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JUDGED BY INFERIORS

The other day we met Deacon S— on the street and were greeted with that cordial salutation which is his habit and which is almost invariably an occasion for a more extended conversation than the ordinary greeting involves; but after a few moments' al-louy we passed on, brushing by a negro man unknown to us, but who evidently knew the deacon and who rightly supposed that he was at liberty to say to us, since we were on terms with the deacon, "That's the best man around here." Your friends and equals think well of you, but what say your inferiors? Is their esteem of you so great that they will volunteer to praise you before strangers? We are being daily weighed in the balances by hands that are below ours. What is the testimony which "out of the mouth of babes and sucklings" can perfect praise?

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A PROHIBITION BY-PRODUCT

The Baptist comments on a unique and unexpected result of prohibition as it effects an item of equipment in medical colleges. The influence is, anyway, that young doctors will not need to study so many "subjects" nor will it be necessary for them to know so much about the human body, if, as is provided by prohibition, there will be less to be done for it.

"Complaint comes from St. Louis that as a result of prohibition there are not now enough dead bodies for use in the medical colleges of that city. Fewer paupers have died in the cities than in any previous years. This winter also there have been fewer unidentified drunks frozen in the alleys back of saloons, where they had been kicked out after their money ran out, or in the park, where they had stopped to rest. So the schools find it hard to get bodies for dissection purposes."

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NOT "WHAT WOULD JESUS DO?"

Nowhere have we seen a more pertinent or timely statement of truth than the following brief editorial in the Sunday School Times:

"Jesus' example is no man's salvation. Rather Jesus' example is every man's condemnation. Christ did not come from heaven to earth to show men how to live, but to give men life. He gave men life, not by making himself their example, but by making himself their Substitute, taking their sins upon himself, receiving in himself the death-penalty of their sins, and dying in their stead. God raised him from the dead, he returned to heaven, and now the Holy Spirit through the Word of God and through the testimony of believers is calling upon men everywhere to accept what Christ did for them, and be saved. The first question, therefore, that confronts men today, is not 'What would Jesus do?' but 'What has Jesus done?' Only when we accept what he has done can we do what he would do, and what he would have us do."

GIVE PURSE AND PERSON

It is quite possible for one to give money to a worthy object and still withhold himself from it. It is more frequently the case, however, that people give more of themselves than they do of their means—and that without saying that they bestow themselves bountifully! Still in many instances a man's time is valuable to that degree that he can more easily give large sums of money than to devote any extended amount of time to eleemosynary or charitable causes. The proper thing is to hold both our purses and our persons subject to the call of Christ; and regard the money we give as a part of ourselves—the whole of which is held for Him.

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A REGENERATE CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

A reformatory is an institution designed to utilize the waste products of society and give them civic and economic values by the development of that which is best in them. The mission of a church is to accomplish a reformation of the life by means of a new life-process, that is, the regeneration of the soul; but it does not incorporate into itself any except those who have thus passed out of death into life. As a life-saver, it must be manned by those only who are themselves saved. It is not merely a brotherhood—it is far more than that. A church can nurture life after it has been begotten, but can not beget life—only Christ can do that; a church can not do it by its own watch-care or discipline. To the unborn, or unregenerate, a church has the duty of giving a message; to those who have heard it, believed it and have been saved—and to them alone—does a church have any right to offer entertainment.

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CHARACTER IN ACCUMULATIONS

There are stores of some kind in every life. Even the lazy are not exempt. There are accumulations peculiar to standing water! Every form of activity achieves some sort of results; no energy is lost, though it may be misspent in being misplaced. What one puts up as a reserve reveals his ideas as to his future needs, and his anticipations for the future indicate his present ideals. Some men lay up land, houses, bonds, and stocks against an imaginary future necessity; others cultivate fraternal relations with their fellowmen and make to themselves "friends of the mammon of unrighteousness" who will receive them in the day of their need. But the Master enjoined the highest type of economy for this life and the greatest wisdom for the life to come when He said, "Lay up for yourselves treasure in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal." It is common prudence to place one's savings in a safe place. The man is lacking in a certain force of character who does otherwise. The nature of one's accumulations and the place where he puts them very accurately show what he is.

"GOING DOWN TOWN?"

As one stands on the street corners in Nashville waiting for the street cars, or as he loiters down the street while he waits, he not infrequently hears a cheery voice calling, "Going down town? Come, jump in," and in a moment more the pedestrian is the recipient of consideration and thoughtfulness on the part of an autoist who is perhaps a stranger, but who is always willing to "help the other fellow" as the days go by.

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FROM MODESTY TO WILFULNESS

It is said that boiling water will freeze under a low temperature more quickly than water of a moderate temperature. It is easier to go to one extreme from another than from a medium to an extreme. When young Saul was anointed King of Israel he was so bashful that when his selection was announced the people had to hunt for him among the baggage. Yet over against this apparent reticence of his there stands out the brazen self-will of the king in his later years. Had he changed? No, that was his trouble. He had never changed. Self-interest was his motive all the way through—his bashfulness was his self-interest shocked into semi-consciousness by the prospect of power; his cruelty and despotism were his self-interest in the exercise of unlimited authority. Genuine modesty is bashfulness before "God who giveth liberally to all and upbraideth not" rather than in the presence of men who alternately praise and condemn; humility is the right attitude of the creature before the Creator—not before one's fellow-creatures.

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"THE PUSH OF LIFE"

John Burroughs, the great naturalist, died at an advanced age a few weeks ago. Doubtless his own life was mirrored in what he observed of the unseen, spiritual forces of life in nature which he loved and studied so devotedly; and his own character can be interpreted in the light of the following article from him in the Atlantic:

"One of the most remarkable exhibitions of plant force I ever saw was in a Western city where I observed a species of wild sunflower forcing its way up through the asphalt pavement; the folded and compressed leaves of the plant, like a man's fist, had pushed against the hard but flexible concrete until it had bulged up and then split, and let the irrepressible plant through.

"The force exerted must have been many pounds. I think it doubtful if the strongest man could have pushed his fist through such a resisting medium.

"If it was not life which exerted this force, what was it? Life is a kind of explosion, and the slow continued explosions of this growing plant rent the pavement as surely as powder would have done. It is doubtful if any cultivated plant could have overcome such odds. It required the force of the untamed hairy plant of the plains to accomplish this feat."

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EDITORIAL

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR: AN OPEN FORUM

It is the chief purpose of a denominational paper to serve as a medium for an exchange of views and the dissemination of news among the churches which it serves. It must have an initiative of its own, but its primary concern is to afford a suitable and adequate opportunity for the expression of the best thought of its constituency—its own voice is to be heard mostly in an effort to accomplish that thing.

The Baptist and Reflector belongs to the Baptist churches of Tennessee, as stated elsewhere by Dr. Ryland Knight, chairman of the Executive Board of the Baptist State Convention. It belongs to the Baptists of the State just as any one and all of our colleges do; just as the orphanage does. We wish to assure the brethren that the paper will be constantly conscious of its relationship and obligation to the entire Baptist constituency of Tennessee—not to one more than to another, but to all alike; and to all entirely and exclusively.

Its pages will, therefore, be open to everybody on the same conditions and grounds, whether writers express opinions conformably or counter to the existing order of things. Any constructive criticism will be welcomed. It will be necessary, of course, for the editor to pass upon what may be legitimate and what might be objectionable in good religious journalism, but he wishes to say that no communication that is conceived in a fraternal spirit will be disregarded. Our pages will be a step toward the Convention itself, where one member of the body has an equal right with any other member to recognition by the chair and can enjoy the possession of the floor as long as he discusses the subject under consideration and does not employ his privilege to cast aspersions on the personal character of any other member. Limiting discourse to plans and methods of work, or the common ends of faith and prac-

tice, one can express views that are at variance from the opinion of the majority and contrary to what is current and in operation, and still not only be in "order," but in good order, provided his manifest purpose is to set things in order, and can give a reasonable ground for objections which he offers and a plausible remedy for troubles which he discerns. Along with a diagnosis which discovers ailments there ought to be a prescription which offers a cure. We prefer to publish recipes for health than dissertations on the extent and nature of maladies. We think our people will profit more by information which looks to their upbuilding than by long-drawn, darksome lectures on probable causes for their downfall. Still a reasonable word of warning will always be timely in a season of peril—but it is exceedingly out of place in a time of safety.

We hope our people will use the pages of the paper freely. For some time we have been under the necessity of giving preference to matter pertaining to the close-up of the 75-Million Campaign for the second fiscal year of the Southern Baptist Convention. But now it will be possible for us to give more space to matters of a more local than general importance to our people. It is our desire to observe a proper balancing of material inserted from time to time; and in justice to all of our causes, we can have no partiality among them, just as we can have no favorites among our contributors.

In order that the paper may function as the organ of the churches, it will be necessary that the workers write us about their work. It will not be considered forward in them to do so. We have no other means of getting information than through the voluntary co-operation of those who have it. We want the pastors in the country as well as in the towns and cities to let us hear from them as to their labors, opportunities and successes. We hope the Sunday school workers, the young people, the women, the deacons, church treasurers, and the officers of associational or district bodies will use our columns in publicity or official announcements—in general or specific statements which they desire to make to our people.

We have confidence in the wisdom of Tennessee Baptists, both in their loyalty to the paper and in the provision which they have made for it as a denominational organ. It will be our greatest joy to render whatever service we may, and the best we can give, that they may be worthily represented in the field of religious journalism at large and, more particularly, may have an adequate means of communication and fellowship among themselves.

THAT "SECRET MEETING" OF SECRETARIES

The Western Recorder recently gave its endorsement to a criticism in "News and Truths" of the private session of the State Secretaries at their last meeting in Mobile in February, and has more recently defended itself at length in reply to a statement in its columns by Secretary Arch C. Cree of Georgia.

The incident impresses us as having been altogether unnecessary and unfortunate. The spirit which gave rise to it was apparently more destructive than constructive; and seemed to have been conceived in an atmosphere of fear that our Baptist heritage is in danger of falling under an over-lordship. We may allow that our contemporary's purposes

were sincere and yet express the hope that, in speaking of his criticisms, we may be exempt from the spirit which manifestly inhered in them. We mention the matter only in order that justice may be done to those servants of the denomination whose action, it seems to us, has been entirely misunderstood and misconstrued.

Howbeit, we admit that neither our secretaries nor any other body of leaders among us, either personally or officially, are to be considered immune against criticism for their actions either individually or collectively. The right of free speech is inalienable among a free people, but it exceeds the limit of its province when it trespasses upon the premises of another and interferes with the functions or privileges of the other. It is one of the safeguards of our Baptist liberties—when kept within due bounds—but it becomes a bush-whacking bandit when under the control of prejudice or misconceptions. The right to criticize should be most secretly guarded and exercised only in a spirit of love and tenderness and after painstaking effort to ascertain the real nature of the offensive conduct and the actuating motive that was manifestly behind it. The Master pronounced anathemas against those only over whom He stood and wept.

A carping criticism of our leaders is a reflection on the intelligence and wisdom of our people. If our Secretaries, as a body, were guilty of that which is unbecomming in leaders among the Lord's people, then the whole body of us blundered when we selected them, and our wisdom in that act is found to be wanting. It is unthinkable. We sincerely regret that anywhere among us any voice has been heard which in any way regards as plausible such an unthinkable thing.

Our Baptist Educational Board at Birmingham has opened a Board of Employment, like a teachers' agency. It asks the co-operation of the brethren in securing the names of superior Baptist teachers. Any Baptist professor who wishes to register with them can do so free of all charges, because its object is to help our church schools secure strong teachers. Some of our school boards in communities which need one or more Baptist teachers, might also be interested to write to them. We have no desire to fill the public schools with teachers of our own faith to the exclusion of others, but it often happens that school boards endeavor to distribute the teachers they employ among different denominations. In that way, the schools will secure the support of every denomination. If you need a Baptist teacher for such a purpose, you might be interested to write to our Birmingham office.

Besides literature which is offered for free distribution, the Sunday School Board has published a helpful book entitled, "Church and Sunday School Buildings," by P. E. Burroughs, Educational Secretary. This book has run through one entire edition and has recently been rewritten and carefully revised, this bringing it up to date in its suggestions and proposals.

During ten years, 1910-1920, Southern Baptists increased the value of their church property by \$37,070,206, thus doubling their investment in church building. During these ten years our people expended more money in church building than they gave to missions and education combined.

Contributions

THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

[By Ryland Knight, President Executive Board]

In February, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention purchased the Baptist and Reflector. I feel sure that the condition of the paper since that date has fully justified this action in the minds of all its readers. It was necessary, of course, to make arrangements for the carrying on of the paper and the Executive Board selected a Board of Directors of seven who have since chosen Rev. J. D. Moore as editor. It is fair to say that his work so far has exceeded the expectations of the Board of Directors and we feel that we are most fortunate in the editor we have chosen.

The purpose of this statement, however, is to make clear past all question the fact that in purchasing the Baptist and Reflector and electing a Board of Directors the Executive Board was acting on behalf of the Baptists of Tennessee, and that the Baptist and Reflector does not in any sense belong to the Executive Board, but is the property of all the Baptists of this State. The action of the Board was only to meet an emergency. The Board of Directors will serve only until the State Convention in November, when the Baptists, through their Convention, should elect a Board of Directors to assume entire charge of the Baptist and Reflector.

In the meantime it ought to be borne in mind that the Baptist and Reflector is the property of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, that it is the open forum for the Tennessee Baptists and that every Baptist in the State has entire freedom to make use of its pages in the discussion of the interests of the kingdom of God.

Of course the editor must necessarily be the one who shall determine which article shall go in and which shall be left out, and how the paper can best serve the interests of the denomination. He will, however, be glad, I am sure, to receive any suggestions from any of the brethren as to how the paper can best serve our denominational interests.

In the meantime, let us rally to the support of our paper. Let us see that it has access to all our Baptist homes and that it has the opportunity through a large subscription list to bring its message to the hearts of our people.

Nashville, Tenn.

THE HAM-RAMSEY MEETING, NASHVILLE, TENN.

[By Rev. T. C. Singleton]

On April 3, the Ham-Ramsey meetings began in the North Edgefield section of this city for a four weeks' campaign. This campaign is the beginning of eight local campaigns, which will make a city-wide sweep, closing up in October or November. The beginning of the Ham-Ramsey meetings was made possible by the unceasing efforts of the pastors and leading laymen of the Baptist churches. Evangelist M. F. Ham had to cancel many of his pending engagements in order to accept the invitation to come and be with us.

At the close of the first district meeting everybody was convinced that his preaching

was so plain, direct, pointed, searching, convincing, and intensely scriptural that a tremendous awakening was among the people in general. He stressed the great doctrine of the new birth and emphasized the need of regeneration rather than reformation. His preaching along this line was evidenced by more than four hundred conversions and four hundred reclamations. Most of these were of mature age and heads of families, principally men.

The good of the meetings was not confined to the tabernacle, but he has preached in the penitentiary, in the theater buildings, and in the assembly rooms in many parts of this city. Mr. W. J. Ramsey is the singing evangelist. He is a wonderful asset in a great city-wide campaign like this; sings the old-time gospel songs, and he, with Mr. Ham, can sing the most soul-thrilling duets one has ever heard. The choir numbers about two hundred or more, with Mrs. Ham at the piano, who is unsurpassed in efficiency for a great evangelistic campaign; knows just when to play and how to play. Mr. Ramsey put on a children's chorus choir, ages seven to seventeen, numbering about three hundred, for one evening. This was one of the great features of the meeting.

It was understood from the beginning that these meetings were to be under the auspices of the Baptist churches. The first section included the North Edgefield and Grace Baptist Churches. The volunteer offerings paid the incidental expenses, nothing was guaranteed. These expenses were met, which included the freight, drayage, and rent on the big tent seating five thousand, with collapsible seats and knock-down platform, light and janitor. At the close of the service on the last day a free-will offering was made to Mr. Ham.

We are rejoicing in the glorious effect the meetings have made in this community; infidelity, worldliness and Sunday desecration have all received a real blow, and there is much talk of quarantining the picture shows and the firms that advertise them. Religion is to the forefront as it has not been in years in this section of the city. The tent is now located in the South Edgefield section, with the Lockeland, Eastland, Edgefield and Shelby Avenue Baptist Churches participating, having in attendance an average of four or five thousand.

