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MOTHER MINE.

I love each furrow in thy face,
The silver in thy hair;
There's naught but beauty I can trace,
There's none that's half so fair.
The love shines out from those dear eyes,
How well I know the sign
Of kindness, sweetness—all that's good—
Dear mother—mother mine!

You nursed me through my infant years,
You loved me as a child;
You shared with me my hopes and fears,
With counsel good and mild.
And when my erring footsteps strayed,
How sad that heart of thine!
You loved me better than before,
Dear mother—mother mine!

And now, when those dear eyes grow dim,
And pain clouds that dear face,
The love that you still have for him
Who oftentimes fell from grace,
Will yet bear fruit a hundred-fold
In love, dear heart, like thine,
More precious far than virgin gold,
Dear mother—mother mine!

—R. J. A.

LAST FIRST AND FIRST LAST

In editing the Pastors' Conference reports from the cities of Tennessee the other day, the editor ran into a fine illustration of this familiar passage of Scripture. The reports are on separate blanks and the secretary of each of the City Conferences sends them in to the office in a batch. As the editor goes over them he lays them aside one after another, face up, until all of them have been prepared for the printers. Thus the report which was first in the batch which was sent in is last in the printed list, and that which was last appears first. In practical experience, it works out that way. There is nothing strange about it.

\$35,000 GIVEN TO CARSON AND NEWMAN.

Secretary Harry Clark announces that at the recent meeting of the Board of Trustees of Carson and Newman College at Jefferson City, Henry D. Blanc gave \$20,000 toward the erection of a dormitory to cost at least \$30,000 and not more than \$40,000. Dr. Pike Powers offered \$10,000 for the erection of a president's home. Nine trustees gave \$500 each and five others donated \$100 each, thus totalling \$35,000. The contract for the erection of the new dormitory has already been let. The bricks will be made on the campus at the place where the building will stand and the work has already started.

The faculty were re-elected. The enrollment for the year totalled 527, a remarkable record, which shows the grip that President Sams has on East Tennessee. Every one is looking forward enthusiastically to a successful summer school which will open June 3 and run till August 23.

THE COMING CONVENTION.

It is earnestly desired that all our people shall remember the coming Southern Baptist Convention in their prayers. It is to be an eventful gathering, or should be. It should mark an epoch in the achievements of Southern Baptists, and should construct a bridge from one great forward movement which is closing to something still larger and greater in the future which is yet to be determined. It is not expected that the meeting will be inharmonious, but if the Convention is to decide wisely on many matters, wisdom must be given from above. What is best to do, no one among us knows. We should wait earnestly on the Lord, and we shall be led in the right way if we will do that. Let our people pray for God's blessings upon that gathering of His people!

"MOTHERS' DAY."

Sunday, May 11, has been designated as "Mother's Day" and will be observed in many of our churches at that time. This is well, although it might be better to observe it as "Parents' Day." The same Scripture which commands us to honor our mother also commands us to honor our father. But there is a universal sentiment which is partial to mothers and which is, in the majority of cases, deservedly so. As go the mothers of our country, so goes our destiny. The honor which is generously conferred on them involves heavy obligations upon them. It is not an empty one: it is dearly bought if it is worthily won. Let us love our mothers, sharing with them any honors or emoluments which have come to us: as Joseph requested his brethren to tell his aged father of all the honor which had come to him as Prime Minister in the land of Egypt. As long as our parents live, we are but children in their sight although we ourselves may have passed the meridian of life. At least once a year, let us play at mother's knees as we used to do and romp with father as we did in the long ago. Let the younger children be taught to respect their parents, rendering to them obedience and reverence, according to the word of the Lord.

EVANGELISM WILL BE STRESSED IN CONVENTION ADDRESSES.

In an effort to give evangelism, or the winning of people to Jesus Christ, its proper emphasis on the program of Southern Baptists, the evangelistic department of the Home Mission Board announces a special evangelistic conference to be held at the First Baptist church, Atlanta, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings of Convention week. The programs will hold only from 8 to 9 o'clock, each morning, adjourning in time for the Convention.

The Home Board Quartet will conduct a

15-minute devotional service each morning, leaving the speakers 45 minutes in which to develop their messages. Dr. John R. Sampey of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary will speak the first morning on "Do the Work of an Evangelist," Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Seminary, will speak the second morning on "The Value of Evangelism in Denominational Programs," and Dr. G. H. Crutcher of the Baptist Bible Institute will bring the concluding message on Saturday morning on "Scriptural Evangelism."

Confident that such speakers will have a worth-while message for every messenger to the Convention the Evangelistic Department is extending them through the denominational press an invitation to attend the sessions of this conference.

BIBLE IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPROVED.

One of the most trenchant briefer utterances we have seen at all on the matter of the Bible in the public schools is that of Brother S. M. Ellis of Memphis, Tenn., who says, in expressing his approval of our recent editorial on that subject, "Tennessee's fine school law, framed after the Pennsylvania statutes, requires a daily reading of the Bible in the State schools. This law appears to be very generally observed in the towns and rural districts, but not so loyally in some of the larger cities, where Catholic and Jewish influences prevail. The divided support of the Christian forces makes it difficult to overcome the opposition. But the issue of an open Bible for all mankind, however mankind may be grouped in class or sphere, is irrepressible. And when it becomes understood and accepted that God's moral counsels is His moral message to mankind, that education of youth demands moral training as well as intellectual, for every relation of life, including the duties of citizenship, there will be found no escape from the contention that God's moral teachings are for all the race and for all time.

"In every expression in which moral truth is the content the Bible needs no interpretation. As you have indicated, the Book speaks for itself, reaching the understanding of the child, the way-faring, and even the fool. In the brighter day fast approaching there will be a clearer understanding of the scope and the purpose of God's Revelation. It will yet be accepted as containing God's moral message to the human race; that youth is the golden period for moral training; that Bible morals furnish the foundation of enduring human government; that America's fine civilization, built upon the teachings of that Book, can not be perpetuated to our posterity without transmitting its priceless teachings to youth in training for citizenship."

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EDITORIAL

TENNESSEE'S REPORTS.

At the close of Dr. Wilson's books, receipts on the 75 Million Campaign from Tennessee for the previous twelve months were \$472,036.44. Besides this, the sum of \$315,494.91 was given to special objects, most of which went to the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis; making a total of \$787,531.35. This is \$229,557.54 more than the receipts (including specials) for the previous Southern Baptist fiscal year. The gain is in specials, the general receipts being \$22,000.00 less than last year. There yet remains the sum of \$1,500,000.00 to be given by Tennessee Baptists before December 30, 1924, if they reach the goal of their total amount pledged to the 75 Million Campaign.

BROTHER TULL'S MINORITY REPORT.

Elsewhere we are publishing the minority report of the Committee on Correlating Southern Baptist Activities as submitted by Brother N. T. Tull of Mississippi, who says it will be offered to the Convention at Atlanta along with the majority report which we have already published and noted. It is hardly necessary to comment on the minority report except to say that it proposes some changes which may be considered desirable but which, for the present at least, are impracticable. It proposes to merge the Foreign and Home Mission Boards into one mission board. In theory this is doubtless correct, but it would not work out among Southern Baptists because of the distinct entity which has been given to each of them in the development of the missionary spirit and enterprise among our people. Furthermore the volume of business done by both is too large to be committed to one agency unless it is to be departmentized so that its several branches might reach out in the various directions in which the Boards have already grown. Also, each interest has its appeal,

and in our correlating and unifying processes, we must take account of the basis on which we are going to get the money for our causes. We can not attain the ideal at once, nor by a rapid, radical readjustment. As far as we know, no great missionary denomination has ever combined its foreign and domestic missions in one general agency.

In the days when the State Boards among Southern Baptists combined under one agency all the missionary work within the state, such a Board was rather a "State Mission Board" than a "State Board of Missions." In a Mission Board merger among Southern Baptists, the chances are that either the Foreign or the Home Field would be neglected; it would resolve itself into one or the other according to the prevailing sentiment among its members or among Southern Baptists. It seems to us that the Majority report contains all the changes which it would be wise to make at this time, and some of them even might need to wait a while.

TAXES.

While it requires a great deal of money to defray the necessary expenses of a growing, complex democratic government like ours, yet there is a point of taxation at which the citizens feel the weight of oppression under the burden of public expense. Right thinking people do not object to a fair and equitable levy for the support of the government under which they live, but when each succeeding administration exacts an advancing tax which is all out of proportion to the increase in public wealth, so that each official successor's "thumb" is heavier than his predecessor's "thigh," there will be a rebellious spirit among the people.

Taxes are of two general kinds: Direct and indirect. One is levied in cash directly from the citizens by officers of the law who are authorized to collect them, and the other is paid by producers and consumers in imposts and revenues. But there are all sorts of taxes: State and county taxes, inheritance taxes, income taxes, privilege taxes, besides Municipal and Corporation taxes.

State and county taxes have greatly increased in the past year. Our experience is that without an increase in the value of property but with a deterioration instead, taxes for 1923 were 10 per cent more than for 1922. Although we have been promised a reduction in taxes, an increase has actually occurred, and at a rate which, if continued, would soon make it unprofitable in every case and financially impossible in many cases for people of average incomes to own homes, or to engage in productive pursuits. That which embarrasses production or depreciates home life cuts the tap-root of our moral and religious, as well as economic, existence, and kills the goose that lays the golden egg.

One of the most timely utterances we have seen is an editorial in the *Youth's Companion* of February 14, 1924, from which we quote:

It is estimated that the annual income of all the citizens of the country is upward of sixty billion dollars. The estimate may be high or it may be low, but it is not far from the truth. What we do know is that out of it we have to pay almost two billions—\$1,803,269,325—on our various government debts, national, state and municipal, that we have to pay more than four billion dollars in salaries or wages to the three million persons who are on the pay rolls of the local, state and national govern-

ments, and that our entire tax bill is some seven and a half billion dollars a year. The national budget committee reports that out of every hundred dollars \$14.30 must be paid in taxes. Every American gainfully employed must work fifty days out of every year for the support of government. One in twelve of all the persons employed in the United States is paid by the government out of taxation and of course is withdrawn from productive work of any kind.

At the same time the tendency of government expense is constantly upward. The debts of our states, cities and towns amount to more than nine billion dollars—more than two and a half times what they were a dozen years ago. Tax levies in almost every municipality have at least doubled in that time though the growth in population is scarcely more than twenty per cent.

Government is necessary to civilization and must be paid for; but we need not pay too much. We who pay the taxes that support government must remember that we foot the bill, dollar by dollar, for extravagance and waste. We must learn that we cannot have anything from the government without paying for it, and that we cannot afford to have everything that is desirable at once. We must not forget that we have to support with our money every person on the government pay roll, and that at the same time the resources out of which government is supported are the smaller for every person who is turned from a producer into an official.

Nations can be governed to death—underfed by productive industry and bled into anaemia by the tax collector. The United States is not yet in that case, but it is traveling in that direction.

Just where economies can be practiced in the expenses of government in municipalities, in counties, in states and in the nation, those who are in authority alone can tell. But economies must be inaugurated or else we face internal dissatisfaction and ultimate financial ruin. However, it is very evident to a layman that there are far too many offices carrying large salaries with expense accounts which are entirely too great. Fees and bonuses are the order among many office-holders. Costly automobiles, with their upkeep and running expenses, are provided in most cases at public expense and are often used by officials for private as well as for professional purposes. With the army of office holders, whose labor is not gainful, increasing both in number and their demands upon the people for support, the outlook is not reassuring for the diminishing army of producers whose products are decreasing in value. It is not a time for pessimism, but for swift and speedy action against all officials, from the national president down to the township constable, who regards public office as a private gain instead of a public trust.

"Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." He is entitled to his part, and to deny him would be disloyal and unchristian. But when Caesar takes his toll regardless of the interests of his subjects and without reference to the things which likewise belong to God, he is sowing the seeds of national disintegration from which the inevitable harvest will be a defunct empire and an empty treasury. Let Christian people give this matter serious thought and attention before we have gone too far over the precipice. It is not a political question simply. It is getting a strangle hold on every phase of our life and seriously affects every department of our activities as a people.

"Pioneering in the Southwest," an autobiography, by Dr. A. J. Holt, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board, of Nashville, \$1.50 net, has had a most favorable reception among Baptist readers. It is not only the biography of the author, and has touches of Baptist history, but abounds in narration which appeals to a universal human interest.

News and Views

Pastors are asked to mail their reports early Monday morning so they may reach us by the first mail Tuesday morning. We cannot assure them their notices will reach us in time unless this is done.

An attractive program has been arranged for the thirty-third anniversary convention of the Baptist Young People's Union of America, at Denver, Colorado, July 9-13, 1924.

The First Baptist Church of La Grange, Ga., Dr. Spencer Tunnell, pastor, dedicated a magnificent house of the Lord Sunday, May 4, with special exercises in the morning when Dr. E. Y. Mullins preached, and a Good Fellowship program at night.

Dr. Harry Clark, Educational Secretary, passes on the suggestion that Psalm 144: 12 is a good text on which to preach a sermon on Christian Education: "That our sons may be as plants grown up in their youth; that our daughters may be as corner stones polished after the similitude of a palace."

The Cole Lectures for 1924, offered by the Vanderbilt University School of Religion, will be delivered in the University Chapel, College Hall, Nashville, May 11 to 16, by Rev. Samuel Parker Cadman, D.D., pastor of the Central Congregational Church, Brooklyn, New York.

"The Cross of Christ" is a timely book written by Editor S. M. Brown, of the Word and Way of Kansas City, Mo., in which the author makes what we think is a most effective plea against Modernism, and that is, by a plain, straightforward presentation of the Bible plan of salvation through Jesus Christ. The booklet is a simple statement of that which is most vital in our Christian faith, and should have a wide circle of readers. In fact it would make a fine Study Course for Young People's Unions, especially supplementing their Doctrinal lessons.

Pastor W. L. Hambrick, writes: "The Southern Baptist Bible Conference will hold a special service in the auditorium of the Central Baptist Church, Atlanta, Tuesday evening, 7:30, May 13, the night before the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. Dr. T. P. Stafford is chairman, and Dr. V. I. Masters is secretary. Drs. W. L. Pickard, R. J. Pirky, Lincoln McConnell, T. T. Martin and others will speak. This meeting is in no sense intended to be critical with reference to our denominational work, but will be inspirational and helpful. The Central Church is located on the corner of Whitehall and Cooper Streets, just five blocks from the center of the city."

President B. H. DeMent announces: "It has been considered best, by faculty and local directors, to cancel the plan to have a summer term at the Baptist Bible Institute this year. We are closing the best session

in our history, and prospects are bright for next year. The commencement exercises will be held May 8th and 9th. The Alumni Address will be delivered by Rev. J. N. Miller, of Centreville, Miss., and the Baccalaureate Address by Dr. C. E. Dicken, President of Ouachita College, Arkadelphia, Ark., and the Baccalaureate Sermon by Rev. B. H. Lovelace, pastor of Clinton Baptist Church, Clinton, Miss."

Death of J. K. Marshall, Jr.

We are grieved to report the death of Mr. J. K. Marshall, Jr., who for many years has been connected with Tennessee College, at Murfreesboro, which occurred at his home Saturday morning, May 3. At the time of his death he was Registrar of the college and held the position with great efficiency and devotion to the cause. He was personally a



most lovable character, combining the highest type of culture with an unusual piety and consecration. His going is a distinct loss to the cause of Christian Education and he will be seriously missed at Murfreesboro. To the bereaved wife and sorrowing loved one, our tenderest sympathies are extended. His remains were laid to rest in the old family burying ground near Franklin, Tenn., Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. H. F. Yost, writes from Greeneville, Tenn., April 30: "The First Baptist Church, Greeneville, is working nicely with Rev. J. H. Hanson as pastor. Sunday, April 27th, there were 209 in Sunday school. A lively and friendly contest is on between the Fidelis Class and Baraca Class. At present the Fidelis Class is 21 points ahead. Another contest between young ladies and young men's classes. The boys of the church had charge of Sunday school and church services Sunday and Sunday evening.

