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## A GENERAL SUMMARY OF CHATTANOOGA BAPTIST CHURCHES FOR TEN YEARS—1912-1922.

By W. D. Powell, Clerk of Ocoee Association.

As one who has taken some interest in the church life of our city, for more than a decade, it has occurred to me to offer for the special Chattanooga Edition of our State paper some observations on the changes I have witnessed.

### Church Property.

As regards buildings there have been substantial gains since 1912. At least six of our fourteen churches have erected new houses of worship—Alton Park, Avondale, Highland Park, Ridgedale, Oak Grove, and Woodland Park. At least two of these—Avondale and Highland Park—recently completed, are a credit to any city. The First Church has just added a stone Sunday-school annex, costing \$20,000, while almost all the churches are either building Sunday-school additions, or otherwise improving their equipment.

In 1912, the Baptist church property of Chattanooga was valued at \$207,600. In 1922, it was given as \$471,500, an increase of \$263,900—a gain of 127 per cent—in the ten years.

### Pastors.

As a rule pastors in Chattanooga churches do not "abide" long. If we look at the roster for 1912, we find not a single name serving the same church today, and only one, Brother W. S. Keese, who is still pastor of any church in this vicinity. Dr. J. C. Masee, who was then at the First Church, went from here to Dayton,

Ohio, then to Brooklyn, and is now at Tremont Temple, Boston. Dr. E. L. Grace, of Central, took the war fever, went to France, and returned not to Chattanooga, but to Augusta, Ga.

The beloved Allen Fort, then at the Tabernacle, left us to go to Nashville First, and from there was called Home. Brother C. E. Sprague, who in 1912, was serving both Avondale and Chamberlain Ave., is now doing a great work at Cleveland. Brother W. S. Keese, the only name on the old list, after a most helpful pastorate of thirteen years at Highland Park, having planned and partially built the present splendid structure, quietly passed over the river. (Not the Jordan but the Tennessee. He is now serving gloriously in North Chattanooga, First.)

Time would fail us to speak in particular of all the rest—of Brooks, Rose and Richardson, all of whom have finished their work; of Vesey, Baldwin, O'Bryant, Hoppe, and McClure, who are still "pasturing" in other fields, where we hope the grass is greener and the waters stiller.

Of course we will attempt no comparison between the pastors of 1912 and those of today. There are some who think there has been almost as much improvement here as in other lines. Certainly our churches are all well-manned at present. Brethren Inzer, Pickard, Callaway, Phillips, Keese, the Davises, (T. W. and W. E.) King, Bull, Tallant, Hamic, Thomas, and Poe—are all good men. If they are not better men than we had ten years ago, they at least are better paid; for we find that our fourteen churches paid their pastors in 1912, only \$13,353, a little less than \$1,000

each, while in 1922, the same fourteen churches paid their pastors \$36,659, an average of \$2,617 each. Many of the churches now furnish the pastor a home, a thing almost unknown ten years ago.

### Growth.

Making our comparison for the fourteen churches organized before 1912, we find the following evidences of growth. The membership in 1912, was 3,880; in 1922, it was 6,723, a gain of 2,843, or 73 per cent.

The baptisms reported for 1912, were 175; in 1922, 562, a gain of 387 or 208 per cent.

The mission reports show that our churches gave for all benevolences in 1912, only \$6,859.27, or \$1.79 per member. In 1922, they gave \$38,131.96, or \$5.67 per member.

While these observations are intended to include only the fourteen churches in Chattanooga and close-in suburbs, it is proper to add that there are a few other churches, not within this limited radius, whose pastors come each Monday morning to take part in the Pastors' Conference, that should be included in this survey. This is true of the church at Ross-ville, almost on the line between Tennessee and Georgia. Under the leadership of its present pastor, Rev. J. B. Tallent, it has made a remarkable record. The new church building, recently completed, is a credit to any city. Its membership contains perhaps a larger proportion of tithers than is to be found in any other church in this section.

The Red Bank Church a few miles north of Chattanooga, has for many years had a union meeting house, operated and owned jointly by Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians.

Under the aggressive leadership of Brother J. A. Maples the Baptists are now drawing out to build a church of their own. The lot, in a good location, has been secured and funds are being gathered for the erection, at an early date, of an up-to-date, brick church.

The membership has grown from twenty-one in 1912, giving only \$55.50 to all causes, including pastor's salary, 114 in 1922 giving \$1,337.95 for all causes, \$600 being for pastor's salary for one Sunday in the month.

Eastdale, just across Missionary Ridge, is enlarging its building and taking on new life, under its present pastor, Brother Arthur Hudlow.

Spring Creek Church, of which Brother L. H. Sylar is pastor, is one of the few country churches that has twice a month preaching. Its new Sunday school rooms and its splendid B.Y.P.U. are a joy to all.

The church at Tyner deserves special mention. Within the last three years it has grown from a small band with poor equipment, a union Sunday school and once-a-month preaching, to a substantial church, with Sunday school rooms of its own, a pastor's home and twice-a-month preaching. The membership has grown from 72 to 134. The Sunday school has 140 enrolled and is doing excellent work.

While Cleveland cannot properly be called a suburb of Chattanooga, yet Brother C. E. Sprague, the pastor of the First Church there, is a member, and regular attendant, of the Chattanooga Pastors' Conference, and thinks of his church as in the Chattanooga District. No church in the entire group can show a better record of improved equipment and growth.

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**EDITORIAL****THE JAPANESE DISASTER.**

Not since the days of the Flood perhaps has there been as great a deluge as the tidal wave which destroyed whole cities and villages in Japan, September 1 and 2. The cities of Tokio and Yokohama, with surrounding towns were in the center of the earthquake disturbances and damages. For days fires raged in the wake of the earthquakes, and the loss of life is variously estimated at from 30,000 to 50,000, and other heavy casualties will follow from terror, exposure and starvation.

Rescue and relief are being carried on with all possible despatch by every nation, and yet the desolation is appalling. Most of the Christian missionaries on the island were at the time of the disaster in an Annual Conference in the mountains of Japan and therefore escaped with their lives. A telegram from our Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Sept. 8, says, "Have received cablegram that all our Japanese Missionaries are safe."

The famine in China which is hardly over yet is now succeeded by the terrific tidal wave in Japan. Is God giving the Christian people of the world a tremendous chance to show the spirit of Christ to the Oriental nations? Shall we minister to them in our own name and take the honor of doing good to ourselves; or shall we help them in the name of Jesus Christ so that He may be glorified? Why should the missionaries have been spared except to have become the almoners of that help which the Christian people of the world wish to extend to the stricken Japanese people "in the name of a

disciple" and as stewards of the bounty and grace of Jesus Christ?

The disaster will doubtless bring the Nipponese closer to the other peoples of the earth than they have ever been. The earthquake has battered down what remains, after the admittance of Commodore Perry, of the middle wall of partition which has separated Japan from the rest of the world. After the ancient Flood a new race of man arose, and doubtless a new nation in Japan will arise out of the ruins of the old, having a well-established sympathy and friendship of all and for those peoples who now in their distress "show the kindness of God" unto them.

**FACING IMMIGRATION FACTS.**

How well the United States is appreciated as a land of opportunity by the citizens of war-torn Europe is shown by the fact that last year's immigrants exceeded those of the year before by 213,363, whereas the number of aliens who returned to their native lands fell from 198,712 in 1921-1922 to 81,450 in 1922-1923, the net increase of the immigrant population of this country being 110,844 in 1921-1922, as against 441,469 in 1922-1923. Of the newcomers this year 83,552 were classed as laborers, while 106,213 were skilled workers and 191,585, including women and children, were listed as of no occupation.

What a stupendous task is thrust upon the Christian people of this country by the coming of so many foreigners who evidently purpose to make their homes in America? The deplorable condition of a great many European peoples has led many of them to seek a new permanent home in the western world. In smaller numbers than ever they are going back to their native country; perhaps the allurements of American opportunities together with the poverty of them in the old world account for this. But the fact stares us in the face that to maintain the free institutions of our republic, our national life must be sufficiently virile and righteous as to absorb an increasing number of aliens without lowering our standards. The three per cent quota law governs the number of immigrants receivable, but the aliens themselves determine the number returnable, and that seems to be growing less.

**THE OREGON SCHOOL LAW.**

Suit for a test of the constitutionality of the Oregon school law which was enacted at the general election last November, has been filed in United States District Court by a Catholic Society.

Adopted after a bitter fight in the last Oregon election this law makes it compulsory for all children below high school age to attend the public schools. It has been generally regarded as an effort to drive private schools out of business, and Catholics have looked upon it as aimed especially at their institutions.

It is claimed, however, that the law does

not drive out the private school, since private instruction is permitted children who are taught the same subjects for the same period of time, as are taught in the public schools. It seems that the law was aimed directly at the Catholics in their practice of patronizing only parochial schools; and furthermore the aim seems to have been accurate. At any rate it drew Catholic fire. But we question the constitutionality of a law which directly or indirectly operates for or against the propagation of any kind of religious faith.

**TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNOUNCED.**

By Fleetwood Ball, Recording Secretary.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention will meet in its forty-ninth annual session at Martin, Tenn., November 14-17. Preacher of convention sermon, Dr. F. F. Brown, Knoxville; alternate, Dr. W. L. Pickard, Chattanooga.

The following committees will serve: On program, A. F. Mahan, W. A. Owen, Fleetwood Ball, E. L. Atwood, J. E. Skinner, Lloyd T. Wilson.

On Foreign Missions—W. F. Powell, Nashville.

Laymen's Work—Robert Clement, Dickson.

Historical Society—J. H. Grime, Lebanon.

Home Missions—E. H. Marriner, Humboldt.

Memorial Hospital—A. E. Jennings, Memphis.

Ministerial Relief—T. C. Singleton, Galatin.

Denominational Literature—J. A. Smith, Knoxville.

Obituaries—T. R. Waggener, Athens.

Woman's Work—J. H. Barber, Columbia. Temperance and Social Service—Ben Cox, Memphis.

Resolutions—J. R. Johnson, Maryville.

Nominations—T. L. Thompson, Jackson. Theological Seminaries—O. D. Fleming, Sweetwater.

Removal of Headquarters of Convention—J. H. Anderson, Knoxville; J. H. Sharp, Hariman; F. Norman Smith, Clarksville; W. J. Cox, Memphis; J. W. Inzer, Chattanooga; O. L. Hailey, Nashville; W. A. Owen, Covington.

Urging pastors to purchase tickets on certificate-receipt plan instead of clergy permit—J. Carl McCoy, Memphis; B. A. Powers, Knoxville.

Program for Ministers' Conference—Wilson Woodcock, Brownsville; L. S. Ewton, Springfield; O. D. Fleming, Sweetwater.

Application has been made to the Southeastern Passenger Association for reduced rates on the railroads leading to Martin. Watch for announcements regarding this matter.

Let's have 500 delegates at Martin! Lexington, Tenn.

**Already, at least 30 churches are proposing to put the Baptist and Reflector in their budget—is your church one of these?**

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NEWS AND VIEWS

Singer Jas. Cambron, 1209 Forrest St., Nashville, Tenn., has some open dates for September which he would be glad to assign to any church needing him.

Should any church, preferably in Nashville, want a male assistant who is well able to train choirs and lead in young people's work, write the Baptist and Reflector.

From Oneida, Tenn., Pastor Frank Moore writes September 4: "Evangelist Sprague of Cleveland and his singer will begin a tent meeting with us here Sunday. All the church will cooperate."

We are greatly indebted to Dr. W. S. Keese, Baptist pastor of North Chattanooga, for his valuable assistance in assembling the matter for this special Chattanooga edition of the paper.

Chas. O. Miller (singing evangelist), Blackville, S. C., writes: "Just closed a union meeting at Adairville, Ga., which the Adairville people say was the best meeting they have had for the past twenty-five years."

The Knoxville Baptist pastors, through Brothers M. E. Miller and Jas. Allen Smith, formally express their appreciation of Brother R. B. Jones, who gives up the Island Home pastorate to go to Jefferson City.

Henry L. Whitfield, who has been nominated for governor of Mississippi, and will be elected in November, is an active Baptist layman and deacon, teacher of a large men's Bible class, and one of the leading educators of that state.

WANTED: A matron and governess above forty years of age, in a home where two little children, three and one-half and one year old, respectively, have recently lost their mother. Address, Pastor of Baptist Church, Sweetwater, Tenn.—Advertisement.

Dr. Geo. L. Hale writes from Belle, Mo.: "We have conducted four fruitful meetings during July and August, one in Tennessee and three in Missouri. We are now at this place in what promises to be a fine revival. Already the seating capacity of the church is taxed."

We must give way now for a street carnival. So our next meeting is postponed, leaving us with an open date beginning September 23. We should be glad to give that date to some good Tennessee church.

