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## Tennessee Baptist State Conventions

Date	Place	President	Recording Secretaries	Mission Secretary	Reported Membership	Reported Contributions
1874-Apr. 10, 11	Murfreesboro	W. P. Bond	W. T. Russell		†98,912	
1875-Apr. 9-12	Nashville	T. T. Eaton	Jos. H. Borum		†104,312	\$ 464.73
1876-Oct. 20-23	Jackson	Sylvanus Landrum	Jos. H. Borum		†100,192	641.55
1877-Oct. 26-29	Chattanooga	W. A. Nelson	Jos. H. Borum	W. A. Montgomery	†101,241	781.95
1878-Nov. 22-25	Shelbyville	Sylvanus Landrum	Jos. H. Borum		†107,416	1,255.38
1879-Nov. 14-17	Brownsville	W. P. Jones	Jos. H. Borum	J. F. B. Mays	†109,251	2,012.26
1880-Oct. 21-23	Knoxville	W. P. Jones	Jos. H. Borum	Jno. D. Anderson	†110,245	2,349.36
1881-Nov. 10-12	Nashville	W. A. Montgomery	Augustus Larcombe	Jno. D. Anderson	79,902	2,551.89
1882-Nov. 9-11	Jackson	M. Hillsman	Augustus Larcombe	Jas. Waters	72,142	5,698.00
1883-Oct. 25-27	Chattanooga	W. P. Jones	J. H. Anderson	Jas. Waters	†112,465	12,428.00
1884-July 3-5	Murfreesboro	J. M. Robertson	H. C. Irby	Jas. Waters	†106,016	*4,234.00
1885-Oct. 8-10	Brownsville	J. M. Robertson	H. C. Irby	E. C. Gates	84,265	*3,808.51
1886-Oct. 14-16	Nashville	J. M. Robertson	H. C. Irby	C. C. Brown	90,126	*6,643.13
1887-Oct. 13-15	Jonesboro	J. M. Robertson	W. T. Russell	J. H. Anderson	†122,543	*5,848.43
1888-Oct. 18-20	Columbia	W. W. Woodruff	Augustus Larcombe	J. H. Anderson	90,554	*6,264.12
1889-Oct. 17-19	Humboldt	W. G. Inman	Augustus Larcombe	J. H. Anderson	†120,668	13,563.76
1890-Oct. 16-18	Chattanooga	W. G. Inman	J. M. Robertson	J. H. Anderson	96,094	14,945.58
1891-Oct. 15-17	Clarksville	W. G. Inman	O. L. Hailey	J. H. Anderson	100,861	16,465.19
1892-Oct. 12-16	Knoxville	J. T. Henderson	O. L. Hailey	J. H. Anderson	106,859	16,308.38
1893-Oct. 11-15	Jackson	J. T. Henderson	O. L. Hailey	J. H. Anderson	108,675	24,334.68
1894-Oct. 17-20	Nashville	J. T. Henderson	J. D. Anderson	A. J. Holt	112,951	24,557.80
1895-Oct. 16-18	Mossy Creek	J. T. Henderson	J. D. Anderson	A. J. Holt	119,052	28,293.06
1896-Oct. 14-16	Paris	J. T. Henderson	J. D. Anderson	A. J. Holt	123,317	24,294.54
1897-Oct. 15-18	Fayetteville	J. T. Henderson	J. D. Anderson	A. J. Holt	125,427	24,240.22
1898-Oct. 13-15	Athens	J. T. Henderson	Martin Ball	A. J. Holt	122,980	21,433.07
1899-Oct. 11-13	Union City	J. T. Henderson	Martin Ball	A. J. Holt	120,451	22,902.65
1900-Oct. 17-19	Gallatin	J. T. Henderson	Martin Ball	A. J. Holt	133,630	25,667.76
1901-Oct. 16-18	Harriman	J. T. Henderson	Martin Ball	A. J. Holt	128,174	26,534.56
1902-Oct. 15-17	Humboldt	J. T. Henderson	Martin Ball	W. C. Golden	132,015	27,051.72
1903-Oct. 28-30	Murfreesboro	A. U. Boone	Martin Ball	W. C. Golden	130,801	33,071.07
1904-Oct. 13-15	Knoxville	A. U. Boone	Martin Ball	W. C. Golden	129,711	45,878.90
1905-Oct. 12-14	Jackson	A. U. Boone	W. J. Stewart	W. C. Golden	143,393	45,362.44
1906-Oct. 18-20	Clarksville	A. U. Boone	W. J. Stewart	W. C. Golden	147,167	53,952.10
1907-Oct. 18-21	Knoxville	A. U. Boone	W. J. Stewart	W. C. Golden	153,832	55,477.45
1908-Oct. 16-19	Memphis	A. U. Boone	W. J. Stewart	W. C. Golden	158,081	61,874.14
1909-Oct. 13-15	Nashville	G. C. Savage	W. J. Stewart	W. C. Golden	164,227	66,672.69
1910-Oct. 12-14	Jefferson City	G. C. Savage	W. J. Stewart	W. C. Golden	170,589	72,654.10
1911-Oct. 11-13	Martin	G. C. Savage	W. J. Stewart	J. W. Gillon	174,854	83,223.50
1912-Nov. 13-15	Murfreesboro	E. E. Folk	W. J. Stewart	J. W. Gillon	178,532	149,579.11
1913-Nov. 12-14	Johnson City	E. E. Folk	W. J. Stewart	J. W. Gillon	184,118	124,570.26
1914-Nov. 11-13	Jackson	E. E. Folk	Fleetwood Ball	J. W. Gillon	188,597	145,847.33
1915-Nov. 17-19	Springfield	G. J. Burnett	Fleetwood Ball	J. W. Gillon	194,229	135,467.06
1916-Nov. 15-17	Morristown	G. J. Burnett	Fleetwood Ball	J. W. Gillon	201,239	138,151.47
1917-Nov. 14-16	Memphis	G. J. Burnett	Fleetwood Ball	J. W. Gillon	209,424	149,266.65
1918-Nov. 13-15	Shelbyville	J. H. Anderson	Fleetwood Ball	J. W. Gillon	208,636	184,344.10
1919-Nov. 12-14	Cleveland	J. H. Anderson	Fleetwood Ball	J. W. Gillon	210,788	323,908.59
1920-Nov. 17-19	Jackson	J. H. Anderson	Fleetwood Ball	Lloyd T. Wilson	210,788	936,953.97
1921-Nov. 16-18	Nashville	W. A. Owen	Fleetwood Ball	Lloyd T. Wilson	213,564	628,099.22
1922-Nov. 15-17	Knoxville	W. A. Owen	Fleetwood Ball	Lloyd T. Wilson	224,853	551,798.72
1923-Nov. 14-16	Martin	W. A. Owen	Fleetwood Ball	Lloyd T. Wilson	232,049	555,020.54
1924-Nov. 12-14	Murfreesboro					

\*Amount Reported for State Missions Only. †From American Baptist Year Book—Including Negroes.

Charter members of the organization of the "Tennessee Baptist Convention" at Murfreesboro, April 10, 1874, were:

From East Tennessee—J. F. B. Mays, I. B. Kimbrough, W. T. Russell, T. T. Eaton and G. C. Connor.

From Middle Tennessee—Wm. Shelton, T. G. Jones, W. A. Nelson, J. M. Phillips, W. G. Inman, A. Vanhooze, W. H. Wallace, G. W. Featherstone, Wm. Huff, J. M. D. Cates, A. J. Brandon, J. D. Cox, L. H. Bethel, G. W. Jarman, J. J. Martin, Z. C. Graves, W. P. Jones, Z. T. Leavell, S. L. Sanfe, E. L. Jordan, H. G. Scovel, A. B. Shankland, H. W. Buttorff, J. B. Patton, W. P. Marks, M. Green and E. Jones.

From West Tennessee—J. R. Graves, G. W. Griffin, M. Hillsman, Geo. A. Loftin, W. P. Bond, G. M. Savage, H. C. Irby and H. B. Folk.

The following Resolution was adopted: "Whereas, the representatives of East Tennessee General Association, of the General Association of Middle Tennessee and North Alabama, and West Tennessee Baptist Convention, are assembled in convention at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, for the purpose of carrying out the intentions of these bodies we represent, by establishing a more perfect union among the Baptists of Tennessee, by eliciting, combining and directing the energies of the denomination throughout the state; Therefore, Resolved; That a committee of six be appointed to devise and suggest the best plan for accomplishing these objects."

On the adoption of this resolution a committee was appointed consisting of J. F. B. Mays, J. R. Graves, Wm. Shelton, T. G. Jones, I. B. Kimbrough, and G. W. Griffin. This committee made a report on "Unification" which was adopted, thus bringing into existence the "Tennessee Baptist Convention," superseding the three divisional bodies of Baptists in the state.



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## EDITORIAL

### FEATURES OF CONVENTION HISTORY.

As is stated on our first page this week, the organization of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was brought about by the consolidation of the three divisional bodies of Baptists in the state, the history of which does not fall within the scope of our present discussion since we have to limit our view to the Semi-centennial boundary. But the annals of Tennessee Baptists before the organization of the Convention in 1874 are of peculiar interest and are reserved for the historian.

From the exhibit of the fifty conventions there are several matters of special interest to which attention should be directed.

The only surviving charter member of the convention is Dr. G. M. Savage, of the faculty of Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Perhaps there are now living others who were present at the organization but they were not messengers or accredited delegates from any of the three bodies of Baptists then existing in the state.

For one year after its organization in April, 1874, the convention met during the month of April. Once it met in July; for thirty-one years it met in October and for eighteen years in November. The convention has met six times each at Nashville and Jackson; five times each at Murfreesboro and Knoxville; three times at Chattanooga; twice each at Shelbyville, Brownsville, Humboldt, Clarksville, Jefferson City (Mossy Creek), Memphis and Martin; once at each of the following places; Jonesboro, Columbia, Paris, Fayetteville, Athens, Union City, Gallatin, Harriman, Johnson City, Springfield, Morristown and Cleveland.

Six ex-presidents are living, namely: J. T. Henderson, A. U. Boone, G. C. Savage, G. J. Burnett, J. H. Anderson and W. A. Owen. During the presidency of G. C. Savage, there was established a three-year precedent in the term of office, which has been

observed since that time but which is not a written law of the convention. During his second administration at Jefferson City, 1910, women were first admitted to membership in the convention, and although notice was given then that a resolution would be offered at the next session to limit membership to "brethren," it seems the motion was never made and women have since been admitted on the same basis as the men.

The careers of the Mission Secretaries were brief until the coming of Dr. J. H. Anderson in 1887 who for seven years served his denomination well and faithfully with very little remuneration and comparatively small resources. Succeeding him, Dr. A. J. Holt guided the affairs of missions among Tennessee Baptists for eight years and was succeeded by Dr. W. C. Golden who wrought successfully in the work for nine years, during which time there occurred the greatest per cent of increase in contributions and membership which had taken place at all up to that time. Following Dr. Golden, Dr. J. W. Gillon was corresponding secretary for nine years, closing his work with the beginning of the 75 Million Campaign. For five years now Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson has served the convention as its corresponding secretary and treasurer of the Executive Board. His administration spans the five year period of the great campaign, and while his term of office has been shorter than any of his predecessors since 1886, it is marked by the greatest advance which has ever been made by Tennessee Baptists.

It is interesting to note the statistics of the convention as to membership of the churches and their contributions. In the column of Reported Membership there occasionally appears a number smaller than that which immediately went before it. That merely indicates incomplete reports and in no instance, as far as we could estimate, does it show an actual decrease in numbers. While the figures as to contributions clearly show an ebb and flow movement, there were times when very advanced steps were taken and then for a period of years there was a depression which gradually lifted itself up to a following higher level still. In the year 1895, there was a swell in the tide of contributions which was not reached or exceeded again until 1903, eight years later. In 1912 another rise occurred which was approximated in 1917 but not excelled until 1918. Again in 1920 receipts were greater than they have been any year since.

This fluctuation in contributions is due to several causes, material and immaterial. One is the psychology of all human movements, under the laws of which everything moves in waves, which are divided into two parts, namely, the crest and the trough. Another reason for it, doubtless, is the fact that the Baptists of Tennessee went forward in the per cent of increase in contributions more rapidly than they did in that of members; in consequence of which their denominational life was temporarily off-balance, and there was a halt, or even a recession, on one side while they brought up the proportions on the other side, and then another decided swell took place in contributions followed by another pause: and so on. After reaching a new high level, they "caught their

breath." The financial condition of the people seems to have had very little to do with the sum of their offerings to the Lord's cause. From 1906 to 1910 there was a steady increase in reported contributions although they were years which witnessed financial panics in the country generally, from which Tennessee Baptists must have suffered their share of distress.

