because I'm a Christian and he is with Jesus, and I know we are going to be together forever."

Brethren, let's give thought and earnest study and much prayer and preparation to this matter of the church's trumpet call, the invitation!

Young Baptist Layman Available For Programs of Instruction in Developing Better Church Music



W. L. Jones

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. — Mr. W. L. Jones is now available for teaching churches, which desire such instruction, how to organize and build a graded choir system.

In a week or two of church-wide

study, Mr. Jones will give instruction in conducting, elementary theory, youth choir organization and vocal techniques in the light of the needs and possibilities of the particular church in which he works.

Any Kentucky church desiring guidance in this field would do well to contact Mr. Jones at 329 North Main Street, Barbourville.

After his graduation from college, Mr. Jones earned the Bachelor of Sacred Music degree and the Master of Sacred Music degree in the Music School of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville. He received the latter degree on January 25, 1955.

Mr. Jones' experience has been at the First Baptist Church, Barbourville, and as summer choir director at the Central Baptist Church, Corbin. He has done solo work in the field of Church Music; also, choir organization work in the graded choir system.

Mr. Jones has chosen to devote himself to this phase of church music instead of accepting the position of Minister of Music in a single church. He is on call to assist any Baptist church, regardless of size, whose membership is interested in developing a better music program.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

By IONE GRAY, Press Representative
Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va.

Relief Money Needed Now!

The Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention appropriated \$15,000 for the building of chapels in Germany at a March meeting, reducing the relief funds to \$4,000.

Dr. George W. Sadler, chairman of the Relief Committee, and Mr. L. Howard Jenkins, president of the Foreign Mission Board, expressed their distress over the inability to send the entire \$30,800 requested for the chapel building program in Germany or to meet any of the needs of the Orient where suffering abounds.

The Relief Committee is a Southern Baptist Convention committee and dates back to 1946 when the Convention asked the Foreign Mission Board to take over the distribution of relief funds. Formerly Southern Baptist relief activity had been headed by Dr. George W. Truett and Dr. Louie D. Newton.

Then in 1946 when the Convention began a major relief campaign to relieve suffering following World War II, the Foreign Mission Board, because of its knowledge of world conditions and its representatives in foreign countries, was asked to take over the responsibility of distributing funds.

The relief program of Southern Baptists is administered from this fund which is made up of special gifts from individuals and churches. With only \$4,000 in hand at this time, no emergency can be met until more money arrives, Dr. Sadler explained.

Money for relief should be addressed to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, P. O. Box 5148, Richmond 20, Va., and should be clearly marked for relief.

Dr. Sadler said the greatest mission opportunity on the continent of Europe at present is in Germany. "This is one way in which we can help the people of East Germany who have been victimized by the inroads of Communism," he said. "These people have come into West Germany by the hundreds, fleeing from circumstances which they believe to be intolerable. We are able to minister to them spiritually through making possible the erection of these chapels. By doing the work themselves, these people have been able to take a little money and make it go a long way."

Dr. Sadler said there are more than 10,000,000 refugees in West Germany who will be dependent on outside help for a long time to come. Three of the churches to be helped by March appropriations are located in Eastern Germany. Baptist relief work in Europe

is headed by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, president of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland.

Southern Baptists have been helping German Baptists in their rehabilitation program since 1950; and to date financial aid has been given to about 50 churches for their building projects. An appropriation of \$65,070 for this purpose was made by the Relief Committee last November.

19 Missionaries Appointed

The Foreign Mission Board appointed 19 young people for overseas service at its March meeting. They are:

Ross B. Fryer, Jr., Texas, and Mary Lynn Baker Fryer, Arkansas, for Indonesia; Fred L. Hawkins, Jr., North Carolina, and Mariruth Barker Hawkins, Tennessee, for Brazil; Samuel L. Jones and Ona Knight Jones, both of Texas, for Southern Rhodesia; S. Judson Lennon and Harriett Orr Lennon, both of North Carolina, for Thailand; Dewey E. Mercer, Kentucky, and Ramona Hall Mercer, Tennessee, for Japan.

Harold E. Renfrow and Nona Baumgartner Renfrow, both of Missouri, for Brazil; Ancil B. Scull, Indiana, and Rubye Northcutt Scull, Oklahoma, for Indonesia; Lucy E. Wagner, Missouri, for Korea; William S. Wester, Georgia, and Blanche Clement Wester, Louisiana, for Southern Rhodesia; and Carl F. Yarnell, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Pate Yarnell, both of Tennessee, for Malaya.

These appointments brought the Board's total number of active missionaries to 969 and they are the first of the approximately 100 expected during 1955.

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, executive secretary, said following the appointment of the 19 young people that the outlook for the appointment of missionaries this year is the best in the history of the Foreign Mission Board. "Both from the standpoint of personnel and finances an all-time high has been reached in the foreign mission enterprise," he said.

Lottie Moon Offering

Everett L. Deane, treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board, reported that the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds which reached the Board during January and February, this year, increased \$129,309 over 1954.

Books on the Offering are closed on May 1 each year with everything coming in after that time being counted on the next year's total. Mr. Deane said: "If we receive as much money in March and April this year as was received dur-

ing the same period in 1954, we will exceed last year's total of \$3,602,554."

Extending the Outreach

Dr. George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe, and the Near East, said missionaries and nationals in several countries of the areas to which he is related wish to extend the borders of the outreach of the Board's work. From Nigeria there is the appeal for enlarged operations in the Moslem north. From Southern Rhodesia there is a plea that the missionaries be privileged to take an option on a site near Lake Nyasa.

Dr. Sadler said an interesting development in connection with Baptist work in Europe is related to the plans of Dr. and Mrs. John Allen Moore, formerly missionaries to Yugoslavia who have been with the Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, since its inception, Dr. Moore serving as professor of church history and Mrs. Moore as a teacher of English.

On several occasions the Moores have revisited Yugoslavia. Apparently the tug of need there is so strong that they have decided to regive themselves to service in connection with that country. They plan to take up residence in an Austrian city near the Yugoslav border with the idea of making frequent visits to Yugoslavia and remaining for extended periods.

Missionaries in the Middle East are still thinking in terms of getting into Arabia. "Thus it is," Dr. Sadler said, "and we are constantly called upon to supply personnel and money to meet the ever widening and deepening needs of the peoples of the world."

Four Deacons Ordained By New Salem Church

PIERCE, Ky., March 14. — The New Salem Baptist Church, Green County, of the Russell Creek Association, met on Saturday night, March 12, 1955, for the purpose of ordaining Brothers Ray Mays, Clayton Bonta, Walter Wright and Sidney Wright as deacons. The examining council was composed of messengers from five churches: Pastor Jimmy Bonta, Deacons Ray Jefferies and Mason Bishop from Russell Creek Church; Pastor R. G. Puckett and Deacon Aubrey L. Curry from Trammel's Creek Church; Deacons A. W. Vanarsdall and Lonnie Chaudion from Macedonia Church; Pastor J. V. Case, Jr., of the Greensburg Baptist Church; and Pastor Manley Towles and Deacons Ben Judd, Ernest Compton, and C. C. Thompson of the New Salem Church.