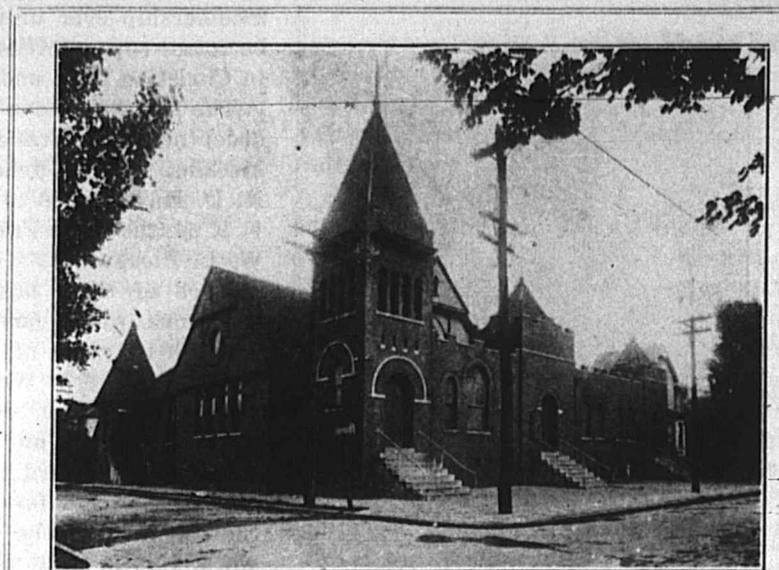
Rev. T. P. Stanfield is leaving the field at Dunlap in the Sequatchie Valley Association and is considering work in North Carolina. Brother Stanfield has done fine work in the Sequatchie and elsewhere in this state and we congratulate the North Carolina church which may get his services.

Evangelist D. M. McCauley writes from Algood, Tenn. September 5: "I have just closed a wonderful revival at Willow Grove in Clay County. There were several conversions and additions to the church. A great revival spirit prevailed among the good people there. And, I want to add: they are truly a wonderful people over there, surrounded by nature and every blessing that comes from God."

A Bible for the despairing man in the prison cell—a gift that will give him a daily message of inspiration, helping him to regain his manhood, is the work now being carried on by the Foundation for the Free Distribution of the American Standard Bible, which has recently been organized in honor of the American Bible Revision Committee.

Young women who are expecting to attend school at Sophie Newcomb College in New Orleans are requested to write to Mrs. T. B. Sellers, 7808 Elm Street, teacher of the Fidelis class at St. Charles Avenue Baptist church. If they will notify Mrs. Sellers of their train and time of arrival they will be met with automobiles and taken to the College or to their homes.

Rev. E. D. Cameron, native of Richmond County, N. C. died July 29 at Tahlequah, Okla., where he was Baptist pastor. He was a Methodist minister for many years but joined the Baptists in 1900. He was an uncle of Gov. Cameron Morrison, of the Old North State. He was father of the Public School system of Oklahoma and as a Baptist preacher built more meeting houses than any other man in the State. Sunday morning, July 29, he arose as usual and went to his study to prepare for the day's work and during the Sunday school session he went to the parsonage where he was taken suddenly ill and lived but a few minutes. His subject for that day was "Christ at the Door." His going was a great loss to the Baptist cause and



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to the civic interests of Oklahoma. Dr. W. S. Wiley, his close personal friend, led the funeral services at Tahlequah in which ten speakers took part, and for which every merchant in the city closed his doors of business.

Mr. W. Y. Hart, a faithful member of Belmont Heights Baptist church, Nashville, died at his home 2509 Oakland Ave., September 4, aged 64 years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Maggie Harley; one son, Judge Chester K. Hart; two daughters, Miss Mary Hart and Mrs. J. W. Brown; one brother Ernest Hart, of Carthage, Tenn., and

- 1. FOLLOW HIM in service—He was the servant of all.
- 2. FOLLOW HIM in his ministries—He showed to us the true spirit of humanity.
- 3. FOLLOW HIM in giving—He gave all.
- 4. FOLLOW HIM in sacrifice—He suffered all.

one sister, Mrs. Estelle Cleveland, of Asheville, N. C. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. W. J. Stewart and John D. Freeman.

Pastor Spencer Tunnel, First church, La Grange, Ga., writes, September 5: "I began my fifth year with the First Baptist church of La Grange, Georgia, Sunday, September 3. During the four years which I have been pastor eight hundred and sixty-eight people have united with the church, largely by baptism. This is an average of two hundred and seventeen a year. I found a membership of between four hundred and five hundred four years ago. The church is finishing one of the most complete meeting houses in Georgia, and doing it without creating a debt."

THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

By T. W. Gayer

We mean by the subject a systematic, simultaneous visit of every member of the church to secure subscriptions to the Lord's work.

1. Preparation for the Canvass.
  1. The church votes to put on the canvass; and decides, several weeks in advance, upon the date.
  2. The finance committee makes up the budget and submits it to the church for approval. This should be done with great care.
  3. The people are informed about the budget. This can be done by announcements, placards and letters. Pamphlets and other literature is distributed.
  4. The people are urged to pray about the budget, and to decide what amount they should subscribe before the canvassers arrive.

5. The canvassers are carefully selected and drilled. Each canvasser is furnished with a list of names of those whom he is to visit.

6. The people are urged to remain at home to receive the canvassers.

II. The Canvass.

1. Sunday afternoon is the best time.

2. The canvassers meet at the church at 2 o'clock. First there is a season of prayer. Then the pastor or chairman of the finance committee canvasses the canvassers.

3. The canvassers visit two by two.

4. Let the work be thoroughly done. Leaving no member unvisited.

III. The Follow Up.

1. Let the evening service have echoes from the canvass. Many interesting experiences will be told by the canvassers. This will be a great service if properly conducted.

2. Let those who did not pledge be solicited. Some will want more time. Others were not at home. Write to those who move away. They should either support your church or take their letters.

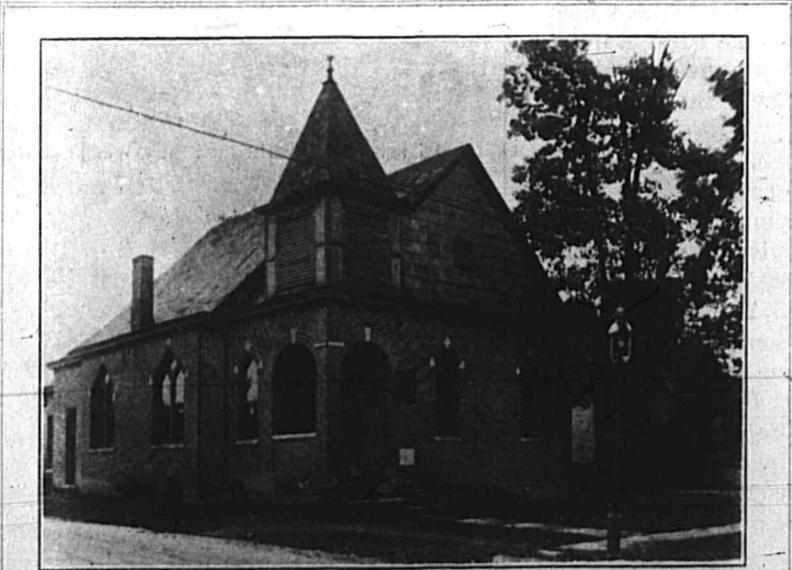
3. Send each subscriber a statement at the close of each quarter giving him the amount he subscribed and the amount paid. Let this go to all subscribers, whether they have paid or not.

4. Maintain the organization of canvassers intact throughout the year. In case some fail to pay their pledges, let them be visited by the same men who took their subscriptions.

If the canvass is well done, the church will have no financial troubles during the year. Hundreds of churches will move up to full time as soon as they adopt the budget plan and put on an every member canvass.

Write the Executive Board for literature on stewardship and the canvass.

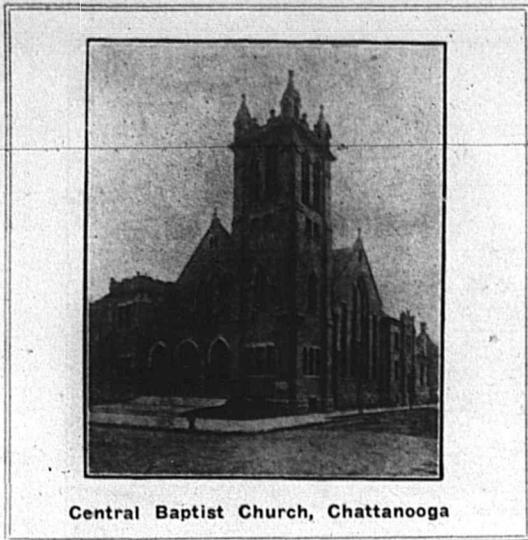
Frest E. Y. Mullins, Louisville, Ky., announces: "The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will begin the next session on Tuesday, September 18. Opening exercises will be held at 10 a.m. in the chapel of Norton Hall, at which all students are expected to be present for matriculation. New students should bring their credentials—ordination or license paper, or a letter of recommendation from the church. The opening lecture will be at 7:30 p.m. in the chapel of Norton Hall on September 18. Prof. Kyle M. Yates, of the Department of Old Testament Interpretation, will deliver the lecture. His subject will be "The Supernatural Element in Old Testament Prophecy." New York Hall will serve the first meal on Monday night, September 17. All students are urged to be present for the opening exercises if possible."



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The Budget Plan in Your Church: Two cents a week for the state paper and the other two cents for state missions.

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### THE CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA.

By Emmett D. Rolston, Jr. Clerk.

The Central Baptist Church was organized January 13th, 1887, its covenant was as follows:

"We, a company of baptized believers, do here and now covenant one with another as a body in Christ that we take the New Testament as our sole rule of faith and practice, and that we will as lieth in us live according to its precepts."

This church was formed as a protest against some unscriptural practices, hence the emphasis in the covenant on the New Testament. It was a small band of Baptists that began it, but they were stalwarts for the faith. Of course, the church had a struggle financially. Its membership was small and not rich, except in character and grace. But from the first this church has maintained a standard of lofty integrity. It was founded for, and has stood for, the integrity of the faith of the Baptists. It tented and camped from place to place for several years, but in 1891 moved to the corner of McCallie Avenue and Palmetto Street. Here the church built a brick Sunday school chapel in which it worshiped for ten years. In 1908-1909 the present building was founded. It is a handsome, well appointed building which could not now be built for less than one hundred thousand dollars. But the church has grown until it needs a much larger equipment for its Sunday school work and present day activities. In 1919 it purchased the adjoining property as a pastor's home with a view to future space for larger church equipment.

The church has ever been united and harmonious. It is religious without fanaticism and progressive without friction. It has won for itself a place of great respect and power in Chattanooga and in the denomination at large.

We have a membership of about seven hundred and a Sunday school of about six hundred and fifty enrollment. It is as nearly perfectly organized as possible for any church to be, and moves forward solidly and with a fine step. It has been a great church in its spirit of missionary activity at home and abroad. It has many tithers, and the number increases from year to year. It really has had a remarkable career. Its deacons and pastors have been of lofty type, and its

membership ever united. No church could be found with a loftier standard of integrity in Christian faith and life.

The following have been its pastors in the order named: Drs. J. T. Christian, A. W. McGaha, A. H. Mitchell, D. M. McReynolds, R. D. Haymore, A. J. Fristor, J. F. Vines, F. K. Mathews, D. P. Harris, E. L. Grace and W. L. Pickard.

Each of these has contributed nobly to the work which has brought the church through its years of struggle to its present place of power. We are united, conscientious, progressive, enthusiastic and sane, having a strong and growing membership. Our face is toward the future. Our motto is: "The world for Christ, and Christ for the world." Of the present pastor and his work, this is what a leading citizen has to say:

"During the pastorate of Dr. W. L. Pickard, which began January 1st, 1919, our Church has experienced a steady and solid growth. His ministry has been characterized by saneness and by straight teaching of the scriptures. The membership has increased numerically, being nearly double to what it was when he came. But where he has done the most effective work has been in building up the spirituality of the members. The church is better organized for work than ever before, and has much more efficient leadership in all departments, as a result of his teaching. This is particularly true with reference to the teaching in the Sunday school. The Sunday school enrollment and attendance have increased materially. Dr. Pickard's influence in this community has greatly strengthened its religious morale. He is an acknowledged leader, not only among his own denomination, but among all the Christian forces."

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA.

John W. Inzer, Pastor.

Shortly after Chattanooga was incorporated a mission station was established by the First Baptist Church of Nashville, which afterwards developed into the First Baptist Church. The date we do not know, our oldest record is for the year of 1866, the year after the Civil War.

From the early history of Chattanooga we learn that the land was granted by the State of Tennessee to commissions selected by the town. They agreed to give to each Christian denomination, which had an organization, a lot on which to build a house of worship. A lot on the southwest corner of Sixth and Lookout Streets was given to the Baptists, where our Court House now stands. None of the denominations being able to build alone, all united in building a union church. This was situated on Walnut Street, the Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians each holding service once a month.