Our Primary, under the leadership of Mrs. Kenny, formerly Miss Della Lacy of Nashville, will have charge of Sunday school May 4th."

The bulletin of First Church, Trenton, Mo., Dr. Geo. L. Hale, pastor, reports April 26: "Since January 1st, we have taken a religious census; made the every-member canvass, in which we secured more by far than was asked in the budget, purchased our

new song books; adopted the six point record system, for the Sunday school, and brought the attendance up to 627, with an enrollment of almost 1,000; have three well organized B. Y. P. U's. Have received 100 additions to the church—61 of whom have been by baptism—and gave \$1,000 to Home and Foreign Missions."

Dr. E. V. Baldy, president, authorizes the following announcement: "The Judson College Commencement will include Sunday, May 25th. On that day the Baccalaureate sermon will be preached by Rev. L. R. Christie, D.D., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Meridian, Mississippi. At 8:00 P.M. the Missionary Sermon before the Ann Hasseltine Society will be preached by Rev. W. O. Carver, D.D., of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. On Monday, May 26th, at 8:00 P.M., will occur the Graduation Exercises, with address by Rev. L. C. Dargan, D.D., of Nashville, Tennessee."

Concerning Hon. Wm. J. Bryan's favorite for the Democratic nomination for the presidency, his pastor, Rev. T. V. McCaul, volunteers to say: "Dr. A. A. Murfree has been a Baptist since boyhood and is at present and has been for years a member and an honored deacon of the First Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida. He is the earnest and inspiring teacher of our great Men's Class; he is a faithful and habitual attendant upon all the services of the church including the weekly prayer meeting; he is a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of his pastor, his church and his denomination; he is an active layman in our state work; and he is and has been for years the Moderator of the Santa Fe River Association in which he takes a deep interest; he has been for two years and is now the President of the Florida Baptist Convention, and best of all he is an humble and consecrated follower of his Savior."

The following telegrams have been received:

From the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., by T. B. Ray: "Small increase in receipts over last year. Debt approximately seven hundred ten thousand."

From the Education Board, Birmingham, Ala., by A. R. Bond: "Total receipts subject to distribution two hundred thirty-nine thousand one hundred dollars eighty-eight cents. Tennessee credits sixteen thousand seven hundred nine dollars thirty cents. Total receipts thirteen thousand more than last year."

From the Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., by I. J. Van Ness: "Sunday School Board receipts, \$1,421,903.06. Gain over last year of \$23,602.48. Expended in Denominational Work, \$314,506.31."

From Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga., by B. D. Gray: "Net receipts from states eleven thousand less than last year. Debt about same."

CONCERNING HONOR ROLLS.

We had hoped to publish a list of the churches which deserve a place in the Honor Rolls in this week's edition, but the books did not close in time to make up a correct list. We hope to publish the list next week.

Contributions

THE CHURCHES CAN STOP WAR!

By Will Irwin in *Christian Century*.

If in the decade between 1904 and 1914 the churches of the Christian world had said, "Thou shalt not," there would have been no general European war. If the churches should say today, with one voice, "Thou shalt not!" there would never be another war. The solution of this question—the most pressing problem which confronts the world today, "is in the hands of the churches," if they care to use it—organized Christianity and organized Judaism. It would take centuries to build up such an organization for peace as these churches, an organization so powerful over the minds and hearts and imaginations of men, so experienced in dealing with human problems, and one so rich and powerful. As events rushed on to the catastrophe of 1914, none raised even a feeble voice to protest against the horror and shame which the Christian nations were about to loose upon the world. Christ, gagged and bound, was delivered by his own servants captive to Mars. They did this for the most part blindly, not knowing what they did. But, if they betray him again, they will do it consciously, out of the cowardice of their own hearts—as did Judas.

The World Knows.

For now the world knows what war is! Those among us who are not fools perfectly understand that modern war is rooted in greed, that it serves no good end of the spirit, that its moral fruits are hatred, lechery, disintegration of moral fire in the nation and in the individual. If war were what old-fashioned theology used to call a "means of grace," if it sent its victims to death and its survivors back to civil life better men, it would be your business to support it, no matter how great its physical agonies. But I, who saw the late war from its first battle to its last, who saw it with six nations, who saw it at front and rear, am here to tell you that it is not. Anyone who says that the average man is a better man because of the war of 1914-1918, is lying—consciously or unconsciously to himself. It does not even rescue peoples from what the militarists call softness. Never did humanity at war display such courage as in the late European struggle. The farmers of France, the mechanics of England and the factory operatives of Germany performed every day before breakfast deeds which made Thermopylae and the Alamo seem like petty squabbles. And those heroes had lived out their lives in a period of profound peace. Every man of science who concerns himself with the breeding of the species knows that, in reality, modern conscription plus war—the selection of the best men to die before they have given any children to their stock—is a device for softening the breed so ingenious that it might have been invented by the devil himself.

The shallow biological analogy involved in the militaristic phrase "survival of the

fittest" was long ago discredited by science. But that is aside from the mark. The point here is that men, unassisted by propaganda, no longer had a firm, undivided view of the sanctity involved in dying for one's country. Reason began to play its light into the dark corners of their minds; or, to phrase it as do the militarists, "their patriotism was weakened, they grew soft through too much peace." From first to last during the great war, a thousand soldiers of all nations, if one, asked me what it was all about anyhow? And this, mind, was not a straight inquiry of one who wants to know, but a rhetorical question, plainly put by way of eliciting the answer, "Nothing!" The old, unquestioning valor to which death in battle for one's country seemed a sacrament, an act of supreme consecration, was passing away.

Propaganda of Hate.

Wherefore the lords of Europe's destiny in the nineteenth century devise another and less noble stimulus for the flagging morale of peoples. In place of narrow consecration, they managed to substitute hate, pure hate. The printing press was the agency by which mankind was growing a little international, a little disposed to question the validity of exclusive patriotism. They took this agency, perverted it from its natural purposes, made it serve their ends. The process was not difficult. The universal fascination of gossip proves that the malevolent is so much more interesting than the benevolent! In the spiritual realm as in the material, it is easier to destroy than to create; it is easier to reawake to the slumbering barbarian in civilized man than to lead him to higher levels of thought and action. However, the better and more natural influence of the printed word on international politics—to make men understand that they may forgive—was never entirely overcome; and in all literature and journalism of the nineteenth century one traces this dual tendency, these conflicting currents. What chancellories and general staffs accomplished in the way of inducing artificial hate appeals to the detached observer as divinely ridiculous; to laugh at it in the proper spirit one would need the humor and the pity of a god.

Militarist Atrocities.

How repellent and yet how supremely ridiculous seem now the expressions of hatred which were to us then the daily food of the mind during those four years of war. The Germans were rough, to put the matter with all Christian mildness, in their passage through Belgium. There were German atrocities; however, I prefer to call them now, nine years from the event, militarists' atrocities. The German General Staff had issued orders designed to cow the Belgians, to render them spiritually incapable of resistance. The German army, under iron discipline, obeyed those orders. Here and there, of course, were sporadic episodes of violence or outrage. You cannot mobilize a million and a half men without including some natural thugs and born degenerates whose tendencies will come out in the red mists of war. Here and there, as at Gerbevillers in France, a militarist, drunken with his poison theory and French wine, exceeded his orders and made of occupation a mas-

sacre. It remains to be shown whether any army or any nation similarly well grounded in the philosophy of militarism, similarly well disciplined, would have behaved any better in the circumstances.

Surely, in its compromise between Christ and Mars, Christianity never made terms with hatred—tearing, murderous hatred against unknown and unseen individuals. In all systems of Christian morals, hate figures as the little brother of murder. The Roman Catholic church, preparing its communicants for confession, specifically classifies desire for revenge and cherishing an unforgiving spirit as violations of the fourth commandment; and Protestantism holds much the same attitude. That "righteous wrath" of which we hear so much in war is a mere phrase. It is perhaps possible for a man of exceptionally high, noble moral quality to loathe simply in a spirit of right and justice such a system as that of the old German imperial government, and to kill the individual German in a spirit of love, as one tenderly chloroforms a crippled pet dog. It may be possible—but it didn't happen.

If the soldier was by nature generous, kind, forgiving of offense, we set about to change him. Bayonet practice, the jabbing of a dummy German in vital points, was a most effective piece of "psychological preparation," the sergeants in charge of this game invented a kind of hymn of hate, a familiar combination of American oaths chanted to the swing of the rifle. It went like this: "God" (present point) "damn" (swing back) "you!" (thrust). The hysterical, romantic literature of the war pictured men as they died in action calling on God's mercy or their mothers or crying with the last breath, "Vive La France!" How many, I wonder, died with the sergeant's hymn of hate upon their lips?

A Cowardly Church.

"The trouble with Christianity," says Bernard Shaw, "is that it has never been tried." Probably when you read this, you were offended. But in this most vital matter of war, Shaw is absolutely right. For more than a century now—that century during which man first began to look naked-eyed at certain world-old institutions—the church has closed its eyes to this whole question of war. It has tried to hide in squirrel holes from the purposes of God. Its course has been cowardly—I should be cowardly myself if I used a softer word for it.

We who understand these things and are not silenced by professional ethics, like so many soldiers and sailors who understanding can not speak, know perfectly well what another general war is going to mean to this civilization which calls itself Christian. Just after the late war, some of us said that it was now a case of nations against nations not armies against armies; that henceforth the weakest civilian man, woman or child, would be as much fair game for slaughter as the strongest soldier. We told you that modern aircraft with modern explosive bombs, and modern gases could, in a night, destroy all life in any city in the world. And we told you that in any future war between civilized and organized nations, this would probably be the first tactical move.

Most of the public laughed and called us dreamers—then. And now, the keynote of diplomatic relations between France and Great Britain is the fact that France has nearly three hundred squadrons of bombing planes to Britain's fifty; and that, if it comes to war, France can and will destroy London. Do not take this as a slight on France. In the same circumstances, Great Britain would do the same thing. So would we, I am afraid, in case we went to war. If you doubt this, let me ask you this question: Had the American people learned, on any June day in 1918, that Berlin had been destroyed by air-craft, would the news have given America any thrill of horror? You know that we would have hung out every flag and illuminated every public building! War is so.

The European peoples with their petty hatreds and greeds and jealousies are blindly preparing to commit suicide; and, we in America stand by, and a little condescendingly watch them do it, and thank God that we are not as other men. And yet the average American is only three or four centuries removed from the parents stock of Europe. Placed in the same situation he would do exactly the same thing. The fault is not with any one man, or any one group of men. The fault is just common human blindness, common human lack of understanding. And the one force in modern life which can open the eyes of the world and illuminate their hearts has hitherto stood by supinely, blandly indifferent.

Do We Want Peace?

However, mankind will never abolish war until it ceases to want war. Along with any organization of nations to keep the peace must go a progressive education of public opinion. Of course, nineteen out of twenty people do want permanent peace, or think they do. But do they want hard enough? Are they willing to forego the not unpleasant emotion of hate, to resist the temptations of temporary national advantage, to shut their hearts to certain old stirrings of the cave instinct? We have some distance yet to go before the citizens of our Christian democracies make permanent peace a main object of their political thinking.

"You cannot change the nature of man," say the militarists, repeating parrot-like a phrase, as the anti-suffragists used to repeat: "Woman's place is in the home." That, probably, is not entirely true. Green has called attention to the change which came over England in the Elizabethan period. Before that time, he says in effect, we find it hard to understand either English statesmanship or the English popular mind. We know that they did certain things, but we cannot fully understand why. However, from Cecil on, the mental operations of any English politician are as clear to us as those of the contemporary Gladstone or Disraeli. In this period, he concludes, the psychology of Englishmen underwent a subtle transformation. And Ludwig Lewisoohn has given the perfect answer. "Perhaps we cannot change the nature of man," he says, "but we can change his mood." In war, we do that very thing. Six months after the first shot sounds, any belligerent people turns from tolerance to hate, confidence to suspi-

cion, sanity to madness. The problem consists in casting human thought into a new mould, and making the work permanent.

How Shall We Proceed?

Yet the task, as I review this Christendom of ours, seems overwhelmingly great and difficult. Beside it the long struggle for government by the people was slight and easy. How shall we go about it? What common instrument is large enough, fine enough, powerful enough, so to regroup the faculties of men? One alone in all the world—Christianity and her elder sister, Judaism. Here alone is a power which, consciously or unconsciously, governs the moral thought of every man and woman in fifty nations. Church attendance may be falling off; peoples may be taking their religion with less literal, outward show of seriousness; but rare nevertheless is that man or woman who did not receive Christian or Jewish religious instruction in childhood; and, therefore, who does not see moral issues, all his life long, through the lenses of the decalogue. And divided though the church be by sects, it is not divided by nationalities. We call one branch, perhaps, the church of England, another the church of Scotland, another the church of Rome. These are but the names of places where grow the parent stems. Every one of these has established its offshoots in many nations. Considered in their political aspect, churches are the only organizations which have achieved a sound and decent internationalism. And for ages upon ages, the church has been gathering experience with the changing mood of man. The phenomenon of conversion is little else. What an instrument for achieving permanent peace! We should work through many and many a weary generation before creating another half so well adapted to the purpose.

The Church Can Do It.

If all the Christian sects, combining with one another and with Judaism on this single issue, should start the work of educating their sons and daughters in the illusion and immorality of war, we should within a year mark the changing mood of man. Within twenty years, when the generation, at present learning its texts and catechism in Sunday school, reached the age of fruition, the job of bringing peace to our world would be done. The church can do it, even if she confines herself to her oldest policy—just personal work with the individual.

Let the doubter consider our great American example. Seventy-five years ago we were a race of easy and careless drunkards. One strong division of the Christian churches in America began gradually to take up the temperance question. The nineteenth century had run half its course before any of them, as bodies, endorsed teetotalism. It was later even than that when certain denominations began to give systematic temperance instruction in the Sunday schools. Still later, the movement came firmly into politics; the idea of prohibiting alcoholic liquor by law became a definite issue. In the early years of the twentieth century, it went with a rush. State after state voted dry. And this was precisely the era when the children who had received temperance instruction in the Sunday schools came to

the age of political influence. With the idea that stealing, murder and adultery are wrong, they had absorbed the idea that alcoholic drink is wrong. It was part of their moral equipment.

Not otherwise must the church proceed when, if ever, she takes up this new and vital moral reform. She must begin it in early childhood, when one gets his basic moral ideas. She has taught her young sons and daughters that good citizenship is a Christian duty; she must teach them now, that perfect citizenship implies tolerance; that suspicion and generalized hatred are part of the old Adam in man; that the pledge of love and service which the Christian takes at his baptism or confirmation embraces all mankind—the whole population of the city of God. She must teach that war is not really glorious, but a calamity; that behind it lies always a large wickedness. She must teach, finally, that to be Christ's faithful soldier means, in this age, to be a soldier of peace. A few individual congregations, a very few denominations, do all this already; even if no more join in the work, we shall feel the effect fifteen or twenty years from now; and those who see merely the outside of things will wonder at a sudden "pacifist wave."

Not Caesar's, but God's.

