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## THAT APRIL 19TH, 1925.

By C. E. Burts, D.D., General Director.

April 19, should be a day of greatest giving for Southern Baptists. Many, very many, should give themselves anew in love and allegiance to their Christ.

It should be a day of rededication in loyalty to his service on the part of many. Make it a day of most universal, liberal, enthusiastic giving of substance on the part of all of our people.

Let every one of our three million six hundred thousand Baptists, unless providentially hindered, attend church that day and bring an offering—every member of every church—every Sunday school pupil, every friend—make it a day of hilarious giving. Many churches will observe the day in unconventional ways.

Let us give out of gratitude to God for his blessings upon our individual lives and upon his work committed to our hands. Let the giving be a pledge of our continued loyalty to his cause. Make it such an offering as will relieve Kingdom needs, bring encouragement and hope to our missionaries, strengthen the morale of the brotherhood, rejoice the hearts of all our people and please our kind and gracious heavenly Father.

Four millions of dollars is greatly needed, and could be given by Southern Baptists. It will be if the appeal reaches the last man, woman and child!

That April 19! Keep it in mind. Pray for it. Work for it.

## A LETTER FROM BROTHER CRUMPTON.

By W. B. Crumpton, Montgomery, Ala.

Surely no better historic reading can be found for loyal Southern Baptists than that found in the literature sent out by Dr. Mullins with reference to the Southern Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Every Baptist heart should swell with pride.

We read of the outgrown present buildings and the need for larger and better accommodations.

That item of advancement is in keeping with the news that comes from every quarter of the outgrown Sunday school buildings that call for enlargement. From every quarter, at home and abroad, the cry is the same. Instead of complaint at the cry for more money, we ought to be sending up thanksgiving to God for thrusting upon us an army of strong young men and women, clamoring for equipment for His service. Down with the pessimistic complainer!

Let's be optimists and draw the belt a little tighter for the final charge. The givers

are not suffering. Not one of us will lose a meal by our sacrificial giving, but God's Cause is suffering at a vital point. Our God will be greatly honored, and so will be His people, if we hear the cry.

The cry was once so pitiful for more men. How gloriously has God answered that cry. "Here am I, send me," the brave young people are saying. To send untrained men to meet the well trained cohorts of the enemy would be cruel. *It should not be.* Let's say: *By God's help, it shall not be!*

I was shut up in Vicksburg, Miss., during the siege. Not many of us prayed, unless an earnest desire can be counted as prayer. We were short on everything an army needed. Every day we heard wild rumors by Grapevine, which was noted for its unreliability. The news came more than once that Jo Johnson was gathering an army about Jackson to come to our relief. Every few minutes we were sure we heard the rattle of musketry and an occasional boom of cannon, in the rear of the enemy, but alas! it was only a rumor! Suppose it had proved true; would our boys say: "This means more fighting for

### "Crack Shots from Uncle Gideon's Rifle."

A long tail coat will cover a fool but it will not hide him.

—J. B. Gambrell.  
From O. E. Bryan's Note Book.

us—well just keep to our trenches, eating mule beef and pea bread. The enemy might play a trick and capture our old guns and our mule beef and pea bread." No sir, not a man would have thought of a speech like that. Every man would have leaped out of the trenches and made a mad rush at the enemies' lines to break through and meet the rescuing forces. This illustration is easy of application. How we have been pleading for a fresh supply of God-called men for the ministry. The enemy has attacked from every angle. They are undermining the foundations of the faith. We are getting word from the boys they are coming, but poorly equipped. They have brave hearts, of that we are assured. Shall we meet them and furnish the needed equipment? Shame on us if we do not!

## DR. MULLINS' LATEST LETTER.

By Allan H. Bissell, Associate Director,  
Building Campaign, S. B. T.  
Seminary.

Just before leaving for the hospital, President Mullins dictated a letter calling on fac-

ulty and students to be much in prayer for the Building Campaign. His letter follows: March 26, 1925.

"To my Colleagues,  
of the Seminary Faculty,  
Dear Brethren:

The personnel of our building campaign organization is united in asking that each professor will lay on the hearts of the students in every class the importance of constant and earnest prayer for the success of the building campaign, and it would be a great joy to me if it could be the daily habit to make this matter a subject of special prayer at the opening of each class every day and in all chapel services.

We are making a fairly good beginning in the raising of funds, but we do need the spiritual force of the Seminary, as well as the power of organization behind the great effort.

Thanking you, I am

Cordially yours,

(Signed) E. Y. Mullins,  
President."

It is significant that this was the last letter dictated by the President before leaving the institution that is so dear to his heart, to face a real crisis in his life, and that it emphasized the one thing that is supreme in his thoughts, which is, "A New Home for the Seminary by the New Year, 1926."

Dr. Mullins did not ask that the students pray for his recovery, though he desires that and is assured of it; and we are glad to know that the outlook is favorable, but he does ask that adequate provision be made for the training of our future Baptist leaders. And in this request he follows in the train of his Master and of a great host throughout the ages. Jesus met the great crisis of his life through prayer. The great and the good of all ages have met their crises in the same way.

This brief article is written that our Baptist hosts of the Southern Baptist Convention and elsewhere may know that the one thing that will gladden the heart of President Mullins most and go far toward his speedy recovery will be the knowledge that Southern Baptists are behind him and our great Seminary in this hour of crisis and opportunity. Let's all unite in prayer for Dr. Mullins, for the Building Campaign and let every Southern Baptist, who can, Pay as well as Pray—the Price of Victory.

When you see a man in woe,

Walk right up and say "Hullo!"

Say "Hullo! How d'ye do?"

"How's the world a-usin you?"

Slap the fellow on his back,

Bring yer han' down with a whack;

Waltz right up, an' don't go slow,

Grin an' shake an' say "Hullo!"

—S. W. Foss.

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## EDITORIAL

### FREE GRACE.

The older we grow the sweeter are the doctrines of grace. The more we see of the ruin of sin; the more we know of our own depraved hearts and the more we learn of the faults of others the sweeter are the doctrines of grace. Once we marveled at the falling tears when God's people would sing "Amazing Grace." We understand this weeping better as the years go by. How sweet to feel the assurance of sins forgiven, to understand "that where sin abounded grace did much more abound." Through the riches of God's free grace the vilest sinner has the possibilities of becoming a child of God and a joint heir with Jesus Christ. "Whosoever will may have the water of life freely." "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God. Not of works lest any man should boast."

"O the love that drew salvation's plan,  
O the grace that brought it down to man,  
O the gulf that God did span,  
On Calvary."

### FLOWERS ON THE CASKET.

It is the custom of this generation in a large measure to reserve the flowers for funeral occasions. Many beautiful flowers are born to blush unplucked though they bloom near our daily paths. They linger, then wither and fall while true hearts near us are bleeding for some little token of appreciation. If our friends are growing flowers for our funeral we would rather they would pluck them now. We had rather have one little violet from the hand of a child while we are living than to have a truck load of flowers when these eyes are closed in death. Flowers on the casket throw none of their sweetness backward over the path-

way of a lonely and weary life. We had rather have a plain funeral without a flower and a grave without a stone than to have a life without kind fellowship and Christian love.

### THE REVIVAL SPIRIT IN TENNESSEE.

During the last two months several fine revivals have been reported in Tennessee. This touch of revival fire in our state is encouraging. The large numbers received for baptism in these meetings has greatly strengthened our faith. We rejoice to know that God is still on giving terms with his people. Let us hope that these meetings are but the first live sparks of revival fire that are to sweep our entire state and spread to lands beyond the seas. We trust that not one church in Tennessee will fail to catch this revival spirit and go forward with the conquering power of Almighty God to win the lost to Jesus Christ. This is, we firmly believe, the chief business of saved people.

### THE PASTOR'S OPPORTUNITY.

At this time when we have no general field man in Tennessee to represent stewardship and when the corresponding secretary is kept in the office because of his relation to the Baptist and Reflector as acting editor, our pastors for one time are going to have the pleasure of a spring campaign without being bothered with general men from the executive board. Perhaps in his wisdom and providence God is showing us that after all the pastors can do the work to which he has called them. Baptist preachers of the right sort do not need someone to tell them what to do. This is a good time for the pastors to show that outside help is not needed to collect God's money for kingdom interests. Alas for any pastor who can not bend to his heavenly task. Self-serving men will soon play out and leave the work for others to do. "The wise pastor will never let any ice form in the church on the subject of giving."

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will furnish, free of charge, envelopes prepared by the 1925 Program Commission for all churches that desire to make special offerings to the whole unified program between this time and April 30. Address O. E. Bryan, 161 8th Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

Enrollment cards for membership in the Southern Baptist Convention and the identification certificates to be used in purchasing railroad tickets at reduced rates are now in the office of the Corresponding Secretary. Those who wish to attend the Convention as delegates can secure these cards by writing the office at 161 8th Ave., North, Nashville.

Collections for the Unified Program during January, February and March, 1925, are better than for the same period last year or the year before for the 75 Million Program. This is encouraging for Tennessee Baptists. Let us make April the greatest month of any since the first year of the 75 Million Campaign.

### RECEIPTS FOR MARCH.

Following is an exhibit of the receipts during March coming to the unified program, subject to division according to the rulings of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Disbursements have been made to the co-operating interests in keeping with this exhibit:

SOUTHWIDE OBJECTS 50%	
Foreign Missions 23 1/2% .....	\$5,941.12
Home Missions 10% .....	2,528.14
Christian Education 10% .....	2,528.14
Ministerial Relief 5% .....	1,264.07
New Orleans Hospital 1 1/2% ..	379.22
	\$12,640.69

STATEWIDE OBJECTS 50%	
State Missions 18% .....	\$4,550.64
Christian Education 19% .....	4,803.46
Orphans' Home 8% .....	2,022.51
Memorial Hospital 5% .....	1,264.07
	\$12,640.68
	\$25,281.37

The 19% to Christian Education has been disbursed to the colleges as follows:

STATEWIDE EDUCATION 19%	
Union University 5% .....	\$1,264.07
Carson and Newman 5% .....	1,264.07
Tennessee College 5% .....	1,264.07
Hall-Moody 3% .....	758.44
Ministerial Education 1% .....	252.81
	\$4,803.46

This does not include the money that came to the Executive Board office during March designated to special causes. The designated money has been forwarded to the interests to which it was designated.

O. E. BRYAN,  
Cor. Secy. and Treas.

### THE FIRST CHURCH, MEMPHIS.

By W. W. Hamilton of New Orleans, La.

I am just home from meetings with Dr. A. U. Boone, First Church, Memphis. It was a rare privilege to be associated with such a pastor and such a church, and to share with them in the harvest song. Evidently they had been doing some faithful and prayerful sowing, for there were more than a hundred additions and about three-fourths of that number for baptism.

One of the most joyous things was to see so many families united in Christ. An unusual number of men came for baptism, and in one case father, mother, and son all came on a profession of faith at the same time. Under the direction of the assistant pastor, Rev. T. C. Wyatt, the most acceptable and effective personal work was done.

Memphis Baptists are striving themselves to be ready for the convention, and will not leave anything undone to make this an epochal gathering so far as Memphis is concerned. The Convention Hall is said to be among the best in America.

Dr. L. R. Scarborough is to begin meetings at the St. Charles Avenue Church, New Orleans, on April 19th, and it is our earnest desire that the people pray for this to be a time of great awakening in this needy city. On that day we hope to break ground for the new church at St. Charles Avenue and Audubon St. Our people are expectant and are following on even if to build is to be to them an enormous undertaking, requiring faith and work and much sacrifice.

### UNCLE EBEN, THE BAPTIST.

De pahnun preach a pow'ful sermon on Pro-cras-ti-na-tion a few Sundays ago,

which'n he say am a fundermentle doctrin' of our church special, when it come to payin' his salary.

De Lawd sho do do some strange things fur to make sinners know his pow'r. In de turrible storm la' Thursday, he picked up a ole rooster out'n a man's yard, stuck his bill into a tree, plucked de fadders off'n one side of him an' lef' him hangin' dar as a testimony dat "de latter state o' dat sinful man wuz wussern de fust."

Some wimmen ain't never sat'sfied wid de way de Lawd make 'em. One white 'oman paint herself red. Annuder one paint herself tan. An' now de cullud wimmen air tryin' the paint demselves white.

Ole 'Oman low as de onlies reason Anger-liner Johnsun am sot agin de new-fangled shawt skirts am cause she is bow-laigged.

Some of de members of our church loves ter stan' roun' an' brag erbout what de church am doin', but I stop some on 'em when I axed 'em how much money dey gin fur ter help de cause.

Dat pullman pohtah what jined our church las' big meetin' sho gwine ter make a good ush. It come so nat'ral fuh him ter hol' out his han' fur money dat he don' eben pass up de pahsun when he help take up de colleshun.

When de church tried Brudder Samuels fur gittin' drunk, he lowed as de church didn't have no right fur to fringe on his puhsonal liberties. Den de pahsun say, "Dat may be true brudder, but de church has liberties dat it ain't gwine ter low ter be fringed on. You am lack de skunk an' if'n you don' want yo' liberties 'posed, den you better git out'n de church an' stay in de woods. Ain't nobody gwine go huntin' fur a skunk jist ter fringe on his liberties but it am sho true dat nobody gwine fur ter be willin' to have a skunk come santerin' roun' where he live. Which am a proverb worth thinkin' erbout.

#### PASTOR EVANGELISM.

"Whatever method is used the pastor must see to it that intensive evangelism is the dominant note of the church. As a general thing the organized, personal, seeking-out-of-the unsaved and-enlisting-them plan is better than relying on regular "after meetings" at the Sunday services. The thing to be established beyond question is the evangelistic enthusiasm. It is easy to win souls where there is a great passion for it in the church; and whatever gets in the pastor's way in trying to bring this about should be put aside."—*Len G. Broughton, D.D.*

## News and Views

Rev. T. F. Calloway and Mr. T. E. Bush have just closed a two weeks' engagement with the North Chattanooga Baptist Church. Dr. Calloway had a host of friends in the city where he had been pastor and on account of his own popularity and that of his brother, from the very first service, the house was filled with attentive attendants. Several times during the campaign, scores of people

were turned away because there was not room for them.