It is to be noted that not until the 75 Million Campaign in 1919, were all the objects of the convention unified and the reported receipts until that time do not include contributions to Baptist schools in the state, the orphan's home and other special denominational causes.

With this record before us, we have great reason to be encouraged. The first year of the Campaign rolled up nearly a million dollars given by Tennessee Baptists to the Lord's causes at home and abroad. Nothing quite so well has been done since that time until the present. But we are in the trough of the sea. The crest of the biggest tide yet is just ahead of us, if the record means anything and if we live up to the traditions of the past. May we reach forward to the things that are before.

### OUR RETIRING SECRETARY, LLOYD TILGHMAN WILSON.

After a term of five years as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, returns to the pastorate and will take up his work with the First Baptist Church of High Point, N. C., as early as possible after he can leave the Memorial Hospital at Memphis.

Dr. Wilson was born in Groves County, Kentucky, December 16, 1866. He graduated from Bowling Green (Ky.) Business College in 1885 and thereafter was engaged in the wholesale grocery and tobacco brokerage business at Paducah, Ky., from 1886 to 1898, retaining an interest in it for one year after he was ordained to the ministry in 1897, his first pastorate having been that of the Second Baptist Church of Paducah for twelve months.

His full-time pastorates have been: Humboldt, Tenn., 1899-1903; Edgefield church of Nashville, (during which time he was president of Boscobel College), 1904-1905; East church of Louisville, Ky., 1906-1908; First Church, Newport News, Va., 1909-1912; Grace Street St. Church, Richmond, Va., 1912-1917; returning to the state of Tennessee as pastor of the Broadway church of Knoxville, April, 1917, from which he was called to Nashville as Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Executive Board, December, 1919, which position he held with marked ability till his resignation to accept the call to High Point.

Dr. Wilson is untiring in his devotion to the Lord's cause and is a gifted campaigner and preacher. His personal piety and force of character are exceptional. He has been very considerate of all his associates and fellow-employees of the Executive Board, and although there have been differences of opinion on questions of administration, his personal relations with every one of them, as far as we know, have never suffered a jar.



His office has been attended with peculiar difficulties; having started with a maximum of receipts and having decreasing receipts for each succeeding year, some of our causes were led at the first to hope for more patronage from the denomination than later receipts would allow. Hence problems of administration were rendered delicate and complex. With painstaking care and with a thorough-going conscientious loyalty to the interests of the denomination, he tackled the difficulties and offered such solutions as his best judgment could work out.

But he has the shepherd-heart in large degree. He loves the pastorate and his return to it is not a surprise to his friends of the inner circle. It is sincerely hoped that his health may be permanently restored and that some of the best years of his useful life are yet to be. He will carry with him the best wishes and affectionate remembrance of his associates in the offices at Nashville and of the great body of Baptists in the state to whom he has given five of the best years of his life.

#### A PIPE ORGAN GIVEN TO THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MURFREESBORO.

Austin Crouch, Pastor.

Last Sunday morning, October 26, at the close of a sermon on "The Joys of Heaven," Pastor Austin Crouch read the following:

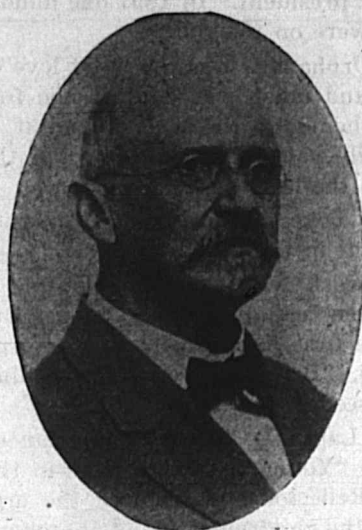
"In all ages men have erected memorials of one kind or another. They have taken the form of monuments, of tablets, of buildings, of endowments, and like things. The purpose of a memorial always is to keep fresh and sacred the memory of some loved one gone on before. Added to the desire to remember a loved one, many have given memorials that blessed mankind. Some have added a third feature—a desire to glorify God.

"Two of our members, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Todd, desire to present to the First Baptist Church an organ of their own selection in memory of their son, Aaron. This organ is to be both a memorial and a testimony. It is to be a memorial of and a token of their love for their gifted son. And it is also to be a testimony of their belief in a future life and of their devotion to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Knowing as we do the good taste of Mr. and Mrs. Todd; knowing their love for this church; and their deep and tender affection for Aaron, we can rest assured that their gift will be sweet in tone and beautiful in design.

"What more beautiful and fitting memorial could they have planned? This organ will bring sweet and tender memories to all who knew and loved Aaron. And it will lift up to God in praise the hearts of all who come here. It will make worship here seem more like that above."

Mr. R. W. Hale, chairman of the board of deacons and a life-long friend of Mr. Todd, spoke a few fitting words and moved that the gift be accepted. The congregation, many with tears streaming down their cheeks, rose in a body expressing its sincere appreciation of the generous and gracious gift of Mr. and Mrs. Todd.



G. M. SAVAGE  
The only surviving charter member of  
the Convention

Aaron W. Todd, in whose memory the organ was given, was killed in an automobile accident in Kentucky a little more than a year ago. He was a brilliant young man twenty-two years of age. He was associated with his father in business. He was a natural leader among the young men, and was rapidly manifesting his ability as a business man. Had he lived, he would, doubtless, have become one of the leading men of the state.

Mr. A. L. Todd is a lawyer of ability and one of the greatest business men of the South. He has been speaker both of the lower House and of the Senate of Tennessee. He is a deacon of the First Baptist Church, and is, also, the superintendent of the Sunday school.

Mrs. Todd is a devout member of the First Baptist Church and is the president of the Woman's Missionary Society. Under her wise and efficient leadership, the society has become one of the best anywhere.

## News and Views

Rev. B. P. Roach has resigned his work at Burnside, Ky., and is at present at Lafollette, Tenn. He has not announced his plans.

The exhibit of Maury County Association in contributions during the 75 Million Campaign is highly creditable as compared with the record generally; Southern Baptists having given \$15.40 per member; Tennessee Baptists on the average \$16.12 per member, while Maury County Baptists have given \$23.66 per member.

Mr. E. J. Smith of Sylacauga, Alabama, father of Mrs. John W. Inzer, died suddenly of pneumonia at Hot Springs, Arkansas, and was buried at his home Tuesday, October 28. While Mr. Smith's health had not been altogether favorable for sometime, his death came as a great shock to his relatives and friends. Dr. and Mrs. Inzer were at Macon, Georgia, where Dr. Inzer was conducting a Revival Campaign with the First Baptist Church, when the news of his illness reached

them. They hurried to his bedside, but he had passed away before they arrived. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. E. J. Smith, two sons, Messrs Fay and Leonard Smith of Sylacauga, Mrs. John W. Inzer of Chattanooga, and mother, Mrs. M. L. Smith of Opelika, Alabama.

We are indebted to Dr. J. J. Burnett, of Jefferson City, Tenn., author of "Pioneer Baptist Preachers," for the use of the cuts which appear on our last page this week. We take occasion to say that Dr. Burnett's book is an admirable treatise on the lives of early leading Baptists in the state.

Rev. A. P. Moore reports having closed a splendid meeting at West Fork Church Wednesday night, Oct. 22. The church was greatly revived and among other good results, the members are planning to secure a location, build a pastor's home, enlarge the church building, by adding Sunday school rooms, and support a pastor for full time. It was a great victory for the church and the entire community. They have a live Sr. B.Y.P.U. and when they add the new rooms, will organize the Intermediates and Juniors, and their possibilities for entanglement are fine. They have a brick building and when enlarged, it will be beautiful and well equipped for a modern Sunday school. The church is located five miles from Clarksville, Tenn., on the Hopkinsville, Ky., pike, and the membership is composed of cultured, well-to-do people, and with all the improvements anticipated, they have a bright future.

## IMPORTANT! Late Announcement

### STATE CONVENTION POSTPONED

On account of the severe drouth, the Murfreesboro brethren have requested the administrative committee to postpone the meeting of the Convention for two weeks. The administrative committee concurs and the Convention will be held in Murfreesboro November 25-28. Please announce to your churches,

Ryland Knight, Chairman.  
O. E. Bryan, Cor. Secy.

Mary Northington, Secy. W. M. U.



AUSTIN CROUCH  
Pastor First Baptist Church of Murfreesboro—Host of the Jubilee Convention.



## TENNESSEE W. M. U.

By Miss Mary Northington.

Since 1836 there have been missionary societies for the women in Tennessee. They were called "Female Mite Societies" in the early days and although they had no missionary literature but the Bible, they were earnest in doing their part in carrying out the last command of the Master.

Not until October 18, 1888, did the women organize a state W.M.U. convention. In Columbia at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church the women organized "in order to perfect a plan by which the interest in missions might be increased and through which the cooperation of every Baptist woman in the state might be attained."

The following societies were represented in the first meeting, Newport, Bells, Humboldt, Union City, Leeville, Clarksville, Orinda, Dumpling, Knoxville, Tibbs, Sinking Springs, Shady Grove, Webster, Gravelston, Chattanooga, Jonesboro, Brownsville, Mt. Olivet, Jackson, Adams, Beech Grove, Lascassas, Murfreesboro, Nashville, Dyersburg, Milan, Eudora, Little Hope, Edgefield, Morristown and Woodlawn.

Mrs. George A. Lofton of Nashville was the first president. In 1891 one hundred societies were on the roll.

The Orphanage was the "first love" of the Union and much was done in the founding of the home by the women and it can be truthfully said it has always had the first place in the hearts of the women.

Many boxes to the frontier missionaries were sent in the early days.

The work with the young people has always been fostered by the Union. Even before the first Sunbeam band was organized in 1886, "Bright Jewels" were shining in Tennessee.

Mrs. Laura D. Eakin of Chattanooga edited the "Young South," a page in the Baptist & Reflector and inspired the organization of the children in many churches where no worker ever visited. A missionary from China testified recently that her first missionary inspiration came from the "Young South."

There were Y.W.A.'s in the state in 1892. They were called by various names until 1907 when the Union adopted the name of Young Woman's Auxiliary for all societies composed of young women.

Every year the women have met at the same time and place with the state convention except in 1912 and 1913, when they held the W.M.U. Convention at a separate time and place. So much were they missed from the general convention that the brethren petitioned them to come back and meet in the same city with them. It is hard for the women to say "no" to the men, so in 1914 they went back to meeting at the same time with the men, usually in a neighboring church.

The reports as chronicled by Miss Buchanan in "Volunteers in the Service of the King" shows the growth of the Union in numbers and gifts from year to year. From thirty-one organizations in 1888, the Union has grown to 1250 in 1924. The first year the gifts reported were \$270.88. This year our aim is to report \$250,000. We have given one million in the past five years and in the thirty years previous we gave \$594,411.

For many years missionary information was hard to secure. Today we are embarrassed by our riches. With the Baptist & Reflector, Home and Foreign Fields, Royal Service and World Comrades for the young

## Presidents of the Tennessee W. M. U.



MISS MARGARET BUCHANAN  
First full time W.M.U. Corresponding Secretary in Tennessee. Ten years in the service. Author of "Volunteers in the service of the King," a history of W.M.U. Developments in the State.



Mrs. G. A. Lofton  
1889-1895

Mrs. A. C. S. Jackson  
1895-1902



Mrs. A. J. Wheeler  
1902-1913

Mrs. Avery Carter  
1913-1918



Mrs. Hight C. Moore  
1918-1920

Mrs. A. E. Hill  
1920-1922



Mrs. C. D. Creasman  
1922-1923

Mrs. W. J. Cox  
1923—



MISS MARY NORTHINGTON  
Corresponding Secretary W.M.U. of Tennessee 1923—



people, added to the numberless mission study books, we have a wealth of material for the missionary programs.

In early days the "Ladies Aid" was a popular organization, for the churches depended on the women to raise the money for expenses. Today, to find a "Ladies Aid" is an unusual thing, for with the study of stewardship and the use of the budget they have sent the pie suppers and bazaars to secular organizations.