In 1841-43 Dr. Matthew Hilsman, who was in business here, seemed to be instrumental in getting the scattered forces of Baptists together. After Dr. Hilsman moved away the Baptists and Methodists changed their place of worship to a log schoolhouse on the

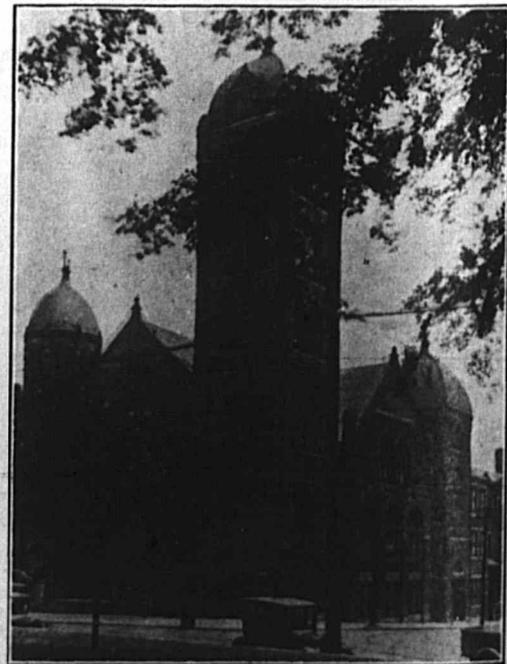
corner of Fifth and Lookout Streets. Then Rev. Dyer of LaFayette, Georgia, and Rev. Selvidge of Cleveland, Tennessee, were called. These men preached on the same Sundays at the same service.

The next pastor was a young minister Rev. Lindley, who did good work and remained for several years. In 1852 Rev. William Wood was pastor, and a small frame building was erected on the lot given the Baptists. May 20, 1852, the church was reorganized, a constitution adopted with rules of order and articles of faith.

Later Stephens, Strode, and Jones were pastors of the church. When they came and how long they remained is unknown because of loss of records. Rev. H. S. Moore was pastor from 1858 to 1861. During the Civil War period the church was used as a hospital and no services were held. The building was left in ruins at the close of the war.

The first official records we have is dated November 9, 1866. Rev. J. P. Kefauver was moderator and Mile Scott clerk. April 13, 1867, a meeting was held and it was voted that Brother Kefauver be requested to continue his visits to the church once a month and that one public offering be taken to recompense him for his service. August 3, 1867, a vote was taken asking the Missionary Board in New York to continue Brother Kefauver as Missionary and that Chattanooga be included in his field. At the same time Mile Scott was asked to correspond with the Board at Marion, Alabama, and obtain the services of Rev. H. S. Moore as a Missionary. Their efforts were successful and he became the next pastor, serving two years.

November 29, 1869, the Rev. J. H. Weaver of Thomaston, Georgia, was called for one year. He was greatly beloved and remained about two years. In 1879 the church joined the Ocoee Association. Then came Rev. T. T. Eaton of Murfreesboro, who served for three years. Following him came Rev. E. A. Rogers, staying less than a year. Following Rev. Rogers the following brethren came, each remaining about three years: Phillips, Montgomery, Christian and Womboldt. During the pastorate of Rev. Womboldt the church decided to build a new house of wor-



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ship, and plans were drawn. In 1887 the church was divided and part of the membership withdrew and formed the Central Baptist Church, taking as their pastor the Rev. Christian.

In 1887 the Rev. Dr. R. J. Willingham became pastor. The new building was started on the present site, Oak Street and Georgia Avenue, and was completed in 1889. Dr. Willingham resigned in 1892 to become pastor in Memphis, and later became the beloved Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, which position he held for many years. The Church was greatly strengthened and grew under his ministry. His successor was Rev. C. C. Jones, Lynchburg, Virginia, who remained about two years.

The Rev. R. S. Garrett was called to the pastorate January 1, 1895. He accepted but before he arrived the beautiful building was destroyed by fire the last Sunday in December. The following year the church was rebuilt and in November again opened for services.

In 1898, the year of the Spanish-American War, when thousands of soldiers were mobilized at Chickamauga Park, the church took its share of the burden, and the women of the church, assisted by the women of other churches, maintained a free hospital for two months. Rev. Garrett resigned April, 1899, to accept a call to the Court Street Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia. Just before he left funds were raised for a pipe organ, at that time one of the largest in the South. The following November Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougner, Patterson, New Jersey was called. Under his magnetic preaching crowds were drawn to every service and the church grew and increased in numbers and the scope of work was enlarged. He resigned in January, 1904, to go to the White Temple Baptist Church, Portland, Oregon.

About six months later the Rev. Howard Lee Jones came, and his genial manner and eloquent sermons made for him many friends in the city. He remained three and a half years, when he accepted a call to Charleston, S. C.

During the Southern Baptist Convention which met here May, 1906, there were two mission stations opened, one at Ridgedale and one at East Lake, and in time to come helped in establishing others. These developed later into churches and are now rapidly becoming strongholds for the Baptist cause in the suburbs.

The Rev. J. C. Masee was called from Raleigh, N. C., to follow Dr. Jones. Dr. Masee's scholarship and fame as a Bible student and teacher made him popular everywhere. The spirituality of his ministry was strongly felt throughout the city. He resigned after four years to go to Dayton, Ohio.

Dr. Masee was followed by Dr. W. F. Powell, who came to this church from Roanoke, Virginia. He began his pastorate December 7, 1913, and remained four and a half years. His geniality and great heartedness won for him the hearts of all Chattanoogaans. He resigned to accept a call to the First Church of Asheville, N. C. Following him came Dr. Harold Major, who remained nearly a year, when he resigned to

accept a call to the Gaston Avenue Baptist Church, Dallas, Texas.

Following him came our present pastor, Dr. John W. Inzer, who was called to the pastorate, November 23, 1919. Just preceding his coming he had served his country as chaplain, and immediately preceding his coming to this city was engaged as National Speaker for the American Legion, which organization he had a large part in formulating, and was afterwards made National chaplain. The work it seems has progressed under his ministry as never before, and the outlook has never been better in the history of our church. We recently put on a campaign to raise \$55,000 for church improvements, and the results have been most gratifying. We are now using our new four-story Sunday School Annex, which greatly relieves the congested condition of our Sunday school. Plans are now under way to add two balconies to the main Auditorium thus enlarging the seating capacity about five hundred. When this will have been completed, our plant will be worth approximately \$285,000, including our \$15,000 parsonage.

It was during the World War that this church won National fame by its entertainment of the soldiers, when Chattanooga and Ft. Oglethorpe was again the home of thousands of our boys. Open house was kept for their enjoyment, and as they met from time to time to enjoy her hospitality and fellowship, other churches began to hear of it and wrote to find out just how we were doing it. This work was featured in the Ladies Home Journal, together with a picture of the church, commending us on this phase of our work. This church is one of the largest down town churches in the city, and is always open. Being centrally located its doors are ever wide open to all worthy causes. In this we feel we are like "A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid."

#### BAPTIST TABERNACLE.

Last May the Baptist Tabernacle of Chattanooga celebrated its forty-third anniversary, the church having been organized in 1880 as the Second Baptist church with only nine members. Four of the original mem-



T. W. CALLAWAY, PASTOR, TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA

bers were of the well known Brown family of South Chattanooga, three of whom are now living, viz. T. W. Brown; Jim A. Brown, the well known Gospel singer; and Miss Bettie Brown.

While this church started with a very small beginning, yet it now stands as one of the largest congregations of Chattanooga, having a membership of over eight hundred. It is not rich in this world's good, but is wealthy in faith, and hails with joy every effort which tends to bring God closer to the people.

The average attendance of the Bible School is about four hundred. An enlargement has recently been completed to the Bible School equipment which will enable them to take care of the ever increasing school.

The pastors of the Baptist Tabernacle have been as follows: V. A. Bell, 1880-1882; W. F. Bartles, 1883-1885; L. N. Brock, 1885-1888; J. M. Joiner, 1888-1889; C. E. Wright, 1889-1891; W. A. Simmons, 1891-1894; J. M. Long, 1894-1897; I. F. Gable, 1898-1899; T. G. Davis, 1900-1903; Calvin B. Waller, 1903-1908; Allen Fort, 1909-1913; J. B. Phillips, 1914-1920; T. F. Callaway, 1920-1921; T. W. Callaway, 1921.

On February 1st, 1921, the present pastor, T. W. Callaway, a brother of the former pastor, was called from the Baptist Tabernacle of Macon, Ga., where he was not only pastor of that church, but was also President of the Tabernacle Rescue Home for erring girls, which was run under the auspices of that church. Pastor Callaway was the founder of this church as well as Rescue Home, in which hundreds of erring girls were saved from lives of shame to Christ. He was also one of the founders and first President of the Hephzibah Orphanage of Macon, Ga., a home mainly for children from the slums.

During the forty-three years which have passed since the organization of the Baptist Tabernacle of Chattanooga, the southern part of Chattanooga has made rapid strides in all directions. This church has its full share among its constituency, and is now conducting a Mission in another section of the Southside, which is in a flourishing condition, a large new building having recently been erected. It is thought that this Mission will soon develop into a well organized church and eventually become self-supporting.

#### EAST CHATTANOOGA BAPTIST CHURCH

J. N. Bull, Pastor.

The East Chattanooga Baptist Church, located in the Eastern part of Chattanooga, was organized July 14th, 1888, with thirteen charter members. Like many other Baptist Churches ours was for many years a poor struggling little church, with only one service each month. Later we had services twice each month, and finally regular services each Sunday. However, ours was a church with a vision, and it was our privilege to have some great pastors as leaders. Such men as W. L. Taylor, S. J. Blair, H. P. Fitch, C. E. Bryden, E. J. Baldwin, and our present pastor, Rev. J. N. Bull.

Rev. Bull has served us for about nine

years, and the work, it seems, has progressed under his ministry as never before. There has been a steady growth along all lines of work, despite the fact that our pastor, together with more than fifty of our best young men left our church to serve in the World War. It appears that when they returned they brought new life into our church. The progress has been indeed remarkable in the last four years. Our Sunday school shows a gain of 152 per cent, Church membership 82 per cent finances 242 per cent. Brother Bull is a man of great force and character, who works untiringly and is especially fitted for this great field of service. Our church has always insisted on having the fundamental doctrines of the Bible taught from the pulpit and in the Sunday school. We believe in order to have strong and faithful Christians they must be taught the Bible doctrines.

We might mention some of the members who served so faithful through all the church's ebbs and flows, a number of whom have been called to their heavenly home: Dr. and Mrs. Lewis, Messrs. G. W. and W. F. Taliaferro, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Norman, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. McGuffin, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mr. and Mrs. R. O. McCulley. Mr. McCulley has been our faithful treasurer for more than fifteen years. His faithful wife has played the piano and taught a class in Sunday school for the same number of years. We would not forget Miss Delia Burns, who has taught more children in their first lessons than most any other person you could find, serving as teacher of the beginners class for more than twenty years. There are few young men and women who have grown up in this part of the city that have not been in her class at sometime. There are many, many others that deserve mention but space will not permit.

We are planning to build an annex to our church, so we can have a fully graded Sunday school. There has never been a time in the history of our church when the outlook was so great. We have a great people who have a mind and heart to do what is expected of them to do, and whose greatest desire is to glorify God in earnest, efficient service.—By R. K. Elmore, Clerk.

#### BAPTIST GOOD WILL CENTER.

By Mrs. W. F. Robinson, President,  
Ocoee W.M.U.

The Baptist Good Will Center was formally opened December 8th, 1922, in a new brick steam heated bungalow, built by the Baptist women and girls of Chattanooga and suburbs. It is on a lot also owned by them.

Good Will Center work is the organized personal service of the Woman's Missionary Union. It is mission work—doing in the home land what we expect our missionaries to do in the foreign fields.

Our Good Will Center is under the management of the Ocoee W.M.U. with Mrs. S. O. Bankson Chairman and Miss Nell Bullock Director. Its growth and usefulness in the

few months since its opening shows that it is of our Lord's own planting.

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#### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH ROSSVILLE, GA.-TENN.

By Chas. Robert Jones, Clerk.

Back in the early 90' less than a score of people of the Baptist persuasion living in and near the town of Rossville assembled together and organized the present First Baptist Church of Rossville. Rev. J. M. Coley, an aged minister now living at LaFayette, Ga., was called as the first pastor of the new church which he had been largely instrumental in organizing. Without a church building in which to assemble, a little frame structure located on Short Street and near Lake Avenue was rented where services were held once a month. Sunday school meeting every Sunday. This building remained in use for several years. The members were zealous and faithful, and while financial struggles were experienced in these early days the church took on a growth which has continued to advance.

With new additions and favorable encouragement, it was finally decided to acquire a building lot and erect a church building thereon. Subscriptions offered and signed, with aid of the Georgia Baptist Home Board of Atlanta, culminated in success, and the congregation soon assembled in a new wooden structure on the "hill" on Spring Street next to the State line. As the years advanced a splendid growth of the church was had under the leadership of worthy pastors.

This frame structure with its addition after addition that was added to it became inadequate to accommodate the congregation. The ambitious, faithful, and consecrated members looked and planned ahead for a large brick edifice.

After a heroic struggle the vision was realized two years ago. Where the frame structure stood, now stands one of the prettiest church buildings in this part of the State. A large beautiful brick building with basement, gallery, and baptistry, steam heated, ample Sunday school facilities, indeed it is a credit to this Baptist flock. The building was erected at a cost of about \$50,000.00.

The present membership is more than 800, while the records show a Sunday school enrollment of more than 600. The four B.Y.P.U. have active groups. The W.M.U. and Sunbeams are active.