Plow work, that, but most necessary. Cultivating and harvesting call for more complex tools, more advanced methods. How shall organized religion, having set its face against war, proceed in the face of recurrent national crises? "Let the church keep out of politics," says one conservative school of Christian thought. Which is all very well, when politics concern themselves solely with the things that are Caesar's. Theocracies and church parties never fitted well into the structure of human society, and are wholly out of place in democracies. But when a political issue involves a thing that is God's, the church has seldom held aloof. In medieval times, before Christianity was divided, the pope laid interdicts on sovereigns and peoples guilty of gross treacheries and wickedness. When Great Britain was discussing abolition of slavery in her colonies, established and non-conformist congregations by thousands declared for abolition and backed it by their votes. Taking a small and rather mean example, when various of our states have proposed to exempt church property from taxation, or to revoke an exemption already existing, the churches have thrown themselves into the fight. For a larger and more recent example: when the prohibition movement began to gather headway, part of our denominations gave it their frank endorsement, conveyed to their members that to vote for any man who favored the saloon constituted a violation of church discipline. And this war against war is a moral question if there ever was one; it ceased, somewhere in the nineteenth century, to belong to Caesar; it became God's.

No impartial and informed witness of international affairs doubts that world organization to replace trial by battle with trial by jury and to outlaw war, is the first necessary step. Yet the American advocates of this method halt and hesitate between

several conflicting schemes. If our churches as a whole ever reach agreement on one plan, give it their official endorsement and their faithful service, the job will be done. The politicians of all parties will fall over each other in their eagerness to get it into their platforms.

The German vote, the labor vote, the farmer vote, are all insignificant numerically beside the church vote, which every politician knows.

MINORITY REPORT COMMITTEE ON CORRELATING AND DEFINING WORK OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS OF CONVENTION ACTIVITIES.

(The following Minority report has been submitted by Brother N. T. Tull, a member of the Committee on Correlating and Defining the Various Activities of the Southern Baptist Convention. Since he says it is to be submitted to the Convention, we are glad to give space for its publication in advance of the session so it may be considered along with the Majority report which has already appeared in our columns.—Editor.)

Whereas, the work of the Southern Baptist Convention is continually enlarging, making it necessary to create new agencies from time to time to carry out the will of the convention; and

Whereas, the multiplying of separate agencies has occasioned overlapping of the work of the various agencies and has produced an unnecessary burden in administrative expenses; and

Whereas, the present organization does not provide for such general boards as would naturally and logically care for the future growth of the convention without the creation of separate agencies from time to time; therefore, be it resolved:

That the convention authorize the creation of four general agencies, to wit: "The Southern Baptist Education Board," "the Southern Baptist Mission Board," "the Southern Baptist Social Service Board," and "the Southern Baptist Publishing House," which agencies shall take over the entire work now under direction of the convention in the manner hereinafter indicated:

1 That the Southern Baptist Education Board shall be charged with the following work: (1) All the work of the Education Board, as now organized; (2) All the work of the Inter-Board Commission, as now organized; (3) All the work of the Woman's Missionary Union Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, as now organized; (4) All the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement Auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, as now organized; (5) All the work of the Sunday School Board as now organized, except the publishing business; (6) All interests of the convention, financial and otherwise, in the Baptist Negro Theological Seminary after the present commission in charge of said Negro Seminary shall have completed the building now under construction, and shall have organized the school and opened it for students; (7) All mountain school work now under direction of the Home Mission Board; (8) Such general co-operation with the trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, the Baptist Bible Institute, and the officials of the Training schools at Louisville and Fort Worth, in conducting

Southwide campaigns for money for these institutions as shall prevent complications and secure concert of action in the states where appeals are made.

2. That the Southern Baptist Mission Board shall be charged with the following work: (1) All the work of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as now organized; (2) All the work of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as now organized, except the work of the Southern Baptist Sanatorium which shall be directed as hereinafter indicated; and except the mountain school work which shall be under direction of the Education Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as above indicated.

3. That the Southern Baptist Social Service Board shall be charged with the following work: (1) All the work of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, as now organized; (2) The work of the Southern Baptist Sanatorium which is now under direction of the Home Mission Board; (3) The work of the Hospital Commission, as now organized; (4) A general department of Social Welfare, gathering, compiling and reporting to the convention from year to year, with suggestions and recommendations, such information as is not brought to the attention of the convention in the annual reports of the Social Service Commission, as now organized.

4. That the Southern Baptist Publishing House shall be charged with the following work: (1) All the publishing business now being conducted by the Sunday School Board; (2) The manufacture, publication, sale and distribution of all books, periodicals, and supplies authorized by the convention.

Resolved second, that all the boards and commissions of the Southern Baptist Convention, as now organized, shall and are hereby instructed to transfer to the several new boards when organized, such property, both real and personal, as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of these resolutions.

Resolved third, that all the boards and commissions of the convention, as now organized, shall either dissolve and surrender their charters or make such changes and amendments thereto as shall make possible the reorganization of the work of the convention as herein provided.

Resolved fourth, that such changes and alterations in the constitution and by-laws of the convention be made as shall be necessary to the full and complete authorization of all changes in the organization and work of the convention as provided for in these resolutions.

Resolved fifth, that the executive committee of the convention be and is hereby authorized and instructed to work in co-operation with all existing agencies of the convention in working out the changes and modifications of the work and activities of the convention as shall be necessary in carrying out the plans of reorganization herein authorized; and that such legal counsel be employed as may be found necessary; and that all expenses incident to perfecting this reorganization shall be borne by the various boards of the convention according to the prevailing custom.

Resolved sixth, that all plans of reorganization herein authorized shall be worked out and consummated as early as shall be consistent and in such manner as to cause the least confusion and loss in the execution of the work now committed to the various existing agencies of the convention.

CHIEF ADDRESSES OF SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION WILL BE BROADCAST.

By Frank E. Burkhalter.

Through the efforts of the local publicity committee at Atlanta arrangements have been completed with the Atlanta Journal to broadcast the principal addresses that will be delivered at the Convention beginning Wednesday, May 14. The first address broadcast will be the presidential address of Dr. E. Y. Mullins, and it is possible the convention sermon by Dr. Finley F. Gibson will be included. The address of Dr. L. R. Scarborough on completing the 75 Million Campaign will be sent out Wednesday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock.

The tentative daily broadcasting program for the Convention week has been arranged as follows:

Morning sessions, 11 to 12:30; afternoon sessions from 2:30 to 5; and evening sessions from 8 to 9.

The call letters of the Journal broadcasting station are WSB. The station has a wave length of 429 meters and has been heard at as distant points as China and Japan.

All Baptists having radio outfits but who cannot attend the Atlanta Convention in person are invited to listen in.

PROGRAM: HOME BOARD EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE.

To Be Held at First Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

The sessions of the Home Board Evangelistic Conference will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 15, 16 and 17, at the First Baptist Church, corner Peachtree and Cain Streets, Atlanta, Ga. The sessions will be held each morning from 8 to 9 o'clock. The complete program follows:

Thursday, May 15.

8:00 A.M. Devotional. Home Board Quartet.
8:15 A.M. "Do the Work of an Evangelist"—Dr. John R. Sampey.
9:00 A.M. Announcements.

Friday, May 16.

8:00 A.M. Devotional. Home Board Quartet.
8:15 A.M. "Value of Evangelism in Denominational Programs"—Dr. L. R. Scarborough.
9:00 A.M. Announcements.

Saturday, May 17.

8:00 A.M. Devotional. Home Board Quartet.
8:15 A.M. "Scriptural Evangelism"—Dr. Geo. H. Crutcher.
9:00 A.M. Adjournment.

A Cordial Welcome.

The brethren are cordially invited to these

conferences. We have a great program. Look at it—the subjects and speakers!

The Home Board quartet will lead the singing.

Dr. O. E. Bryan, who returns to us June 1st as Superintendent of Evangelism, will have charge of the program.

We are praying that these services may reinforce the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention each day with a mighty tide of spiritual power and evangelistic fervor.

Come promptly. Each service lasts just an hour.

B. D. GRAY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

"THE SEVENTY."

By T. W. Gayer.

Some of the students of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary have organized what they call "The Seventy." The plan is to go two by two, without compensation just as Jesus sent out his disciples. They plan to spend the summer in this way in the interest of stewardship and the 75 Million Campaign.

Some of these men will come to Tennessee for a part or all of the summer. I was so impressed with the spirit of these young men that I made a trip to Louisville to invite them to our state. They will be a great blessing to our churches and I am sure all our homes and churches will be open to them. It is often charged that preachers simply preach for money. I am glad to present some consecrated young men who will preach for absolutely nothing.

SEEING, HEARING, AND FEELING A FEW HOURS IN CHENG-CHOW.

By W. Y. QUISENBERRY.

How this little city on the Peking, Hankow, Canton R. R. has grown into a flourishing, manufacturing center! A new road crosses here running East and West, penetrating the very heart of China.

The property which we owned seventeen years ago has been sold for many times what we paid for it, and larger and better property secured, on which we now have a new church building, two flourishing schools, one for boys and one for girls, and the beginning of a hospital. The sale of the former property has enabled us to provide well equipped homes for our missionaries, and to begin the work of construction for the schools and hospital. Yet these schools and the hospital have their hands tied for the lack of equipment to do the work which is ready to be done.

I spoke at the boys' school, and I have never seen a more marvelous display of God's power. After I had spoken one hour on the need of a spiritual birth, twenty-three young men publicly professed their faith in Christ, accepting Him as Saviour and Lord. From the beginning of my message to its close there was manifest the presence of the Holy Spirit. I was conscious of His help and power, and I do not think I ever had such undivided attention from any group of students. When these young men had professed publicly before their fellow students I gave them a word of counsel as to following their Lord in Baptism and join-

ing the church, advising them that if they had not really and truly accepted Him as Saviour that the worst thing they could do would be to be baptized. I asked that after we had dismissed, and they had gotten their lunch, if they were thoroughly satisfied that they had unconditionally given themselves to Christ, that I would like to have their names in writing; and two hours later there was brought to me by one of the teachers the names of the twenty-three. I shall never forget this visit, I shall always remember the joy that beamed from the face of Sister Lawton who in the early years of this school put her heart and soul into it. The beloved Lawton who has wrought so nobly here was not present at the time because he had been sent to Peking for a difficult operation at the great Rockefeller Hospital.

This is a part of the rich harvest which is now coming from the faithful, prayerful, seed-sowing of a little handful of missionaries. I was in China thirty-five days, spoke thirty-three times, and there were 106 public professions of faith. Not all of my preaching was along evangelistic lines, for I tried to encourage and stimulate those who had already been saved, and I tried my best to be helpful to those giving themselves especially to school work. Surely the Holy Spirit is working mightily in China, and the plain word of God is being taught without question as to its divine authorship and power.

The China Inland missionaries are being marvelously blessed as they go forth with the sword of the spirit. I met with one brother from this mission as I was going into Peking who told me that he had baptized 108 the day before in one church, and that the Holy Spirit was mightily at work, especially in the village and country churches. As yet we Baptists have hardly touched the village and country life of China. We have sought as yet to touch the great cities as the Apostle Paul in his missionary tours, but we have hardly begun to touch these. We have missions in only six of the eighteen provinces.

Oh! how long will it be before God will awaken Southern Baptists in behalf of a lost world? God help us to realize that every man and woman on earth who has not been born the second time is already lost, has not to be lost when he dies, but is already condemned. May I ask every one who reads these lines to take his Bible and read over prayerfully the third chapter of John. Many of you know John 3: 16, but do you know John 3: 17-18? If you do not you really do not understand John 3: 16. How about the last verse in this wonderful chapter? Then how about 1 John 5: 12? "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life?" How can the lost heathen believe in the Son of God when he has never heard even one message of His eternal love and power to save the lost? Think of the over 400,000,000 in China who have never heard the message. Will you who have this blessed gift do your honest, level best to give others a chance to know Him, whom to know aright is to have eternal life? Will you do quickly what you believe the Holy Spirit would have you do?

God help you to do it now. Tomorrow may be too late.

TWO HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE NEW MISSIONARIES ARE NEEDED BY FOREIGN MISSION BOARD.

BY FRANK E. BURKHALTER.

After a careful survey of all the seventeen fields occupied by the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. T. B. Ray finds that if the minimum number of workers were to be supplied at this time it would demand the sending out this season of 229 new missionaries. This is approximately three times the number of workers ever sent out in a single season before.

To send out this number of workers will of course require much larger receipts in cash from the churches than the board has ever had before, but the officers of the board believe if Southern Baptists will provide the necessary cash the Lord will raise up the workers and place them at the disposal of the board.

Surely such a demand for workers should challenge the most liberal response in cash to the Campaign at this time. The world is ready to receive the gospel at our hands today. Are we ready to send it?

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD WILL ASK RELIEF AT HANDS OF THE ATLANTA CONVENTION.

BY FRANK E. BURKHALTER.

In compliance with the action of the Southern Baptist Convention at Kansas City last year in requesting the general boards and other agencies contemplating the presentation of proposed new policies to the Convention, to indicate in advance through the denominational press, an indication of what the proposed policies will be the following summary of special requests which the Foreign Mission Board will make of the Atlanta session of the Convention are officially authorized by the Foreign Mission Board:

1. The Board asks new and explicit instructions concerning Near East and other relief work.

2. It presents the alternative of the denomination providing a larger income for the Board or else instructing the Board to withdraw from some fields and curtail expenditures in others.

3. The Foreign Mission Board makes of the Convention the earnest appeal that steps be now taken looking to the relief of this Board from further loans and the repayment of the loans which have already been made out of foreign mission funds to our theological institutions in the South. Attention to this request is a matter of the greatest importance.

4. The Board sums up its requests to the Convention in one appeal that the Convention will review as carefully as its program will allow the time, circumstances and conditions amidst and under which its Foreign Mission Board is now working, and that in this marvelous hour for Foreign Missions it commend to the denomination by formal action a more commensurate and reliable support for this great and necessitous work.

Christian Education

Harry Clark, Secretary, Nashville

SOME UNION UNIVERSITY MEN WHO HAVE MADE GOOD.

By W. D. Powell, '71.

(Dr. W. D. Powell, whose letter we publish, was himself Corresponding Secretary of the Baptist State Board of Missions in Kentucky for ten years; was then elected Secretary of the Home Missions for the state of New York. Was loaned by them to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and six years ago was elected Secretary of both the Southern and Northern Conventions, but elected to stay with the South. He was recently elected president of a college in Texas but did not see his way to accept. He has been for several years a special representative of the Foreign Mission Board of the South. During a recent visit to the campus we asked him to write an article for The Visitor which we publish below.—Editor.)

Dr. T. T. Eaton, for twenty-seven years pastor of the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, and for nearly as many years the noted editor of the Western Recorder, was educated at Union University.

Dr. A. P. Bourland, a Union University man, was for many years a guiding spirit in educational matters for the Education Department with headquarters at Washington. He is now in educational work in South Carolina.

Many of the most successful business men in Nashville, Memphis and Decatur, Alabama, were students of this university. The Texas Pacific Railway System and the I. & G. N. are both under the directing hands of men who received their education at Union University.

The leading churches of Kentucky, such as Walnut Street, Twenty-second and Walnut, Lexington, Third Street at Louisville, Paducah, Mayfield, and Harrodsburg have been filled by men who received their preparation at Union. Many of the leading ministers in Southern Illinois were trained at Union.

Many of the leading pastorates in Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana are filled by ministers who received their preparation in this institution. Union has been abundant in furnishing material for Baptist State Secretaryships. Dr. A. J. Barton is now Secretary of Missions in Missouri. His brother, Dr. L. E. Barton, was Secretary of Missions in Arkansas. Dr. G. N. Crutcher was one of the most successful Secretaries Louisiana Baptists have had. Reverend C. W. Stumph is the honored Corresponding Secretary of New Mexico. J. D. Adcock was Sunday School Secretary for Kentucky.

Dr. M. E. Dodd, pastor at Shreveport, one of the outstanding ministers of the South and nation, received all of his preparation at Union.

Dr. C. S. Gardner, one of the distinguished teachers in the Theological Seminary at Louisville, was trained in this institution.