Dr. Calloway comes from a long line of distinguished Baptist preachers and brings to his work his own district unique contribution. He was educated and trained for a lawyer and carries into his work that logical and direct appeal of that profession. He is a clear thinker, a strong forceful speaker and a most pleasing personality. He won every audience and held their esteem and affection.

Mr. T. E. Bush who conducts the singing is a graduate of Georgia Academy for the blind where he taught music for some time after his graduation. He is a most excellent pianist with decided ability as a soloist and one of the very best of workers with the Junior Chorus. Without a suggestion of a jar or friction, he organized his choruses and directed them and the congregation in inspiring service of song. He is totally blind and has been since a child but remarkably independent and turning his blindness into an asset instead of a hindrance.

As a net result of the meeting, sixteen candidates await baptism and three have been received by letter and the church harmonized with a spirit of confidence, unity and enthusiasm for the task of building.

WM. S. KEESE, *Pastor.*

Could you say to the churches that I know a very fine college-educated man, who has been doing frontier Baptist work in the great Northwest, now in the South and anxious to locate in a pastorate? I can heartily and fully commend him.

W. C. REEVES.

On March 15th, Rev. A. A. Haggard from Alma, Ga., came to Calvary to assist in a revival for two weeks which resulted in 150 conversions, 113 additions to our church and on last night at prayer meeting hour, before a packed house I baptized 48 candidates. Many remain to be baptized in the near future.

On last Sunday we had 111 additions to the church, something unheard of in this community. To our blessed Lord and Master be all the glory.

When in East Tennessee I wish you would visit this field. Wish I might have the pleasure of meeting at the convention at Memphis.

Fraternally,

J. H. O. CLEVENGER.

#### MR. MERRITT COMES TO INDEX.

Our people have read in the daily papers that Mr. James W. Merritt has accepted the position of Business Manager of *The Christian Index*, tendered him by the executive committee of the Georgia Baptist Convention in session last week. Mr. Merritt has accepted the invitation and will take up his new work sometime during the summer, as soon as his program of Daily Vacation Bible Schools and other Sunday school work can be reasonably concluded.

It was the unanimous judgment of the executive committee and of the directors of the paper that a great forward step was taken when Mr. Merritt was elected to this important work. No one will doubt his

ability to do this work and we are all agreed that our paper must steadily grow in circulation if we are to meet the increasing demands upon our people. The convention directed the executive committee to take under consideration the plan of placing the paper in every Baptist home in Georgia out of mission funds beginning January 1, 1926. It was not the judgment of the executive committee that this was the wisest plan for circulating our paper. The committee does feel that the most practical plan is to get the churches to put the paper in their budgets. Mr. Merritt will work directly to this end. He will also have charge of the advertising department and as he builds the circulation he will naturally build the advertising income of the paper. His experience as a banker fits him admirably for the business end of the task and his experience as a denominational leader fits him for the contact with our people everywhere. Most of all his fine native ability, consecrated to the Lord, fits him for this great task.

It is going to be a great day for Georgia Baptists when Jim Merritt goes afiel to put the paper in the homes of our people. It has been impossible for one man to handle both the editorial and the business end of the paper. Together we can press the battle with vigor. Our pastors will gladly welcome this delightful man of God to their pulpits and to the councils of their people and join with him in placing the paper in the hands of their membership.

Mr. Merritt has rendered a remarkable service in the Sunday School Department. We think his record there is unique in the achievements wrought in associational organization and in Daily Vacation Bible School work. Everywhere he has been signally successful in getting the co-operation of our people in Bible school work. Our people will always be grateful to God that Mr. Merritt came to the Sunday School Department at a time when the ground was ready for that important work. It is common knowledge that he has been widely sought after in other states and that our Sunday School Board has invited him to take a commanding position for Southwide work. We are so glad he has been led of God to remain in Georgia.

When Jesse Mercer gave the paper to the Georgia Baptist Convention, he said: "Here is an institution which should command the attention of the ablest men amongst us. I call upon laymen and pastors to give to the paper their full support."

We are glad to see this great layman heeding the words of the great pioneer Mercer and to feel the sense of response which will come from countless hearts as Mr. Merritt enters upon his new work. We once again seek the prayers of our people everywhere in the direction of the paper.

We are greatly interested to read of the election of Rev. J. P. Phillips, pastor of the Rutledge, Tenn., Baptist Church and principal of the Rutledge High School, as county superintendent of Grainger County. Prof. Phillips graduated from Colgate University and has taken graduate work at Harvard and Chicago, and came back to his home county to be with his widowed mother.

## Contributions

### A MOST VITAL TASK.

By Dr. L. R. Scarborough.

I have studied with a deepening interest the work being done among Southern Baptists in behalf of our college students both in Baptist and state schools. I was deeply interested in the work fostered by Prof. Ball years ago, and then in the great work being done in Texas by Dr. Boone and his successor, Dr. Caylor, and have been vitally interested in the developing of the work of the Inter-Board Commission under the direction of Mr. Frank H. Leavell. I have attended many of the conferences of students held by this movement in its various phases.

After a careful study for years, and in view of a profound interest in all this work, I am writing this word with the hope that I may help Southern Baptists to come to a deeper appreciation of the great work being done in this line.

Mr. Leavell's success in the few years of his leadership in this work seems to me to be in the nature of marvelous. His program is assuming definite shape; and effective plans for far-reaching results are in operation.

#### The Work in Baptist Schools.

The task of this Inter-Board Commission is a double task in its application; or rather it has two fields of operation—one the Baptist schools and the other state and private schools where there are Baptist students. The work among Baptist schools where there are around 40,000 students is of the most far-reaching importance to the Kingdom of God to co-operate with the administrations, faculties and religious organizations in these Baptist schools, so as to make Christ Campus Commander, to put religious work regnant in the life of these students, to develop the denominational conscience and loyalty, and to train more effective these students for church and denominational work, is a task supreme with unlimited and glorious issues at stake. The denomination will be shortsighted unless it sees, grasps and takes advantage of this enormous opportunity to effectively utilize the great, growing life of these young men and women. We ought to stand by the churches and other spiritual agencies in connection with these Baptist schools and help in every possible way to bring our Baptist students to their highest and best for Christ. This Inter-Board Commission has as one of its most vital objectives the calling out and training of leaders in all lines or religious activity—preachers, missionaries, and Gospel workers of every sort. And nothing is more vital to the future of our denominational conquest than this. The denomination ought to help equip with the very best church and Sunday school plant near our Baptist schools. We ought to give them the very best and make most attractive the church and Sunday school and B.Y.P.U. and W.M.U. life in these churches near these institutions.

#### The Work in State Schools.

And just as important and in some re-

spects probably more, is the work among Baptist students in state schools. There are something like 50,000 Baptist students in state and private schools in the South. What an army! Except for the influences of the Baptist churches near these schools there are very few religious and spiritual advantages for these Baptist students. The Inter-Board Commission seeks to aid in every possible way the spiritual life of these Baptist students in state and private schools. It is an enormous task. The difficulties are much greater than in Baptist schools. The helping forces and aiding facilities are much less there than in Baptist schools. Concerning this great work, I believe that the following suggestions will sooner or later, and ought to as soon as possible, be carried out by our state forces, and as far as possible the South-wide forces.

1. There ought to be a strong, effective, well-equipped paid worker representing this student movement in these state schools. A good deal is being done in some sections in this direction but there are many cases of sad and tragic need in this line.

2. There ought to be denominational co-operation with the Baptist churches near these state schools. In many cases the Baptists are few and weak and the churches unable to furnish sufficient church and Sunday school equipment to challenge and interest these students. The denominational forces ought as speedily as possible to go to the aid of these Baptist churches and help them to build adequate and capacious buildings, making special provision for college students. It will be an unwise and suicidal denominational policy to neglect these centers of denominational life.

If we do not do these two things, sooner or later we will lose in a tragic way the Baptist possibilities in these students. We must denominationalize and train in the church and denominational life and work these Baptist boys and girls who, educated in these institutions, will be leaders in many lines of the life of our nation. We ought to tie them on to Christ and our churches and denomination while they are in the maturing and developing-life period.

I feel deeply about this matter. The denominational conscience must be stirred and concentrated on this matter. We must not allow the great pressure on us for building and equipping our Baptist schools to cause us to neglect our Baptist boys and girls in state and private schools. We must not lose the effective services of the 50,000 Baptist boys and girls in state and private schools.

I urge the attention of Southern Baptists to this most vital matter. Let us stand by, co-operate with and encourage in every possible way the Inter-Board Commission and noble secretary and his splendid helpers. I am for him, them and their work full-length.

### STEWARDSHIP OF THE FAITH.

By Dr. O. E. Bryan.

The truths taught by Jesus Christ are the foundation of the Christian faith. We are admonished in the Scripture to "Contend earnestly for the faith," to teach Christians to observe all things commanded by Christ, to "stand fast in the faith," to "keep the

faith," to "be established in the faith."

### Stewardship of the Gospel.

The Lord, we believe, could have given the gospel message to angels and they would have rejoiced because of the privilege to deliver the story of salvation through faith in the atoning blood of Jesus Christ to lost men everywhere, but he committed this gospel to men, called and set apart, for the gospel ministry. Writing to Timothy Paul said, "according to the glorious gospel which was committed to my trust, and I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." To the Galatians he said: "If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed." To the Corinthians he said: "I have a stewardship committed to me," and to the Colossians he said: "I was made a minister according to the stewardship of God which was given me." Let us as faithful messengers deliver not our own but God's message to the lost world. The gospel is the hope of the world. Let us be "good stewards of the manifold grace of God."

### Stewardship of the New Testament Church.

Christ Himself instituted the church, the Scriptures give a definite and final constitution of the church. "On the subject of the church, the Bible is a sufficient guide and the only authority. Let no man presume to set aside, alter or supplement the model there given." "The Scriptures give no intimation of imperfection in the constitution of the apostolic churches, but on the contrary they require conformity to the apostolic model." "The Christian institutions, like the Mosaic, are a visible expression of definite truth, and the change in their form by men must needs impair or pervert their power as symbols of God's thought." The apostles were inspired for the full establishment of the churches. The churches and the ordinances had in the apostolic age a well defined form and order. "Everywhere they are referred to as definite and well understood, and as established by apostolic authority." The apostles were inspired to record the ecclesiastical constitution of the New Testament churches. There being no one inspired to record Scriptures since the days of the apostles, the New Testament remains alone valid in matters regarding the churches. As stewards of the New Testament order of Christianity, let us not compromise, for the applause of men, the doctrines and principles for which our people have died through all the years of Christian history. "Guard that which is committed unto thee." "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." The earliest departure from the faith by the primitive churches was not false statements of doctrines but the perversion of church government and ordinances.

### Stewardship of the Ordinances.

Baptism and the Lord's Supper, the two ordinances of the New Testament churches, are beautiful symbols; one of the burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ and the other of his death and sufferings. They both set forth fundamental doctrines of the faith. Both were appointed, established, fixed by Jesus Christ Himself and belong only to His churches. Around these ordinances have waged the ecclesiastical battles through

every century of Christian history. Sacerdotalism and sacramentalism led the way to the corruption of the doctrines and polity of the churches. In this way came the first departure from the true faith. In every generation of church history, faithful stewards of the New Testament form, teachings and spirit of the ordinances have suffered martyrdom rather than to change the model given by Jesus Christ and recorded by inspiration in the New Testament. Christ Himself instituted these ordinances and led the way in observing them. Let us follow in his footprints, let us in the spirit of love and kindness and never in the spirit of arrogance stand fast for the ordinances of the faith in their original and final form and teachings.

**Stewardship of World Missions.**

Christ in giving the Great Commission, our charter for missionary propaganda, announced his omnipotence and promised his omnipresence. Each church and each individual follower of Jesus has been commissioned with his entire world program, while each church is independent of all overhead, ecclesiastical authority on earth and is accountable only to Jesus Christ the sovereign head who walks in the midst of his churches, yet all are interdependent, being commissioned with a common world task. It is not hard for true followers of Christ with common experiences of grace, coming from churches of like faith and order, to cooperate in a voluntary way, in a world program keyed to the doctrines and principles of Jesus Christ. When Paul, the great apostle to the Gentiles, came to the end of the way, he said: "I have kept the faith." This outstanding missionary of the first century, made much of the faith. Let us go into all the world preaching, baptizing and teaching according to the words and example of Jesus Christ. Let us be true stewards of our Master's commission regardless of the cost. The world is still in darkness. The commission has been given for many generations. What shall God's stewards of this generation do with the gospel message that has been committed to them to be delivered into all the world? In this day of the automobile, the railroad train, the steamship, the aeroplane, the electric wire and wireless communications; in this day of the printing press and public speech; in this day of unprecedented numbers in Baptist ranks and of prosperity in our churches, who would dare say that the gospel could not be preached in all the world in this generation?

**ORGANIZER AND DIRECTOR THOUSAND VOICE CHOIR, BAPTIST FIELD DAY.**

The central committee in charge of the Baptist Field Day activities for May ninth at Glendale Park has appointed Geo. W. Card to organize and direct a large chorus choir as a special feature for that occasion.

Came to Nashville early in 1924 to establish a Promotion Department with the Baptist Sunday School Board. He formerly assisted Dr. John D. Freeman in a revival at Belmont Heights Baptist Church in November, 1923.

During his comparatively short residence here he has already assisted in revivals in

five of our Baptist Churches. His former residence was in Louisville, Ky., where, after some fifteen years as sales manager with large manufacturing organizations, he yielded to the call to line up in religious work. For a number of years he was choir director and enlistment secretary for Walnut Street Baptist Church, where Mrs. Card served as organist.

In May last year Mr. and Mrs. Card assisted Dr. W. F. Powell in a very successful revival at the First Baptist Church, when 160 additions resulted. In February this year, Mr. and Mrs. Card went with Dr. Powell to Grace Baptist Church, for a two weeks' revival. At the close of this meeting the three were unanimously invited to return in August for a large tent meeting which they have accepted. In addition to these meetings Mr. and Mrs. Card have assisted as choir director and accompanist in meetings at Eastland and Park Avenue Baptist Churches. There were more than 500 additions in the four meetings.

Before coming to Nashville Mr. Card was frequently engaged in revival meetings in Kentucky, and also served as an approved worker by the Sunday School Board, specializing in Intermediate work.