The Council elected Manley Towles as moderator and interrogator and Aubrey L. Curry as clerk. The ordination message was delivered by R. G. Puckett, the charge to the church by J. V. Case, Jr. and the charge to the candidates by Jimmy Bonta. The ordination prayer was led by A. W. Vanarsdall.

The Golden Egg

By GLADYS CLEONE CARPENTER



Illustrated by Frances Johnson

The big city park was full of happy children. It was the day of the big Easter egg hunt for the East End.

Eggs were hidden everywhere. Some were colored hen's eggs. Others were candy eggs wrapped in thin paper. They were of all sizes and colors. The children were running everywhere looking for the eggs.

"I found a chocolate egg!" Warren called to his sister Edith.

"I found a little sack of small colored eggs in that old stump," Edith answered.

Hidden somewhere was one very large egg. Whoever found that was to get the big Easter prize.

Warren dashed about looking everywhere for this one special egg. As he looked he came almost to the edge of the park.

There were signs here, and Warren always read signs. They always gave rules. When he read them, he knew just what to do. These signs were about good manners in the park.

The first sign read: "DON'T PICK THE FLOWERS." It was near a big bed of lovely zinnias, but Warren didn't look for eggs among them. He turned and crossed a little rustic bridge to a tiny island. When he reached the island there was a sign: KEEP OUT!

Warren stopped. On the island in a pen he could see two Easter bunnies, but he didn't stop long enough to look at them.

As he rushed along looking for the big egg he ate some of the candy eggs he had been finding. Soon he came to another sign: TRASH IN THIS BIN.

Warren stopped and threw his candy papers into the bin.

The bin was by a big tree. Up part way on the tree trunk was a feeding platform for birds. On the platform, wrapped in paper, was a big egg! It must be the one for the prize!

Of course Warren was excited—but—he couldn't quite reach the egg. Maybe he could find a stone to stand on.

Suddenly he heard a bell: DING-DONG! DING-DONG! DING-DONG!

That was the park bell that meant that all the children must gather at one place.

Away Warren ran to join the others. Children were running down from all parts of the park. They stopped in a big open place in the middle of the park.

CHILDREN'S PAGE FOR BOYS AND GIRLS STARTED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP) — Boys and girls beginning today, in this very issue of the Western Recorder is a page especially designed for you. The wonderful thing about it is that it will be in the Western Recorder every week.

Since you will probably be looking for Easter eggs this week, you will want to read Warren's story about his Easter egg hunt in the story of "The Golden Egg." You will find out what happened to Warren and who found the golden egg. You will also find where the egg was hidden, and oh, what a wonderful prize somebody got.

Included on this page is some more fun for you. See how many blanks you can fill to make the poem complete. Then turn the page upside down to see if your answers are correct.

Keep reading the Western Recorder for there will be so much fun on this page for you. You will want to be the first one in the family to get the paper when it comes to your house.

Every week each new page will bring you your favorite stories about boys and girls, history, science, and many more things. You will have games, puzzles, poems, cartoons, and things to do and make each week.

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Warren found his sister and two cousins. He stood with them.

"Did anybody bring back the big egg?" asked the man in charge.

No one answered.

"Did any one of you see an egg that you think is the big one?"

Several children answered at once.

"Where did you see it?" the man asked May.

"In the eagle's nest in his cage."

"Wrong," the man said.

"I saw a big egg that belongs to the ostrich," said Edith.

"Wrong."

Now Warren told about the egg on the birdhouse above the trash bin.

"That's the one!" the man exclaimed. "I'll get it for you."

The crowd followed while the man went to get the egg and hand it to Warren.

Warren thanked him and tore away the wrapper. There was a huge, golden egg filled with candy!

Warren began to share the candy with his sister and cousins.

"Now you get the Grand Prize," said the man. "It's the two Easter bunnies on the island."

All the children rushed to the bridge with Warren.

"Oh, aren't they beautiful!" they cried when they saw the rabbits.

The man put the rabbits in a box, and set it on a cart. Warren and his sister and cousins started pushing them home.

All the children were glad that Warren won the prize. The reason they were glad was because he said, "All of you must come play with me and my rabbits!"

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THREE KEYS

By Laura A. Boyd

A —key has two long, long ears;
Its voice is not so sweet;

A —key at Thanksgiving time
Is very good to eat.

A —key has a long, strong tail,
He swings down from a tree,
And when you visit at the zoo
I'm sure there's one you'll see.

ANSWERS

Donkey; Turkey; Monkey

► Phillip Hopson was born March 23, to Dr. and Mrs. Alvin Hopson. The young man's father is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Huntsville, Ala. The mother is the former Miss Edna Baumgart, Buechel, Ky., and is a sister of Mrs. Spence (Emma Baumgart) Minor, of the Long Run office. This is their fourth child.

April 7, 1955

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**Baptist Training
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Dr. Donald F. Ackland
Devotional Speaker, State
Training Union Convention



Donald Ackland

The State Training Union Convention meets this year on May 6 and 7 at Lexington. Room Reservations can be made by writing the Home Committee, Calvary Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky.

Dr. Donald F. Ackland will bring the Devotionals at each of the three sessions, the first being Friday night and the last, Saturday afternoon.

He was born in London, England, and from his earliest years was associated with a Baptist Church in West London which had as its pastor an intimate of the great Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

An urge to write had its fulfillment at the close of school days by an invitation to join the editorial staff of *The Christian*, an old-established religious magazine published in London. For six years Mr. Ackland acted as assistant editor to Dr. James W. Thirtle, a Baptist scholar who was honored by William Jewell College for his services in transferring the famous Spurgeon library from London to this country.

In 1928, the London City Mission offered Mr. Ackland the post of editorial secretary, and in this capacity he was identified with evangelistic work in the British capital for the next eighteen years. Increasing calls on his services for preaching engagements and Bible conference work caused him to resign

this position in 1946, thus making possible a visit to the United States the following year.

Contact made during this visit led to an invitation to return to this country for permanent ministries, and in April, 1948, Mr. and Mrs. Ackland and their three children became residents of Texas. An introduction to the Baptist Sunday School Board resulted in an appointment to the editorial staff of the Board, bringing the Acklands to Nashville, Tennessee, where they have lived since September, 1949.

Mr. Ackland is editor of *Open Windows*, the Southern Baptist devotional quarterly, editor of *The Braille Baptist*, and is also editor of general tracts. He has written extensively in Sunday School Board publications during the past few years and is in much demand for speaking and preaching engagements. He has served several Nashville churches as interim pastor.