Drs. Mahon and Crutcher are two of the strong teachers in the Bible Institute at New Orleans.

Dr. O. L. Hailey, one of our graduates, is at the head of the Theological Seminary for Colored People of the South.

On nearly every foreign field graduates of Union, both men and women, have received here their preparation for their life work. In nearly every Baptist College of the South from Virginia to Texas, will be found graduates of this institution engaged in teaching.

WHAT NOT TO SEND TO OUR MOUNTAIN SCHOOLS.

We have been delighted with the interest shown by the B.Y.P.U.'s and by the various W.M.U. societies in sending supplies to our needy mountain mission schools. In particular are we grateful for the excellent campaign put on by Brother W. H. Preston at Christmas time. We have had several letters recently asking whether Sunday school quarterlies would be acceptable at our schools. I have consulted our school principals and they say that all of our mission schools would be glad to receive school text-books, worthy fiction and good magazines, even those out of date, but the Sunday school life at our mountain mission schools is very strong and they take great pride in taking the very best quarterlies for their young people and in keeping up to date with them, and, for that reason, it would be unwise to send to these schools any Sunday school quarterlies that have been previously used.

DR. INZER GETS \$10,000.

No, this \$10,000 does not refer to salary, but refers to the remarkable success that Dr. Inzer had with the Rhea County Court at Dayton when he appeared before them in regard to the Grandview School, as representative of the Baptist state executive committee. With his usual ability and fire he told the Court vigorously that the Baptists could not possibly take over the Grandview school unless the citizens would build a good road from the valley up the mountain to the school. The Court appropriated \$10,000 for the construction of the road to be used as the Baptist state executive committee may see fit, and to be available on demand after we have taken over the school.

Rhea County has made a challenge to the Baptists of Tennessee! We simply have to do something, or confess ourselves incapable of grasping this opportunity. Naturally the citizens of Grandview are very much elated and they are writing personal letters to the leading pastors of that section urging the necessity for immediate action by our denomination.

For the benefit of our readers who are not familiar with previous articles on this school, we would say that the Congregationalist Board, which has operated this splendid Grandview school for many years, has offered the property to our denomination on terms practically amounting to a gift, on the sole condition that we maintain a worthy school at that place. The property is large enough to maintain a college. It is far better than that of any of our mission schools in this state. In fact, the property is almost as extensive as that of all our mission schools put together. There are 75 acres of land,

two recitation buildings, two unusual dormitories, one for each sex; a library building with a library worthy of a college, a manual training building, a dining hall, several residences and barns. It would take probably \$25,000 to equip completely these buildings and to make the necessary repairs, but we would then have a \$100,000 property. Even the expenditure of as small a sum as \$5,000 would make it possible to maintain some kind of a school. We would not need to appropriate more than two or three thousand dollars a year for the teachers' salaries.

We earnestly submit to the brotherhood that this is a proposition which we cannot afford to let go by default.

WATAUGA ACADEMY.

By C. C. Perry, Principal.

We are closing a good year's work at Watauga Academy this spring. The faculty and students have been devoted very closely to their work, and the standard has been very commendable. Our commencement exercises will be given May 4-7. Sunday morning, 4th at 11:00 the Annual Sermon will be preached by Dr. R. B. Jones, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, Tenn. He will also deliver the Annual Address to the young people in the evening. Monday morning, 5th at 10:00 the Essay Contests for the Seiler Medals; in the evening the Piano Recital; Tuesday evening, 6th the Senior Play; Wednesday morning, 7th the Literary Address; in the evening the Senior Class will portray, "Four Years of Gypsy Life." We are making plans for next year and trust that the high plane of work done this year will be maintained.

ANOTHER UNIVERSITY RECOGNIZES UNION.

The following letter was recently received from the Assistant Commissioner and Director of Professional Education of the University of the State of New York. It is another proof of the everwidening recognition of Union among the great universities of the country.

President H. E. Watters,
Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

My Dear President:

I have pleasure in advising you that the Board of Regents, at the meeting held January 3, 1924, formally registered your institution under Section 403 of Regents Rules, in its course leading to the degree of B. A.

Graduates of your institution holding the above degree will be entitled to credit for one year's remission in the study of law, for admission to the Bar examination in this state.

Very truly yours,
AUGUSTUS S. DOWNING.

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THE BAPTIST CAUSE IN NEW ORLEANS SIX YEARS AGO AND NOW

By B. H. DeMent, President, Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La.

Recently I was requested by the Baptist Pastors' Conference of New Orleans to present a comparative statement showing the condition of our Baptist work in the city in 1917 and 1923, or the year in which the last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention was held in our city, and the year in which the last session of our District Association met. I am giving below some of the results of my investigation.

Let us first consider the statistics of the original six churches:

Church Membership	1917	1923
Central	155	406
Coliseum	348	557
First Church	355	895
Grace	95	140
St. Charles	218	621
Valence	71	216

Sunday School Enrollment	1917	1923
Central	143	340
Coliseum	240	530
First Church	225	635
Grace	77	162
St. Charles	378	444
Valence	107	130

Local Expenses	1917	1923
Central	\$1,139.90	\$8,354.17
Coliseum	3,488.48	10,847.09
First Church	2,173.75	25,170.38
Grace	784.61	2,440.59
St. Charles	5,336.60	11,576.83
Valence	1,043.77	2,014.96

75-Million Campaign Objects	1917	1923
Central	\$ 195.71	\$1,166.01
Coliseum	448.85	3,458.48
First Church	244.40	5,434.92
Grace	250.30	1,130.61
St. Charles	1,932.55	6,352.66
Valence	25.86	582.22

OBSERVE:

First: The membership of the six original churches is over two and one-fourth times as large as it was six years ago.

Second: The Sunday schools have about doubled their enrollment.

Third: The local expenses have increased over four-fold.

Fourth: Contributions to various objects represented in the 75 Million Campaign are nearly six times as large as they were six years ago.

Fifth: Two out of the six churches were feebly self-supporting in 1917, and we had no parsonages. Now three of the churches have good parsonages—Central, First and St. Charles Avenue. Four of the churches support their own pastors in a worthy way, Central, Coliseum, First and St. Charles Avenue, while the other two have made encouraging progress toward self-support.

Sixth: Only two pastors have been here during the six years, Dr. W. A. Jordan, of the Central Church, and Dr. J. L. Wise, of Valence Street Church.

Churches Organized Since 1917.

The following is 1923 statistics of the churches organized during the past six years:

Church	Membership	Sunday School Enrollment
Algiers	142	80
Calvary (Italian)	78	109
Carrollton Avenue	85	133
Emmanuel	121	72
Gentilly	50	48
Gretna	71	21
Lakeview	75	80

	622	543
	Local	75-Million
	Expenses	Campaign
		Objects
Algiers	\$1,337.25	\$ 83.00
Calvary		
(Italian)	537.38	467.40

Carrollton Avenue	2,154.11	615.49
Emmanuel	1,070.00	180.00
Gentilly	1,176.64	14.00
Gretna	1,346.65	44.56
Lakeview	650.00	50.00

\$8,272.03 \$1,454.45

Note: First, that six churches have been organized in six years. I might add that a new church was organized last month, Napoleon Avenue Baptist Church.

Second: Three out of the six churches received no help from either State or Home Mission Board, yet it must be said that the salaries are quite small.

Third: The membership of these six churches is half of the membership of the original six churches in 1917; the same is approximately true of the enrollment of the Sunday schools and all contributions to local expenses and to the 75 Million Campaign objects.

Observations Concerning Our Baptist Situation.

The total membership in our Baptist churches in New Orleans in 1917 was 1,242; in 1923 it was 3,457. The total enrollment in the Sunday schools in the six churches in 1917 was 1,170, and 100 in the three mission schools at that time, or a total of 1,270, while the Sunday school enrollment in 1923, in the twelve churches was 2,241 and 543 in the new churches and 404 in the six missions, or a total of 3,188. Thus the net increase in church membership has grown 178%, and our Sunday school enrollment has grown 151%. The total contributions for local expenses in 1917 were \$13,967.11, and in 1923 \$68,676.05—a growth of 391%. Contributions to the objects incorporated in the 75-Million Campaign were \$3,097.67, and in 1923 contributions equalled \$19,379.35, or a growth of 532%. The total contributions in 1917 amounted to \$17,064.78, while the total contributions during 1923 amounted to \$88,255.40, or a growth of 417%. Or, in plainer terms, we had two and three-fourths times as many in our church membership in 1923 as in 1917; two and one-half times as many in the Sunday schools; nearly five times as much given to local expenses; six and one-third times as much given to objects represented in the 75 Million Campaign, and five and one-half times as much given to all objects of denominational support.

There are some other important observations that are worth recording. The average attendance at the six prayer meetings in 1917 was about 100, while the average prayer meeting attendance of the 12 churches last year was over 600. There are several prayer meetings that have a

much larger attendance, even twice as large as all the six churches had six years ago. The same is practically true of two or three of our churches with reference to Sunday school attendance, and especially with reference to the Sunday morning and Sunday night congregations. Six years ago our churches and pastors were embarrassed because of empty pews; their embarrassment now is due to their inability to accommodate the people who desire to attend our services. Women's Work and Young People's Work have kept pace with the general improvement.

In 1917 it was difficult to get over three or four persons to attend an uninspiring Baptist Pastor's Conference which rarely met; now the Pastors' Conference meets regularly every Monday morning with an attendance of from fifteen to thirty.

This expansion has taken place despite the fact that we have not a single adequate Baptist church building in the city. Several churches are planning the erection of Sunday school buildings, or auditoriums, or both. Truly New Orleans is our greatest mission field where Gospel seed are at last bearing, some thirty, some sixty and some a hundred fold.

The Baptist Bible Institute as a Baptist Asset and Kingdom Agency.

In connection with Baptist progress in New Orleans we do well to remember that in 1917 the Southern Baptist Convention, in its session in this city, projected a movement to establish here a school for the training of preachers, laymen and women for various types for Christian service at home and abroad. The pastors of the existing six churches co-operated heartily in launching a campaign to secure funds to assist in paying for the property which should be the home of such an institution. This was the largest co-operative movement of New Orleans Baptists up to that time.

By the aid of the Home Mission Board and Sunday School Board the Baptist Bible Institute began its first session in October, 1918. An enrollment of 84 was reached the first year. The attendance has uniformly increased each session until now 250 students represent twenty states and several foreign countries, and there is a faculty of eleven professors and half a dozen tutors. The property has cost about \$400,000 but is worth double that amount.

The Institute gives standard courses in Christian Training, Missionary Training, Theology and Music, and has a Business Department and gives courses by correspondence.

We have a library of more than 40,000 volumes, and an institution that has the love and cooperation of New Orleans Baptists in a marvelous way, and the confidence and prayers and

gifts of our Baptist Brotherhood.

Each student in the Institute is given two assignments to Christian work per week, and is graded upon his fidelity in the discharge of his tasks. Thus the Institute seeks in every way to give the Gospel to the city and to the surrounding country, and to co-operate with the pastors in the great work to which they are called.

The sorely needed hospital, soon to be constructed in New Orleans by Southern Baptists, has had a great influence in the creation of public regard for Baptist ideals and achievement.

We believe that the long continued co-operation of our Home Mission Board and other agencies, the earnest teaching, preaching and living of the Gospel by former laborers in this trying field, and the faithful and progressive activities and co-operation of our noble Baptist ministry in the city give assurances of the brightest day that has ever dawned upon our cause in the Crescent City.

"BROTHER GID" HIGGINBOTHAM.

By W. L. Pickard

I wish to introduce "Brother Gid" Higginbotham to the Baptists of Tennessee—to those who do not know him.

Two years ago "Brother John Brown," who has held two great meetings in Chattanooga, brought with him "Bro. Gid" to preach in the shops and factories. We all have soon found out that "Brother Gid" was a very remarkable man. The factory people heard him gladly, and hundreds of them accepted Christ. Since then Brother Gid has held many meetings in Chattanooga, and round about, and we have all found out that the learned, and rich, and poor, all crowd to hear "Brother Gid" preach the gospel. He has just held a great meeting in Central Baptist Church. Great crowds wait upon his ministry. All conditions were greatly blessed. He is a wonderful man and has a yet more wonderful story of grace to tell. He breaks hearts of rich and poor, and the learned and unlettered. He is a Dwight L. Moody in the power of the Holy Ghost. Oh, how he loves the Lord. The Lord mightily uses him. He holds many union meetings. But he is a Baptist. We Southern Baptists ought to use him wisely. He was a blessing to our whole church, and hundreds of others because God is with him in wonderful power.

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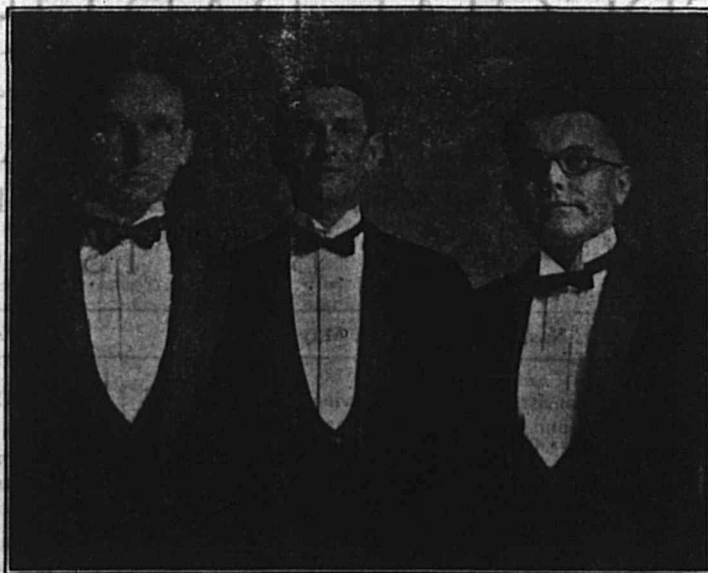
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A REPORT OF TRAINING WORK DURING APRIL

Associations	Diplo- mas	Other Awards	Total
Beech River	1	1	2
Beulah	2	2	4
Big Hatchie	5	5	10
Central	6	35	41
Cumberland	4	4	8
Friendship	5	5	10
Granger Co.	1	1	2
Jefferson Co.	1	1	2
Knox Co.	2	25	27
Nashville	7	21	28
Nolachucky	2	2	4
Ocoee	8	62	70
Robertson Co.	54	54	108
Sevier	2	5	7
Shelby Co.	2	13	15
Watauga	8	24	32
Weakley	1	1	2
Western Dist.	14	14	28
Wilson Co.	1	1	2
Maury Co.	1	1	2
East Tenn.	6	49	55
Total	59	309	368
B.Y.P.U. Study Courses:			
Beulah	6	21	27
Central	1	1	2
Knox Co.	91	138	229
Little Hatchie	8	8	16
Nashville	32	172	204
Nolachucky	9	9	18
Northern	1	1	2
Ocoee	16	64	80
Sequatchie	2	2	4
Sevier	4	81	85
Stone	7	14	21
Union	8	8	16
Watauga	19	8	27
William Carey	17	6	23
Wilson Co.	10	15	25
East Tenn.	26	26	52
Polk Co.	14	14	28
Total	251	539	790
Stewardship Awards:			
Beulah	1	1	2
Knox Co.	44	44	88
Bledsoe Co.	1	1	2
Shelby Co.	2	2	4
Weakley Co.	2	2	4
Total	51	51	102
Total of all awards: Diplomas 367			
Other awards 848. Total 1209.			

Organized Classes registered during April.

Adults and Young People.

Euzelean, First Athens, Mrs. J. H. Ponder, teacher.

Men's, First, Cookeville, Marvin Monroe, teacher.

Dorcas, Tabernacle, Chattanooga, Mrs. H. M. Reeves teacher.

Elizelean, First, Tulahoma, Miss Nora Raney teacher.