Looking forward to a great chorus choir of one thousand voices, Mr. Card has arranged for sectional rehearsals in several parts of the city where a number of churches combine their forces for first instructions. Later the entire choir will assemble for final rehearsals.

Not only all Baptists in Nashville, but thousands from outlying towns will attend the Baptist Field Day May 9th. Among other attractions will be the Tennessee College Glee Club and Orchestra.

Dr. Geo. W. McDaniel, speaker.

Dr. John D. Freeman in charge of the Pageant.

Mr. J. A. Carter in charge of recreational activities, etc.

**PAYING THE PASTOR.**

By O. L. Haley.

It seems strange that it should be so, but there are yet those among Baptists who seem to be indifferent to paying a pastor. I have heard them say that God called them to preach, and they ought to preach, even if they get no pay. I have heard a few say that when they had gone to hear a preacher preach, that they had done their duty, and that when the preacher preached, he had done no more. Then why should they pay a man who has more than they have? You see, I came from "across the creek."

One finds it a little difficult to be patient with that idea, and judge people leniently who entertain such ideas. But all people have to learn. And where I grew up, the people had very poor chance to learn what the Bible teaches on this subject. For the preachers never mentioned it. They seemed averse to saying anything about compensation. Many of them were so painfully conscious of their imperfect service, that they almost "had conscientious scruples" about receiving money. And the church members were very averse to impinging on those scruples.

There are many reasons why a pastor should be paid. That is his God-appointed means of making a living for himself and his family. The pastor did not originate that plan. It was sent down from heaven. "God has ordained that they that preach the gospel, shall live of the gospel." And they who refuse to pay the pastor are resisting the "ordinance of God." How long is the preacher to live of the gospel? Just as long as he continues to preach? Suppose he should live some years after he is unable to preach? I could make an argument on this subject, but forbear, at this time. The reports that are coming from some parts of our state, show that churches are not paying their preachers.

"Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn."

**LIFE FROM ABOVE.**

By J. D. Moore.

Out of a welkin leaden gray—  
Flowers of a spotless birth;  
Flutter the snow-flakes on their way  
Down to the barren earth.

Whence comes the snow so pure and white?  
Right from the heart of heaven  
Where it was swathed in bands of light  
When it was born—and given.

But how soon is its beauty gone!  
Lost in the dirt and grime  
Where the pathway of man goes on  
In rivulets of slime!

Still when, beneath the Kingly Sun  
It breaks with all its stain  
And is itself lost and undone—  
It can be born again.

And in vapor, unseen and sure—  
Truly a second birth—  
Rises the snow more clean and pure  
Than when it fell to earth.

Life must be born anew and cast  
In moulds which death fulfils,  
Ere it can have a place at last  
On the Perpetual Hills.

**"I SHALL NOT PASS AGAIN THIS WAY."**

"The bread that bringeth strength I want to give,  
The water pure that bids the thirsty live;  
I want to help the fainting day by day;  
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

"I want to give the oil of joy for tears,  
The faith to conquer crowding doubts and fears.  
Beauty for ashes may I give always;  
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

"I want to give good measure running o'er,  
And into angry hearts I want to pour  
The answer soft that turneth wrath away;  
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way.

"I want to give to others hope and faith,  
I want to do all that the Master saith;  
I want to live aright from day to day;  
I'm sure I shall not pass again this way."

## OUR SUPREME TASK.

A Call to the Baptist Brotherhood  
Around the World.By the Executive Committee of the  
Baptist World Alliance.

At its recent meeting in Chicago the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance appointed the undersigned to draft a call to our people in all the world on soul-winning. Acting under this instruction, we urge the following heartfelt words on your prayerful consideration:

The efforts of our people in all lands in recent years have been in many ways remarkably successful. God has greatly blessed us in enlightenment, enlistment and enlargement. We have built, better equipped, further enlarged and endowed more institutions of education, missions, and benevolence than ever before in any like period in our history. We have raised more money, led to Christ and baptized more people. We have enlarged, unified, solidified, and strengthened in a far greater way a world Baptist fellowship. Baptists have come to see farther and plan more largely for Christ's world-encircling kingdom than ever before. Our hearts rejoice in all these wonderful achievements. These successes have put us under a new and deeper obligation, a more pressing spiritual debtorship to a lost world. We must go forward, and go forward if possible together, if we do our best for our Master. We believe that our task under Christ's leadership is three-fold—missionary, educational, benevolent—and all are of tremendous importance. We should not neglect any part of the task. But we believe that at this time the primary and most important matter facing Baptists around the world is that of winning lost souls to Christ.

## Evangelism.

Soul-winning is the primal, most important and most universal duty of every child of God. It presses our hearts at the date of our second birth and abides with divine pressure till the day of our death. Christ placed evangelism first in his and in our spiritual program. His forerunner was a soul-winner. He made the first duty of every preacher to be a "fisher of men." He organized his first church into a soul-winner's band, commissioned them to "go into all the world and make disciples of every creature." He himself did personal evangelism all through his glorious earthly ministry up to the dying hour on the cross. After the ascension he started the Jerusalem church upon its worldwide mission in a mighty soul-winning campaign. Peter, Paul and the others in apostolic days made soul-winning primal and pre-eminent. The churches through the ages have prospered most when they made evangelism their first and foremost duty. We face unmeasured and dangerous perils to all the things we hold dear if we take the emphasis from this first duty of us all.

## It is Curative and Preservative.

Evangelism, in its spirit and power, is the preserving salt of the kingdom of God. It cures spiritual ills in our churches, welds together broken fellowships, unites discordant divisions, saves preachers, churches, schools,

seminaries from spiritual death, and will interfuse into the whole life of the denomination a conquering dynamic which will make our people a militant army for gospel conquest. It will generate a spirit of liberality as will nothing else. It is God's inspiring dynamo, sending currents of power to all our gospel machinery. It is the breath of God making our organizations into organisms of life and power. Without it we will become dead engines on the gospel track. With it transfusing the life-laden power of God, we will become more and more mighty trains of truth carrying Christ to a lost world.

## Our Present Need.

We need to put supreme emphasis on four vital factors now:

1. *Prayer, united prayer, by all of our people for all of our people* to go afield with the spirit's enduing power to win men to Christ. We need all sorts of evangelism, personal, domestic, church, roadside, evangelism. We need to pray mightily, in secret, in homes and everywhere, for God's power on us to cause us to seek souls. Prayer is God's avenue to power, his key to his supply sources. We should organize to pray, and pray while we organize.

2. *Passion, spiritual compassion* for lost souls everywhere. We need kinship to Christ in spiritual compassion. *Burdened hearts and spiritual longing* are conditions for successful soul-winning. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy," is God's law of the harvest. We would call our leaders and people to tears, to burdened hearts for this sinful world.

3. *Organization to win.* If we win in the widest way we must organize to win. We urge our denominational boards to employ evangelists, our churches and schools to organize winners' bands, to train them and send them out after the lost.

4. *Preach and Teach an Evangelistic Gospel in the Holy Spirit's Power.* Nothing will save a lost world but Christ and him crucified. His blood shed in love on the cross is God's only solvent and cure for the malady of sin, and we must preach it, teach it and live it in the power of his spirit if we make it effective. We urge our preachers in every pulpit, our teachers in every Sunday school, college and seminary in all the world to make the New Testament Gospel, *the heart of which is Christ crucified*, regnant and dynamic in every place and that it be done in the hot fires of Holy Spirit evangelism and power. We urge our Baptists in all the world and Christ's friends everywhere to join us in a consecrated and whole-hearted effort to re-emphasize soul-winning and in a consecrated endeavor to win lost men, women and children to Christ by multiplied thousands during 1925 and beyond. Christ promised his conquering presence if we "go winning, baptizing, teaching" the lost in all the world. Our prayer is that our people shall make this year the greatest in our long history in New Testament evangelism.

(Signed) L. R. SCARBOROUGH,

J. H. RUSHBROKE,

L. K. WILLIAMS,

C. A. BARBOUR,

WM. KUHN,

Committee of Baptist World Alliance.

## PERSECUTIONS IN ITALY.

By D. G. Whittinghill, Veteran Missionary  
to Rome.

Note by the Editor: The following article by Dr. Whittinghill lets one into the secret of what the Baptists have to endure in order to carry on their work in Italy. It deserves a wide reading. As a matter of fact religious freedom, as known and enjoyed in America, is unknown in most countries of Europe. There is a persecution other than by the fagots and stake that the fathers knew. It is now by social ostracism. Caricature and slander, and not infrequently a resort to personal violence as the article shows. Believe it or not but the work of the Baptists will be in no wise completed until all the people of this world are religiously free.

The ladies of the W. M. U. are to study during April "Present Day Persecutions in Europe," and the following article will give them a little insight into the situation.

The subject of "present day persecutions in Europe" has its Italian side, but it is of a kind hard to describe in sensational terms as it comes in manifold and devious ways "not named in the bond":

Our Christians are not thrown to the lions today as one little girl in America thought, when I sent her a picture postal of the Colosseum, but they are persecuted by defaming tongues, by boycotting and by being cut off from their families and losing work and caste. Especially in the smaller Italian towns and villages, a Baptist holds a difficult and solitary position, and every pretext is taken to do him an injury. The priests make use of politics and of slander to inflame the people against the heretics who they say are bribed by foreign money. It is actively circulated that every Protestant is paid seven thousand lire to adjure the faith of his fathers! This is the reasoning of many: the presence of the Pope in Rome is one of the glories of Italy, foreigners flock from all over the world to pay him homage, he is part of Italian National glory, and every person who goes into an evangelical church is a traitor to his, or her, country, besides going to the devil in the end. They are forbidden to listen to an evangelical sermon or even enter a Protestant church. It is a thing to be confessed to the priest, and done penance for, and they are constantly being told that England and America are rapidly becoming Roman Catholic, that Protestants pray to the devil and do not believe in Christ or God. Several of our ministers were entirely cast off by their families when they became Evangelicals, one of them a young fellow who was studying for the priesthood, and ill, was driven out on a snowy night, and the house door barred against him forever. He very nearly died of tuberculosis afterwards as a result of the exposure and hardships he endured. Another boy who joined our Rome Church was told by his mother that if he did, she would sew him up in his sheets and kill him with her own hands. A young girl who was baptized last year was driven nearly crazy by the people sent by the priest to her home to prevent it. One woman came who had been primed with every kind of sophism and argument, with photographs and biographies of people who had adjured Protestantism and had returned to the Mother Church. She stirred up the girl's father

**ITS AIM**

To secure from every Southern Baptist man, woman, boy and girl who is not already contributing regularly to the 1925 Baptist Program a liberal cash offering as a measure of their love for the Lord and all departments of his work.

Those regular subscribers who are able to do more are asked to bring in at that time a special thank offering as a token of their gratitude to God for his matchless blessings upon our work and our workers. Churches not having services that day are urged to take their offerings on some other Sunday in April. Everybody helping will greatly promote all our causes around the world.

*"Freely ye have received; freely give."*

**SUNDAY  
APRIL  
19**

**ITS MEANING**

In its appeal to every Baptist church in the South to observe Sunday, April 19, as a day of special offerings in the interest of state, home and foreign missions, Baptist orphanages, hospitals and schools and ministerial relief, the Headquarters Committee is seeking to afford every one of our 3,600,000 Baptists an opportunity to help carry the Gospel to needy sections of the homeland and to fields representing one-third the population of the world.

God has called out the workers for the various fields. Will we send them out?

*"How can they preach except they be sent?"*

**Let Every Baptist Do His Best for God — Headquarters Committee 1925 Program**

and mother so against her being baptized that we did not see how she could hold out, but she did, and the night she was immersed the parents actually came to the church. When it was over, the mother said: "I thought she would die in the Baptistry, but as she did not, God cannot think it such a dreadful sin." She is a very gentle, sweet young girl of about 17 who learned the gospel working for a tailor who with his whole family are members of the Via Teatro Valle Church in Rome. He has lost a great deal of work from being an Evangelical. He had some very good clients who one day when they came to try on their suits, saw our Baptist paper on his table, and asked him if he really were an Evangelical and when he said yes, they never had him work for them again. They told his other customers and at one time, he lost nearly every one of his clients that way, and had a fearful time to pull through. Persecution in Italy is of an insidious kind, difficult to describe or define. For instance, our weekly paper "Conscientia" has recently been three times sequestered as subservient to the government, the last time on account of a mild article against some regulations of the new Education Bill. Of course it was only a pretext. A pastor near Rome was almost beaten to death last April by a lot of rascals who wished to please the local priest. The pastor had to stay in bed several days before he could walk. No action was even taken to punish the perpetrators of this dastardly deed. The government and the Vatican are fast friends now and any injustice done to the Evangelicals goes unpunished.

Another minister in Southern Italy, an friar missionary to China, was actually mishandled and at night removed from the town where we had a preaching hall. Men with guns actually marched him out of the town and he was told that if he returned he would be killed. Of course this action was given a political reason by accusing him of socialism and democracy. For this jubilee year, there is an intensification of Roman Catholic propaganda and a special effort is made to eradicate our heresy. The Prime Minister Mussolini, formerly a Socialist Free Thinker, is favoring the Vatican, for, political reasons, and we have to be very careful not to give any pretext of a handle against us.—Alabama Baptist.

**LET US BE KIND.**

Let us be kind;  
The way is long and lonely  
And human hearts are asking for this blessing only—  
That we be kind.  
We cannot know the grief that men may borrow,  
We cannot see the souls storm-swept by sorrow,  
But love can shine upon the way today, tomorrow—  
Let us be kind.  
Let us be kind;  
This is a wealth that has no measure,  
This is of heaven and earth and highest treasure—  
Let us be kind.  
A tender word, a smile of love in meeting,  
A song of hope and victory to those retreating,  
A glimpse of God and brotherhood while life is fleeting—  
Let us be kind.  
Let us be kind;  
Around the world the tears of time are falling,  
And for the loved and lost these human hearts are calling—  
Let us be kind.  
To age and youth let gracious words be spoken,  
Upon the wheel of pain so many weary lives are broken,  
We live in vain who give no tender token—  
Let us be kind.  
Let us be kind;  
The sunset tints will soon be in the west,  
Too late the flowers are laid then on the quiet breast—  
Let us be kind.  
And when the angel guides have sought and found us,  
Their hands shall link the broken ties of earth that bound us,  
And heaven and home shall brighten all around us—  
Let us be kind.  
W. Lomax Childress, in C. and M. A.