**State Intermediate
Sword Drill**

In the March 24 issue of the *Western Recorder* Miss Donna Singleton was listed as the representative from South-eastern Region in the State Intermediate Sword Drill. This was an error for which we apologize. Miss Helen Stevens from Harlan Baptist Church in Upper Cumberland Association was first place winner and will of course represent the Southeastern Region in the State Convention. Miss Donna Singleton was the second place winner for this region.

The drill will be held Friday night, May 6, at Calvary Baptist Church in Lexington.

Youth Week Report

Parkland Baptist Church of Louisville observed Youth Week in February of this year for the first time. In evaluating the week's activities, Mr. B. B. Steele, the minister of education, said, "Our Adults were amazed at the large number of willing and capable Young People in our church. Our Young People were very serious in the performance of their duties."

**The Associational
Manual Reviewed**

Long Run Association—The Associational Officers of Long Run Association met at the home of Reverend and Mrs. Orrin Stites for the purpose of reviewing the Associational Baptist Training Union Manual on Tuesday evening, March 1. There were thirteen present. Miss Christine Hesse is leading Long Run in an excellent way to improve the efficiency of its Training Union work. We congratulate these fine workers in their efforts in this respect.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Dominating Mother

Question: My husband has been dead for over a year. Now I have found a man with whom I am in love and who loves my children. But my mother, a



Dr. R. L. Hudson

widow, says that it will be a sacrilege for me to remarry this soon. She says, "How can you think of marrying with your husband hardly cold in the grave." What should I do?

Answer: Grow up. How could a woman get old enough to have children and still let someone else make her decisions

for her?

I do not know what your mother is thinking about. Does she want you to get set in your ways and accustomed to loneliness before you remarry? She is just as wrong as she could be.

I know a case very much like yours. The mother threw quite a fit when her widowed daughter remarried. She tried every way known to dominate her daughter and her grandchildren. But the daughter went ahead and married. Today the mother is happy with her son-in-law and has admitted that she was wrong.

Be patient with your mother. But be firm. You must find God's will for yourself. But if you please God you may be forced to displease your mother. Read Matthew 10:34-39.

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

►Robert S. McGinnis, Jr., pastor of Hopewell Baptist Church, Daviess-McLean Association, has written a small book of poetry, "Thinking Things Through." His former pastor, Dr. Robert E. Humphreys, First Baptist Church, Owensboro, wrote the introduction. McGinnis, 21, is a senior in college and plans to attend Southern Seminary. He and his wife last year toured the mission field of Mexico, he on a preaching mission in southern Mexico.

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**New Sunbeam
Bands Secretary**



Miss Elsie Rives

Miss Elsie Rives has accepted the position of secretary of the division of Sunbeam Bands for Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention and began her work March 15.

She received her education at Florida State University and Carver School of Missions and Social Work when it was the WMU Training School.

Miss Rives has had experience as an elementary school teacher. She was director of Junior work at First Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas. Then she became director of elementary work in South Main Church, Houston, Texas.

She brings unusual capabilities and consecration to this new task. Her coming will mean large advance in Sunbeam Bands activities.

**Chats With the Chairmen:
Mission Study**

We hope in planning your Mission Study for the year you have not overlooked two studies: Soul Winning and Community Missions.

We agreed to cooperate in the 1955 Simultaneous Revival Crusade in the church-wide study on soul winning. For this year only, any book on soul-winning that the church chooses to study will be recognized by Woman's Missionary

Union and credit given on the Standard and on the Achievement Chart under Category 4. You could reasonably use a soul-winning study or a book either on prayer or stewardship in connection with the State Mission Week of Prayer. Book suggestions for these studies are listed on pages 18-20 in *The World in Books*. Of course you will stress the fall series of foreign mission study books on the Moslem World.

Maybe you would like to study the *Community Missions Guide*. The Teaching Helps for the *Guide for Community Missions* has just been released by Woman's Missionary Union. Miss Stokely has done an outstanding piece of work and I believe you will heartily agree when you examine these helps. These helps are available free upon request to our State W.M.U. Office.

Use your own judgment as to when the study of the *Guide For Community Missions* should be undertaken. Perhaps you will stress its use in the spring quarter, or if your society has already taken up a book on soul-winning you may want to promote the study of the *Guide* in the July-September quarter.—Mrs. Paul E. Stewart, State Mission Study Chairman.

Attention Business Women

Is there a Business Woman's Circle in your church? Would you like to have one? If you are a member of a Business Woman's Circle that is not a member of a Federation and there are other B.W.C.'s or prospective B.W.C.'s in your Association or nearby Associations with whom you might meet quarterly or semi-annually for fellowship, inspiration and promotion of mission work, why don't you be the one to take the initiative toward promoting the organization of a Federation? You may be the very one whom Christ is depending on to start this phase of His work in your "Jerusalem and Samaria." For information and help please contact Mrs. Stella Rush, Vice President of our State Federation, 5415 Southern Parkway, Louisville. Should you be writing about other matters to our State W.M.U. Executive Secretary, Mrs. George R. Ferguson, 127 E. Broadway, Louisville, she will be glad to send you helpful leaflets on B.W.C.'s and B.W.C. Federations free upon request, or you may study the B.W.C. Guide which is to be ordered from the Baptist Book Store for 25c.—Mrs. H. D. McBrayer, President, State BWC Federation.

New Leaflets

We now have two new pamphlets which will be mailed free upon request to the State W.M.U. Office. They are: "Teaching Helps for the Guide for Community Missions" by Miss Edith Stokely and "The Correlated Church Study Course" leaflet for 1955. We also still have a supply of the "Call to Prayer" leaflets of the Baptist World Alliance which are free.

Miami Convention

We have already received a number of requests for credential cards for the meeting of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, to be held at Miami, May 15-17. This will be immediately followed by the Southern Baptist Convention.

Due to the change in By-laws of Southern Union, Kentucky will now be allowed eighty-three messengers instead of the sixty formerly granted. The plan for securing credential cards will be the same as last year. Send your requests to the State Office. You will be sent a mimeographed card which is to be signed by your W.M.S. President stating that you are an approved messenger from your W.M.S. This card is to be presented at Miami registration desk, whereupon it will be exchanged for official credential card to be deposited with registration committee there.

There is much interest in this convention and we trust Kentucky will have its full number—83 messengers.

Congressman Walter Judd, of Minnesota, a Baptist and a former missionary to China will be one of the keynote speakers. Meetings of Woman's Missionary Union will be in the downtown Municipal Auditorium. Headquarters hotel will be the Biscayne Terrace Hotel, Biscayne Boulevard at Fourth Street.

The first meeting will be Sunday, May 15 at 3:00 p.m. Congressman Judd will speak at the Sunday evening service at 7:00. There will be three meetings each on Monday and Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Presentation of Southern Baptist mission work in Florida, host state to the annual session will be one of its features.

WMU Week At Ridgecrest

We trust that Kentucky will also have a large delegation attending W.M.U. Week at Ridgecrest. Please note the drastic change in the date—June 23-29. Make your reservation early by writing Mr. Willard K. Weeks, Manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. There is a registration fee of \$2.00.