The benevolent work of the Aid is being done by the personal service department of the missionary society.

The Volunteer State has sent many women missionaries to the foreign field. In 1856, Mrs. S. Y. Trimble and Mrs. J. H. Cason were sent to Africa. In 1916 Miss Olive Edens sailed to the dark continent. In 1870 we sent Mrs. E. Z. Simmons to China, and no one followed her until 1904 when Mrs. Nellie Roberts Tipton sailed to South China. Dr. Mary King went in 1908, Miss Hazel Andrews in 1916, Mrs. Gladys Stevenson Gallimore in 1917, Miss Grace McBride in 1917 and Mrs. Roscoe Etter in 1920.

We gave Mrs. Boulden to Japan in 1906 and Mrs. Medling in 1907. To Brazil have gone Miss Ada Taylor in 1889, Miss Voorheers in 1906 and Miss Ruth Randall. Mrs. Daisy Kate Fowler went to Argentina in 1904.

A number of Tennessee women have served as missionaries in Mexico. Mrs. W. D. Powell in 1882, Miss Sallie Hale in 1888, Mrs. Kate Savage Mahon in 1898, Mrs. G. W. Crutcher 1899, Mrs. Emma Savage Dodd 1904, Miss Lena Hopkins 1907, Miss Adria Sanders 1907 and Dr. Hallie Garrett Neal in 1907.

The women have given their time in studying God's Word, and His work, have prayed daily for His workers, have a million and a half dollars, and have sent to the mission fields their brightest and best, some serving in far away lands while hundreds are laboring at home, "holding the ropes."

In Murfreesboro November 11 and 12th, they, too, will celebrate the Jubilee. While the Union is only thirty-five years old, yet, as a part of the state convention, we too, will rejoice, for the "Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

#### SIXTEEN YEARS BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK IN TENNESSEE.

By W. D. Hudgins.

The growth of Sunday school work in Tennessee for the last sixteen years has been so marvelous that it would embarrass us to tell the story unless it is clearly understood that we are not responsible for the results. Only under the leadership of God and the co-operation of the best people in the world could these things have been accomplished.

##### Early Beginnings.

Sometime during the spring of 1908 while a merchant and farmer, living at Estill Springs, we received a letter from Dr. W. C. Golden saying that the State Mission Board had elected a S. S. Secretary for the State and in this letter was a contract signed by the President of the Board stating that I had been elected secretary at a salary of

\$100.00 per month for whatever time I might find possible to give to the work. I had never heard of this proposition and was utterly astounded at the information it contained. Throwing the letter and contract aside, I dismissed the matter from my mind and went about my business which claimed every minute of my time. The matter finally got on my heart and I put it up to the Lord. I told him if he would send a buyer for my



W. D. HUDGINS  
Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. Superintendent since 1908



W. H. PRESTON  
B.Y.P.U. Secretary since 1919

farm and store I would take it as His will that I should do this thing. In a few weeks my farm was sold at a profit and on July 27th, I made my first trip, going to Concord Association which met at Christiana. There I tried to make a talk on Sunday school work. From that day until now I have hardly known that anything else was going on in the world except the things I have been interested in. When I began I did not know what to do nor where to go. No plans, no programs, no organization to work through. Nothing going on except here and there in local churches. No records, no mailing lists, no statistics, scarcely no churches seemed to want me. They had worked with the Interdenominational S. S. Organization until they thought Sunday school work was nothing pertaining to Denominational life. Teacher training was a thing unheard of then, except in a few rare centers and that was very crude. I found 724 schools in the entire state with an enrollment of less than 35,000. The only efforts at all toward progressive work was the three conventions which met every year for inspiration and speech making. Under these conditions we began visiting the district associations studying the people as well as conditions, gathering names and addresses of key men and women everywhere and laying a foundation in our own mind for an organization to cover the state by district units. It was something like a year before even institutes could be held and several years before we attempted training schools in any churches except those in the larger cities.

##### Our Plan.

We soon came to a definite conviction that the state should be organized into a great

system of religious education just like the public school system, using the district association as units instead of the counties. A superintendent was elected, where we could not have one elected by the local association, and the churches grouped into units with group superintendents over each group. These group superintendents, together with the associational superintendent and secretary, was to be the Board of Religious Education for that association. This plan has been developed until now we have most of the associations organized and doing definite work throughout the entire year. We have had a deep conviction from the very first that the local church is the unit and should be so organized that every member may have a place of service. We have also held to the old fashioned idea that the church is the BIG thing and all other organizations are agencies of the church to carry out the commission. Hence we have stressed such organization in the local churches as will keep every agency heading up through the local church. The churches working through the groups and district units all heading up through our state department makes a complete system of organization which correlates every force and uses every worker in the state in one great unified effort and at the same time preserves the individuality of the churches and protects the personal rights of the individual worker. Through this organization we have worked all these years helping each unit in making its own plans and programs and then aiding them in carrying them out.

##### Program.

Our program all these months has been: in design, The teaching of God's word as it is given in his book; in plan, to use every available worker; in purpose, to win the lost to Christ and train the saved for service; In effort, to conform to the local church and denominational suggestions.

##### Progress.

A few suggestions in the way of comparison will show what has been accomplished in this short time. In statistics we have grown from 724 schools with a total enrollment of less than 35,000 to 1,479 schools with an enrollment of more than 17,500. This is a gain of 31 per cent for the sixteen years. We now have 50 schools in the State that have as many enrolled as did the entire State sixteen years ago. The most significant thing is not the growth in numbers but the character of the constituency. At that time most of the people who attended the Sunday school were women and children, while now it is common to see hundreds of grown business men in the organized classes of the Sunday school. Many of the greatest men we have count it a privilege to teach large classes of the finest business men in the community God's word and apply this to the practical life in the business world. The bringing of men into the church not only brings business methods into the church, but carries religion into the business world to undergird it with principles that will make it substantial and permanent. From no organization we now have a complete system covering the state with most all the associations organized and co-operating in every movement for good. From practically no



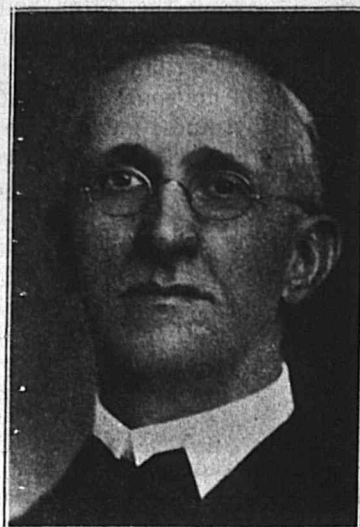
schools graded and working on a department basis we now have many that are perfectly graded and organized doing efficient departmental work. From the idea that the Sunday school and church are separate institutions we have learned to regard the Sunday school as no more or no less than the church at work teaching under the commission. At that time many of our schools used Cook's literature while now it is a rare thing that you find a Sunday school that does not use our Sunday school literature. Then we had no real teacher training being done and less than 300 people in the state held any kind of award for study work done, while now we have more people holding normal diplomas than we had teachers sixteen years ago. We are sending out awards now at a rate of more than 30 per day. In August alone we sent out from the office at Tullahoma, 1,461 awards for written examinations. This is more than we sent out during the entire year of 1919. At that time there was no memory test required while now any book taken requires 10 hours of class work and a memory test before the award is granted. The state now holds more than 25,000 Sunday school awards alone. Including the B.Y.P.U. and Stewardship we hold in the state something more than 45,000 awards. Then it was impossible to get an engagement for a two days institute, while now we are holding more than 225 full week training schools each year. This year we have already held 158 full week training schools in country churches alone. More than 50,000 people have studied in the various classes in the state during the year. Instead of the office that we carried with us in our handbag we now have a completely equipped office at Tullahoma, with a full-time stenographer (and need another one) and every conceivable filing system keeping records of Normal, B.Y.P.U. and Stewardship awards; mailing lists of superintendents, live wires, B.Y.P.U. presidents, organized class leaders, associational officers and others; we also keep all kinds of help suggestions and information on every line of Sunday school work. Thousand pages of tracts are sent out each month on definite lines of church work. Then we had only one man in the field with no one at all to help him, and he had nothing to do, while today we have full time paid workers doing Sunday school work with 15 extra workers during the summer. Besides this we have more than 100 weeks of volunteer help given without cost each year. Last February we sent out 51 letters to our prominent preachers asking them to give us a week of volunteer help in the Bible conferences and out of these fifty-one letters we got fifty of our best men. In 1908 the appropriation to this department was \$1,500, \$1,200 for salary and \$300 for expenses. This year it was \$20,000.

**BACKWARD ASSOCIATIONS COME  
FORWARD, SIGNIFYING MUCH  
FOR FUTURE.**

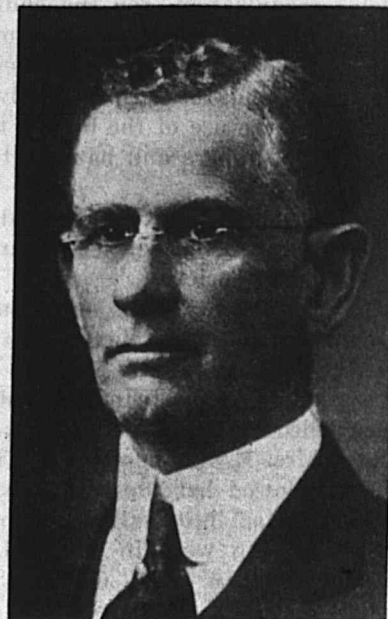
By Frank E. Burkhalter.

Indicative of the readiness of thousands of unenlisted Baptists of the South to line up with our regular organized forces for

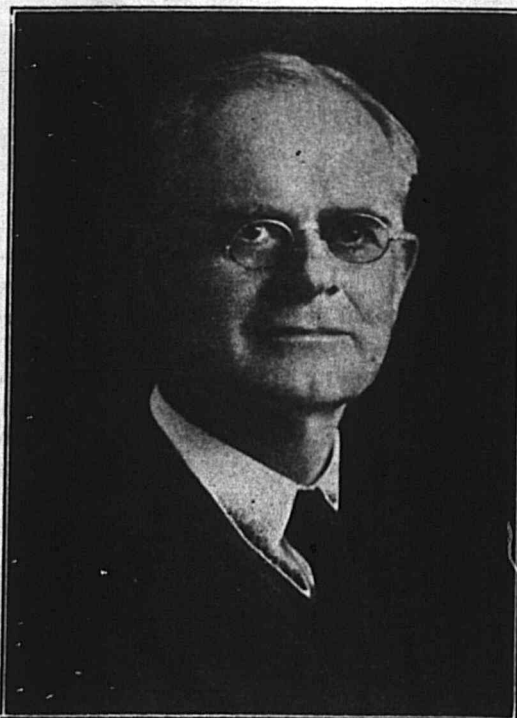
## The Six Living Presidents of the Convention



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President of the Convention  
1909-1911



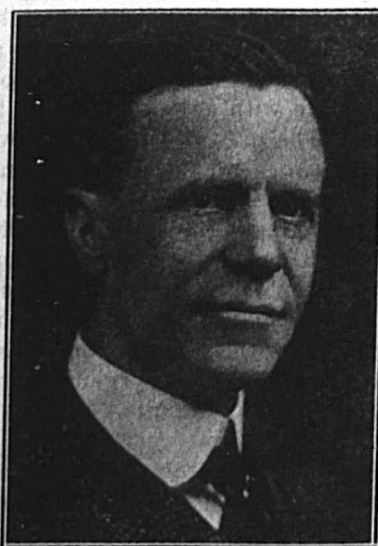
J. T. HENDERSON  
President of the Convention 1892-1902



A. U. BOONE  
President of Convention 1903-1908



G. J. BURNETT  
President of the Convention 1915-1917



J. H. ANDERSON  
President of the Convention 1918-1920



W. A. OWEN  
President of the Convention 1921-1923



the extension of the Kingdom of God in the world when they are properly approached and informed, Brother M. M. McFarland, state conservation and enlistment worker in Kentucky, relates how two of the most backward associations in that state are coming forward in a beautiful way in their support of the regular denominational program.

One of these associations, calling itself an association of United Baptists, has been principally omissionary and has given nothing to the 75 Million Campaign causes save \$35 which went as a special offering to the Orphan's Home. A year or so ago the association named a committee to recommend plans for raising funds with which to employ a district missionary, and another committee was named to investigate the Scriptures and bring in a report on the Scriptural plan of finances.