**POVERTY, DEPENDENCE, SUFFERING.**

By William Lunsford, Corresponding Secretary.

BECAUSE OF THE GREAT PRESSURE THAT IS BEING BROUGHT TO BEAR, IN BEHALF OF OTHER GREAT AND WORTHY OBJECTS OF OUR CONVENTION WORK, THE NEEDS, THE DESPERATE NEEDS, OF THE RELIEF AND ANNUITY BOARD, ARE IN DANGER OF BEING OVERLOOKED AND FORGOTTEN.

SINCE JANUARY THE FIRST WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED IN THIS OFFICE MONEY ENOUGH TO PAY ONE-FIFTH OF OUR MONTHLY OBLIGATIONS TO OUR BENEFICIARIES, TO SAY NOTHING OF THAT PART OF THE RECEIPTS WHICH MUST GO TO THE ANNUITY DEPARTMENT, AND YET WE HAVE SO FAR, SENT TO EVERY BENEFICIARY HIS REGULAR CHECK WITHOUT REDUCTION. TO DO THIS WE HAVE HAD TO BORROW. WE CANNOT GO ON BORROWING INDEFINITELY. UNLESS THE SITUATION CHANGES WE SHALL BE FORCED TO REDUCE STIPENDS ALL ALONG THE LINE.

IS IT RIGHT TO GIVE SO NEARLY ALL OF OUR MONEY TO OTHER CAUSES AS TO LEAVE OUR OLD PREACHERS AND THEIR WIDOWS TO ALL BUT STARVE? MY HEART ACHES WITHIN ME WHEN I THINK OF OUR OBLIGATIONS FOR 1925. IN THE LIGHT OF WHAT HAS COME TO US IN THE FIRST THREE MONTHS OF THE YEAR.

MAY I MENTION ONE MORE THING? THIS BOARD HAS GOT TO GET \$400,000.00 THIS YEAR OR LOSE OUT ON MR. ROCKEFELLER'S CHALLENGE, BY WHICH WE HOPE TO ADD \$100,000.00 TO OUR PERMANENT FUNDS ON THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, NEXT. I HAVE EVERY HOPE THAT MR. ROCKEFELLER MEANS TO GO ON AND CO-OPERATE WITH US IN INCREASING OUR PERMANENT FUNDS IF WE MAKE GOOD ON HIS CHALLENGE THIS YEAR. TO DO OTHERWISE WOULD FORFEIT HIS CONFIDENCE AND CO-OPERATION. I MERELY MENTION THIS TO YOU BECAUSE IT IS AN ELEMENT THAT DISTINCTLY ENTERS INTO THE WORK OF OUR BOARD FOR THIS YEAR.

## Christian Education

Harry Clark, Nashville

### UNION UNIVERSITY.

We are glad to see that a team from Union University has debated a forensic team from Vanderbilt, during this past week. The Union team has also been speaking at Alamo, Mercer, McKenzie, Bradford Lexington, Bells. The subject was: "Resolved, that our Present Policy in the Exclusion of the Japanese is Unjustifiable."

The third quarter of the year began with a most auspicious opening. According to custom, Dr. G. M. Savage conducted the first chapel for this quarter. He invariably reads the 1st Psalm, and comments on it. May he live to open many such chapels!

In the interesting museum, a miniature Indian Pueblo has been placed.

### GOV. PEAY ACCEPTS TRUSTEESHIP.

The authorities at Tennessee College are greatly elated by a letter recently received from his Excellency, Gov. Austin Peay, agreeing to allow his name to be submitted to the November State Baptist Convention as a nominee for the trusteeship of Tennessee College. This was in reply to a letter submitted to him by the College Trustees at their annual spring meeting.

### IT PAYS TO WAIT.

A survey in Brooklyn showed that 10,000 workers with elementary educations averaged a salary of \$657 a year, whereas the salary of high school graduates averaged \$1,97. Those who stayed four years longer in school made \$940 more a year! Did it pay? A study by the high school teachers in New York City showed that the boys who left school at 14 years of age were earning \$661 at 25 years of age, while the boys who stayed until they were 18 years of age were earning \$1,612 a year at 25 years of age. At Minneapolis it was found that the elementary school graduates earned \$360 less in their first year at work than the high school graduates in their first year's work. A study made of 43 cities in Massachusetts showed that by the time workers were 25 years of age the graduates from technical and commercial high schools were earning \$900 more a year than those who quit their education at the end of the elementary school. A study made in Philadelphia showed that the income of untrained laborers started at 16 years of age (under their compulsory attendance laws) and increased until they were 25 years of age. At that time they reached their maximum and stayed on a uniform level all of the rest of their working life time. From overwork and exposure they became prematurely aged and were dependent upon charity or upon their children at a time when college graduates were earning the largest income of their entire life time. On the other hand the graduates of the technical high schools started to

work at 18 and reached their maximum salary at 32 years of age, at which time they were making four times as much a year as the unskilled laborer in the highest year's earning of his life time. Dear young friend, consider this seriously when you contemplate leaving school.

### REMEMBER THIS TENNESSEE LAW.

#### Ten Verses of Bible to be Read Each Day.

At least ten verses from the Holy Bible shall be read or caused to be read, without comment, at the opening of each and every public school upon each and every day, by the teacher in charge; provided, the teacher does not read the same chapter more than twice during the same session; provided, that where any teacher has other teachers under and subject to direction, the teacher exercising this authority shall read the Holy Bible, or cause it to be read as herein directed.

#### Penalty for Failure to Observe Preceding Section.

If any school teacher, whose duty it shall be to read the Holy Bible, or cause it to be read, as directed in this Act, shall fail or omit to do so, said school teacher shall, upon charges preferred for such failure and omission, and proof of the same before the governing board of the school, be discharged.

At all four of our Baptist Colleges your son and your daughter are being daily developed mentally, physically and spiritually.

Are rural children less healthy than city children? Some recent writers contend that they are. One would think that the eyesight of children in the great out of doors would be better than that of children crowded in the cities and with their eyes strained by moving pictures and by the crowded thoroughfares. Yet in Pennsylvania, the rural districts showed 16.8 per cent of the children with defective vision vs. 8.5 per cent in the cities of the state. In Iowa 14.4 per cent of the children in rural schools have defective eyesight vs. 6.3 per cent in the cities. Some of this is due to the poor illumination at night in country homes, which results in strained eyes.

In six states, it was found that the country children showed up worse in eleven out of thirteen common physical defects. In skin diseases the city children showed up worse.

The laws in thirty-five of the forty-eight states require cities of over 10,000 population to have free medical examination of the eyesight of school children. In a seventh of the cities the teachers themselves make the examinations, using Snellen cards and working under definite regulations. In some states the tests are made by school nurses and in other states by physicians.

### A QUESTION UNANSWERED.

Education is something more than the mastery of texts. It must reach the heart

of the individual; it should permeate to the core of the country, or it fails to accomplish that for which it was offered. The young men and young women, boys and girls, of today will soon be rushed out into the current of life. He or she will sink or swim. He or she will make either a good or a bad citizen, according to the training previously given.

Often I wonder why more of the boys and girls do not attend our Christian schools. Is it because they do not know for what the schools stand, or is it for some other reason? Sometime ago my attention was attracted by an article, in pamphlet form, which referred to our present educational system, to both state and denominational institutions, as teaching principles that encourage idleness and wastefulness. May I ask, where is the trouble? Is it not evident that in the localities where our Christian schools are located that they are a strong and positive force for a more rapid development of Christian influence and a wider growth in our churches?

To build up the strongest character of manhood and womanhood we must look to something in addition to the regular school texts—to the Bible. There are those who have gone out from this institution and carried with them most sacred memories because of that for which it stood. Boys and girls at present are taking such teachings with them as they go because of the vision of life they get during the time they spend with us.

Development into useful manhood and womanhood, for both civic and religious duties, is the aim of such an institution as Watauga Academy.

C. C. PERRY, Principal,  
Watauga Academy.

Tennessee is now fourth from the bottom of the 48 states in the point of illiteracy, and we are therefore very glad to see the disposition in this present legislature to provide eight months schools for the rural children.

### A BALANCED LIFE.

"A truly Christian character is revealed in a balanced life," said the Hon. Charles E. Hughes in a recent speech.

In the balanced life is experienced with increasing richness that more abundant life which the Master came to give. In this we find life's joy, its untiring pursuits, its fresh victories.

"To have life more abundantly," said Mr. Hughes, "look not too far abroad, but search at home. Every walk of life can be made interesting if it is considered intelligently. Study your job; study the activities of which it is a part. Know all about it that can be known. Knowledge and contemplation can lift us above the drudgery of daily work."

Health, knowledge, loyalty, character, faith—these Mr. Hughes named as the worthwhile things.

Character that is worthwhile Mr. Hughes described as "not an assumption of superiority, not narrowness of vision, not fixity of habit, but dependableness, self-respect and sense of honor."

**WHY THE BUDGET?**

By T. V. Herndon

The partial failure of our present methods in financing the kingdom makes us question the reason for that failure and ask if there is not a better method. Our present methods have little sanction in Scripture. Doubtless this is why our denominational income does not match our enlarged program. We are sure that our plans for building the kingdom are not too large. They do not match the needs of the world. We do not meet the demands of the Master upon our resources. He has called missionaries and we have not given the money to send them. We have the money to send them, or he would not have called them. This is one indication that we are not doing the Master's will in the matter of giving. At present our worst troubles are financial. Doubtless we are so troubled because we are not using God's method of financing his kingdom. When we adopt His method our financial problems will be solved. We are turning to the budget plan today because we find it in God's word. It is the plan Paul used in financing the kingdom. 1 Corinthians 16: 2, "Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered that there may be no collections when I come."

First of all, therefore, the budget is Scriptural, we must adopt it. Scripture is the revealed will of God and has authority. Since it is Scriptural, Baptists have nothing left them but to adopt it.

The budget plan is workable. We would expect it to work because it is Scriptural. Every principle in Scripture is workable. Salvation by grace works. It never has failed where it has been tried. We may expect the Scriptural method of financing to work because Scripture is infallible. The budget system, however, has been tried, and wherever sincerely and faithfully tried, it has worked.

It is easy to see how the budget plan works. It is so simple a child can grasp it. It is merely a matter of simple addition. The budget is based upon two or three simple principles:

**Individual giving.** "Let every one of you lay by him in store." At this point we have been failing. A large per cent of our people have not been giving. When all of them are enlisted the increase of income will grow tremendously. If right preparation is made for the every-member canvass; if an adequate program of teaching precedes and follows, and if the every-member canvass is properly done, our people can be enlisted. A converted membership can be led to do the Master's will.

The budget calls for weekly giving. "Upon the first day of the week." This means more money for the Master. We can give more if we give weekly. A small sum given each week, multiplied by 52, makes a big total by the end of the year.

The budget plan calls for proportionate giving, "as the Lord has prospered you." We set, therefore, a standard in giving, and fixing a standard we can more easily create a conscience on giving. Baptists need a conscience on the doctrine of stewardship. If they were as jealous of the doctrine of stewardship and tithing as they are of the doctrine of baptism, tithing would be practiced as consistently as baptism by immersion. Proportionate giving means tithing to begin with. Many should, and many will, go beyond the tithe. No one should do less. When we fix that as the standard and our tithing is done consistently, the income to the cause will be proportionate to our needs.

The budget plan conserves many kingdom interests.

It conserves the interest of fellowship. Fellowship in the church is often disturbed by mismanagement of finances. The deacons of a certain church borrowed money each year to pay the pastor's salary. The result was division and strife. Fellowship is always disturbed by financial failure, by any method that is unscriptural. Later, this church adopted the

budget and the atmosphere was cleared of strife, and fellowship restored through properly financing the kingdom.

Scriptural giving will save the respect of the church. It eliminates all occasion for box suppers and other unscriptural methods of financing the kingdom that bring the cause into disrepute. A church successfully financed will find favor with the people. It gets the attention of business men, and many times, makes their conversion easier.

It makes progress. Because it calls for the enlistment of new members coming into the church. The growing church often times neglects new members. This is unscriptural and contrary to our covenant. Each member coming into the church should be enlisted. This increases proportionately the church's income.

It releases energy for soul winning, teaching and other activities. Many pastors are handicapped by the burden of finances. They receive inadequate salaries themselves, they are constantly burdened with the finances of the church, and are unable to give needed time to the more spiritual side of kingdom building. When the budget plan is working successfully, the pastor's income is sufficient to relieve him of embarrassment, the church's income relieves him of the burden of financing the cause, and he has more time to study, to visit, and personally win souls to Christ. A soul-winning church is a progressive church.

The budget makes for progress because it wins the favor of God. His approval is upon the church that practices Scriptural giving. Scriptural giving is worshipful giving; worshipful giving brings growth and power for service. Tithing wins the favor God and His blessings, both material and spiritual. "Prove me now herewith sayeth the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

**Book Reviews**

By Harry Clark

**Practical Hints on Preaching**, by W. J. McGlothlin, W. O. Carver and J. R. Sampey. Price 15c. Published by Baptist Sunday School Board, 32 pages.

A most convenient and helpful little tract containing nine lectures on the purpose of preaching, the preacher's equipment, choosing and interpreting effects, type of sermons, organizing a sermon, using illustrations, delivery of the sermon and conduct of public worship. This syllabus has been prepared primarily as a text book for training schools for preachers but would be helpful to laymen doing such speaking on Sundays.

**The Distribution of Physicians in the United States**, by Lewis Mayers and Leonard V. Harrison, General Education Board, distributed free, 197 pages.

This deals with the serious situation which faces the country with a scarcity of rural physicians. A map of North Carolina shows large spaces more than 10 miles from any physician. Remedies for this situation are discussed.

**Good Health and Long Life**, by Lucien C. Warner, M.D., price \$1.25. Association Press, 120 pp.

This wonderful old physician who has written several other books tells the secret of how he has lived to be 83 years of age and how others may have similar good health. At the age of 72 he was able to undergo a serious operation because of his lifelong habits of diet.