Nashville, Tenn.

S. W. SEMINARY PASSES 1300 MARK

[By Gertrude Powell]

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, is now past the 1,300 mark in its combined enrollment for this year, having 685 resident students and 642 students in correspondence.

The tides of revival are high. Last week some five or six of our faculty and as many more of our students were out holding meetings. The class in evangelism has been reporting from 125 to 200 souls saved each week.

Just now we are looking forward to the climax of our Russian war romance in the return of Mrs. John Kovalchuk from the interior of Minsk province, Russia, to her husband, who is one of our finest students. They have not seen each other since the beginning of the war and no message was successful in reaching either of them for about three years of that time. There will be a thrilling story to tell when she arrives. The seminary fac-

ulty and students raised a fund of some \$400 to get her out of Russia. It has taken nearly a year to accomplish this.

Recent prominent visitors have been Secretary Shaw of S. Dakota; Mr. M. E. Dodd, of Shreveport, La.; Missionary G. W. Bouldin, of Fubuoka, Japan; and Dr. C. L. Goodell, noted Methodist pastor-evangelist of New York City.

We wish to call attention to the address made by Dr. J. D. Ray on the life of Dr. B. H. Carroll, founder and first president of the Seminary. This address was delivered at the recent celebration of Founder's Day, and appears in the current number of the Southwestern Journal of Theology. As the biography of Dr. Carroll has not been written, perhaps many will be glad to read this chaste and charming presentation of one side of his life by one who knew him so well.

Tennessee's sons and daughters are looking forward to May 27 when we will return to the dear old Volunteer State to spend the summer months, hoping to put into practice some of the instruction we have received in the Seminary.

It is the prayer of us all that the greatest Convention that has ever been held will convene at Chattanooga in May, and from the glowing reports that our beloved president made last Tuesday night, April 19, of his campaign tour, we are sure it will be.

LURING LOUISIANA

[By G. H. Crutcher]

The coming of spring, with the attendant flowers, fragrance and frolic adds special emphasis to the glories of this Southland. Baptists are finding their most fruitful field in the fertile lands of the Pelican. This State is rapidly becoming one of the wealthiest of the South. Millionaires are just ordinary occurrences down here. There is one great need and that's the transforming power of the blood of Jesus. Louisiana Baptists are making a courageous fight to supply this need, but multiplied people, with multiplied wealth, means a compound multiplication of evil forces. Only the most heroic remain undaunted under such circumstances, but God has graciously given a large spirit of the heroic to His children in this State. The lure of wealth, the lure of sin has not been capable of ensnaring many of the mighty men of valor in Louisiana. Great meetings are reported throughout the State. A spirit of revival seems to be on. Pastors are preaching on the Cross and people are praying for the lost and God is saving penitents.

Street Services in New Orleans

On a recent Saturday night a group of students from the Baptist Bible Institute held service in one of the city parks where hundreds of people gathered to hear a story which, to them, was new. There were a large number of professions of faith, some of them as striking as those recorded in the New Testament. Middle-aged men would get on their knees in the street and call upon God for salvation and would arise to confess the new-found Saviour and urge their comrades in sin to come to the Cross of the crucified Saviour and be saved. The Bible Institute has already brought a new day to New Orleans and to this Gulf Coast, but we have not realized the first fruits of this great and growing institution.

New Orleans, La.

Contributions

FOUR ENCOURAGEMENTS

[By R. T. Bryan, Missionary]

Of course there are many discouragements in this old sinful world of ours. We can easily find the mon this side of the ocean and just as easily as on the other side. If we are looking for them we can find them in every place and in everything. We need not go very far in our search, for perhaps the most discouraging discouragements are in ourselves. We need not look for them because they force themselves upon us. Some years ago we were returning to China with some new missionaries and stopped at a number of places to hold meetings. One young man always spoke about discouragements. After hearing me speak several times he criticized me for being too optimistic, and said that I was deceiving the people. I told him that I might be wrong, but that I had cultivated the habit of leaving the discouragements with God, because I could not manage them, but He could. That missionary is not now on the field. One of the easiest things in the world to do is to get discouraged, and many take advantage of the opportunity to lose heart, give up and quit. Dear reader, there are enough people thinking about, talking about, and writing about discouragements without you and me. "I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me."

My subject is "Four Encouragements," but it does not mean that there are only four; it means that in the Lord and for the Lord encouragements are in every direction, on both sides of the ocean, four square. The first encouragement that I want to mention is

The 75-Million Campaign

What does it mean to us missionaries? It means that we can take advantage of more of the wonderful opportunities around us. It means that more souls will be saved and more Christians trained for better kingdom service. Better equipment in any line of business means better results. This is especially true of mission work where there are many hindrances. Paul was met by several brethren as he entered Rome, and Luke writes, "Whom when Paul saw he thanked God and took courage." We were working away in the midst of many opportunities, many open doors, but with very poor and limited equipment. The Judson Fund had brought some more money and greatly encouraged us, but it was too small an undertaking for such a mighty host as Southern Baptists. When we read about the daring undertaking of faith it almost scared us; we hardly dared to accept it as possible, but when the victory news came, like Paul, we thanked God and took courage.

It is a great undertaking. It will cost many of God's children great sacrifices. You and your children will do without some things that you really need, but besides the blessed reward that God will give to you all, a reward that will richly repay you for all that you do and make you glad, it will take comfort, encouragement, hope, faith, and boldness to undertake the seeming impossible, to missionaries and native Christians in every land. It is simply impossible for language to tell you just what it will mean for the Father's children, your brothers and sisters everywhere.

We sadly needed church buildings, school houses, hospitals, dwelling houses and all kinds of equipment. This 75-Million Campaign says take courage and press on, we are coming to help you. This promise has already been partly fulfilled. Greatly needed buildings have been erected, money has been granted to build others. More needed land has been bought and more is being bought. The native Christians are being stimulated to do more and give liberally. One church raised about ten thousand dollars and another about seven thousand dollars, and many others made real sacrifices. Our God and Father is big enough to work on both sides of the ocean at the same time and according to the same scale. The more you do here the more we can do on the mission fields. This campaign makes us like the immortal Carey, who said, "Expect great things from God and do great things for Him." The mission fields are roomy, but there is no longer any room nor use for little men and women. But of all more than a hundred missionaries have come to gladden our hearts and a hundred more will follow.

What the 75-Million Campaign tells us God means to do is our greatest encouragement.

Pledges and promises are easy to make. So far the money has not come in according to these promises. Contributions have greatly increased for all of our work both at home and abroad. We thank God for this and take courage. The contributions have not yet equalled the pledges. Will our Southern Baptists prove themselves faithful and true to God and His work? We hope so. April is the deciding month for this year, and perhaps for the five years. Times have changed since you made your pledges. Money has become scarcer, prices of cotton and other produce have greatly fallen. The sacrifices will be far greater than you anticipated. Will you do what you have promised? We shall keep on believing that you will until you force us to doubt.

You must do it, you cannot fail. You will not raise our hopes and then disappoint us. You cannot fail Him who gave Himself for us. We close this Encouragement with a prayer and hope that April will prove Southern Baptists true to their promises.

Now let us see what encouragement we can find in the

General Conditions in China

Many would say that China is in a bad way and she is in many respects in a very bad way. The South has established a government of its own. In any other country there would be a great deal of fighting under the present conditions, but China had rather talk it out than fight it out, and is she not right? She is trying to pass from one form of government to a different one, from a monarchy to a republic. This is a great undertaking.

It cannot be done in a day. Conditions are not near so bad as they have been in other countries trying to do the same thing. China is shaking off the shackles of the ages, giving up the old and taking on the new. She will, like other nations have done, pass through a stage of infidelity while she is learning to disbelieve the old and false before she is able to accept the new and true.

There are still many old temples and some new ones where idols are worshipped, but idolatry is doomed; it has lost its power and influence. We can ridicule it as much as we like and the people will laugh with us. Many

temples are decaying and no one repairs them; some are being used for schools. We have a Christian church meeting in one-half of a temple, while the heathen worship the idols in the other half. In another city we have rented a temple for a school. The idols were taken out and dumped into a nearby and decaying building with an old opium-smoking priest as watchman. Idols in China are getting out of God's way.

It has always been the case that the poor and ignorant first accept the Gospel, then gradually some of them become rich and cultured and powerful. This is especially true of the children of the Christians. A Chinese Christian man cooked for us for thirty years, beginning with a salary of three dollars a month and ended with seven dollars and he fed himself. His son is a physician and is getting \$100 a month.

Already in Shanghai we have a Christian aristocracy of influential young men and women. Many children of the rich are becoming Christians. Some men and women of wealth, culture and influence are joining Christian churches. China's most popular general, General Fu Hsiang, is an earnest Christian and many of his soldiers have become Christians. Hindrances are breaking down, prejudices are giving way. "The morning light is breaking, the darkness disappears." We put it mildly when we say that in the next ten years more Chinese will become Christians than in the last hundred years and this ratio of increase will continue until a child born today may see China as much Christian as the United States is now. This is also true on every mission field. Why the 75-Million Campaign at this time? Why are all denominations raising millions for missions? Why the hundreds of new missionaries who are going to mission fields? The answer is simple and plain. He who runs may read; he who reads will run. The doors are open, and God is stirring up His people to enter in. Talk about encouragement, I can hardly keep from shouting when I look out into the future.

The greatest reason for encouragement is found in the

Students

What is a country, anyway? It is not the broad and fertile valleys, the lofty mountains, nor the large and long rivers. These are important, but the people are the country. The children of the present are the country of the future. China's children are her hope, especially those who are in school. You have read about the student movement in China. There are hundreds of thousands of young men and women in the schools, and in no other country of the world have students such great influence. These students are open to receive the Gospel, and thousands of them are becoming Christians. In one of our schools sixty-seven have joined the church and some of them are the best church workers. Many of them are children of rich and influential people. We are getting the young and in so doing we are getting the country of the near future.

It is hard for the older people to break away from old habits and customs. It is difficult for them to lead such lives as will enable them to make efficient church workers. These students in our schools and in the government schools begin while young, and it is much easier for them to be useful and intelligent Christians. We find that when the students in our schools become Christians they go after their parents, brothers and sis-

ters, friends not in school, and their school-mates, and they often succeed in getting them to come to church and some of them to become Christians. This source of encouragement leads us to hope that we shall not only get a quantity of Christians, but Christians of quality. This point is so self-evident that it needs no further enlargement.

One of the greatest reasons for encouragement is the growing spirit of

Self Support

among the native Christians.

Our aim in all our work is to establish self-controlled, self-supported, self-propagating churches.

Have we accomplished our aim? We gladly answer that we are accomplishing it. Some churches are already self-supporting and others are gradually becoming so. When we first began work in China, the missionaries rented the street chapels, built the church buildings, bought the land, rented or built the school houses. When schools were first opened not only was no tuition charged, but in some cases the children were paid to come. We just had to get a start. The Chinese Christians naturally considered it our work. Why not? We supported it, we controlled it. This stage of the work has been passed, and is getting farther and farther behind us every year.

At first it was our work and they were the helpers, but now we are trying to be the helpers and they are the principals. The Chinese are beginning to see this and to gladly accept it. Three times I have been called to be pastor of two Shanghai churches, and each time they have paid me the salary that they had been paying the native pastor and always paid it promptly. Of course, being paid by the Board, I used this money for the work. The churches in our Association have a Home Board to which they pay several hundred dollars every year.

For many years we have not asked the Board for any money to run our Shanghai schools. One school has just put eight thousand Mexican dollars into its new building, besides paying all running expenses. Another has several thousand dollars in the bank. Given buildings we can easily run our Shanghai school with the tuition. We charge a good tuition and all the schools are full to overflowing, and we have to turn away many for lack of room. This wonderful growth in self-support is not only our best encouragement, but our sure proof that our work will not be in vain.

Shanghai, China.

DISCOVERING AND CALLING OUT MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS

[By J. F. Love, Cor. Sec'y]

There is evident a growing realization on the part of pastors and denominational leaders generally of their duty to call out the called for Christian service. It is also becoming plain that there is slumbering in the hearts of great numbers of our young people unspoken desire for higher Christian life and distinctive Christian service. Add to these two facts the unmet need for Christian workers at home and the vast fields of missionary opportunity abroad, and we shall get some conception of the great importance of cultivating the art of discovering men and women for Christ's service and of making such approach to them as will help them over their timidity and indecision, and lead them into the service to which they are called. But in the case of our Foreign Mission work

it is highly important that pastors and leaders shall understand not only something of the great need, but of the classes of men and women who are needed for this work and the necessary qualifications for it. I am, therefore, offering the following as guiding principles both for pastors and Christian leaders and for young men and women who have a consciousness that God wants them for Christian service and a desire to do His will.

Classes of Workers Wanted For Our Foreign Fields

1. Evangelists. We need men and women with hot hearts and warm passion for the lost, and who will incessantly search for them in the nooks and corners. Millions are waiting to be sought out and led out of heathen and papal darkness into the liberty of the Sons of God.

2. We need teachers for our mission schools. The Christian school performs a great service in the initial steps of work on the mission fields, in that it gives training to the natives, leads them to Christ, deepens their religious life, clarifies Christian truth, and turns them out for effective service among their own people.

3. We need doctors. All our hospitals are undermanned and itinerating physicians are needed in connection with every one of them. Multitudes, multitudes of afflicted men and women are the victims of ignorant native doctors, and in their suffering call loudly to young men in the homeland who have given their lives to the service of healing.

4. We need trained nurses. Many of our doctors are handicapped for lack of assistants. There is here a field for a beautiful Christian service by many young women who have felt the call of human suffering and are waiting to choose their fields of service.

5. We need two or three architects. The mission boards, with scarcely an exception, have all thrown away money in the erection of buildings without skilled superintendence. The young man who is qualified for this work and gives himself to the service of planning and erecting buildings in which the gospel shall be preached, hospitals where the suffering are nursed and cured, schools where natives are trained for Christian service, will render great and genuine missionary service. This class of work will insure economy in the expenditure of money which consecrated men and women have given to the cause, and furnish necessary facilities for those who preach, teach and practice the gospel.

Qualifications For These Workers

In some particulars the qualifications for work on the foreign field are more invariable and necessary than for work on the home field, although, of course, in many respects there is no difference. We may name the following as indispensable qualifications:

1. Christian character which includes piety, a devotional Christian life, spirituality, and a daily Christian behavior which speaks a silent but effectual message for Christ even to those whose tongue the missionary cannot speak and who cannot understand his own.

2. A working knowledge of Christian truth. The missionary, whether he be an evangelist, teacher, doctor or architect, should have such acquaintance with his New Testament as to enable him to lead a soul to Christ wherever he finds one who is inquiring the way.

3. General education. There can be, of course, no strictly hard and fast rule gov-

erning educational qualifications. It is plain that those who go out to do technical work must have technical training equal to that which is necessary to the same line of work at home. There is some variability in the requirements for certain forms of work, but every volunteer should secure the best possible education, and each one will find use for all he has. He will also find that a good education will make him feel more at home among the educated classes with whom the missionaries have social and personal contact on foreign fields.

4. There is an age limit which volunteers and those who seek to call them out should remember. That young person who has not finished his education before he is thirty-three years of age, or who cannot finish it by that time, need scarcely apply to the Foreign Mission Board for appointment. The Board has rarely sent out a missionary who was past thirty-four years of age. It has been found that beyond this age it is well-nigh impossible for men and women to learn the difficult foreign languages.

5. Health. The Board does not make any appointments until careful examinations have been made by competent physicians and the Board's own physician has recommended the appointment. The expense of sending missionaries to the fields is too great for the Board to incur in cases of doubtful ability to endure the work and to resist climatic changes. This need not discourage any would-be volunteer, but only suggests that the medical examination is necessary, and appointment is conditioned on the doctor's report as well as other matters. The doctor frequently discovers that some whose friends think they are not strong enough for the work are really of tough fibre and give promise of long years of service.

6. Last, but not by any means the least important qualification, is soundness of view concerning the saving message which the missionary goes forth to bear. The Foreign Mission Board may be misjudged by some who do not understand it, but it is fully committed to the appointment of those only who hold firmly and are prepared to teach frankly the essential doctrines of our Christian faith. Great numbers of experienced missionaries on the mission fields are already importuning mission boards not to commission for service on their fields those whose faith in evangelical truth has been vitiated or weakened.