►A new and improved edition of "You and Your Church Life," by James L. Sullivan, has been brought out by Broadman Press, Nashville, and is now available for churches and individuals.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE

Miami, Florida, May 16-17, 1955

Ramsey Pollard, Chairman; Elmer F. Bailey, Director of Music

Monday Evening, May 16

- 7:00 Song and Praise; Words of Welcome John H. Haldeman, Florida.
- 7:15 Response William R. McLin, South Carolina.
- 7:20 Program Prospectus Ramsey Pollard, Tennessee.
- 7:25 "A Pleading Preacher—Hosea" Hugh Bumpas, Oklahoma.
- 7:45 "Mr. Pastor, Meet Your Public" Albert McClellan, Tennessee.
- 8:10 "The God Side of Salvation" Douglas M. Branch, North Carolina.
- 8:40 "Faith is The Victory" C. E. Matthews, Texas.

Tuesday Morning, May 17

- 9:30 Song and Praise; "A Combative Preacher—Amos"—Raymond DeArmond, Tennessee.
- 10:00 "Mr. Pastor, Your Laymen are Looking" James W. Merritt, Ga.
- 10:30 "The Pastor and the Denomination" E. C. Brown, Oklahoma.
- 10:55 "Saving the Saved" Jaroy Webber, Louisiana.
- 11:30 "Baptists in a Storm Tossed World" Edward L. Byrd, S. C.

Tuesday Afternoon, May 17

- 1:45 Song and Praise; "An Explosive Preacher—Peter" J. Earl Stallings, Fla.
- 2:15 "His Glory in the Church" Preston L. Ramsey, Ky.
- 2:45 "The Holy Spirit in a Revival" E. L. Williams, Tenn.
- 3:15 "People Pay for Themselves" Wayne Dehoney, Ala.
- 3:50 "Why I believe in the Divinity of Christ" Wallace Bassett, Texas.

Tuesday Night, May 17

- 7:00 Song and Praise; "A Persuasive Preacher—Paul" — Vaughn Johnson, Fla.
- 7:30 "Planning your Pulpit Ministry" Walter L. Moore, Miss.
- 7:55 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business
- 8:05 "An Abounding Church" J. Ralph Grant, Texas.
- 8:40 "The Uplifted Christ" Robert G. Lee, Tenn.

Cynthiana Church Welcomes Music and Youth Directors

CYNTHIANA, Ky. — The Cynthiana Baptist Church, of which Prince E. Claybrook is pastor, has welcomed two new workers—Mr. and Mrs. Don Riddle, students in the Southern Baptist School of Sacred Music—who will serve as music and youth directors. The Riddles began their new work the first of March and, for the present, will be on the field only on Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays.

Mr. and Mrs. Riddle are both graduates of Southwest Missouri State, Springfield, Mo., in the field of music, he is majoring in trumpet and she in organ and violin. She also plays bassoon in Southern Seminary's orchestra. Mr. Riddle served with the Armed Forces as chaplain's assistant in music, and directed a native choir in Japan during the Korean War. In addition he has had experience teaching public school music. Mrs. Riddle has had two years' experience as organist for the Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Springfield, and two years' experience in teaching public school music.

Pastor Claybrook states of them: "Already their work is producing wonderful results with two youth choirs and a lively youth fellowship going each Sunday evening. Other youth choirs will be organized and an instrumental ensemble, in addition to their work

with the adult choir. When summer comes, they are planning a Friday night recreation program for the youth of the church and possibly one day-camp at the church to run one day a week. The Cynthiana church feels God's blessings upon it in securing so capable and consecrated a couple."



Mr. and Mrs. Don Riddle

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, MARCH 27, 1955

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(Numeral after church indicates number of missions.)

Church	T.U.	S.S.
Anchorage, Pleasant Grove	169	291
Ashland, Unity	100	409
Auburn	94	209
Barbourville	130	423
Bardstown	---	315
Beaver Dam (1)	171	416
Bellevue	95	340
Benton, First	83	282
Bowling Green, Eastwood	87	212
First (2)	380	1,261
Burlington	74	239
Cadiz	82	296
Campbellsville, Pleasant Hill	164	268
South Campbellsville	115	239
Carrollton	---	221
Central City	316	471
Clay, First	---	220
Corbin, First	124	326
Central (1)	136	527
Covington, Calvary	---	608
First (1)	138	340
Latonia (2)	283	948
South Side	105	473
Cynthiana (2)	---	382
Danville, Lexington Avenue (1)	---	469
Dayton, First	---	234
Dawson Springs	83	275
Erlanger	74	376
Evansville, Ind., Calvary	153	603
Grace	247	934
Keck Avenue	103	366
Walnut Street (2)	---	485
Ferguson	68	---
Florence	93	347
Fort Thomas, First	96	304
Frankfort, First (1)	181	800
Thorn Hill	111	316
Fulton	169	638
Georgetown	234	567
Glasgow (1)	120	635
Greenville, First	154	395
Harlan	139	620
Harrodsburg (2)	220	778
Hartford	113	200
Hazard (2)	83	380
Hawesville	---	246
Hazel	79	247
Henderson, First (1)	168	529
Immanuel Temple (2)	125	695
Hopkinsville, First (1)	140	672
Second	209	816
Junction City	76	208
LaGrange, DeHaven Memorial	54	266
Lebanon, First	109	422
Leitchfield	113	234
Lexington, Fellowship	---	633
Grace (2)	166	684
Immanuel	268	750
Porter Memorial	148	495
Rosemont	86	292
London, First (1)	151	526
Louisville, Audubon	74	201
Baptist Tabernacle	194	583
Baptist Temple	---	301
Beechland	124	590
Beechmont (2)	223	923
Beechwood	74	201
Bethany	48	262
Broadway	82	308
Buechel	83	293
Carlisle Avenue (2)	332	1,361
Clifton (1)	146	420
Crescent Hill (2)	234	944
Eastern Parkway	76	558
Eighteenth Street	92	315
Farmdale	---	371
Gethsemane	94	255
Harmony	98	257
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Why I Believe in God the Creator

By WILLIAM C. LUMPKIN
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William C. Lumpkin

Human reason requires that man inquire into the origin of things.

Human reason unaided cannot, however, fully discover the truth concerning God as the Creator.

We observe that all creation is marvelously designed and arranged, and so we conclude that there must have

been a mind of infinite competency and power to create or cause all things to exist. Everywhere we meet with traces of benevolent design which suggest to us the thought of the Creator God.

Matter is not eternal—it had a beginning, and therefore a source—and so we seek to ascend from nature to nature's God. Physicists today point to a divine reason as the basis of the world which they discover through science. But men may know the order and laws of the universe without knowing Whose order and laws they are.

I do not hesitate to accept the biblical account of creation. Fundamentally, however, my belief that God is Creator is based upon personal revelation; it is thus an article of faith. The New Testament boldly claims God's creatorship as a doctrine peculiar to revelation: "Through faith we understand that the world came into being by the command of God, so that what is seen does not owe its existence to that which is visible" (Heb. 11:3).