At this year's meeting of the association the work of the General Association of Kentucky was endorsed, a representative to attend the sessions of the General Association was chosen, and a committee was named for the year that amounts virtually to the creation of a district mission board, though it does not bear that name.

The West Kentucky Association, which has been the seat of the Gospel Mission movement for years, The Baptist Flag having been published within the bounds of that association, gave Brother McFarland a good hearing on the 1925 Program of Southern Baptists and adopted that program unanimously. Under the leadership of faithful and aggressive pastors this association has been won from its Gospel Mission attitude to one of co-operation with the organized work, less than \$200 having been contributed by the churches of this association to Gospel Mission work during the past year. The association still has a report on Gospel Missions each year. There are 36 churches in this association with a combined membership of between 4,500 and 5,000, and the churches reported 349 baptisms for the year.

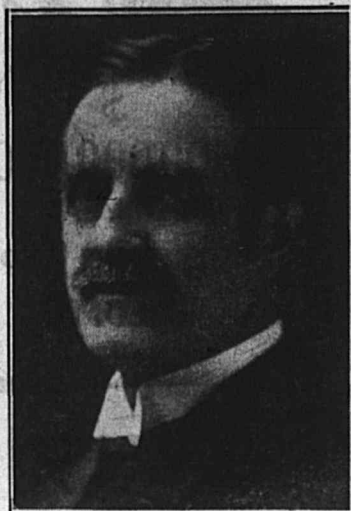
Inasmuch as one of these associations is located in the eastern part of the state and the other in the western part, it seems that the development is typical.

There are hundreds of thousands of white Baptists in the South holding membership in regular co-operating churches. If these non-co-operating associations can be won to assistance in carrying out the great missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises embraced in the 1925 Program, then surely the task of enlisting the unenlisted members of our regular co-operating churches is not a hopeless task.

The date for the every-member canvass of the churches in the support of this program is November 30-December 7, though of course a lot of preliminary educational and enlistment work must be done if this canvass attains the largest results.

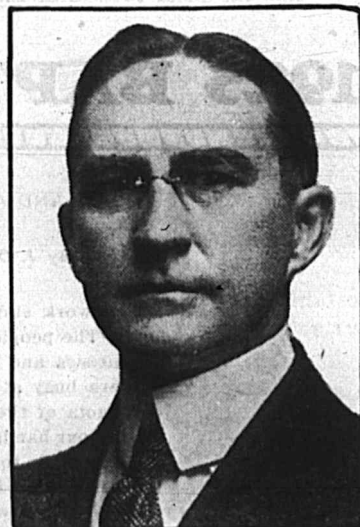
#### SKETCH OF BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

The first Baptist paper published in the territory which at the time was known as "The South West" was edited by Dr. R. B. C. Howell at Nashville, Tenn., in 1835. In



EDGAR E. FOLK  
Editor Baptist & Reflector 1888-1917

1839 he united it with the Banner at Louisville, Ky., and became an associate editor with other brethren representing six or seven states. After three years he withdrew from that position and soon after, the paper lost nearly all of its Tennessee subscribers, resulting in its suspension after about eight years. Following this, there was an interval of about two years when the Baptists of this territory were without a Denominational paper. In August, 1844, Dr. Howell began the publication of "The Baptist," but his duties

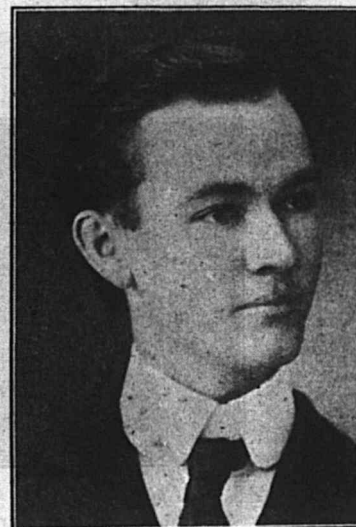


ALBERT R. BOND  
Editor Baptist & Reflector 1917-1920

as pastor in Nashville became so arduous that in the fall of 1846, he secured as his associate Dr. J. R. Graves who continued actively identified with the paper until it was removed by him, as its sole proprietor and editor, to Memphis in 1870. It was at Memphis that the paper under Dr. Graves was so widely and favorably known as the "Tennessee Baptist." In August 14, 1889, Dr. Graves sold the paper to Edgar Estes Folk by whom it was consolidated with the "Baptist Reflector" of Chattanooga, Tennessee, of which he had been editor for the previous year succeeding Dr. J. M. Robertson who started it there in 1881.

For some time after the consolidation of "The Tennessee Baptist" and the "Baptist Reflector" under Dr. Folk, Dr. O. L. Hailey became associated with the new editor, Dr. Graves in the meantime maintaining a department in it for a while.

From the date of the consolidation August 14, 1889, to the day of his death, February 27, 1917, Dr. Edgar E. Folk piloted the paper in its ministries to the Baptists of Tennessee. After his death, a group of brethren in Nashville carried the paper on until Dr. Folk's successor was found in Dr. A. R. Bond who assumed editorial charge November 29, 1917. Dr. Bond's administration con-



M. R. COOPER  
Editor Baptist & Reflector May to December 1920

tinued until May 1, 1920, when he was succeeded by Rev. M. R. Cooper who held the position until January 7 of the next year. This was the close of private ownership.

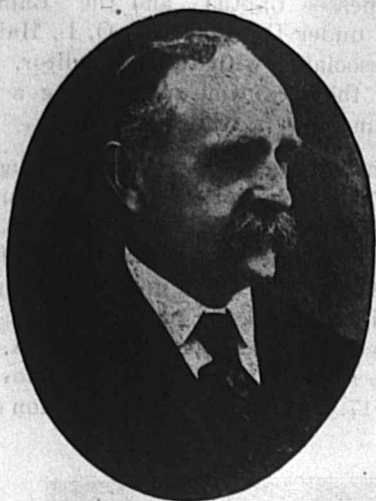
At a meeting of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention January 4, 1921, the "Baptist and Reflector" was bought for the sum of \$15,000 and the Board assumed sole responsibility for its management. Dr. Hight C. Moore, one of the editorial secretaries of the Sunday School Board, was asked to take temporary charge until an editor could be secured. On March 1, 1921, the present editor, J. D. Moore, took charge.



J. D. MOORE  
Editor Baptist & Reflector 1921—



## LAST FIVE CORRESPONDING SECRETARIES



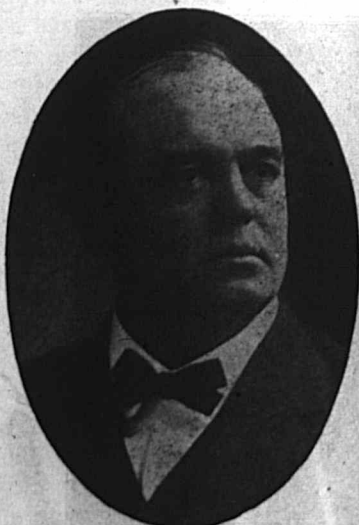
J. H. ANDERSON  
Corresponding Secretary 1887-1893



A. J. HOLT  
Corresponding Secretary  
1894-1901



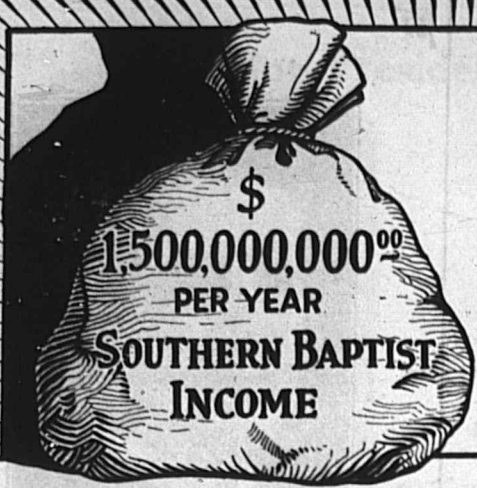
W. C. GOLDEN  
Corresponding Secretary 1902-1910




J. W. GILLON  
Corresponding Secretary 1911-1919



LLOYD T. WILSON  
Corresponding Secretary 1920-1924



**\$1,500,000,000.00**  
PER YEAR  
**SOUTHERN BAPTIST**  
**INCOME**



**\$150,000,000.00**  
PER YEAR

## GOD'S SHARE

# If Every Baptist Helped

Less than one-third of our 3,500,000 white Baptists of the South have any definite share in winning a lost world to Jesus Christ.

While our denomination leads America in evangelism, nearly 9,000 of our churches failed to report a single baptism last year.

Southern Baptists have an annual income of at least \$1,500,000,000. If one-tenth of this were given to God there would be \$75,000,000 available each year for local church expenses, and another \$75,000,000 for our general missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises.

What if every Baptist helped?

Only a tenth of our income, dedicated to God, would mean buildings for our more than 6,000 homeless churches, bet-

ter equipment for all our congregations, an adequate salary for every Baptist pastor, and seven times as liberal support for our old ministers, orphan children, Baptist hospitals, Baptist schools, and our great work of direct evangelism as represented in state missions, home missions and foreign missions as we gave last year.

*"Every member contributing every week to every cause, according to his ability, through his local church,"* is the ideal of the 1925 Program of Southern Baptists, as it is the New Testament standard of Kingdom support.

Within the bounds of our various district associations we have men and women who can enlist practically all our churches in the support of these seven causes of Kingdom building if our leaders will but lead.

The date for the Every-Member Canvass of the Churches in the Support of this Program is November 30-December 7, 1924. Let's get ready to make this the most successful Enlistment job in all our history.

## 1925 BAPTIST PROGRAM

## PORTLAND AND THE 75,000,000

By J. O. Hill, Pastor

The work starts off very encouragingly. The people have shown no little kindnesses and are willing to follow. We are busy at present rounding out our quota of the 75 Million, and completing our handsome church. An effort is being made to reach every church in the association in the interest of both the old and new program. Representatives from the churches met last week at the call of Prof. Williams, the moderator, at Gallatin. Bro. Gayer was present and suggested a plan by which something definite will be done. Our own church is yet due about \$2,800. A check of \$1,000 will be sent in this week and the brethren assure me that the remaining \$1,800 will be paid by the close of the year. This is in the face of very pressing needs at home in our own building program, but we feel that our obligations to our suffering institutions and a lost world come first.

## NO EMPTY SEATS

"Thou shalt be missed, because thy seat will be empty." 1 Sam. 20: 18.

We want no empty seats at our Murfreesboro meeting.

Our desire is for a throng of Baptist women to gather there with the great purpose of spiritual uplift. We want heaven's windows opened and God's gracious blessings so poured out upon us that there will not be room enough to contain it.

We want to go home flaming evangelists for Christ.

To reach this glorious height we ask the women of our State in the remaining days to do two things.

**Pray.** Covenant with us now that you will pray daily for this meeting. For God's guidance in every session of it. Let us go with prepared hearts and importunate pleas.

**Come.** Thou shalt be missed. Thy seat will be empty if you are not there. Begin planning now to set aside these days for storing up of inspiration for another year. We need you. You need us. We are bound together with a tie of love and service in Christ Jesus.

If it is impossible for you to come, send some one in your place. Inspire some young leader to fill your empty seat.

Ask great things from our heavenly Father.—Mrs. W. J. Cox, president.





### INTRODUCING DR. O. E. BRYAN.

By W. M. Wood, Pastor Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville

Our recently, unanimously elected corresponding secretary of missions, Dr. O. E. Bryan was born in North Mississippi. His parents, however, considered Memphis, Tenn., their home. His early childhood was spent in Memphis. He is really a Tennessean. After leaving Tennessee, he and his parents moved to Texas. He was educated at Baylor University, Waco, Texas, and the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth. In these schools, he spent eight years.

He is by grace, education and practical experience admirably equipped for leadership of our great state in her missionary and benevolent enterprises. He has served with distinction as pastor, evangelist and secretary.

He has a pastor's heart, an evangelist's zeal and a secretary's endurance. Dr.