**The Books of the Bible**, by Hight C. Moore. Baptist Sunday School Board, 125 pp.

This is a revision of the splendid little book by Dr. Hight C. Moore,

published several years ago and is designed for use in the B.Y.P.U. study courses. It is admirably devised to enable young people, inside of one week, to get a general view of the entire Bible. Each of the books is set in its proper relationship to the others.

By J. R. Johnson

**The Progressive Unfolding of the Messianic Hope**, by Jasper A. Huffman, D.D. George H. Doran Company, \$1.50.

The author believes in a progressive divine revelation; that such revelation was made as rapidly as man could receive it, and that the Messianic hope was the center of the revelation. This hope he traces in a clear, orderly and scholarly way from Genesis to Malachi. He has a chapter on the Messianic Expectation Outside of Judaism. His most interesting and helpful discussion for today is the transition and new adjustment in the New Testament times, and his presentation of the teaching relating to Christ's reappearance. It is altogether a book highly worth while, sane, stimulating and refreshing. The reviewer greatly enjoyed every chapter and expects to re-read them.

**The Monuments and the Old Testament**, by Ira Maurice Price, Ph.D.

The Judson Press, \$2.50. 482 pp.

This is a new re-written edition of the author's former well-known and highly recognized authoritative work, which has shed so much light on the Scriptures from the ancient monuments. This volume has many new illustrations, maps and sketches and is in every way right up to date. It has the new discoveries and many new features which the older work, published 25 years ago, did not have. The book is suited to all Bible readers, the layman, the teacher, and the minister. The book has a bibliography which will enable the student to greatly extend his study and research. No pastor's study can be complete without this or some similar volume. There is nothing better in so brief a compass.

**The Portrait of the Prodigal**, by Joseph Nelson Greene. The Methodist Book Concern, \$1.50.

This is a series of ten sermons, arranged orderly, scripturally and biographically, on the Prodigal Son as related in the gospel of Luke. The messages are clear, forceful, evangelistic and reinforced with suitable historic illustrations and now and then fitting poems. The book is calculated to do much good, if put into the hands of young men and women. It no doubt will be very suggestive and helpful to many a pastor in preaching on the Prodigal. It is a good book.

**An Elementary Christian Psychology**, by O. M. Norlie. Augsburg Publishing House, Minneapolis, \$1.25.

This volume has been written at the request of the "Board of Elementary Christian Education of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America." It is intended especially for those interested in Christian Education and is suited for pastors, Sunday school workers and day school teachers. It presents the subject of psychology from the viewpoint of the Scriptures. The author says, "It attempts to supplement the science of psychology with the fundamental concepts of the Bible, without prejudice to either the scientific or the Christian theological point of view." One may not agree with all the author's views, but it is a worthwhile book. We commend it most earnestly to pastor and Bible teachers.

**The Absurdities of Evolution**, by Guy Fitch Phelps. The Bible Institute, Colportage Association, Chicago, \$1.25.

The book is written in brief chapters setting forth and answering the specific claims of the evolutionists. The author, though often very sarcastic, is fair in his arguments and gives the best answer to evolution that the reviewer has seen. It is a book for the laymen as well as the student. By all means read it.

**Bible Quotation Puzzles**, by J. Gilchrist Lawson. W. P. Blessing Company, Chicago, \$1.00.

The author of this volume has selected fifty-two popular promises and important texts of the Bible, on such subjects as joy, peace, rest, trust, guidance, etc., and arranged for them to be worked out on the popular puzzle plan. It is a book that will appeal to many interested in this kind of work. It is suitable for Sunday school teachers, vacation schools, home entertainments and will create interest in the Bible teachings.

**The Door That Has no Key**, by Bernard C. Clausen, D.D. The Judson Press, \$1.25.

The author has here given to the public, in book form, thirteen of his popular addresses, all of which are interesting and will be helpful to many readers. The following are some of the subjects: A Great American Jew, A Great American Negro, The Darkest Sin in the Universe, The Meanest Fraud in the World, The First Christian Fundamentalist, The First Christian Liberal, and The Root of the Controversy.

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Report of Study Work done through this department for month of March, 1925.

### Teacher Training Awards

Association	Dip-lomas	Otr. awds.	To-tal
Beulah	6	1	7
Big Hatchie		4	4
Duck River		9	9
Granger Co.		1	1
Holston	2		2
Knox Co.	3	19	22
Nashville	12	24	36
Nolachucky		1	1
Ocoee	2	5	7
Robertson Co.		7	7
Shelby Co.	8	33	41
Stockton Valley	13	7	20
Tenn. Valley		5	5
Weakley Co.	1	7	8
Western Dist.		6	6
William Carey	2	7	9
Wilson Co.	6	2	8
East Tenn.		7	7
Madison Co.		26	26
Gibson Co.	1	3	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>230</b>

### B.Y.P.U. Study Course Awards

Beulah	5	3	8
Big Emory	29	18	47
Big Hatchie	13	23	36
Clinton	52	1	53
Friendship	7		7
Jefferson Co.		1	1
Knox Co.	18	61	79
Midland		1	1
Nashville	32	40	72
Nolachucky	5		5
Ocoee	49	18	67
Salem	22		22
Shelby Co.	67	52	119
Union	17	18	35
Watauga	13	28	41
Wilson Co.		1	1
Weakley Co.	16		16
East Tenn.	16		16
Hardeman Co.	3	12	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>	<b>278</b>	<b>642</b>

### Stewardship Awards

Duck River	1		1
Knox Co.	20		20
William Carey	5		5
Madison Co.	15	22	22
East Tenn.	10		10
Out of State	2	2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>

### Total of All Awards

Diplomas, Teacher Training, 56; B.Y.P.U., 364; Stewardship, 80; total 500. Other Awards, 174; 278; total, 452.

Total of all awards, 952 with 17 tithees listed.

A fine training school at Lebanon last week with Mr. Preston teaching the "People Called Baptists," Miss Jacobs the "Junior B.Y.P.U. Manual," and the writer "Seven Laws of Teaching." The attendance was very good and the interest superb. It has never been our privilege to work with a better people and one of the finest pastors we have ever known. All were exceedingly kind to all of us. Mr. Preston and I had to go early each-day to Nashville for office work and back in the afternoon but we were shown every courtesy. On the closing night Miss Mary Gordon Hicks of Tullahoma, who is in school at Cumberland University, had us out to supper with her and we had a good time and met a whole covey of the finest girls in any town or school. It was a real joy to be in Lebanon.

Mr. Livingstone reports two fine schools with Mr. William in Florida. He is at Maryville next week. Let everyone from East Tennessee join him at the East Tennessee Convention.

We did not have a single school to register as A-1 during March. Let us have as many as a dozen this month.

All ready for the three great Sunday school conventions this month and a number of associational conventions. East Tennessee meets April 7, West Tennessee April 17, and Middle Tennessee April 21. Programs have been mailed to every superintendent and pastor in state and to a number of other people. Let all be on hand and make these the greatest ever held anywhere in Tennessee or any other see.

The general meetings to be held at Ovoca, July 22 to 31, are shaping up now and we hope everyone will take their vacation at that time and come to Ovoca. Let us have 500 there throughout the entire meeting.

This week we give way to Miss Lee for the Nashville Contest of the Intermediates. This is a beautiful showing and will mean much good to the Nashville churches to get these fine young people lined up.

Two weeks ago we had registered in 35 schools of the state a total attendance of 35,287 pupils. We had in the entire state 17 years ago 3,500 enrolled.

We are anxious to secure the names of every superintendent and address. Some have been changed since the printing of the minutes. Will you please send us in the names of any new officers that may have been elected in your school or union. We are anxious to prevent waste in mailing out material and if we do this we must keep our lists up-to-date.

Splendid reports have come from Home and Foreign Mission Day, March 29. Several gifts have been reported to this office but sent to the treasurer. We never want money sent to us for anything except for the Sunday school and encampment.

We are planning to put on a great Christian Education Program in June and at that time will ask for extra gifts for the schools. We have never wanted to foster special days for any enterprise except those mentioned in our general program.

### THE INTERMEDIATE EFFICIENCY CONTEST

The Intermediate departments and classes from ten Baptist Sunday schools in Nashville have been engaged in an Efficiency Contest for the past three months. The regulations and credits for the contest are as follows:

Pupils may be dropped from the roll for only the following reasons: Dead, when joined to some other Sunday school, and when moved out of the city.

Credit for new pupils will be given to that class in which the new pupil rightly belongs according to the department's regulation of grading. The department will be given credit for all new members.

Members coming in after the class records are made will not be given any class credit. They must report at the department secretary's desk to be counted in the total offering and attendance for the department.

All those not in the department assembly room when the opening program begins must be marked late.

Bible must not be counted unless brought from home.

Lessons studied means at least 30 minutes given to the lesson preparation.

### CREDITS For Classes

One point will be given for each percentage based on the Six Point

Record System. For instance, 75 per cent will give 75 points.

Each phone call to absentee or prospect, 2 points; each letter or card sent to absentees or prospects, 2 points; each visit for the class interests, 10 points; each new member, 100 points; a Standard class for the quarter (January-March), 100 points.

### For Departments

One point will be given for each percentage based on the Six Point Record System.

Each phone call to absentees or prospects, 2 points; each letter or card to absentees or prospects, 3 points; each visit for department interests, 10 points; each new member 100 points; a Standard department for the quarter (January-March), 500 points; a Parent-Teachers' Council, 100 points.

A program for the Parent-Teachers' Council must be submitted to the Intermediate Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, for approval. The minimum attendance shall be 50 per cent of the teachers and officers of the department present and as many parents as equal 50 per cent of the officers and teachers in the department.

### RESULTS

#### Eastland

12,614 visits.  
 53 new members.  
 85 per cent quarterly average for department.  
 One Parent-Teacher Council.  
 12 Standard classes.  
 A Standard Department.

#### Centennial

3,874 visits.  
 21 new members.  
 64 per cent quarterly average for department.

#### Park Avenue

2,344 visits.  
 25 new members.  
 One Parent-Teacher Council.  
 2 Standard classes.  
 69 per cent quarterly average for department.

#### Belmont Heights

1,276 visits.  
 12 new members.  
 One Parent-Teacher Council.  
 6 Standard classes.  
 81 per cent quarterly average for department.

#### Judson Memorial

644 visits.  
 5 new members.  
 77 per cent quarterly average for department.

#### First

615 visits.  
 18 new members.  
 One Parent-Teacher Council.  
 64 per cent quarterly average for department.

#### Immanuel

763 visits.  
 10 new members.  
 71 per cent quarterly average for department.

#### Lockeland

1,026 visits.  
 12 new members.  
 75 per cent quarterly average for department.

Two classes of Seventeenth Ave. Mission report 10 new members during contest.

One class of Seventh Baptists church reports one new member during contest.

We are sorry the pictures of the winners of Efficiency Contest did not reach the office in time for this issue. They will appear in the issue of April 16.

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### BOOK REVIEWS

By J. R. Johnson

**Visitation Evangelism**, by A. Earl Kernahan, D.D. Fleming H. Revell Company. \$1.25, pp. 157.

The author is setting forth no new theories of evangelism, in this volume, but results of practical methods in personal evangelism. He presents what he considers the method of Jesus in soul-winning and then discusses how this may be carried out today. Some of the divisions of the book are: How to Organize; The Discoveries of Visitation Evangelism; God's Greatest Human Resource, and The Evangelism of the Changeless Christ. It is a very helpful book on one of the greatest problems of Christianity today.

**New Testament Criticism**, by Prof. H. E. Dana, Th.D. The World Company, Fort Worth, Tex. \$2.00, pp. 374.

The publishers of this volume should be commended on their durable workmanship, excellent material and large, clear, readable type found in its makeup. Dr. Dana is professor of New Testament in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is author of several books and is recognized as one of our strongest writers. The book is suited for class work and is just such a volume as will appeal to ministers who have not had an extensive course in New Testament criticism. It is thoroughly up-to-date and should have a wide reading. Pastors should know something about this subject. The book will strengthen one's faith.

**Papal Paganism**, by J. A. Phillips, D.D. Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn. \$1.50, pp. 224.

The author has spent many years as missionary in Mexico and has made a careful and extensive study of Catholicism, which he believes to be paganism rather than Christianity. His statements are substantiated by authentic evidence, however startling they may appear. The author out of more than twenty years of careful study of Catholicism has set forth more fully and in the most convincing way the fallacy and rottenness of the Catholic system than the reviewer has seen before. It is a book for those interested in the problem being created in America by Catholicism.

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**Planning the Social—**

1. Plan one for each quarter. Many unions find it necessary to have one each month.

2. Announce the socials ahead of time. Get folks to look forward to them.

3. Plan twice as much as you'll need for the evening's enjoyment.

4. Invite guests. Invite all mothers and fathers to join in with you once in a while.

5. As a basis for your planning use some good book like "Ice Breakers," price \$1.35. "B.Y.P.U. Socials," \$1.00. "Phunology," from Sunday School Board.

6. Plan to use everyone present in some way—by putting them on the program, dividing into groups or letting them be assigned some part in the evening's enjoyment.

7. Some good games to play are: **The Birthday Game**, divide the crowd by the months of the birthdays, let each group plan a stunt to represent their month—for instance, February could have Washington's birthday celebrated. Three months could be grouped together for a smaller crowd. Have those who do not care to take an active part be judges.

(b) **The Five Night Chautauqua**—This represents a small town five-day Chautauqua given all in one night. The Mayor makes an address followed by the announcer who tells what will be happening during the week (evening). The first night is a **Concert**. The Royal Concert Co. of Boston, (In reality a male quartet). The second night is **Farmer's night** and features an agricultural address to farmers. The third night is a **Play** presented by "The Jersey Stock Co." It may be a short pantomime or a scene using the alphabet repeated as conversation. The fourth night is Spanish night or Gypsy night. The closing night is Jubilee night with negro spirituals and all. These games make a happy evening if put on by a "lyvewyre" committee.

**Program Hints**

1. Have the program planning once a month.

2. Put variety into the program such as by using different kinds of special music, different persons to lead out in the work, different ways of presenting the program, as for example conversational style, musical program, and debate.