It may be added that the Church has the mission spirit and sustains a remarkable record in all the financial objects of the Church.

Rev. J. B. Tallant the present pastor of the Church is a gifted speaker, constantly active in every branch of his work. He has been pastor for the past seven years and has seen the Church grow from a membership of 235 to its present strength. Every Auxiliary of the Church has been organized under his leadership except the Sunday school, though even this has doubled its average at-

tendance. Mr. Anderson McCulley is the efficient Superintendent of this large and aggressive school.

During the years the following have served as pastors and are held in affectionate memory: Revs. J. M. Coley, T. R. Hodge, J. E. Morgan, J. Lee Burk, G. H. Young, W. C. Tallant, and his brother, J. B. Tallant, the present pastor.

This Church has its building located just across the State line but draws many of the strong supporters from Tennessee. They co-operate with Chattanooga Baptists in all their activities and are counted a part of their hosts. It is a matter of pride that in their recent institute the Sunday school worker said that they furnished the largest number standing examination recorded by any single Church.

#### FROM PARIS TO LONDON.

By Lloyd T. Wilson.

After writing concerning our visit through Belgium and France, we spent one more day in Paris before leaving for London. That day was Sunday and we were anxious to visit one of our own churches, but upon inquiring we learned that they had only one service and that was at 2:30 p. m., so some of our party hunted up a Union American Church for the morning hour, some went across the Seine to the Louvre and the remainder spent the morning at the hotel. In the afternoon we went to our oldest and strongest church and greatly enjoyed the service. There were 78 present, 18 of whom were visitors from America. The pastor, Rev. Philemon Vincent, preached a sermon to his own people in French. After the sermon he introduced Dr. P. I. Lipsey, of Mississippi, who spoke for a few minutes and then introduced a number of our party, and these in turn brought greetings from their states. Of course, each spoke through an interpreter, a fine business man who is a member of the church. Upon inquiry, I learned from the pastor that they had 225 members and that there were three other churches in the city with 50 members each. Think of it. Only 375 active Baptists in a city of five million souls.

We took the train Monday morning for Bologne, where we took ship across the English channel to Folkestone. Here we got a train for London, arriving at Victoria station about 10 p. m., and from there we were carried at once to the Russell Hotel. In crossing northern France we passed through Longue, Rouen, and Amiens, places where the Germans did much damage during the World War.

#### Seeing London.

One does not have to be in London many hours before he is prepared to believe that it is the greatest city in all the world. I have seen the great cities of our own country and on this tour have visited Glasgow, Edinburgh, Stockholm, Berlin and Paris, but London surpasses them all in greatness. Of course, we could not see all the points of

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interest to sight-seeing parties in the brief time we had. One could well afford to give a full month to that if he had the time to spare, but we saw much in the five days we were privileged to spend there. And now, with the hope that it may be interesting to at least some of the readers of our great paper, I will touch here and there upon some of the things that were most interesting to us.

### London Celebrities.

We were glad to look upon the monuments and homes and places connected with some of the great men who lived in London, but left their influence upon the whole world. And it was our joy to see how the great city perpetuates their memory. I could mention scores of names, but will content myself with the mention of the following: Charles Dickens, Thomas Gray, Samuel Johnson, Sir Walter Raleigh, Wm. Penn, John Milton, John Bunyan, Joseph Parker, Isaac Watts and Whitfield, Wesley, Charles Haddon Spurgeon.

### Art Galleries and Museums.

There are in London 18 or 20 great art Galleries and Museums. We could not visit them all, so we selected three of the greatest and in these we spent hours. I refer to the National and Tate Galleries and the British Museum. We greatly enjoyed all of these and were sorry not to have the time to visit others.

### Monuments, Statues and Busts.

There are not less than 85 monuments, statues and busts scattered over London and it was our pleasure to see many of these, but we lingered about some of the greatest, especially the Nelson's column, the statues of Washington, Wellington, Lincoln and Edith Cavell, Albert Memorial and the Crimean Memorial.

### Historical Buildings.

There are many historical buildings in London, but chiefest among these are the Tower of London, Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral, and in these we spent much time.

1. THE TOWER OF LONDON is the greatest stage of English history. It has served in turn as a fortress, prison, palace, mint, arsenal, treasury for the Regalia and record office. There is no Palace in the world of such intense and tragic interest, especially from 1066 to 1660. (There are the remains there now of an old Roman Palace which is thought to have been built by Julius Caesar in B. C. 54.) Its written history is one tragedy after another, but its unwritten history is awful to think about. It has many towers which were once prisons, and it has awful dungeons, but it also has a chapel. Most of it is used now only as storage place for ancient relics, discarded armory and the crowns and jewels of the Royal house. At the same time it is also a garrisoned fortress and soldiers and guns are always in

evidence. As I went through I thanked God that America has no such history as is revealed here.

2. WESTMINSTER ABBEY. Of all the sacred edifices in the world, Westminster Abbey is the one of greatest interest. Its remarkable history dating back nearly thirteen hundred years, its architecture and structure, its monuments, tombs, and statues, together with the traditions of the past as to the former buildings on the spot dating back to A. D. 184, all make it of interest to all peoples. Since 1066 it has been the place where all the Kings and Queens of Britain have received their coronation and most of them are buried there. Many English celebrities are also buried in the Abbey. I could write more, but this great place must be seen to be appreciated. At the same time it was to me a disappointment in some ways.

3. ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL. The history of this imposing edifice commences with the story of its site, for on this hilltop tradition and records go back nearly 2000 years. It was once the site of a Roman temple to Diana. Later this was replaced by a Saxon church. For 500 years this stood, a place of pilgrimage, until 1087 fire almost consumed it. The new cathedral, grander than the old, was completed in 1240. This was damaged by a fire in 1645, and then in 1666 when the great fire swept across London was reduced to ruins. The present structure was commenced in 1675, Sir Christopher Wren planned it, and the total cost was more than three and one-half million dollars. Its length is 519 feet, its breadth 118 feet. Its inner dome is 225, the outer to the top of the cross 358 feet 6 inches in height. It has a number of wonderful paintings and monuments. The bodies of Nelson, Wellington and other celebrities are buried in the Crypt underneath the building.

### Public Buildings and National Institutions.

London has some 35 or 40 public buildings and National Institutions. Of these we saw the Admiralty, Albert Hall, Post Office, Com. Exchange Bank of England, Royal Court of Justice, Treasury, Foreign Office, Royal Mint, Metropolitan Police, Scotland Yard, etc. Many of these were really wonderful to behold.

### Characteristic Thoroughfares.

Among the many great thoroughfares of London, the most characteristic are Piccadilly, The social Highway; Fleet street, The Literary Highway; Cheapside, The Commercial Highway. At one end is located the Royal Exchange and the Bank of England. Oxford, The shopping Highway; Regent, The Fashionable Highway and the Strand, the Newspaper Highway.

### Parks and Gardens.

There are more than 50 great public parks and gardens in London. It was our pleasure to see many of these, among them were

Hampstead Heath, Highgate Woods, Hyde Park, Kensington Gardens, Primrose Hill, Regent Park, St. James Park, and the Zoological Gardens. But we were too pressed for time to linger in any of these.

### Royal and Official Palaces.

There are perhaps more Royal and Official Palaces in and around London than any other city in the world. It was our great joy to see a number of these: St. James, Kensington, Lambeth and Westminster Palaces, Hampton Court, and Windsor Castle. The important places were Westminster, Hampton and Windsor. We were unable to get into Westminster. We had hoped to look in, especially on the House of Lords and the House of Commons, but were denied this honor, as the Palace was closed for the time to all visitors. We spent hours in Hampton Court and Windsor Castle and I believe it was the universal opinion of our party that these were in many respects the most remarkable and interesting places seen in all our European tour.

Hampton Court is near Kingston-on-Thames, about 12 miles from London. It was built by the most powerful man in London, except the king, in the year 1515. This man was Thomas Wolsey, Archbishop of York, and he built it wishing to found a home worthy of his dignity as the Roman Catholic Cardinal of London, for he was created cardinal in that year. When completed, so splendid were the buildings, and so vast their cost, that at once, "it excited much envy." His entertainments and court out-rivalled those of the king, and soon the king lost faith in him. When the king asked why had he built so magnificent a house for himself? He adroitly replied, "To show how noble a palace a subject may offer to his sovereign." This failed to pacify the king although he took it literally and in June, 1525, all was surrendered to the king. Henceforth it was the favorite residence of Henry VIII. Then follows the sad and awful history of the king who had six wives and who had, at least, three of them beheaded are connected with the history of Hampton that he might take a new wife instead. Many of the tragedies of English history Court. But it was here that King James held the conference from which came the King James translation of the Bible. It was later the principal residence of Oliver Cromwell. But the Golden Age of Hampton Court commenced with the accession of Charles II. James II did not care for it, but William and Mary liked it so well that they had it greatly improved and made many changes in it. They resided here most of their time.

For two hundred years now it has not been a popular resort for the kings, except at short intervals and is now only a great show place seen by all sight-seeing parties and regarded as one of the most interesting places in all England. The Court

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has 1000 rooms and is a museum of wonderful magnificence. The gardens are simply wonderful. We saw here what is said to be the largest and oldest grape vine in the world.

Windsor Castle is located so far out that it took most of one day to see it, and it is so wonderful that I cannot afford to tell of it in this letter, without making it entirely too long, so I will stop here and write later about our visit to it and Eaton College, which is near to it.

#### Cathedrals and Churches.

This letter is already long, but I cannot close without saying a few words about the churches and cathedrals of London. In the guide books you will find listed about 60 of these. Of course, the greatest, so far as history and architecture are concerned, are Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's, Temple, All Saints, St. Margaret's, St. Martins, Wesleyan Church House and Westminster Cathedral, but to us the Churches of greatest interest were Spurgeon's Tabernacle, Bloomsbury Baptist Church, City Temple, Whitfields' Tabernacle and Wesley's Chapel. It was our great joy to worship at Spurgeon's Church, the Metropolitan Tabernacle, on Thursday night. There were about 400 people in the audience. The service was led by the assistant pastor, the pastor being absent on his vacation. The present building only seats 3300 people, whereas the old building in which the great Spurgeon preached had seatings for over 5000. The old building was destroyed by fire and only a part of the walls were saved. The present membership is only 2300, or less than half what it was when Spurgeon died. We were rejoiced to learn that a rich man has recently made it possible for them to secure a new site and to greatly enlarge the Preachers College which has so long been, an important part of the work of this great church.

#### BAPTIST RELIEF WORK IN EUROPE.

(The article below is a clipping from the report of Dr. J. H. Rushbrook to The Baptist World Alliance that should be read by all our people.—L. T. Wilson.)

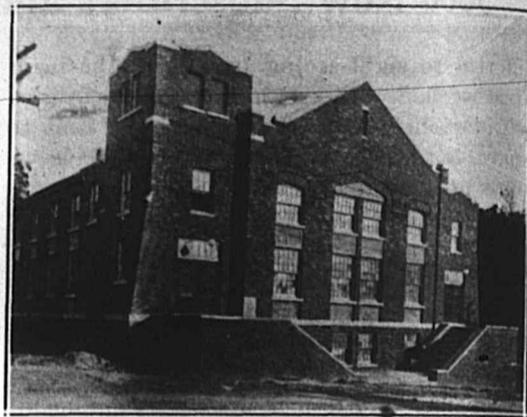
I will not enter into details regarding the expenditure of the sums contributed, which, owing to the high exchange value of the dollar, have totalled over one million dollars. Our relief action has met the needs of multitudes of widows, orphans and dependents. It has enabled devastated homes and farms to be restored; it has freed pastors from the overwhelming oppression of debts incurred during the war and the period of confusion that followed; it has enabled university students to complete their courses and enter upon their careers. Assistance has not been limited to Baptists, though distribution has almost always been made through the organized Baptist forces in each country. In connection with the work of administration I have to thank the members of my Advisory Committee in London, on which Dr. Clifford has served as Chairman, and to express the very highest appreciation of the devoted labor of the local Committees formed in the recipient countries. (A special statement will be made at the Congress by a Hungarian

Relief worker, and will indicate with what consecrated ingenuity and devotion the fund was administered in Hungary, so as to provide work for the workless.) We have helped Baptists and others in Finland, Esthonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Rumania, Bulgaria, Jugo-Slavia, Czecho-Slovakia, Austria, Germany, Italy and France, and most notably in Russia. Of exceptional importance has been the assistance of students; this has been a leading feature of our relief in Czecho-Slovakia, Austria, Hungary, Poland and Russia; and no gifts have been more warmly acknowledged or have more certainly met real need. An item of unusual interest is represented by loans in Poland to farmers, whose buildings had been destroyed, and cattle and implements carried off. A vast amount of misery has been averted or relieved by such loans. A somewhat similar undertaking has been the furnishing of grants to aid the settlement of refugees from Russia (chiefly of German descent), on the Lechfeld, in Bavaria; here hundreds of persons—chiefly Baptists—have been enabled to make a new start in life after losing literally everything. In several countries of Southern and Eastern Europe refugees from Russia, sick and starving, have been saved from despair by our timely help. In Russia itself our relief action has accomplished much. I have paid three visits to the land, and desire to offer my tribute to the Rev. Hoyt E. Porter, who has toiled with unflagging energy under most trying conditions. A special feature of the Russian relief in recent months has been the acquisition and sending in of tractors and ploughs to forward the agricultural reconstruction which is vitally necessary. But apart from this, the direct work during the famine, and especially the feeding of thousands of adults and children in the Melitopol area, has awakened an appreciation of which one indication was a warm word of thanks uttered to me by Mr. Kalenin, president of the Central Executive in Moscow.