Bryan has served his denomination in the following places and ways: For two years, he was pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Waco, Texas; two years as evangelist of the Southwestern Seminary; two years as evangelist of the State Board of Kentucky; four years as the wise, efficient corresponding secretary of the Kentucky State Board of Missions, where he introduced the budget system two years before the inauguration of the 75 Million Campaign, and here his wise leadership made possible the magnificent showing that state has made in her mission activities; two years he was evangelist of the Home Mission Board and one year he was the conservation leader of our Southern Baptist Convention. He comes to us ripe in experience and wise in practical leadership and rich in the grace wherewith God has endowed him.

He is a brother, beloved in the Lord. I bespeak for him a large place in your love, confidence and prayers as he comes to Tennessee to assume the responsibilities of the office of corresponding secretary.

Co-operate with him, for he will not lead you astray. Pray for him, for his task is not an easy one. Love him, for he knows our Lord and is worthy of our confidence and esteem.

His life is above reproach and he comes to us with a splendid record of leadership. I have known him for ten years and am willing to vouch for him unqualifiedly as a man, a Christian and a worthy workman in the Lord.

He has come to the Kingdom for such a time as this.

### PROGRAM OF THE SEMI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION OF THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION.

To Be Held at Murfreesboro,  
November 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1924.

#### Wednesday, November 12th.

- 10:00 a.m. Devotional—W. C. Golden.  
Organization.  
Executive Board Report.  
Treasurer's Report.  
Supplemental Reports.  
2:30 p.m. Devotional—J. L. Campbell.  
Our Year's Work—Lloyd T. Wilson.  
Our Denominational Program  
O. E. Bryan.  
General Discussion.  
Adoption of Executive Board Report.  
7:30 p.m. Devotional—A. J. Holt.  
Recognition of our Five Living Secretaries—A. J. Holt, W. C. Golden, J. W. Gillon, Lloyd T. Wilson, O. E. Bryan.  
Recognition of Living Messengers and Visitors to the First Tennessee Baptist Convention.  
8:00 p.m. Annual Sermon—W. L. Pickard.

#### Thursday, November 13th.

- 9:00 a.m. An Hour with Baptist Hymns and Hymn Writers—E. C. Dargan.  
10:00 a.m. Baptist Principles and Ideals—W. J. McGlothlin.  
10:45 a.m. Interesting Episodes in Tennessee History—Governor Austin Peay.  
11:30 a.m. Tennessee Baptist Pioneers—J. W. Gillon.  
2:30 p.m. Devotion—J. L. Campbell.  
3:00 p.m. Fifty Years of Baptist Achievement in Tennessee—A. U. Boone.  
3:45 p.m. Fifty Years of Sunday School Progress—I. J. Van Ness.  
7:30 p.m. Devotional—J. T. Oakley.  
7:45 p.m. Fifty Years Advance in the Kingdom of God—C. S. Gardner.

#### Friday, November 14th.

- 9:00 a.m. Business Session.  
10:00 a.m. Fifty Years of Mission Achievement—W. O. Carver.  
10:45 a.m. Fifty Years of Women's Missionary Union History—Miss Katherine Mallory.  
11:30 a.m. Baptists Facing the Future—M. E. Dodd.



### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION IN TENNESSEE.



HARRY CLARK  
Educational Secretary since 1921.

In the past there have been periods when the Baptists of Tennessee have been seemingly indifferent to the success of Baptist education and, as a result, thirteen Baptist schools and colleges had perished in Tennessee before the opening of the 75 Million Campaign. Among them was the famous old Mary Sharp College of Winchester, Tennessee, which is said to have been the first college for women that was ever organized in the world, having been established even before Vassar and Smith College. However, the Baptist institutions in Tennessee are at present on the strongest basis in all their history, with a combined value of \$1,964,750. In these institutions last year there were 3,085 students enrolled, including 150 candidates for the ministry and 63 volunteers for other lines of Christian work. The Ministerial students from these institutions are serving the churches in all the area around about them, and hence are a great Kingdom force in the evangelization of this state.

Our four colleges are: Carson-Newman College at Jefferson City; Union University at Jackson; Tennessee College for Women at Murfreesboro; and Hall-Moody Normal School at Martin. Our six Home Board mission schools are: Cosby Academy at Cosby; Harrison-Chilhowee Institute at Seymour; Doyle Academy at Doyle; Stockton Valley Institute at Helena; Smoky Mountain Academy at Sevierville; and Watauga Academy at Butler. In addition, we are assisting Grandview School at Grandview, Tennessee.

#### CARSON-NEWMAN COLLEGE, JEFFERSON CITY, TENNESSEE.

In East Tennessee in 1849 the Baptists became conscious of the need for an educational institution and preliminary steps were taken which led to the opening of a school in Mossy Creek Baptist Church in September, 1851, and from that time until the present the school has been in continuous existence, except for a short interruption during the time of the Civil War. This institution proved so popular that the Carson College building was purchased and the school moved into it.

In December, 1851, it was chartered as

"The Mossy Creek Missionary Baptist Seminary," which name was changed in 1856 to "Mossy Creek Baptist College." At a critical time, in 1880, the Honorable J. W. Carson of Dandridge, Tennessee, gave a donation of \$17,000 for the education of young men for the ministry and in gratitude for this sum, which was munificent for that period of the South's poverty, the name was changed to "Carson College."

In 1882 a girl's college was established under the presidency of Professor W. T. Russell, which was named "Newman College" in gratitude for the contribution of \$10,840 by William C. Newman and members of his family. In 1889 the male college and the female college were consolidated into a co-educational institution under the name of "Carson and Newman College."

One of its great former presidents was our beloved Dr. J. T. Henderson, who raised the first endowment for this institution and secured the assistance of the Rockefeller Board. In 1904, Colonel A. R. Swann erected the Sarah Swann Dormitory in honor of his mother. Just preliminary to the 75 Million Campaign, Colonel Swann and Mr. J. H. Anderson made a proposition that they would give \$50,000 each on the condition that the denomination raise \$200,000 more. Under the presidency of Dr. W. L. Gentry and the field secretaryship of Rev. J. H. Sharp this was more than accomplished and the loyal rallying of East Tennessee Baptists to Carson and Newman College influenced the Rockefeller Board to promise \$75,000 to the endowment of the institution on condition that another \$125,000 be raised. The present beloved president is Dr. Oscar E. Sams, who has built up a splendid institution with students from twenty states and forty of the Tennessee counties.

#### TENNESSEE COLLEGE, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE.

After the closing of Union University at Murfreesboro in 1873, that great, beautiful campus stood idle until September, 1907. The Baptists at that time under the leadership of Dean Frederick Moore of Vanderbilt University, had determined upon the foundation of a standard woman's college in Tennessee. Baptists lamented the fact that they had allowed the famous old Mary Sharp College to perish at Winchester, Tennessee, and so had lost their title to having the first college ever founded for women in the world; a college whose diplomas are still honored by the great universities in America.

To remedy that mistake a charter for Tennessee College was secured on December 18, 1905. Many cities in the state competed for its location, but finally, Murfreesboro was fortunate in securing the location upon the old campus of Union University.

The new board of trustees brought to Tennessee, George and Henry Burnett, who had made a reputation in educational circles in Kentucky, and instructed them to start with a preparatory school and a junior college and to build it as soon as possible into a standard woman's senior college. The denomination will be forever indebted to George and Henry Burnett for the heroic struggle which they made with their brave faculty and for the

highest standards which they established. The institution had been promised endowment, but since this failed to be raised, a heavy debt had accumulated by 1911, at which time Rev. H. H. Hibbs was brought from Kentucky to raise enough funds to extinguish the debt. Among the most generous of the donors was Honorable C. H. Byrn of Murfreesboro. This effort was gloriously successful.

In 1911 two years of senior college were added, thus making this a standard college for women in all respects except the retention of its preparatory department. In 1921 the preparatory department was dropped, thus henceforth making Tennessee College a standard college for women. In the summer of 1922 there was a historical celebration of Tennessee College when the mortgage deed of \$55,000 was burned in the presence of a great throng of people at the time of the Baptist Assembly. In 1922 the Alumnae Association undertook the raising of \$25,000 for the erection of a memorial library in honor of Alice Burnett Stevens. In 1923 President George Burnett resigned in order to enter business and Dr. E. L. Atwood was elected as its president.

The institution is fortunate in its seventeen years of history in having had only two presidents, both of them much beloved in the state and highly esteemed in educational circles.

#### UNION UNIVERSITY, JACKSON, TENNESSEE.

This is the descendant of two earlier institutions—West Tennessee College, which was established at Jackson about 1842 by the action of the State of North Carolina when it ceded Tennessee to the United States Government; and of Union University at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, which was established in 1845 under the presidency of Rev. Joseph H. Eaton. The charter of the West Tennessee College bore the signature of James K. Polk, President of the United States, and of Honorable Harvey Watterson, the father of the famous editor, Henry Watterson. At West Tennessee College two brigadier generals of the Confederate Army, a supreme court justice, a Tennessee commissioner of agriculture, and a host of other famous men were educated.

The Murfreesboro College was greatly damaged by the Civil War and the endowment was wholly lost. To add to its misfortunes, in 1873 it had to be suspended because of an epidemic of cholera. Since the Murfreesboro institution had been closed permanently, a convention was called from the entire state to meet at Murfreesboro to consider the question of re-establishing one institution for the entire state, and a committee was appointed to locate it. Jackson, Tennessee, was the successful competitor among many bidders, and accordingly in 1875 the two institutions were merged under the name of "The Southwestern Baptist University."

Colonel J. W. Rosamon raised \$30,000 endowment for the institution, and 1895 W. T. Adams, of Corinth, Mississippi, donated the dormitory for young men; and in 1897 J. R. Lovelace, of Martin, Tennessee, gave the dormitory for young women. In 1905 the



General Education Board gave \$25,000, provided friends would raise \$75,000 more; and this was done under the leadership of President Hale. In 1907 the institution's name was changed to "Union University." In 1912 a disastrous fire destroyed the chapel and main building. On account of his liberal gifts toward its rebuilding, the new administration building was named for Colonel O. C. Barton of Paris. In May, 1922, the citizens of Jackson contributed \$30,000 for a new building.

Under the very efficient leadership of President H. E. Watters the institution is now one of the largest colleges in the Southland.

### HALL-MOODY NORMAL SCHOOL, MARTIN, TENNESSEE.

Hall-Moody Normal School (first called Hall-Moody Institute) was founded in 1900

by the Baptists of the town of Martin and by the local Beulah District Association, as a co-educational institution. Its growth was little short of phenomenal and during the 24 years it has been in existence several thousand men and women and boys and girls have come under its influence.

In 1917, the Baptist State Convention in gratitude for the broad denominational service the institution had rendered, instructed its secretary of Christian Education, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver, to enter into a contract whereby the school should come under the control and support of the State Convention. The funds for this were subscribed and paid, not by the denomination as a whole, but by the local citizens of Martin; and the school is now under the legal control of the Baptist Convention of Tennessee. Under the instruction of the Executive Board of the State Baptist Convention the work was ex-

tended to include full junior college work, and since September 1919, Hall-Moody Normal School has had regular courses in the elementary school, four years of high school, and two years of standard junior college work.

In 1918 a department of education was added and Dr. A. T. Barrett, Ph.D., was brought to the institution as dean of that department. The institution has been fully accredited by the State Board of Education so that its graduates receive the same certificate that graduates of the state normal schools receive.

One of its former presidents was Dr. H. E. Watters. Its present president is James T. Warren, much beloved and honored among the Baptists of the entire state. Under his leadership the junior college department has increased to fourteen times the original size of the department when he took charge.

### A BRIEF SURVEY OF THE TEN- NESSEE BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME



**W. J. STEWART**  
Recording Secretary of Convention  
1904—1913  
Superintendent of Orphan's Home  
since 1910

The Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home was established in 1891. Mrs. Roger Eastman, Judge R. R. Caldwell, M. B. Pilcher, A. J. Wheeler and H. W. Butorff were prominent among those founding the institution. A house was purchased in West Nashville. T. T. Thompson was elected as secretary, whose business was to direct the affairs of the Home and to secure money to pay for the property purchased. The doors of the orphanage were opened with a matron and three children. The first President of the Board of Managers was Judge R. R. Caldwell. Others that have served in that capacity were E. R. Vernon, W. C. Golden, C. T. Cheek and the present incumbent, Wm. Gupton. All of these mentioned and many others served faithfully and well in laying the foundation for the large service that the Home is now rendering orphan children in Tennessee.

