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## *Southern Baptists and the Practice of Baptism*

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Before me are the reports of the Mission Secretaries of the following States for the year 1916-17 as to the work done through the missionaries of these State Conventions: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, South Carolina, and Virginia—fifteen in all. I was unable to secure reports from the other Southern States. There are some interesting figures found in these reports.

I find that these fifteen States employed 2,012 State missionaries. Nine of these States report 22,481 professions of faith through their missionaries. All fifteen of them report 32,559 baptisms. Fourteen of them report 53,445 additions to churches. Ten of them report having organized 226 Baptist churches. The fifteen report as having raised for State Missions \$672,213.

Now notice some averages per missionary. Baptisms per missionary, 16. Additions to Baptist churches per missionary, 26. Money raised per missionary, \$334.00. These are the figures taken from the reports of the State Secretaries themselves and I judge they are reasonably correct. These figures do not show a very strong record for our State missionaries. It seems to me that any preacher who is sufficiently strong to be able to have a place under our State Boards ought to be able to baptize more than sixteen people and to bring in more than twenty-six people each year into Baptist churches. It is true that most of these men work in the smaller and more neglected fields and yet ought not to be able to in a whole year baptize more than sixteen people, even in the most neglected and out-of-the-way place in the world? The average per missionary in our Foreign Mission work will go far beyond sixteen in baptisms. It may be that the efficiency of our foreign missionaries is above the efficiency among our home missionaries, but do not the difficulties in the foreign fields overmatch the differences in efficiency, if there is any, between the missionary of the foreign fields and the home fields? I do not mean to reflect on our missionaries, either in the home land or on the foreign field; but I have one purpose in calling attention to these reports, and that is to say that I do not believe our State Mission Boards are laying the emphasis they should on evangelism, and this is the whole point of this message. Some of our State Boards have no evangelists at all. Some of them do not have in mind soul-winning ability when they employ State missionaries.

I attended eight of the State Conventions in the South last fall, and I find that in all of them, even in Texas, that there is a drift away from the emphasis on soul-winning. I wish I could sound a note that would call our people back to the practice of the art of baptism. Baptism was made to practice and our State Boards are not practicing baptism as much as they ought. I find, from the best figures attainable, that the average baptism among Baptist preachers in the United States is between six and ten per cent. Winning people to Christ and baptizing them into Christ's churches is one of the main tasks of the ministry, and if we preachers can not baptize more than ten people a year, there is certainly a great inefficiency among us, or we are neglecting one of the main tasks of our ministry. We have a great evangelistic message and heaven's best power guaranteed through God's promises on

### THIRTY DAYS \$56,138.00 TO RAISE.

\$1,871.25 each day from now until the books must close. There must be a flood of checks turned into the mission rooms each day if Tennessee Baptists do not fail their Lord and disappoint all other Southern Baptists. We are abundantly able. Are we willing? Tennessee Baptists have proven faithful in the past. Surely they will do the righteous thing now.

The apportionment for Tennessee is:

**\$43,000.00 for Foreign Missions**  
**32,000.00 for Home Missions**

In addition to this regular apportionment, we are asked to give \$3,000.00 for work among the soldiers. The Home Board is doing this work well and we ought to give the amount asked of us. If we do, we will give \$35,000.00 to Home Missions.

We have received, up to Monday, April 1st:

**\$14,473.88 for Foreign Missions**  
**7,388.12 for Home Missions**

We must raise in 30 days:

**\$28,526.12 for Foreign Missions**  
**27,611.88 for Home Missions**

Let us remember the work demands it. Let us also remember the Lord calls for it.

Fraternally,

J. W. GILLON.

the winning effect of that message; and if we give emphasis to soul-winning and go out after the lost we should win more to Christ and baptize more.

I wish to call the attention of the missionaries and mission boards and secretaries, and the Baptists generally, to this great lack among our people. Sixteen baptisms a year per missionary is a very small average. I do not believe that we can put any commercial value upon the work of the ministry; but I believe that we ought to have more baptisms from the expenditure of more than \$672,000 per year for State Missions. I am wondering where the difficulty lies. Is it that we have lost our compassionate note? Is it that our State Secretaries, boards and missionaries are emphasizing the main thing less? Is it found in a prayerless ministry and in prayerless churches? Is it that we are not preaching the tragedies and vitalities of the Bible as much as we should? Do our messages ring out on sin, its heinousness and iniquity, and of the awful hell deserving doom pointed out in the Bible? Are we dwelling as we ought on God's requirements in holiness and righteousness? Are we bearing down as we ought on the law of God and His wrath against sin? Is there a crying importunity in our hearts for the power of the Holy Spirit? Are we not depending more on organizations and methods than we are on the gospel and power of the Holy Spirit? Are we not piddling and trifling away much of our time with pink teas and suppers and conventions and conferences and getting-together meetings, and going out less in the spirit and power of an endued ministry? Are the Bible departments in our Christian colleges and our seminaries laying as much stress as they should upon prayer, spirituality, soul-saving, and the enduing power of the Holy Spirit?

I am wondering whether or not our constant and continuous cries for money raising do not take up more time than they should of our missionaries and

pastors. Would not this time given to soul-winning and baptizing along with our money raising do better for the kingdom of God?

To me the above figures are humiliating and prayer-provoking. Is there a missionary employed by our State Boards out of the more than two thousand not able to bring to the baptismal waters more than sixteen people? If he is unable to bring more people than this, is he deserving of the recognition of a State Board? I would press on our brotherhood the necessity of looking more and more into these vital matters and see to it that our missionaries baptize more people and that our pastors more and more go out after the lost and so preach in the evangelistic meetings that when the meeting is over and during the meeting the baptismal waters will be constantly disturbed. Has a Baptist preacher done his whole duty to a convert until he has led him into the baptismal waters? Do we not owe him when we win him the duty of teaching him the way of the Lord more perfectly? Ought not our boards in employing missionaries look more to their soul-winning ability? Ought not even the general secretaries in the young people's work and in the Sunday School work to be more evangelistic? Would it not be a good thing for every conference and institute held for Sunday School or B. Y. P. U. work to be closed, under the leadership of the special denominational agent in this work, with a great soul-winning meeting in which he and the people whom he has trained would go out after the lost souls?

Methods are good, but unless they get somewhere in winning people to Christ, are they doing the work they ought? Should not the pastors and superintendents of Sunday Schools press more and more upon the teachers in the Sunday School the duty of winning the lost to Christ and winning to baptism the people under their tutelage? I come back to say with doubly underscored words the Baptists of the South are not baptizing as many people as they ought.

Peter and the Apostles baptized in one day one-tenth as many people as did more than 2,000 missionaries of our State Boards baptize in one whole year. And Peter and the Apostles had the whole wide world against them: the ecclesiastical world, the civil world, the military world; and they did this baptizing in the fact of the fresh denial of Peter, and the fresh betrayal of Judas, and the fresh crucifixion of the Son of Man; and yet here in the twentieth century from that great victory with a sympathetic public, with laws to protect us and giving us free speech and an open forum, with thousands of churches and thousands of preachers and with a widespread general sympathy, two thousand preachers employed especially to win people and baptize them, for one whole year have baptized a little more than 30,000. Something is wrong. We are not putting the emphasis where we ought. I urge all our State secretaries and boards and missionaries to give attention to this great matter.

The case of baptisms is no better when we look to the pastors. The fact is, it seems that the missionaries are baptizing, on an average, more than the pastors are. My whole point in this article is to seek to get our brethren to increase the emphasis on soul-winning and baptism.

Fort Worth, Texas.

Notice to Readers: When you finish reading this copy of the Baptist and Reflector place a one-cent stamp on this notice, hand same to any postal employee, and it will be placed in the hands of our soldiers at the front. No wrapping. No address.—A. S. Burleson, Postmaster General.



## "AN ACRE TO THE PLOW" FOR THE COUNTRY CHURCH.

By W. E. W. Dabbs.

I have always admired the stand the progressive farmers take on moral and religious questions. I shall never forget the page editorial in which Dr. Poe, then plain Clarence Poe, expressed the fallacies of local option in dealing with the liquor evil just before the referendum which made North Carolina a dry State. In fact, the whole tenor of the progressive farmer is not only religious in business, but business in religion. Now we have heard many a sermon from the pulpit about religion in business. Suppose we laymen determine to put business in our religion. I am sure it will be a better brand than the makeshift support of the work of the churches that dole out our gifts as if we were conferring a favor on the Lord or on His servants.

About a year ago, six weak Presbyterian churches along both sides of Black river in Sumter and Clarendon Counties, South Carolina, determined to send a consecrated son of one of the churches to represent us on the firing line in far-away China. The thirty-two churches in the Presbytery had in 1915 2,669 members and gave, in rough figures, to Foreign Missions \$6,400. The six churches that I am writing about had 368 members and gave about \$500.00. The Committee in Nashville said: "We have no money to send young Reaves out, and none to support him if he goes." An active campaign to enlist acres for his support was inaugurated. It resulted in 40 acres being pledged, and ten cash subscriptions made up \$200.00.

On Thanksgiving Day the first "ingathering picnic" to gather in the results was held at old Midway church. The ten cash subscribers paid up their \$200.00. Owing to sickness and other causes, eight of the acre subscribers were not present, but thirty-two of them turned in over \$2,400 in amounts from \$10.00 to \$198.00 from a single acre. Eight acres ranged from \$100 to \$198.00, ten from \$70.00 to \$99.00. One lady who could not have given over \$5.00 without great self-denial gave \$50.00, the net proceeds of her acre. If there were any regrets they were from owners of the smaller yielding acres, caused by adverse seasons, blight, cloudbursts or blizzards. About \$3,000 will be the total when all of the acres are in, and with the \$430 given a year to pay the traveling expenses of our missionary, make more than half as much as the thirty-two churches in the whole presbytery gave two years ago. If all the heads of families of the six churches had entered the union on the acre basis our total would have been \$6,000. Is any one the poorer? Nay. The union passed a resolution urging the churches to put all church support on the acre basis.

One acre to the plow in all the country churches of all the denominations will liberally support a resident pastor in each church, and a foreign and home missionary as well, nor will it impoverish the farmers to do so. Rather, it will result in an opening of the windows of heaven and the pouring out of such a blessing that there shall not be room enough to contain it. Not that there will be immunity from all drouth, floods, blight or pests for some time to come, but it will be the forerunner of the glad

time when Christ shall come to reign in righteousness and "The World for Christ in 25 Years" will not be an empty slogan. Why? Because men will have put business in religion as well as religion in business.

(The above article was contributed by Mr. W. E. W. Dabbs of the Farmers' Union to The Progressive Farmer, December 29, 1917. It commends itself to the careful reading and prayerful consideration of pastors of country churches and the deacons and members of the same. We believe that there is here a suggestion of vital importance to the spiritual life and Christian growth of country churches as well as to Foreign Missions. This plan faithfully worked would revitalize the religious and spiritual life of the whole country.)

We earnestly entreat our people, so many of whom live in the country, to adopt some practical plan like this for the faithful discharge of their missionary obligations and the development of their own Christian lives. Many farmers and farmers' wives and daughters are already working plans for giving to God a definite share in the "first fruits of all their increase," which are yielding large blessings to their own lives and much relief for the cause of Christ. Many Christian women are giving all Sunday eggs to Foreign Missions, some are giving the butter made from Sunday milkings, others have set apart similar proportions of their incomes from other sources, and have found much happiness in doing so. One South Carolina farmer sent us \$142.00 recently, the price of a bale of cotton, which was dedicated to Foreign Missions. There are great possibilities in this line of Christian service in the upbuilding of Christian character and church life among our people in the country, and in bringing even those in the remotest districts into world fellowships in Christian service. A definite and suitable part of the produce already made and perhaps sold should be gratefully given to God, and then a plan like this should be adopted and a campaign put on in each country church to persuade every member to accept and faithfully operate it. Will the reader not begin to agitate the cash contribution as a thank-offering to help the Foreign Board meet immediate pressing necessities, and also to secure the adoption of this plan by the Baptist farmers of his acquaintance?

We should be glad to have correspondence with any pastor, church or reader of these lines who has resolved to take these suggestions seriously, and we would welcome reports of any experiences which have been made by our Baptist people along these lines. Address J. F. Love, Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond, Va.)

### AN APPEAL FOR HOME MISSIONS

Victor I. Masters,  
Superintendent of Publicity.

God has wonderfully blessed Southern Baptists in their ability to do a great spiritual work through Home Missions.

Methodists are great pioneers, but Methodists in their most halcyon days never surpassed the evangelistic genius of Southern Baptists. No Home Mission Board in America equals or ever has equalled the Home Board of Southern Baptists in pioneering for Christ.

The 1,500 workers of the Home Board, one in five supported by no other agency and four in five supported jointly by this and the State Boards, are 1,500 hearts aflame and 1,500 tongues touched with fire from the altar of God.

The Christ these men preach has given America the spirit which has put her in the war against the supreme beastliness of German's military autocracy. At the bottom, this war is a war for or against the religion of Jesus Christ.

Instinctively our government feels it, and is encouraging the religious welfare of the soldiers as no nation ever did before. Our authorities have turned to the preachers and churches to produce the dynamic that would fight the nation's battle, as no nation ever did before. Our fight for liberty and humanity against unspeakable brutality and Satanic egotism of a godless autocracy, is in essence a fight of Christ against Antichrist.

In these circumstances, Home Missions, always fundamental, becomes doubly fundamental. The hearts of Christian men and women are instinctively turning to a larger support of Home Missions. Before, they regarded it important; now, they see it is crucial. Shall the nation receive this baptism of fire, unto purification or unto corruption? The answer is whether or not the Christ reigns in the hearts of the soldiers at the front and of the people who at home must help to make war.

Returned from a world-tour for Foreign Missions, Mr. William T. Ellis, the noted writer, recently said: "The entire Christianization of North America is the greatest single task confronting the churches of the whole world." And if any of our people once doubted that, they are ready now to revise their opinions.

The one answer possible by Southern Baptists to this challenge at this time is in their large support of Home Mission work. The Home Board must receive \$100,000 more from April 1 to 30 than it ever received during April before, if it is to end its year without debt.

Will our people give the money? Well, they have the money to give, a thousand times over—never such prosperity before. To causes of welfare they are giving very largely. Will they give liberally to the one agency through which the denomination as a whole directs itself to evangelizing and Christianizing the South? They will, if it is put on their hearts. They will not stultify their witness to the atoning blood of Christ by giving more for comfort and ease of body and mind than to the preaching through which souls are saved and nations have their strength.