The above are in brief form some of the classes of missionaries which the Foreign Mission Board needs in large and increasing numbers, and the necessary qualifications of those who would in this service make profitable and fruitful investment of their lives. We suggest that these facts be brought to the attention of our young people throughout the South, including those who have finished their school and those who are in our schools, and many who are still in the homes but looking forward to school life and service for Christ beyond the school days. A wonderful opportunity is given pastors and Christian workers to multiply themselves in Christian service and replenish the waste places by searching out and calling out the called. We earnestly hope that the above suggestions may be helpful to these and to our young people themselves. May the spirit of our God come upon the young manhood and womanhood of our churches, our schools and our homes, and may the feet of many of them be obedient and beautiful as the feet of those who carry good tidings!

News and Views

Dr. B. D. Gray, Secretary Home Board, writes, May 9: "A great year. Total receipts, \$1,634,449.00 Considerable deficit."

We are in the midst of making transfer of Baptist and Reflector subscription list to a filing system, and it is necessary for us to hold corrections until the file is complete. We therefore ask the indulgence of our patrons for a few weeks in making necessary corrections.

The editor spent Sunday, May 8, pleasantly in Jackson, preaching in the morning for Pastor Cox at Second, speaking to the City Sunday School Union at South Royal in the afternoon and preaching for Pastor Tull at First Church in the evening.

Chas. G. Trumbull, chairman of the Committee on Religious Magazines and Periodicals, announces that the third World Conference on Christian Fundamentals will be held at Denver, Colorado, from June 12 to 19, 1921.

The Sunday School Board's Department of Organized Class Work announces the standing of Tennessee schools for the year ending April 30, 1921: Intermediate classes enrolled, 36, with a membership of 309; Senior classes enrolled, 73, with total membership of 1,822.

The First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., had an average attendance in Sunday School for April of 1,009. For the same month the year previous the average was 530. That is decided advance, and we congratulate Pastor Porter and his co-workers.

Singing Evangelist J. Imrie writes, April 28: "I have closed a meeting with Rev. Standle at Carlton, Kans. The church was greatly helped with the meetings. Rev. Standle did the preaching. I am available at once for other fields. Pastors write me at Ekron, Ky."

Brother H. N. Quisenberry writes from Charleston, S. C., May 5, that he has been at the First Church there for six months and that congregations have grown steadily and baptisms have been frequent.

We are in receipt of a pamphlet entitled "The Anti-Christ Revealed and Evolution Versus the Bible," being two addresses by Rev. Selsus E. Tull, pastor First Baptist Church of Jackson. This is a valuable contribution to discussion of present day education.

The many friends of Rev. Edwin C. Dinwiddie, who for more than a quarter of a century represented the temperance forces of the nation in legislative affairs at Washington, as the Legislative Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League and other organizations, will be glad to know that, after a most serious sickness of four weeks, he is on the road to recovery.

Two of our churches come in so far for honorable mention for sending their pastors to the Southern Baptist Convention: First

Church, Humboldt, Pastor E. H. Marriner; and the field composed of Union, Shady Grove, Wilsonville and Second Greenville, Pastor C. N. Huff. Let us have the names of others.

At Big Meadow Church, May 1, Rev. E. H. Greenwell was with Pastor W. H. Cavannah and preached on "Thanks Be to God for His Unspeakable Gift." One hundred and three dollars were raised on the campaign. At Hickory Grove, on the same date, Bro. Hervey Whitfield was with Pastor Greenwell speaking on "An Ideal Church Member."

Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, Secretary, announces that Foreign Board total receipts for past year were \$2,840,149.18, of which amount Tennessee gave \$152,548.42. Last year (closing May 1, 1920), receipts from all States were \$2,596,843.25, of which Tennessee gave \$116,229.57. The advance is indeed gratifying and highly creditable to our people.

Dr. W. C. James, Secretary of Education Board, wires from Birmingham, Ala., May 7: "Cash in hand at beginning of year, \$23,000. Total receipts during year, \$545,570. Expenditures, \$564,620. Number schools aided, 12. Number schools in convention, 19. Enrollment, 40,000. Number in faculties, 1,635. Renewed vigor all along the line in way of surveys, publicity, teacher bureau, ministerial supply, etc."

Ridgecrest, N. C., assemblies are announced for June 12 to Sept. 12, in a neat folder just received. The Summer School of Theology will be held from June 12 to Aug. 5, and from Aug. 5 to the close of the season the general assembly program will be carried out. A very attractive feast is provided and it is hoped that our people will attend in large numbers.

Bro. S. P. Bridges writes from Laramie, Wyo., April 26: It gives me pleasure to recommend Evangelist Ray Palmer as a sincere, cultured Christian gentleman. He is a forceful and gifted preacher of the gospel. As a man with a Biblical message I put him in the front rank. He is now in a great campaign in California. He expects to return east and south in the fall. All who desire his services should address him at once 701 Tillamook St., Portland, Ore."

Bro. M. C. Roland, Selmer, Tenn., R. 2, wishes to say that his meeting at Pleasant Ridge will begin on Wednesday before the fifth Sunday in July and continue ten days. Rev. Frank Monaghan of Tupelo, Miss., will do the preaching. At Pleasant Sight Church the first Sunday in August, continuing one week. Rev. J. Y. Butler of Jackson, Tenn., will do the preaching. At Prospect Church the fourth Sunday in August. Rev. T. R. Hammons of Jackson, Tenn., will do the preaching.

Dr. I. J. Van Ness reports for the Sunday School Board, special communication, May 7: "Receipts all sources, \$1,147,000, a gain of \$285,000 over last year. Expenses for denominational work, including our own field work, co-operative work with States, tracts, and so forth, \$189,000. Twenty thousand, four hundred twenty schools, enrollment 1,966,610. Six thousand seven hundred eighty-six Senior Unions, two thousand one hundred eighty-eight Junior Unions. Our new Statis-

tical Department organized this year reports 27,444 churches, 173,595 baptisms; membership, 3,199,005. Contributions all purposes, \$34,881,032."

Bro. J. Marvin Pharr, assistant to Pastor Ridley of Central Baptist Church, Atlanta, says: "A new record has been attained in church work by the Central Baptist Church of Atlanta. Our pastor launched a building boom six months ago and since that time has built and paid for one of the most ideal plants in the city. It has a seating capacity of 1,500 and hundreds have been turned away at every Sunday service since the doors were opened on April 17. There have been one hundred and sixty-three additions during the past ten days, sixty-five of these last Sunday."

Rev. Bartlett A. Bowers has just closed his first year as pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville.

The pastor did the preaching in a recent meeting, which resulted in 81 additions to the church; 42 were baptized Easter Sunday; 275 have been added to the church during the year. The present membership is 1,145.

The church has paid her two years' pledge of \$22,000 to the 75-Million Campaign Fund.

The membership of the BYPU has been doubled. The WMU Society has a membership of 285, which is an increase of 80 per cent and the Sunday School has the largest attendance in the history of the church.

We quote the following from the Baptist Times and Freeman, London, England: "Joy in Hungary. The following is extracted from a letter just received referring to the arrival in Hungary of a large consignment of used clothing sent by the American Baptist Churches of the Southern Convention: 'All clothing was in Buda-Pesth sorted and, according to the statistics of need, distributed throughout the country. Every church and mission station has received according to its need. If you would see the poor people—what great joy they have! Many of them have been without underwear and shirt, they had a piece of paper on their chests, so that their skin was not visible.'"

The following are the recommendations of the Committee of Fifteen as to the teaching of the Bible in public schools. Those public schools which follow this course can expect to have the following accepted at those colleges which allow students to present Bible units for entrance into their freshman class: "The epic narrative of the Old Testament; a knowledge of the chief characteristics and incidents presented in Genesis, Exodus, Numbers, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, First and Second Samuel, First and Second Kings, and Daniel; the memorizing of some of the more notable passages of biblical prose and poetry; Hebrew history from the Egyptian period to the destruction of the Jewish commonwealth in 70 A. D.; the development of the life and institutions of the Hebrew people with some consideration of their contributions to human culture; early Christian Biography, the life of Jesus and His early followers; the parables of Jesus; the life of Paul. Introductions to the English Bible; how the Bible and its separate Books came to be, and how they have come down to the present time."

Contributions

THE COUNTRY CHURCH

[By G. M. Savage]

I have been pastor of country churches all of my ministry. I magnify my office.

A deplorable fact about congregations in the city is that so few young people are present at the 11 o'clock preaching service. The pastor has but little opportunity to infuse his life and thinking into the young people. It is very discouraging, I am sure. It will hardly be questioned that the pastor is the best informed person in the church, knows more of God's will, and is best gifted in teaching His will. It is sometimes painfully noticed that the teacher of a Sunday school class does not know much, and is rather light and frivolous.

In so many instances, this is all of the religious instruction that the boy and girl get. This is to be said, too, of people in the formative period of their life. How deplorable! How deplorable!

But we country preachers have an advantage here. The children who come to Sunday School have to remain for the preaching services. Last Sunday I had more young people, I suspect, in my congregation, than the average city pastor. They gave the closest attention throughout.

This other thing is to be noticed, as encouraging to the country preacher. The boys and girls reared among the trees and in the fields, clear out of sight of banks and stores, are least corrupted by covetousness. He who lives nearest nature, lives nearest God. Covetousness is one of the most fatal sins. Take a young man whose mind is least tainted by contact with grafters, and profiteers, and with money-making, and wealth-getting, and you have the best prospect for usefulness. The country life comes nearest to being the life of one who considers the lilies how they grow.

There are more children to the family in the country than in the city. Where I stayed last Saturday night, there are so many boys in the neighborhood that they can't raise a watermelon patch. The rascals, as bad as they are, are the hope of the future. We love to hear their laughter and their rude songs. The happy family is the family where there are brothers and sisters. Such homes are not to be pitied, but congratulated.

I want us to redouble our effort and educate more preachers than can find a place in the cities. Let there be a rich overflow into the country. It is worth your money. Most of our great men come from the country.

GERMAN BAPTISTS ARE ADVANCING

[Frank E. Burkhalter]

Despite the hardships through which the Baptists of Germany, along with all the other people of that country, have been passing for the past several years, they have not grown lukewarm in their religious life, and have made marked progress along practically all lines, according to information received by the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

While detailed reports on the work of 1920 are not available, the returns that have come in show that more baptisms were made by the Baptists during 1920 than by any other evangelistical body in Germany.

A compilation of statistics from the German Baptist Yearbook for 1919, edited by Dr. J. G. Lehmann and published at Cassell by the J. G. Oncken Successors, shows that in 1912 there were twelve associations in Germany, which were made up of 226 churches with a combined membership of 50,719. It will be recalled that in the United States there was a decided falling off in the membership of practically all the large religious bodies in America that year (Southern Baptists being the only large denomination to report any increase of consequence), as well as a considerable decline in the Sunday school enrollment, but in Germany there was an advance on the part of the Baptist churches over 1918 in practically every field of endeavor.

To summarize: The number of churches increased from 220 to 226; the number of stations served from 609 to 647; the number of helpers from 648 to 730; number of chapels from 234 to 249; number of members from 48,990 to 50,719; number of baptisms from 2,447 to 3,388; members by certificate from 1,542 to 4,421; members received by restoration from 288 to 454; total increase from 4,280 to 8,263; total decrease in same year from 3,456 to 6,534; net gain from 824 to 1,729; number of Sunday Schools from 489 to 580; number of teachers from 2,040 to 2,606; average attendance from 21,854 to 27,992; number of Christian day schools, from 214 to 216; number of pupils (decreased) from 3,070 to 2,968; contributions for home expenses increased from 1,785,955 marks (equivalent to 23.8 American money prior to the world war) to 2,692,454 marks; contributions to Kingdom objects from 302,348 marks to 378,270 marks; and total contributions to all objects from 2,153,720 marks to 3,070,724 marks.

Holdings By Baptist Union

The Yearbook does not indicate the value of the local church property, but only the property owned by the German Baptist Union. This property is listed, as to its valuation, as follows:

Seminary at Hamburg	-----M.	300,000.00
Publishing plant at Cassell	----	761,024.67
Building and Loan Fund	----	123,830.48
Sustentation Fund	-----	31,628.54
Orphanage	-----	8,449.10
Jubilee Fund	-----	50,458.91
Annuity Fund	-----	102,654.20
Society's Mission Fund	-----	49,625.68
Total, less some obligations	---	1,511,182.38

Something of the general spirit of our Baptist brethren in Germany can be obtained from this missionary activity among the prisoners of war during the war and the many months after the hostilities had ceased and in which prisoners remained in Germany. More than 2,000 Russian prisoners were baptized by the German Baptist war workers, while up to May 1, 1918, a total of 2,487,342 publications had been distributed seventeen languages (4,000 of them were printed in Russian) 33,500 New Testaments in the war camps, including 6,000 Bibles in 26 languages (the Russian and French languages predominating, and 257,000 parts of the Bible. The twenty-six languages in which these German workers had to deal with prisoners, include the old Slavonic, Armenian, Czech, Bulgarian, German, English, Esthonian, Finnish, French, Greek, Hebrew, Italian, Groatic, Lettish, Lithuanian, Masurian, Polish, Rumanian, Ruthenian, Serbian, Slovene, Tartar, Turkish, Hungarian and Flemish.

When we consider that this bit of missionary work was carried on by a band of less than 50,000 Baptists we get some idea of the devotion of our German brethren to their missionary opportunities.

PROGRESSION OR DEGENERATION, WHICH?

[By T. A. J. Beasley]

Since Dr. John E. White has given us such a fine discussion on the "Association of Colleges," we are convinced that there are some other matters to which the Baptists of the South should give serious consideration concerning our schools.

First, the question of the text books to be used in our colleges is one of vast importance. A few years ago the Baptists of Texas did a good work in helping to get eliminated from Texas schools a certain history (Myer's), or at least a portion of the book because of its false teaching concerning the origin of man. Why not go to work in our own schools? This writer was in a Baptist school a short time ago, and the day he was there, a lesson was recited in which the author of the text-book used that day taught that when our ancestors learned to go upright they gained our hands but lost to us our tails. We judge that the professor who teaches it endorses it as he raised no objection to it. At least any school which uses such books will be regarded by the student body as endorsing their teachings. The above is a sample of what is being taught our boys and girls. The Southern Baptists should have a text-book committee composed of competent men who are sound to the core on the doctrines of the Bible, and whose business it should be to supervise the selection of text-books for our schools. There is a great deal said about the need of teachers who are modern and progressive. If to be progressive we must be taught that our foreparents were apes, then it behooves us to have less progression and more Christianity.

We should not only have text-books that are reliable, but we should see to it that the men who do the teaching are sound in the faith. Any Board of Trustees should promptly dismiss any teacher who teaches any science so-called which contradicts the Bible. And not only so, but the hard-earned money of the Baptists of the South should not be put into any school that is not true to the faith of the Bible. Every one knows, or should know, that all real science is in harmony with the Bible.

The college life of the boy or the girl is in the formative period of life. The teacher has more to do with the fixing of the character for all time to come than any one else. What a tremendous responsibility is upon the teacher! What a responsibility is upon us all just here! The Christian college is the breeder of the highest type of citizenship, but let it be certain that the college is Christian in all that the word implies.

We would not infringe on the liberties of any school nor of any professor, but we should exercise the liberty of not supporting either; if not sound in the faith. If any one should insist that his foreparents were monkeys, let him organize a school of his own and proceed with the "evolution" of his kindred, but by all means let him not insist on being supported by those who believe that "God created man in his own image, in the image of God created He him; male and female created He them."

Christian Education

HARRY CLARK, Secretary, Nashville

Mr. Curtis G. Faulkner, of Clarksville, writes that he will be one of the hundred men to contribute \$25 a year for four years to the loan fund for needy ministerial students at Hall-Moody. May others join him in this great cause. We now have eleven of the hundred contributors.

LARGER VISION NEEDED

To illustrate the need for millions for the equipment of our colleges, even the city high schools have gone to calling for immense sums. The Lane Technical High School at Chicago is asking for \$4,000,000 for buildings and equipment. In the development of our colleges we must secure larger funds than we have heretofore conceived.