The following are some of the recording secretaries: Miss Lucy Cunningham, A. J. Wheeler, A. J. Barton, I. N. Strother, W. L. Hawse, H. F. Burns, O. C. Peyton, A. J. Holt, T. B. Ray, W. J. Stewart, E. K. Cox.

I. J. Van Ness, secretary Baptist Sunday School Board, has served longer than any one else as a member of the Board of Managers and continues to serve.

The object in view as set out by the Board of Managers of the orphanage, was to do shelter work and a limited amount of training, until the children in charge could be placed with families in different sections of the state. This kind of work was carried on for about twenty years.

After many trying experiences, the Board of Managers, at the insistence of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, purchased a farm twelve miles south of Nashville and erected buildings on same with the purpose of making the Home industrial.

On June 9, 1912, three dormitories were formally opened and dedicated, which meant the beginning of a new day for Baptist orphanage work in Tennessee. There were thirty-five children moved from the old Home in West Nashville to the new Home on the farm.

The orphanage of today at a cost of \$200,000 with eight buildings, farm,

dairy, school and two hundred children now in the Home being trained for service, is the direct fruitage of the many noble, sacrificing, Christian men and women that wrought before us. Some have gone on to their heavenly rewards but their labors do follow them.

### REVIVAL AT CHINQUEPIN GROVE

By S. J. Watson

Rev. Ernest Cox held a revival commencing September 29, 1924 and continued on to October 17, 1924. Bro. Cox did all the preaching. Bro. Cox is an old timer, a regular "John the Baptist" style preacher, although he is an old time preacher, Bro. Cox is young in years, and certainly does preach with power.

Bro. Cox has been called to half time here and although he has been here but a short time, he sure has endeared himself to the people. His good wife was here with him in the revival and did good service. There were some fifty conversions and 41 were buried with Christ in baptism. To God be all the praise.

### JOHNSON CITY NOTES

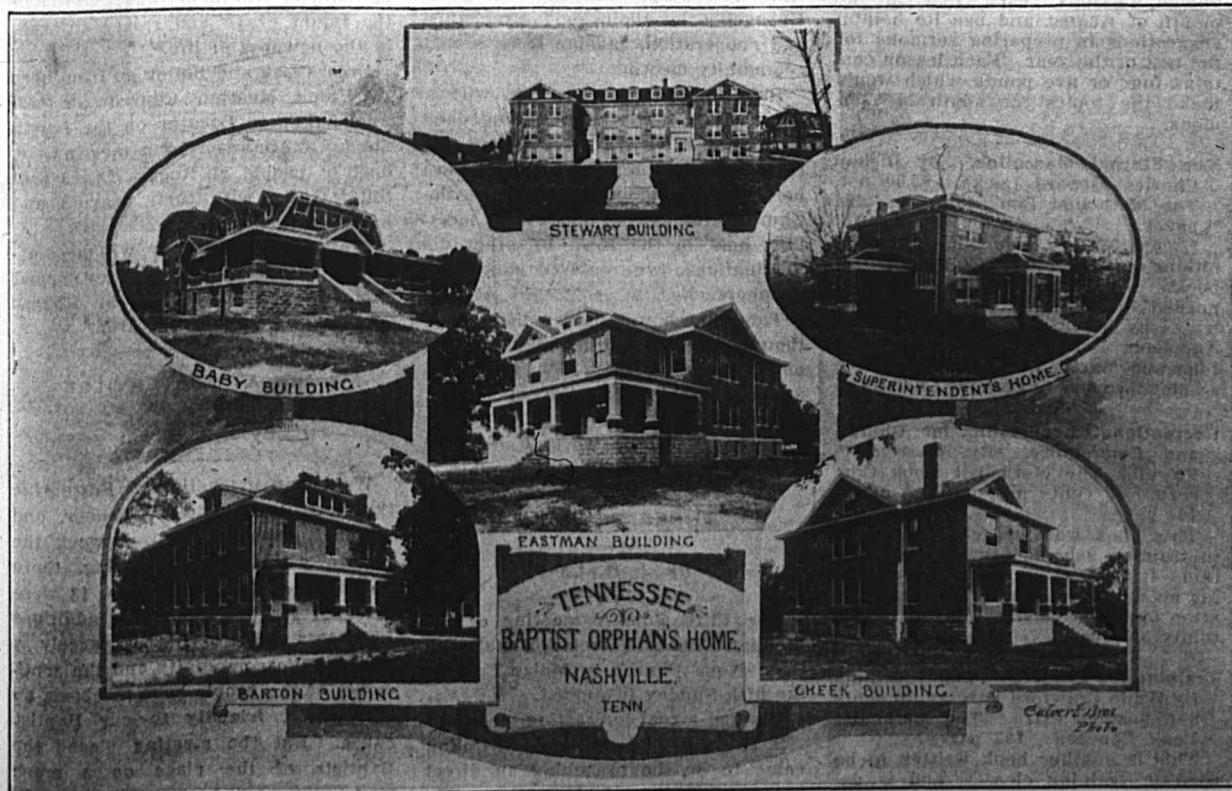
By I. G. Murray

Rev. W. Cloy Wilson of Jonesboro has resigned after doing a fine work, having had recently about 70 additions to the church. We hope some good church will call him before he escapes from the state. Bro. Wilson is a gifted evangelist and a good pastor and preacher. Before leaving Jonesboro he was our pastor and we dearly love him.

Dr. L. M. Roper, our pastor, is planning his fall work. Recently he had a good meeting, Dr. F. F. Brown of Knoxville doing the preaching, and Mr. E. L. Wolsvogel leading in the music. The church was greatly revived by the helpful ministry of these gifted brethren.

It seems good to have a pastor, and especially a good one like Dr. Roper. I am down and out, unable to do anything and the touch of friendship is greatly appreciated.

More than 150,000 electric lamps are used to light the steamship Leviathan.





## BOOK REVIEWS

By Harry Clark

**Informing Your Public.** By Squire-Wilson. \$1.50. The Association Press. 168 pages.

This book deals with church advertising in thirteen attractive pages which are well outlined and attractively presented. The book is written so as to be of help to all welfare organizations as well as the church. We strongly recommend it to all of our city churches.

**Twelve Merry Fishermen.** By Lynn Harold Hough. \$1.00 net. The Abingdon Press. 128 pages.

This book would be of value only to our city pastors. It deals with an imaginary ministerial conference and the programs presented at each Monday's meeting.

**The Bible Story and Content.** By Calvin Weiss Laufer. \$1.25 net. Postage extra. The Abingdon Press. 304 pages.

This book is written for high school students and is intended to be used as a text book in "week day Bible schools." It deals with the origin of the Bible, its various translations and its contents. Each chapter closes with study topics and suggested readings in other books. Since it is well illustrated, it is very attractive for young people.

**Home Lessons in Religion, A Manual for Mothers.** Vol. III. The Six and Seven Year Old. By Samuel Wells Stagg and Mary Boyd Stagg. The Abingdon Press. Price \$1.00. Pages 191.

Our readers may remember our recommendation of another book by these same authors. There are 52 weeks outlined with home lessons in religion for each of the six week days. Every mother of a six or seven-year-old would do well to have this book. Its material is taken from four other books which the mother would have likewise to buy. For each day there is some handwork, paper folding, clay molding or garden work.

**The Successful Sunday School at Work.** By C. S. Leavell, Educational Director, Central Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn. \$2.00 net. Baptist Sunday School Board. 271 pages.

This is a most helpful and well outlined book with questions for review at the end of each chapter. It deals with the part in the Sunday school which must be taken by the pastor and superintendent. It shows the necessity for teacher training, for equipment, for handwork, for good records, for the promotion day. It is brim full of definite and helpful information.

**Bible Study Through Educational Dramatics.** By Helen L. Wilcox. \$1.00, postage extra. The Abingdon Press. 155 pages.

Methods of preparing and producing a church play are shown. There are separate discussions of the work for the primary, junior, intermediate, senior, young peoples and adult departments. Every progressive Sunday school superintendent would do well to purchase this book.

**Building a Community.** By Samuel Zane Batten, D.D. The Judson Press. \$1.00, net. 167 pages.

This is a textbook on Religious Education written for Baptist training schools. It deals with the relation of the church to the public schools, city government, housing and homes, industrial relations, play and recreation, disease, and poverty. There are questions at the end of each chapter and a list of other textbooks.

**Dynamics of Teaching.** By Henry Edward Tralle, M.A., Th.D. \$1.60 net. The George H. Doran Company. 190 pages.

This book is written from a modern standpoint and embodies the latest teachings of psychology. Its ten chapters are brim full of suggestions and each chapter closes with suggestions for class discussion and a list of sug-

gested readings. This would be valuable for the superintendent of any Sunday school.

**Sermons On Books of the Bible.** By William Wistar Hamilton, Th.D., D.D. \$1.75, net. Baptist Sunday School Board. 300 pages.

This is the first volume of a proposed preacher's sermon library by our beloved Southern evangelist whose other books make this one sure of receptive audience. There are eighteen chapters interpreting the first seventeen books of the Old Testament. Each chapter starts with a careful outline of the chapter. Every one of our preachers and all Bible students would profit by reading this.

**A History of the Baptists.** By John T. Christian. \$2.50. Baptist Sunday School Board. 408 pages.

A scholarly and exhaustive treatise which shows that the Baptist faith can be definitely traced back to the time of the New Testament.

**An Inductive Study in the Psalter, Arranged for Bible Classes.** By Mrs. Albert R. Bond, A.B. Price 25c. 16 pages.

This is a list of very stimulating questions on the book of Psalms and should be very helpful to a Bible teacher or for preparation for prayer meeting talks.

**Was Christ Both God and Man? The Virgin Birth—Fact or Fiction?** 50 cents each. George H. Doran Co. 101 pages and 96 pages.

Our readers read in the newspaper of the famous debate between Rev. John Roach Straton, D.D., of the Calvary Baptist Church in New York City and Rev. Charles Francis Potter, M.A., S.T.M. of the West Side Unitarian Church of New York City. These debates are given in full in these booklets and our readers will find in them a mine of information.

**Down Through the Ages.** By Frank E. Goebel, \$1.00. The Macmillan Co. 106 pages.

Young people of the high school age would be greatly interested in this readable little book telling of the history of the Bible, the translations by Wycliff, Tyndale and others. It stresses the inspiration of the Bible.

**Snowden's Sunday School Lessons for 1925.** By James H. Snowden. \$1.25. The Macmillan Co. 285 pages.

Our readers will remember our recent recommendation of the "Life of Christ" by Snowden. We earnestly recommend that all young preachers purchase the "Snowden's Sunday School Lessons" each year in the month of August and use its helpful suggestions in preparing sermons for the rest of the year. Each lesson contains four or five points which would make the topics for admirable sermons.

**The Eternal Masculine.** By Bishop Charles Edward Locke. \$2.00 net. The Methodist Book Concern. 294 pages.

Except for his endorsement of evolutions on page 186 this is a delightful book. He analyzes the qualities needed for a manly man and illustrates by historic characters such as Napoleon, Benjamin Franklin, Aaron Burr and Martin Luther. It would be a splendid book to give for Christmas.

**Recreational Leadership for Church and Community.** By Warren T. Powell. The Methodist Book Concern. 80 cents net, postage extra. 164 pages.

This book was written to be used in training schools of the denomination. It outlines carefully suggestions for an all-the-year program for recreation for our young people. It is certainly helpful.

**Training for Leadership and Teaching.** By Wade Crawford Barclay. 80 cents net, postage extra. The Methodist Book Concern. 197 pages.

This is another book written to be used in training classes, and is designed to show how the church must

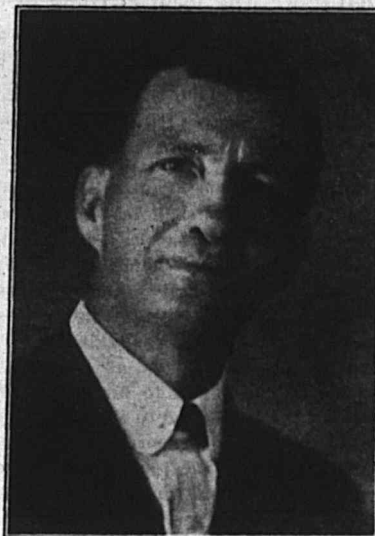
develop its future leaders. I was much interested in his chapter on correspondence study.