The Christian recognizes the author of the New Creation as the author of the old. Because I know Christ as absolute Lord of all, I know him as Creator.

I know Jesus Christ as the loving God

who wills to communicate himself. In communicating himself the world exists. It may be said truthfully that the Christian does not know God's method of creation, but he does know God as Creator. He knows also that the revelation of God in creation derives its being from the Eternal Son. The Scripture declares, "For in him were all things created . . . and through him and unto him . . . and in him all things hold together." The re-creation of the soul is, from my point of view, the best explanation of the creation of the universe.

Dr. W. J. Bolt, pastor of the Overbrook Baptist Church, Greenville, South Carolina, will be the guest minister for the simultaneous revival which will be held at the First Baptist Church, Paris, Ky., for the dates April 11-22. Dr. Bolt is well known in Kentucky, having served as pastor of the Harlan Baptist Church for 18 years, before going to Greenville. During his stay in Paris, he and Mrs. Bolt will visit with their daughter, Mrs. J. M. Alverson, Jr., and Mr. Alverson, who are members of the host church.

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4. Lexington, Grace	228	Louisville, Parkland	195
		8. London, First	181
		9. Louisville, Beechmont	175
		10. Evansville, Keck Avenue	150
		Russellville, First	150

Successful Training School Held in Central Association



A central training school was held in Central Association March 14-18, with 143 enrolled, 107 average attendance, and 95 awards issued.

The school was conducted on a departmental basis with Mrs. Chester Sparks conducting the Nursery, Miss Mary Ella Davis the Beginners, Mrs. R. B. White, the Primaries, Mrs. Roy Boatwright the Juniors, Mrs. Lawrence Holzschuh the Intermediates, Rev. A. B. Colvin the Young People, Rev. J. V. Case the Adults, and Roy Boatwright the pastors and superintendents.

The school was under the direction of Dr. Prue Kelly, Associational Sunday

School Superintendent and pastor of the First Baptist Church, Springfield, and Rev. A. B. Colvin, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lebanon. The first two nights of the school were conducted with the First Baptist Church, Springfield, and the last three nights with the First Baptist Church, Lebanon. The following churches were represented: Springfield, Lebanon, Bethlehem, Mackville, Willisburg, New Hope, and Bradfordsville.

We wish to commend the faithful pastors and Sunday school superintendents of Central Association for making the school a success.

Cedarmore Sunday School Week August 8-12, 1955

Cedarmore offers fellowship, inspiration, and information to Sunday School workers. Plan now to have your church represented by your pastor, superintendent, teacher, officer, or some interested person. A good program is being prepared. you will not be disappointed.

New Orleans White And Negro Baptists Conduct Joint Evangelistic Crusade

By J. D. Grey

NEW ORLEANS, La. — Negro and white Baptists of New Orleans united in a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade March 6-20 for the first time in their history. A total of 119 Baptist churches conducted revivals at the same time. There were 54 white churches and 65 Negro churches co-operating.

A joint steering committee representing both groups was headed by Dr. W. R. Fussell, pastor of Gentilly Baptist Church (white) and Rev. A. L. Davis, pastor of New Zion Baptist Church (colored).

During the two weeks' revival the cumulative attendance was 175,202 and visible results were 1,369 additions to the churches—803 of these coming upon profession of faith.

Each week during the Crusade all ministers met together for a fellowship breakfast in the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Both white and colored ministers brought messages to the group on the program and techniques of successful revivals. An extended session of prayer closed each morning's program.

So successful was this co-operative undertaking that a committee was set up to consider the advisability of launching a similar Simultaneous Crusade next year. The opportunity for fellowship during the Crusade and the mutual assistance the groups gave one another greatly strengthened the cause of Christ in a city traditionally known as predominantly Roman Catholic.

Preliminary Approval Given Loan for Ouachita College

ARKADELPHIA, Ark. — (BP) — A lending agency has given its preliminary approval to a loan of \$300,000 for construction of a men's dormitory at Ouachita College, here, President R. A. Phelps, Jr., said.

Funds will be held in reserve until plans and legal exhibits are submitted for final approval.

Construction schedule calls for completion of the dormitory in the fall this year. It will house 100 men students.

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REPORTING ON MARCH

March was another good month for us and as usual a busy one. We began the month with an all day ride in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky trying to get to Hindman from Ashland for the second Regional Conference that week. Because of an almost unprecedented heavy rainfall which caused the rivers to over-flow the highways we were unable to reach Hindman that day. However, we got back on the schedule for the remainder of the conferences and on the second of March we were at Clear Creek Mountain Preachers School. On the third we were at First Church, Somerset, and on the fourth we closed out the week at Immanuel Church, Lexington. On the sixth we supplied at Ralph Avenue, Louisville, and joined the second week of Regional Conferences on Monday the 7 when we went to First Church, Mayfield. On the eighth we were at First Church, Owensboro. On the ninth we visited Bethel College, Hopkinsville. On the tenth we were at First Church, Bowling Green, and at Severns Valley Church, Elizabethtown on the eleventh. On the 12 we spoke to the quarterly meeting of the Salem Associational Brotherhood at Hill Grove Church. On the thirteenth we supplied again at Ralph Avenue, Louisville.

We left for First Church, Jackson, on Monday the fourteenth where we spoke that night. The next day we spoke to a fellowship meeting sponsored by a group of churches in Enterprise Association at Belfry, Kentucky. On the

sixteenth we helped to organize a Brotherhood at Shepherdsville. We went to Dayton, First Church, on the seventeenth. On the eighteenth we helped to organize a Brotherhood at Glendale. We were at Glendale on the nineteenth.

We visited with the Buena Vista Church, Owensboro for the morning service on the twentieth and preached that afternoon at the new Lewis Lane Church there in its dedication services. On the twenty-first we spoke to a great gathering of men at First Church, Barbourville. When they had come together for the Men's Rally in North Concord Association in connection with the Simultaneous Revivals. The next day we were at another associational meeting with the men of Blackford Association when they met at the Blackford Church.

On the twenty-third we were privileged to speak at Rosemont Church, Lexington, where Dr. O. W. Yates is the much loved pastor, in its week of dedication services. On the twenty-fourth we were with the men of First Church, Berea. On the twenty-fifth we spoke to another men's rally in Ohio Valley Association at Clay. We remained over in Clay through the night services of the twenty-seventh. On the twenty-eighth we visited with First Church, Milton, Kentucky.

On the twenty-ninth, we visited with Pastor Lockwood and his men at Wildwood Church, Ashland. On the thirtieth we visited the Beech Grove Church in South District Association, and wound up the month the next day with the men of Cox's Creek Church in Nelson Association.