3. Practice the program over ahead of time. Let the group in charge of this program meet together during the week and practice. This will help to insure their presence 100 per cent on Sunday night because they've invested themselves and their time in the program.

4. The use of special programs such as "Farmer Brown's conversion," "The Heroine of Ava," "Making the Standard of Excellence," "Why go to College," will be good occasionally to present certain lessons on Tithing Missions, Christian Education, etc.

**NOTES**

Rev. and Mrs. W. B. Woodall are doing a constructive work at Smithville. A promising B.Y.P.U. has been organized with Miss Dolley Wall as president. The Sunday school is growing and the plan now is to begin on the new Sunday school addition in a short time. Bro. Woodall is urging several of his young people to attend the Knoxville convention in June and the Ovoca Assembly in July. It was our pleasure to be with the Smithville folks on Sunday.

The Mt. Juliet B.Y.P.U. observed their quarterly Social April 4th at the home of Mrs. Percy Carver.

**Your Pastor's Vacation**

A vacation is good for anybody engaged in steady work. "Magnitude is

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Thomas Jacobs of Mt. Juliet has the distinction of being the only one in his Union to have completed the Daily Bible Readings during the past two years.

**The Lebanon Training School**

The Lebanon Training School closed on Friday night with examinations and a half hour of good fellowship. Bro. J. G. Hughes, the pastor presided.

Bro. Hughes and his people made it a most happy week. A fine class of Juniors and Intermediates responded to Miss Jacob's call for the Junior Intermediate Manual class. "The People Called Baptists," and Seven Laws of Teaching," were the books taught at night.

**Ovoca, July 22-31, 1925.**

Have you thought yet about taking a worthwhile vacation this summer?—a combination of good times, fellowship and spiritual uplift? Ovoca Baptist Assembly, July 22-31, is a happy solution. Come and stay in the cottages or halls—or come and bring your own tent and cooking utensils and camp out. The whole family can "pile in" the Ford and "head toward" the Assembly grounds. Let's Go!

Madison County.—Mr. W. D. Baxter of Jackson, president—Time—May 30-31.

Immanuel Seniors—Highland Heights—Memphis—Reported 100 per cent in Giving. Mr. Geo. B. Smith is president.

Plan on Columbia.—April 21-23.—The Middle Tennessee Sunday School and B.Y.P.U. Convention. Send names in to Prof. D. M. Myers, Columbia.

The State B.Y.P.U. Convention is coming in June. It meets at Knoxville, the first Baptist church is the meeting place. Your church should be represented whether you have a B.Y.P.U. or not. June 25-28 is the date—Let's Go!

The Simultaneous Association Conventions will meet May 30-31. Many associations already have announced their meeting place and the time of meeting. Please write your state secretary at once regarding your associational convention. We shall be glad to help you secure speakers for the association.

Report for the past quarter. Send it to the B.Y.P.U. Department at Tullahoma at once.

100 A-1 Unions for the Second Quarter.

**ASSOCIATIONAL B.Y.P.U. CONVENTIONS**

Wautauga Association, Miss Loretta Stout Butler, President, May 29, 30 and 31. Special speaker, Superintendent W. D. Hudgins.

Holston Valley, Mr. Frank Farris, Rogersville, President. Meeting place Rogersville. Date May 30-31.

Jefferson County. Date, May 30-31.

McMinn County, Mr. G. D. Creasman, Athens, President. Meeting place Etowah, date May 30 and 31.

Sweetwater Association. Date May 30 and 31. Place—Christiana.

Holston Association, Miss Helen C.

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Wilson County, Mr. Ralph Donnell, Lebanon, President. Date May 30 and 31. Place Mt. Juliet, program begins at 9 a.m. on Saturday and closes on Sunday. Prof. Josh Lee of Lebanon, Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville and Vice-President R. E. Miles, of Nashville, will be among the special speakers.

Nashville and Davidson County. President Alvin L. Fernman, of Nashville. Time May 30 and 31. Place near Nashville.

Duck River, Rev. Clyde Widick, Cowan, President. Time May 30 and 31. Place Winchester. Special speakers Dr. Harry Clark and others.

Riverside and Stone Associations, Rev. R. B. White, of Livingston, President. Time May 30 and 31. Place Livingston, Tenn. Special speakers Rev. David N. Livingstone and others.

Beulah Association, J. T. Young, President, of Union City. Place of meeting First Baptist Church of Martin. Date April 25-26. Special speakers Dr. Harry Clark (if possible), W. H. Preston and others.

Gibson County, Mr. Cecil Howse, of Humboldt, President. Place Eldad Church. Time May 30 and 31. Special speakers Secretary W. C. Milton, Secretary W. H. Preston and others.

Shelby County, George A. Baird, President, 156 So. Cooper St., Memphis. Time May 30 and 31. Place Bartlett, Tenn. Special speakers Judge Clifford Davis of Memphis, Secretary W. H. Preston and others.

The Holston Valley Association held a convention at Surgoinsville May 28, 29

Texas is putting on an officers B.

Y. P. U. training camp. It will be held July 3, 12 at Palacios, Texas, at the state encampment ground.

"KNOW THYSELF" said the Greeks.

"BE THYSELF" said Marcus Aurelius.

"GIVE THYSELF" taught Jesus Christ.

**A GOOD PROGRAM PRESENTED**

District Meeting of the Johnson Co. B.Y.P.U.'s, Mountain City Baptist Church, April 4, 1925

Key Note Service  
 10:30 Song Service and Devotions, Truett Cox.

Greetings, Miss Edith Wagner.  
 11:00 How the B.Y.P.U. Officers Can Best Serve Their Union Miss Rose Lowe and W. W. Ward.

11:15 Why Have Committees in a B.Y.P.U., Mrs. Forrester and Kyle Snyder.

11:30 Special Music, Miss Lillian Snyder.  
 Address, Rev. W. W. Worley. Noon.

1:15 Song Service.  
 1:30 Ways in which the Individual Member of a B.Y.P.U. may serve:

1. His Pastor, Wayne Scott.
2. His Sunday School, Miss Ella Mae Stout.
3. The General Activities of His Church, F. P. Curtis.

2:00 Male Quartet.  
 Address, Rev. E. A. Cox.

2:40 Reports of Unions and Business Session.  
 Closing Thoughts, Mrs. E. A. Cox.

Mr James L. Reed sends in a good report from the Alcoa union.

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### WHITE CROSS WORK FOR 1925

#### Cash Contributions by W.M.S.

Newport, \$12; Oliver Springs, \$2; Hickman, \$2; Nashville First, \$10; Coal Creek, \$3; Loudon, \$5; Sweetwater, \$5; Decatur, \$5; Nashville Third, \$5; Fayetteville, \$5; Springfield, \$5; Riverdale, \$5; Philadelphia \$4.50; Athens, \$10; Sevierville, \$5; Memphis, First, \$15; Paris (stamps), .40; Nolachucky Association, .33; Charleston, \$5; Tullahoma, \$5; Dayton, \$2.25; Memphis, Calvary, \$2; Chattanooga, First, \$40; Erwin, \$10; Memphis, Prescott Memorial, \$3; Trezevant, \$5; Grandview, \$4; Chattanooga, Central, \$5; Englewood, \$5; Trenton, \$2; Pleasant Hill, \$3; Memphis, Seventh, Y.W.A., \$5; Memphis, Highland Heights, \$2; Nashville, Belmont, \$10; Chattanooga, Oak, \$30; Lexington, \$5; Nashville, Grace, \$7.55; Columbia S.B.B., \$5; Hopewell, \$5; McKenzie, \$5; Nashville Belmont, Y.W.A., \$4.50. Making a total of \$292.

### RUSH REPORTS

If you have not returned your annual report to Miss Northington, please do so now. Our standing at the Southern Baptist Convention depends on these reports, so please be considerate enough to return yours immediately. If you have lost your questionnaire, ask for another. **DO IT NOW!**

### DELEGATES TO W.M.U. OF THE S. B. C.

Do you want to be a delegate to the Woman's Missionary Union Convention in Memphis, May 13-15? If so, notify your divisional vice-president.

Delegates are elected at the divisional meetings in April—Tennessee has only forty from the entire state, so most of us must be denied the privilege of being a delegate, but we can all go. The meetings are to be held at the First Baptist church, Memphis. Remember, no society has the privilege of electing a delegate, for we have 1,200 societies and are allowed only forty delegates. We trust the nominating committee at each meeting will choose wisely so that we may be well represented at the convention.

### TO BUILD UP A W.M.S. BOTH SPIRITUALLY AND FINANCIALLY

#### I PRAY:

A For the president, that she may be filled with the Spirit, and wide awake, willing to give of her time to the work.

B For the other officers, that they may magnify their office and lend enthusiasm to the work.

C That you may be led by the Spirit in your work.

D For the local work, for Home Fields and Foreign Fields.

E Individually and unitedly.

#### II PLAN:

A To enlist every member.

B To get at least one Missionary magazine or denominational paper in each home.

C To give much time and thought to the work.

D To use all members in some way on the different programs.

E To have a Mission Study Class. "Information begets inspiration."

#### III PREPARE:

A Prepare the program far enough ahead of time so that each one asked to take part will have sufficient time to prepare their part.

B The material for the program, having something fresh and interesting, and do not have the program too long.

Strive to be an A-1 society.

Strive to do much personal service.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

"Serve the Lord with gladness." Giving self and substance.

Tithing will solve all financial troubles.

### "ENLISTING THE PRESENT MEMBERSHIP"

"Stick-to-itiveness is a Christian virtue of the first water" was one of the many wise sayings of Miss Heck.

The greatest task before our societies today is the enlisting into active service the women who are now on our roll.

It was a Jew in Jerusalem when asked why he was not a Christian replied, "When the Christians practice the teaching of Christ, we will

be Christians too." If we can get the members we now have practicing what they profess as members of a W.M.S., then others, seeing them praying, tithing, enthusiastic in study, going about doing good, will want to become members too.

Why do so many of the members of our W.M.S. fail to become active? Answer the following questions:

Do you begin your meetings on time and stop on time? Or do you wait a little while for more to come?

Do you serve such elaborate refreshments that a woman of limited means is embarrassed to entertain?

Do you really plan the music and the devotional, or do you say, "Well what shall we sing? I'll read a Psalm and then we will repeat the Lord's Prayer." Do you begin with paragraph one and read through Royal Service?

If you answer these questions in the affirmative, then instead of complaining about failing to hold new members, wake up and make your society so attractive women will want to attend.

Assign each active member an inactive one for whom she may pray and work. Do not ask Dorcas to make a speech, but show her how helpful she can be in sewing for the White Cross. She will not refuse to use her needle, but she thinks she cannot use her tongue.

Ask Martha to serve ice tea on that hot June day, but see that all plans are made so she can have no excuse to miss the program. She never could speak in public (she has no idea how private some of our meetings really are.)

Occasionally we find a Mary who only wants to study the Bible, and thinks the missionary society "unspiritual." Ask her to teach "All the World" and see if she will not receive a great spiritual missionary message.

There are Miriams in our society who will sing the praises. Use them, good music does much to make the meetings attractive.

There are Joannas and Suzannas who will minister if they are asked. One has lovely flowers and she will enjoy decorating for every meeting. The other has a smile and a handshake and she will gladly serve in that way.

Study each unenlisted woman and find a way to her heart.

We have used the "Talent Search" slips to a splendid advantage. It reads, "Because Christ has saved me I will be glad to serve Him by doing the things I have marked X whenever my services are needed." There follows a list of numerous activities, such as, Take part on missionary program, Lead in prayer, Lead the meeting, Act as counselor for Y.W.A., G.A., R.A., or S.B.

The last thing is "I will do nothing." This is first presented to every member of the society and then to every new member. Try it, for from it you will receive splendid new workers.

It was the poetic, dreamy Emerson who gave the following advice to farmers, "If you want to double the size of your farm, plow deep, there is another farm beneath."

Do you wish to double the efficiency, the spirituality, the gifts, the interest of your society?

Plow deep, there is enough material in your society, if utilized to accomplish this.

How shall we enlist the present membership? By prayer and work.

### WE ARE SORRY

We exceedingly regret the conflict in dates of the Sunday school and W.M.U. conventions in Middle Tennessee. We thought they were at least a week apart and had so planned

ed them, but we misunderstood the time, and now we are very sorry. Next year, we truly hope to avoid this conflict.

### EAST TENNESSEE DIVISIONAL MEETING, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, APRIL 23-24 1925

#### Thursday Evening, 7:30

Devotionals, Mrs. F. F. Brown. Welcome, Mrs. R. L. Cowan, Broadway Church, Knoxville.

Response, Mrs. Mary Noel Moody, Athens.

Address, Dr. O. E. Bryan, Cor. Sec. Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Announcements: Benediction.

#### Friday Morning, 9:00

Devotionals, Mrs. J. J. Huggins, Dandridge.

Stewardship, Mrs. Lee Shahan, Chattanooga.

Mission Study, Mrs. R. S. C. Berry, Morristown.

Personal Service, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Knoxville.

#### OUR STANDARDS:

Circle, Mrs. Lee Miller, Johnson City.

Society, Mrs. Sam Harris.

Association, Mrs. L. W. Clark.

Address, Mrs. W. C. James, President W.M.U. of the S. B. C.

#### W.M.U. SPECIALS:

Training School, Miss Hazel Dance.

Margaret Fund, Miss Elizabeth Jackson.

S. S. Bible Fund, Miss Mary Northington.

Announcements: Recognition of visitors.

Lunch. Conferences of all leaders.

#### Afternoon

1:00, Song, "O Zion, Haste."

Prayer, Mrs. W. A. Moffitt, Dayton.

1:10-2:10, Superintendents Hour (two minutes each), "The Greatest Achievement of My Association this Year."

White Cross, Miss Bonnie Ray, Pingtu, China.

Business—reports of Committees, Consecration service, Mrs. R. L. Mason.

Adjournment.

#### Young People's Program, Friday Night, 6:00

R.A. Banquet, Rev. L. S. Sedberry in charge.

Y.W.A. and G.A. Banquet, Mrs. C. E. Goode, Chattanooga, toastmistress.

"Happy You're Here," Ethel Jennings.

"Happy We're Here," Pauline Goyne.