They will give if the pastors will lead them forward. The Home Board's secretarial force to solicit money is smaller than for years. The Corresponding Secretary, aided by the Director of Army Camp work, has had to give most of his time to organizing a great new work, which expends much money and raises none. Our Board's official effort has been and is largely absorbed in directing expenditures as wisely as possible.

As never in years, our entire dependence is on the pastors, together with the elect women and the laymen, who are quick to see and to speak where a great cause has come to its crisis.

Such a crisis now confronts the

Home Mission Board. Not of its work! Its work for the year has been great! In the camp work alone more than 12,000 have been saved! Not with work, but in paying for a great work which has already been done.

The printed page is not an impassioned thing. We know no cunning to make it breathe with that vital spark which the spoken word and flashing eye may release. But we of the Home Board have no other human chance of putting this crisis-beset work on the hearts of the brethren. Therefore, this appeal.

We have tracts in plenty, brimming with information, yours on call. We have facilities for letter writing, and will answer any query about the work. We have access to the papers of the denomination, which in this hour are our main reliance as an instrumentality.

And our hope is in God. We pray that He may just now put this threatened cause deeply on every Baptist heart. It is the work of Christ our Lord, and we desire success for His sake. We cannot neglect it without weakening our testimony to His gospel.

We plead with every pastor to preach on this urgent need of Home Missions. Ask your people to give more than they have ever given. Ask the many whose prosperity is so great that they could together easily wipe out this debt, to lead off with large gifts.

Ask all the people to give. There are tens of thousands of our people just anxious to give liberally to the great Army Camp work. Give them the chance. The pastor who leads forward here will find cheerful followers. Surely there is not one who, by failing to put the needs before them, shall shut them off from the opportunity! For such a pastor would stand between his people and a great and blessed work of God. Would he not before God and his country be a "slacker," in a day when the very word is a supreme offense?

Baptist Home Mission Rooms,  
Atlanta, Ga.

### DR. J. J. TAYLOR EXONERATED.

Rev. J. J. Taylor, D.D., former pastor of the First Baptist church, appears quite fully exonerated of fault in the troubled relations between the board of deacons and himself as pastor in a report which a special investigating committee, representing the board, submitted Sunday afternoon to the board, which adopted the report. Following is the official report:

#### Formal Report.

"We, the committee appointed by our chairman to ascertain what Dr. J. J. Taylor desires and if possible to adjust all differences, report:

"Conferring with Dr. Taylor we found him, as always, in a Christian frame of mind, and he stated that he only desired a 'square deal' in all matters that have disturbed our relations.

#### Three Questions.

"Three questions seemed to be forward for adjustment: First, in reference to the board's action November 3. It is recalled that in our meeting July 8, last, after going over the condition of our church, Dr. Taylor submitted the entire case to us, promising to do whatever we suggested. In August this promise was repeated in a letter to Brother W. A. Johnson, then our chairman. As the paper of November 3 was presented, Dr. Taylor



felt that he had no choice of action, he having promised to abide by whatever the board decided. This paper referred to incidents in the New Orleans Convention. Some of the sensational reports of those incidents made it appear that the Convention accused Dr. Taylor of making treasonable, disloyal and untrue remarks, and we believe our reference thereto was misinterpreted in the public mind as being an endorsement of the accusation. Dr. Taylor has always strenuously denied this report. In justice to ourselves and to the church which we represent, we feel it proper for this board to make correction of this misinterpretation of the action which we took November 3, last.

#### Charges Untrue.

"While we did not think it specifically in the scope of your committee's duties to go further, we did go further, and have investigated the charges made by certain members of the New Orleans Convention, and reported in the public press, as to Dr. Taylor's utterances against the national government; and from evidence both positive and negative we are fully convinced that the charges (as made by disorderly members) are untrue. We find nothing in the official record of the Convention, annual 1917, to justify the charges. We have the positive and distinct statement of officers of the Convention, president, vice-presidents, secretaries, auditors, and other distinguished men who were present, and who say over their own signature that Dr. Taylor was entirely in order, and that he said nothing treasonable, disloyal or untrue.

#### Pleads Is Pacifist.

"Second: This relates to the paper signed by fifteen of us November 3. It appears that the paper was signed by some under the impression that Dr. Taylor desired the board to sign it. He says this is a misapprehension. It seems that in conversation with a member of the church, Dr. Taylor's pacifist views were mentioned as a source of dissatisfaction in the church, and he stated that if that were the charge against him he would gladly plead guilty, or words to that effect. He states that he did not think it possible to find any considerable number of Christians in a Baptist church who would consider it a bar to a Baptist pulpit for a man to disbelieve in war or to be a pacifist. Dr. Taylor makes no demand in the case, and we make no recommendation. It is presented as a matter of information.

"Third: (This refers to what is known as the Whatley incident of October 31, which, after conference with Brother Whatley, has been adjusted). The board is authorized to make announcement to the church.

(Signed)

"JOHN E. FOY,

"JOHN TAYLOR CHAPMAN,

"D. T. FURSE."

#### Date References.

Reference to dates by the report may be explained as follows:

July 8 Dr. Taylor practically placed the pastoral conduct and policy in the hands of the officials of the church. The deacons voted at that time to support and boost the pastor till January 1, 1918, giving him this interim to show what might be accomplished by co-operated action. These pledges were renewed in August, as the report indicates.

The mention of November 3 refers to a request by the board for Dr.

Taylor to resign, the action being at the instance of his alleged disloyal remarks and conduct in the New Orleans Convention.—Savannah Press, March 6.

#### SOME QUOTATIONS FROM MINUTES OF STATE CONVENTIONS.

J. F. Love, Cor. Sec'y.

The State Conventions in their sessions during the last fall and winter manifested unusual concern for Southern Baptist Foreign Missions in the presence of present world conditions and new opportunities. This interest is reflected in the minutes of the respective Conventions. We quote briefly actions taken by some of these Conventions.

Alabama—"Of all times this is the time when we can least afford to retrench on Foreign Missions. Though war taxes are heavy, and we are patriotically trying to do our 'bit' in the war with Germany, we must not forget that our King calls us to another contest, that with the Prince of darkness, which is not a whit less important. Our Foreign Board was never in greater straits to accomplish its task than at the present time. Besides the urgent needs of the fields now occupied, in some cases so acute as to be distressing, new fields will soon make to us the great Baptist challenge of the age. In view of these facts, together with the action of the last session of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Executive Board recommends that the Convention add 10 per cent to the apportionment of \$33,000 made at the last Convention and pledge ourselves to raise \$36,300 for Foreign Missions the current year."

Arkansas—"Arkansas apportionment is \$15,000. We recommend that \$2,000 be added to this amount, making \$17,000, which is our proportionate part of the necessary increase. We also urge that the pastors of Arkansas lay the facts and burdens of the Foreign Board at this time upon the hearts of their people." (These figures have been advanced.)

District of Columbia—"We should put our strength into Foreign Missions because the call of the world has been sounding here with increasing insistence. The time is long past when we could ignore the call to the far-flung mission fields."

Georgia—"The Foreign Missions task is unique, in that its need is not that of a single enterprise, but of all peal. All that is represented in Georgia by State Missions, Home Missions, City Missions, Associational Missions, Church Building, pastor's salary, Ministerial Education, Sunday Schools, Hospitals, etc., is included in this one single appeal of Foreign Missions. And our people should be made to know that all of these varied departments of work among a thousand millions of souls in foreign lands cannot be adequately provided for on the basis of the need of one like departmental appeal in the home work. Southern Baptists, Georgia Baptists helping, should so increase their gifts to their foreign work as to enable their board to enter new and inviting fields and to supply the pressing needs of their workers and their work in the fields already occupied, and this though it mean the increase of our Foreign Mission budget by hundreds and thousands of dollars."

Kentucky—"Your Committee wants its clearly understood that they are for our Kentucky budget and believe that all gifts ought to go for that until that is met. But your Committee is also profoundly convinced that there are many of our laymen who ought to be buttonholed by their pastors or some representative of the Foreign Board for gifts of \$1,000 and up for the cause of Foreign Missions. The apportionments to the various States lack more than \$100,000 of meeting the actual needs of our Foreign Board this year, without sending out any new recruits. Rich laymen in Kentucky ought to give at least \$20,000 of that amount, over and above and beyond their gifts to the budget."

Louisiana—"That above all, as Baptists, we realize our opportunity in this our day and generation, and into this world condition that now is coming to the white heat, we pour ourselves without stint or measure, for if we do it will be felt for generations to come. Therefore: Be it resolved, That we, the Baptists of Louisiana in Convention assembled, hereby pledge ourselves to do our best to increase the per cent of our offerings to Foreign Missions so that we shall raise our part of one million dollars for this fiscal year, and we hereby call upon the other States of the Southern Baptist Convention to do the same."

Mississippi—"Our apportionment as reported to the Southern Baptist Convention—\$26,000 for Home Missions and \$36,000 for Foreign Missions—must be made the minimum. In addition to this we should raise not less than \$5,000 for Home Missions and \$10,000 for Foreign Missions. In this hour of stress and storm, when the world is passing through a baptism of fire and blood, we cannot afford to retrench in our Foreign Mission work anywhere."

Missouri—"Owing to the increased cost of living, felt keenly in our land, and yet more keenly upon the foreign field, it has become necessary to increase the salaries of our missionaries; we are, therefore, compelled to increase our regular contributions, or else recall some of our workers."

"To adopt a policy of retrenchment in this time of world crisis would be deplorable in the extreme. This is the hour that calls for prevailing prayer, heroic service, and sacrificial giving."

New Mexico—"God has been generous to us and has placed in our hands much goods and is trying by His many gifts to make us worthy stewards. Can we afford to let the cause of foreign missions suffer at an hour like this? The battle of centuries is at its turning."

"Your committee recommends that we pledge the Baptists of this State to raise for this work this year not less than \$2,750, and that vigorous effort be made to get information of the needs to every Baptist in the State and to secure a contribution from each one."

North Carolina—"States, associations, churches and individuals are earnestly besought greatly to increase their contributions to this work in order to save it from the peril of growing obligations and enable the Board to enter new fields to which Providence has thrown the doors wide open and waving harvests invite us."

"Some devoted friends are giving the Board Liberty Bonds which they purchased to help their country, and others are investing in the Board's

annuity bonds, which pay good dividends. Such examples are recommended to all our people.

"North Carolina gave to Foreign Missions last year \$47,923.56. This year we gave \$57,315.89, nearly \$10,000 advance in one year. Next year shall we not make it \$60,000 and guarantee it?"

Oklahoma—"Our Foreign Mission Board reports \$749,140.52 received the past year on the general work, and including gifts to the Judson Centennial Fund, \$961,970.48. Texas and Louisiana Baptists at their recent annual meetings resolved enthusiastically that Southern Baptists should raise by April 30, 1918, \$1,000,000 to meet the needs and opportunities of our foreign work.

"We recommend that Southern Baptists join heartily and generously in this undertaking, and that we raise our apportionment to \$25,000."

South Carolina—"This Convention hereby goes on record as undertaking to raise \$75,000 for Foreign Missions by next May, instead of the \$60,000 heretofore apportioned."

Tennessee—"The Board is in immediate and urgent need of a large number of new missionaries for evangelistic, medical, school and other departments of the work. To meet this need the Board was able to send only twelve at its annual meeting, which is not one-fourth of the number needed now.

"Your committee most insistently urges all our Baptist people to greatly increase their gifts, by paying their tithes and making special offerings to this the greatest of all Kingdom enterprises, in order to save the Board from the peril of debt and enable it to enter new fields to which Providence has opened wide the doors and to which ripe harvest fields invite us."

Texas—"Resolved, That we hereby issue a challenge to Southern Baptists to set as the goal of their missionary endeavor the raising of a sum the minimum of which shall be one million dollars (\$1,000,000) before the meeting of our Convention in May, 1918, and that Texas Baptists pledge their most sacrificial efforts and their unstinted co-operation to this enlarged program. We believe nothing less than this will begin to discharge our sacred obligations in this eventful day, or meet the terrible responsibilities of such a crucial hour."

Virginia—"Obeying the expressed wish of the Convention in New Orleans, the Board has been compelled to assume obligations which amount to \$165,000 more than the Southern Baptists gave to current support last year, and this amount leaves more than \$200,000 in urgent needs unprovided for.

"Early in the summer the writer of this report made a suggestion, through the columns of the Religious Herald, that Virginia Baptists lead the way to the solution of this problem by raising more than their apportionment. Virginia was apportioned \$85,000, and it would not be a hard matter to make this \$100,000 or more."

Should not such South-wide and unanimous action call all our people to this task and insure the success of the Million Dollar Campaign? Tell everybody about this great spirit which is taking possession of our people and help bring and help enlist every man and woman of our churches for this effort.



## NOT TO BE SPENT, BUT ALREADY EXPENDED

The money which the Home Mission Board is urging upon our churches to give to Home Missions now is money already expended. A truly great year of service by the 1,500 workers of our Board is drawing to a close. The work has been done, and a great harvest gathered.

To a budget which demanded the appropriation of every dollar of our \$500,000 apportionment, was added the Army Camp Work the Convention instructed our Board to do. This has cost us about \$60,000 more.

We shall need all of this amount, if Southern Baptists are to take care of Home Missions at a time when it is, by common consent, looming into almost tragic importance. The spiritual quality of America's life at home and of her soldiers at the front condition America's value in the conflict which shall determine the future of civilization.

### TO PASTORS AND ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERS.

**Pastors:** You are the chosen captains of the companies of God's people. While our country is mobilizing to strike for humanity and liberty in France, we beg you to mobilize the flocks of which you are the overseers for a great support to Home Missions.

Take a special extra offering for the great Army Camp work, in addition to providing for the apportionment. Your people will give to it gladly and liberally.

"Slacker" has become a word of supreme offense. Let there be no "slacker" in giving to Home Missions among those whom you lead.

**Associational Representatives of the Home Board:** The almost overwhelming burden incident to inaugurating effectively the great Army Camp work, has prevented us from addressing each of you a personal letter.

Our failure, so far from being a token of less need of your best aid, is a proof of it. Write your pastors. Stir them to see the needs and to come to our aid. Encourage pastors and churches to make a liberal special offering for the Army Camp work.

We have still about \$400,000 to raise between now and April 30, to take care of a great work already done. Our people have the money, a thousand times over. They will give it, if we can put Home Missions on their hearts.

Let us do it. To that end every resource at the Home Board's command is yours on call.

Fraternally,

**B. D. GRAY,**

Corresponding Secretary.

## Baptist Home Mission Board

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### THE UNION MOVEMENT.