Over and above the gifts already mentioned, clothing and shoes have been sent to Central and Eastern Europe, in fairly large quantities from the British Isles, but in very considerably larger quantities from the Baptists of America, and these gifts in kind (whose cash value amounts to several hundred thousand dollars), have elicited a gratitude that is measureless.

It is not only that multitudes have been clothed, warmed and fed, and that thousands are alive today solely as a result of our efforts; the moral effects are still deeper. The peoples have been drawn closer together; our workers have been heartened; above all, a practical expression has been given to the reality of Christian love. I count it a supreme privilege to have been associated with this Relief Fund—the greatest united effort our denomination has ever undertaken, whose results cannot be adequately set forth by any words at my command.

"The secret of success is to do the common things uncommonly well."—John D. Rockefeller, Jr.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ROSSVILLE, GA.

#### A GOOD WORD FOR THE SHRINERS.

The Order of the Mystic Shrine is a social organization more or less closely related to the Masonic order. To some minds the chief content of the word "social" is the idea of conviviality, with all that that commonly implies. When, therefore, it was announced that the Shriners were to hold their annual convention in Washington this year, there were many winks and nods and sly insinuations as to the "wet" time that might be expected in the Capital during "Shriner Week." Dealers in wet goods laid in plentiful supplies in view of a supposedly greatly increased demand. We were informed that certain officials were being importuned to relax the vigilance of the enforcement of the Volstead law, and everybody got ready for a veritable drinking-carnival. The results were surprising. The number of visitors reached nearly a quarter of a million, but the city had never been more sober or orderly in its history. It is declared that not one Shriner was arrested, and that on the biggest day of the convention there were only two arrests for drunkenness in the entire city. We feel that this word of credit should be given to an organization, many of the members of which are not personally total abstainers, but which, gathered in its collective and representative capacity at the Nation's Capital, was quick to see the proprieties of the occasion and to order its actions in conformity with the nation's law.—*Watchman Examiner.*

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Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga

**RIDGEDALE BAPTIST CHURCH  
CHATTANOOGA**

The history of the Ridgedale Church is typical of many Baptist churches. In 1906 a Sunday school was started in a tent in the yard of R. L. Jett, on what is now Bennett Avenue. Later as cold weather approached it was moved to an "Upper Chamber," over a blacksmith shop. When these quarters became too small it was again moved, this time over a grocery store with a devout man of God, Rev. Boyle, preaching Sunday afternoons.

On December 13, 1908, a church was organized with fifteen charter members, ten other members joining by letter later in the day. Dr. Massee, who was then pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, was present and assisted in the organization.

January, 1910, a site was purchased for a church. In October of the same year, Rev. G. A. Chunn was called for full time pastor. August 1, 1911, with the assistance of the City Mission Board, contract was let for a building to cost \$3,500. Also in this year a pledge of \$100 was made to Missions. Eight Sunday school rooms have since been added, and a \$5,000.00 parsonage purchased.

The following brethren have served as pastors: Revs. G. A. Chunn, W. C. Richardson, J. J. Johnson, F. E. Hauser, and our present pastor, Rev. W. E. Davis, under whose leadership, we are launching a campaign to erect a building on the most logical site in our vicinity. The church has purchased two beautiful lots, 100 feet front on Dodds Avenue by 160 feet on Bailey Avenue, with a splendid seven-room residence on them which will be moved back to face Bailey Avenue and used for a parsonage. On the corner will be erected a modern

brick with a basement and Sunday school rooms in the rear. This building will cost approximately \$40,000., and will be located one block east and seven blocks north of the present building, in the center of one of the most promising suburban fields in Chattanooga, and among a fine class of people, the greater majority of which own their own homes. The church will have access to two car lines within one block of the church.

When our present building will have been completed, we will have a plant worth approximately \$60,000.00, which will never decrease in value but will continue to increase. It will be located just across the street from Central High School, the largest county school in Hamilton County, accommodating more than one thousand pupils.

Considering the conditions and surroundings, this church has had a most marvelous growth, especially in the past three years. The work, it seems, has progressed under our present pastor as never before. Our membership has grown in the past three years from about one hundred to two hundred and seventy-five, and the outlook has never been in the history of our church.

**A BRIEF HISTORY OF HIGHLAND  
PARK BAPTIST CHURCH**

What is now known as the Highland Park Baptist Church was organized, with less than a dozen members, October 26, 1890.

Meeting for a time in a private house on Orchard Knob, the organization was called the Orchard Knob Baptist Church.

Rev. J. M. Chauncey was the first pastor. L. M. Pindell, the first clerk, and H. D. Huffaker, the first trustee. All these are still living in Chattanooga, and are all active in church work.

A building site was secured on the corner of Duncan Avenue and Beech Street, and the name changed to Beech Street Baptist Church. The records show that the Rev. Carter Helm Jones preached the dedication sermon.

While the church bore this name, it was served by the following pastors: J. M. Chauncey, B. M. Jackson, B. F. Bartles, Spencer Tunnell, T. A. McCandess, S. H. Johnson, J. H. Martin, R. D. Haymore, W. H. Fitzgerald, D. B. Vance, Julian Shipp. Their terms of service were very short. Perhaps the shortness of the revenue (which was frequently less than ten dollars per month) had something to do with it.

In the spring of 1904 the Beech Street building was sold to the Seventh Day Adventists for \$550, a lot was secured at the corner of Union and Orchard Knob Avenues, the present site, and a neat frame building put up. The corner stone was laid July 31, 1904. Dr. W. C. Golden, then State Secretary, made the principal address. The building was ready for use by October 1, and

Rev. B. N. Brooks began a meeting. He was called as pastor and served the church for two years. His voice failed him and he gave up the work in September, 1906. Rev. R. D. Cecil was the next pastor. He served fourteen months and resigned.

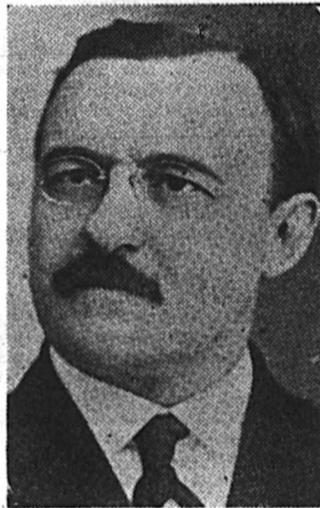
In February, 1908, Rev. W. S. Keese became pastor. With unusual devotion and faithfulness he and Mrs. Keese served the church till July 1, 1921, about thirteen and one-half years. During these years the church had a steady, healthy growth, not only in numbers but in missionary zeal and denominational loyalty.

In spite of several additions and improvements, the frame building, erected in 1904, was found inadequate, and in 1919 the first steps were taken to erect a substantial brick structure.

On September 15, 1919, the work of demolishing the old building began, the church having secured the use of the Junior High School building, some blocks away, for its services while its new building was being put up.

Brother Keese, with the architect, Mr. W. H. Sears, planned the building, and labored with hand and heart and soul to bring it to completion.

He secured from the Home Board a donation of \$5000 and with such funds as the membership could raise the foundation was completed and the walls about half done, when the financial depression of 1920, rendered further progress seemingly impossible. The work stopped. The pastor and his



J. B. Phillips, Pastor  
Highland Park Baptist Church,  
Chattanooga

faithful wife labored and prayed, but they were not able to get the work started again.

Feeling that a new leader would have to take hold of the task, Pastor Keese resigned June 5, 1921, but continued to serve till July 1, of that year.

August 21, 1921, Dr. J. B. Phillips was called as pastor. While prevented by other engagements from beginning regular service till February, 1922, he visited the church in the interval, and preached occasionally. He helped them to pay off a debt on the material already used in the building. Hope and courage was aroused, and in the spring of 1922, work was resumed. With heroic sacrifice the entire membership followed the new pastor in completing the building. It was a big task. Labor and material were higher. The membership was poor. There was not a single rich person in the church, nor one who could be called well-to-do. But almost every one worked and gave. On May 29, the first service was held in the basement. On November 5, the auditorium was ready for use, and before 1922 was gone everything was complete—pipe organ, carpets, Sunday school equipment.

It is a good building. The main auditorium with the gallery will seat one thousand people. The Sunday school rooms, occupying three floors in the rear, were planned to care for at least one thousand, but they are already found to be inadequate, though the enrollment has not yet reached that number.

At the opening of the Auditorium, November 5, 1922, the former pastor,

Dr. Keese, preached the consecration sermon and Mrs. Keese sang.

Three revivals have been held in the church during the past year; Pastor Phillips doing the preaching in the first, Rev. Wm. Russell Owen, in the second, and Rev. T. F. Callaway in the third. The membership has grown rapidly. Hardly a service has been held where new members were not taken in. In the seventeen months that Dr. Phillips has served, four hundred and nineteen names have been added. After cutting off about one hundred pieces of "dead timber" the membership at present is seven hundred and forty-seven.

Dr. Phillips preaches a strong gospel, in a vigorous fashion. The people like it, and there seems nothing to prevent Highland Park becoming, at no distant day, one of the great churches of the South.

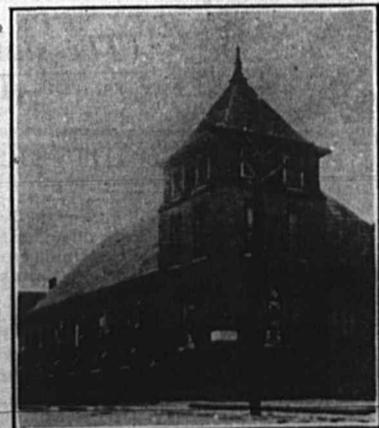
**RED BANK CHURCH, CHATTA-  
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J. A. Maples, Pastor

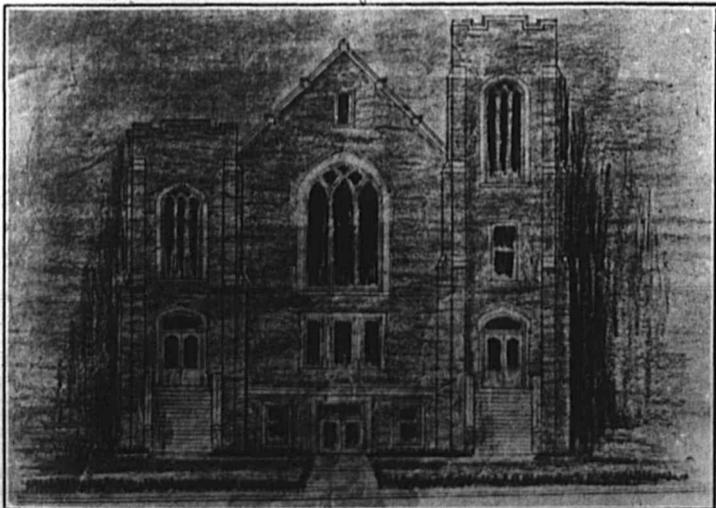
Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is located about six miles north of Chattanooga. Formerly this community was a farming neighborhood, but during the last four years it has taken on the appearance of a city, owing to the building of a street car line from Chattanooga to Red Bank. The congregation has changed the name of the church from Pleasant Hill, to Red Bank Baptist Church. It is now one of the suburban churches of Chattanooga.

Four years ago there were about twenty members of this church, their contributions each month amounted to \$6.00 or \$8.00. The congregation has no church house of its own, but meets on the fourth Sunday of each month in the church building used by the Methodists and the Cumberland Presbyterian churches. The community out-grew the old church building and two years ago a new church house was erected but the community, and the church known as the Community Church, but the community has now outgrown this church house, and both Baptists and Methodists have obtained lots on which to erect church buildings. At this time the Red Bank Church is composed of about one hundred and thirty members, and last year contributed for all causes about \$1,400. This church now has a local pastor who resides on the field, notwithstanding the fact that he has only one Sunday each month in which he can preach at the community church house.

The Church has recently obtained a good building lot for a church site, the lot is free and unincumbered, and recent contributions to the building fund, which amount to about \$500, are an indication of the desire of the members to complete their church home at an early date. Improvements have been made on the recently acquired property, and it is being prepared as rapidly as possible for the new building, which is hoped the church will be able to erect there. The plans of the new church have been made, and agreed upon, as soon as the church is able to raise funds for building. A picture of the proposed new church building is hereto attached.



East Chattanooga Baptist Church



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## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BYPU

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### MAURY COUNTY ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING

It was the pleasure of your State Secretary to be in attendance on the First Annual meeting of Maury County Baptist Association, which met at the Knob Creek church last week. Mr. W. E. Walker, was elected clerk of the Association, Dr. J. H. Barber, of Columbia, was unanimously chosen as Moderator. This was one of the best Associations we have met with this year, and they are going forward. Miss Zella Mai Collie, our State Elementary Worker, and Dr. T. W. Gayer brought messages to the association.