Communist China Reveals Weakness in Program

(U. S. Information Agency)

WASHINGTON, D. C. — Red China's regime at last has been forced to admit to its own people that Chinese agriculture is in serious trouble and that they are faced with shortages of food and agricultural commodities, the U. S. Information Agency stated March 21.

The Information Agency reported to its overseas posts revelations by Liao Lu-yen, Peiping's Minister of Agriculture, that not only was Red China's food and cotton output insufficient last year but that the production of "oil-bearing crops, silk, tea, hemp and other economic crops, and of cattle and marine products was insufficient to meet demands."

Since last summer the Information Agency has been reporting through its press and radio facilities the deepening crisis in farm production now confirmed by Liao.

Liao's confession was made at the sixth plenary session of Communist China's State Council at Peiping a week after the Soviet Union's admission of "serious mistakes" in farming due to "extreme collectivization" in the USSR.

The agricultural failure in Communist China, according to Liao, "has intensified the difficult situation existing in the supply of food and cotton; has provided evidence that the development

of agricultural production has fallen behind the demand for farm products created by the people and the nation's industrialization, and has also made more difficult the task of the last three years to increase agricultural production."

Natural calamities, poor administration, and passive resistance by China's small farmers were among the factors blamed by Liao for his agricultural ministry's failure.

The Information Agency quoted Liao as saying that "in certain areas certain farmers still have doubts or misconceptions about the collectivization movement." Liao accused "certain landlords, rich farmer elements and hidden counter-revolutionary elements" of seeking opportunities "to spread rumors and to conduct sabotage." He also attributed part of the responsibility for the failure to lack of sufficient industrialization and financial resources in China.

"At present our country has not been able to produce its own agricultural machinery and we have not been able to import agricultural machinery in large quantities," Liao said.

The Information Agency pointed out in its overseas reports that Red China has been aping the Soviet agricultural policy of collectivization, cynically disregarding pledges that Chinese peasant farmers would be permitted to own their own land.

Petersburg Baptist Church Dedicates New Building

PETERSBURG, Ky. — The Petersburg Baptist Church held dedication services of its new Sunday school building Sunday, March 13.

The new building provides nine rooms, two restrooms, baptistry, kitchen, a new water system and heating, rubber tile floor, a full basement, and a new pulpit.

The dedicatory sermon was preached by a former pastor, Marion Beaver, now pastor of Lithia Springs Baptist Church, Lithia Springs, Georgia. Other former pastors will have part on the day's program. (This release sent by the church.)

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By H. C. Chiles

Rehoboam, King of Judah

With this lesson we begin a series of studies of "The Southern Kingdom and Its Prophets." Today's lesson sets forth the circumstances leading to the division of Israel into the Northern and the Southern Kingdoms.

Solomon's magnificent reign had come to a close. Its very magnificence had become extremely burdensome to the nation. Its grandeur had been secured at the heavy cost of vexatious taxation and very unreasonable demands on the people. The splendor of his court and the magnitude of his undertakings were such that neither the tribute of dependent states, the present of the foreign princes nor the profits of the various commercial enterprises could support. Naturally, he was obliged to levy heavy taxes in order to obtain the necessary revenue. For the most part, the terrible burden had been borne with remarkable patience.

Now that the king had died, and his far less wise and less capable son, Rehoboam, had ascended the throne, it was a time of crisis for the people and nation. Upon the coronation of Rehoboam at Shechem, Jeroboam and the Israelites approached the new king and earnestly expressed their sincere desire for a reform in government and for relief from the oppressive burdens which crushed them. Knowing that the prosperity, welfare and ultimate independence of the nation were endangered by the policy of national splendor, royal aggrandizement and lavish expenditure that had been adopted and maintained, they were exceedingly anxious for relief. Thinking, as people frequently do under similar circumstances, that the new ruler would be desirous of proving himself a friend of the people, they said: "Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore ease thou somewhat the grievous servitude of thy father, and his heavy yoke that he put upon us, and we will serve thee."

Thoroughly acquainted with the severity of their oppression and servitude, Rehoboam was inclined to act cautiously and wisely. Instead of making a hasty and rash reply, the king announced his intention of considering the matter for three days. It was his desire to utilize that interval by advising with others as to the wisest course for him to pursue.

When Rehoboam inquired of the old men, who had witnessed many of the injustices of Solomon's reign, as to what his answer should be, they suggested a conciliatory and prudent course. They told him that he would do well to con-

cede some things, to meet the expressed wishes of the people, to grant some reforms and to conciliate them. Such a course would enable him to secure their devotion and loyalty. These men of experience knew that, if he would make some small concessions and be kind to the people, they would serve him faithfully. Being men of experience and statesmanship, they knew that kindness would win when everything else failed. "A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger." Marvelous is the power of kindness. Those who are the most considerate are usually the ones who accomplish the most in the end.

Not satisfied with their prudent suggestions, the king sought the advice of the younger men, his companions in age and experience. Perhaps he knew in advance what their feelings and attitudes would be. At any rate, these young, inexperienced and conceited counsellors recommended a policy which was at once scornful, contemptuous and coercive. They urged the king to refuse to listen to the petition of the people, to disregard their request, to dismiss them with scorn, and to compel them to be submissive to his arbitrary laws. They told him that coercion should be the order of the day, that their appeal for lighter service should be answered by a heavier yoke. Such advice was very indicative of inexperience, ignorance, presumption and pride.

Whereas the old men advised kindness and compassion, the young bloods counseled increased oppression. Rehoboam accepted the advice of the latter because it was what he wanted. So, he refused to grant the request of his petitioners, and even attempted to force his will upon the discontented by military power. But it was a terribly misguided and ill-fated policy. What a pity that the young monarch did not ask God for advice instead of asking others! He could have enjoyed the guidance and direction of God for the asking, and that would have been so much better. God permitted him to do that on which he was bent, but Rehoboam lived to rue the day that he did it.

We stand aghast at the high-handed policy, the political folly and the inhuman feeling which find expression in the king's reply to the request of the people: "My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." That was enough. The war was on. The hot-headed, high-handed despot very quick-

ly undid the work of centuries. His unnecessary, unreasonable, cruel and brutal answer alienated once for all the hearts, lives and service of the majority of the people from their king. The kingdom, which David's sword and Solomon's wisdom had built, was rent in twain. The larger part of it was lost forever to Rehoboam and his house. It became the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

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Judge Wallace Heads Funds Drive in Oklahoma

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — (BP)— Federal Judge W. R. Wallace, prominent local Baptist layman, has been named chairman of a drive to raise funds to construct a Baptist hospital here.

State Baptist officials hope the campaign in April and May will bring in from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. The architectural firm of Coston and Frankfort has already started work on preliminary drawings for the hospital. Grading of the hospital site and installation of sewer mains has been let out under contract.

Working with Judge Wallace as co-chairman of the fund drive are B. D. Eddie, feed mill executive, and Norman Reynolds, attorney.