Special Music, Misses Robbie Ballard and Ruth Banks.

#### OUR

I-ncessant in prayer, Mary Weaver.

D-iligent in Personal Service, Augusta Mitchell.

E-nlisting Others, Mildred McNeese.

A-dvancing in Wisdom, Lolita Hannah.

L-ook upon the Fields, Ona Mullins.

S-tewards Ever Faithful, Cornelia Rollow.

Special Music, Carson-Newman Quartet, Misses Robbye Ballard, Ruth Weaver, Pauline Sprinkle, Ruth Banks.

#### Evening Program, 7:30

Song, "O Zion, Haste."

Devotionals, Miss Helen Chase.

Special Music, Carson-Newman Quartet.

Playlet, "Challenge of the Cross," Knox County Young Woman's Auxiliaries.

Address, Miss Bonnie Ray, Pingtu, China.

Benediction.

### CONTENTS OF BOXES SENT

**Beulah Association:** Woodland Mills, W.M.S., 4 sheets, 2 papers pins; Martin W.M.S., 14 doz. safety pins, 8 papers pins, 2 dozen spools thread, 12 bars soap, 12 papers needles, 25 yards adhesive tape, 20 yards gauze, 1-2 lb. absorbent cotton, 3 boxes soap powder; Union City W.M.S., 5 boxes cleanser, 1 doz. spools thread, 27 doz. safety pins, 3 papers pins, 1 bolt gauze, 6 sheets; Ridley, 2 sheets, 5 yards gauze, 2 papers safety pins, 2 papers needles. **Big Hatchie Association:** Brownsville W.M.S., 12 doz. safety pins, 2 papers needles, 2 doz. spools thread, 10 rolls adhesive tape. **Big Emory Association:** Hariman W.M.S., 23 cakes soap, 24 papers pins, 2 doz. spools thread, 24 doz. safety pins; Rockwood, 1 box soap flakes, 27 bars soap. **Chilhowee Association:** Maryville W.M.S., 69 rolls gauze. **Concord Association:** Murfreesboro W.M.S., Young Matrons' Circle, 10 sheets, S.B.B., 4 papers pins, 3 spools thread, 8 papers safety pins. **Cumberland Association:** Clarksville W.M.S., 20 sheets, 851 compresses. **Cumberland Gap Association:** Tazewell W.M.S., 3 spools thread, 12 papers pins, 2 doz. safety pins; New Tazewell, 2 sheets. **Duck River Association:** Shelbyville W.M.S., 12 doz. cakes soap. **Friendship Association:** Dyersburg W.M.S., 2 scrub brushes, 10 papers pins, 1 doz. papers needles, 1 nail brush, 15 doz. safety pins, 4 boxes Skiddo, 24 doz. papers pins, 2 towels, 6 tea towels, 800 paper towels, 12 sheets, 4 lbs. absorbent cotton, 55 yards bandages, 22 yds. adhesive tape, 52 cakes soap, 2 boxes washing powder; Friendship, 5 papers safety pins, 14 spools thread, 8 papers pins, 6 1-2 oz. cotton, 4 bars soap. **Grainger County Association:** Rutledge W.M.S., 4 doz. spools thread, 12 papers needles. **Gibson County Association:** Humboldt W.M.S., 4 sheets, 1 1-4 lbs. absorbent cotton, 45 yds. gauze, 2 papers pins, 8 doz. safety pins, 11 spools thread, 7 boxes Dutch Cleanser, 73 bars soap; Gibson W.M.S., 3 lbs. absorbent cotton, 1 paper pins, 8 doz. safety pins, 8 spools thread, 10 doz. gauze bandages. **Holston Association:** Kingsport W.M.S., 10 sheets; Jonesboro W.M.S., 12 papers pins, 1 doz. gauze bandages, 10 papers needles, 35 doz. safety pins, 2 doz. spools thread, 12 bars soap; Unaka Ave., Johnson City, 3 spools thread. **Knox County Association:** 91 doz. compresses, 207 bandages, 6 rolls adhesive tape, 10 absorbent cotton, 6 1-2 doz. cakes soap, 15 cards safety pins, 2 papers straight pins, 1 doz. spools thread, 32 cakes Bakers chocolate, 200 post cards, 3 scrap books; Mrs. W. J. Cunningham, 10 yards gauze; Riverdale W.M.S., 2 doz spools thread, 5 bars soap, 2 papers pins, 1 sheet, 4 oz. absorbent cotton. **Madison County Association:** Ararat W.M.S., 10 bars soap, 50 papers pins, 1 towel; Jackson, First, 24 towels, 6 tea towels; Milan W.M.S., 23 doz. safety pins, 14 oz. absorbent cotton, 143 yds. gauze, 5 doz. spools thread. **Nolachucky Association:** Russellville Y.W.A., 3 doz. safety pins, 3 oz. absorbent cotton,

20 yds. gauze bandages, 2 papers pins, 2 packages needles. **Ocoee Association:** Mrs. J. N. Monroe, 20 towels; Chattanooga, First, 12 wash cloths, 3 towels, 2 sheets, 6 bars soap, 49 spools thread; Tabernacle W.M.S., 3 boxes adhesive plaster, G.A., R.A. and S.B.B., 14 wash cloths, 8 bars soap, 8 papers pins, 1 paper safety pins, 8 spools thread; St. Elmo W.M.S., 37 cakes soap, 8 papers safety pins, 2 papers needles, 1 box soap powder; Woodland Park, W.M.S., 10 tea towels. **Robertson County Association:** Oak Grove W.M.S., 3 wash cloths, 27 spools thread; Orinda W.M.S., 25 oz., cotton, 5 yds. gauze, 15 yds. adhesive tape, 2 dozen spools thread, 4 papers safety pins, 2 papers needles, 10 papers pins, 7 rolls bandages, 1 box cleanser, 27 bars soap, 2 sheets; Greenbrier W.M.S., 45 bars soap. **Shelby County Association:** Memphis, Boulevard, 10 papers pins, 2 doz. papers safety pins, 7 packages needles, 163 spools thread; Central Ave. W.M.S., 2 sheets; Buntyn W.M.S., 2 sheets; Eudora W.M.S., 2 sheets; McLemore W.M.S., 2 sheets, Calvary W.M.S., 162 compresses, 20 rolls gauze. **Stone Association,** Cookeville W.M.S., 10 rolls bandages. **Tennessee Valley Association:** 1 towel, 1 wash cloth, 34 spools thread, 4 papers needles, 9 papers pins, 4 papers pins, 4 bars soap, 1 box powder, 1-4 lb. absorbent cotton. **Western District Association,** Paris, 24 sheets, 112 spools thread, Y.W.A., 12 cakes soap, 13 doz. safety pins. **Weakley County Association:** W.M.S., 26 bars soap, 6 spools thread, 1 package needles. **Watauga Association:** Butler Y.W.A., 45 compresses, 2 spools thread, 2 papers needles, 1 paper pins, 2 wash cloths. **Nashville Association:** Eastland W.M.S., 1,272 sponges, Y.W.A., 54 bandages, G.A., 7 doz. safety pins, 4 papers pins; S.B.B., 36 spools thread; Grace W.M.S., 88 bars soap, 20 boxes washing powder, S.B.B. 13 doz. safety pins; Edgefield W.M.S., 72 muslin bandages; Grandview W.M.S., 33 cakes soap, 29 spools thread; Lockland W.M.S., 58 bars soap, 1 can carpet cleaner, 3 Dutch Cleanser, S.B.B., 12 doz. safety pins, 2 doz. thread, 11 boxes washing powder; Judson W.M.S., 5 lbs. absorbent cotton; Park Ave. M. O. B. Class, 31 bars soap; N. Edgefield W.M.S., 60 doz. safety pins; Seventh W.M.S., 11 doz. bandages, 4 rolls gauze. **Sweetwater Association:** Madisonville W.M.S., 2 doz. spools thread, 12 doz. cards safety pins, 6 papers needles; Monterey W.M.S., 1 doz. spools thread, 2 doz. papers safety pins, 11 bars soap, a paper pins. **Knox County Association:** Concord W.M.S., 1 doz. spools thread, 2 papers pins, 3 papers safety pins.

We have tried to make a correct report. If there are any errors we will be glad to correct them. Churches in twenty-seven associations sent contribution for boxes, while forty-three societies sent cash contributions. We thank every society that contributed and Dr. Yocum and the other workers in the Louella Roach Hospital at Pingtu, China will be most grateful. —Mrs. John Gupton, White Cross Chairman.

**CARING FOR THE SPIRITUAL LIFE**

By Herman T. Stevens

Job 6: 6

"What must I do after I am saved?" "I am afraid I cannot hold out"; "I am afraid I will backslide."

These and many other questions and statements are often in the mind of the seeker after salvation and of the one just saved. In an effort to help those who are thinking these thoughts and asking these questions, I am writing this article.

**I.**

Take an egg as an illustration. An egg has two distinct parts, the yellow and the white. The life is in the yellow. The white has no life in it, and is tasteless and unattractive. But it bears an important relation to the yellow, which is the life part of the egg. Notice what the white of the egg does for the life.

1. It keeps the life right side up.

The yellow which holds the life of the egg has a top and a bottom side. If the egg is to remain a living egg, it must stay right side up.

2. It keeps the life part of the egg warm. The life must be protected from cold.

3. It protects the life in the egg from shock. About the yellow the white acts as a cushion or shock absorber. To injure the life the shock must be very severe, or enough to break the shell, which is a part of the white.

4. It provides food for the life when the life begins to develop.

**II.**

Now, the things necessary for the care and development of the spiritual life in a new convert may be likened to the white of an egg. There is no life in good works, and, indeed, they may be tiresome and tasteless and unattractive to us. But they are absolutely necessary to the spiritual life, just as the white of an egg is necessary to the yellow.

1. In many lives the study of God's Word has lost its attractiveness. Even many who attend Sunday school never read, much less study the lesson. The daily paper with the special Sunday edition and the funny sheet, the popular magazine, the latest work of fiction, the picture show, have all played their part in making the Bible tasteless and unattractive, to many.

3. Some have come almost to despise the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper. Many are unwilling to submit to the ordinance of baptism as their Lord was baptized. Every pastor has been made sick at heart by seeing many of the members of the church leave just before the celebration of the Lord's Supper to hurry home to a big Sunday dinner or to go joy riding. What a tragedy and a comment on our love for him who died for us when we thus mistreat him.

4. Money, money, money! Yes, money for missions, money for pastor's salary, money to pay the janitor, money for lights, coal, repairs, and to meet a hundred other calls. Oh, how tiresome, tasteless and unattractive the giving of money becomes to some.

5. All forms of church work, such as attending Sunday school, prayer meeting, B.Y.P.U., W.M.U., choir practice, deacons' meeting, personal work, singing and testifying for Jesus, have become tasteless and unattractive to some.

**III.**

Now, all these things are to our spiritual life what the white of the egg is to the yellow, and as the white of the egg cares for the physical life of the egg, just so these things care for the spiritual life.

They will do at least four things for those who will observe to do them:

1. They will keep the life right side up. The Christian who neglects his Bible and his prayer life, remains away from the church, and refuses to give his time and money, soon gets "upside down." Like a boy hanging by his toes on a gymnasium pole, to him the world seems all "wrong side up." Soon the church and all its activities are wrong. He is opposed to everything, a chronic kicker, or woefully indifferent.

2. They will keep the life warm. Why are so many professing Christians so cold, and when they shake hands with you it is like taking hold of the tail of a dead fish? They are not workers, but drones in the church. Having neglected all the means that God has provided for keeping them warm, they are as cold as an arctic iceberg. The man who is warm and keeps right side up on all the work of the kingdom is the man who keeps busy in the work of the Master.

3. They will protect the life from shock. In the hour of sorrow, all need that which God alone can give. And close fellowship with the brethren in the Lord's work is an unspeakable comfort when we pass through the deep waters of sorrow.

4. They will provide food for the spiritual life. The spiritual life, like the physical, must have food to make it grow. We are commanded to grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Paul

told Timothy to "study to show thyself a workman that needed not to be ashamed." (2 Tim. 2:15.) Many remain babies and weaklings in the church because they neglect the things God has provided to make them strong.

We can make the white of an egg attractive by putting in seasoning. We can make God's requirements of growth—Bible reading, prayer, the Ordinances, giving of money and all church work—attractive by putting into our church work the salt and pepper of zeal and enthusiasm, and refraining from spoiling our appetite with trash.

**BOOK REVIEWS**

**Introducing the Old Testament,** by J. B. Tidwell, D.D., LL.D. Sunday School Board, Nashville. 196 pp.

**Introducing the New Testament,** by W. E. Denham, Th.D. Sunday School Board, Nashville. 157 pp.

These books are gotten out by our Sunday School Board for individual and class study in teacher training. They are very much after the order of the Bible Division of the Sunday School Normal Manual, only more extensive. The books are about as large as the Manual itself. They are written by two of our leading Southern Baptist teachers, and are all that could be desired for the purpose for which written. They will be of great help to those who have studied the Manual, and especially to those who have not.

**Along the Highway of Service,** by Marie Buhlmaier, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

Miss Buhlmaier was long an immigrant worker, at Baltimore, under the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. She has given in this volume, in an interesting and fascinating way, the story of much of her labors. Dr. Gray, who writes the introduction to the book, says, "One who reads her stirring story will feel the spell of her rare spirit and be moved with deeper sympathy for the stranger within our gates to whom she gave her ministry so abundant in zeal and self-sacrifice for her Saviour and Lord." The book will be used no doubt in classes by the W.M.U.

**The Son of a Savage,** by R. C. Nicholson, Pioneer Missionary, Solomon Islands. The Abingdon Press, N. Y. 75 cents.

This is an enlarged re-writing of the author's book entitled, Daniel Bula, which met with such great favor and which edition was soon sold out. It is a stirring story and suited for study by our young people. It ought to be in the Sunday school library. The author says, "This story of a son of a savage has been written to illustrate anew the reality of the only power that can uproot hate, and plant love in men's hearts, and make the nations to dwell together in harmony."

**"CHARACTER"**

Of all unseen things, the most radiant, the most beautiful, is character.

How many prodigals are kept out of the Kingdom of God by the lovely character of those who profess to be inside!