**I. J. VanNess, Corresponding Secretary.**

The Sunday School Board is now ready with a new booklet by Dr. J. F. Love entitled "The Union Movement." This is a very important contribution at this particular time. Coming from the Corresponding Secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, it must have peculiar force. It deals with the movement in foreign missions which would seek to interdenominationalize all such endeavors, or rather to reduce to a minimum the denominational initiative and intensity in mission work.

Dr. Love has written with candor, and yet in the right spirit. He has been more than ordinarily careful in the preparation of the book, and it is now frankly offered to the brotherhood as a statement of existing conditions. It should have a wide reading and will make a profound impression. The price of the book is 75 cents.

I find myself greatly interested in this discussion because it has revived my recollections of the movements of the last decade in the Sunday school world. Ten years ago there was an equally pronounced effort to completely interdenominationalize the Sunday school movement. Fortunately denominational co-operation was forthcoming, and these efforts were brought to nought. Today we all know that we are better off and that the cause of religion has been advanced.

At this time, when the Sunday school is so greatly needed, it is much more effective because it is under denominational control and direction instead of

having its efforts dissipated. We have been able denominationally to mobilize our Sunday schools far and wide; something that no interdenominational movement ever did, for it touched the high places only. In this section of the country today it is clearly recognized, not only by Baptists but by Methodists as well, that the denominations are doing more for themselves in a Sunday school way than was ever done for them in any other way.

The situation with which Dr. Love deals is very much like the one we had to deal with, only it is out of our sight, and, therefore, more difficult. I believe that this message is not only timely, but also along constructive lines, and points out the better way.

March 25, 1918.

### THE CLEAR AND URGENT DUTY OF THE CHURCH IN THE PRESENT WORLD CRISIS.

**William H. P. Faunce, D.D., LL.D.,**  
President of Brown University.

It is, of course, the duty of the church to succor the wounded, to bind up the broken-hearted, to send the ambulance over the fields after the fight. This work is always necessary and commendable; but never fundamental, never constructive, never the highest duty.

It is the duty of the Church to drive straight at the causes of war—false ideas and ideals—and to replace them with true and just conceptions.

The Church must drive out hatred by bringing in love. It can show the absurdity of race hatred, since the

racism we most dislike are in some ways our superiors. It can show that Chinese merchants surpass us in commercial integrity, that the Japanese surpass us in both loyalty and courtesy, and that the republics of South America have an older and in some ways, a finer culture than our own. The Church can insist that love is not a sentiment, but a perception—an insight into the spiritual possessions of other people. It can show that love is based on reason, and, therefore eternal.

2. The church can refuse to appeal unto Caesar as final arbiter in any controversy. It can show that all human governments rest in the last analysis, not on physical force, but in the power of opinion, on social and moral sanctions. It can resolutely discourage the United States in acquiring the worst things of Europe. It can refuse to resist militarism by imitating it.

3. It can steadily exalt reason and conscience as first resort in every controversy. It can cultivate the "international mind," which is simply the Christian mind. It can lead its members out of petty provincialism into the vision of "other sheep which are not of this fold." It can believe and teach that nothing is settled until it is settled right, and that right can never be finally determined by bayonets or bombs.

4. It can steadily preach and urge the duty of world-organization. It can encourage the international (or Christian) mind by helping to build up some international organization that shall do for civilized States at least

what the Edinburgh Conference has done for civilized churches. The church must assist in providing channels through which the sense of human brotherhood and interdependence can flow.

Here is the immediate, permanent, fundamental duty—to make love reasonable, to disavow ultimate reliance on force, to cultivate the international mind, and to lead humanity in building up a world organization to insure world peace.—*Honoluluan Review*.

### MEETING OF CITY B. Y. P. U. OF JACKSON.

The City B. Y. P. U. of Jackson and surrounding territory held a special meeting with the B. Y. P. U.'s of the Second Baptist church Sunday afternoon, March 24, and had a most enthusiastic and helpful meeting. Officers recently elected were installed and a very appropriate address made by Rev. J. E. Skinner, pastor of the church. Constitution and By-laws were adopted and committee appointed to have 500 copies or same printed at once.

Considerable other business was attended to and the Union decided to meet with the South Royal Street Union at the next regular meeting, which is the first Tuesday in April.

We will be glad to send a copy of our Constitution and By-Laws to anyone desiring a copy. Miss Lillian Holmes, Jackson Tenn., is Corresponding Secretary.

Seventy times seven attempt is not failure, but the habit that brings success.—*Youth's Companion*.





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Will You Send Relief by Responding Most Generously to This  
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Will you lead in your congregation and inspire others to follow your example? Will you work for this great Spring Drive? Will you assist the pastor and serve on his committees to make this campaign a grand and glorious success?

This is no time for half-hearted effort or half-way giving.

Come to the aid of your missionaries who have only you to count on. Help your church to subscribe its full quota of the Million Dollars by May 1st, 1918.

J. F. LOVE, Cor. Sec'y.  
FOREIGN MISSION BOARD,  
SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION,  
Richmond, Virginia.



## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. Y. P. U. NOTES.

W. D. HUDGINS, Editor,  
Estill Springs, Tenn.

The Workers' Schools were not the success that we hoped that they should be. The one at Waynesboro was called off on account of smallpox; the one at Greenfield was burned out by the burning of the church building and other extensive losses. This left only the two—one at Crainsville and the other at Parsons. The books never reached us at Crainsville, so we closed out on Wednesday morning and left. It was not well attended, anyway. The one at Parsons grew from the very first and turned out to be a great success. The house was packed each evening and the day sessions were well attended. We are very sorry indeed that we were forced to call off the other two, as we had a fine corps of workers for each and everything seemed to be in tip top trim for the schools. We cannot have our way about everything, though, and so we leave the results with God, who can get much out of a little.

The conference at Gallatin last week was a glorious success. It was our pleasure to speak to the Sunday school on the closing day and also to speak at the eleven o'clock hour. Fine crowds and much interest. Mr. Filson and Mr. Lasater did fine work on Saturday night and concluded by organizing a B. Y. P. U. The people of Gallatin are pleased with all the men who spoke and the church is wonderfully built up and hopeful for the future. They expect to grade the Sunday school right away, and everything seems to be on the up grade at Gallatin.

We also had on last week at St. Elmo a training school with Mrs. Blankinship of Atlanta in charge of the last week's work. She worked under our department and gave us some fine service. They had about 35 in the class, all taking the Manual for more than two weeks on a stretch. Brother Rutledge is determined to make his school an A-1 school right away and has begun the right way to do it. Training is what we need in all the churches.

This week the Tennessee Convention is on, also Holston and Watauga Associational Conventions. It is our purpose to attend each of these this week.

We are planning to make a great campaign for our country work this summer. We want to reach every church that it is possible to reach with a three days' institute, and where feasible we will stay a week teaching a class through the first and third divisions of the Manual. We have several helpers who have agreed to spend a week in a local church teaching a class. We also hope to secure some of the proffered help from the Sunday School Board, and by this means will be able to put in the field, for a few months, at least, several young students who can do excellent work of this kind. If your church wants a school let us know so we may plan this beforehand.

Mr. F. W. McDonald, Camp Teacher for a country church near Silver Point, writes: "The literature of the soldier boys has been received, but I need two more, as two have gone since I wrote you. The boys think these are grand and some of my class have written asking for 'On the March With the Mas-

ter" for their friends in the camp. The soldiers in the camp appreciate them so much. One wrote me as soon as he received the pamphlet and said that he knew that he was not forgotten by the home folk. I think it a grand thing. Very truly."

I have several letters like this stating that the boys appreciate this plan and attention given them by the folks at home. If you have no camp class send us in the list at once and the name of some one to act as camp teacher.

Classes have been reported this week already from the following: Silver Point, 2 additional names; Iron City, 10, new class; Island Home, Knoxville, 29, new class; Second church, Jackson, new class of 12; Sevierville, new class of 17; First Fountain City, 16; Greenville, Lascassas, 2; Paris, 20; Orlinda, 7; Kelso, 12; Elizabethton, 42; Brownsville, 22; Woodland Mills, 8; McKenzie, 13; Morristown, 31; Baptist Sunday School Board, 9; Richard City, 26; McPheters, 9; Parsons, 4; Mt. Ararat, 6; Washburn, 4; Rogersville, 2; additional names; Union Avenue, Memphis, 18; Bolivar, 12; Crainsville, 7. This makes a total of 25 classes with an enrollment of 365 all in one day.

The Junior department of the Central Sunday school, Memphis, under the efficient leadership, has done a very fine work. Besides doing the regular teaching and building up a fine Junior department, Miss Bourne has led this department to do some heroic giving. These boys and girls gave last month to special benevolences \$26. This is a fine gift for Juniors. Why do not all our departmental superintendents train their workers to give like this?

Let us make a special drive for Home and Foreign Missions this month. Let every superintendent and teacher feel it their special duty to leave nothing undone in this pull for missions on March 31st. I hope that our people may give more than \$10,000 on that day to these causes. If the Sunday school means business for the Lord, let us lay ourselves out this year. We have to keep the Red Cross and the Y. M. C. A. going, but let us not let our mission work go begging. It is my honest conviction that we should stress missions now as never before.

Have you used the tract by Dr. Gillon in your church and Sunday school? If not, send for a bunch and drill your people on those fine questions and answers. This is a fine way to get defi-

## HALF SICK, HALF WELL

**A Condition That Will Not Improve Upon Itself.**

In the Spring the depressing condition that many call Spring fever often runs through families and neighborhoods.

This indefinite, hard-to-describe state of poor health probably means that you are thin-blooded and anemic. Exhausted thin blood gets thinner, low vitality falls lower, poor appetite becomes poorer. Then the thoroughly exhausted system can no longer resist, and on comes the prostrating illness or serious disease.

Treat the half-sick, Spring-tired condition with that splendid course of medicine—Hood's Sarsaparilla, to fortify the whole body; Pepton, to ironize and make rich red blood; Hood's Pills to rouse the liver to its regular daily duties,—and the half-well revives to perfect health. Each medicine is valuable in itself but is trebly so when used in this combination.

nite knowledge into the minds of our young people and some older ones.

Send in your reports from your work. We want to know what you are doing.

The church at Parsons will soon have a new building. The school two years ago helped to get this building started.

The B. Y. P. U. that was organized at Gallatin last Saturday night by Messrs. Filson and Lasater will be reported later upon the promise of the corresponding secretary to write it up for us.

We wish to thank all the workers of last week's campaign for their fine service rendered.

## THE CAMP CLASSES IN THE BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF TENNESSEE.

Since the war began it has been our deep conviction that we were leaving the interests of our soldier boys too much to the care of the Y. M. C. A. and other agencies and neglecting them from the angle of the local church. I fear that the boys will not respect and love the local churches when they return if they receive no attention from them while they are away and all the spiritual help comes from some other source. I would not do less through these agencies, but more through the local church. It is my conviction that a young man going from a Christian community and Baptist Sunday school would appreciate any reading matter or religious literature placed in his hands by one who knows him personally and who is interested in him individually much more than if it be handed to him by a camp pastor or a Y. M. C. A. worker whose business it is to do that very thing. When the Sunday School Board prepared the little pocket quarterly, "On the March With the Master," and offered it free to our soldier boys through any agency that would deliver it to them, I at once decided that this should be done by the workers in our local churches. In the first place, I think it wise that the local workers do this for their own benefit, and second, I believe the soldier boys will appreciate it more coming from the home Sunday school and people whom they know to be most interested in their welfare. Hence I fell upon the plan of the "Camp Class."

### THE CLASS.

The class is composed of all the soldier boys going out from a particular church or community and of that particular religious preference. They may be in different camps and some may be on the seas or in the trenches. Wherever they may be they belong to the home school and are so counted in this plan.

### THE PLAN.

There is elected by the local church a regular teacher called the "Camp Teacher," and is a member of the teaching force like all other teachers. This teacher has charge of all the boys going out from that particular school and deals with them as though they were studying under him or her in the home school. It shall be the business of this teacher to furnish the names of all the boys to the Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. Department, and we furnish them with the literature. This literature includes "On the March With the Master," also a postcard with blank for the individual report of each soldier in the class. The card gives the number of daily Bible readings done, the number

of lessons studied during the quarter and a personal message from the soldier to the teacher at home. These reports are to be gathered each quarter and placed on the blackboard as the "Home Department" and counted in the main school. This teacher is to mail the literature to the boys and in every other way keep in touch with them on the hearts of the church and the school at home. It will be the business of this camp teacher to keep before the school the "Service Flag" with the stars and names of the boys belonging to the class. It is also the duty of this teacher to see to it that regular services are held by the church for these boys and keep before the church their spiritual welfare.

It is also well for this teacher to keep the needs of these boys, as well as all others, before the Local Red Cross Workers and urge greater efforts in their behalf.

This teacher should assist the parents of these boys in every possible way, administering to their spiritual needs, as well as the material.

This teacher will also render any assistance that may be possible by reporting to camp pastors and to local church workers the names of the boys from that particular church and seeing to it that these boys are looked after. Many boys go to these camp cities and no one knows them and they are led astray, when they would have been saved by some one putting a local Christian worker in touch with them.

No one can do more than this camp teacher, on whose hearts these boys are constantly, in the way of appealing to the people for "food conservation." The mentioning of the names of these home boys before any community gathering will do more to enlist the sympathy and co-operation of the people than anything else. Men will work harder to raise food if the boys of their own home communities are constantly on their hearts.

Our people are not sacrificing as they should in this great war. This war will never come to a close as long as men at home are indifferent to the sacrifice these boys are making of their splendid lives and are willing to "graft" from their neighbors under conditions made possible by this mighty carnage of war.

This office furnishes the literature in bulk to these teachers, who send it through the mails to the individuals.

We also keep a register of all the classes reported and make mention of them through the notes in the paper each week.

We also give special mention to any unusual happening that may be reported to our office. For instance, if a boy be killed or taken prisoner, we make note of this in the paper and ask prayer for him or his loved ones. If a boy is converted in the camp we make mention of this in order that our workers over the state may be encouraged and rejoice with him.

Let us stop doing our "Bit" and do our "Best" to save these boys from disease and death, and if not from death from hell.

We earnestly seek the co-operation of all the workers all over the state and ask your prayers in this undertaking.

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## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

AIM OF TENNESSEE W. M. U.

May 1, 1917—April 30, 1918.

Foreign Missions	\$12,960.00
Home Missions	8,690.00
Training School	3,715.00
Bible Fund	160.00
Margaret Fund	75.00

Amount Yet to Be Given.

Foreign Missions	\$8,906.09
Home Missions	6,865.69
Training School	1,100.92
Bible Fund	80.22
Margaret Fund	24.43

GREETINGS TO W. M. U. OF TENNESSEE.