**Church Pageantry.** By Madeleine Sweeny Miller. \$1.00, postage extra. Methodist Book Concern. 216 pages.

She pleads for the valuable features of a pageant to be used in church work, describes how the worker should be trained and gives a sample pageant at the back of the book.

**The Significance of the Cross.** Rev. George H. Morrison, of London. George H. Doran Company. Price 85 cents net. 72 pages.

A stimulating outline of three sermons on the "Significance of the Cross" for Jesus, for God, and for man. Although in outline form, even a layman would enjoy reading this.



**FLEETWOOD BALL**  
Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Since 1914

### REVIVAL AT HUNTLAND BAPTIST CHURCH

By Mrs. J. E. Fanning

The revival meeting of Huntland Baptist Church closed Sunday night Oct. 12th. Dr. W. J. Cambron of Ft. Thomas, Ky., did the preaching. His soul-stirring messages were listened to attentively by great crowds. The other denominations of the town showed their appreciation of the great Evangelist by their good attendance and cooperation, causing it to be a real community meeting.

Dr. Cambron is a big man with a big message. His sermons dug deep into great Bible truths. As a partial result of his work, eleven souls were born again and nine added to the Church. As a result of previous meetings held in the town by other denominations, we received nine new members.

This church was built a little more than a year ago, the membership was only twenty-two then. We now have a membership of forty-six. Rev. Haynes Brinkley is the active pastor and the church is working together harmoniously under his leadership.

### THREE REVIVALS

By J. R. Land

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the McMinn County Association met with Good Hope Church in Meigs County, the fifth Sunday in August.

We had a real interesting meeting. S. H. Clark and singer, S. R. Boling came to do the preaching and direct the music in a revival meeting. The

meeting continued two weeks. Bro. Clark did the preaching in his forceful, hard-hitting, uncompromising way, from the fifth Sunday in August until the second Sunday in September. Bro. Boling led the music, singing the Gospel in the good old Gospel way. The visible results were a dozen or more renewals and conversions and four additions to the church. We believe other good results will follow. The W. M. S. of the church gave the pastor, J. R. Land, a shower of good things for his family to eat, wear and use.

The writer went from Good Hope to Cottonport Church, being assisted in revival there by S. R. Prock. The meeting continued two weeks, the pastor and Bro. Prock doing the preaching.

The Holy Spirit was there in great power. The church was revived and about 28 or 30 professed faith in Christ or were renewed. There were seven baptized, a number received by letter, others stand approved for baptism and we think others will join. Bro. Prock preached the Gospel in power and demonstration of the Holy Spirit.

The school teachers and school cooperated with us splendidly. The teachers are consecrated Christian young ladies and are teaching a fine school.

This church had been dormant for several years until one year ago the present pastor took up the work. The people have been loyal to the pastor and church.

We went from Cottonport to Rogers Creek Church on the fourth Sunday night to begin a revival.

Bros. Clark and Boling were with us again and did their work well. The church was greatly revived, about 25 professed faith in Christ, some were renewed and as many of the church members and other Christians enlisted as I ever saw at this place. There were twenty-two additions—seventeen by baptism and five by letter. This is the pastor's home church where he was saved and baptized twenty-seven years ago. And he was happy when he had seventeen candidates down into the creek to follow Christ in baptism where he was planted in the liquid grave and raised to walk in the newness of life.

Bros. Clark and Boling go from here to Union McMinn Church for two weeks then to Decatur on the fourth Sunday in October for a meeting. A host of people at Rogers Creek will follow them with their prayers and interest.

We predict that they will accomplish great good where they spend themselves as they did at Rogers Creek. Come again, brethren.

### WORK AT FOSTERVILLE

By J. P. Bilyeu

We began a meeting at Fosterville the first Sunday in September, and although it lasted only a week the results were truly gratifying, there having been 15 conversions, 13 were received for baptism and 4 additions by letter. Fosterville is largely a Campbellite community and the sentiments of the people have not been, on the whole, friendly to our Baptist cause. But the meeting placed the Baptists of the place on a much higher plane and has greatly strength-



ened their hands and brightened their outlook. The Sunday school has doubled its membership and the church life quickened in every way. This little struggling band has made a liberal offering to the 75 Million Campaign. The church has called me as their pastor for another year.

### THE BAPTISTS OF TENNESSEE SHOULD AID SPARTA

By L. O. Vermillion, Evangelist of the Home Mission Board

Sparta, Tenn., is the county site of White County, in the beautiful Cumberland Mountains of middle Tennessee. It is a town of about two thousand people and exerts an influence over a large area of country round about. The Baptists have no house of worship here, never have had any and the work has always been on the drag. There are not more than forty members in the little struggling church that is meeting in a rented hall over a barber shop on the public square.

The Methodists, Presbyterians, Disciples and the Nazarenes have creditable houses of worship that put to shame the little discouraged band of Baptists. The result has been that across the years Baptists have moved into Sparta and finding no work, or no creditable work, many of them have joined in with the other denominations and have been lost to the Baptist cause. If the Baptists have no distinctive message for the world this is all right. They ought to go out of existence and go in with the folks that have a distinctive message. But if the Baptists have a real worthwhile message for the world that no other

religious body is giving to the world, that message ought to have a creditable hearing in every community.

It is my candid opinion that if ten thousand dollars had been put into a good church building in Sparta twenty-five or thirty years ago it would have returned large dividends in money into the denominational coffers and the Baptists would have been one of the most influential peoples in the town of Sparta today. It will cost many times the amount to get a suitable location for a church now, than it would have cost then. So from the financial standpoint it has been a loss to the denomination not to help this struggling band enough for them to really get on their feet.

Then how can we estimate the loss spiritually, morally and otherwise that has resulted to the community? How many people have not been reached for Christ that would have been reached? How many Sunday school teachers, superintendents, how many deacons, how many workers among the women, how many young people's workers, how many preachers have failed to be developed because the work has lagged and dragged?

I am wondering if there is not some Baptists man or woman in Tennessee with money, whose denominational pride and whose interest in the Lord's cause, will prompt them to give this struggling church six thousand dollars to buy the best location in the city for their church? This location now has two dwelling houses upon it. One of them renting for \$25 and the other for \$35 per month. One of these houses could be moved to the back of the lot, facing another street, and serve admirably for a parsonage. The other would have to be sold or torn down when the church went to build. Then I am wondering if the State Mission Board and the Home Mission Board will not put enough money into a building program here to help the Baptists to really get on their feet?

Of course every one will want to know whether there is a real Baptist opportunity here or not. Well, there are more than fifteen hundred unsaved people, according to the pastor's estimate, that would be the field for the church to operate in. The starting of a worthwhile program would immediately challenge the attention of the town. The pastor is a graduate of Union University, of the Southwestern Theological Seminary, a man that is consecrated, sensible, capable, and though he has been here only a few months, has the confidence and respect of the people of the town, regardless of their religious beliefs. If he is given an opportunity he will pull the Baptist work out and up. His name is P. B. Baldrige. He is giving half time here and the other half to Doyle, where Doyle Baptist Institute, one of our Mountain Schools is located. He ought to be giving all of his time and attention to this city that is on the N. C. & St. L. Ry. and on the Memphis to Bristol Highway, and has the County high school with one hundred and fifty-two fine boys and girls enrolled in it now, and where the city is building now a very fine city school.

With fifty per cent of the religious population of Tennessee, Baptists, it seems like a reproach to find a town in the state with two thousand people

in which there is no Baptist church building, and where the Baptist cause is under reproach. Surely from some source there is going to come the means to make this little band, all of whom are poor, able to overcome their reproach and lift high the standard of Christ and the standard of righteousness in the community! It will be laying up treasures in Heaven for some man or woman to make possible the ongoing of the work by buying the location that is the best in the city. It will be an investment that will bear dividends as long as the town shall stand, and these dividends shall be cashed in and realized upon in the glory world. They shall be permanent and abiding, because they will be dividends in redeemed souls and cultivated Christian characters that shall live throughout all eternity.

If this proposition should appeal to any individual Baptist, or to more than one, I am sure that the State Secretary would be glad to give you additional information, or you can write to the pastor, Rev. P. B. Baldrige, Sparta, Tenn.

### AN OLD TIME REVIVAL

By W. B. Rutledge

On Thursday night October 23, we closed a meeting at Graysville, Tenn., of wonderful spiritual power and far-reaching influence. There were about fifty-four professions, and the church was greatly strengthened. It was not an unusual thing for a member of the best people in the community to be rejoicing aloud at the same time, when some of their friends would be converted.

Graysville Baptist church is facing perhaps, the brightest prospect for a really great work in the history of the church. I have seldom seen a finer class of young people, and the relation between them and the older members of the church is beautiful and inspiring.

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Pastors Conference reports are omitted this week because of the extra space occupied by special Jubilee material. Where conferences do not report for next Sunday, Nov. 9, their reports for Nov. 2 will appear in their place in our issue of Nov. 13.

—Editor.  
**FOUND: A WAY TO GIVE BAPTIST CHILDREN SIXTY HOURS OF ADDED BIBLE INSTRUCTION**



By Homer L. Grice, Secretary

There were ten thousand Daily Vacation Bible Schools in the world in the summer of 1924. Over one million children were enrolled. For a quarter of a century now forward-looking pastors and church workers have been experimenting with Bible schools

in the summer time on week days. The experimental stage is now passed. The Vacation school has made good. It is now graded, departmentalized and using specially provided courses of study. The number of schools is increasing by leaps. In 1920 there were less than 2,000 schools. In the next few years there will be fifty thousand.

Southern Baptists are just beginning to find themselves in this work. There is now a remarkable quickening of interest in Vacation schools. During the coming winter and spring scores of special institutes for the training of D. V. B. S. workers will be held throughout the South. The Baptist Sunday School Board is preparing a special set of text books for the schools and now has a department devoted exclusively to the promotion of Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

The Daily Vacation Bible School is not a competitor of the Sunday school nor a duplicator of its work. It gathers the children during the longer summer vacation into the church building for twenty days of instruction—four weeks, five days a week, three hours a day, a total of sixty hours. The school should be church controlled. Usually the pastor himself should be the principal. Nearly all the teachers are volunteers, most of them coming from the staff of Sunday school teachers. There are generally four departments—Beginner, Primary, Junior and Intermediate. The lessons

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Harry L. Strickland, Organized Class Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, whose death at his home in Nashville, Tuesday morning, Nov. 4, 1924, will be mourned by thousands in our Southland. He was 47 years old and had been connected with the Board for eight years.

## REPORT FROM MONTEREY

By W. M. Griffith, Pastor

Sunday evening, October 25, our pulpit was occupied by Bro. Wm. T. Parrott. Bro. Parrott was recently converted, during our House-DeHart revival. Special prayers were offered for him, although he was located in Williamsburg, Ky., and he got under conviction there and sought out some of the Lord's servants and was converted. He then started for home and arrived in time for the Sunday service and gave his experience of grace and united with our church, and the glorious thing about it is, that the Lord has called him to preach, so upon this evening, he delivered his first sermon in the absence of the pastor, to a large and an appreciative audience. He will enter Carson-Newman College, Jan. 26, 1925 for a full four years college course.

As the result of a revival which has been in progress for the past two weeks, conducted by the pastor at Dripping Springs, a small community just about 4 miles east of Monterey, there has been 23 conversions, and 23 additions to the church at this place, 16 of which were baptized upon the 26th, and eight more are approved for baptism. We also had two splendid additions by letter and one by statement. This community had been for a long time, infested by bootleggers and wildcaters of the most cunning craft, but now they have given it all up and are saved from their sins. If any community is infested with this sort of trouble, I would most respect-

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## AMONG THE BRETHREN

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Rev. J. H. Fuller of Piedmont, Ala., has been called to the care of Buckhead church, Atlanta, Ga., and it is believed he will accept.

Dr. T. J. Perry, a former Tennessee pastor, has resigned at Star City, Ark. We wish he would return to Tennessee. He is a good man.

The Calvary church, Beaumont, Texas, loses its pastor, Rev. Fred Clark, after having had faithful service with the church for eight years.

Rev. Frank Q. Crockett, a former student of Union University, Jackson, Tenn., is succeeding admirably in his pastorate at De Witt, Ark. The church is beginning the construction of a \$20,000 building.

Rev. P. C. Walker has resigned the care of the First church, Greenville, Miss., to accept a call to Hopkinsville, Ky. The Mississippians greatly regret to give up so strong a man.