GIFTS TO LIBRARIES NEEDED

At Hall-Moody College one is impressed by the value of the Louis J. Parker Memorial Library. We need right now about the following additional books: Carson and Newman, 3,000 volumes; Tennessee College, 6,000; Union University, 2,000; Hall-Moody, 6,000. May God spur the hearts of some of our laymen to donate these facilities.

MAKING YOUR WILL

What can the wealthy do with their money? Death confiscates all wealth, because no one can carry property into eternity. There is only one way to carry wealth beyond the grave and that is by imitating the example of those who travel to France. They change their dollars into French money which they can use in Paris. In the same way, we can carry our wealth beyond "Jordan" by converting earthly possessions into heaven's coinage of charities and good deeds. In making your will, why not bequeath one-tenth of your estate to one of our colleges to be used to educate young ministers and young women missionaries? You never had a chance to go to the mission field, but you can place your wealth after your death where it will send young missionaries in your place throughout eternity. What a joy to look down from heaven and behold your life still blessing mankind!

To whom should you leave your money? Too often heirs are ruined by sudden bequests, and the testator does more harm than good. Why not give your money then to Christian institutions, where you know it will bless mankind?

MEMORIALS

Furman University, our great Baptist institution at Greenville, S. C., has recently received a gift of \$25,000 to endow its library, as a memorial to Richard Quick, who died of drowning. C. S. Webb gave another \$25,000 for an infirmary as a memorial to his father and grandfather, both of whom were Baptist preachers.

Why cannot our ministers and laymen suggest to bereaved Baptists the opportunity to make memorial gifts to our colleges? These monuments would be blessings to countless boys and girls and would immortalize the departed loved ones. At Tennessee College, there should be some memorial to Dr. Z. C. Graves, that great pioneer in the education of women.

SOME SUGGESTED MEMORIALS

At Carson and Newman College a new dormitory is needed. All four of our colleges need library buildings and gymnasiums. Special professorships could be endowed in special subjects according to the line in which the donor may be interested—History, Spanish, Citizenship, Bible, Literature, Home Economics, Agriculture, Music, Art, etc.

There could be memorials to relatives or to beloved pastors. Even small sums can be used as memorials through loan funds and scholarships.

CHRISTIAN UNION

[By J. E. Skinner]

To a close observer, the struggle among many of the denominations for Christian union is really pathetic. There is a growing consciousness everywhere that God's people ought not to be divided into separate and competing factions. Various methods and means are being employed, such as "The Inter-Church World Movement," "The Federated Churches of America," "The Inter-Church Alliance," "Union Meetings," etc., to bring about the much-coveted end. Of late, at least in some quarters, there is, as perhaps never before, a growing tendency among the denominations to pray for Christian union; which, to the mind of the writer, is the most hopeful sign yet observed. But the pathetic thing about it all is, though perfectly honest in their desire and efforts, they seem not to know the cause of division, and of course, can never find an effective remedy, unless they yet find the source of the trouble. Their prayers, however, instead of their plans and compromises, are headed in the right direction. If the oft-repeated prayer, "Thy will be done," gets off the lips backward and inward, instead of forward and outward, God will not fail to show them His will; and that alone is, and must ever be, the abiding center of vital Christian unity. "God has made foolish the wisdom of the world" in more ways than one. The present divided state of Christianity is due to man's wisdom—his own will, plans and methods—and the remedy will never be found till the wisdom of the world is completely abandoned for the will of God, not alone in the salvation of souls, but in the administration of His will in all the affairs of His Kingdom as well. A plain "Thus saith the Lord" in everything that "pertains to life and godliness" must be the center of unity for His people. To propose Christian union, with division at this point hopelessly prevalent, is the merest child's play, not to say senseless. Men and women who know nothing and believe nothing can unite on nothing, because that's what they believe—NOTHING; but those who know God's will and have firmly and joyfully taken it as their only rule of life, in faith and practice, can never be moved from it by flood or flame, and any proposition to do so falls upon their ears as an idle tale. The words of the true lovers of Jesus, "To whom can we go," are not yet out of date, and they must yet be shown before leaving the One Object of their love; and a proposal to forsake His word will be regarded as an insult to their Lord. Covering up divisions get nowhere. Such covering is like the "fig leaves" of long ago—only a false covering which cannot and ought not endure. The thing that needs covering in religion ought not to be there and ought to be cut out instead of being covered. A doctrine or practice that must be tucked away in the back-

ground should be removed clean off the ground, and a doctrine or practice authorized by the King needs no covering or apology. But they tell us, "There are so many things on which we are agreed that we must not magnify our differences." Thank the Lord for all our agreements and pray that it may be so in everything, but he who stops "magnifying" the Truth is a "slacker" in the King's army, and a traitor to His government and will be of little use in bringing real unity in the Kingdom of God. One encouraging thing about it is, that the principal complaints about divisions and pleas for union are coming from the quarters where divisions started, and from those who, for the most part, still hold the very principles that divided and still divide the Christian world. Those who have given no cause for division may well sit steady in the boat and prayerfully watch the movements, always encouraging and never discouraging any movement that tends toward the Truth, the one and only ground of true Christian unity—always praying, "Thy name be hallowed. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done. As in heaven, so on earth."

Fayetteville, Tenn.

RELIEF WORK IN CHINA

[By John W. Lowe, Missionary]

I am writing from Yu Cheng where Mrs. Lowe and I have been working several days. Leonard and Bryan have joined us. In three days, March 1st to 3rd, we have paid out as per endorsed report the sum of \$2,087.17 to the heads of 1,057 families representing 3,536 persons living in about sixty villages. There are forty more villages to be added to our list just as soon as investigations can be made as to the condition of each household.

These three days have been busy days for us all, with scarcely time for meals or sleep. A good rain has fallen. This is real famine relief for these poor people, for it makes sure a wheat crop, but it is three months till wheat harvest. Next month will be the hardest yet and more money will be needed by these poor people to keep soul and body together.

The first ten thousand gold will bring more than \$20,000. I have just heard that you have sent \$10,000 additional. After a few days on this field Dr. David Bryan plans to visit our poor Christians in Shansi where conditions are rapidly growing worse. He will carry a part of the last ten thousand to that field. Dr. Hearn is working with Mr. Pailing of the English Baptist Mission near the mouth of the Yellow River; he reports terrible need there.

It would do our people a world of good to see how happy these people are to get their offerings. We shall do our best to save every one of them. Tell our people we are looking after every dollar and every person helped is first investigated.

Tsinan Shantung, China, March 4, 1921.

Beecher said: "The clearest window ever fashioned, if it be barred by spider webs and hung over with the carcasses of dead insects so that the sunlight cannot find its way through, is of little use." Many of our young men and women are graduating in school with less moral strength than when they entered. Their intellects may be like the clear windows, but their souls are overhung with spider webs of worldliness.

TOURING IN MISSISSIPPI

By E. Y. Mullins, D.D., LL.D.

I have just completed a speaking tour in Mississippi and Tennessee, and am glad to report that I met many encouraging signs in both of these states. There were two great meetings held in Jackson, Mississippi, at both of which Dr. Scarborough and I delivered addresses. We were greatly impressed with the large and enthusiastic congregations, at both the First and Second churches, in which Pastors Hewitt and King are doing such splendid work. There were many signs of interest and enthusiasm in the Campaign, and the response to our appeals justified the hope that the brethren are going to do all they can to pay up their pledges.

At Mt. Olive, Mississippi, Brother J. E. Byrd, Sunday School worker of Mississippi, arranged for a service at which both of us spoke the next day. There was a large congregation in the middle of the day, enthusiastic and full of interest. There were many representatives from neighboring churches, and the appeal met sympathetic hearing, and we believe the indications were favorable.

From Mt. Olive Dr. Scarborough went on to Laurel to preach the introductory sermon at the Young People's Convention, and I went on to Hattiesburg to speak in the interest of the Campaign to the great church of Dr. Yarbrough and the other churches of Hattiesburg and vicinity. Here also the interest was strong.

The next day Dr. Scarborough and I found ourselves in the midst of one of the greatest young people's conventions we ever attended. I do not know the exact enrollment, but Baptist young people from all over Mississippi had come together in Laurel to hold their annual convention. There must have been from 1,200 to 1,500 delegates from outside of Laurel. The great auditorium was packed, main floor and gallery, during the three addresses which I delivered, morning, afternoon and night. Dr. Scarborough had a similar experience during the several addresses which he delivered. In an appeal made by myself for student volunteers, between a hundred and a hundred and fifty young people responded, definitely committing themselves to Christian work. I have not attended a young people's meeting in many a day that impressed me more than this. Brother Byrd is the leading spirit in pushing the work of the young people in the state, and he is surely doing great things for the Kingdom. This host of young people will be a mighty factor in the future development of Mississippi Baptist affairs.

From Laurel Dr. Scarborough and I both took a train to Nashville, Tenn., where we addressed the Laymen's Convention Friday, March 11. The meeting was quite representative, and we were much impressed with the consecration of the laymen who spoke and of those who were present. Some of the best addresses I have heard anywhere from laymen were delivered at this meeting, and we went away greatly encouraged, because these laymen will accomplish great things in their churches in the direction of meeting the obligations to the \$75,000,000 fund.

I continued the Tennessee tour by speaking at Lebanon on Saturday, at Murfreesboro on Sunday morning, at Shelbyville, Tenn., Sunday night, and twice at Chattanooga on Monday. There is not space to give detailed accounts of these meetings, but it is

in order to say that everywhere there were great audiences and very sympathetic responses. In some cases there were words of discouragement regarding the outlook, but for the most part the tone was one of optimism and hope. I may say that everywhere the attitude which the brethren have shown has been, on the whole, a hopeful one. There are in the minds of many serious misgivings as to the financial situation in the near future, based on present conditions. The low prices which have suddenly come have thrown many into financial confusion. But I have seen more resolute determination to overcome obstacles in meeting obligations to the Lord than I have seen in many a day. In Chattanooga, in the First Church, of which Dr. Inzer is the pastor, there was an interested congregation on Monday night and a large meeting of women in the basement of the same church in the afternoon. Drs. Inzer and Pickard, and the other pastors of Chattanooga, are heart and soul in the campaign, and so far as I could judge, the atmosphere there is most favorable. The brethren there are, of course, much occupied with plans for entertaining the Southern Baptist Convention, but they have shown deep and vital interest in the \$75,000,000 Campaign.

My impressions regarding the ability of Chattanooga to entertain the Convention are most favorable. Of course it is a big task for any city to take care of this great body. But the Chattanooga brethren understand the nature of the problem and have estimated it fully, and I do not hesitate to say that I believe they will meet the situation finely.

I may say in closing this hastily written sketch that I am giving virtually all my time during the fourth quarter to the Seminary session to touring in the interest of the Campaign at the request of the Campaign Commission. I am, in the strictest sense of the word, leading a strenuous life, speaking some days as much as four times, and nearly always twice. Sometimes it is difficult to get a sufficient amount of sleep, for once in a long while the brethren in arranging the schedule for sleeping and speaking do not mix the two elements in the right proportions, as when a three-hours' sleeping arrangement in one night was followed by a five-speech program the next day. However, this was only an incident in a series of engagements which, on the whole, have been admirably planned. My Seminary work is being taken care of by others.

HOW ARE WE GETTING ON

By William Lunsford, Corresponding Secretary

The 75-Million Campaign will mark an epoch in the history of Southern Baptists. One doesn't have to be a prophet to see this. The Campaign itself meant a new day, the recognition on the part of our churches of their responsibility to the ministry, and the assumption of a new attitude toward the worn-out preachers of our churches. Not so much has already been accomplished, but that we have made a new beginning, and propose to go on and on. The Campaign was an evolution, a change in the sentiments of the people from the thought of charity to that of justice and gratitude, in dealing with the retired minister.

General Relief

To be more definite, the Campaign meant:

First—A guarantee of the depomi-

nation's equitable treatment of the ministry from the beginning, clear on through to the day of his homegoing.

Second—A guaranty that when he is retired, he will have an annuity, or annual income, from some fund for his support. Not that the provision of the recent Campaign will do that, but what it has already achieved, and what it points to WILL. Certainly no great department of Southern Baptist work has suffered in the past for the lack of purpose, co-ordination and leadership as the one which relates to the support of the retired minister.

Total Receipts from States from May 1, 1919, to January 1, 1921

Alabama	\$ 23,976.15
Arkansas	4,864.04
District of Columbia	1,620.65
Florida	5,276.21
Georgia	65,637.70
Illinois	2,336.70
Kentucky	47,727.66
Maryland	11,500.00
Louisiana	3,940.14
Mississippi	10,630.62
North Carolina	41,335.36
Oklahoma	3,923.49
Tennessee	27,148.68
Texas	79,711.35
Virginia	78,030.16

Total gross -----\$407,658.16

This Campaign money, as it comes in, is equally divided between General Relief and Annuities. That is to say, we have already collected for General Relief the sum of \$203,829.16. As a result thereof, we have been enabled to greatly increase the number of beneficiaries from the States, until the list stands today near the 800 mark.

Not only has the number of beneficiaries been greatly increased from time to time, but the monthly stipends have increased until the Relief and Annuity Board will, this Convention year, pay out more money for the aid and comfort of indigent ministers than all the States combined, three years ago. We are not, however, doing what we should like to do, but we are making progress.

The Annuity Fund

This fund has now more than 500 members, and stands to pay, as an annuity \$300 to any member who becomes an annuitant under its provisions. This is 60 per cent of the maximum of \$600. Four members of the fund have died within the past fifteen months. The widows of these men are now receiving, as annuitants, three-fifths of what their husbands would have been entitled to as men totally and permanently disabled.

Death recently claimed one of the finest of our young ministers. He held certificate number one in the Annuity Fund. His little six-year-old child, fatherless and motherless now, will receive an amount ranging from \$180 to \$300 per year until 21 years old.

Let it not be forgotten that with the gift of the Sunday School Board and money given by Mr. Rockefeller, the Board has now more than \$400,000 of endowment, the interest on which we are permitted to use from time to time.

Now while we have thus been able to increase the stipends of our beneficiaries from 40 to 60 per cent and have nearly doubled the number of beneficiaries since taking over the work, and have been able to provide annuities for the widows and children of those who died members of the Annuity Fund, we have really done nothing more than touch the fringe of the great problem of our work. There are hundreds and hundreds of our old preachers who are very, very poor, who have never known anything

of the luxuries of life, while others are still worse off and are marching down to the grave like the inmates of a poorhouse.

The appeal of our Board is to the States to make good their pledges to us in the 75-Million Campaign so that we may be able to go to the rescue of still hundreds of others of our impoverished preachers by rendering them material aid and comfort in the day of their need and retirement.

GROVE AVENUE, RICHMOND

By Len G. Broughton

Let me give you a word concerning our work at Grove Avenue, Richmond. The dear old church is moving with a tremendous rush and I am finding it not an easy task to keep from being run over. The place is literally jammed with folks on Sundays; particularly is it true of our Sunday night congregations.

I have been here six months and we have received into the fellowship of the church 113 new members, and a number of others are ready to come in. One hundred of these have come in during the last five or six weeks through our personal worker's campaign. I am sure 90 per cent of them have been individually won by members of the church and turned over to me for membership. This seems to be the best method of evangelizing for the present. We are now planning the enlargement of our premises.

All the Baptist churches of Richmond are moving at high tide. Richmond, Va.

A GREAT MEETING

By J. R. Johnson, Pastor

We began our revival on the first Sunday in April and continued two weeks. In fact we began the evangelistic work in the Sunday school two weeks before the revival proper. Here we had many professions of faith, but did not ask for membership in the church. The Lord was with us in the demonstration of His power. There were many very striking incidents of conviction of sin, and a turning unto the Lord.

The pastor, by request of the church, did his own preaching. And despite a little case of laryngitis he was able to preach through to the end with all his other work. It was a most enjoyable occasion. The church was greatly strengthened and many pronounce it the best meeting we have had for many moons. There have been 112 additions to the church, eighty-seven of them for baptism. All have not been baptized yet, but we take it that they will be. There were quite a number who rededicated themselves to the work of the Lord, and others made professions but did not unite with us. We are all happy and giving the praise to the Lord.

Our Sunday school has gone beyond the 700 mark and we are now to start improvements for larger quarters. Dr. J. W. McMahan had about 140 men present last Sunday in his growing class for men.