Dear Fellow Workers: Some days ago your Executive Committee honored me in electing me President of the Tennessee W. M. U., to fill out Mrs. Avery Carter's unexpired term. Mrs. Carter is moving to another State, and carries with her the love and esteem of Tennessee missionary workers.

But for the fact that I was conscious of the serious consideration and earnest prayer, both individually and collectively, that your Nominating Committee gave the matter, I really could not have seriously considered the question myself. After much prayer and heart-searching on my own part, I have decided to accept this trust, and try in every possible way to justify their confidence, and to join hands with you in readiness to serve our Master and His cause in this way.

For years I have been identified with W. M. U. activity, and can truly say it has always been a source of deep and genuine joy to spend and be spent in this labor of love. There may be many handicaps to confront us, but certainly there is an outstanding disadvantage. I am a comparative stranger in your midst, and yet can we not from the start love each other "for the work's sake?" As opportunity offers, I shall hope to become acquainted with you personally, and shall count it a great privilege and joy to know you.

One earnest request I make: Will you not covenant with me to pray daily for our W. M. U. work and for those who must most largely bear its responsibilities? Prayer and sacrifice are what we most need, and we take courage in the belief that you are ready to accept and perform your part.

Yours sincerely,

MRS. HIGHT C. MOORE.

Nashville, Tenn.

### SECOND CALL FOR CLARKSVILLE

"First call" was to societies to arrange to send their Presidents, and now we want to emphasize, among other things, attendance of society treasurers. The program is out and copies of it are finding their way into every "nook and corner" of Middle Tennessee, we hope. Note the three conferences and their leaders. They are to be held at 9 o'clock, Wednesday morning, April 17th. Many of our leaders and workers, in order to attend these conferences, must be in Clarksville overnight, and we are glad 'tis so, for we need to hear the kind

welcome words, the response, the inspiring music, and the convention sermon, to prepare us, spiritually, for the coming day. Those of us who have heard Dr. Albert R. Bond know what to expect in his message. Dear sisters, do plan to be there, and don't wait till the morning of the 17th, but come on the 16th and enjoy this preparation service. Refreshing rest of the night will prepare you for the work hours of the 17th.

We have many added interests to our work, the outcome of world-war conditions. Our hearts and homes are feeling the weight of obligations never before borne, and we need, in this time of nerve-tension, to come to this evening of 16th service with humility of heart and a sense of our dependence on our God, such as we have never before felt. Women of our hostess church, we are not expecting entertainment that shall be burdensome to you. We housekeepers fully understand home conditions at present. It is our desire that you shall fully share every spiritual benefit that may come from the sweet fellowship of the hours spent with you, and that every one of us may be fed with "heavenly manna" that shall give the needed strength for the trials and tasks that confront us.

Superintendents of Middle Tennessee, dear, unselfish workers, greetings to you! Your work may seem heavy, and many of us know the burdens you are bearing, but "keep the bright reward in view." The Master knows it all, and can you not almost hear him say, "She hath done what she could." Come to Clarksville, every one of you. Sacrifice to get there. Be at that evening service on the 16th. Let's join hands in love, faith and hope for the future of our great W. M. U. work.

Sisters, all, as we leave our homes for Clarksville, let's go from bended knees, expecting to meet the Master, and as a body reconsecrate ourselves to His service and plan for the extension of His Kingdom.

Yours in the bond of love,

MRS. A. F. BURNLEY.

### FIELD NOTES.

March 12th the West division of the Woman's Missionary Union met in their annual gathering preceding the S. S. Convention at Whiteville.

Mrs. T. L. Martin, the Vice-President, and Mrs. James T. Harris, the Secretary-Treasurer, had the meeting well in hand.

A Conference of Superintendents, led by Mrs. Martin, and one of Young People's Work, led by Miss Whipple, occupied the early morning hour from nine to ten—a profitable hour.

The opening devotional, led by Miss Martha Bourne, was indeed helpful. Reports of Superintendents followed. Some of our best Superintendents were present, but some were absent, some sent written reports. Mrs. Crenshaw, of First Memphis Society, presented "The Margaret Fund" in such an interesting way, we are sure this department of W. M. U. work will find a larger place in the hearts of our workers who heard her.

A new departure was the missionary sermon at 11 o'clock, instead of the night before. A stirring, inspiring message was brought by Bro. J. W. Storer, his theme, "Three Types of Women." We greatly appreciated this discourse.

After lunch in the homes of Whiteville's hospitable people, Mrs. Wilkin-

son of Memphis, Superintendent of Shelby County Associational Union, led a very helpful devotional service. Mrs. Irby Grady of Jackson made us all want to begin a Mission Study Class as soon as we reached our home churches.

Miss Whipple won her way into the good will of this company by her presentation of "Our Young People in Mission Work."

Our Training School was made to live before us as we listened to the delightful presentation of it by Mrs. H. A. Cook of Memphis. Mrs. T. N. Hale gave a most excellent review of our W. M. U. Manual after the presentation of the Church Building Loan Fund by your secretary. Several memorials were announced—Central and First of Memphis, Brownsville and Paris Societies—other societies promising to take definite shares in this enterprise. We are hoping Shelby County and Big Hatchie Associations will each establish memorials.

The Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer were again nominated for the ensuing year. The music was good throughout the day.

Wednesday was given to the S. S. Convention, a great gathering and splendid program. The splendid address of Dr. P. E. Burroughs being the last thing heard. I was a guest in the home of Mrs. N. J. Seddens.

### FIELD WORK.

On Saturday, March 16th, I was in an all-day meeting of Friendship W. M. S. in Bledsoe Association. A fine program was given, combining week of prayer topics with the regular monthly subject for study. Mrs. Pat Burnley led the meeting and gave an instructive map talk on Cuba and Panama. A bountiful lunch was served at noon, after which we enjoyed an hour's play with the children on the church lawn.

The business session was held in the afternoon, and Home Mission offering went beyond their apportionment. The children were then called in and a Sunbeam Band organized.

Saturday night was spent in the hospitable home of Mrs. Burnley. Attending Sunday School at Friendship, I returned with Miss Geneva Carr, Superintendent of Bledsoe Association W. M. U. for a dinner of fried chicken and other good things. At 2:30, Miss Carr and I went to Hartsville for a meeting of the W. M. S. and Y. W. A. Although the crowd was small, we enjoyed the meeting and hope that interest was quickened in the work. I spent the night at the home of Miss Carr and left for Nashville Monday morning at 11:45.

Arriving in Gallatin I found I had an hour to wait, so hunted up Mrs. M. B. Smith, wife of the pastor there. As they were holding a series of services they invited me to stay and talk to the young women that night. I was glad to do so. The girls were eager to get to work and we organized a Y. W. A., with Miss Myra Dulin as President.

Wednesday morning I went to Orinda, meeting Miss Ethel Jones, Field Worker for Robertson County, on the way. We were entertained at dinner by Miss Cora Lee Wilson, then drove to Williams' Chapel for a W. M. S. meeting. During the afternoon the Y. W. A. was reorganized and a Sunbeam Band organized. That night we spent with Mrs. Dean in Orinda, and Thursday morning Mr. C. R. Ander-

son took us to Greenbrier for the regular quarterly meeting of Robertson County Association W. M. U. In the absence of the Superintendent, Miss Ethel Jones presided. A splendid talk on "Individual Responsibility" was given by Mrs. W. G. Mahaffey. I presented the Church Building and Loan Fund and the ladies voted to establish a memorial for the Association. A paper on Enlistment, by Mrs. J. O. Kemper, President of Springfield Y. W. A., was fine; also a talk by Mrs. Ewton on "Our Attitude Toward Missionary Societies of Sister Churches." I spoke on Young People's Work, and a round table discussion of this was freely entered into. At the close of the meeting all reluctantly said goodbye to Mrs. Mahaffey, who is soon to move to Portland and whose talks throughout the day had been inspiring. The delicious lunch prepared by the Greenbrier ladies was much enjoyed. I took supper with Mrs. Pinson and returned home on a late train.

AGNES WHIPPLE.

### NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATIONS.

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Central, Nashville, R. A.  
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Gallatin Y. W. A.  
Williams' Chapel S. B. B.

Don't forget to report just as soon as you have organized, so we will know how the campaign is going.

AGNES WHIPPLE,

Young People's Secretary.



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# EDITORIAL

## DEMOCRACY OF THE SOUL.

Criticism from foes often brought from Jesus his greatest truths. He had come to bring a fresh and invigorating message for men as well as to fulfill a definitely assigned mission that no other could accomplish. Out of apparently incidental and accidental occasions he drew opportunity to rebuke his audiences and to instruct his disciples. The Sunday School Lesson (Mark 7:1-37) presents the carping censure of critics against the disciples and Jesus' answer, and two incidents of healing that indicate the great compassion of Jesus and also illustrate the caption of this article.

### Old Fact in Modern Setting.

The gospels set forth the story of how Jesus set men free from sin and the burdens of misfortune and disease. The entire New Testament is set to the purpose of reaching men with the news that soul freedom is the peculiar gift of the Christ. This imperative fact gains notice both in statements of doctrine and individual cases of its actual experience in apostolic service. But never quite so well as in modern times have men been made to realize that personal liberty is the inviolable right of the individual, regardless of his degree of culture or color of skin.

It has taken a long series of events to bring men to realize what Jesus taught as the initial fundamental of his teaching. It cannot be said that all men have yet learned the truth, but progress is being made. The first great need of men is that their souls may be liberated from sin. Jesus had this fact always in view; it led him to Calvary. However, the present outlook of the world is toward a better appreciation of the certainty that sin is the harsh tyrant that would hold in unyielding bondage the souls of men. Devices and methods of improvement other than the remedy in Jesus have been fruitless to break the power of sin.

Modern life accents the value of the individual. He becomes the unit by which standards of judgment are created. But the modern voice, gathering to itself interest because of its fresh tones, is simply echoing the ancient message of Jesus, when it stresses the need that the soul shall realize a democracy in which rights of individual worth and destiny shall obtain. For Jesus taught that in the single individual soul was set forth greater wealth than the accumulated values of the material world. What profit shall come to the man that gains the whole world and forfeits his own life? The old fact of the soul's right to be free has only come to have a modern setting, as men demand personal freedom from sin and individual liberty of action.

### Chains of Yesterday.

The critics of Jesus called attention to the disregard of his disciples for the ancient customs of their nation. They had not observed the regulations about ceremonial cleanliness before meals. Jesus answered his critics sharply and well. They had substituted the teachings of men for those of God and had really lost sight of the need for cleanliness of the soul. Jesus brought to their unwilling notice the real issue of right conduct.

The chains of our yesterdays often fetter us against progress in God's service. Jesus did not hesitate to break the established custom of men, if thereby he could bless people. The Pharisees had developed many rules that were senseless and galling. These found no favor with the Master. Certain customs prevail today simply because our fathers kept them. They should have binding force only as they demonstrate their fitness for men now. The truth remains unchanging, but its application must conform to changing needs of life.

In my pastorate I remember once to have urged the church to adopt regular systematic giving and business ideals in administering the affairs of the church work. A deacon took me to task for the proposed innovations. He said: "Pastor, I like the old-fashioned way of doing things; I believe in the old-

time religion." "Yes," said I, the young pastor, "I too like the old-time religion, but I'm for the new-time expression of it. Are you quite fair to your Lord? You ride in your splendid car rather than in the old-fashioned buggy; you have a large hosiery turning out hundreds of dozens of hose by machinery, rather than by the laborious hand knitting of other days; you send your freight to the depot in a motor-truck and not in an ox-cart. Why not speed up on the Lord's business?" There was no answer. He was free in his business to adopt good methods; he would have chained the kingdom to the plans of yesterday.

### Spiritual Liberties.

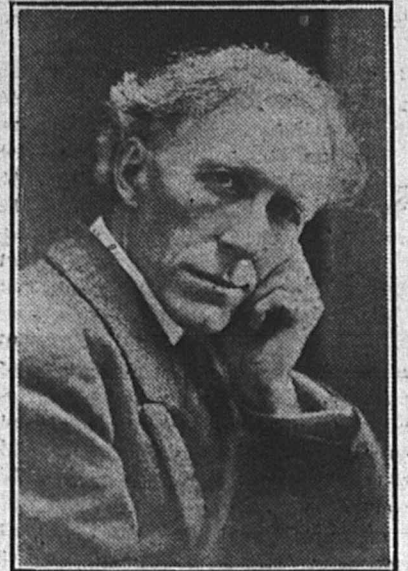
The religion of Jesus assures men of spiritual liberty. Out of this fact grows the demand for civic and economic freedom. If men can be made free from sin through the redemption in Christ and hence are made brethren of a common life with God as the Heavenly Father, then it naturally follows that there should be guaranteed to all men everywhere the privilege of equality of rights and responsibilities. Democracy of soul under the gospel becomes the basis for democracy of rights under federated civic efforts. The great world program of America to make the world safe for democracy and to make democracy safe for the world will finally be realized when men shall accept the basis of fraternity in the teaching of Jesus that liberty of soul should be the antecedent and condition of a stable freedom in governments. "If, therefore, the Son of man shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed." Out of such soul freedom men will be led to respect the rights of others.

### Response to Frailties.

The two cases of healing show how readily Jesus answered the cry of human frailty. He never turned aside the appeal of sincere need. Though the Syrophenician mother did not belong to his own people, Jesus blessed her faith; the poor deaf stammerer rejoiced in the gift from Jesus. Christianity has been the leader in movements to uplift the poor and unfortunate. The claims of frailty today get a readier sympathy than ever before. Men are eager that the Christ shall free the helpless of their misfortunes. The Christ still works through his faithful followers.

### THE WAR AND SERMONS.

The current issue of the Ladies' Home Journal carries an article by Rev. Joseph H. Odell, D.D., on "Why I Cannot Preach My Old Sermons Now." The article deals with the changing world order as a basis for a new propaganda of spiritual truths. It is not our intention to review this article, but rather to use it as a point of departure to call attention to what seems to us to be the emphasis that should now be made in the pulpit. It is doubtless true that many preachers will have to readjust their old types of sermons in the matter of illustrations and bases for appeal. But the basal facts of the Bible remain the same. The insistent need for a gospel of redemption is even more apparent now than ever before. One may bring to bear upon an audience the immense struggle of the world conflict, may invite consideration of the heroic sacrifices of men and women to secure great aims of democracy, but through all of these there should be the determining purpose to present the eternal message of the Christ. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever, and his message of redemption does not alter with the changing environments and imagery of the past ages. It is, therefore, our unwavering conviction that the sermons must be old in their appeal to the fundamental truths of the Bible and new in their setting for illustration, appeal and warning. Every age must interpret for itself the eternal message of the Word, but this is far from throwing aside the example of Abraham, who was justified by faith rather than works. The new dress may be required, but the body of the truth must remain the same.