### NASHVILLE CITY-WIDE JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE B.Y.P.U CONVENTION

Meeting at the Lockeland Baptist church, Saturday, September 8, the Juniors and Intermediates of Nashville held their first annual convention. The program was varied and interesting throughout. Besides, the local speakers, Miss Hattie Potts of Knoxville and Edwin S. Preston of the same city, brought messages to the convention. The afternoon was spent at Shelby Park, closing with a consecration service.



W. C. Taffant, Pastor  
Oak Grove Tabernacle, Chattanooga

### KNOXVILLE REGIONAL SCHOOL

Several of the churches of Knoxville have asked for a training school to be held in that city, September 30 to October 5. A strong faculty has been secured, including such leaders in Sunday school work as: Secretary Geo. W. Andrews, of Georgia, Rev. David N. Livingstone, of East Tennessee; Miss Zella Mai Collie, State Elementary Worker, and others. Local announcements will appear in the Knoxville papers and a fuller account will be given later. The Broadway Baptist church and Deaderick will be two of those joining together in this school.

### THE SIXTEENTH ANNUAL NASHVILLE TRAINING SCHOOL PROGRAM

First Baptist Church September 23rd to 28th, 1923

Sunday, September 23—Mass Meeting at 3 o'clock at the First Baptist church; Monday through Friday the following schedule will be carried out:

- 5:30-6:30—Supper for all those who take the class work.
- 6:30-6:40—Devotional.
- 6:40-7:30—First Class Period.
  1. Cradle Roll Conference.
  2. Beginners.
  3. Primary.
  4. Juniors.
  5. Intermediates.
  6. Seniors and Adults.
  7. Superintendents.
- 7:30-8:15—Address: "Winning to Christ."
- 8:15-9:00—Second Class Period.

This will be a novel school for the Nashville Sunday school folks. Every department will be featured. The Home Department Superintendents will meet with the Organized Class Department for a conference on methods. All teachers and other church workers are urged to attend. It is hoped that each church may select at least two representatives for each departmental class.

#### THE FACULTY.

The Faculty will be made up of Sunday school leaders from all over the South. A few of those to be present on the Faculty are: Miss Lillian Forbes, Southern Baptist Elementary Secretary for the Sunday School Board; Miss Zella Mai Collie, of Jack-

son, State Elementary Leader for Tennessee; Miss Bess Acree, former State Elementary Leader; Mr. W. C. Milton, State Field Worker for Tennessee; Rev. David N. Livingstone and others.

### MISS DELLA BROWN WRITES FROM SHADY GROVE

On July 21 at the close of our Training school, Mr. W. R. Hamilton, Jr., organized our B.Y.P.U. and we have been getting along splendidly.

Sunday afternoon, August 26, the Rogersville B.Y.P.U. came out and gave us a fine demonstration program, which we appreciated very much.

We have named our union, The William R. Hamilton, B.Y.P.U. We appreciated Mr. Hamilton's work with us and hope he can be with us again in the future.

We have our weekly meetings on Saturday night, and our members are doing fine, reading the Daily Bible Readings.

### HOLSTON ASSOCIATION

By S. W. Tindell

The Holston Association met in annual session, Tuesday, August 15th with Harmony church in Washington county. A. R. Moulton was elected moderator, S. W. Tindell assistant moderator and J. B. Brown, clerk. The introductory sermon was delivered by A. T. Morgan, and the inspiration sermon by L. M. Roper. Brethren Preston, Gayer and Living-

ston were present, representing the State work, and President Sams representing Carson-Newman college. They all made stirring appeals for their respective causes. Mr. Preston remained over for the second day, on which he did some very effective work for Sunday schools and the B. Y. P. U. Dr. Roper delivered an excellent address on Education the second day, and Miss Eunice Harris, of Johnson City, represented the Young People's Work in a very clear and effective address. Mrs. McNeese represented the W. M. U. work.

The report on Associational Work elicited much enthusiasm, especially that part referring to Buffalo Ridge Memorial, for which an offering was made amounting to about six hundred dollars, in cash and pledges.

Many visitors were present from other Associations, and the crowds in attendance were immense. The entertainment and the bountiful supplies of good things to eat were all that could be desired. It was a great meeting, without a negative vote or a single note of discord.

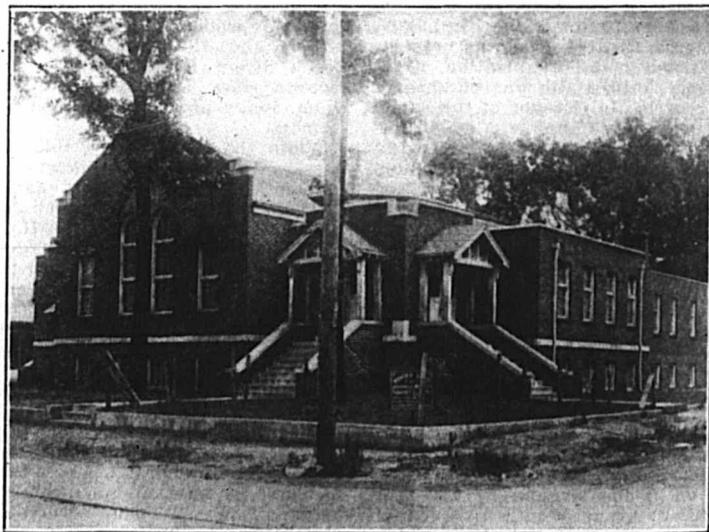
The next session will be held with Holston church in Sullivan county, east of Bluff City. W. C. Patton of Johnson City was selected to preach the introductory sermon.

Alabama is aiming for 3000 subscribers.

Texas BYPU's are trying to secure 10,000 subscribers.

#### CAMPAIGN

This is the Big thing for BYPU's this month



AVONDALE BAPTIST CHURCH, CHATTANOOGA

# Baptist and Reflector Campaign League

(The standing by percentages will appear each week in these columns—  
A Banner will be awarded the winner in each League.)

### LEADING HITTERS

In this column will appear the best reports of individual work done during the week, also the list of the Unions sending in the most subscribers that week.

- Miss Eunice Harris, Johnson City.
- Mrs. Geo. Hawkins, Carters Creek.
- Miss M. Lee Malugen, Centerville.
- Miss Nan Phillips, Murfreesboro.
- N. F. Phillips, Bulls Gap.
- Henry Dunaway, Oliver Springs.

### "BAPTIST" LEAGUE

In this column will be shown the standing of the cities, with population over 10,000, based on the total Baptist Membership in the city.

- 1. Jackson.
- 2. Nashville.
- 3. Knoxville.
- 4. Johnson City.
- 5. Memphis.
- 6. Chattanooga.

### "REFLECTOR" LEAGUE

In this column the standing of our smaller cities will appear. This also will be based on the percentage of Baptists to subscribers.

- 1. Murfreesboro.
- 2. Harriman.
- 3. Columbia.
- 4. Maryville.
- 5. Morristown.
- 6. Clarksville.

### "CAMPAIGN" LEAGUE

In this column will appear the percentages made by local churches not listed before. This gives every church an equal chance.

- 1. Athens Church.
- 2. Graysville Church.
- 3. Knob Creek (Maury County).
- 4. Grand View (Tenn. Valley).
- 5. Ogden (near Dayton).
- 6. Petros Church.

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**MEMORIAL FOR MRS. O. C. BARTON**

At the recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the Woodie Barton Good Will Center, time was given for expressions of the life and character of Mrs. Barton, wife of Col. O. C. Barton of Paris, Tenn., whose generous gift made the building of the Good Will Center in Nashville possible. Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Van Ness, Mrs. Mullins and Mrs. McCullough were among the speakers. It was moved that the regret and loss felt by all should be gathered into a memorial resolution for permanent record in the minds of the body, and for forwarding to friends:

"We the workers of the Woodie Barton Good Will Center would put on record our deep regret at the passing of Mrs. O. C. Barton, through whose generous gift the Center has been made possible. Blessed with means, and with a heart open to the needs of the world, she was ever generous in her aid of all enterprises of her denomination. The death of an only daughter, who had been interested in the welfare of children, led her to think of making permanent this loved daughter's desire. The words of the Master 'It is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should perish' led her to the giving of ten thousand dollars, that a Good Will Center might be established, where children and their mothers, could be gathered, trained, and blessed through human friendship and human help. Today we recognize anew the value of her gift, and the firmness of her spirit. Today we pledge ourselves anew to the fulfillment of the purpose of the giver."



J. B. Tallent, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Rossville, Ga.

**The SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD'S WEEKLY MESSAGE**

**Here's Something for Young People to Do!**

Fall in with the Convention plan for this Fall and Winter. Teach and practice stewardship! The B.Y.P.U. Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board has a splendid playlet teaching stewardship and boosting the 75 Million Campaign.

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**A WORD TO SUPERINTENDENTS**

During September, many of our strongest associations, as well as some of the weaker ones, are meeting. Will you not send us an account of your meeting, mentioning any outstanding features of your work?

Tell us of your successes, that others may try your plans. If you have problems, tell us about them; in this way we can be mutually helpful. We want to make our page really LIVE.

If you need additional copies of the State Mission Programs, Stewardship leaflets, etc., a card will bring them to you.

**MISS JESSIE DYE**

Our workers in all parts of the State will be sorry to know that our Field Worker, Miss Jessie Dye, is in the hospital. Miss Dye has not been well for some time and the doctor's diagnosis proved that her tonsils were responsible for her condition. The troublesome tonsils have been removed and she is reported to be getting along nicely. We hope that her convalescence will be rapid and that she will soon be able to fill her engagements throughout the State.

**MISS JULIA ALLEN GOES TO GEORGIA**

In expressing my regret in giving up Miss Allen as our Young People's Leader I am sure that I am voicing the feelings of all of our workers of the State. While Miss Allen has been with us for only a short time she has proven herself to be well fitted to her chosen work and has endeared herself not only to the young people and children whom she has led in such an efficient way but to every member of the W. M. U. family.

She has put our Young People's work on a splendid basis and we feel that the results of her untiring efforts will long be seen in the Junior Organizations of the State.

While we regret giving her up we cannot blame Georgia for wanting her own splendid daughter nor can we blame the young daughter for desiring to give her services on behalf of the young people in her own state. She will do the same work in Georgia, which she did in Tennessee. We say to the young people of Georgia, "Congratulations! You have a treasure, stand by her, work with her, and you will find her a great leader."

To the Young People of Tennessee, this is my message: "You have lost your Leader, but do not be discouraged. We will try to find some one to fill Miss Allen's place as soon as possible. She will not be Miss Allen, but she will be your leader, and with her you will go on to higher, better service for the Master. Leaders come and Leaders go, but the Lord's work must go on."—Mrs. C. D. Creasman.

**STATUS OF WORLD COMRADES AT THE CLOSE OF FIRST QUARTER**

General Aim 15,000 new subscriptions  
 Tenn's. Aim 1,000 new subscriptions

**LET US DO OUR UTMOST AT SUMMER MEETINGS OF ALL KINDS TO MAKE A GOOD START TOWARD REACHING OUR GOAL**

State	Since	Annual Meeting	Total
Alabama		205	1,067
Arkansas		98	387

District of Columbia	15	
Florida	58	361
Georgia	146	920
Illinois	60	303
Kentucky	137	832
Louisiana	57	341
Maryland		75
Mississippi	95	720
Missouri	92	318
New Mexico		45
North Carolina	141	1,006
South Carolina	94	1,059
Oklahoma	34	209
Tennessee	120	576
Texas	110	1,703
Virginia	135	1,744
Miscellaneous	1595	10,770
Total		300
		11,070

**MESSAGE FROM MISS ALLEN**

September 1, 1923, Columbus, Ga. Dear Friends:

Did you ever hear the story of the little girl who always replied to every question asked her with a "yes" and a "no"? She would look wise, turn her head from side to side and say "yes," no matter how important the question or how great the need for definiteness. As I send this last message as Young People's Secretary of Tennessee, I feel very much like that little girl, for there is a "Yes" and "No" to every question in my mind.

When they asked me for a farewell letter I said "Yes-No." "Yes," because I want to write to you and have many thoughts and prayers for you and the work in my heart awaiting expression. And "No," because this is not a farewell. Rather an appreciation as I transfer from one happy field to another.

Many times the question comes to me, "Are you glad to go?" Again the answer is "Yes, No." It is good to return to my home state and I am indeed grateful that my adventures in following the Master is leading me nearer home. Few girls who volunteer are accorded the privilege of serving in some chosen field and also living at home with or near loved ones. But there is real sadness as I leave the field, the workers and the work so gloriously beginning in Tennessee.

My resignation was presented with a deep sense of unrealized dreams and half perfected plans. Many months must pass before I can cease earnestly to think and plan for the Young People's Work and the time will never come when my interest, prayers and love will cease.

The first sixteen months of active service after leaving House Beautiful were spent in Tennessee and the W. M. U. of the Volunteer State will always hold a peculiar place in my record of experience in Kingdom Service. It has been like one long, happy journey, with varied experiences, and oftentimes many difficulties, yet with so many delights along the way, the rough places were not felt.