Maryville, Tenn.

WMU DELEGATES TO SBC

Delegates—Mrs. Payne, Miss Ethel Jones, Mrs. A. F. Burnley, Miss Reney, Mrs. A. L. Todd, Miss Geneva Carr, Mrs. Pat Burnley, Mrs. S. J. Fitz, Mrs. Powell, Mrs. G. R. Jones.

Alternates—Miss Rachel Van Cleave, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Williams, Miss Nannie Phillips, Mrs. Stuart (Grandview), Miss Cora Moore, Miss Ruby Reeves, Mrs. John Thompson, (Seventh Church), Mrs. John P. Roberts, Mrs. Woodall, Lucile Inlow.

Please let your vice president know before May 10, if you cannot go to Chattanooga, so your place may be supplied from list of alternates.

The soul of all improvement is the improvement of the soul.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B Y P U

W. D. HUDGINS, Superintendent
Tullahoma

W. H. PRESTON, B Y P U Secretary
Knoxville

COMPARATIVE ATTENDANCE

Of all schools reporting actual members on Sunday of date given below. No school included that does not reports its attendance according to the rules and whose actual attendance is less than 300:

Sunday, May 8:

First, Nashville	-----
First, Memphis	-----852
Central, Memphis	-----850
First, Chattanooga	-----825
Central, Johnson City	-----683
Tabernacle, Chattanooga	-----631
Martin	-----629
Maryville	-----625
Broadway, Knoxville	-----622
Morristown, First	-----592
Rossville, Chattanooga	-----564
Island Home, Knoxville	-----561
Deaderick Ave., Knoxville	-----552
Bellvue, Memphis	-----533
Avondale, Chattanooga	-----532
Sweetwater	-----500
Bell Ave., Knoxville	-----492
Fifth Avenue, Knoxville	-----469
Cleveland	-----446
Jackson, Second	-----444
Euclid Avenue, Knoxville	-----433
East Chattanooga	-----416
Lonsdale, Knoxville	-----412
Clarksville	-----411
Central, Chattanooga	-----408
Immanuel, Nashville	-----401
Temple, Memphis	-----400
Humboldt	-----371
South Knoxville	-----359
Ridgedale, Chattanooga	-----317
Oakwood, Knoxville	-----312
Hartsville	-----305
Gillespie Ave., Knoxville	-----305
Eastland, Nashville	-----304
Immanuel, Knoxville	-----301
Rowan Memorial, Memphis	-----301
Highland Park, Chattanooga	-----300
Edgefield, Nashville	-----
Grace, Nashville	-----
Lockeland, Nashville	-----

Send in notes of interesting things that happen in your school. It will help others to know what you are

Bro. W. E. Wauford, Watertown, sends for more manuals and reports a fine class studying in this book.

We are glad to see that Tennessee came out so well in the campaign paying pledges. We hope to put on our usual program this year if nothing happens to prevent.

Middleton is working for the standard. Will soon be on the list. A training school conducted by Mr. Milton has put new life into that school and they are determined to climb to the best.

Mr. Andrews who helped us in the Knoxville Training School sends in several other names who have finished under his personal direction the Normal Manual begun with him in the class at Knoxville.

If you desire a training school in your church this summer please write us at once so we may make provisions for it. We wish to spend most of the summer in the country churches and would like to hold institutes where we have not had them yet. In fact we desire to go to the most destitute places in the association if engagements can be made at such places. If the people will help us we can make a clean sweep of this matter and carry the best work and workers to all the schools of the state.

The biggest summer Tennessee has ever had was 1921. We have on more real educational work than ever before. Let everybody help us to put this program over in good shape.

Begin now to keep your record for this month so you can enter the contest for June in the increased attendance. No matter how small your school is you have the same chance as the larger ones.

Bro. W. B. Woodall, Orlinda, superintendent for Robertson County Association writes approving of our plan to hold a conference for the superintendents in his association and will call this meeting soon after the big convention.

Mrs. Abe Tabor, Creston, has accepted the vice-presidency of Riverside Association and will help us to put in some real Sunday-school work in that association in the near future. She is a live wire and will be a great help in this section.

We record the marriage of Miss Abbie Janeway on next Sunday. She was one of our efficient helpers during the last two summers in the special country drive. We wish her well and trust that she and her preacher husband may find a happy and fruitful field in which to spend their useful lives for their Master.

The young lady in the office has been out sick this week hence some delay in the mail and also in sending out awards and ——. She is quite proficient in all these matters and when she is out we do not know just how to do it as she does and hence delay the matter until her return. It is hoped that she will be present next week and herself again and will soon pick up the loose ends.

Since the three large conventions we are trying to gather the statistics of all our schools not reporting either to these conventions or through their associational minutes. So if you get a blank please fill it out and return to us. Sometimes the enrollment is given in the minutes but no name of superintendent given. Whatever is lacking in the report we are after that. Help us to correct our statistics in this way.

We have written personal letters to all the associational superintendents asking their opinion as to a conference for the superintendents of their association and every one that has answered approves of the plan. It is hoped that we may have such a meeting in every association right away. We have withdrawn our personal work from the training schools in order to give our personal attention to the organization of associational conventions and holding conferences with the superintendents.

Notwithstanding we urged in last weeks notes and explained the terms of the contest not one single school has reported to us their gain last month. We would like to have reports from the schools that have made a gain in your average attendance last month. Or if you will give us your actual attendance on the first Sunday in each month compared with what it was the month preceding we will figure up the average gain. This applies to small schools as well as large ones. Send in your report and watch our schools grow. The contest among the larger schools of the state has stirred up a lot of enthusiasm and many have almost doubled their attendance during the last few months. Why not double up the smaller ones as well?

Mr. John Harton has been elected superintendent of the Tullahoma Sunday School and it is predicted now that he will put new life and interest into it as he does this with everything he does. We are confidently expecting to see this school grow to 400 in a few months.

The Second Church, Jackson, Tenn., is now on the honor roll again having attained the high standard of the A-1. This is the only school in the state to reach this high mark. Several are making strides toward the standard and will soon be on this list. We are working for 100 this year. Who will be the next to reach it?

The Field Workers' Association meets at Chattanooga, next Tuesday evening, for a two-days session. At these meetings the advanced questions are discussed and then new plans laid by the statement. We hope to attend these sessions and get great good from the suggestions offered by the men who are really doing things in Sunday-school work.

Beginning July 11th we will have a full summer. The Tennessee Encampment meets at Murfreesboro, July 11th to 17th; The West Tennessee Mid-summer Training School meets at Jackson, July 18th to 25th; The Butler Encampment meets at Butler, July 24th to 29th; The Cosby Encampment, August 1st to 6th; The East Tennessee Mid-summer Training School at Jefferson City, August 8th to 15th and the Preacher School for all East Tennessee immediately following this training school at the same place for ten full days closing August 25th. While these assemblies and conventions are on there will be several smaller training schools on in other sections of the state. The programs of these larger meetings are ready now and will be printed in the paper right away. We are giving place now to the BYPU State Convention which comes before these larger meetings.

SIX-POINT RECORD SYSTEM

By W. D. Hudgins

This system consists of a Teacher's Class Book, Individual Report Slips, Individual Report Envelopes, Class Report Envelopes, Departmental Report Envelopes, Parent Cards, a Loose-leaf Secretary's Record and a large Loose-leaf Class Book for Organized Classes, each item carrying the regular six-point record and all so arranged as to carry same record from the individual to the Secretary's Book in perfect order.

The Individual Report Slips or the Individual Report Envelopes carry the report of each pupil to the Class Book. On this Class Book the record of each pupil is kept and the Parent Card is filled out from this marking and sent to the parent, showing the monthly or quarterly record of each pupil. From this Class Book also the totals for the class are placed on the Class Envelopes and the offering from the class inside the envelopes and carried to the Secretary of the Department or to the Secretary of the Main School if it be a small school. From the Department or to the Secretary of the School if it be a small school. From the Department Blackboard or Secretary's Book the totals for the Department are placed on the Departmental Envelopes with the offering and carried to the Secretary of the Main School, who in turn places same on his blackboard by departments and then from the envelope record to the Secretary's Book for permanent record.

The Organized Class Book is a loose-leaf book carrying an unlimited number of names and the individual report as in the smaller class book. It can be refilled for a few cents and a new book had, as the cover will last indefinitely.

The Secretary's Book is a large loose-leaf book covering two years and can be refilled for one cent a sheet, giving you a new book for a

few cents. It contains enrollment sheets showing the name, age, whether Christian, address, when dropped and why, and where gone after leaving school. It also has blanks for weekly reports, monthly summaries, quarterly reports and a complete annual summary for the letter to the association. This is the most complete system that has ever been gotten out for all kinds of schools. Where the schools are large each department has a book carrying the record by classes and then in turn reporting to main school by departments and the Secretary's Book records same by departments. In small schools the records same by departments. In small schools the record carries the reports by classes.

We publish all this material and shall be glad to send direct from the Tullahoma office.

B Y P U NOTES

SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF STUDENT VOLUNTEERS

Under the leadership of Rev. Mark Harris of Union University, a special conference is being arranged for our Student Volunteers of Tennessee as they gather for the State BYPU Convention in Nashville, June 15 to 18.

The first session will be held in the First Baptist Church, Wednesday morning, June 15, at 10 o'clock. Several speakers have been invited to address the volunteers, besides representatives from the different student organizations of the State.

The program in brief will be as follows:

Call to order, by the President.
Devotional services, Wm. R. Hamilton.

Business and organization.
Reports from Mission Bands.
The Experiences of Our Volunteers.
Special Music—Tennessee College.
Address, special speaker.
Prayer service.

This will give an opportunity for the Student Volunteers of this State to come together before the Convention proper convenes. A later conference will be provided for in the Convention program for Thursday afternoon at 3:30.

Mr. Mansfield Bailey, President of the Nashville City Union, urges the volunteers to attend this meeting. Entertainment will be provided for those who come to this early session. Please send your names and time you expect to reach Nashville to Miss Ruth Hardiman, 2216 Patterson, Nashville.

THAT BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR CONVENTION SPECIAL, JUNE 2.

Not long ago a request was sent out for articles to be written by our young people for the BYPU Convention Special, which will appear June 2. The response has been most gratifying. Each mail brings word from these loyal folks saying that they are going to have an article ready for the paper and into the hands of Mr. Hudgins by May 20. Such a ready co-operation is inspiring indeed.

QUESTIONS ON BIBLE READINGS

May 16.—Isaiah 38: 1-15. Give the account of the remarkable prayer and answer in this chapter. Give key verse.

May 17.—Isaiah 40: 1-11. Of what coming does Isaiah prophesy? Give key verse.

May 18.—Isaiah 42: 1-13. What is to be the coming Messiah's Mission?

May 19.—Isaiah 43:1-13. What are God's promises to His chosen people?

What does He say they are? Give key verse.

May 20.—Isaiah 44: 21-28. What does Jehovah say regarding the sins of His people?

May 21.—Isaiah 49: 1-13. What statement is made foretelling the extent of Christ's message? Give key verse.—Lucy E. Cooper.

OUR 1921 CONVENTION FINANCES

It has been suggested by several that the amount needed to defray the expenses of the 1921 Convention be raised ahead of time. Such a plan will be carried out and letters will be mailed out to each Union in the State in a few days presenting the plan to them.

A letter from Jackson tells of a contest that is being held in the First Church Union to secure better programs, daily Bible reading, attendance, and new members. The result has been a renewed interest in the work.

Miss Lucy Stark writes from Union University: "I am looking forward to the Convention. I feel like we are going to have the greatest convention we have ever had and that we will each one be wonderfully blessed for having attended it."

Mr. Tom Maston is going to write an article for the June 2 issue of the Baptist and Reflector on "Our Summer BYPU Campaign." It ought to

be very interesting. Mr. Maston will be one of the members of the field force again this summer.

The Junior City Union of Nashville met Sunday afternoon at 2:30 with the Park Avenue church. The meeting was largely attended and a great spirit for work was shown. Greetings were read from some who could not be present. The aim is to have 400 present in their June meeting.

Miss Anna Murphy, corresponding secretary of the City Junior Union of Nashville, is on the job. Miss Murphy notifies the various Unions by phone, cards and letters, and repeatedly urges them to attend the city Union meetings. The result has been shown by the large attendance.

The efficient treasurer of our State Convention, Mr. J. S. Argo, Trezevant, Tenn., sends a brief report of the State Convention finances of last year. To date almost all the pledges have been paid and it is hoped that those few remaining will make their remittance before the first of June.

If you are planning to attend the State BYPU Convention for but one day or between trains, please send your name in to the Chairman of the Assignment Committee, Miss Ruth Hardiman, 2216 Patterson, Nashville. Also when you expect to arrive and leave the city. This will aid greatly in making the work of entertainment easier.

Mrs. F. H. Leavell of Georgia, has accepted our invitation to be present at the Junior section of our State Convention, and will speak each day on "Junior Methods." We are fortunate indeed to be able to have such a splendid Junior worker as Mrs. Leavell is to be with us.

The Hopewell BYPU, near Springfield, Tenn., gave a Demonstration Program at the Oakland church in the Robertson County Association, and organized a fine BYPU with 25 members. Miss Ethel Jones conducted the program. Mr. Clark Briggs was selected as President of the new Union.

Our State President of Junior leaders, Mr. C. F. Crist, of Memphis, urges all Junior leaders of the state to be present at the State Convention in June. Also that each Union have at least one representative. Provision should be made for having either the Junior leader or other adult responsible for the Juniors while at the Convention. Mr. Crist's address is 1684 Walker, Memphis.

Our colleges are responding splendidly to the BYPU College Extension work to be carried on this summer. Union University has a group of 20 who are preparing to teach the Manual under the leadership of Mr. Hobart Cooper. At Carson-Newman, Mr. Lloyd Householder is taking charge of the volunteer workers and reports a fine interest. Prospects are bright for a great summer's work.

A conference of the BYPU officers of the Memphis Unions will be held in the Binghamton church, May 22-27. This should be a great week as the officers of the city are to come together and in a practical way discuss the best plans for work. Mr. Clifford Davis, President R. L. Moore, Mr. C. A. Pinson, Mr. C. F. Crist, Mr. S. C. White and others are to assist in the week's program. Your State Secretary is looking forward to another happy week with these progressive young people.

Mr. Frank E. Burkhalter, Publicity Director for the Southern Baptist Convention, has kindly consented to assist us in our publicity work for the BYPU Convention. We appreciate this help from such a busy man as Mr. Burkhalter. We can rest assured that through Mr. Burkhalter's knowledge of publicity, every section of the state will be reached between now and June 15. Our aim is to have not only every Union but every church represented if possible.

Missouri has some splendid churches yet pastorless ran, Morley, Blodgett, Caruthersville and many preachers may come our way who will help Missouri out of the rut. This is a great field and has many great Baptists who are as loyal as can be found on earth.



The Facts of the Telephone Situation in Tennessee

By J. EPPS BROWN, President

CUMBERLAND TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO. (Incorporated)

The telephone industry in Tennessee faces a crisis unparalleled during its entire history—the cumulative effect of conditions during the past four years—conditions which this company was powerless to influence or control. The only cure for this condition is such increase in the charges for telephone service as will produce a revenue sufficient to pay the costs involved in rendering this service and leave such a margin of profit as will equal a reasonable return upon the value of its property within the state devoted to public use and as will restore the company's credit to the point where it may obtain the large sums of additional new capital which must be raised if the public is to be supplied with adequate facilities and service.

The following figures show the results of its operation in Tennessee during the past five years:

	1916	1917	1918	1919	1920
Investment	\$11,812,347.48	\$12,381,482.12	\$13,048,580.31	\$13,885,118.35	\$15,683,301.41
Gross revenue	3,018,782.90	3,234,753.60	3,439,007.52	4,248,996.97	4,944,567.49
Total expenses	2,524,715.65	2,702,172.90	3,104,565.78	3,798,695.27	4,638,783.09
Net revenue	494,067.25	532,580.70	334,441.74	450,301.70	305,784.40
Per cent of net earnings to investment ..	4.19%	4.30%	2.59%	3.04%	1.95%

This Company has never earned a profit equal to the legal rate of interest in the State of Tennessee, so there were no excess earnings in the past. These figures show the actual operations in this State.