DR. BROUGHTON AT NASHVILLE.

Nashville audiences have had the unusual privilege during the past two weeks in hearing Dr. Len G. Broughton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tenn. The Immanuel Baptist church had looked forward with great hopes that the special services by Dr. Broughton would quicken a holy enthusiasm among its membership and also reach many with a vital evangelistic appeal. This two-fold purpose was wonderfully realized. The meeting could not be called a local church or community affair, because the congregations came from all parts of the city and even from surrounding country and towns, thus taxing the seating capacity of the church at every service.

Three dominant traits of the meeting deserve mention. First, Broughton, the man. Again and again those who attended the services have said: "The personality of the preacher gives power to his message." And in attempting to describe this personality there has been constant agreement that the dominant element is his dependence upon the Spirit of God for power in private life and public ministry of the Word. Keen in his analysis of human character and consequent frailties, gentle in his dealing with the earnest penitent, just and searching in criticisms against shams, broad in his sympathies for the unfortunate, Dr. Broughton puts his own great heart into his message, without drawing attention from the fact that his chief aim is to point to the greater character whom he reflects.

Second, the evangelistic emphasis. Dr. Broughton has no modern substitute for the Cross. He preaches a gospel for lost men and women, believing that the saving power of Christ is the fundamental need of men. He clothes his message with winsomeness and force. Third, the teaching element. Dr. Broughton is eminently a Bible teacher. His expositions of great doctrines and the Scriptures present the real issue of truth in modern form without loss of original meaning.

The results of the meeting have been seen in the quickening and deepening of the spiritual sense of the members of the Immanuel church and the entire congregations that attended. Seventy professions of faith were made, while others not noted doubtless found faith in the Saviour. Twenty-four were received last Sunday into the fellowship of Immanuel church. Nashville will always welcome a visit from Dr. Broughton.

Those who expect to attend the meeting of the Middle Tennessee Sunday School Convention at Clarksville, April 16-19, will please write Mr. F. N. Smith, Clarksville, at once, telling him when you will arrive, and on what train, whether L. & N., or T. C., and how long you expect to remain. A home will be assigned to you, and everybody will be welcome. It will help the entertainment committee if you will do this at once.



### EAST TENNESSEE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The East Tennessee Sunday School and W. M. U. Convention was held last week with the church at La Follette. The attendance was small, but the program was well carried out in spite of the fact that only one-third of the appointed speakers were present. Rev. C. P. Jones and Rev. S. G. Wells were re-elected president and secretary. The convention also appointed an executive committee to work for a closer co-operation with the Sunday schools of East Tennessee. Great enthusiasm was manifested toward the larger plans for this year. We believe that the work of this convention will now take on new life and vigor. The Baptist and Reflector will gladly co-operate in any possible way to further these plans. We invite the officers and committee to speak to their constituency through our columns. Rev. S. H. Johnstone, his church and the entire town gave the visitors royal entertainment.

### THE HORROR OF IT.

The great German drive on the Western war front has been raging two weeks. Before these lines are read the decision of the world war may have been reached. No one can forecast what a day will bring forth. The whole world watches with bated breath the outcome. We would not attempt even a resume of the battle. Almost countless men are engaged in the struggle. The toll of death has been immeasurable. The Germans massed their immense armies with the evident intention of breaking through the lines of the Allies in order to reach the important base of Amiens. The British and French lines have stubbornly resisted the terrific onslaught and have fallen back for strategic purposes and now hold positions near the line of battle from which Hindenburg was forced to retire earlier in the war. American forces will be used at the proper time. War critics expect the Allies to strike a fatal counter-blow which will probably result in the death struggle of one side. Let us hope and pray that the triumph will be for the right and that our aims of the supremacy of world democracy will be realized.

More than at any previous time the horror of it appals us. War has always been terrible. Now the dead, wounded and captured must be counted by the hundreds of thousands. The Germans have sacrificed many soldiers and have not yet reached their objectives. The longer the war continues the less likely will be victory for tyranny. While we realize the awful horror of it, we shall not be discouraged. The conditions but call for more strenuous heroism. If America cannot furnish sufficient men to turn the tide of carnage, she can do her utmost in providing the necessary food supplies. Help now by conserving your products. Follow the suggestions of the government. May Old Glory not be trailed in the dust!

### THE BEST YET.

Last week was the record-breaker with the editor in the matter of securing new subscriptions. Sunday, March 24, was spent with Rev. L. S. Ewton at Springfield, and with Rev. C. M. Crosswy at Lebanon church, Robertson county. I preached for Brother Crosswy at the morning hour, and took part in the afternoon in the ordination of five deacons, who have been called into active service by this church.

Pastor Crosswy, Bro. Ewton, visiting deacons of the Springfield church, the deacons of Lebanon church and myself constituted the council. The new deacons are F. S. Escue, J. P. Hollingsworth, Leslie Taylor, Vernon Hughes and T. J. Portef.

But the record-breaking came later. I had often helped to ordain deacons. Monday I spent with Pastor Ewton at Springfield. This great church, with its modern equipment and splendid pastor, has long been a loyal supporter of the Baptist and Reflector. The annual visit of the editor has become a fixed event in the church calendar. More than forty families were already receiving the paper. But in one day the pastor and editor secured *thirty-one* new subscriptions. Glorious! Every subscriber whom we saw renewed for another year, and we saw practically all. Is it a wonder that Ewton brags on his church? Likewise, it is no secret why they keep him. May his past success be but a prophecy of the larger future.

Think of a great country church with almost three hundred members with only two copies of the Baptist and Reflector taken, and one of those by the pastor!

But, wait! Pastor Crosswy spent Tuesday in his Ford with the editor. The result? Listen—*thirty-four* new subscriptions! Former records were smashed. Lebanon church holds the record for the largest number of new subscriptions as the result of a day's campaign. Eagleville and Bethlehem (Robertson county) churches, Rev. S. P. DeVault, pastor, are close rivals with *thirty-three* each. Who will go "over the top" of these?

There is another class of churches that do the work without the editor. The Murfreesboro church, Austin Crouch, pastor, out of its funds each year sends the paper to *fifty* of its members, and the Clarksville church, Ryland Knight pastor, sends to *twenty-five*. And now here is that new-comer to the state, Dr. H. T. Stevens, of the Deaderick Avenue church, Knoxville, that throws all sorts of confusion of joy into the office by sending *thirty-six* subscriptions. Let the drive continue.

## Editorial Brevities

Believe you can do it, and then try it.

Honor from God comes to those who honor Him.

Your "bit" is needed to win the war. Do it now.

Endurance in well-doing is the condition of success.

Jesus' transfiguration hour came to Him while He prayed.

Service and sacrifice should often be interchangeable terms.

Business intelligence would give a new impetus to church plans.

Jesus calls His disciples into the distinction of sacrifice, not of privilege.

Do your best with God's help for His work and leave the results with Him.

Rust is a form of burning of the iron, but it does no good because its heat is undirected and dissipated.

A church plan in order to succeed must have back of it a competent man or woman.

A lad's lunch was a small starting-point for food for the multitude, but with the Master's blessing it was sufficient.

In every home let there be constant prayer for the triumph of right over wrong, of democracy over autocracy.

Germany has no respect for the Red Cross of Mercy. Her guns are trained upon nurses as upon soldiers.

General Foch, the French commander, has been placed in supreme control of all the forces of the Allies.

Bible reading cultivates a disposition to know what God is doing in the world now. The religious press, therefore, has its supplemental place.

Jesus showed His disciples an example of perfect obedience to God, through His duties often difficult to meet. He places upon his followers a supreme test—"If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments."

Dr. Calvin B. Waller has but recently gone to the Second Baptist church, Little Rock, Ark., and now comes the news that the church building has been totally destroyed by fire. May they arise heroically above their misfortune.

Be careful of the kind of pictures that you place upon the walls of your home. The ideals of your children may be formed by them. Some years ago a mother tearfully inquired of her pastor as to the cause that led her boy to run away from home to become a sailor. The explanation was easily discovered in the picture of a splendid ship riding the storm waves. The boy's imagination had been stirred by that ship.

### THINGS THAT NEVER DIE.

The pure, the bright, the beautiful,  
That stirred our hearts in youth;  
The impulses to wordless prayer,  
The streams of love and truth;  
The longing after something lost,  
The spirit's yearning cry,  
The striving after better hopes—  
These things shall never die.

The timid hand outstretched to aid  
A brother in his need;  
A kindly word in grief's dark hour  
That proves a friend indeed;  
The plea for mercy softly breathed,  
When justice threatens high,  
The sorrow of a contrite heart—  
These things shall never die.

Let nothing pass, for every hand  
Must find some work to do;  
Lose not a chance to waken love—  
Be fine and just and true;  
So shall a light that cannot fade  
Beam on thee from on high,  
And angel voices say to thee—  
These things shall never die.

The great "mystery gun" of the Huns is said to cast shells the great distance of seventy-five miles. What a blessing to mankind would have come if the creating genius of such machines of death had been concerned with efforts to save life and civilization.

The small country Sunday School may do a work far beyond its apparent opportunity. It may be the training place for some leader that will have a larger place of usefulness in leadership for the city or country in civic and religious matters.

American troops will enter actively into battle along with French and British soldiers. General Pershing has offered the American troops for service. Great rejoicing has been felt among American soldiers at their chance to help win the war.

The Prince of Peace sends forth his soldiers for a conquest of sin, armed with the sword of the spirit, protected by the shield of faith and the helmet of salvation, and cheered by His unfailing presence.

The Baptist church at Greenfield, Tenn., was recently destroyed by fire, along with a number of residences. Pastor J. T. Barker and his noble people will undoubtedly carry out their long-cherished plan to build a house adequate to their needs.

An air of expectation fills the world. One is eager for the early news of the day. The world is at its crisis, out of which must come greater liberties or heavier bondage. This disposition should be utilized by the churches in order to place right emphasis upon the spiritual needs of men.

### BACKING UP 1,500 MISSIONARIES.

Every gift you make to Home Missions backs up 1,500 faithful missionaries of the Cross. The Home Board supports 300 missionaries and co-operates in the support of 1,200 more. Your gift to Home Missions goes into 1,500 lives and 1,500 voices that witness before men for the crucified and enthroned Christ. God has promised that His Word shall not return unto Him void. This is a security. How does the security appeal to you?

The successes of these workers have not been matched by other similar agencies. More than 37,000 were baptized and more than 60,000 were added to the churches last year. Indians were saved. Negroes were helped. Six thousand highland boys and girls were taught. Christ was preached at fifty mission stations in Panama. Sixty men and women told the glad news for foreigners. Fifteen Enlistment Workers helped needy churches and pastors to do better and fuller service. Twenty evangelists spoke words of salvation that led 16,000 to profess faith. Thirty-five Camp Pastors are serving the higher needs of our lads in the army. Thousands of them have professed faith. Other thousands have been advised, encouraged and strengthened.—Exchange.



## Woman's World

### A PRAYER.

Use me, my God, in Thy great harvest field,  
Which stretches far and wide like a great sea;  
The gatherers are so few, I fear the precious yield  
Will suffer loss. Oh, find a place for me—  
A place where best the strength I have may tell;  
It may be one the other toilers shun;  
Be it a wide or narrow place, 'tis well,  
So that the work it holds be only done. —Christine Rosetti.

### PERSONAL.

Three hundred new subscribers in March. Let's make it 500 for April.

Miss Bessie Heathcock, of Memphis, sends one seed for our garden. Thank you, Miss Bessie.

Not our "bit," but our BEST.

We thank Bro. Lynn Claybrook, of Jackson, for introducing Mrs. C. H. Claybrook, of Trenton. We are glad to have you, Mrs. Claybrook, and trust you will prove as good a worker as Brother Claybrook, and we are sure you will.

We are so glad to hear again from our good friend, Mrs. M. A. Sanderlin, who sends her renewal and one new subscriber, also orders a copy of Dr. Truett's new book. How glad we are that she added these beautiful words: "I assure you that I love the paper better and would not be without it for anything. God bless you all."

Although 80 years old, Mrs. R. Jane Parkey, of Hoop, Tenn., renews her subscription for two years in advance, and says she would not be without the paper. She recently sent us a new subscriber.

"We always enjoy the Baptist and Reflector, but have found it unusually valuable during the winter when we had no Sunday school and church service. MYRTLE RICHARDSON, Fayetteville.

Have YOU sent us a new subscriber? Miss Thelma Linville, of Waynesboro, joins us this week, thanks to Brother A. B. Caton.

Three news members, Mrs. S. L. Hoffmeister, Mrs. G. L. Perkins and Miss Myrtle Widener, the contribution of Dr. H. T. Stevens, pastor of the Deaderick avenue church, Knoxville. Dr. Stevens has sent us 36 new subscribers this month. Not a bad example, if it?

If by tears of pleading or argument it is possible to swerve a man from his duty, to interfere with his absolute right to do his duty, it may be that in this way his life will be saved—but such a life is not worth saving.—The Mothers' Magazine.

### HUGE ARMY OF WORKERS.

"The advent of women into industry

marked the beginning of a new era," says "Labor Laws in War Time." "The trend continued and became permanent. Today it is estimated that there are 11,000,000 women and girls at work in our industries. In England since July, 1914, 1,071,000 women have directly replaced men in gainful occupations. If the same net increase should happen in the United States and the war should last three years, we may look for at least 3,597,000 new women workers, which would mean a total of nearly 15,000,000 women gainfully employed."

### PARIS TRIMS WITH GINGHAM AND WOODEN BEADS.

The Paris correspondent of the Woman's Home Companion gives these fashion pointers in the April number:

"Something new is the use of gingham for trimmings and linings. Collars, cuffs and belts on blue, brown and tan serges are of gingham in two-color plaided designs. Yellow and black and rose and white gingham are favorite combinations. On these serges, by the way, soutache braid in simple designs, preferably clustered lines, is effectively used.

"White and colored wooden braids continue as decoration on new spring and summer dresses. A stunning frock of black serge had white wooden beads sewed on in rows bordering the skirt, decorating collar and cuffs and covering the narrow belt, which was clasped by a white buckle. Chanel is using quantities of white jersey with trimmings of white wooden beads.

"White serge, white corduroy, and pale gray shades count largely in the latest dresses. On white serge, coarse silk machine stitching and handsome silk braid are preferred, but blue trimming on gray dresses remains a favorite combination."