Historic South Elkhorn Church Ordains Two to Ministry

LEXINGTON, Ky., March 17. — Within the last year the South Elkhorn Baptist Church has licensed two young men to preach the Gospel. They are J. D. Harrod and Larry Browning, both students of Georgetown College. Brother Harrod is a product of the Blue Grass, having received his academic education at the Versailles High School. Bro. Browning is a native of the State of Washington. He has worked with our Southern Baptist churches in the west and is equipped with color slide pictures of some of his work.

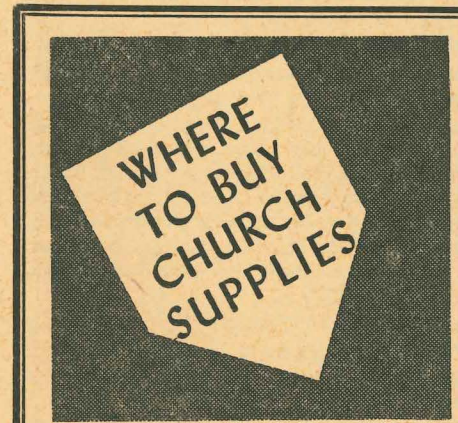
The South Elkhorn Baptist Church conducts an early Sunday morning worship hour at the Central Baptist Hospital in Lexington. These two young men, assisted by various other members of the congregation, are in charge of this service. It is a distinct blessing to those who help and to the entire church to provide

such a ministry. The services are conducted in the Hospital Chapel from 8:30 to 9:00 on Sunday mornings.

Youth Week will be observed in the South Elkhorn Church March 20-27 and Brother Harrod will serve as Youth minister and Brother Browning will act as Sunday school superintendent. Other participants in the Youth Week activities will be: Harold Buffin, Training Union director; Wayne Kelly, church clerk; Carol Ann Davis, church treasurer; Norma Jean Littrell, pianist; and Robert Earl Ritchey, song leader. Serving as deacons will be: Ronnie Ritchey; James Harold Hombirg, James Newland, John Reed, and Thomas Harris. The ushers will be Robert Cornish and Raymond Holman. This activity is under the sponsorship of the Training Union, of which Joseph M. Adams is director. George L. Burnham is the pastor.

Five Deacons Are Ordained At Auburn Baptist Church

AUBURN, Ky., March 14. — Pastor William A. Merryman led the Auburn Baptist Church in the ordination of five men to the diaconate on Sunday afternoon, February 6. The five men were Brethren Price Viers, Shelton Kirby, Glenn Tinsley, Garland Robbins and Jesse Carter. Pastor Merryman conducted the questioning and was assisted by a council of pastors from Bethel Association, i. e., Pastor Guy P. Hall, Reed Rushing, S. E. Smotherman, J. E. Craig, Howard Bracy, Carl Sadler, Edward D. Galloway, Marion Duncan, H. R. Nabers, and from Simpson Association, Brother Ray Dean. The charge to the church was given by Pastor Galloway. All five either teach or are regular in attendance in Sunday school, regularly attend both Sunday worship services, Training Union and Prayer Meeting.



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Summary of Recommendations to Be Made At the Miami Convention By Committee On World Evangelization, S.B.C.

"In keeping with the purposes of the report of the Committee on World Evangelization included in the *Book of Reports* the committee offers the following summary recommendations:

"1. That all the agencies and facilities of our Convention be enlisted to secure under God's call and leadership additional missionary personnel; that the month of June be set as a month for the dedication of young people to Christian service; that means be sought to encourage business enterprises to appoint Christian personnel in their foreign operations.

"2. That we call upon all the local, state, and convention-wide educational and promotional facilities to educate our people in the need and enlist their personal support in a great world-mission advance program.

"3. That plans be made to give every possible assistance to our home and foreign missionaries and the national workers on their specific fields of operation.

"4. That we call upon our Home Mission Board through its Department of Evangelism to seek a plan whereby we can co-operate with other Baptist bodies such as the American Baptist Convention, the Negro Baptist Conventions, etc., in a great nation-wide evangelistic crusade or emphasis during the year 1958 or 1959. In correspondence with American Baptist leaders genuine interest has been expressed in this great undertaking for Christ. And that we call upon the Executive Committee of our Convention to confer with the various agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, and with representatives of other Baptist conventions in North America, looking toward the announcement in 1959 of a five-year program of advance which will culminate in 1964, the date of the one hundred fiftieth anniversary of the organization of Baptist work on a national level in the United States and North America.

"5. That we call upon our state conventions under the direction of their executive secretary to plan state-wide world mission conferences similar to our state evangelistic conferences or that major emphasis be given to world missions in the existing state meetings.

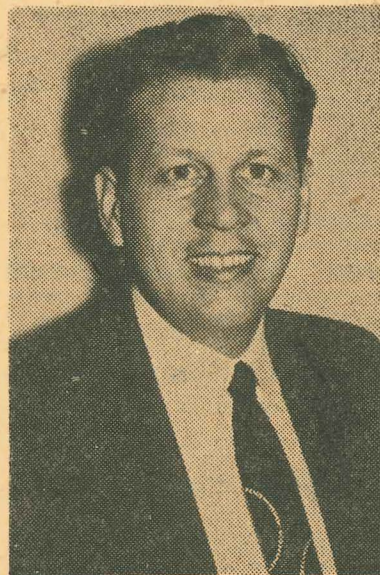
"6. Recognizing that the Cooperative

Program is the continuing and sustaining lifeline of all of our work we call upon the churches to pray and work for a missionary spirit, to adopt a worthy budget, to include the Cooperative Program on a percentage basis, to increase the percentage to the Cooperative Program each year and to seek an ultimate goal of at least 50 per cent of its gifts to world missions.

"7. Recognizing the urgency of our times we ask that proper steps be taken immediately to put this program into operation and that 1957 be set for a Convention-wide emphasis on world missions.

"8. Remembering that the individual is ever the key to success we call upon every pastor and member of our Baptist churches to dedicate himself personally to match this urgent hour with his best. Eight million Southern Bap-

Leitchfield's New Pastor



Charles F. Jones

LEITCHFIELD, Ky. — Charles F. Jones began his pastorate with the First Baptist Church here March 6, coming from the Second Baptist Church, Greenville. He is a native of Cannelton, Indiana, was graduated by Campbellsville College and Western State, and has done part of this work at Southern Seminary looking toward the B.D. degree. In addition to the Greenville church his prior pastorates have been with the Rockbridge Baptist Church in Washington County, and the Morgantown Baptist Church, Morgantown. The Jones have three sons—ages six years, four years, and two months.

tists constitute too great a power to escape the solemn responsibility of failure to win America and the world for Christ."

James Hightower Ordained By Rock House Church

HYDEN, Ky., March 19. — A council was called by the Rock House Baptist Church here today in the presence of 150 people to give consideration to the possible ordination of James Hightower to the Gospel ministry.