There is no question of stocks or bonds or capitalization of any kind involved. These figures represent the original cost of the actual physical property of the company used by the public of Tennessee, the actual expenses incurred in operating that property and the gross and net revenue received—nothing more and nothing less.

It is obvious to any business man that the revenue is not sufficient to properly operate the business and that the present rates are confiscatory.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

MISS MARGARET BUCHANAN, Corresponding Secretary
MISS AGNES WHIPPLE, Young People's Secretary
Headquarters: 161 Eighth Ave., N. Nashville, Tennessee

Final figures for Tennessee WMU, 1920-21, \$192,506.34.

The monthly Examining Board meeting was of unusual interest as the final reports for the year were presented. The largest number of superintendents reporting in one quarter came in time for this meeting, some in the last hour. Thirty-one received a hopeful note sounded by nearly all.

State Treasurer Mrs. J. T. Altman had received up to 10. a. m., Tuesday, May 3, 410 blanks, 75 of these coming in after her report had gone to Baltimore, necessitating the expense of telegraphing more than \$27,000. This put us over our quota of one-fifth of the states quota but not one-fifth of our pledges.

See figures at top of page.

A surprise to the examining Board and a surprise and matter of regret to very many of our workers, was resignation of Miss Agnes Whipple, Young Peoples Secretary to take effect July 1. She accepts a position in Carson Newman College for the coming year, and will be on the field to solicit students during the summer. She has wrought well in these three and one-half years. A committee was appointed to draft suitable resolutions.

—M. B.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE WMU

The initial meeting of the Middle Tennessee WMU Convention was an open conference of associational superintendents and WMU workers, Tuesday evening, April 19.

Miss Ethel Jones led a helpful devotional service, and Miss L. A. McMurry directed the conference. The discussions were practical and helpful. The topics suggested by the vice-president were timely and vital to WMU interests. A good crowd present.

Wednesday's program was opened by Miss Geneva Carr in a helpful service, prayer being her topic. Mrs. C. C. Lucas welcomed the visitors cordially. Mrs. Burnley responding. A roll call of associations showed that Bledsoe, Concord, Cumberland, Duck River, Nashville, and Robertson County were represented. Robertson County having the largest number except Bledsoe where the meeting was held.

The message of the vice-president was rich in thought and diction. We hope to give this to our readers sometime soon.

Mrs. Albert E. Hill then spoke on White Cross work making all wish they had had a part in this work, but reminding us that there will be another time when we may help.

"Best plans for Circle work" was presented by Mrs. J. C. Morecock, president of Immanuel WMS from her own experience, her society using the plan very successfully.

Mrs. H. E. Mullins, Grandview Church, spoke on "Our Weeks of Prayer," impressing the importance of this custom.

The address of Mrs. Maude R. McClure at this hour was the crowning feature of the day's program. We wished that every young woman in Tennessee might have heard her message.

Committees were appointed and we adjourned to partake of the beautiful lunch provided for all by Portland women.

Afternoon session opened with a devotional, led by Mrs. S. N. Morrow of Springfield, this followed by a helpful presentation of "Personal Service" by Mrs. W. W. Russell, Cumberland City, state chairman. Mrs. Gupton adding some instructions on reporting "Personal Service."

Loyalty was again discussed by your secretary and the audience sang heartily the loyalty song written by Mrs. Burnley.

Stewardship and enlistment was the theme of a splendid paper read by Miss Rachel Van Cleve, Murfreesboro.

"The Devotional Service in Our Meetings" was the subjects of a most inspiring message from Mrs. T. L. Thompson, Shelbyville. Some who know Mrs. Thompson said the great force of the message was in the life of the speaker. Surely no one could ever render a perfunctory service when assigned this important part of a missionary meeting.

The demonstrations given by Portland YWA and Sunbeams, was excellent indeed showing talent and careful preparation. The Sunbeams play was especially fine and the reading given by their leader, Miss Huff, daughter of the pastor.

The vice-president and secretary-treasurer were again the choice of the women.

Mrs. Burnley, true and tired, and Miss Lucile Inlow a most efficient recording secretary. All pronounced this the best meeting of Middle Tennessee WMU.

The hospitality of Portland was unbounded. All visitors to WMU and Sunday School Convention were cordially welcomed. It was my good fortune to be in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guilford Moore with Mrs. Carr as companions. That part of the Sunday School Convention attended was up to high water mark; notably the sermon by Rev. L. S. Ewton and address by others.

—M. B.

SUMMARY OF SUPERINTENDENTS REPORTS, QUARTER ENDING APRIL 30.

Beulah, Mrs. S. E. Brummell, Big Emory, Miss Ada Robinson, Big Hatchie; Mrs. T. L. Martin, Bledsoe; Miss Geneva Carr; Chilhowie; Mrs. John Gilbert Clinton; Mrs. E. L. Dawn, Concord; Mrs. B. J. Dillard, Duck River; Miss Nora Raney, East Tenn.; Miss Nannie Murry, Eastanallee; Mrs. H. W. McClarey, Ebenezer; Miss Okaleen Howell, Hiawassie, Mrs. O. C. Ewing, Holston; Mrs. F. M. McNeese, Jefferson County; Mrs. J. I. Huggins, Knox County; Mrs. R. L. Harris, Little Hatchie; Mrs. G. W. Locke, Nashville; Mrs. L. A. McMurry, New Salem; Mrs. James Vann, Nolachuckie; Mrs. S. P. Harris, Providence; Mrs. E. F. Kinser, Robertson County; Mrs. G. R. Jones, Shelby County; Mrs. W. B. Crenshaw, Sweetwater; Mrs. Mary Noel Moody, Unity; Mrs. R. C. Mayo, Watauga; Mrs. J. Frank Sellar, Weakley County; Mrs. T. N. Hale, Western District; Mrs. D. M. Noble, William Carey, Miss Irene Saunders.

These 30 report 44 societies visited, 9 organized, 23 associational meetings held, 23 other meetings, 631 leaflets distributed, 812 letters and cards written, 54 telephone calls, 11 attended their divisional conventions.

Mrs. Martin reports fine quarterly meeting, women praying for loyalty, Mrs. Russell's good interest in Cumberland; Mrs. McClarey had good quarterly meeting, much encouraged; Miss Raney had 100 in her last meeting great interest; Mrs. Ewing has begun mission study; Mrs. Huggins good meeting; Mrs. R. L. Harris visited 10 societies and attended 21 meetings; Mrs. Lock asks for more literature; Mrs. McMurry says societies reporting better are well up on campaign; Mrs. Vann says interest growing; Mrs. Kinser meetings getting better all the time; Mrs. G. R. Jones and Mrs. Gregory report progress; Mrs. Moody says mission study gaining ground and interest in young peoples work; the death of Mrs. Lowrey keenly felt; Mrs. Mayo asks prayer pro unity; Mrs. Sellar had profitable meeting with divisional vice-president and secretary present; Mrs. Hale reports a great meeting in Weakley County, 60 attending, vice-president with them; Mrs. Longmire has prospects of new organizations; Mrs. Crenshaw reports the best meeting with 400 present.

Young People's Dept.

On Sunday, April 10, a Sunbeam Band and a Royal Ambassador chapter were organized at Dickson. Miss Tommye Perry is to lead the Sunbeams and Mr. S. A. Freeman the R. A.'s. A pleasant day was spent there in the home of the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Wilson Woodcock and with Mrs. Dora Hensley the associational superintendent.

A week in April was spent by the Young People's Secretary teaching the WMU Manual at Union University. The YWA girls were very eager to have it before going out for their summer work. We also welcomed some of the preacher students to the class. A number of splendid papers were sent in and certificates awarded.

Several quarterly meetings were attended by the Young People's Secretary during April. The Big Hatchie meeting at Harmony, twelve miles out from Stanton, was held despite the threatening weather and the actual downpour which began in a storm at noon and lasted all afternoon. A good program had been arranged by Mrs. Martin the superintendent. A paper on "Loyalty" by Mrs. Gilliam Jones of Stanton, a splendid talk on "White Cross Work" by Mrs. Davis of Brownsville, an inspirational address by Mrs. M. G. Bailey, vice-president of West Tenn., an address on Young Peoples' Work by the secretary other discussions which were profitable. A duet by Miss Bogle and Miss Stewart of Harmony church was much enjoyed.

Leaving Stanton that evening, I went to McKenzie, arriving there about midnight, spent the rest of the night and ran down to Huntingdon the next morning to meet with the women and the girls of their WMS that afternoon. I was entertained in the restful home of Mrs. J. B. Gilbert, president of the WMS. They promised to organize a Sunbeam Band and we will be looking for the report of it.

In the evening I went back to McKenzie for the quarterly meeting of Weakley County the next day. We spent the night with Mrs. E. K. Higgins, one of the leaders in woman's work there, and greatly enjoyed her hospitality. On Thursday a good crowd gathered and Mrs. T. N. Hale, the superintendent presided. Mrs. Winkler, president of McKenzie WMS, in giving the welcome address, pre-

months' old son a spray of sweet peas sent to the superintendent's 'two tied with baby ribbon in blue and welcomed him to Weakley County WMU as their mascot. Mrs. Hale with her enthusiasm and consecration is leading a wonderful development in this association. Her plan of dividing her territory into groups and having a vice-president over each one is fine. An inspirational address by Mrs. Bailey was helpful and inspiring. Discussion on "Loyalty" and "Stewardship" were interesting. Several "Ship" were interesting. Several of the Mt. Pleasant Sunbeams were present and added much to the program. These were Thomas Waggoner, Gladys Warren, Mildred Miles and Jessie Fields.

Little Hatchie meeting was held at Whiteville. The superintendent, Mrs. Locke, was ill and unable to be present, but Mrs. Dickinson of Mercer presided with grace and ease. Good reports were heard from several societies. Mrs. A. Barbour of Oakland spoke earnestly and well on "Enlistment." Mrs. W. Q. Maer of Jackson "Stewardship." I was compelled to leave shortly after noon to catch my train and heard only a part of a splendid demonstration on "White Cross Work," given by the Whiteville GA's. I had to miss also the play let by the Mercer YWA's and Mrs. Bailey's address. I was graciously entertained by Mrs. F. T. Blatlock, Sunbeam leader of Whiteville.

At all of these meetings the young people's work was presented and there is a noticeable increase in activity along the lines of unior organizations.

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WHAT PASTORS CAN DO TO ADVANCE THE WORK OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD.

By Wm. Lunsford, Corresponding Secretary.

The big principle involved in our great plan for ministerial comfort and relief is the principle of co-operation. The great call of the denomination in the new Convention Board is the call to line up and move in one direction in the accomplishment of a great task. Notice how that call has been answered. On the general relief side of our work we are now a unity, with the exception of one state. State fences have been torn down, and state lines obliterated. Henceforth the worn-out and retired minister will not be thought of as the beneficiary of any particular state, but rather as the ward of the denomination; with the Southern Convention exercising the beneficent office of protector and guardian.

The thing of co-operating and working together involves every phase and method of denominational life and expression. The denomination expresses itself first and foremost, I should say, through the man called of God to be pastor.

First: Preach a sermon once a year on the subject of Ministerial Relief.

Who ever heard a sermon on Ministerial Relief? Who ever heard from a Southern pastor a distinct plea for the retired minister? To have shrunk from such a task in the past many have been natural and excusable, for until recent days a word fitly spoken by him might have been regarded as an appeal for charity. That day has passed. Ministerial relief has been elevated, and is now one of the great benevolences of the denomination, and there is no longer a reason why a minister should not in perfect propriety speak for this great movement, without compromising in the least his pride and self-respect.

Men in the pulpit who are pleading for schools and colleges, for missions and hospitals, for black men and red men, yellow men and brown men; ministers whose sympathies go out to the ends of the earth, why don't you speak for yourselves? The income required to meet the needs of retired ministers will never be large enough until pastors speak out without apology, without hesitation, and without false modesty. Look at the report of general relief boards; see how veterans fare, whose term of service is the same as yours. Put yourself on the list, put your wife on the list. Then try to make the mental adjustment of your life and hers to conditions of retirement, and see how it will clear your throat and how your voice will ring out in behalf of your disabled brothers and sisters. You do not hesitate to plead for Africa and China and Korea, and for Belgium and France and Armenia; why fail to cry aloud to your people for your own brothers and sisters who receive so little for their support last year?

Some laymen are puzzled over the silence of the preachers with regard to this matter, and wonder why he can speak with so much animation with regard to the heathen, and in a mere whisper with regard to the retired minister. Pastors must come to self-assertiveness, and not be afraid to speak out in this, their own cause.

Second: Set aside one Sunday morning in the year as veterans' day in the Sunday school.

We need a Sunday school for ministerial relief, not only to get money, but to educate our young people with regard to his important feature of our work. Subtract State, Home and Foreign Mission days from our work in the Sunday schools for the past ten

years and compute the loss, if you can.

Ministerial relief is a new thing in the denomination. The people are not informed about it. Our boys and girls never heard about it. We must teach them. In connection with the Sunday School Board, there should be inaugurated "Veterans' Day" in the Sunday schools. Children are a mighty host among Southern Baptists. They constitute an army of millions. The greatness of this host is not in its members, but in its tomorrows, tomorrows which are already dawning. The dreams of childhood soon take form in deed. Impressions then made endure through all the years. We must let the children become familiar with this matter. Give them a hand in it. There should be a children's day program for the Sunday school. On this day the children should be given a part in the service. It would be well if the service went on into the preaching service. They might, on that day, provide flowers for the church. In the Sunday school, by reciting story, or by class exercise, the children may become actively interested in the cause of the old preacher. On this Sunday, or some other, the children should be given the privilege of bringing an offering for the aged minister. It is the only way that we can think of for putting ministerial relief on the map, and to give it a place with our other great objects. The result of such a campaign cannot be computed in dollars, though dollars are not the main thing in view. We must inform; we must create sentiment.

Third: Mention ministerial relief in his public prayers before his congregation. "Like preacher, like people," is a very true adage. The members of his flock will become interested in whatever the pastor is interested in, as a thing to be fostered by the denomination. If he did not espouse in the most whole-hearted manner the denominational schools and colleges of the state, and other state-wide interests, the same thing would be absolutely true of his congregation. In all these things the flock will follow the shepherd. The pastor is interested in these things and speaks with clarion voice with regard to them, prayers; and to the extent that he does this, the people become warm-hearted, responsive and liberal in their behalf.

Now, what is true of these things would so become true of Ministerial Relief. Let the pastor pray for this object, and for the new Convention Board at Dallas, and in a little while he will find a new and growing interest in the same direction among the people in his flock.

Fourth: Encourage his laymen to lead in this matter in a very special sense.

We are delighted to see our business men take interest and come to the front in our churches, because in this way we feel that finances are going to be put on a business basis. Now, why would it not be possible to interest the laymen in these old soldiers of the churches, who have fought their last fight, and who ought to be able to spend the remaining years in life without coming to actual want? Not long ago, a body of a dozen laymen, belonging to one of the great denominations of the country, engaged in a great movement for the retired minister, issued an address, which was an appeal to the country in behalf of these men who are so fast growing in to the years. We are busy these days discussing pensions for school teachers, public servants, and veteran workers of all kinds. Would not an agitation for better-paid pastors and an increase in the incomes of old preachers be in order? Surely the ministry is not a more selfish or remunerative calling than the others. The pastors,

however, do hesitate in taking the lead in the matter of this. Certainly the layman should not. It is up to them to do it.

Fifth: Use the printed page in stirring up an interest among his people. This is one of the great channels through which the denomination functions mightily.

We must create our own literature for this object and distribute it ourselves. There is virtually nothing of the kind in the country anywhere. There is nothing of more importance. Neal Daw declared that preceding the adoption of the constitutional prohibitory amendment in May, he sowed the state knee-deep with literature on the subject of intemperance. This great work of ours cannot be accomplished without the liberal use of printers' ink. That is seed from which great harvest ought to grow. Erasmus, when in Paris, wrote: "As soon as I get my money, I shall buy Greek books, then I shall buy some clothes." Like the great scholar of the Renaissance, we must put immense emphasis on books, leaflets and tracts, printed faithfully and fired frequently. It is the age of the printer. We can do nothing without him. The printed page is to be a chief portion of our campaign and initiative. Opposition born of ignorance, prejudice and selfishness may be defeated in this as in no other way.