### WHEN THE VILLAGE PASTOR DIED.

In Bruce Barton's novel, running in the April American Magazine, this passage occurs:

"She pressed her cluster of field flowers into my hands.

"Give 'em to him," she begged. 'If you get a chance, tell him—tell him, Granny Saunders won't never forget the summer when the mills shut down and there was no work for Granny, and he came and fetched her food from his own table. No one knew that Granny was starving.' She threw back her head, and her eyes flashed. 'No one never would have known; I'd a' died before I'd told. But he knew.' Her voice broke in a sob. 'He knew everything. God rest his soul. Tell him Granny won't never forget. Tell him she's praying for him. Every night she'll be praying to God for him. Tell him that—'

"She turned and shuffled away. I took her flowers through to the kitchen and put them in water, beside the great bunches of blossoms that almost filled the room. Hers were the cheapest and simplest, but I knew what they would

have meant to him if he had been allowed to see them."

### A NEW ERA IN THE VEGETABLE GARDEN.

The discovery of the economic value of the sunflower, a native of this country, is chiefly due to a foreign people, says Royal Dixon in the Mother's Magazine for April. In Russia today the sunflower has become one of the chief products of agricultural sources. Until recent years the sunflower has been grown in this country chiefly as an ornament and for its seeds, which were used for poultry and bird food. The cultivation of this plant on a commercial scale now forms the latest industry that has engaged the attention of the department of agriculture. Already it has been proved that the sunflower can be grown not only successfully, but also with great profit, for fuel, fertilizer and fodder over very extensive areas in the United States.

### EGG CHOPS.

3 or 4 hard-boiled eggs,  
3 tablespoonfuls margarine,  
5 tablespoons flour,  
1 cup milk,  
1 egg white,  
Salt and pepper to your taste.  
Bread crumbs.

Have eggs boiled and cut into small pieces.

Melt margarine in saucepan, add flour and stir over fire for two minutes, add milk and stir till sauce is smooth and thick. Stir in the eggs and season to taste. Pour out on flat dish and set aside until cold.

Form into shape of chops. Add one tablespoon of cold water to egg white and beat slightly. Dip chops in this, being careful chop is well coated, then in soft bread crumbs. When all the chops are egged and crumbed, fry in hot vegetable shortening until browned. Serve garnished with parsley.

### WELSH RAREBIT.

Two teaspoons butter,  
½ pound American cheese,  
¼ teaspoon salt,  
¼ teaspoon mustard,  
3 or 4 drops tobacco sauce,  
½ cup thin cream,  
1 yolk of egg,  
4 slices bread, toasted on one side.

Melt the butter, add the cheese, which should be cut in small pieces, and part of the cream. Stir until the cheese is melted and blended with the cream, then add seasonings. Beat yolk slightly, add cream and stir through the rarebit.

Have bread toasted on one side only, spread with butter and lay toasted side down. Pour over the rarebit and serve at once.

The rarebit should be served on hot plates and be smooth and creamy.

### FIELD NOTES.

Through your board of deacons, or a pulpit committee, have your pulpit supplied regularly as often as you have preaching when you have a regular pastor, and always get the best preacher possible, and in this way keep your work going until you secure a pastor.

Rev. Daniel N. Livingston, of Knoxville, is assisting Pastor R. A. Johns in a meeting at Tazewell.

Pastor S. N. Fitzpatrick, of Richwood, is arranging for missionary day March 31.

Wednesday, the 20th, attended prayer meeting at Big Springs church, Cleveland. Deacon G. W. Weaver read the Scriptures and the writer spoke on "By

the Grace of God I Am What I Am." Good service.

At Tabernacle, Lenoir City, first Sunday in March. Preached twice and received \$10 for my work.

Preached Saturday night for Pastor D. D. Hensley at Highland Park church and spoke Sunday afternoon at Hensley's Chapel Anti-Mission church, and represented books and papers.

Learned from Rev. R. E. Corum, pastor First church, Lenoir City, that in nine months he has had 112 additions and paid \$1,000 on debts.

Newcomb—pastorless. Supplied on fourth Sunday, preaching three times with splendid congregations and received \$8.40 for service and entertainment. Forty-nine in Sunday school. Pulpit committee appointed to try to secure a pastor, with Deacon Ross Holman chairman. Rev. Hensley Russell elected superintendent of Sunday school and accepted. Entertained in the homes of Mrs. W. S. Clark and Deacons Holman and Hughes and Rev. Russell and Herman Allen. This is a good field for a good man.

Why not take your state paper, Baptist and Reflector, and be an informed Baptist? R. D. CECIL,

Cleveland, Tenn. Evangelist.

### LIGHT-BEARER.

Go, words of light, to all the earth—

Go to the chambers loud with mirth  
To teach the careless mocking heart,  
Love's deepest chord, life's nobler part.

Go to the chambers of the sad,  
To teach the gospel of the glad—  
Go out on all their darker roads  
With joy to lift their daily loads.

Go to the rich in lordly towers,  
To tell the import of the hours—  
Go, lighting up their eyes to see  
Their unsuspected poverty.

Go to the poor down lowly ways,  
To speak the wonder of the days—  
Go tell them of their strength of old  
And all their unsuspected gold.  
—Edwin Markham, in Success.

I got on a slow train. I told the conductor about the slowness of the train, and he told me that if I didn't like it I had better get out and walk. I said: "I would, but my folks don't expect me until the train gets there." In a seat right in front of me sat a mother with her fat boy. She handed the conductor a half-fare ticket and the conductor said: "That boy is too large to ride on a half-fare ticket." "Well," said the mother, "he wasn't when he got on."—The Maize.

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### B. Y. P. U.'S OF JACKSON ORGANIZE CITY UNION.

At a called meeting of all the Baptist Young People's Unions of Jackson, at the First Baptist church Sunday afternoon, March 16th, about 200 members of the various unions met and organized a City B. Y. P. U.

Four Unions of the city, namely, the First Baptist, Second Baptist, West Jackson Baptist and Royal Street Baptist, went into the organization and there are some dozen or more other churches in the city and county that should have B. Y. P. U.'s and come into the City Union in the early future. This of course presents a good opportunity for the City Union to do some good work.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Ernest L. Price, a B. Y. P. U. worker of much experience, from Dallas, Texas, and the following officers elected:

S. O. Pinkerton, of South Royal Street church, president.

R. N. Jernigan, of Second Baptist church, first vice-president.

W. D. Baxter, of West Jackson Baptist church, second vice-president.

Miss Beatrice Louis, of First Baptist church secretary.

Irby Hilliard, of First Baptist church, treasurer.

Miss Lillian Holmes, of Second Baptist church, corresponding secretary.

Necessary temporary committees were appointed for arrangement of program and constitution and by-laws.

A special meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, March 24th, at Second Baptist church, at which time the organization will be perfected, constitution and by-laws adopted, and officers installed. A suitable program has been prepared, and we are anxious to complete the organization and get down to real work.

LILLIAN HOLMES,  
Corresponding Secretary.

### TENNESSEE COLLEGE NOTES.

The B. Y. P. U. social given last Saturday afternoon was a great success. The Social Committee planned a "War Social" and the students entered enthusiastically into the races, drills, target practice, and other forms of amusement. The feature of the afternoon that was most enjoyed was a mock trial, at which time the "General in the Army" was tried for stealing corn-bread. The argument by the witnesses and lawyers on both sides were original and amusing, and the entire program was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Iva Smith returned to the college Friday, after a week's work in a B. Y. P. U. Institute in Alabama. Miss Smith taught the Junior B. Y. P. U. Manual and she reports a most successful week.

Our students are engaged in two worthy undertakings this week: Standing examinations and preparing for the Thrift Stamp Parade in which all the schools and other organizations of Murfreesboro are to have a part Saturday. The Tennessee College students are to furnish the music for the occasion, and they have been asked to "Sing quarters out of pickets" at the mass meeting that follows the parade. If the audience gives as well as the girls sing, "Uncle Sam" will have a good supply of quarters.

Tennessee College and faculty and students are endeavoring in every possible way to help in the winning of the war. Each Saturday evening is devoted to Red Cross work; six War Courses have been added to the cur-

riculum for the spring quarter, ten French orphans have been adopted. Liberty Bonds and Thrift Stamps have been bought, in short, every effort is being made to make the College of real service to our country and the world.

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With economy sharp as a knife,  
And washes and scrubs in the kitchen;  
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A "very domestic person,"  
To "callers" she must not be "out;"  
It has such a bad appearance  
For her to be gadding about;  
Only to visit the parish  
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And attend the funerals and weddings;  
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We hope by working the two  
To lift our big debt and build a new church,  
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For they will be worn and weary,  
Needing a change of life,  
And then we'll advertise: "Wanted:  
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Our attention has been called to an editorial in a recent issue of the Financial Age. In that editorial the American people were urged to co-operate with the fuel administrator without any question.

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without warning the lieutenant in command issued a sharp order, "squads right," which threw the men at right angles to the point of destination. Promptly those soldiers wheeled in column of four and marched down Cortland street. There was no question as to whether the lieutenant knew what he was doing, or where he was going, even though every man in the company knew that the shortest way to the barge office was directly down Broadway. The order was issued by one having authority to issue it, and was executed with promptness and precision. The American people can profit by the lesson contained in the little incident. \* \* \* We need some lessons in discipline, and this little order from the Fuel Administrator for a holiday for three and a half working days is a good enough one to start on. The people must learn that to win this war they must make individual sacrifices, which are infinitesimal in comparison with the sacrifices made by each and every soldier who goes 'over there.' Squads right! and do it with snap!"

The application in every phase of life is quite obvious. We must respond

heartily to the appeals of our government, and whether we go or stay, have the spirit of the immortal Six Hundred:

"Their's not to make reply,  
Their's not to reason why.  
Their's but to do and die."

We must have this same spirit in Kingdom service. Whatsoever he saith unto us we must do. We may not always understand His commands. His will may cut across all of our plans; but if we love Him we must keep His commandments. If He bids us follow Him to the ends of the earth, we should go, whatever the cost. Let us ever respond to His challenge: "If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." Never before in all the centuries was the call quite so compelling, "Go ye and make disciples of all nations." These are our marching orders. As god soldiers of Jesus Christ, we cannot do otherwise.—Baptist Standard.

One's creed grows shorter, but it grows more real. It is not multiplicity one wants, but reality; not a little belief in many things, but much belief in something.—Selected.

We have no right to inflict our moods upon others. If we are out of sorts, that is no reason why we should make other people miserable with our cheerlessness.—The Presbyterian.



## PASTORS' CONFERENCE

It is earnestly requested that communications for this page be written as briefly as possible. Take time to write plainly and as nearly as possible conform to our adopted style. These notes come in at the last hour, when every moment counts much in getting the forms made up for press.

### NASHVILLE.

Immanuel—Dr. Len G. Broughton spoke on "The Challenge to Unbelief," and "The Doom of a Lost Soul." Great crowds and intense interest. 24 additions; 13 baptized; 256 in S. S.

Broad Street—Bro. J. T. Williams spoke in the afternoon on "The Fruits of Disobedience and Obedience." A fine crowd with good interest. Good singing; fine collection.

Belmont—Pastor J. D. Hacker spoke at both hours. Normal congregations. One added by letter since last report. S. S. gave \$50 to missions.

First—Dr. P. E. Burroughs spoke at both hours. Pastor Allen Fort returns from Camp Wheeler this week and will resume his pastorate next Sunday.

Centennial—J. Henry DeLaney, pastor. Rev. O. L. Nolen spoke at both hours on "Prayer," and "Heaven." Good S. S. One baptized. Two by letter. Splendid Union—missionary program rendered.

Park Ave.—Pastor I. N. Strother spoke on "The Good Old Way," and "At the Judgment." Offering for Home and Foreign Missions at the Orphanage amounted to about \$8.00. S. S. at the church gave \$50 for missions.

Lockeland—Pastor W. R. Hill spoke on "Christ Is All," and "The Exceeding Abundant Grace." 215 in S. S. One by letter. Fine congregations. S. S. mission offering, \$382.

Grace—Pastor W. Rufus Beckett spoke at night on "Power for Service." Missionary program by the S. S. in morning. 236 in S. S. S. S. offering to missions, \$64.

Judson Memorial—Pastor C. F. Clark spoke on "Shipwreck," and "Over There." 117 in S. S.

Shelby Ave.—Pastor C. A. McIlroy spoke on "The Symbolism of the Cross of Christ," and "Our Obligation to Give the Gospel to All the World." 56 in S. S. Collection in S. S. \$2.65. Total collection for missions \$11.50. Good congregations and interest.

Seventh—Pastor C. L. Skinner spoke on "Comfort for the Sorrowing," and "Lost and Found." Fine S. S. and Union. Fine congregations. Preached for old Confederate soldiers in afternoon.

South Side—Pastor C. W. Knight spoke on "Our Home Task," and "Assurance." One by letter. Very good day.

Third—Pastor C. D. Creasman spoke on "Our Peerless Enlightenment," and "The Inevitable Resurrection." 301 in S. S. Two fine services. Easter cantata at night.

North Edgefield—Pastor Duncan spoke in the morning on "Strength for Service." Dr. E. C. Dargan gave us a great message in the evening on Luke 15:22-23. 189 in S. S.

### MEMPHIS.

McLemore Ave.—Pastor Roswell Davis spoke in the morning. Missionary program observed. 135 in S. S. \$54.55 for Home and Foreign Missions.

Seventh Street—235 in S. S. \$92 for missions. The whole morning service taken up by S. S. Bro. Smalley spoke in the evening to a good congregation. Rev. I. N. Strother has accepted a call as pastor to begin May 1.

Temple—Pastor J. Carl McCoy spoke on "The Hardening Effect of

Sin," and "A Complete Salvation." Good Union. 181 in S. S. One wedding.

Boulevard—Pastor T. N. Hale spoke on "Missions," and "Staying by the Staff." 164 in S. S. One wedding. Splendid day.

Rowan—Pastor J. E. Eoff spoke at both hours. 101 in S. S. One by letter.

New South Memphis—Pastor Jasper R. Burk spoke at both hours to good audiences. Two approved for baptism.

Speedway Terrace—Pastor S. A. Wilkinson spoke at both hours. 85 in S. S. \$50 for Missions. Church organized in afternoon with 71 members. One for baptism. One by letter.

LaBelle Place—Pastor D. A. Ellis spoke at both hours. Two by letter. Good S. S. Church in best condition financially perhaps in its history. Spiritual condition also very good.

Binghamton—Pastor T. R. Stroup spoke to large congregations. 137 in S. S.

First—Pastor Boone spoke to good congregations. Special meetings begin next Sunday. Dr. Crouch of Murfreesboro will assist.