Agoga Cadets, Lebanon, Mrs. Georgia Smithwick, teacher.

Baptist Workers, First, Memphis, V. E. Davenport, teacher.

Boosters, First, Memphis, A. V. Farr, teacher.

Every Ready Volunteers, First, Memphis, T. W. Ramsey, teacher.

Loyal Boys, First, Memphis, E. G. Gelchrist, teacher.

Willing Workers, First, Memphis, Mrs. J. H. Reed, teacher.

Faithful Daughters, First, Memphis, Mary Julia Davis, teacher.

Little Missionaries, First, Memphis, Mrs. J. E. Childers, teacher.

Happy Helpers, First, Memphis, Mary Wood Davis, teacher.

Excelsior, First, Memphis, Mertie Chapman, teacher.

Classes Attaining the Standard Intermediates:

Ever Ready, First, Newport, Mrs. W. B. Stokely, teacher.

Adults and Young People.

Fidells, Central, Fountain City, Mrs. J. C. Shipe, teacher.

Dorcas, Tabernacle, North Chattanooga, Mrs. H. M. Reeves, teacher.

T. E. L., First, Martin, G. W. Hall, teacher.

Eunice, Union Avenue, Memphis, Mrs. G. T. Webb, teacher.

Euzelean, Union Avenue, Memphis, Miss Byrdie Wright, teacher.

Business Men's, Union Avenue, Memphis, J. S. Hampton, teacher.

REPORT! REPORT! REPORT!

We are sending out blanks for reports this month for both Sunday school and Young People's Unions not reporting in the minutes. It is hoped that everyone who receives one of these blanks will fill in every item and return to the office at once. It is very important that we get all the information about our schools that we can. We can do this only by your help.

The Granger County Sunday School Convention met with New Corinth Baptist Church, Thursday, May 1, with President Atkins presiding. A large crowd gathered early and the program was carried out in full from the very first minute. Something like twelve churches were represented and six local superintendents were seated in front during the report and made verbal reports of their schools and the prospects for the future. This was one of the best conventions we have met with in a long time. They take the work seriously and are at work at their job in a great way. Nearly 400 people were present and a sumptuous dinner was served on the ground and enjoyed by all who were present. Much was left over after feeding that large delegation. It was a pleasure to be associated with these good people and cooperate with them in their local work. Mr. and Mrs. Lockhart and Brother Demarcus from Knoxville were all there and helped to make it a delightful occasion for all.

The churches will be grouped and plans laid for some definite training work beginning July 15th. One of our

rural workers will be placed in this association for the summer campaign. Mr. A. P. Atkins, Joppa, was elected superintendent again and Mr. A. W. Hammer, secretary. The next meeting will be with Washburn Church in November.

Orlinda Sunday School has just qualified as a Standard School with a fine report. Who will be the next one?

Second Church, Jackson, Tenn., is qualifying this week both as an A-1 and A-2 Sunday school. The papers have not all been gone over but it is expected that they will pass the requirements.

We would like to see 500 of our schools meet the ten requirements of the standard. The very trying for it will build up the schools.

Rev. E. L. Cole, Fayetteville, writes. "We had a very good school. Livingstone has the 'Goods' and can deliver them all right. Miss Owen also did good work in her department. Not so many took the courses but our church has been greatly helped and we thank you for the workers you sent."

We are sorry to lose Mr. Jesse Daniel from our summer work but congratulate Deaderick Ave. church upon securing him for their educational director. Jesse is a fine fellow and will do great work.

Dr. J. L. Hill writes concerning the Springfield Convention: "I never enjoyed a convention more."

Mr. Herbert V. Hamilton, Little Rock, Ark., writes: "I greatly enjoyed my stay in Nashville and the fellowship of the workers there."

Mr. George Fort, President of the Middle Tenn. Convention writes: "I believe that we can have the largest delegation in Columbia next year that

we have ever had. I enjoy being president but do not want to hurt the convention by holding on longer than I should." We will not let him go now so long as he makes as good as he has made.

There are some things that should be thought through before another program is made for our Southern Baptists. I do not believe in taking a back step nor do I want to discourage anything that might be done that will mean an enlarged program. But, I do believe that there should be more thought given the local church and its needs. We must build houses and enlarge our local church work or our foundation will be undermined and the future will be much in danger.

I am going to offer some suggestions that I think will help.

First, I think we should simplify our machinery and reduce expenses everywhere possible. This can be done in some places and to great advantage to the work.

Second, I think some of us who are doing general work should ask that our salaries be reduced and in every way economize in our work. If we will do this we can go before the people with a program and they will listen when they know that we believe in the thing we say enough to sacrifice personal gain. I am ready to do my part at any time.

Third, Let us give more attention to the unenlisted members in our larger churches and in the country churches where they have had but little help along this line. The country churches do not get a fair show for they are the last to get the help of general workers. We urge our own force to go to the country churches whenever they can get engagements.

Fourth, Let us pray much that we may not become lopsided now upon the local church problems and neglect the work on the fields. Many churches are waiting to build after this present campaign is over and it is going to be mighty easy to let the causes suf-



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fer while we are caring for ourselves. While we are strengthening the stakes let us also lengthen the ropes.

This month has been the largest ever in our training work. One thousand and nine awards have been sent out from the Tullahoma Office.

Following is a telegram from Dr. Burroughs, received this morning: "Teacher Training Record for April the greatest ever. Tennessee makes fine record."

BYPU NOTES

MORRISTOWN CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

The Morristown Convention which met at Morristown last Thursday and Friday was in magnitude and in the program offered equal almost to a State Convention. Between 1,000 and 1,500 young people were touched by the meeting. A special train of between 600 and 700 Knoxvilleans came on Friday night for the consecration service. Two or three hundred were unable to get in the church to hear this service. Many volunteers came forward at the close. It was an evening long to be remembered by those present.

Morristown Mentionings

Pres. Clifford Dyer and his committee did everything within their power to make the stay of the visitors pleasant. We wish to congratulate them upon the successful planning in every detail and their kindness and courtesy at all times.

Morristown is in Truth, "the Little City with a Big Welcome"—Led by its Mayor they took the visitors for a scenic auto drive on Friday afternoon and extended numerous other courtesies.

The band met the special train on Friday night and led them in a street parade.

Among those present were those from Johnson City, Choptack, Rogersville, Mohawk, Moshien Jefferson City, Knoxville, Mascot, Fairview and many other places.

Some features of the program were. The stewardship play put on in a masterly way by Carson-Newman College. Addresses by Dr. John L. Campbell, Carson-Newman; Rev. C. F. Clark, Cleveland; Superintendent W. D. Hudgins, Rev. A. L. Crowley, Newport; Mrs. A. L. Crowley, Newport; Miss Gena Snodderly, Fountain City; Mr. Sibley Burnett, Carson-Newman; Rev. D. N. Livingston, Sweetwater and others.

The musical numbers were especially fine. Carson-Newman College male quartet mixed quartet and duet, the Lonsdale quartet and those others given were greatly appreciated.

The Fairview Union brought a real message in their surprise demonstration on, "the Ups and Downs of a B.Y.P.U."

We wish especially to mention the singing of Miss Robbye Ballard and Miss Ruth Banks at the closing of the consecration service on Friday night. Along with a great message brought by Brother Livingston the music did much to make the meeting result so beautifully.

OVOCA CONVENTION JULY 24-27

The Occasion—The State B.Y.P.U. Convention.

The Place—Ovoca, three miles from Tullahoma, Tenn.

The Time—Thursday night July 24th through Sunday night, July 27th.

The Purpose—To weld our Baptist young people into a more spiritual and more powerful organization for good in Tennessee.

The Speakers—Rev. B. S. Ding of China, Dr. John L. Hill, Dr. Harry Clark, Rev. David N. Livingstone and others.

The Cost—Your railroad fare (reduced rates assured) one dollar registration fee and your board.

Make your application to the B. Y. P. U. Department at Tullahoma

early on account of the fact that accommodations are limited.

This week finds your State Secretary at Hall-Moody and Union University. At these schools volunteers will be instructed in the conducting of training schools during the coming summer.

We regret that Dr. J. Harvey Deere, pastor of the First Baptist Church at Morristown, was prevented from being present at the convention on account of illness. We appreciate his splendid spirit and the work he did to make the convention the success it was.

Write to the B. Y. P. U. at Tullahoma for the Stewardship play, "Farmer Frown's Conversion." Also for any other free literature that you may desire.

Come to the Officers Training Camp at the Ovoca Encampment—July 23-Aug. 3.

Robertson County Associational B. Y. P. U. District Meeting met Sunday at Pleasant Hill Church near Orinda. Among the speakers on the program were: Prof. J. W. Hill, Orinda; Rev. Roscoe Meadows, Orinda; Rev. W. Davis, Russellville, Ky. and W. H. Preston, state secretary. A quartet from Pleasant Hill and a duet were the musical features. President Henry Pinson presided.

Humboldt Convention

The Humboldt Convention will meet June 20 and 21 beginning Saturday night and running through Sunday night. Entertainment will be provided by the Humboldt young people assisted by the Jackson young people. Mr. W. D. Baxter of the First National Bank, Jackson, is in charge of the program. Those planning to go to this convention should write to Dr. E. H. Marriner, Humboldt, for home reservations.

FROM NOGALES AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH, TULSA, OKLA.

By W. T. Lytton, Clerk.

Nogales Avenue Baptist Church, Tulsa, Okla., has just closed another fine revival meeting conducted by the best loved pastor in all Oklahoma if you will allow Nogales to decide who the best loved pastor is. This is the second revival since Dr. J. T. Early came to us first of Oct., less than seven months ago, that he has held himself with only the church helping in the music. There were fifty-three additions during the meeting most of whom came on profession of faith and for baptism. Since October first Dr. Early has had one continued revival in our congregation which has taxed the church at each service. There have been to date nearly three hundred additions. Sunday school has trebled both in the enrollment and attendance. We have been forced to build two large class rooms on the lot adjoining the church to take care of the business men's class and of the adult ladies' class. These rooms will accommodate 400 men and women. Our church is right up with all local running expenses, and have taken care of over two thousand dollars outstanding debts past due, when he came to us. Last Sunday Dr. Early got some three hundred cards signed up on the 75 Million campaign anew for the spring round up. All of our church will gladly concur in the statements I am writing.

PROGRESS AT EUCLID AVENUE, KNOXVILLE

By J. R. Stone, Treasurer

I have been a member of the Baptist church for forty-four years, and treasurer of church for the past ten years. For the past five years under the good leadership of our pastor, J. W. Wood, there has been a great deal accomplished. He is still able to hold his own Revivals with success; most every church service there are conversions and additions to the church and preaches sound doctrine and our folks believe in old-time religion. We have

enlarged our building twice and it needs enlarging again. We have more than doubled his salary. We have a church missionary on the field at full time paying her almost as much as we paid Rev. Wood when he came to us five years ago. We have a fine W.M.S. and are trying to organize the whole W.M.U. family. Also have a B.Y.P.U. and a fine Sunday school. One ministerial student in Carson and Newman College, one girl in the orphan home who is graduating this year. We have paid our pledge to the 75 Million Campaign. We have accomplished all this under the good leadership of our pastor, J. W. Wood. We think there is no better. We are sending him to S. B. C. next month in Atlanta, hope he will be more enthused to do yet better service. I am sending two dollars for a year renewal to "Baptist and Reflector." If all other churches will do as well we will be victorious in Atlanta.

SOUTHWESTERN BAPTIST SEMI- NARY WINS 1811 TEACHER- TRAINING AWARDS

By Lewis A. Myers

Teacher-Training Awards granted by the Sunday School Board to students in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary for the year 1923 exceeds the number won by any other institution of the South. During the year the course completed number 1811, matching the banner record made by the institution in 1923.

Many of the courses are provided in the School of Religious Education and under the instruction of Dr. J. M. Price, Dr. N. R. Drummend, Prof. T. B. Meston and Mrs. T. B. Meston. Certain other awards are won in the Theological classes. Among the Sunday school awards are: 69 Diplomas; 110 "Winning to Christ"; 90 "Talks with the Training Class"; 92 "Seven Laws of Teaching"; 181 Departmental Books; 76 Doctrinal Books; 80 "Old Testament Studies"; 63 "Studies in the New Testament," giving a total of 766 with 59 Blue Seals.

Post Graduate Awards include: 135 "With Christ After the Lost"; 93 "Monuments and the Old Testament"; 148 "Present Day Sunday Schools"; 66 "Making of a Teacher"; 82 "Building a Successful Sunday School"; 6 "Teaching and Teachers"; 2 "The Way Made Plain"; 11 "Secrets of Sunday School Teaching"; 2 "Churches of the New Testament"; giving a grand total of 1,231. To this number is to be added 530 B.Y.P.U. Awards. Indications point to even a greater number for 1924. Extensive reading is represented in the winning of an award, and a student, conscientious in his studies, is eminently qualified to lead as teacher or otherwise when all the books leading to a Gold Seal Diploma have been completed and successfully passed.

CHRIST RESCUING THE LOST IN MEMPHIS

By V. B. Humphreys.

Did you ever see that wonderful picture showing a shepherd rescuing a lost sheep on the mountain side? That's what Christian people, representing 67 evangelical churches, under the leadership of "Billy" Sunday are doing in Memphis. While the great Shepherd is reaching down to seek to save lost men and women anytime, anywhere, in this wide, wide world, there are special seasons when his followers are called upon to renew their prayer life—to put every ounce of bodily power into action, to cause sinners to call upon God. "Speak the word and my servant shall live." O, our faithful watchmen on the walls of Zion, (the religious press) cry out the glad news in bold black type, CHRIST SAVES! and since the Master has delegated to you and me this work, pray earnestly my Christian friends, for this revival in our great city. It may be, many who read these lines have unsaved relatives and friends in or near Memphis. Send your message over God's radio NOW. The statics are ready and your opportunity may be lost, if that boy is not rescued today.

MAYFIELD REVIVAL

By Arthur Fox

We have just closed a most gracious revival in the history of the old First Church. The choir led the singing and the pastor did the preaching. The revival was the greatest in the number of additions—158; it was the greatest in the number of baptisms—97; it was the greatest in the number of adults who came into the church—many beyond fifty and a number of men in their sixties. A great spiritual awakening has been deeply felt in all our church activities. There were additions to the church every day of the meeting from the first day to the closing hour.

We are happy that ninety-six per cent of our Sunday school attendance from the Juniors up are professed followers of Christ and are members of our church. When we remember that we have the largest Sunday school in the state, and that regardless of denominations, we rejoice that we have such a large per cent of Sunday-school attendance who are converted people.

When we get the new building we are planning for the next year we are expecting to grow by leaps and bounds.

The choir and the pastor conducted the meeting last year with 123 additions. During the eighteen months we have been here there have been nearly four hundred additions. We are profoundly grateful to God for His abiding blessings, great and glorious.

BLUFF CITY REVIVAL

By A. N. Hollis, Pastor.

On April the 6th Dr. Allen Hill Autrey, of Little Rock, Arkansas, commenced a series of revival sermons here. From the first, he showed himself a wonderful master in the presentation of God's word. He was "instant, in season, and out of season, reproving, rebuking with all long suffering and doctrine" in every service. "Soft corners"—those who cry out against the doctrine—would think such preaching only fit to kill a church, a preacher—and especially a revival meeting. But in spite of much opposition, the crowds increased until many were turned away for lack of room. Thus we have the proof that doctrine does not kill, but builds a church. There were 53 additions, 34 by experience and baptism. The whole church was greatly revived and strengthened. Brother S. W. Rutledge, of Chattanooga, led our singing to the great spiritual uplift of all.

The Bluff City Church is far over the top on what it was asked to do in the 75 Million Campaign.