There was the gracious welcome, interest and co-operation from each member of the Executive Board; the patience guidance and training during the first few months from Miss Buchanan, the enthusiastic co-operation of the young people all over the state as they have helped to carry out each plan.

Nothing has been more delightful than the visits in your homes. The cry of the modernist that the "American Christian home is fast disappearing," holds no terror for me after the many hallowed experiences in the homes of Tennessee Baptists where rest and refreshments were assured.

From the hills of East Tennessee to the Mississippi River on the West I found an open door for Young People's Work. Surely there has never been a better office Secretary than Mrs. Ginn. Without her loyal support and care for office details many uneasy moments and delays would have been felt on the field.

In the brief time of Miss Dye's field work her interest and co-operation in developing this 10th point on our Standard has been wonderful.

As I lay down the actual executive work as Young People's Secretary, my prayer is that with or without a new leader you may continue to "Press on unto perfection." Phil. 1:3:7.

Sincerely yours,  
 Julia R. Allen.

As a compliment to Miss Julia Allen, the City Y. W. A. held a meeting on the roof garden of Immanuel Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, August 28, this being a surprise to Miss Allen. The feature of the entertainment was a contest on Georgia and Tennessee, after which Miss Allen was presented with gifts from the Y. W. A. Refreshments were served.

Due to the fact that Miss Cornelia Rollow, president of the City Y. W. A. and Miss Ruth Banks, Vice-President, are leaving to attend Carson and Newman College, it was necessary to elect new officers at a called meeting of that organization Tuesday evening, August 28, at Immanuel Baptist Church. Miss Corinne Owings, of Immanuel Church, was elected president, Miss May Bell Odom, of Third Church, vice-president, Mrs. L. G. Scruggs, of Grandview Church, secretary and treasurer.—Miss Corinne Owings.

**EAST LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH**

By S. D. Hodges, Clerk.

The East Lake Baptist Church was organized in the year 1907 with about twelve members. The early records of the church have been destroyed and the charter members are unknown to the writer.

Services were first held in a tent on Avenue L, one block from the present building. The first pastor was the Rev. Broyles. From the tent the services were removed to a wooden building near where the present building stands.

In 1913 the present building was erected at a cost of approximately \$5,000. The building was mortgaged to finish the work. In the spring of 1919 through the efforts of the pastor, the Rev. W. E. Davis, and the untiring efforts of the chairman of the Board of Deacons, Mr. W. C. Kkrk, the debt was erased.

The building was dedicated in July, 1919, Rev. O. D. Fleming, then pastor of the St. Elmo Baptist Church, delivered the dedicatory sermon. A number of the former pastors were present and made short talks. W. D. Powell, representing the City Mission Board, assisted in burning the mortgage.

In January, 1923, Rev. W. R. Hamic conducted a series of meetings. A call was extended to Mr. Hamic to become pastor which was accepted. An addition of eighteen Sunday school rooms and two auditoriums have been added at an approximate cost of \$7,500. There has been an increase of approximately 340 to the church since January 1, 1923, 210 by baptism, 103 by letter and 27 by enrollment.

The Sunday school averages 250 each Sunday. The Junior, Intermediate and Senior B.Y.P.U. are doing good work.

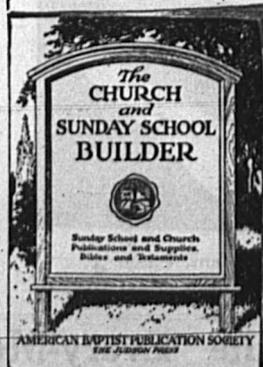
The present membership numbers about 550. The present building is estimated at about \$12,500.

Pastors who have served the Church are the Rev. Broyles, Revs. G. A. Chunn, R. J. O'Bryant, J. E. Morrell, J. H. Fuller, W. E. Davis, W. A. Moffitt, W. R. Hamic.



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**CHAMBERLAIN AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**

G. T. King, Pastor

The Chamberlain Avenue Baptist Church was organized August 15, 1909, with thirty-one members. The organizing council was constituted by Dr. J. C. Massey, of the First Baptist Church; Rev. D. P. Harris, of Central Baptist Church; Rev. W. S. Keese, Highland Park Baptist Church and Rev. Claude Sprague, of Baptist Tabernacle.

There were forty-six charter members, and later ten presented letters for admission and thirty-one approved for baptism.

Rev. A. P. Moore was called to the pastorate of the church and served for three years.

The Sunday school was organized the same date with a membership of one hundred and forty-six.

N. B. Fetzer, O. F. Walton, W. C. Smedley, A. P. Moore, T. S. Brown and John Parks were appointed on the building committee and immediately purchased a lot and began the erection of a brick building, which the church occupied on the first Sunday in January, 1910, the building and equipment being complete.

The following were accepted by the church as deacons: A. T. Lindsay, W. C. Smedley, N. B. Fetzer, O. F. Walton, and the following trustees were elected: W. C. Smedley, I. M. Shiver, D. E. Whitaker. Choir leader, T. S. Brown. Treasurer, A. T. Lindsay. Church Clerk, H. E. Wilkes. Officers of the Sunday school elected were: H. E. Wilkes, Superintendent; Miss Nell Rabun, Secretary and Treasurer.

Since its organization the church has received into its membership two hundred and nineteen by letter and two hundred and twenty-three by baptism, the present membership being two hundred and sixty-seven.

The present pastor, Rev. G. T. King, was called by the church April 16, 1916, and the church has done some splendid work under his leadership, has spent for all purposes more than \$30,000.00, and is now preparing to erect a Sunday school plant at a cost of \$6,000.00, which is badly needed.

The Sunday school is at present under the able leadership of Roy Crabtree, Superintendent; E. G. Maxwell, Assistant Superintendent; Miss Lucia Whitaker, Secretary and Treasurer; Miss Ruby Wimpee, Assistant, having an enrollment of two hundred and thirty-five members.

The Ladies Aid Society, two circles are under the leadership of Mrs. Jno. Parks and Mrs. A. B. Maxwell both of which are doing splendid work, contributing more than \$1,000.00 to the expense of the Sunday school annex.

The W.M.U. is also an important factor in the church work and is very active under Mrs. John Parks' leadership.

The present value of the church property and parsonium is \$12,600.00.

**THE NORTH CHATTANOOGA BAPTIST CHURCH**

By L. R. Clifton, Clerk

The North Chattanooga Baptist Church, like so many others, finds herself with much of her early record lost. It may be that much of it would not be startling nor so very helpful so that its loss, after all, may not be a very serious one.

It was organized, according to the best information we can get, about the year 1887 in what was then known as "The Little Red School House," but which was later purchased and is now used by the church for a house of worship. None of the charter members now hold membership with us nor are now living so far as the writer has been able to learn. The original roll is lost, the pastor, who organized the church, Rev. W. A. Stulce, is dead. With the exception of one other, Rev. G. W. LaFerry, who later joined the Russellites, he is the only one in the long list of pastors who is not still living and active.

Soon after its organization, a lot was secured near North Market St.

and a modest frame building erected. In this the congregation worshiped for about twenty years. When the school property in which the church had been organized was offered for sale, the church sold her property to her Primitive brethren and bought the school property. It has been remodeled and enlarged several times to meet the increasing demands made upon it. It is now badly out of repair and is hardly considered worthy of repair so that the congregation is giving itself seriously to the thought of an adequate new building.

Looking to this, last winter a committee was appointed to investigate and make recommendations to the church of an available and suitable site for their new building. Owing to its peculiar topography, North Chattanooga—originally and appropriately called Hill City—is an exceedingly difficult place to locate a church. The present site is on a hillside, off the main thoroughfare, almost hidden, difficult of access from every direction and by every means of travel and affording very unsatisfactory parking space.



W. S. Keese, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, N. Chattanooga

After a conscientiously careful canvass of the entire territory and after consultation with visitors, interested brethren of other churches and even of other denominations, the committee recommended to the church a beautiful lot which, though not located in the geographical center is near where all streets and car lines converge and is in prominent view of all who cross the river. A church building there indeed, "cannot be hid."

The report was made to the church and adopted without opposition July 15th, 1923.

The church had previously bought a beautiful residential lot on this same street about two blocks further up. On this they propose to build a pastor's home. They now have on a strenuous campaign to raise what cash they can this year to pay for this new lot and leave them a balance toward a new building fund.

Owing to their short tenure of office, the list of pastors in these thirty-five years is rather long and contains some familiar names. L. S. Ewton, now of Springfield, is remembered by many for his service here; also Rev. Jno. A. Davis, now of Maysville, Ky.; W. L. Head, Home Board Evangelist; D. M. Blalock, of Alabama; M. B. Buckley, of South Carolina; W. A. Moffitt, recently of East Lake; R. J. O'Bryant, of Florida; C. T. King, of East Chattanooga; J. H. Morgan, of Signal Mt.; Louis Hoppe, who has since joined the M. E. Conference; W. B. Rutledge, who organized and serves what is now called, "Forrest Avenue Baptist Church," and the present pastor, Rev. W. S. Keese, under whose ministry of eighteen months the church trebled its Sunday school activity, doubled its membership, and quadrupled its finances.

North Chattanooga is regarded as a very desirable suburb, beautiful in its hills, natural scenery and advantages. It is close to the business section of the city, separated only by the river, very popular for residences and rapidly developing. It is conservatively es-

timated that there are more than a thousand Baptists living here but not united with any adequate church building. Many of these hold membership in the churches of the city but many in various quarters of the country at large and some are joining other

denominations whose buildings show enterprise and progress. There is an ideal in the minds of the present membership that the worthiest of these will rally and help repair the Baptist waste and desolation as did the Jews help Nehemiah long ago.

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Memphis, Central	754
Memphis, First	700
Memphis, Bellevue	681
Memphis, Temple	630
Knoxville, Fifth Ave.	626
Knoxville, First	540
Etowah, First	481
Chattanooga, Tabernacle	448
Sweetwater, First	436
Chattanooga, Avondale	429
Maryville, First	418
Chattanooga, Highland Park	415
Nashville, Judson Memorial	415
Memphis, La Belle Place	402
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Knoxville, South	300
Fountain City, Central	300

in BYPU, 2 for baptism Good congregations at both hours.

Chamberlain Avenue: G. T. King, pastor. "Home," and "The Cry of Distress." 122 in SS.

Oak Grove Tabernacle: W. C. Tallant, pastor. Dr. T. W. Callaway on "The Touch of God," and pastor on "Who Hath Believed our Report?" 119 in SS, 40 in BYPU. Revival in progress conducted by Dr. T. W. Callaway. Splendid interest.

Rossville: J. B. Tallant, pastor. Rev. Walton Callaway preached both hours. 350 in SS.

Alton Park: T. J. Smith, pastor "The Two Covenants," and "The Servants Duty." 201 in SS, 2 by letter.

Ridgedale: W. E. Davis, pastor "Stewardship," and "Labor In Vain."

201 in SS, 7 by letter, 1 for baptism. Nine received since last report.

Tabernacle: T. W. Callaway, pastor. Morning, W. C. Tallant on "Drawing Nigh to God;" evening, pastor on "Program of Satan." 448 in SS, 4 for baptism.

Highland Park: J. B. Phillips, pastor. Morning Dr. Calvin B. Waller on "The Victorious Church," and evening "Heaven." 415 in SS. Revival closed last night, 49 additions.

East Lake: W. R. Hamic, pastor. "Bitter Made Sweet." 264 in SS. 2 by letter, 3 for baptism. Tent meeting every night except Sunday, 29 public professions in last week.

The Burning Bush Revival in which J. W. Palmer, pastor, was assisted by Dr. W. C. Golden closed Sunday night with 24 professions and 19 baptisms.