Bellevue—Pastor R. M. Inlow spoke to large audiences. 380 in S. S. Fine Union meetings. Four by letter. Teacher-training school in progress.

Highland Heights—Good day. The pastor spoke at both hours. 133 in S. S. S. S. gave \$28.82 to missions.

Prescott Memorial—Pastor E. L. Watson spoke at both hours to large audiences. One by letter.

### JACKSON.

West Jackson—Yesterday was one of the greatest days this church has ever had. We observed "Mission Day" in the S. S. The program was fine, the crowd was large and the offering gratifying. We have a noble band of workers here. I do not believe, however, that Easter Sunday is the best day to have this kind of a rally; too many of our people set that day as "visiting day." I believe that some other day where there are no "religious(?)" sideshows" on somewhere else, would bring even better results.

### KNOXVILLE.

Immanuel—Pastor A. R. Pedigo spoke on "Giving the Baby a Chance," and "A Christian in the Wrong Place." 225 in S. S. \$36.21 for missions.

South Knoxville—Pastor M. E. Miller spoke on "Missions," and Matt. 8:1-5. 290 in S. S.

Gillespie Ave.—David Livingstone, pastor. S. G. Wells spoke on "Searching the Scriptures," and "Letting the Saviour In." 138 in S. S.

Strawberry Plains—Pastor L. A. Hurst spoke on "The Great Commission." 68 in S. S. One by letter. The Fifth Sunday meeting met with us. We had a great meeting.

Deaderick Ave.—Pastor H. T. Stevens spoke on "The Burial of a King," and "No Man's Land." 460 in S. S.

Broadway—Pastor Lloyd T. Wilson spoke on "The Principle of Christian Missions." B. Y. P. U. had charge of the evening service. 450 in S. S. One by letter. Pastor's anniversary. Great day. Full apportionment for Home and Foreign Missions raised. 151 additions during the year.

Marble City—Pastor R. E. George

spoke at both hours. 60 in S. S.

Mountain View—Pastor, W. C. McNeely. W. D. Hutton spoke on "What Think Ye of Christ?" and "A Working Church." One baptized. Meeting begins with good interest.

Lonsdale—Pastor J. C. Shipe spoke on "The Wonderful Christ." Celebration of fifth years' pastorate at night. 249 in S. S. Splendid congregations.

Euclid Ave.—Pastor W. M. Griffitt spoke at night on "The Resurrection." Missionary program in S. S. in morning. 266 in S. S. Raised \$142.35 for Home and Foreign Missions. Fine day for us.

Island Home—Pastor Wm. M. Sentell spoke on "God's Plan for Financing His Kingdom," and "The Resurrection of Jesus." 400 in S. S. One by letter.

Fifth Ave.—Pastor spoke on "Home and Foreign Missions," and at night on the last of a series of sermons on "Revelation." 248 in S. S. A good day.

Calvary—Pastor Stephen C. Grigsby spoke on "Home and Foreign Missions," and "The Blessing of Memory." 100 in S. S. \$11.27 for Missions. Good day.

Central of Bearden—Pastor J. N. Poe spoke on "The Great Commission," and "The Snare of the Fowler." 113 in S. S.

Central—Pastor A. F. Mahan spoke on "God's Plan for the World," and "Providing for the Future." 163 in S. S. \$273.14 for missions.

Lincoln Park—Pastor, T. E. Elgin. Missionary Day program by S. S. in morning. Evening subject, "The Resurrection." 159 in S. S. One by letter. Good offering for Home and Foreign Missions.

First, Lenoir City—Pastor R. E. Corum spoke on "Truths of Immortality," and "When the South Wind Blows." 240 in S. S.

Beaumont Ave.—Pastor D. W. Lindsay spoke on "The All-powerful Christ," and "The Resurrection." 165 in S. S. One baptized. Two by letter. \$33.45 for missions. Good day.

Niota—Pastor Roscoe C. Smith spoke on "The Glory of Resurrection," and "One Thing Thou Lackest." 121 in S. S.

Third Creek—Pastor Geo. M. Reeves spoke on "Victory Through Christ," and "Steadfastness." 160 in S. S.

Fountain City—Pastor, E. A. Cates. Dr. Greenlee spoke in the morning on "Hope of Christians." Pastor spoke at night on "It Is God Working In You to Will and Do." Splendid offering for missions. Four by baptism.

First—Pastor, Len G. Broughton. Chas. P. Jones spoke on "Honor for Service," and "Christianity Without the Resurrection." 397 in S. S.

Elmwood—Pastor, A. D. Langston. Preaching at both hours by Rev. G. A. Ogle. Great audiences. The meeting will continue. Great interest. 139 in S. S. \$40.04 for Home and Foreign Missions.

Jacksboro—Pastor D. A. Webb spoke on Romans 3:9, and "The Revelation in Prophecy." 102 in S. S.

Loudon—J. H. O. Clevenger, missionary pastor. Our meeting closed with 83 conversions and 43 additions to the church. Baptized 27 in the Tennessee river Sunday afternoon before one of the largest congregations this preacher ever witnessed at a baptismal service. We are expecting many more additions from this meeting. Our young people seem to be aroused as never before. Pray for the old Loudon church and its pastor.

### CHATTANOOGA.

Chamberlain Ave.—Pastor G. T. King spoke on "The Resurrection of

Jesus," and "Paying the Price." 120 in S. S.

Silverdale—Pastor Paul Hodge spoke on "The Resurrection of Christ," and "Sin." Good attendance.

First—Dr. and Mrs. Harold Major were formally entertained by the members of this church last week. Noon-day prayer-services Friday, April 5th, for our allied forces. Special Easter sermon and music. 489 S. S. for Easter program. The pastor will publish a quarterly bulletin this week, showing the varied activities of the church life, and the finance committee has asked the privilege of using space for an "Honor Roll," on which will appear the names of all the members who have signed a pledge card and kept up with same.

Highland Park—Pastor W. S. Keese spoke to excellent congregations. Held a welcome service to the new members received during the campaign. Baptized four at night. Observed Mission Day in S. S. with gratifying results.

Just closed a One-to-Win campaign. The pastor had preached every night for two weeks and had asked of his people their co-operation in the meeting. Had some very delightful experiences and gratifying results. Many of the members are closer together than they have ever been before. A more seriously earnest spirit pervades our church life.

Seventeen additions to date and a number are expecting to be received next Sunday. An appeal to the Junior department of the S. S. gave 24 decisions. The pastor is dealing with these.

Though not intending to confine to this kind of evangelism altogether, we are nevertheless greatly pleased with it. I wish there might be a wave of such campaigns among the Baptists of the entire state.

Woodland Park—An excellent missionary program was rendered at the morning hour, with an offering of \$34. The pastor spoke at night on "The Reconciliation of All Things by the Cross." Splendid day.

Alton Park—Pastor, J. W. Wood. 115 in S. S. Fine Easter services. Collection for missions. Morninging, "Where Art Thou?" Good Jr. B. Y. P. U. Six forward for prayer. Large congregations.

Rossville—Pastor spoke on "Resurrection" in the morning. The Sunbeam Band rendered a program at the night service. 255 in S. S. B. Y. P. U. splendid. Training-school begins April 1. Overflow house at the night service.

Central—Pastor, E. L. Grace. 216 in S. S. Two by letter and one by baptism. Topics: "The Gates of Death Defied," and "Fishers of Men."

St. Elmo—Pastor Oscar D. Fleming spoke on "Confessing Jesus," and at night a patriotic service was held. Seven for baptism. 184 in S. S.

### MIDDLE TENNESSEE BAPTIST S. S. CONVENTION.

The program of this convention as run in the Baptist and Reflector March 21 under the head of S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Notes, was run without any heading. Don't fail to look over this program again and see what a treat awaits us at Clarksville April 16-19, including the W. M. U. program. Such speakers as Ryland Knight, C. F. Clark, Hight C. Moore, Austin Cranch, M. B. Smith, Judge J. H. Stevens, P. E. Burroughs, W. D. Hudgins, V. B. Filson, S. P. White, I. J. Van Ness, W. E. Wauford, G. S. Dobbins, A. R. Bond and others make a strong program. Read Dr. Knight's article about entertainment, and plan to go.

M. E. WARD, Pres.

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## AMONG THE BRETHREN.

## By Fleetwood Ball.

Dear Baptist and Reflector: Gifts in Sunday school of First church, Lexington, Sunday, to Home and Foreign Missions ran to \$267.32. Our aim was \$225, so you see how well we went "over the top." It was glorious! FLEETWOOD BALL.

Lexington, Tenn.

Rev. Clay I. Hudson of Cullman, Ala., sends a copy of the church calendar of Sunday, March 24, which was dedication day in that church. Dr. I. J. VanNess of Nashville preached the dedication sermon of the new church. A revival is to be held beginning April 7, Evangelist E. V. Lamb and Singer W. P. Martin conducting the services. Bro. Hudson is happy in the prosperity of his church.

A booklet entitled "Directory of the First Baptist church, Lafayette, La., is on our desk. It shows the striking genius of the pastor, Rev. J. W. Dickens. It is a veritable compendium of church and denominational information.

Fire destroyed last week the handsome \$75,000 building of the Second church, Little Rock Ark., Dr. Calvin B. Waller, pastor. The insurance is \$40,000. It is understood that the building will be replaced at once.

The church at Liberty, Mo., recently passed a resolution committing itself to the practice of receiving alien immersion. Well, let it go full length and commit itself to open communion, apostasy and every other heresy, for if it offends in one it is guilty of all. Dr. J. P. Greene, president of William Jewell College, is a member of this church and we opine the resolution was not unanimously adopted.

The recent revival held with Kensington Avenue church, Kansas City, Mo., of which Rev. W. Jas. Robinson is pastor, resulted in 80 additions. Evangelist Otto Whittington of Little Rock, Ark., did the preaching.

At the Fifth Sunday meeting of Beech River Association held with Oak Grove church near Lexington, Tenn., there was an attendance of 13 preachers and several deacons. Rev. B. L. Rogers of Huron delivered the introductory sermon, and Rev. W. L. King of Parsons the missionary sermon, after which a good collection was taken for ministerial relief. The next meeting is to be held at Standing Rock church, Perry County.

In the recent meeting at Leigh Street church, Richmond, Va., in which Rev. J. J. Wicker was assisted by Dr. G. W. Swope, there were 54 additions. God through Swope swept things.

The church at Ripley, Tenn., has secured as pastor, Rev. A. F. Gordon of Clinton, Ky., the change becoming effective April 1. We welcome him to Tennessee. He is a kingdom-builder.

Dr. J. R. Hobbs of the First church, Jonesboro, Ark. will preach the sermon before the State W. M. U. in Little Rock Ark. April 10. The ladies will hear a good sermon.

Evangelist Otto Whittington of Little Rock, Ark., is in the midst of a revival of great power in Immanuel church, Little Rock. At last account there had been 44 additions with the work going and growing.

The First church, Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. W. A. Hobson, pastor, lately unfurled a service flag containing 39 stars. The pastor delivered a sermon appropriate to the occasion. Congressman Richmond Pearson Hobson spoke at night.

Rev. Wallace Wear declines the call to the First church, Cordele, Ga., and remains with the First church, Lakeland, Fla., much to the delight of the latter.

The church at Okalona, Miss., has given its pastor, Rev. A. L. O'Bryant, leave of absence to do personal and evangelistic work among the soldiers at Camp Shelby.

Dr. W. A. Borum of Jackson, Miss., accepts the call of the First church, Natchez, Miss., to begin work April 1. Things are looking up at Natchez.

Rev. E. N. Johnson of Reidsville, N. C., has been called to the care of the First church, Jefferson City, Tenn., and it is the sincere wish of the Tennesseans that he accept. He will come to a field of limitless opportunity.

The substantial brick church being erected at Parsons, Tenn., Rev. T. M. Boyd, pastor, is nearing completion, and when finished will be a thing of beauty and convenience. It will cost approximately \$8,000.

The church at Berryville, Ark., has secured as pastor Rev. H. C. Slaughter of Shamrock, Texas. May the Lord help him to slaughter the works of the devil in that field.

Evangelist Perry F. Evans of Anson, Texas, is to assist Rev. John A. Held in a revival at the First church, Stamford, Texas, beginning the first Sunday in May.

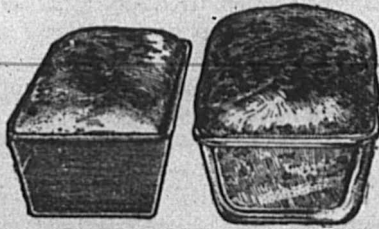
The Christian Index of Atlanta, Ga., published a Woman's Missionary Union number last week, which was a gem and full of good things, notably pictures of the elect ladies of that state.

Rev. O. W. Grier leaves Rockwood, Tenn., to go to Wylam, Ala. His departure from Tennessee is a matter of pungent regret.

One hundred of the members of Gordon Street church, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. J. H. Coin, pastor, lately pledged themselves to give one-tenth of their income to the Lord's work. Twenty-five were already doing that.

Rev. Alex W. Bealer of the First church, Valdosta, Ga., was lately assisted in a revival by Evangelist R. W. Thiot of Eustis, Fla. There were 46 additions, 34 for baptism.

Evangelist W. L. Head of Atlanta, Ga., lately assisted Rev. L. B. Johnson in a revival at Hiwassee, Ga.,



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resulting in 92 additions, 51 by baptism.

Rev. G. B. Smalley of Memphis, Tenn., has accepted a call to the care of the church at Sour Lake, Texas. We had hoped this good and capable man could be captured by some Tennessee church.

The Beacon Hill church, San Antonio, Texas, has called Rev. A. D. Sparkman of Houston, Texas, and he is already at work, and results are being witnessed in gratifying fashion.

Rev. J. W. Mayfield of Mart, Texas, has declined the call to the First church, Roswell, N. M., and the Texans are in great glee.

More than 100 were baptized on one day as a result of the recent revival at South McAlester, Okla., in which Evangelist Sid Williams of Hindes, Texas, assisted Rev. W. W. Chancellor. There were three administrators.

Tyner, Tenn., March 26, 1918.

Baptist and Reflector, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. Bernard Tallant has accepted the Tyner Baptist church, Tyner, Tenn. On Tuesday evening, March 19, he and Mrs. Tallant were welcomed with a reception, at which they received a bounteous miscellaneous shower from the

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### THE SALIENT WE CANNOT SURRENDER.

By S. H. Wainwright, D.D.