RESOLUTIONS

Republican Grove Church in conference adopts the following obituary and resolutions on Brother L. M. Roberson who was born March 12, 1851; joined the Fall Creek Church, was married to Miss Mattie Owen on November 25, 1891; moved his membership to this church, August, 1904. He was ordained deacon in this church on the fifth Sunday in October, 1905. Died November 19, 1923.

Therefore, be it resolved:

1st: That we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

2nd: That we have lost a staunch, loyal and faithful member who shall be greatly missed both in church and Sunday school.

3rd: That we tender to the bereaved wife and family our heartfelt sympathy and condolence in their hour of sorrow.

4th: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the "Baptist and Reflector," a copy be spread on the church record and a copy be sent to the family—E. T. Putman, Mamie House, Sara Rucker, Glenn Zumbro.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14 27.

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OUR ANNUAL REPORT

You will be interested in our annual report to the Southern Baptist Convention. Our total gifts for the year were \$214,208.00. This is an increase of \$62,390.91 over last year.

We reported 53 A-1 W. M. S.'s; 18 Y. W. A.'s; 6 G. A.'s; 3 R. A.'s and 18 Sunbeams. This means that 98 societies reached all points on the standard of excellence. This is an increase of 49 over last year.

There have been organized this year 53 W. M. S.'s; 31 Y. W. A.'s; 15 G. A.'s; 14 R. A.'s; 36 S. B.'s; total 149.

We have issued 2,820 mission study awards, an increase of 903 over last year.

Now we have 1,135 societies, so may we make a great advance during the coming year?

OCOEE, HIWASSEE AND TENNESSEE VALLEY

Many weeks ago an invitation came from the Chattanooga Federation of Baptist Business Women to speak on the Campaign. Your secretary was glad to accept this invitation. The ever alert superintendent of Ocoee, Mrs. W. F. Robinson, decided that it was a good time to have a few other meetings, so the Ocoee Y. W. A.'s met with 99 present and gave this scribe a most inspiring audience. Surrounded by so many lovely girls and feeling so dressed up wearing a most beautiful corsage presented by the presidents of the Chattanooga Y. W. A.'s, we had a very happy evening.

All of the officers of the Ocoee societies were invited to a beautiful luncheon at Central Church and a conference on methods was held around the table.

It was a joy to see the large number of business women of the city at the First Baptist Church and to hear their plans for great things. This is the only city wide organization in the state for business girls. Each business woman circle reports to the W. M. S. but as they cannot be present at the W. M. U. Quarterly Meetings, they have their own session in the evenings.

We had the pleasure of being present at the installation service of the new officers of the W. M. S. of the North Chattanooga Church. Mrs. W. S. Keese is the new president so we confidently expect this society to be A-1.

From Chattanooga we went to the Hiwassee Association meeting at Ten Mile Church. A splendid crowd greeted us from four associations. Ten Mile is a great country church, fifteen miles from the railroad. They have had a missionary society a number of years and have more official seals than any country church in the state.

Mrs. O. C. Ewing is the attractive superintendent and is leading her women into paths of joyous responsibility. The pastors were with us and added much to the meeting. Brother J. H. Sharp, of Harriman, preached the sermon on the Campaign and it was very fine.

On Sunday A. M. we were asked to speak on our trip to the Holy Land and enjoyed doing so to a splendid audience.

Mr. Ewing drove us thirty-five miles in his Ford to Dayton, in time for a one-thirty meeting. We reached there in time to organize a Sunbeam Band and then had a good time with the women at two-thirty.

Mrs. Moffitt will be our assistant superintendent in Tennessee Valley, so we know we will have the association well organized. We are expecting great things of Dayton and Tennessee Valley.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE CONVENTION

Our Middle Tennessee Convention was a wonderful inspiration. Our banquet was a real success. We were expecting one hundred girls and about one hundred and twenty were present.

The greatest step forward was the election of a Young People's Leader for Middle Tennessee. Miss Cornelia Rollow was elected. Miss Rollow has always been an inspiration to all who meet her and is very splendid. For several years Miss Rollow has been interested in this work and did a great work as president of the Nashville City Y. W. A. We welcome her into this office and will back her with our prayers.

It was very fitting to have the new Young People's Leader preside over the banquet. Miss Myra Dulin gave us a toast on our Standard of Excellence. This was followed by a duet from Grandview Baptist Church. Misses Tanksley and Gay, singing very sweetly, "Oh, Y.W.A.'s the Standard Attain," which was written by Miss Rollow.

Miss Margaret Alexander, from the Third Church, gave well a toast on the Y. W. A. Watchword. We also had a very fine toast given by Miss Carmine Jackson, of Shelbyville.

Miss Jessie Dye, of Nashville, gave a toast on "Our Little Sisters." The best came at the end of our program by our W. M. U. Mother, Mrs. W. J. Cox, of Memphis. Her address was beautiful and lifted each girl. Each felt that she wanted to do more in the future for her church. The music was furnished by the "Wandering Minstrel" from Tennessee College, Murfreesboro. Have you heard them?

They gave several numbers which were greatly appreciated.

Our goal for Middle Tennessee Y. W. A.'s is fifty new organizations next year. I believe with this beginning we will be able to do great things for the Master.—Jessie Dye.

OUR FIRST Y. W. A. CAMP

Place—Ridgecrest, N. C. "The Land of the Sky."

Time—June 17-21.

Attendance—College and Church Y. W. A.'s.

Fellowship.

Friendship—And His Spirit Over All.

Frolic.

Expense—Reduced rates on all railroads.

Board and room for ten days—\$15.00.

Registration fee—\$2.50.

Write to Miss Jessie Dye for enrollment blank.

Be sure and go.

Have you subscribed for "World Comrades?" This is the missionary magazine for G. A.; R. A. and Sunbeams. Price is fifty cents a year, address 1111 Age-Herald Building, Birmingham, Ala.

KNOX COUNTY QUARTERLY MEETING

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. of Knox County was held April 24, 1924, in the auditorium of the Mountain View Baptist Church, with the superintendent, Mrs. R. L. Harris, presiding.

A song of welcome was sung by little Virginia Wyce, of Mountain View. A splendid report from seventeen societies was read by Mrs. W. K. Stone, our personal service chairman.

Reports show that forty-three of our organizations have given \$8,102.77 during the quarter. All reports were not in.

Eight new organizations were reported: Glenwood W. M. S.; Marble City W. M. S.; Bell Ave. Y. W. A. and G. A.; Washington Pike G. A. and Sunbeams; Euclid Ave. R. A. and G. A.

An informal discussion of the work in general was opened by Mrs. Harris. A number of A-1 societies were reported.

Euclid Avenue's invitation for the July quarterly meeting was accepted. The Junior organizations will have charge of the meeting.

We sang, "Duty Done Means Victory Won." All rose and with bowed heads spent several minutes in prayer for the success of the task which is before us.

Mrs. Harris announced the Commencement Exercises of the W. M. U. Training School; also spoke of the remembrance which the Knox County W. M. U. is sending to the two Knox County girls who graduate this year.

The count showed one hundred and eighty-four members representing forty societies, twelve visitors and four pastors present.

We were dismissed for lunch by Mrs. J. G. Johnson.

Afternoon session was opened by singing, "We Praise Thee, O God." Business, was finished by Mrs. Harris, presenting the banners to First Church, Bell Avenue and Washington Pike.

Mrs. Mason made a motion that the treasurer give Mrs. Harris a check to defray her expenses to Atlanta. The meeting was then turned over to Miss Laura Powers, our efficient Y. W. A. Chairman, who had so effectively arranged the afternoon program. First, was a solo by Miss Dykes. Then the Y. W. A. sang, "O Zion Haste," and Miss Powers offered prayer.

She then gave a report of her work since she has been Y.W.A. leader. She reported nine Y.W.A.'s and is working to have one in each of the city churches. Miss Powers touched on the Divisional meeting which was held at Johnson City and spoke of her plans for the next one which is to be held in Knoxville. She plans not only a good program but to have four hundred girls present. She recommended for the Y.W.A. motto: "God First; Others Second; and Self Third." Then read a poem entitled "Others."

Eleanor Moore from the First Church gave an interesting report of the evening program at Johnson City and Mildred Nance told us about the meeting on Wednesday. Miss Nell Montgomery from Oakwood sang, "Here Am I." Then came the playlet "A Call to Service." This was most affectively given. We sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord," and expressed our gratitude to the Mountain View W.M.S. for their hospitality.

Rev. C. D. Creasman dismissed the meeting with prayer, to meet again the last Thursday in July with Euclid Avenue.

MRS. CHARLES A. CHILD,
Secretary.

CLINTON W.M.U. QUARTERLY MEETING.

One of the most enjoyable events for many a day was the quarterly meeting of the Clinton W.M.U. held with the Andersonville Church, on April 22nd. The meeting was held in the new auditorium of the High School Building and a bountiful lunch was served at the noon hour in the domestic science room.

A very interesting program was arranged by the superintendent Mrs. J. H. Wallace, Clinton. The welcome address was given by Rev. Joe Wal-

fenbarger, the pastor of the Andersonville Church.

Rev. Ladd, pastor of the Clinton Church preached a very able missionary sermon. Several interesting talks and papers were given by representatives from the different churches in the association.

There were representatives from Clinton, Coal Creek, Oliver Springs, Briceville, Beech Grove, Andersonville Red Hill, also Bethel and Fair View Churches were represented from the Midland Association.

All spoke praises of the good fellowship that existed, of the bountiful lunch served and for the beautiful music rendered by talent of the local church.

Meeting adjourned to meet with the Oliver Springs Church in July.

MRS. J. K. P. WALLACE,
Secretary.

OCOEE WORKERS MEET

There was a called meeting of the Ocoee Baptist W.M.U. officers and workers held at the Central Baptist Church, Friday, April 25, at a noon luncheon to meet Miss Northington, State Corresponding Secretary, who was our honor guest. About fifty were present. A vote of thanks was given to the women of Central for their lovely hospitality. After a short business session, Mrs. Robinson introduced Miss Northington. During the conference which followed Miss Northington made many helpful suggestions on the different points of our W.M.U. She closed the conference with a ringing appeal for Victory in our 75 Million Campaign. Miss Northington is a very attractive speaker and all felt that the Conference was well worth while.

MRS. W. H. ROBINSON,
Publicity Chairman.

BIG HATCHIE W.M.U.

On Tuesday, April 22nd the Woman's Missionary Union of Big Hatchie Association, met in a quarterly meeting with the Brownsville Baptist Church.

The day dawned bright and clear which enabled a full delegation from the churches throughout the association to be present. Doubtless a drawing card was the fact of being entertained in the new church which was in its new dress and all decorated in spring flowers to add to its welcome to the guests at its first quarterly W.M.U. meeting.

The session was presided over by the superintendent, Mrs. T. L. Martin. The morning program was opened by devotions, conducted by Mrs. Charlie Powell, who chose as her subject, "The Challenge of Duty."

Miss Velma White in a most gracious way gave the address of welcome. After matters of business were discussed, Mrs. J. A. Ferguson, of Covington gave an interesting talk on, "Victory Through Prayer," which was followed by a discussion on, "Victory Through Work," by Mrs. J. F. Coppedge, of Stanton. Miss Mary McHargue of Brownsville, spoke on, "Victory Through Sacrifice."

Mrs. J. D. Lanier, of Woodlawn, told of "What God Hath Wrought through Southern Baptists in the past Four Years."

Visitors from the other churches of the town were recognized and introduced to the assembly.

At the noon hour, lunch was served in the dining hall of the church. At one thirty in the afternoon, devotions were led by Mrs. Charles Campbell of Ripley.

Mrs. A. W. White, of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis, gave a most inspiring address on "How the W.M.U. can Help Win the Victory in Our Churches."

Miss Elizabeth Davis a member of the Sunbeam Band told the story of "The Little White Box."

Dr. E. K. Cox, former pastor of the Second Baptist Church of Jackson was a welcome visitor and spoke in the interest of the 75 Million Campaign on "Duty Done Means Victory Won."

The Y.W.A. appeared in a beautiful and impressive playlet, "From Self to Service."

The closing number of this most in-

teresting program was a selection rendered by the High School Orchestra.
MRS. J. A. DUPRE,
Secretary.

Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.—Romans 13: 8, 10.

OBITUARIES

Obituaries, a hundred words long, are inserted free of charge. When they exceed this number, one cent for each additional word should be paid in advance.

Hughes: Eld. W. H. Hughes was born in Logan County, Ky., March 19, 1845, and died April 22, 1924, age 79 years, 1 month and 3 days. He was married in early life to Miss Mary Gibbs also of Logan County, Ky., and to this union were born three children all of whom died when about grown.

Brother Hughes professed faith in Christ when 14 years of age and soon surrendered to the ministry. He then moved to Trezevant, Tenn., where he spent most of the remainder of his life. He held several pastorates and counted the conversions under his preaching by the hundreds. On account of ill health he was not permitted to continue in the ministry. But our Relief Board together with Woodland Mills and Trezevant churches with other friends took care of his needs until God called him home.

His body was laid to rest beside his dear wife in the Trezevant cemetery after a brief service conducted by the pastor in which service a number of things very appropriate to his life were said by friends present. He dates his conversion to his mother's reading the following lines of poetry to him until he memorized it:

"In peace let me resign my breath
And Thy Salvation see,
My sins deserve eternal death
But Jesus died for me."
L. R. RILEY, Trezevant, Tenn.



IN MEMORY OF MY BROTHER, A.
W. FOSTER

The Great Ruler of the Universe has come into our midst and taken from us our beloved brother, Walton, "A prince and a great man in Israel is fallen." A. W. Foster was a prince in the scripture sense, for he was the son of a king a member of a kingly household and an heir of a kingdom. The kingdom of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In youth he joined the Baptist church and was intensely interested in Sunday school work, always delighted in prayer meeting and for many years has been a deacon in the church, an active and useful member in the church. All who knew him knew of his consecration and his almost perfect life.

On Sunday, June 3rd, 1923, at

Athens, Tenn., he went to Sunday school and taught his class of men; he taught as if inspired for, of course, he was, when God's messenger was hovering over him and his last words to his class were: "God grant I may die in the faith and courage of Jeremiah." God was ready for him, and without even the sting of death he took him. He passed away painlessly. His pastor spoke of his "clean hands, and pure heart." He lived for others, so humble, so gentle, kind and thoughtful of the Master's work. Of him it could be said "He was here on business for our King," having finished his business here he has gone to live forever with the king. His whole life was an ideal one and a perfect model such as any one could follow to advantage. As his sister can testify of his perfect life—always true to the Master. It was the writers privilege to live in their home. That morning at the breakfast table, he prayed for all present and asked God to give his precious and tenderly beloved companion strength for every trial, never dreaming how she would need it in two or three hours.

How we miss his prayers—only the heavenly father can know. He had no superior in Christian endeavor.

His unselfish life was beautiful for it was a life of prayer and service. Words can never express all we would say of him, how he loved God's word and sought his face and endeavored to keep his Commandments. He was interested in the Seventy-Five Million Campaign and his pledge has all been paid.

Our Cross His Crown

"Not for the selfish hoard of gain
He wrought in life for Heaven's Will;
To soothe the sorrow and the pain
Of weaker souls by sin made ill.

All humble in the Saviour's path
He walked the way that leads to Light,
With soul undaunted by the wrath
Of scoffers of the Master's might.

The world shall miss him and his smile;
The hearth is saddened at his loss,
But only for a little while—
He wears the crown—we bear the Cross."

MRS. A. H. FLY, Aiken, S. C.

Carr: Mr. Joseph Carr, a faithful and long-life friend and member of

the Friendship Baptist Church at Willard, Tenn., has answered the call of the reaping Angel, and has passed from this life and order to the life celestial, and eternal.