The Board at present is using some excellent tracts, which are being distributed far and wide over the South. Some of these were written by the Secretary and some by the brethren. "The Sacred Call" is one; "Sense and Sentiment for the Annuity Fund" is another; "Helping to Help Yourself" is another; "Ministerial Support," bearing on the subject of recruiting the ministry, the character of the ministry, etc., is another. This, however, is a mere beginning. Southern Baptists must create a literature of their own.

A letter to the Secretary at Dallas will bring all the literature needed. When it is received, let the pastor circulate it among the people.

Sixth: See that the work of the Relief and Annuity Board has a place on the program of the District Association.

The people do not know about the work. It has never, until recent days, had a place in the life and program of the denomination. Information is what is needed. The people do not know. To educate our Southern Baptist people with regard to Ministerial Relief is one of the problems of the Convention Board. The people must be informed, or they will never act intelligently and generously in the matter of this great and new denominational enterprise. Our people must be taught. They must be brought to see that when a man gives the whole of his life to a self-denying ministry of the Gospel, he must not, in his old age, suffer want for the necessities of life, and that when a minister dies prematurely and leaves a destitute family, they must not be allowed to go down to the grave like the inmates of the poor house. This can never be true until Ministerial Relief is featured in the denominational program, just as our other great enterprises are featured.

If pastors will co-operate as above outlined in this new denominational endeavor, in no great while our people will come to think of Ministerial Relief as one of the causes to be permanently fostered and maintained along with our other benevolences.

REDUCED SUMMER RATES TO MOUNTAINS AND SEA

Asheville, N. C., May 2.—Announcement that reduced round-trip summer tourist fares to the mountain and sea-short resorts with liberal stop-over privileges will be put in effect by the railways of the South on May 15 is expected to result in an even larger volume of travel to Western North Carolina this summer than in the past. The Southern Railway announces that the numerous attractive resorts on its lines will be included in the tariffs. Tickets will be sold until September 30, with final return limit October 31.

Among the greatest attractions of the Southern mountains are the five National Forests which are now open to the public. The Boone Forest, including the Mount Mitchell section, and the Pisgah Forest, including a large part of the estate of the late George W. Vanderbilt, are both easily reached from Asheville. The Nantahala Forest, lying in North Georgia, Northwest South Carolina and Western North Carolina, is traversed by the Tallulah Falls Railway and can also be reached from Walhalla, S. C. There are also the Cherokee Forest in North Georgia and East Tennessee and the Unaka Forest in East Tennessee and Southwest Virginia. The magnificent scenery in these forests has been made accessible over the roads and trails built by the United States Forest Service.

The round-trip rates to Asheville from some of the principal points in the South will be: Atlanta, \$17.00; Birmingham, \$24.84; Meridian, \$34.78; Macon, \$22.68; Jacksonville, \$31.04; Columbus, Ga., \$24.63; Augusta, \$13.68; Charleston, \$19.08; Columbia, \$10.66; Danville, Va., \$15.56; Greensboro, N. C., \$12.39; Washington, \$32.55.

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PASTORS' CONFERENCES

NASHVILLE

Centennial.—Pastor L. P. Royer preached on "The Influence of Mother" and "God Pressing For Decision." In SS, 138; good BYPU.

Edgefield.—Pastor W. M. Wood preached on "The Christian Mother." No night service account of Ham-Ramsey tent meeting. Baptized 1; in SS, 363; by letter, 3; in Jr. BYPU, 21; in BYPU, 50; conversions, 1. \$340 raised in SS.

Eastland.—Pastor O. L. Halley preached on "Saved by Grace." Adjourned at night for tent meeting. In SS, 304.

Belmont Heights.—Pastor Geo. L. Hale preached on "Mother" and "The Man Jesus." In SS, 239; in BYPU, 25; in Jr. BYPU, 19; by letter, 3; conversions, 1.

Grandview.—Pastor A. F. Haynes. Mother's Day services in morning. Pastor preached on "The Eternal Punishment of the Wicked" at night. In BYPU, 25; in Jr. BYPU, 15.

Grace.—Pastor T. C. Singleton preached on "The Mother Feeling in the Heart of Jesus" and "The Love Commended by the Cross." For baptism, 34; baptized, 28; by letter, 6; conversions, 32; in SS, 391; in BYPU, 30; in Jr. BYPU, 18; in Jr. BYPU No. 2, 19.

Immanuel.—Ryland Knight, pastor. M. O. Carpenter spoke in evening on "What Think Ye of Jesus?"

North Edgefield.—Pastor A. W. Duncan spoke at both hours. In SS, 268; additions, 21; baptized, 13.

Park Ave.—Pastor A. M. Nicholson preached on "Mothers of Men" and "The Soul's Conflict with Sin." For baptism, 1; baptized, 6; in SS, 251; in BYPU, 23; in Jr. BYPU No. 1, 15; in Jr. BYPU No. 2, 27.

Seventh.—Pastor Edgar W. Barnett preached on "The State of the Lost After Death" and "Holiness." For baptism, 1; baptized, 1; by letter, 1; conversions, 1; in SS, 152; in BYPU, 22.

Third.—Pastor C. D. Creasman spoke on "The Influence of Christian Mothers" and "Reasoning Against God." In SS, 322; in BYPU, 25; in Jr. BYPU, 24.

Una.—Pastor F. P. Dodson spoke in evening on "The Closed Door." Bro. Levell spoke on SS work in morning. In SS, 86. Good BYPU.

Calvary.—Pastor A. I. Foster spoke on "Home and Mother" and "Accountability." In SS, 132; in BYPU, 41. For baptism, 1.

Immanuel.—Pastor Ryland Knight spoke in morning on "Christian Mothers." Evening Prof. M. O. Carpenter of Atlanta preached. In SS, 401; in BYPU, 35; in Jr. BYPU, 24. Four by letter and one by baptism.

MEMPHIS

Central.—Pastor Ben Cox spoke five times. In SS, 850; baptized, 2; approved for baptism, 2; by letter, 1.

Highland Heights.—Pastor E. F. Curle preached morning and evening. Church went over apportionment for 75-Million Campaign and are sending pastor and wife to Convention.

Calvary.—Pastor Morris preached at both hours on "Bible Types of Mothers" and "Doing the Extraordinary Thing to Save a Soul." Baptized, 2; in SS, 228; good BYPU's. Service class sends pastor and wife to Convention.

Baptist Hospital.—Pastor M. D. Jeffries supplied for Dr. Boone, First Church, at evening hour. New dining room in hospital occupied Friday with

brief dedicatory exercises.

Immanuel.—Pastor A. R. Pedigo spoke at both hours on "Love's Test" Speedway Terrace.—Pastor spoke at both hours on "A Tribute to Mothers" and "The Greatest Tribute to Man." Work begun on new church.

Temple.—Pastor J. Carl McCoy and "The Unwritten Text." In SS, 400; good BYPU's. By letter, 2.

New South Memphis.—Pastor T. E. Rice spoke at both hours on "Mothers" and "Old Time Religion." In SS, 108; by letter, 3; in BYPU, 35.

La Belle Place.—Pastor D. A. Ellis spoke at both hours. Good day.

Central Ave.—Pastor Smith spoke at morning hour to mothers; at evening hour on "The Thief on the Cross." In SS, 106. Pastor goes to Convention as guest of church.

Seventh Street.—Pastor I. N. Strother spoke at both hours on "Active Faith" and "Seeking Heavenly Things." In SS, 214; in BYPU, 35.

Mt. Pisgah.—Pastor Burk preached. In SS, 74; by baptism, 1.

Neshoba.—Pastor J. W. Joyner. Good services. Five additions.

Hollywood.—J. P. Neel, pastor. In SS, 108. One for prayer.

First.—Pastor Boone spoke at morning hour on "Mothers and Mothers." Dr. M. D. Jeffries at night. In SS, 852. Pastor at Covington Sunday night assisting in ordination of Bro. Richard Owen.

Boulevard.—Pastor J. H. Wright spoke at both hours. One received for baptism. In SS, 180. Pastor goes to Convention.

Prescott Memorial.—Pastor Jas. H. Oakley preached at both hours. In SS, 119; in BYPU, 49; additions, 4. Church send pastor to Convention.

Rowan Memorial.—A. H. Smith, pastor. In SS, 301.

Bellvue.—Pastor W. M. Bostick preached at both hours. In SS, 533; one profession of faith.

Charlton.—Pastor O. A. Utley spoke at both hours on "Many Were Gathered Together Praying" and "Kingdom of Heaven Like a Treasure Hid in a Field." Good SS.

KNOXVILLE

Coal Creek.—Pastor W. A. Carroll spoke at both hours on "The Sufferings of Christ," and "Mother."

Mountain View.—Pastor W. C. McNeely spoke at both hours on "Mothers of the Bible" and "Love the Ruling Motive." In SS, 232.

Mt. Zion.—J. H. Henderson, pastor. Preaching in morning by Rev. W. M. S. McCutcheon. In SS, 180; baptized, 23.

Deaderick Ave.—Pastor J. M. Roddy spoke on "Our Mothers" and "The Glorious Gospel." In SS, 552.

Morristown.—Pastor E. F. Wright spoke in morning on "The Uplifted Christ, the Uplifting Disciples." Dr. A. G. Mosely preached in evening on "Applied Christianity." In SS, 592.

Grove City.—Pastor D. W. Lindsay spoke on "Man's Adversary" and "What the World Needs." One conversion and one renewal.

Fifth Ave.—Pastor J. L. Dance spoke on "Hindrances to an Adequate Program of Religion" and "The Rule for Receiving Christ." In SS, 469.

Ball Camp.—Pastor T. R. Waggoner spoke on "Remembering Our Lord" and "Great Men of the Bible (Jacob)." In SS, 148.

Tazewell.—Oscar E. Sams preached commencement sermon.

Gillespie Ave.—Pastor Jas. N. Poe spoke on "The Spirit of Sacrifice" and "Reward of Christian Faithfulness." In SS, 305; baptized, 1.

Immanuel.—Pastor A. R. Pedigo spoke on "A Sure Foundation" and "The Heart of Man." In SS, 301.

Euclid Ave.—Pastor J. W. Wood spoke in morning on "Who Is On the Lord's Side." Dr. C. F. Swift at night on "Prohibition." In SS, 433.

Smithwood.—Pastor Chas. P. Jones spoke on "The World's Greatest Author, Mother" and "Repentance." In SS, 186; received by letter, 3.

Fountain City.—Pastor Neill Acuff spoke on "Mothers' Day" and "Christ the Only Saviour."

Beaumont.—Pastor A. D. Langston spoke on "A Word of Cheer" and "The Christian World." In SS, 181.

South Knoxville.—Pastor M. E. Miller spoke on "Honor Thy Father and Thy Mother" and "Assurance." In SS, 359.

Lonsdale.—Pastor J. C. Shipe spoke on "The Value of a Mother" and "Your Estimate of Christ." In SS, 412; by letter, 5; in Sr. BYPU, 36; in Jr. BYPU, 48.

Sevierville.—R. E. Corum preached at both hours on "Consecration for Service" and "The Wonderful Christ." In SS, 187.

Sharon.—Pastor G. A. Hinton spoke on "The Lord's Supper" and "The Christian." In SS, 134; for baptism, 1.

Strawberry Plains.—Pastor S. G. Wells spoke on "The Duties of Deacons" and "Jesus Only."

Lincoln Park.—Pastor L. W. Clark spoke at both hours on "Jesus Only" and "What Shall I Do With Jesus?" In SS, 262.

Bethel.—Pastor W. A. Masterson spoke at both hours on "A Great Purchase" and "Loyalty to Religious Convictions." In SS, 147; baptized, 1. WMU, GA and BYPU organized.

Central of Bearden.—Pastor Robt. Humphreys spoke on Matt. 16:26 and "Sins Against the Holy Ghost." In SS, 121; received by letter, 2.

Island Home.—Pastor R. B. Jones spoke on "A Mother's Love" and "Some Facts About Rewards." In SS, 561. Special Mothers' Day program in SS.

Central.—Pastor preached at both hours on "A Retrospect and Prospect" and "Spiritual Reconstruction." In SS, 289.

Sweetwater.—O. D. Fleming, pastor, spoke in morning on "Mothers of Men" and J. H. Sharp in evening on "A Happier Home." In SS, 500; by letter, 2.

Inskip.—W. M. Thomas, pastor, spoke on "Go Work in My Vineyard" and Matt. 16:19. In SS, 113; baptized, 3.

Oakwood.—Pastor R. E. Grimsley spoke on "A True Mother" and "The Prodigal's Home Run." In SS, 312; in Jr. BYPU, 47; 128 Bibles in SS.

Mt. Olive.—Pastor T. G. Davis spoke on "Mother" in morning. "Bro. Preston at night on "Young People's Service." In SS, 210.

Broadway.—Pastor Bartlett A. Bowers spoke on "Mother's Way of Comforting" and "Talk on Missions by Bro. Snuggs." In SS, 622; by letter, 1.

Bell Ave.—No pastor. Preaching at both hours by Edward T. Snuggs. In SS, 492.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mine City.—Pastor D. A. Webb spoke on "A Christian Mother" and "Children with Bible Training." In SS, 159.

Cleveland.—C. E. Sprague, pastor, spoke in morning on "Mother." Songs by Miss Pearl Harrison, graduate of Louisville Training School. Evening service, Judge Sam Brown on "Law and Order." In SS, 446.

Baptist Tabernacle, Lenoir City.—A. B. Johnson, pastor. D. C. Kirley spoke on "Christian Duty." Pastor preached at night on "Advent of Peniel."

Clarksville, First Church.—Dr. Dehl preached at both hours. In SS, 411.

Harmony Church.—Pastor H. P. Kelly spoke on "Does It Pay to Serve Jesus." No night service. Good SS.

Spring Creek.—Pastor A. L. Bates spoke at both hours on "Jesus the Sin Bearer" and "Repentance."

Krip Wood.—Pastor Bates preached in afternoon. Good BYPU. Sent pastor's wife to Convention.

Pleasant View.—Pastor J. M. McKay preached at both hours.

New Providence.—Pastor J. E. Cracker, preached at both hours. Good SS.

Obituaries

BURNS

winner. She leaves to mourn her lost: Mrs. Ella Edgar Burns wife of Rev. John Burns was born April 13, 1872. Died April 29, 1921. Age 49 years. She was converted at the age of 22 years. Joined the Methodist Church about eleven years since she joined the Baptist Church. She was a great power in her church. She was a good wife, good mother and a great soul-her husband and two children, a son and daughter. Three brothers and two sisters. Her mother (Mrs. Ed- jar) preceded her to the home beyond about three weeks. Her husband, Rev. John Burns is one among the best pastors in East Tennessee. Her funeral was conducted by the writer assisted by Rev. Martin of the Methodist Church. May our Heavenly Father blessings rest upon the be- reaved ones.—W. L. Cate.

ROBINSON

Sheliah R. Robinson son of Elijah J. and Maurice Robinson was born July 24, 1866. Died February 2, 1921, age 54 years, 6 months, 8 days. He professed religion and joined Auburn Baptist Church 1885. He was married to Miss Angie Inez McAadoo, December 18, 1890. His wife one son, four daughters and two brothers survive him. Sheliah was a very pious young man and trustworthy from the time of his early school days. Soon after he joined the church he was looked upon as a leader among his fellows and was soon chosen as a deacon. He also served for a number of years as treasurer of his church until his death. He enjoyed the confidence of both saint and sinner, was a great worker in his church regularly and always took pleasure in entertaining his pastor. He was a devoted husband tender and affectionate father and very successful in business. We shall all miss him. His pastor preached his funeral in the presence of hundreds of people at Prosperity Church where his remains await the resurrection.

A precious one from us has gone,
The voice we loved is still,
A place is vacant in our home
Which never can be filled.
God in his wisdom has recalled
The boon his love has given,
And though the body moulders here
The soul is safe in Heaven.
—His Pastor W. E. Ward.

BRADY

Caroline Brady of near Rhea Springs, Tenn., was born in 1847 and died April 26, 1921. Sister Brady was the daughter of Thomas R. and Sarah Holland. Was married to Micajah Brady in 1868. To this union three children were born. The husband and oldest daughter left for the better land several years ago.