As a result of modern missions a salient has been driven far into the pagan world. Must it be maintained at whatever cost? To surrender the position acquired through the toil and suffering and conflict of the past one hundred years would set human progress back for centuries. While we defend vital interests by means of war, we should preserve other interests not less vital by the agencies of peace.

But it may be asked: Should not the great struggle in Europe wholly occupy us? Does it not demand our best and our all? A New York daily newspaper in its editorial columns uses this argument in opposing the prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States. The editor protests against the "division, the distraction of energy" occasioned by the prohibition controversy. It is declared to be an "untimely amendment." It is "deplorable" that a controversy, sure to be bitter in all States not ineffably dry, should be authorized by Congress when the united thought and energy of the country should be concentrated on the supreme duty, as yet all too lightly realized, of victory in the war.

This contention seems plausible enough, but it is by no means convincing. It does not carry conviction, first, because as a matter of fact other issues have gained thought and attention along with the war. A great economic conference was held in Paris at which the future of trade and industry was the subject of discussion engaged in by representatives of all the allied powers. A world movement toward democracy, after the war had passed its first stage, began to rise; and, like the underswell which accompanies the surface waves in their confusion and tossing against each other in mid-ocean, it has become an issue parallel to that of the contending armies and navies in the field. It does not carry conviction, because there are at least two fresh reasons growing out of the war why the temperance reform should be pressed with unabated vigor. First, the demand of the hour is for economy. Wastefulness is not only unpatriotic and sinful, but is a grave injustice. The populations must be fed, and essential activities must be maintained. This "distraction of energy" must of course be avoided. But let us not be deceived. The energy drawn off from the war by the prohibition controversy is a trifle compared with the energy drawn away into wasteful channels by the manufacture of intoxicating drink. But there is a second fresh reason. The growth of armies into a magnitude never before known brings into existence a class of men the separate maintenance of which, even in the most peace-loving countries, must of necessity continue for many years to come. To have alcoholism and militarism existing together at the same time would inflict a doubly biting evil upon humanity.

The same problem is involved in the question of foreign missions. Is devotion to foreign missions to be another "distraction of energy" in the time of conflict? Or, on the other hand, has the war brought fresh reasons for prosecuting the evangelistic enterprise with renewed vigor? Every church member must decide this question for himself, but he should make no mistake in arriving at a decision. It is said that we have gone to war for the sake of peace.

If this be true, if the blessing of peace is worth the enormous sacrifice of life and property we are making, can we believe that any army, however great, can achieve anything more than the destruction of armies or at best peace through a balance of power? Without missions there can be no peace. This truth comes with fresh urgency to the present generation. But there is another reason why missions should be prosecuted. We have entered the war to uphold the law of nations. We have entertained in our day the splendid vision of international relations embodied in laws and treaties as a guarantee of peace. But our vision for the moment has become obscured. This we know, however, that the dream can never be realized except by the preaching of the gospel and the founding of the kingdom of God. No Hague tribunal can be a symbol of the future order. The federation of the world, with a parliament of man, is not what is wanted. A world State as a short road to the goal, but which really puts the goal farther away, is not what is wanted. What is wanted is the kingdom of God expressing itself through independent nations among which free and just relations exist and supreme over which rules the consistent moral purpose of God. The continued independence of nations is not inconsistent with freedom and solidarity and does not endanger the highest human ideals so much as would a league of nations in which the creative impulses of humanity might be smothered at their birth. There is a precursor of hope in the relations deeper and more real than laws and treaties. Nations in the East and in the West are now brought together by the mutual exchanges of commerce and by the alliances of war. Beyond question the deep-seated cause of the European struggle is rivalry for the control of the highways of trade leading to Oriental nations. This goes to show the increasing closeness of the West to the East and is prophetic of the future and points to the need of an underlying brotherhood and to the momentous importance of keeping the avenues to the East open for the transmission of the gospel.

In recent months we have had a certain passage of Scripture much in mind. It is this: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight." We have cherished the feeling that the stupendous sacrifices made for war will cut channels for the outflow of benevolence toward the cause of missions such as we have never thought of in our fondest dreams. After the living spirit of America has once been identified with a high moral purpose, after a moral unity has been accomplished in the soul of our people, after so great an outburst of national life, after such a supreme manifestation of the citizen spirit and patriotic duty, can we ever be the same again? If fifty million dollars can be rounded up in a single drive for the Young Men's Christian Association work, not to mention prodigious sums for the military campaign, can we ever be satisfied with twenty million dollars a year as a total measure of our benevolence for the greatest of all causes? After the absorption of interest by armies and events on European soil and after

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the heroism of our youth is marked by numberless graves beyond the seas, will the people of the United States ever again find complete satisfaction in the engrossment of time and energy in domestic affairs? Let us not be misunderstood. These things may provide the channel for the flow of spiritual energy, but they cannot create the current of the moving stream. "We should not pray," said Phillips Brooks, "for tasks equal to our powers. We should pray for powers equal to our tasks." And we can economize at a hundred different points before it will become necessary to regulate the portion we consecrate to foreign missions.

Tokyo, Japan.

—Christian Advocate.

### CHURCH AND PERSONAL.

It is only a pleasure for me to send in my \$2.00 before my time expires, to the Baptist and Reflector, a paper that I love and would not do without. I realize the value of it more each week. Enclosed you will find a postal money order for \$4.00, my renewal and Mr. W. N. Tatum, R. F. D. 3, Alamo, Tenn. Brother Tatum is an active member of my church at Providence, and when asked to subscribe for the paper, did so without a word. People are hungry for the Gospel of Christ, and when they can not get it each Sunday from the pulpit, they can get it through the Baptist and Reflector.

Filled my regular appointment at Providence 4th Sunday. Topics, "Fear God" and "Be Open." Splendid crowds and heart touching services. Reorganized Sunday School at morning service with 65 present. Preparation is now being made to organize a B. Y. P. U. shortly. This church has one of, if not the greatest "bunch" of young people I ever saw. A great work to be done. Pray for us.

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S. N. FITZPATRICK.

Have just closed a great meeting with the Plum Grove church, Church Hill, Tenn., R. 1. The meeting resulted in 22 conversions and renewals and 12 additions by baptism; more to follow. The church and community were greatly stirred by the outpouring of the spirit of our Lord. The writer baptized 12 on the 14th inst in the presence of a large crowd. Rev. N. F. Phillips, of Bull's Gap, Tenn., assisted us in the meeting and did some able preaching. The church and community contributed \$66 at the close of the meeting. BALLARD A. SMITH, Burem, Tenn.

### A GOOD MEETING AT BEAVER DAM, KY.

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Dr. Ray Palmer, of the Home Board, did the preaching for us, and he brought us some great messages. Dr. Palmer is a fearless fighter of sin, as too few of our evangelists are today; and his methods are safe and sound. He is also a congenial yoke-fellow with whom to labor. He is a man of great ability and a powerful preacher.

Brother Carl M. Cambron, of the Home Board's evangelistic singers led us in song. Cambron is an earnest, consecrated, tireless worker. He is not only a sweet soloist, singing to the glory of God, but he builds up the choir and congregational singing; leading them to worship God in the service of song.

May God's blessings abide with these two brethren in the great work of winning souls and lives for Christ.

D. EDGAR ALLEN, Pastor.

### CALL OF THE HOUR.

Southern Baptists should not be content with less than one million dollars for the current work of the Foreign Mission Board this year, and with less than two-thirds of that sum for the Home Board. This is reasonable, both from the viewpoint of our ability, and of the enlarging and more urgent demands.

If all the two and three-quarter million Southern Baptists were enlisted and would contribute to these Boards, the per capita sum would be very small. It must be borne in mind, however, that multiplied thousands are unenlisted and will contribute nothing, and that many others of ordinary income cannot contribute, largely because of the high cost of living; a tenth is perhaps a generous standard for them. This appeal is intended primarily for men who are earning a good surplus; it is my conviction that Christian men of this class should appropriate to the cause of liberty and the Kingdom of God during these war times all of their income above a reasonable living. This is no time to lay up treasures on earth; the money we make now is blood money.

I call upon my brethren all over the South to join me in this policy during this hour of crisis; such consecration of money would enlarge and enrich our own lives, secure the sum suggested for our two Boards, and enable them to be mighty factors in the propagation of the Gospel and in making democracy safe for the world.

J. H. ANDERSON, Chairman, Executive Committee of Laymen's Missionary Movement of Southern Baptists.

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**SCRAPE.**—It is a grateful duty of the living to treasure the memory and recount the virtues of the dead.

In the passing away of our sister, a good woman is gone, who will be missed by many whose lives she brightened and blessed in her quiet, unostentatious Christian way. Her many loving services will be missed, but her high ideals will remain as an inspiration to us. She was never too busy, never too weary to hear the voice of duty, and often ministered to others when really not physically able, so strong was her sense of duty to her church, neighbors and the poor and unfortunate.

Mrs. Nettie Scrape, daughter of J. M. Senter, of sainted memory, was born at Trenton, Tenn., August 16th, 1852, and died at Humboldt, Tenn., July 19th, 1917. She was married to W. H. Scrape, of Memphis, May 7th, 1871. To this union were born five children, of whom one son, Howard Scrape, of Birmingham, Ala., survives her. During twenty-one years' residence in Memphis she was an ardent and faithful member of the Trinity church. After the death of her husband she moved to Humboldt to spend the closing years of her life. Here, too, she was interested in all phases of church work, being president of the Missionary Society and the loved leader of the Sunbeam Band for several years.

Resolved, first, That in her death the Institute of Central Association and the Baptist church at Humboldt have lost one of their efficient and faithful workers.

Resolved, second, That in token of our appreciation of her life and our regard for her memory, we present this memorial to the Institute, with the request that it be spread upon its minutes and a copy be sent her son.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. T. E. HARWOOD.

MRS. H. C. BURNETT.

MRS. S. B. BOYKIN.

**RUSSELL.**—It has pleased God in His all-wise providence to remove from our midst Sister Lucy Russell, that she might receive the reward that He has promised those who faithfully serve Him.

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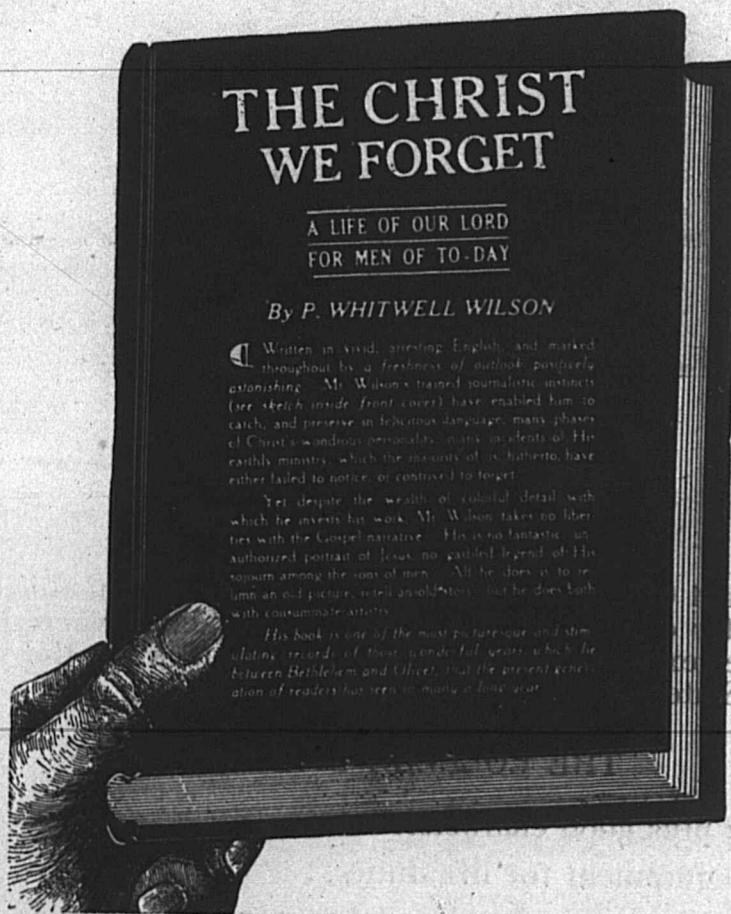
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We sympathize with the heart-broken husband and children and commend them to Him who said, "Blessed are they who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them." We believe her spirit is now basking in the sunlight of God's glory. Therefore let us emulate the life of this noble Christian and be ready

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C. S. DILLON.

**MODRALL.**—Whereas, on the 14th of January, 1918, the Almighty God, the great Creator and Preserver, visited our community and took from our midst

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Second, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of the deceased, and one be put on the minutes and one be sent to our church paper.

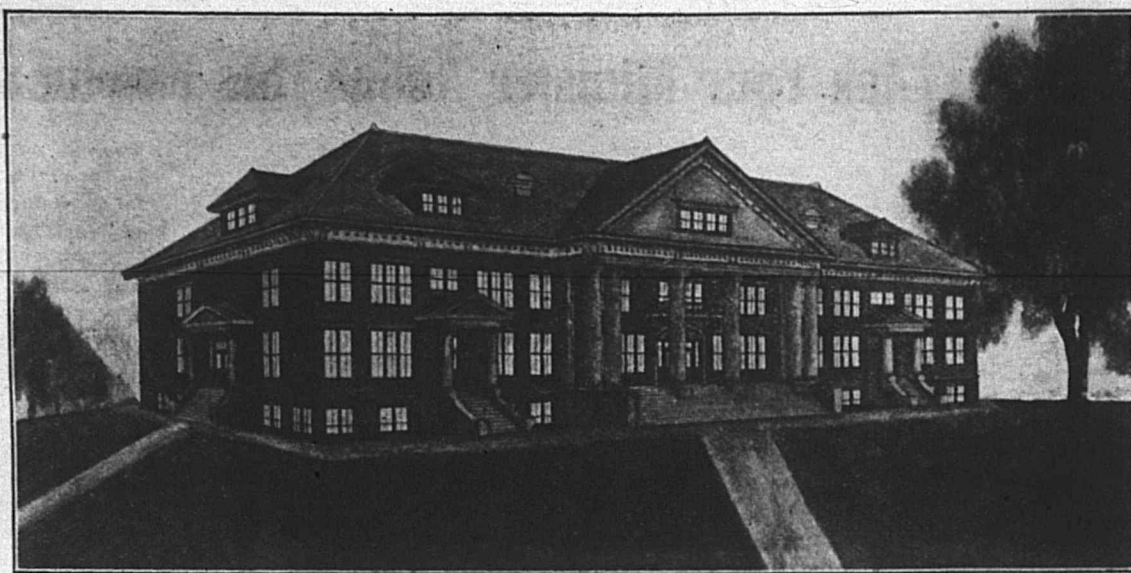
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