Brother Carr lived a beautiful life and was ready and anxious to go at the call of his Lord and Master; and he left an undying testimony to the Christian faith, and its infinite source of living and dying; grave for every trial and experience of life.—Bunyon Smith.

Satterfield: Aurelia Maude Hodge, daughter of J. W. and Sarah A. Hodge, was born August 4, 1879; professed faith in Christ about the age of fifteen, and joined Central Point Baptist Church where she lived for quite a while; was married to Horace A. Satterfield, December 25, 1898. To this union were born eight children. She died February 7, 1924, being a member of Nance's Grove Baptist Church. As a sufferer of years duration she was gentle and kind and bore her afflictions uncomplainingly and in the Spirit of Him whom she served and with whom she has now gone to live forever.—Mrs. M. L. Fielden, Mrs. R. F. Lewis, Mrs. Wm. Callaway, Committee.

Soggy Biscuits and Indigestion

From time immemorial, leavening gas has made the "touch" which made the paste of flour and water a digestible food—the staff of life. A flat and soggy loaf or biscuit is an unleavened food. So it is that leavening agents such as yeast or baking powder are employed.

To insure to the American housewife complete leavening of her biscuits, cakes, muffins, etc., which is so important to perfect digestion, the pure food authorities found it wise to require a certain standard of leavening strength in baking powder.

To maintain this guaranty of digestibility—to insure minimum deterioration of leavening strength, baking powder is packed in tin. This prevents absorption of atmospheric moisture. Dampness produces premature reaction in the can—results in loss of leavening gas.

The food official, would properly condemn baking powder if packed in cheap sacks.

But what about self rising flour? It comes to the southern housewife from remote northern mills packed in porous bags. What happens to this mixture of baking materials and flour?

Chemical analysis shows that much of it has lost its leavening strength before it reaches the consumer.

Breadstuffs made with such self-rising flours cannot rise properly—they come to the table heavy, flat, and soggy.

Why don't the pure food officials demand that self-rising flours contain 0.5% leavening gas, the equivalent to the 12% required of baking powder?

Calumet Baking Powder is scientifically and legally correct—the last spoonful is as pure and sure as the first.

Packed in tin—keeps the strength in

PASTORS' CONFERENCES

REPORTED ATTENDANCE, May 4.

Nashville, First	1805
(Allen Fort Class)	1116
Knoxville First	1368
Knoxville, Bell Ave	1219
Chattanooga, First	1033
Knoxville, Fifth Ave.	817
Memphis, Bellvue	805
Jackson, First	781
Memphis, Temple	779
Memphis, First	764
Etowah, First	730
Knoxville, Broadway	726
Memphis, Central	650
Jackson, West	645
Johnson City, Central	639
Nashville, Immanuel	628
Maryville, First	583
Chattanooga, Tabernacle ..	571
Rossville	510
Erwin, First	507
Knoxville, Lonsdale	500
Memphis, La Belle Place ..	479
Nashville, Eastland	462
Knoxville, Euclid Ave.	456
Knoxville, South	452
Kingsport, First	446
Chattanooga, Avondale	444
Nashville, Belmont Heights ..	444
Cleveland, First	426
Newport, First	425
Rockwood, First	416
Harriman, Trenton St.	396
Knoxville, Island Home	392
Chattanooga, Central	386
Nashville, Edgefield	385
Paris, First	381
Lafollette, First	373
Fountain City, Central	367
Nashville, Lockland	350
Chattanooga, East	348
Sweetwater	345
Elizabethton	344
Nashville, Park Ave.	342
Humboldt, First	339
Nashville, Grace	339
Chattanooga, St. Elmo	338
Nashville, Third	327
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Nashville, North Edgefield ..	318
Knoxville, Immanuel	314
Athens, First	309
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KNOXVILLE

Grove City: D. W. Lindsay, pastor. "What Is Your Life?" and "First Things First." In S, 200; in BYPU, 25.

Smithwood: C. P. Jones, pastor. "The Risen Life of Believers" and "Jesus Confronting Demons." In SS, 221; in BYPU's, 75.

S. Knoxville: M. E. Miller, pastor. "Rom. 8: 31" and "Assurance." In SS, 452; baptized, 6.

Beaumont: D. A. Webb, pastor. "2 Chron. 30: 9" and "Gal. 5: 18, 22." In SS, 217.

Central of Fountain City: J. C. Shipe, pastor. "A Nation of Robbers" and "Different Kinds of Church Members." In S, 367; in BYPU, 126; received for baptism, 3.

Bell Avenue: James Allen Smith, pastor. "Back to Bethel" and "Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By." In S, 1,219; in BYPU, 176; received by letter, 4; for baptism, 16.

Lincoln Park: J. C. Collum, pastor. "God's Call to Return to the Old Paths" and "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out." In S, 296; for baptism, 4.

Philadelphia: A. B. Johnson, pastor. "Mother" and "Who Is This?" In SS, 108; in BYPU, 42; 80 in mid-week prayer meeting.

Calvary: W. L. Datson, pastor. "Church and Its Workers" and "Lecture to Boys" In SS, 179; in BYPU, 73. Full house at night.

Fountain City: Neill Acuff, pastor. "This Is My Body" and "Matt. 5: 47." In SS, 170.

Immanuel: A. R. Pedigo, pastor. "Regeneration, Repentance and Faith" and "Let Us Alone." In SS, 314; baptized, 2; received by letter, 2; 2 for baptism.

Kingston, First: W. C. Creasman,

pastor. "A Watchman in the Night" and Lloyd T. Wilson on, "Today's Challenge." In SS, 158; in BYPU, 52.

Washington Pike: J. A. Lockhart, pastor. "A Good Man" and J. A. Philip on, "The Spirit Planned Church." In SS, 158; in BYPU, 60; baptized, 2; by letter, 1.

Euclid Ave.: J. W. Wood, pastor; Observed Lord's Supper and a Musical program. In SS, 456; in BYPU, 80; baptized, 3.

Inskip: W. D. Hutton, pastor. "Eph. 4: 16" and Luke 6: 46." In S, 144; baptized, 4. \$30.00 SS collection.

Mt. View: J. R. Dykes, pastor. "Preparing for a Great Task" and "A Call to the Unconverted." In SS, 253; baptized, 4; by letter, 1; experiences, 2.

Lonsdale: W. A. Atchley, pastor. "Satan's Opportunity" and "A Christian Citizen." In SS 500; in BYPU, 145. Went over the top in the 75 Million Campaign.

First: F. F. Brown, pastor. Home-Coming services observing pastor's third anniversary and pastor on "Religious Convictions." In SS, 1,368; in BYPU, 130; baptized, 5; by letter, 2. Gillespie Ave.: J. K. Smith, pastor. "Rev. 3: 16" and "Heb. 7: 25." In SS, 239.

Mt. Olive: Stephen Grigsby, pastor. "The Bible" and "Prepare to Meet Thy God." In SS, 266; Work on new church progressing nicely.

Island Home: C. D. Creasman, pastor. Morning, Dr. Preston. Evening, pastor on "Watch." In SS, 392; in BYPU, 112; for baptism, 1.

Central of Bearden: Robt. Humphreys, pastor. "Christ Died for the Ungodly" and "1 Timothy 1: 15." In SS, 150; received by statement, 1.

Fifth Ave.: J. L. Dance, pastor. W. D. Hudgins both hours. In SS, 817.

Broadway: B. A. Bowers, D.D., pastor. "After the John Brown Meeting—What?" and "Why Wait to Accept Christ and Join the Church?" In SS, 726; in BYPU, 147; baptized, 8; by letter, 1.

CHATTANOOGA

N. Chattanooga: Wm. S. Keese, pastor. Dr. Evans, of New York, on "Vacation Bible School" and pastor on "Music." In S, 294; BYPU has 100 per cent signers to Tithing Pledge. By letter, 2.

Oak Grove Tabernacle: W. C. Talant, pastor. "Of Him, Through Him and to Him" and "Study to Show Thyself Approved of God." In SS, 155; in BYPU, 45.

Avondale: T. G. Davis, pastor. "Fishers of Men" and "What It Means to Reject God." In SS, 444; BYPU's good; by letter, 3.

Chickamauga, Ga.: Geo. W. McClure, pastor; "This One Thing I Do." and evening, W. R. Hamic. For baptism, 1.

Alton Park: T. J. Smith, pastor. "The Foretaste of Heaven" and "City of Refuge." In S, 216; BYPU good.

St. Elmo: U. S. Thomas, pastor. Claude E. Sprague on "Tithing" and pastor on "The Boys and the Church." In SS, 338.

Daisy: J. A. Maples, pastor. "The Wilderness Cry" and "Why Everyone Should Be a Christian." In SS, 106; in BYPU, 24.

Chamberlain Ave.: G. T. King, pastor. "The Conference" and "Demoniac Healed." In SS, 248. Pastor celebrated his eighth anniversary as pastor.

Central: W. L. Pickard, pastor. "Authority of the Scriptures" and "Yoking Up With Christ." In SS, 386; baptized, 2. Three of the BYPU's largely attended. One of the Unions putting on a demonstration at another church.

East Lake: C. H. Cosby pastor. "Christian Stewardship" and "The Church at Ephesus." In SS, 320. In morning service forty-three agreed to tithe.

E. Chattanooga: J. N. Bull, pastor. "Gid" Higginbotham on "God's Call to the Christian" and "God's Love Gift

to the World." In SS, 348; for baptism, 35. Subject 2:30, "Fighting Devils." We have had a great meeting, near a hundred have professed faith in Jesus. Brother Higginbotham is a great soul winner.

First: John W. Inzer, pastor. Preaching by Dr. Harris Gregg, Philadelphia, Pa., one of the Bible Conference speakers, and Dr. J. B. Phillips, of the Highland Park Church on "The Everlasting Father." In S, 1,033. Pastor conducting revival campaign in Birmingham.

Baptist Tabernacle: "Prayer" and "Life After Death." In SS, 571.

Dr. Inzer returned from Birmingham where he has been conducting a two weeks' revival campaign with the Avondale Baptist Church. He reports a most gracious meeting with 144 additions to the Baptist church besides a large number who will join other churches. There were thirty-three additions the last day of the meeting and twenty fine young people dedicated their lives for definite Christian service. From the opening service the church was packed to the doors and scores of people turned away.

NASHVILLE

Third: R. M. Jennings, pastor; "Why Jesus Kept On" and "The Homeward March of the Conquerors." SS 327; BYPU 35. Revival on—pastor doing the preaching.

17th Ave. Mission: S. E. Loxley, pastor; "Showers of Blessings" and "Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By." SS 183; BYPU 43.

Parke Ave.: A. M. Nicholson, pastor; "Some Essentials in the Lord's Service" and "Right Relationship in the Every Day Life." Statement 1; SS 342; BYPU No. 1, 18, No. 2, 23; Int. 14; Jr. 23; Sunbeam Band 16.

North Edgefield: A. W. Duncan, pastor; Rev. D. B. Clapp preached both morning and evening to a full house. special meetings closed; 36 professed conversion. SS 318.

Lockeland, J. C. Miles pastor; For baptism 5; by letter 9; SS 350; BYPU's good. Our revival is in progress. Brother L. D. Summers of Arkansas is doing a good job. He has the hearts of the people. Brother Joe M. Cambron of Nashville is leading the singing. He is one of our young singers but a good one. The church presented the pastor with a Ford sedan.

Immanuel: Ryland Knight, pastor; "The Life Giver" John 10: 10 and "Jacob, the Changed Man" Gen. 32: 28. SS 626.

Goodlettsville: H. F. Burns, pastor; heard address to high school graduates by Dr. Gus Dyer and "God Putting Israel Out of His Sight." Preached at Fishers Grove Church in Robertson county, last Thursday night.

Grandview: Don Q. Smith, pastor; "Out of the Pit or an Experience of Grace" and "What Heaven Means to Me." SS 308. Good BYPU's and good congregations.

Eastland: O. L. Hailey, pastor; "Jesus the Light of the World" and "For or Against Him." SS 462; BYPU's Good. Training school planned for last week in May. Revival first of June. W. A. Ayers of Forest City N. C., to preach and Geo. W. Card of SS Board to lead the singing.

Edgefield: W. M. Wood, pastor; "The One Foundation" and "Christ for Every Life." Baptized 1; SS 355; BYPU 50; Int. 12; Jr. 16. A large number present at the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Calvary: W. H. Vaughan, pastor; "No Compromise" and "Looking to Jesus." SS 192; BYPU 39.

Centennial: L. P. Royer pastor; "The Simple Story of Life" and Dr. John Freeman spoke at night on "God's Bars to Hell." For baptism 8; by letter 2; SS 163. Revival continues with fine crowds, and good interest.

Central: W. C. Golden, supply; "The Divine Receipt for Times of Trial" and "Christ's Invitation to the Gospel Feast." By letter 1; SS 83; BYPU's good. Begun the canvass of the territory.

Belmont Heights: John D. Freeman, pastor; "Our Coronation Day" and "God's Bars to Hell." SS 414; BYPU 20; Int. 22; Jr. 18. We enjoyed a great

anniversary celebration with an old-fashioned dinner on the ground. Dr. P. E. Burroughs supplied at night.

Grace: Dr. O. E. Bryan filled pulpit. Pastor Commack sick. In SS, 339.

MEMPHIS

Speedway Terrac: Pastor J. O. Hill preached both hours; 152 in SS; good unions.

Collierville: Pastor J. P. Horton spoke at the morning hour. Dr. O. L. Spurgeon at the evening hour. Extra good congregations; 70 in SS; good BYPU.

Ebenezer: Pastor J. W. Joyner spoke to large congregations. Good SS with 50 present.

Merton Ave.: E. J. Hill, pastor; Large congregations; good services; in SS, 257; in BYPU's, 84.

Bellevue: W. M. Bostick, pastor; Observed Lord's Supper at morning hour. Pastor preached evening hour. "Lay Hold of Eternal Life." In SS, 805; by baptism, 5; baptized, 12. Good unions; fine day.

New South Memphis: Pastor Norris preached both hours. Great day. Over fifty gave pastor hands in reconsecration. Brother A. J. Miller, Chairman of Building Committee stated that the pastor had managed the building of new basement absolutely and church gave Pastor Norris a vote of thanks. The Sunday school also gave pastor and wife and vote of thanks for interest in new church building. In SS, 140; three BYPU's.

Forrest Hill: Pastor W. L. Smith spoke both hours to large congregations; 63 in SS; 2 additions by letter; 1 for baptism.

Eastern Heights: Pastor J. W. Leigh preached both hours. In SS, 66. Increasing interest in BYPU.

Lucy: Pastor Burk spoke at both hours; splendid audiences; 61 in SS. Church asked pastor to conduct revival in August. Bro. C. E. Lancaster to lead singing.

Highland Heights: Pastor E. F. Curle preached to fine congregations. In SS, 275; three good unions.

Prescott Memorial: Jas. H. Oakley, pastor; "History of Prescott Memorial" and "Christ's Death, Burial and Resurrection. Observed fifth anniversary and ended a series of sermons on John. One conversion; six additions; two baptized; 303 in SS; four good unions. Greatest congregations in the history of the church.

Bartlett: O. A. Utley, pastor, spoke at both hours. Two good congregations. In SS, 95.

LaBelle Place: Pastor D. A. Ellis spoke at both hours to good congregations. In SS, 479; by letter, 6; for baptism, 1.

First: Pastor Boone preached at night. In SS, 764.

Seventh Street: Pastor I. N. Strother preached. In SS, 186; in unions about 25.

Joseph Pappia, Italian Missionary: Times preached, 1; present in SS, 22; families prayed with, 9; tracts distributed, 33; visits made, 44.

Temple: Pastor J. Carl McCoy spoke at both hours; 779 in SS; one funeral.