Rev. W. E. Wauford of Halls, Tenn., has been called to the care of the church at Clinton, Ky., and it is understood that he will accept. It is sad to lose him from the state.

Evangelist J. B. De Garmo of Memphis, Tenn., and his singer, G. C. Clardy, have just closed a revival with Rev. F. R. Walter of Manchester, Ky., resulting in 33 additions. Bro. De Garmo is a clear, forceful gospel preacher.

The recent revival held in the First church, Monroe, La., of which Rev. Frank Tripp is pastor, resulted in 73 additions. The preaching was done by a Tennessee product, Rev. C. C. Morris of Ada, Okla.

Rev. W. R. Brown, who for nearly six years has been pastor of the First church, Orange, Texas, accepts a call to Haynesville, La., effective Nov. 12. During his pastorate at Orange he welcomed 770 into that church.

After seven years of fruitful service, Rev. T. F. Callaway of Macon, Ga., has resigned as state evangelist of the Georgia Baptist Convention. After Jan. 1, he will do general evangelistic work throughout the South.

The current issue of the Baptist Standard of Dallas, Texas, is an illustrated convention number containing 48 pages of wide-awake, religious news and other able articles. Texas Baptists are indeed, most fortunate in their able editor, Dr. E. C. Routh; his critics, to the contrary, notwithstanding.

Having served thirteen years, Dr. J. B. Franklin has resigned as superintendent of Baylor Hospital, Dallas, Texas, effective Dec. 31. He has not disclosed his plans for the future.

Ponders Avenue church, Atlanta, Ga., has called Rev. G. W. Cox and he accepts effective Nov. 9. He is a strong preacher and good pastor.

That great church at Orlinda, Tenn., of which Rev. Roscoe Meadows is pastor, has just experienced a successful revival in which the preaching was done by Dr. R. J. Pirkey of Broadway church, Louisville, Ky. Immense crowds waited on his ministry.



T. W. GAYER  
Stewardship Secretary, 1924—

The church at Rector, Ark., has accepted the resignation of Rev. E. E. Griever as pastor, that he may accept a call to Star City, Ark. Rev. T. B. Rouse of Arkadelphia, Ark., has been called to the pastorate at Rector, Ark., it being his second term of service with that church.

Dr. R. M. Inlow of the First church, Sedalia, Mo., has welcomed 45 new members into that church in the last three Sundays. Sunday, November 16, is the time set apart for the dedication of the new \$400,000 church plant. His Tennessee friends rejoice in his success.

The church at Charleston, Miss., Dr. R. A. Kimbrough, pastor, has just closed a fine revival. Dr. W. E. Farr of Grenada, Miss., assisted eleven days. There were 69 additions, 62 by baptism, including young, middle-aged and grown people. Dr. Kimbrough is this week assisting Rev. G. S. Jarman in a meeting at Ruleville, Miss.

In the recent revival in the First church, Shawnee, Okla., where Dr. J. B. Lawrence, beloved in Tennessee, is pastor, there were 150 additions to the church. Evangelist R. L. Estes held the meeting.

Rev. Ed L. Watson of the First church, Okmulgee, Okla., is assisting Rev. J. T. Early in a revival at Nogales Avenue church, Tulsa, Okla. They are former Tennessee pastors.

Rev. T. R. Hammons has resigned the care of the church at Selmer, Tenn., to accept a call to the Second church, Jonesboro, Ark. He has been pastor at Selmer three years, also serving the church at Adamsville, Tenn. We regret to see him leave Tennessee.

Dr. Lincoln McConnell of the First church, Oklahoma City, Okla., initiated last Sunday the fall and winter evangelistic program to be carried on jointly by the Bill Sunday Men's Club and the Y. M. C. A. His son, Edwin McConnell, leads the music. Dr. McConnell is a native of Tennessee. But, to our notion, his Baptist proclivities are not as strong as they ought to be.

Dr. C. P. Stealey of the Baptist Messenger thinks the Southern Baptist Convention would be far more democratic and deliberative if the number of messengers could be reduced to 500 or 800. But so small a body would lack a long shot of being representative. "There is that which withholdeth more than is meet and it tendeth to poverty." We had rather see the body like it is than reduced like Bro. Stealey suggests. The remedy would be worse than the disease.

Rev. Roswell Davis of Memphis, Tenn., has been appointed new secretary of the Strand Bible Class of the Central church, Memphis, Tenn., succeeding Herbert Burns, resigned. Bro. Davis is well identified with the church work of the city, having served as pastor, Central Avenue, Binghampton, and McLemore Avenue churches.

Evangelist W. C. McPherson has been invited by the church at Alexandria, Tenn., where he was pastor eight and one half years to deliver a series of sermons during the Christmas holidays. Mr. R. V. Edwards will have charge of the music during the meeting.

The First church, Dallas, Texas, Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor, worshiped in its new building Sunday October 26, for the first time. The total seating capacity is now 4,000 while the church has a membership of 5,240. Suppose they all came to church on the same day! The church has let contracts for the construction of a Sunday school building to take care of 10,000. It will cost \$450,000.

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## AFTER FIFTY YEARS

By O. L. Hailey

It seems strange even to me who walked the streets again after fifty years. But I did, last week. It was in McKinzie, Tennessee, the little town that clings to the railroad crossing, just as it used to do when I was a school boy, and went there to school. To be sure, it has grown some, and substantial brick buildings have replaced the framed buildings that were once their pride. The streets are much the same, and run the same rambling ways. More substantial residences adorn the remoter parts of the town. The Methodist church which was built when I was there, still crowns the hill. But the Baptist church which then used the first story of the old Masonic Hall, a rambling and weather-beaten wooden structure, has moved up onto the prominent street and into a handsome brick, while the Presbyterians have taken position a block away.

But the center of my interest was McKinzie College, where Prof. H. C. Irby and Dr. E. P. Randle had established a co-educational academy and dignified with the name "McKinzie College," a name that still stirs long silent forms in the memory.

I had left my father's farm down in Fayette county and "gone away to college." My mother had filled my modest trunk with a still more modest supply of clothing which her blessed hands had found time to make, after caring for the other nine children who made the happy group about my father's table.

The scenes and incidents of that fateful morning are still fresh in my mind. Standing in the door of "my room," my mother, with expressions of love, anxiety, ambition and hope, all playing in that dear face, already

bearing the marks of toil and care, sweetly handed me a small red Bible and said her parting words. The father followed to the gate and with choking voice sent me out to face the world and all its possibilities, its opportunities. He concentrated all his solicitude, his counsel and his confidence, onto one tense phrase as he grasped my hand in one last convulsive grip and said, "Be a good boy." And with a half century between them and now, I do not think he could have done better.

And as I took my first ride on a railroad train, Nolen Irby, a nephew of Prof. Irby's, went with me. It was a "fur piece" from Staunton to McKinzie, and we were "at college."

The other day, I had some hours in McKinzie between trains. I walked alone to see again the places of those happy, pregnant days. As I drew near the site, the present lost its control of me, and the long forgotten past took its seat and took the reins of memory and furiously drove over those familiar streets. Up the hill, the young country boy swung along in the pride of his strength, with all the allurements of the yet-to-be-determined future firing his anxious, throbbing heart. But what a shock awaited. The dear old building with a thousand sacred memories, was gone. Gone, even down to the brick-line cellar. Yet there were mounds of brick and mortar at the places where the chimneys stood. The rank Bermuda grass held luxurious sway over what had been the yard when we students passed and greeted each other in voices, many of which, for these eventful years, have spoken only in the heavenly tongue. The grass had crowded up to the very margin of the pit which was the cellar, and sympathetically gazed upon the grave of the past—that sweetly melancholy past.

There I stood alone in the place that

once was the gate, where no footfall nor cheery voice had awakened the echoes through many a long, silent year. I wondered if the air was full of the spirits of those dear school mates of fifty years ago. Oh, there they were as I stood detached from this present and from memory's "treasure house" took the scroll and affectionately called again the names of those who were so full of life and happiness then. How they came crowding about me as I stood. There they were, so full of life and color and affection; such affection as school mates know.

Whom should I greet first? There was a modest maiden standing back in the crowd. But I must not appear to greet her first. No, there was G. A. Hays, whom we called "Gus." He rode into town each day on a flea-bitten, gray mare that had a "flopped ear." Gus taught some of the less advanced classes, while he pursued his studies. He had a fine black mustache. O. V. Hays, his younger brother, had prominent front teeth which were white. And there was Ed Bowden, the gentle, delicate, fine student, who was to be a lawyer. And Mollie Holman, one of the bright students. But she had a spinal weakness. How patient she was! She and Ed were from the same place. There was tall E. A. Hoofman and merry Bob Lett. He and A. D. Hurt were from Proudly. Tom Wingo, with a heavy blonde mustache and Miss Alice Brower, the intellectual, with large blue eyes. Tom was not very tall, but she was. They married.

Alice McKeloy, the fair, little curly headed blonde, and Nannie Stone and Hattie Hurt. She was a jolly, fat girl. And Jim Knox and sister who had come with their mother from the rich home in the South. Jim boarded with Nolen Irby. Bill Norris, big, red, jolly good Bill Norris who died soon. And Ed Bowden. We boarded with Miss

Jennie McDonald, one of nature's finest achievements. But she was lame.

There, too, stood Al McKinzie of the town, and Bobbie Witt, son of Presiding Elder Witt, and the precise and tidy E. K. Bransford and E. H. Whitten. These three were to become Methodist preachers.

Miss Bettie Jones, large and tall and sweet-mannered. She was the niece of Rev. Silas Jones, who came once a month to preach to the little Baptist church that met in the Masonic Hall, over across the L. & N. railroad. When he arose to announce his text, he always let out a long breath that sounded like the wind blowing through the trees whose dead leaves had not yet fallen.

And there were the boys of my first Sunday school class. There was John Sneed a fine lad who went railroad-ing when he grew up. And the dear boy was crushed beneath the cruel wheels of the freight train. And Peter Sneed, whose one "speech" on Friday afternoons, was:

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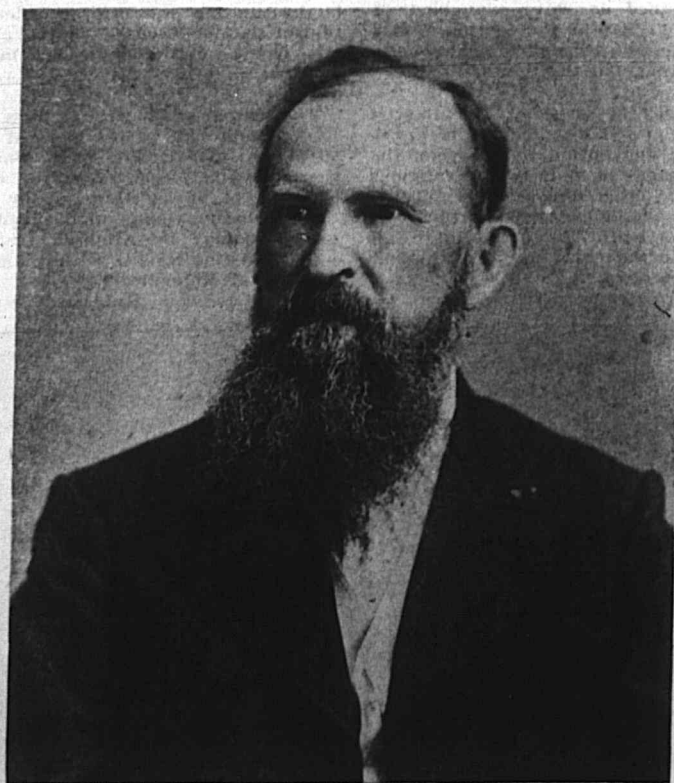
The saddest of the year,

With naked woods and wailing winds  
And meadows brown and sear."

And there was Bernard Bailey. Dear Bernard, he became one of the most eloquent and effective Baptist preachers of the South.

And the shadowy group left me. I stood alone after fifty years, where I had stood among that happy crowd. For aught I know they are all gone. And I am still trying to "carry on." The teachers all have gone, the homes that sent the pupils have gone to the hands of strangers.

That was while the Baptist State Convention of Tennessee was being organized. And only two or three, possibly, remain among us, who were in Murfreesboro at its organization. I was at the next meeting in 1874. "Hall and farewell."



J. R. GRAVES

For fifty years editor of the "Tennessee Baptist." Author of books which contributed much to denominationalism among Southern Baptists.