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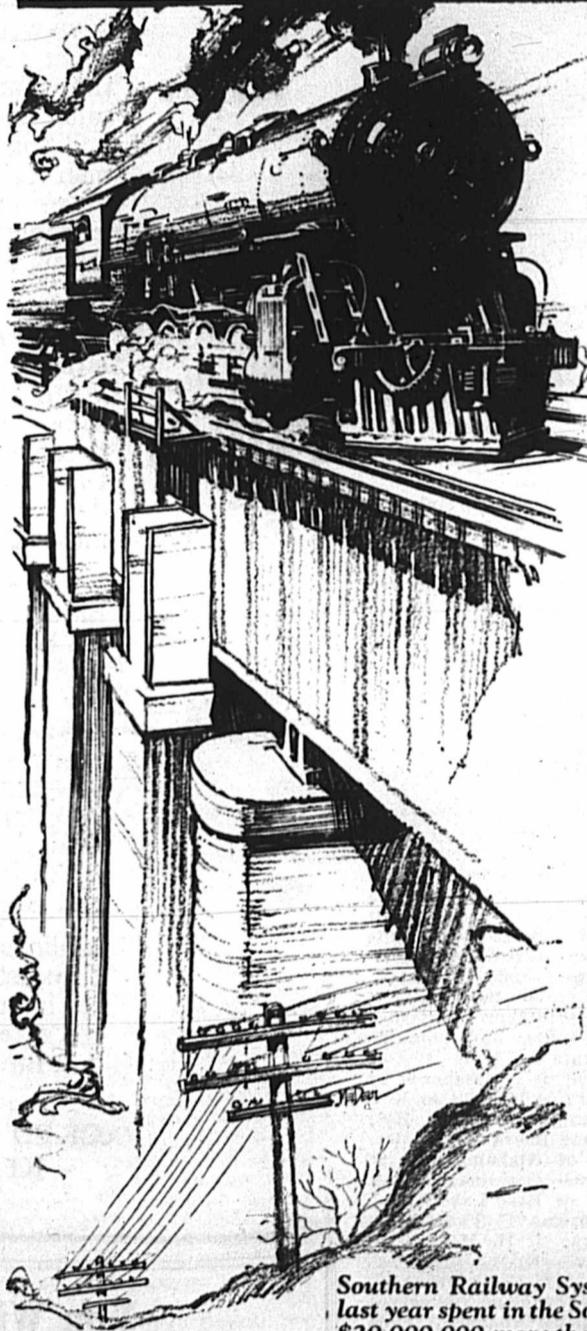
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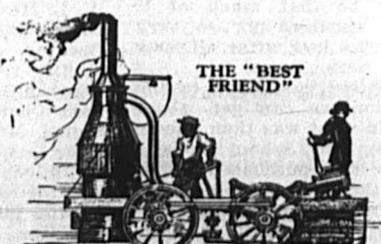
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First: John W. Inzer, pastor. "Until He Comes Again," and "The Life Abundant." 2 by letter. In SS 962, in BYPU 150. Pastor returns after supplying six large New York Churches in Union Services during August. Two converted night service.

Central: W. L. Pickard, pastor. "Holy Ghost and Fire," and "The Secret of the Lord." 395 in SS, 1 baptized. Dr. C. W. Duke, Tampa, supplied this church in August, and the pastor supplied First Church, Lynchburg, Va., three Sabbaths, and First church, Macon, Ga., one Sabbath.

Chickamauga: Geo. W. McClure, pastor. "The Bible the Masterpiece of Literature." 145 in SS, 70 in BYPU.

East Chattanooga: J. N. Bull, pastor. "Our Bodies on the Altar," (Rom. 12: 1), and "Not Conforming to the World," (Rom. 12: 2). 314 in SS. Good BYPU's.

Avondale: T. G. Davis, pastor. "Life Made Over," and "The Stone that Brakes and Crushes." 429 in SS, good BYPU's. 2 for baptism.

Silverdale: J. A. Maples, pastor. "The Church With Power," and "Christ or the World?" 81 in SS, 33



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**AN OPEN LETTER TO THE BAPTISTS OF NORTH CHATTANOOGA**

By Wm. Keese, Pastor

"Is It Nothing to You?" Lam. 1: 12.

Baptists of North Chattanooga, do you consider that it is really "nothing to you" that this part of our fair city is woefully lacking in an adequate Baptist church organization and building? A brave band has held together over here for some years and led a struggling existence.

Matters are looking more auspicious for them just now. From January '22 to September '23 they have received 195 new members into their fellowship. Their Sunday school has grown in attendance and efficiency and all departments of the church have shown corresponding development.

They have purchased a beautiful lot on Forest Ave., near the bridge, on which they hope to build as early as it is possible. Can you wash your hands of responsibility? Ask yourself with the Prophet Jeremiah, "Is it nothing to You?"

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**AMONG THE BRETHREN**

By Fleetwood Ball

Rev. F. N. Pack has resigned the care of Park Place church, Houston, Texas, to enter Baylor University, Waco, Texas, this fall.

The church at Thayer, Mo., has secured at last as pastor, Rev. H. T. Crocker, formerly of Bartlettville, Okla. If he is like the Tennessee Crockers they have landed a jewel.

Rev. Forrest Maddox has resigned the care of the First church, Commanche, Texas, to re-enter the independent evangelistic field with headquarters at Brownwood, Texas.

Rev. G. H. Stigler of Sayre, Okla., a Tennessee exile, lately held a revival at Cross Plains, Texas, resulting in 46 additions and a remarkable revival in the church.

The First church, Chandler, Okla., loses its pastor, Rev. O. G. Matthews, who has resigned to accept a call to Draper Street church, Shawnee, Okla.

Dr. C. A. Owens of the First church, Lexington, N. C., beloved in Tennessee, is to hold a revival at Erwin, Tenn., beginning next Sunday. R. M. Hickman of Petersburg, Tenn., will lead the music.

Dr. W. F. Yarborough of the First church, Hattiesburg, Miss., preached last Sunday for the First church, Jackson, Tenn., to the delight of large audience.

The church at Graniteville, S. C., lately enjoyed a great revival in which the pastor, Rev. O. E. TeBow did the preaching assisted by Singer P. S. Rowland. There were 64 additions, 54 for baptism. Brother TeBow was formerly pastor at LaFollette, Tenn.

Dr. E. B. Alexander has resigned as pastor of the First church, Alexandria, La., to accept a call to the First church, Lexington, Va., effective September 16. He succeeds Dr. Henry W. Tiffany, who accepted a call to Brooklyn, N. Y.

Rev. F. Patrick Dennison has resigned the care of the First church, Newport News, Va. He lately preached one Sunday night, on "What the Stars Are Saying to Us." His wagon seems to be hitched to a star.

Temple church, Memphis, Tenn., on a recent Sunday made the pastor, Rev. J. Carl McCoy, a present of a brand new automobile. He thinks his friends will agree with him that his folks are hard to beat.

Rev. B. Lacy Hoge of Beckley, W. Va., says some Northern Baptists at the Baptist World Alliance opposed Dr. E. Y. Mullins for president because "Dr. Mullins stands for historic Bible principles, and believes and teaches the great fundamental doctrines of the Bible." All honor to Dr. Mullins!

Rev. A. W. Hill has resigned as pastor of the church at Bloomfield, Ky., and will move to Nicholasville, Ky., September 15. He is a "Hill of Zion that yields a thousand sacred sweets."

Dr. Edgar Godbold, who is leaving the secretaryship of State Missions in Louisiana to become president of Howard-Payne College, Brownwood, Texas, was recently given the degree of LL.D., by that institution.

R. W. Halley has accepted the position of educational director of Calvary church, Alexandria, La., of which Dr. A. J. Barton is pastor. Brother Halley is a son of Dr. O. L. Halley of Nashville, Tenn., and a grandson of the late Dr. J. R. Graves. We coveted a man so gifted for Tennessee.

After spending a month in Buffalo, N. Y., Dr. W. C. Reeves and wife, of the First church, Clarksville, Tenn., are again at their post of duty refreshed by their vacation.

Rev. A. U. Nunnery of Parsons, Tenn., is to hold a meeting at Holland, Mo., beginning Sunday, September 16, and continuing ten days or two weeks.

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Thos. G. Davis, Pastor  
Avondale Baptist Church, Chattanooga

AVONDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

The Avondale Baptist Church had its beginning in a Mission Sunday school, started by the Tabernacle Baptist Church during the pastorate of Rev. Calvin B. Waller, about the year 1906. The mission was opened with an attendance of about twenty-five pupils. Within a year's time the attendance increased to an average of one hundred and forty-nine. During the first years of the work, Brethren Pease, Howard, Heard and Dill served as superintendents in the order named.

Rev. J. T. Swofford was the first regular preacher to have charge of this work and his services were continued for about one year. After Brother Swofford gave up the work the State Mission Board co-operated with the people of the Mission in employ Rev. Claude Sprague to take the oversight of this struggling work and after some months of faithful work he organized the mission into an independent Baptist church, taking those who were members of the Tabernacle Church, living in this territory, as the charter members. Brother Sprague continued his work with marvelous success for about two years after the organization of the church, when he resigned to take a course in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

Rev. W. R. Hamic was then called to the pastorate and for nine years led the church in a great campaign of soul winning and growth. During his successful pastorate the splendid



W. L. Pickard, Pastor  
Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga

brick meeting house, pastorium and Sunday-school annex were erected on the lots at the corner of Roanoke Avenue and Tinker Street. The new church was begun with but little money in sight, but the membership were loyal and willing to work together under the leadership of the pastor and the efficient building committee. They first erected the auditorium with what seemed to be ample room, in addition, for the Sunday school. The City Mission Board and the Home Mission Board gave them substantial help in gifts and loans. In the meantime a good pastorium, with six rooms, was erected on the adjacent lot. About a year and a half ago, they more than filled the building and the splendid annex was erected, giving the church thirty-three separate class rooms in addition to the auditorium, upstairs and down.

The present equipment gives the church room to care for at least eight hundred in their teaching services. While this equipment only cost about \$40,000.00 when erected it could not be duplicated for less than \$60,000.00, and there remains unpaid on it only a little less than \$7,000.00 and we are hoping to pay this off within the next two years.

ices were conducted in tents and vacant houses by visiting ministers until 1911, when they purchased a lot at a cost of \$550.00, and erected a frame structure about thirty by fifty feet, at approximate cost of \$400.00, in which services were held until the present house of worship was erected in 1922. The frame building is still in use as Sunday school rooms.

The Rev. B. N. Brooks, much remembered and well beloved, was the first pastor. The present building was erected by Brother R. M. Morris, who advanced most of the money. The church has had a struggling existence for eleven years, the debt having been paid in full June 4, 1923, and house dedicated to God June 24, same year. Rev. W. C. Tallant came to us as pastor, August 1, 1922. When Brother Tallant came to us we were scattered and had been without regular pastor for six months. Our church was heavily in debt and many were discouraged. One year later finds our church property unincumbered and our church is taking on new life. Our Sunday school is well organized and partially graded. We have three well-managed B.Y.P.U.'s, a good working Ladies' Missionary Society and Men's Club. Our membership at present is



Jno. W. Inzer, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Chattanooga

EAST LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH,  
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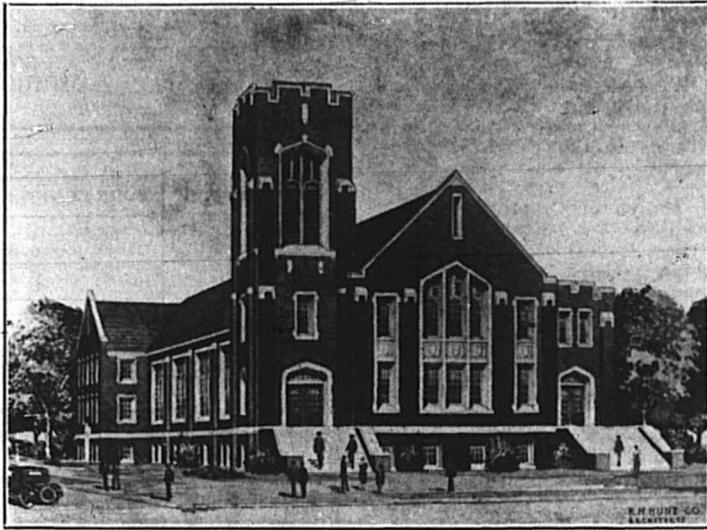
By W. R. Hamic, Pastor.

We have about completed the annex and it is now in use, with nine rooms in the basement and an assembly hall and nine rooms on the first floor, with nearly twice as large an auditorium as we had. The front of the main building is not on yet where the four columns and long steps reaching across it are given, but the front of the annex is completed.

We had a continuous revival, with services every night, except the month of July, when I was away on my vacation, with several hundred conversions. The church bought a tent in the spring and plans to continue the meeting in the community until cold weather. Since January 13, one hundred and thirty-eight have joined by letter and two hundred and fourteen have been baptized. Total increase, three hundred and fifty-two. The membership was two hundred and seventy-nine, it is now six hundred and twenty-two. The Sunday school has doubled in membership.

C. J. HUCKABA WRITES FROM  
PARIS

"I have been wonderfully blessed in my work this summer so far. I have had some wonderful experiences. I'm at Friendship church near Paris this week. They have a very nice Sunday school here and the people are interested in the work."



NORTH CHATTANOOGA BAPTIST CHURCH

In January of this year, Brother Hamic resigned to accept the pastorate of the East Lake Baptist church of this city. In February the church called the present pastor to succeed Brother Hamic and he took up the work the first Sunday in April.

One of the outstanding features of the church is the Sunday school. Mr. J. A. Penny, the chairman of the Board of Deacons, was the faithful superintendent of the Sunday school from the organization of the church until the present superintendent, Mr. J. W. Christenbury, was elected a little more than five years ago. Brother J. W. Christenbury is a young man of deep consecration and boundless energy who is throwing himself unstintedly into the work of building up a school of efficiency. His business is Sunday school work and he works for an insurance company to pay expenses. During his administration the Sunday school has grown from an average attendance of one hundred and twenty-nine to an average of four hundred and six last year.

Our present membership is four hundred and eighty-eight and with her unlimited field and splendid equipment she is destined to become one of the great churches of Chattanooga.

HISTORY OF OAK GROVE TABER-  
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Oak Grove Baptist Tabernacle was organized in 1910, by Rev. King. Serv-

less than two hundred, yet we have a splendid Finance Committee who has their work well in hand. Our pastor is on the field and serves us full time. The prospects for the future growth of our church is fine.



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