Boulevard: Pastor J. H. Wright preached morning and night; 265 in SS; 3 BYPU's; good congregations. Preached at Capleville in the afternoon; 2 received by letter.

Greenland Heights: Pastor Chas. Lovejoy spoke both hours; good congregations; good BYPU, 30 in all; good SS, about 40 present.

Calvary: Pastor conducted meetings at 11 a.m. No service at night. About 50 in SS.

Central: Pastor Cox preached at night; 5 for baptism; 650 in SS.

Eudora: Pastor spoke both hours; 67 in SS.

MISCELLANEOUS

Dunlap, First: J. N. Irwin, pastor; "The Lord's Supper" and "A Great Salvation." In SS, 165; collection, \$11.15; baptized 3 in afternoon. Splendid program rendered by Senior BYPU. Large congregations.

Monterey: W. M. Griffith, pastor; "Tested by Fire" and "Our Harvest, What We Make It." One renewal at the evening service; good attendance

at BYPU; in SS, 237; large congregation and good day with us.

Rockwood, First Church: L. W. Clark, pastor; Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson in morning on "The Marks of the Elect Church." Pastor at night, "The Father's Gift to the Son." In SS, 416; 10 100% classes; in BYPU's, 78; for baptism, 1; by letter, 1. We dedicated our building at the morning hour.

Sweetwater: O. D. Fleming, pastor; "The Banquet for Believers" and "The Law of Life." In SS, 345; 3 by letter.

Rossville: J. E. O'Quinn, pastor; "The Christ Life" by Paul Simms, Bible Instructor, Chattanooga High School and "The Vacation Church School Today" by Thos. S. Evans, New York City, Secretary International Association Daily Vacation Bible Schools. In SS, 510; good BYPU's.

Etowah, First: Observed the Sunday school hour for the Cradle Roll Department. Had a fine program, 85 babies present; 730 in SS. The mothers have charge of Sunday school next Sunday morning. The pastor preached at morning hour although had to sit down to preach. He was not able to preach at evening service. The Vaughn quartette with us, had some good singing.

Cleveland, First: C. F. Clark, pastor; "The Fellowship of Loyalty" and "A Modern Home." In SS, 426.

Elizabethton: H. M. Lintz, supply, preached both morning and evening to large congregations; in SS, 344; good BYPU's; Senior BYPU gave evening program at Doe River Church.

Athens, First: J. Herschel Ponder, pastor; "Some Things Athens Baptists Need to Get Straightened Out" "Special Music Week Program." In SS, 309; in Inter. BYPU, 13; in Jr. BYPU, 20; for baptism, 3; by letter, 6. Very fine day; meeting helped wonderfully. Many more to come in.

Decatur: J. H. Ponder, pastor; in afternoon, "A Good Man Who Failed." In SS, 66. Church adopted budget plan.

LaFollette, First: Pastor preached at both hours; fine crowds; in SS, 373; in BYPU, 100. The allotment at the beginning of the campaign for our church was \$5,000. The church pledged \$5,900. Of those lettered out from the church, we have lost more than \$800 in pledges; but we are sending

check to cover the full amount pledged.

North Etowah: F. A. Webb, pastor; John 16: 20 and Hebrews 3: 12. In SS, 137; in Sr. BYPU, 6; in prayer meeting, 50. We had a good day.

Maryville, First: Pastor J. R. Johnson preached at both services; in SS, 585; by letter, 1.

West Jackson: R. E. Guy, pastor; "Giving Jesus a Square Deal" and "A Child in the Midst." In SS, 645; in BYPU, 160; by letter, 1; by restoration, 1.

Shop Springs: J. D. Moore, pastor; "A Blood-bought Church" and "The Bible." In SS, 148; good BYPU.

Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such a one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.—Galatians 6: 1.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, ERWIN FIRST

By C. W. Adams, Reporter

Our Sunday school is doing splendid work considering that we are greatly handicapped for Sunday school room. We have a faithful staff of officers and teachers who appreciate their place in the Sunday school.

Our Monthly Workers' Council is holding regular meetings and is well attended by both teachers and workers.

The church has recently adopted plans and specifications for the erection of Modern Sunday school equipment. Daugherty and Gardner, of the Home Board, are the architects.

A Building Committee has been appointed also and as soon as additional plans and specifications have been received bids will be offered to contractors for the erection of this Sunday-school building.

Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him.—I Corinthians 2: 9.

A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly; and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Proverbs 18: 24.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Fleetwood Hall, Lexington

Mr. E. C. Williams has resigned as business manager of the Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, La., effective May 15, when he returns to Mississippi to engage in general Sunday school work. Mr. Lee McDonnell of New Orleans, takes the vacancy in the Baptist Institute.

Dr. John Jeter Hurt of the First church, Jackson, Tenn., lately delivered a thrilling address to the graduating class of the high school at Greenfield, Tenn. concerning which many enthusiastic expressions have been spoken.

Dr. H. M. Wharton of Baltimore, Md., the venerable evangelist, is to assist Dr. W. M. Vines in a revival with the First church, Greenwood, S. C., beginning June 1. Dr. Wharton seems to renew his youth with the passing days.

Evangelist D. P. Montgomery of Greenville, S. C., who has held a number of meetings in Tennessee, is assisting Rev. B. S. Funderburk at Youngs Island, S. C. His son, Floyd Montgomery, has charge of the music.

Rev. Winston Borum resigned the care of Queensborough church, Shreveport, La., to become director of religious activities at the First church, Shreveport, La. He will be associated with Dr. M. E. Dodd.

The church at Cedar Grove, La., of which Rev. L. F. Maynard is pastor, has just closed a meeting in which Rev. E. E. Huntsberry of Meridian, Miss., did the preaching. There were 68 additions. Brother Huntsberry is

resigning Fifteenth Ave. Church, Meridian, Miss., to enter evangelistic work with headquarters at Shreveport, La.

Dr. L. R. Hogan of Union University Jackson, Tenn., preached the commencement sermon of the high school at Trezevant, Tenn., Sunday, April 27. He has been in much demand on similar occasions for the past few weeks.

Miss Catherine Bryan, missionary in China, is to be presented a Ford sedan in which to travel from kindergarten to kindergarten in her work. Members of Ponce de Leon Avenue church, Atlanta, Ga., and other friends are doing this gracious thing.

Sunday was a great day with the First church, La Grange, Ga., of which Dr. Spencer Tunnell is pastor. It was the occasion of the dedication of the new house of worship and Dr. E. Y. Mullins of Louisville, Ky., preached the sermon.

Dr. H. E. Watters of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., delivered the commencement sermon of the high school at Lexington, Tenn., last Sunday night, measuring up to the occasion in a happy fashion and delivering a truly great sermon. The class is one of the largest the school has ever sent out.

The new house for the church at Yuma, Tenn., Rev. A. U. Nunnery of Parsons, Tenn., pastor, will be dedicated free of debt on Sunday, June 29. A Fifth Sunday meeting will be held with the church preceding the dedication.

Dr. O. E. Bryan, who for the last year has been Budget Director in the 75 Million Campaign, will return to the position which he formerly had with the Home Mission Board as superintendent of evangelism and enlistment.

Rev. J. H. Buchanan of the First church, Paris, Tenn., has been honored by being selected to preach the commencement sermon of the Atkins-Porter school in his city, which he did in most improved style last Sunday night in his own church to a packed house. His subject was "The Ideal Man."

Evangelist J. B. De Garmo of Memphis, Tenn., has just closed a meeting with Rev. A. R. Abernathy of the First church, Hazard, Ky., resulting in 31 additions. He begins an engagement Monday night, May 19, with Rev. B. E. Franklin at Twilla Ky.

Evangelist John W. T. Givens of Russellville, Ky., lately assisted Rev. R. E. Downing in a revival at Mor-ditions, S. C. Clardy of Central City, Kanfield, Ky., resulting in 36 ad-Ky., led the music. His Tennessee friends rejoice over the success of Brother Downing's pastorate.

A great revival has just been experienced by the First church, Mayfield, Ky., in which the pastor, Rev. Arthur Fox, preached. There were 97 additions by baptism, the total additions numbering 158. The Sunday school of that church is the largest among the Baptist of the State.

Prof. M. W. Robinson, principal of the city schools of Bolivar, Tenn., is to be in the faculty of the summer school of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Besides being a good teacher, he is a loyal active Baptist. He is engaged in field work now for Union University.

There were 72 additions to the First church, Grenada, Miss., as a result of the recent revival in which Dr. W. E. Farr was assisted by Rev. R. Q. Leavell. Those wonderful Leavell boys are great kingdom builders. It is some distinction to have three of them, C. S. and F. H., of Memphis and Rev. L. O. Leavell of Ripley, in Tennessee.

Rev. John W. Ham of the Baptist Tabernacle, Atlanta, Ga., has just closed a meeting with Euclid Avenue church, Cleveland, Ohio, of which Dr. W. W. Bustard is pastor, resulting in 154 additions. The Ohioans like Ham.

Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board writes Dr. R. H. Pitt, the venerable editor of the Religious Herald, saying that he does not believe the field of Home Missions is narrowing. Possibly, but the activities of the Board have been "narrowing." For instance, the evangelistic department. What has become of it?

The commencement sermon of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., will be delivered Sunday, May 18, by Rev. A. N. Hall of Muskogee, Okla., and the baccalaureate address by President H. C. Wayman of William Jewell College.

In the great meeting at the First church, Shawnee, Okla., of which Dr. J. B. Lawrence is pastor, Dr. L. R. Scarborough of Fort Worth, Texas, did the preaching. At last account there had been 80 additions, 64 at one service, 58 by baptism.

Rev. H. A. Todd of Trenton, Tenn., lately assisted his son Rev. Ralph A. Todd of Kingfisher, Okla., in a successful revival. The saints there say that the father is "one of the best preachers in the land." They understand now why their pastor preaches so well.

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For, perhaps, you are the only one left to feed a hungry heart.
To her, an idol, a wonder, a marvel you became
In whatever you seem or say, in every thought and deed.
Do not disillusion her, for you could not if you would.
And you would not if you could,
Mother of mine, O mother of mine!
—John Frederick Hessel.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MOTHER

By F. C. Flowers

She was 77, and as she sat by my side I could hardly realize she was over 50 or 60. Yet, I could see that she had visibly weakened since the last time we were together two years ago.

Our talk naturally turned to church affairs. She told me how the old church back there in Dyer, Tenn, was prospering. It is now the leading church of the town. I can remember when the Baptist church there was the laughing stock of the town. Baptists are real folks there now.

"Mother, did you subscribe anything to the 75 Million Campaign?" I asked. She looked at me in surprise.

"Did I? Sure I did. Why, I subscribed \$25.00 and paid every cent in four years. I'm going to do something extra this year."

Her eyes sparkled as she told me of her accomplishment.

The Ways of an Orphan.

I wonder if it would be out of place to give a bit of personal history. I

know it wouldn't if she were not my own mother, but she gave me some facts in this interview which I want to pass on.

Her father died when she was 5 years old, leaving her mother with a houseful of little children. The little girl, as soon as she was big enough to help work, lived with different people. Her education was wholly neglected. It seemed to be the general impression in those days than an orphan child should help rather than be helped. So, she grew to womanhood. The four years of the Civil War came just when she needed help most. People did not have time to see about helping an orphan girl learn. Some of them did not have the inclination; some are that way yet.

So, after awhile, she married and began life with the terrible handicap of being entirely uneducated, not even being able to read or write. One of the first things I remember was that she told me Bible stories she had heard someone else read. She would say, "I want you to be a big boy, learn fast and then read these wonderful stories for yourself." It was the great desire of her life to see her children educated and not have to go through life as she was having to do.

There were five of us children who lived to be grown and married. She helped me go to school every bit she could. Finally the way opened for me to go to college, yet through these years I was one of the very few boys there who never received a letter from Mother; but I knew the reason why, even if others did not.

Then, the most wonderful thing happened. All the children were married and mother was left with a good deal of time on her hands. Grandchildren had come into her life, some of these had nice, new schoolbooks. One New Year's day a preacher in his sermon asked his congregation to make New Year's resolutions.

Learns to Read and Write at 60

"My resolution is that I'm going to learn this year." To resolve with her was to do. Her little grandson gladly loaned his grandmother his

Primer and taught her to read. At 60 it is a difficult thing to learn, especially when one has had absolutely no training in study. But soon she was reading, and even more than that, she was writing the simple words of the Primer. And, so, it went until she began reading the Bible for herself. About that time I spent a night with her, the first time in about three years. I had just returned from my first pastorate which was in the state of Oregon and Idaho. We sat up and talked until late bedtime and then retired. After midnight I heard someone talking in mother's room and I peeped into see who it was. It was mother sitting near the lamp reading her Bible. It was a wonderful thing for a man of 35 to hear his mother reading God's word for the first time.

Reading Bible Makes Her Tither.

"How did you manage to pay your pledge to the 75 Million Campaign?" I asked her the other night.

"Why, boy, I tithed, that's the way I pay. Every three months I get my Confederate pension of \$30.00. I take out \$3.00 for my tithe, then I have \$27.00 left. My tithe goes to pay on my pledge and to help on local church expenses."

"Where did you get the idea that a Christian ought to tithe?" I asked her.

"From my Bible, of course. I read in my Bible where God said to bring the tithe into his storehouse. I didn't see anything else to do. If God wants our tithe and asks for it, I don't see why I shouldn't pay it."

"But don't you need all you get? It is so little, only \$10.00 a month," I said.

"Sure, I could use it," she said smiling, "but I have found my nine-tenths go further than the entire ten-tenths. Besides, I think one tenth is God's and I have no right to use it."

Here is an extreme case. Not many Southern Baptists have an income as low as \$10.00 a month, but if she can give \$5.00 a year almost anybody else can do that. If every Southern Baptist had averaged as she has, our 75 Million Campaign would have been completed. We would be ready for a fresh start for greater and more glorious tasks.

SMILES SELECTED

An educated man is one who can quote Shakespeare without crediting it to the Bible.

Student: "Have you Lamb's Tales?"
Librarian: "This is a library, not a meat market."

The Difference—Not all these so-called brokers are alike. Some make you broke. Some make you broker.

George: "That horse knows as much as I do."

Bill: "Well, don't tell anybody. You might want to sell him some day."

Small Boy: "Say, mister, gimme a pound of oysters."

Dealer: "We sell oysters by the measure, my boy, not by the pound."

Small Boy: "Well, den, gimme a yard."

"Come back for something you've forgotten, as usual?" said the husband.

"No," replied his wife sweetly; "I've come back for something I remembered."

Two small boys were puzzling their brains to invent a new game. At last one of them said, eagerly: "I know, Billy; let's see who can make the ugliest face."

"Aw, go on!" was the reply. "Look what a start you've got!"

Aunt: "Can you explain wireless telegraphy to me, Arthur?"

Arthur: "Well, if you had a very long dog, reaching from London to Liverpool, and you trod on its tail in London, it would bark in Liverpool. That's telegraphy; and wireless is precisely the same only without the dog."

Sam, impaneled for jury service at a murder trial, had seemed a little too anxious to serve.

"Do you know the accused?" he was asked.

"Yassuh, dat is, nossuh," he replied, realizing that if he made an affirmative answer he would be debarred from serving.

"Have you made up your mind as to his guilt or innocence?"

"Oh, no, suh."

"You think, then, that you could give his case a fair hearing?"

"Yassuh," replied Sam. "Leastways, ez fair ez de old scamp deserves."

"Why do you turn out for every road hog that comes along?" said Mrs. Snappye rather crossly. "The right of way is ours, isn't it?"

"Oh, undoubtedly!" answered her husband calmly. "But you'd better read that epitaph which appeared in a newspaper recently. I committed it to memory:

"Here lies the body of William Jay. Who died maintaining his right of way;

He was right, dead right, as he sped along,

But he's just as dead as if he'd been wrong."



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