She joined the old Rhea Springs Baptist Church when a young woman, afterwards moving her membership to the Wolf Creek Church, where she was a member when she died. Her life had been Christ-like, and the community will greatly miss her.

The funeral was conducted by W. C. Creasman in the Wolf Creek Church.—W. C. Creasman, Spring City, Tenn.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

FLEETWOOD BALL, LEXINGTON

Dr. J. A. Wynne of Gainesville, Ga., one of that State's most honored ministers, fell asleep at his home on Sunday, May 1. The Lord has greatly blessed his ministry.

Since E. F. Adams, who was formerly pastor at Gibson, Tenn., has been pastor of the First church, Galveston, Texas, beginning March 1, there have been 57 additions to the church.

Rev. Oby Nelson has resigned at Gunter, Texas, to accept a call to the First church, Frost, Texas, which is said to be a Frost in name only. And they are getting a vigorous young preacher.

The Home for Aged Preachers at Palacios, Texas, closed May 1 and the superintendent, Dr. R. T. Hanks, is available for pastoral or evangelistic work. He has long been a figure in Baptist affairs in Texas.

Chapel Hill church, near Life, Tenn., is remodeling its house of worship and adding an annex to accommodate the growing congregations. The house has for years been too small for the crowds.

In the revival which Dr. A. C. Dixon of Los Angeles, Cal., lately held with Central church, Dallas, Texas, of which Rev. Wallace Bassett is pastor, there were 105 additions. Dr. Dixon has been in America two years.

Dr. T. V. Neal, executive secretary of the Baptist Executive Board of Texas, has accepted the care of the First church, El Paso, Texas, effective at once. We hope he will be the host of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1922.

Dr. W. P. Pearce has resigned the care of Cairo church, Cairo, Ill., and has been associated with Evangelist T. T. Martin of Blue Mountain, Miss., as one of the Blue Mountain evangelists. He is especially effective in his talks on prayer.

Dr. J. W. Gillon of the First church, Mayfield, Ky., lately assisted Rev. C. W. Elsey in a revival with the First church, Cynthiana, Ky. His series of sermons is said to have been "one of the strongest ever heard in the community."

His many friends throughout the South learn with joy of the return to health of Dr. J. H. Dew of Ridgecrest, N. C., the popular evangelist. He suffered a break down from overwork some six or eight months ago. He will doubtless shortly resume labor.

A Bible Institute is to be held in Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis, Tenn., of which Rev. J. H. Oakley is pastor, June 17-24. Drs. J. T. Henderson, L. T. Wilson, Harry Clark, E. L. Atwood and the Memphis pastors are on the program, which promises a feast of good things.

Rev. J. H. Oakley recently rounded out his first year's work with Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis. During the year the church has received 55 members and raised over \$3,000 cash for all purposes, built a \$4,500 parsonage, and the new church building is being constructed. Their aim is 100 new members for 1921. There is a great future for the church.

A Presbytery is called to meet in the First Church, Lexington, Tenn., Tuesday, May 10, to examine for ordination to the full work of the Gospel ministry H. L. Phillips, who some months ago was licensed by the Chapel Hill Church near Life, Tenn. He has been preaching considerably since that time.

Dr. I. N. Penick of the chair of Bible, Union University, Jackson, Tenn., will teach evangelism in the summer school of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, this year, as he has done for the past two summers. They like Dr. Penick's orthodox style of teaching and preaching, and well they may.

The commencement program of Mercer University, Macon, Ga., of which Dr. R. T. Weaver, beloved in Tennessee, is president, includes addresses by Drs. Kerr Boyce Tupper of Florida and W. W. Landrum of Russellville, Ky., and a commencement sermon by Dr. John Roach Stratton of New York City. They are all celebrities.

The Baptist girls of Atlanta, Ga., led by Miss Virginia Hamilton, daughter of Dr. W. W. Hamilton, have formed the Alpha Delta Sigma, or the Anti-Dancing Society. The members promise to abstain from dancing themselves and to help in discouraging dancing by others. The movement is proving to be popular. But these girls are already members of the greatest anti-dancing organization in the world—a Baptist church.

The First church, Paris, Tenn., at a recent mass meeting of the members, decided to build a \$100,000 church. Major plans include the tearing down of the present church built in 1904. Finance and building committees were appointed and will go straight to work on the plans for the proposed new structure. The church membership now totals 420, with an average regular attendance at Sunday school of 250. The present edifice, under the virile preaching of Dr. J. W. Storer, is inadequate for seating the crowds that attend.

The commencement exercises of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., begin Sunday, May 29th, and close Wednesday morning, June 1. The commencement sermon will be preached by Dr. T. W. Young, Columbia, Mo., '87; the sermon before the J. R. G. Society on Sunday evening by Dr. O. L. Halley, Nashville, Tenn., '78; Monday morning the J. R. Graves contest for the Porter Award; Monday night, the graduating exercises of the Academy, Dr. Harry Clark, Nashville, Tenn., speaker; Tuesday, Alumni day, with alumnae banquet Tuesday night; Wednesday morning, graduating exercises, baccalaureate address, Dr. H. L. Winburn, Arkadelphia, Ark., '99, speaker.

The First church, Houston, Texas, is making a decided departure in financing the local church. They are offering for sale to Baptists everywhere \$150,000 of two, three, four and five-year 8 per cent second mortgage bonds for building purposes. They have a lot worth \$300,000 and are erecting a building to cost \$350,000. These will be security. Dr. J. B. Leavell is worth several million dollars to the kingdom.

Baptist Churches of Jacksonville, Fla., El Paso, Texas, and Galveston, Texas, are asking to have the Southern Baptist Convention in 1922. It met as far west as Hot Springs, Ark., in 1918, and at Houston, Texas, in 1915. If the invitations of the western cities are backed with positive assurance of the facilities for taking care of the body, here's one vote to go to either of the Texas towns.

Dr. B. J. W. Graham asks if a certificate of his election as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention,

signed by the clerk of his church, will entitle him to a badge and admission into the Convention hall, according to the Constitution of the Convention. Dr. A. C. Cree of Georgia replies, "Yes," but reminds Dr. Graham that he will be more orderly if he will get a credential card from the office of the State Secretary. Dr. Graham says if he has to get his credential card in that way, it looks to him like the Executive Board of the State has superseded the authority of the churches, which are its creator. So there you are!

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Why don't you try
To realize
That there are sighs and sighs
And blues and blues,
From which to choose?
There's heavenly blues and blues of
tranquil seas,
Both pleasant if you have them, pray
have these;
And, when you sigh, be like the turtle-
dove,
Who knows not grief, and merely
sighs for love.

—John Kendrick Bangs.

TNT AND THE BIBLE

Dr. Lyell Rader, famous chemist and perfecter TNT, is in Philadelphia, delivering a series of talks on the Bible as supported and confirmed by chemistry. There has been enough talk, Dr. Rader thinks, of the opposition of science to the Bible. Chemists certainly do not oppose it. Then he told of the perfecting of TNT. This explosive had been made first by a famous German chemist, but could not be manufactured in the absolutely pure state that made its transportation possible. The German factories therefore were necessarily near the lines. Britain and France asked the United States Government if America had any chemists who could "sublime," a technical term for perfection far more absolute than "chemical perfection." So our American chemists went to work, and Dr. Rader declared that when the final peace is signed and full publication of America's achievements in many lines is told for the first time, we will all be proud of our nation and the great part she played in winning the war.

The first TNT successfully made in America was at Heidelberg, Pennsylvania. Eight thousand pounds were manufactured, only one pound of impurity being found in it. That was transported by rail, "right past your doors," and was finally landed on Black Tom's Island, Hoboken, awaiting transportation by ship. There its instability, caused by that one-eighth-thousandth part of impurity, set it off flame does not), and the cost of the damage in insured window-glass alone, in New York and Brooklyn, was one million dollars. Here the evangelist made a splendid application of the destructive power of even little sins. The second lot, with but one pound of impurity to sixteen thousand pounds of TNT, was safely started from Boston on its way to France. In Halifax harbor, that one-sixteen thousandth exploded and destroyed half the city. Then the chemists knew not where to turn, and Dr. Rader modestly described the part his laboratory played in the final result. They had heard that the German chemist had gone to the Swiss Alps to get snow for his laboratory. Immediately experimentation began, resulting in the discovery that at four degrees above zero, Centigrade, water is just ready to turn to snow, and this "snow" is absolutely pure. It was the one necessary ingredient for a fully stable product, and the problem was solved. Then questions of transportation were decided by their work with freezing water. Hail, in its spherical form, gave the idea of the sphere as carrying the maximum amount of matter in the minimum space. So

the terrible explosive, sublimed to the highest degree, was transported to Europe. First it went to Italy, and immediately, as far as the Austrian line was concerned, the war was over. Its effect on the German front was equally marked. "Six months after the signing of the armistice," said Dr. Rader, "I came across these verses in Job the oldest book in the world, written some 3,800 years ago. Here they are: Jehovah is speaking to Job." Then the scientist read from Job, 38: 22, 23:

"Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow? or hast thou seen treasure of the hail, which I have reserved against the time of trouble, against the day of battle and war?"

Thirty-eight centuries ago, the Lord uttered these words. Yet it remained for the present-day chemists to make their scientific application. And it is a full application, for TNT is of no use for peaceful purposes. Farmers cannot dynamite with it. It destroys the qualities of the soil. It is useful alone in the "day of battle and war."
—Presbyterian

PROGRAM

Of the Fifth Sunday Meeting, to be held with Friendship Baptist Church, Friendship, Tenn., May 29-31:

Friday—
7:30—Devotional, W. M. Powell.
8:00—Sermon, "Valid Baptism," E. L. Atwood.
Saturday—
9:30—Devotional, J. R. Presley.
10:00—"The Country Church: Its Past Service, and Possibilities," J. T. Barker, C. W. Hamilton.
10:30—"Church Co-operation and Why Co-operate," C. W. Baldredge, C. F. Carlton.
11:00—"The 75-Million Campaign, and a Survey of Its Service," N. M. Stigler, Rev. Fleming.
2:00 p.m.—Devotional, J. B. Freano.
2:15—"A Discussion of Methods, Doctrines and Qualities that Best Help a Pastor in His Work," A. M. Nix, E. L. Atwood.
7:00—"Qualification and Duty of Deacons," J. H. Jones, Julian Palmer.
3:30—"Place in Church and How Long Should He Serve," E. I. Murphy, J. T. Pruetz.
Question box.
7:30—"The Ten Virgins," W. B. Perry, C. E. Hutcheson.
8:00—Sermon, "Restricted Communion," W. H. Haste.
Sunday—
9:30—Sunday School Rally, Melton and Hudgins.
11:00—Sermon, "The Church, Origin and Doctrine," I. N. Penick.
2:00 p.m.—Devotional, T. E. Williams.
2:15—Superintendents' program, E. I. Murphy in charge.
Question box and questions always in order.
7:30 p.m.—Sermon and adjournment.
W. B. PERRY,
JULIAN PALMER,
W. M. POWELL,
Committee.

REVIVAL IN PARIS.

By J. Fred Scholfield

Have just closed a very wonderful meeting with Pastor Fox here in Paris. Fox did the preaching and I led the singing. There were 118 additions to the church, 99 for baptism. Not since I left Frank Norris at Ft. Worth, Texas, have I found a pastor with such a grip on his city as Pastor Fox. What Norris is to Ft. Worth Fox is to Paris. He has been here

but sixteen months, and there have been up in 400 additions to his church and more than three-fourths of these are by baptism. Fox holds his own meetings each year and has conversions, additions and baptisms every Sunday. Paris is considered one of the most difficult fields in Kentucky, but things are in the lead in Baptist affairs in that city. My guess is that in two years the First Baptist church in Paris will be one of the leading churches in the state in all of the Master's work. Fox hits sin straight from the shoulder, and magnifies the Cross in each service. The great crowds that thronged the church building nearly an hour before the time to begin the service proves that the old Gospel is gladly received.

It is a real joy for us Gospel singers to work with pastors who have a great objective and move on to go there. Fox is about the "livest wire" and one of the greatest leaders I have ever labored with. There are now 848 members in his church. New Sunday school rooms are being added to meet the growing need of the church. He gets the highest salary, and lives in the loveliest parsonage and rides in the best car of any of the preachers in his city.

May I add just here that most of what is being said about our underpaid preachers is a slander on the greatest bunch of laymen on earth. After twelve years of evangelistic singing, and that mostly in the South, I firmly believe that our brethren are willing and ready to pay for what they get and that they do not want to get "something for nothing." The old Mississippi preacher has well said (who had thirteen children by the end of his sixteen-year ministry, and came out of debt at the end of the year: "Trust in God. Whenever the good Lord makes a possum He makes a 'simmon' for him." Climb the tree preacher and get the 'simmon."
Ft. Scott, Kan.

WMU QUARTERLY MEETING OF SWEETWATER ASSOCIATION

By Mrs. A. W. Prather

The WMU of Sweetwater Association held its quarterly meeting with the ladies of the Philadelphia church Wednesday, April 27. Mrs. Moody, our superintendent, was in the chair. Despite the rain Wednesday morning the attendance was unusually good, and the program was fine.
Mrs. Atchley of Philadelphia, conducted devotional service.
The pastor, Brother Peoples, extended a very gracious welcome to all.

Reports were called for, and five WMS were represented, 1 GA, and 2 Sunbeams, with reports from others showing that our pledges to Campaign had been more than met. Our superintendent has been stressing Personal Service, and Mission Study in our Association. And our own Mrs. Foster led a Mission Study Class in "Stewardship and Missions." And Miss Buchanan delivered the WMU Seal to a class of 14, 12 of these from Sweetwater.

Mrs. O. D. Fleming made an address on "Loyalty" that was worth the trip to hear, and then we sang our "Loyalty Campaign Song."

It is always a joy to have Miss Buchanan in Sweetwater Association. Now she gives us talk on WMU work in general, and about reporting to State officers in particular. She said it was one thing to pay our pledges, and quite another to report them.

Then comes lunch served in the High School building. And a boun-

tiful lunch it was—equal to and almost surpassed by the city. Every one enjoyed this hour. Afternoon devotional led by Mrs. Isbell of Niota. Then a memorial service for Mrs. M. C. Lowery, who passed from us April 7. At the S. S. Convention in Athens it was suggested that Sweetwater Association pay up its pledge to the Home Board Building and Loan Fund, and make another in memory of Mrs. Lowery. She was perhaps the oldest woman in the Association, and the first superintendent, and was loved by all. This would be a beautiful way to remember her.

The Loudon GAs gave a demonstration that was enjoyed by all, and showed the careful training they had been given. In fact, they were heard from all during the day, with their special music. The Loudon ladies were there in full force, and wanted to be organized into WMS. Mrs. Fleming made a beautiful talk to them, and they went away a full-fledged WMS.

This brought us to a closing time, tired, but happy, and voting Philadelphia a right royal hostess.

Adjourned to meet with Wetmore church in July.
Athens, Tenn.

SMILES SELECTED

"Betty said that if any man kissed her without warning she would scream for her father."
"What did you do?"
"I warned her."

Teacher: "Why are the muscles in my head smaller than those in my arm?"

Pupil: "Because you don't use them so much."

Alice: "When I told you of my engagement I said it was a secret, and you told Kitty about it."
Ella: "Why, no, I didn't. I merely asked her if she knew about it."

Mrs. Gabbins: "Do you believe in heredity?"
Her Husband: "Not much! Your grandmother was dumb."

She: "I suppose you get paid for the jokes you write."
He: "Certainly! You don't imagine I write them for fun, do you?"
She: "Oh, no; anyone could tell that by reading them."

Contractor: "A house on this plan can be built for \$6,000."

The Other Man: "I have no doubt it can. What I want to know is how much I'll have to pay you when it is built."

Mobbs. "Mrs. Smith is simply mad on the subject of germs, and sterilizes or filters everything in the house."
Hobbs. "How does she get along with her husband?"
Mobbs. "Oh, even their relations are strained."

A crowd of American college girls were discussing which of the two classmates was "cuter." The Chinese student listened in silence, declining to commit herself to any opinion. Finally someone appealed directly to her: Which one do you think is cuter?
Still the Oriental tact was equal to the occasion.

I believe that each of them has her own peculiar cute!