Parcell Flannery was elected moderator for the examination; Rutherford Baker the secretary; and Edward D. Baker the interrogator. Hubert Baker was selected to preach the ordination sermon, Edward Mayes to present the Bible and give the charge; George Williamson to offer the ordination prayer. Also serving on the council were Brethren Shafter Cock, Aswell Couch, Elmo Sizemore, James Tipton, Robert Morgan, Noah Bentley, Alton Spurlock and William Combs.

The council completed its examination and recommended that the church proceed with his ordination.

The newly ordained preacher is a graduate of Memphis State Teachers College, and attended the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary for one year. He was licensed to preach in November, 1954, and he has been called to be assistant pastor of the Rock House Baptist Church.

Word Received From Missionary in China

Encouraging news has been received regarding Dr. Lee Lovegren, missionary of the Conservative Baptist Foreign Society and father of two Southern Baptist missionaries, who has been held a prisoner of the Chinese Communists for more than three years.

During recent days, his daughter, Miss Mildred Lovegren, of Hong Kong, has received two letters from him. According to these letters he is well.

Mrs. Lee Lovegren is in Hong Kong with her daughter. Dr. L. August Lovegren, a son, is a medical missionary to Jordan.

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Preacher Who Vanished From England Accepts Pastorate in the New World

(17th Century Baptist Press)

BOSTON, February 10, 1631 — (BP) — Roger Williams, the Puritan minister who recently vanished from England when the Bishop of London ordered his arrest, has landed in Boston.

He was promptly offered the Boston pastorate and has accepted. Williams was a brilliant student at Cambridge University and is a leading exponent of religious liberty.

It was the young preacher's vigorous opposition to the Established Church in England which provoked the wrath of William Laud, Bishop of London. Williams vanished without a trace last year when Bishop Laud sought to have him arrested for separating from the church and renouncing the Book of Common Prayer of the Anglican (Episcopal) Church.

Williams disclosed today that it was Sir James Pemberton, former Lord Mayor of London and a kinsman of the minister, who enabled him to escape, warning Williams of the Bishop's intentions just in time. The Puritan zealot fled to Bristol where he took ship for America.

Thus while the Bishop's watchdogs were searching England for the outspoken foe of ecclesiastical power, Williams was safely on his way to Boston.

"I see the hand of God in it all," Williams said in an interview, when asked how he felt about his narrow escape from persecution.

"It was bitter as death to me that I had to leave England without seeing my old friend, Sir Edward Coke," Williams added, "but my conscience never would have permitted me to remain under the power of the National Church and its ceremonies and bishops, even if Bishop Laud had not forced me to flee."

Williams was presented to the late

King James I and is acquainted with His Majesty King Charles I. But his association with the great does not prevent him from disagreeing with them—or opposing them outright.

The new Boston pastor was widely respected in England for his bold fight for religious freedom. His flight to Boston because of religious convictions is but further evidence of his integrity and strength of character.

Williams has been associated with the Boston settlement from the first, having attended a meeting of the Massachusetts Bay Company in England when the venture was first proposed. He was invited to America a year ago to accept a pastorate in Salem. Now he has yielded

to the pleas of the local church officials that the Boston call offers an opportunity for greater service.

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Donald Collins Ordained By Tabernacle, Sturgis; Goes to Illinois Church

STURGIS, Ky., Feb. 27. — The Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church at Sturgis ordained Donald Collins to the work of the Gospel ministry today. He has recently been elected associate pastor of the Tilden Baptist Church, Tilden, Illinois, and that church had requested his ordination.

Pastor C. H. Warford was moderator and preached the sermon; C. E. Daniels served as clerk; Frank Mitchell as interrogator; and Ray O'Neil offered the ordaining prayer; Benjamin Connaway presented the Bible and J. M. Sayers presented the candidate to the council. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. C. S. Bratcher.

McCracken Speaks At Southern Seminary

By BADGETT DILLARD
Public Relations, Southern Seminary

The best techniques are no good without a first-hand and vital faith in Christ and His Gospel, Dr. Robert J. McCracken told students and visitors at the Southern Seminary Spring Conference in Louisville, Ky., recently.

Dr. McCracken, pastor of The Riverside Church, New York City, delivered the Mullins Lectures on Preaching on the subject, "The Making of the Sermon."

"Originality and creativity in preaching seem in case after case to be a matter of native endowment," he said, "but one cannot fail to observe how the native endowment is nourished and sustained by a faith, first-hand and vital, in Christ and His Gospel, by a love of truth and a passion for righteousness. Without these the best techniques we can devise and improvise are of little avail."

Dr. McCracken emphasized the importance of preaching the "full gospel," and declared that every preacher should aim to be able to say what Paul told the elders at Ephesus, "I have declared unto you the whole counsel of God."

"The beginning and the end of preaching," McCracken said, "is to pave the way for a personal encounter with Jesus Christ."

Dr. McCracken shared the Conference program with Dr. H. H. Rowley,

professor of Hebrew Language and Literature at the University of Manchester, England, who delivered the Norton Lectures on "Aspects of Old Testament Thought."



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News from Spring Meadows

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Sunday School Classes and Missionary Societies who sponsor children will be given first opportunity to have their child visit with them for this vacation period. However, since in some cases it will not be convenient for some sponsoring groups to have their child, and since we have a number of children without sponsors, we will need a number of friends who would like to have one of our boys or girls these two weeks with them. They may visit in just one

home or they may stay in several homes while in your community.

If you would like to have one of our children visit you, please write us immediately whether you desire a boy or girl, and the approximate age. Be sure to give your pastor's name as reference, and let us know where you may be reached by phone. You may pick up the child assigned to you by car, or, we can send the child by bus or train. Wherever it is necessary for the boy or girl from Spring Meadows to travel by bus or train, it is customary for the Missionary Society or Sunday school class to reimburse Spring Meadows for the ticket.

Men's Brotherhood Tour

Spring Meadows is delighted to have been chosen as the "starting point" for the Baptist Men's Tour of Kentucky planned by the Brotherhood Secretary, L. E. Coleman, beginning May 3. Baptist men, more than three hundred strong, will assemble on our campus for lunch that day and after inspecting our facilities for caring for nearly two hundred homeless children, will leave their cars

parked on our campus and board special Greyhound buses for a tour of every institution operated by Kentucky Baptists. The second day out on the trip a visit will be made to the new Home now under construction at Morehead.

Now Is The Time To Send Eggs

Below you will find a half-page ad sponsored jointly by Spring Meadows and our great sister Children's Home at Glendale, asking for eggs. May we urge you to write today to either one of the Homes, asking for empty egg cases? It is immaterial to which Home you write for cases, as the need is equally great at both Glendale and Spring Meadows.

Two Acres of Strawberries

Here at Spring Meadows we are planning this spring to put two additional acres in strawberries. Although it will be next year before they begin to bear and still another year before they are in full production we can look forward to having plenty of berries. They are greatly enjoyed by both children and staff. With the increased production we will plan to deep freeze berries for use throughout the year, and will likely market some in order to defray the cost of fertilizer, etc.

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