He who serves two masters misses the benediction of both.

No single fact in science has ever discredited a fact in religion.

**EXPENSIVE LITERATURE**

So much literature is being wasted these days. It is a crime. The people are loaded down with so much printed matter that they never read half of it. We should realize that so many posters have been put on the walls of our churches during the last few years that the walls would be entirely covered if all should be given a place. So many tracts and printed pamphlets have been mailed out and are still being mailed out that one would not have time to read the Bible if they took time to read all that they get. A tract is a fine thing if wisely handled and can be made to count in the education of our people, but to distribute tracts promiscuously without regard to fitness is a waste and breeds distaste for all printed material. Every fellow and every organization has learned that the first thing to be done is to get out some printed matter on his line and send it broadcast. Let us save all this money being wasted on useless printing and use it to pay missionaries.

**ADVERTISING**

Some advertising that our institutions are doing may and may not be best. If a school has to advertise by sending a professional ball team over the country it gets what it seeks, but this kind of advertisement is not good for the school in the minds of thinking, sober people. It was our regret to see, a few weeks ago, while making our way to an appointment on Sunday morning, a basketball team get on the train at 9:30. It never occurred to me that it was not a high school team from some place that had been playing a game the night before. But when I found that it was a team from one of our own schools out on Sunday just at church and Sunday school time and to know that they were out most all day getting back home, did not make a very good impression on my mind nor heart. It is a shame when our schools allow such things to occur. If we parents cannot feel safe in sending our boys and girls to denominational schools where may we send them? I believe that a school can no more function as a purely religious school and do everything that other schools do than a church can foster every activity of other organizations and fill its mission in the world. We pray for some college man who has courage enough to establish a school that caters to the intellectual and spiritual rather than everything else.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR APRIL 5

Nashville, First	2,013
(Allen Fort Class	1,127)
Memphis, Central	1,507
Knoxville, First	1,085
Memphis, Temple	1,020
Memphis, First	991
Chattanooga, First	936
Knoxville, Broadway	752
Jackson, Second	719
Knoxville, Fifth Ave.	678
Jackson, First	659
Etowah, First	634
West Jackson	623
Memphis, Union Ave.	565
Memphis, La Belle Place	551
Maryville, First	526
Knoxville, Deaderick Ave.	508
Chattanooga, Highland Park	500
Chattanooga, Tabernacle	482
Nashville, Immanuel	479
Nashville, Eastland	478
Clarksville	428
Nashville, Edgefield	423
Knoxville, Euclid Ave.	420
Chattanooga, East	416
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Paris, First	398
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Nashville, North Edgefield	338
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Chattanooga, St. Elmo	315
Memphis, McLemore	314
Chattanooga, Avondale	313
Lenoir City, First	305
Nashville, Park Ave.	300

### NASHVILLE

First: W. F. Powell, pastor; "Royal Service" and "The Crucifixion." By letter 1; profession 7.

Judson Memorial: R. E. Grimsley, pastor; "The Tears of Jesus" and "Making a Man." SS 394.

North Edgefield: A. W. Duncan, pastor; "The Visible Glory of the Invisible God" and "A Transfigured Appeal." SS 338; BYPU 20; Jr. 51.

Calvary: W. H. Vaughan, pastor; "Without the Shedding of Blood, There is no Remission" and "The Resurrection." SS 225; BYPN 27; Jr. 28.

Grandview: S. W. Kendrick, pastor; "The Laysan's Place in the Church and Denomination" and Anti-Saloon League picture shown, "Lest we Forget." SS 231; BYPU 20; Int. 21; Jr. 22. Good day.

Lockeland: J. C. Miles, pastor; "Observance of the Lord's Supper" and "A Backslidden Church." SS 272; BYPU's good.

Eastland: Britton Ross, pastor; "Hide Thyself and Show Thyself" and "The Call of the Goodness of God." Baptized 1; by letter 5; SS 478.

Inglewood: H. M. Estes, pastor; "One Master or Two?" and "Mother's Bible and Mine." SS 72; BYPU 35.

Shelby Ave.: C. E. Pennington, pastor; John 14: 6 and Revelation 3: 20. For baptism 5; baptized 5; profession 5; SS 212. Our revival will continue on during the week.

Radnor: "Knowledge of Christ" and "Presence of Christ." Rev. J. F. Dewes spoke at both hours. SS 123; BYPU 37. Good services both hours.

Edgefield: W. M. Wood, pastor; "Cultivating the Christ-like Spirit" and "The Three Crosses." SS 423; BYPU's good. Don Q. Smith supplied at both hours.

Park Ave.: A. M. Nicholson, pastor; "Offering" and "Gratitude." For baptism 1; SS 300; BYPU's good. Church received a fine cash collection on building fund, and voted to begin work on new church auditorium within the next thirty days.

Seventh: Edgar W. Barnett, pastor; "What Heaven Means to Me"

and "Repentance." For baptism 3; SS 274; BYPU 19; Int. 14; Jr. 25. W. C. McPherson preached at both hours. The meeting continues through the week.

Immanuel: Ryland Knight, pastor; "At the Cross" and "A Busy Man's Mistake." SS 479.

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Smithwood: Chas. P. Jones, pastor. "The Unchanging Christ," and "Present Day Idolatry." 254 in SS, 1 by letter.

Deaderick Avenue: Claude E. Sprague, pastor. "Christ Knocking on Our Door," and "The New Birth." 508 in SS, 168 in BYPU, 1 for baptism, 1 baptized, 3 by letter, 2 by statement, 7 by profession. We begin a meeting Sunday, April 12th, Pastor preaching, S. W. Rutledge of Etowah singer.

Beaumont Ave.: D. A. Webb, pastor. "Christians Attitude at the Coming of the Lord," and "Reception of the Christ At His Coming." 174 in SS, 2 baptized.

Third Creek: W. E. Conner, pastor. "Jesus' Invitation to the World," and "Jesus' Ability to Save." 71 in SS.

Inskip: W. D. Hutton, pastor. "Will Ye Also Go Away?" and "The Two Ways." 112 in SS, 46 in BYPU. Good crowds. SS collection \$34.74.

Lincoln Park: H. F. Templeton, pastor. "The Work of the Lord's House," and "Saving the Outcast." 283 in SS, 37 in Int., 35 in Jr. BYPU, 1 for baptism, 5 by letter, 1 under watchcare.

Oakwood: W. G. Mahaffey, pastor. "Christian Graces," and "Hell and Who Goes There." 295 in SS, 1 for baptism.

Central of Fountain City: J. C. Shipp, pastor. "What to Do With Jesus," and "Remembering Jesus." 374 in SS, 60 in Sr., 34 in Int., 26 in Jr. BYPU's, 2 for baptism, 2 by profession. Fine congregations. Observed the Lord's Supper at evening hour.

Fifth Avenue: J. L. Dance, pastor. "The Supreme Commission," and "The Lord of the People." 678 in SS, 1 for baptism, 1 by profession.

South Knoxville: J. R. Haynes, pastor. "The Lord's Supper," and "A Revival." 360 in SS, 48 in Sr., 22 in Int., and 20 in Jr. BYPU's. Fine crowds.

First: F. F. Brown, pastor. "The Word of the Cross," 1 Cor. 1: 18, and J. B. Hipps on "Christian Education in China." 1,085 in SS, 190 in BYPU, 1 by letter.

Gillespie Avenue: J. K. Smith, pastor. "Communion Services," and Matt. 22: 42. 256 in SS, 36 in Sr., 23 in Jr. BYPU's.

Philadelphia: A. B. Johnson, pastor. "Where Dwellest Thou?" and "Return." 105 in SS, 30 in Sr., 14 in Int. BYPU. Large crowds.

Central of Bearden: Robt Humphreys, pastor. "The Lord's Supper," and Luke 23: 43. 180 in SS.

Euclid Avenue: J. W. Wood, pastor. "God's Man in the Right Place," and "The Right Kind of a Christian." 420 in SS, 50 in BYPU, 1 for baptism, 1 by profession. Rainy day, but good interest.

Sevierville: R. E. Corum, pastor. "Three Pictures of Christianity," and "Two Men—a Quitter and a Sticker."

First of Fountain City: J. Herman Barnes, pastor. "The Church," and "Experience." 170 in SS, 3 active BYPU's.

Grove City: F. R. Barnaby, pastor. "God's Ownership," and "A Rich Fool." 163 in SS, 30 in Sr., 40 in Int. BYPU, 5 for baptism, 4 baptized, 2 by letter.

Immanuel: A. R. Pedigo, pastor. 1 Peter 1: 1-2, and "The Bidden Forbidden." 234 in SS, 42 in BYPU.

Elm St.: E. F. Ammons, pastor. "Divine Weapons Will Do the Work," and "The Deliverer." 149 in SS, 40 in BYPU, 1 by profession.

Broadway: B. A. Bowers, pastor.

"Communion Service," and "The Great Feast." 752 in SS, 146 in Sr., 38 in Int., 34 in Jr. BYPU, 29 for baptism, 7 by letter.

### MEMPHIS

Eudora: H. T. Whaley, pastor; spoke both hours. SS 66.

Union Ave: Pastor Hurt spoke at both hours. For baptism 1; SS 565; Central: Pastor Cox in Hot Springs. Associate pastor preached at both hours. Additions 10. SS 1,507.

La Belle Place: D. A. Ellis, pastor; Rev. C. B. Waller spoke four time, 10 and 11 a.m., and 3 and 8 p.m. For baptism 33; by letter 7; SS 551. Meeting continues. Great audiences. Great interest.

Prescott Memorial: Jas. H. Oakley, pastor; preached at both hours and closed an eight days' revival with 24 conversions. By baptism 17; by letter 16; SS 371; large unions. Lutherans, Presbyterians, Methodists and others joined the church. Membership greatly revived and community greatly moved.

Egypt: C. S. Koonce, pastor; preached at both hours. Good service.

Temple: J. Carl McCoy, pastor; spoke at both hours. SS 1,020; BYPU 234; by letter 1; for baptism 1; baptized 3. Lord's Supper observed at morning hour.

Evergreen: S. N. Ellis, pastor; Bro. Haywood spoke at both hours. By letter 1; for baptism 1.

Merton Ave.: E. J. Hill, pastor; spoke-at-both hours. SS 198; BYPU's 70.

Brunswick: J. C. Schultz, pastor; good audiences. SS 45.

New South Memphis: Pastor Norris preached both hours. Good crowds. SS 186. Pastor Norris in "Three-in-One" celebration. First anniversary of new \$12,000 basement, third anniversary of pastorate, and twenty-fifth anniversary of pastor and wife's marriage.

Highland Heights: E. F. Curle, pastor; preached to fine congregations at both hours. SS 291; 4 good unions.

Central Ave.: J. P. Horton, pastor; spoke both hours. Large and enthusiastic congregations. Bro. Crawford addressed SS at 10:45. Great message. SS 111; 2 good BYPU's.

Boulevard: Dr. W. M. Wood has been preaching during the week. He preach 4 times Sunday. We have a great meeting. Large crowds. The house overflowed last night. Over 40 professions, additions 37; baptized 4; SS 246; 3 large BYPU's. Meeting continues this week. Bro. Wood is doing a fine work.

Greenland Heights: Chas. Lovejoy, pastor; spoke at both hours. Fair congregations. SS 40; professions 2.

Yale: L. E. Brown, pastor; spoke morning and evening to large crowds. SS 100; BYPU's 70.

Forest Hill: W. L. Smith, pastor; preached both hours. SS 89; BYPU 43; daily Bible readers 40.

Hollywood: J. R. Burk, pastor; preaching by Elder Forewinkle. SS 186.

McLemore: J. R. Burk, supply; SS 314; splendid union.

First: Pastor Boone preached in the morning. Junior Pastor Thos. C. Wyatt preached at night. SS 991; by letter 2; baptized 11; by relation 1.

Ebenezer: J. W. Joyner, pastor; two fine congregations. SS in afternoon.

Joseph Pappia, Italian Missionary: times preached 2; SS 29; families prayed with 8; tracts distributed 20; visits made 45.

Seventh St.: I. N. Strother, pastor; "The Lord's Supper" and "The Spiritual Life of the Intermediate Scholars." SS 257; good unions.

### CHATTANOOGA

First: Jno. W. Inzer, pastor; Dr. Henry W. Battle on "Burden Bearing" and "Paul Before Agrippa." By letter 3; SS 936.

Tabernacle: T. W. Callaway, pastor; J. B. Milligan on "Resurrection" and Paul Sims on "Two Passovers." SS 482.

Union Fork: A. Robertson, pastor;

"Perilous Times" and "No Escape." SS 20. Good day.

Daisy: J. A. Maples, pastor; "Accepting Opportunity to Shun Duty" and "Christ Taking our Load of Sin." SS 98.

Cloud Springs: J. A. Hudlow, pastor; Romans 12: 16 and "Our Young Ladies." SS 62. We are planning to teach the Sunday School Manual here.

Oak Grove: J. N. Monroe, pastor; "Deeds That Never Die" 2 Cor. 11: 33 and "The Never Changing Christ" Heb. 13: 8. SS 146; BYPU 40.

N. Chatta.: Wm. S. Keese, pastor; Dr. P. E. Burroughs on "Building God's House" and pastor on "Helping or Hindering." Baptized 10; SS 186. A conference in the afternoon made the building seem possible.

Clifton Hills Tab.: W. R. Hamie, pastor; "A New Creature" and "Gathering Home." Baptized 3; SS 354.

Alton Park: T. J. Smith, pastor; "Fight the Good Fight of Faith" and "I Have Fought a Good Fight." By letter 2; SS 181; BYPU good.

Central: W. L. Pickard, pastor; "Salvation from Sin" and "Saved from and To." For baptism 2; SS 318; BYPU's well attended. Special meeting in progress.

Chickamauga, Ga.: Geo. W. McClure, pastor; "Magnifying Jesus" and "Luke." SS 104; BYPU 69. Rain.

Highland Park: J. B. Phillips, pastor; "Why Every Christian Should Observe the Lord's Supper," and "What About Man, Did God Make Him or Did He Evolve from a Protoplasm?" Baptized 5; SS 500. Four additions to the church.

Shoal Creek: A. G. Frost, pastor; "The Kingdom of Heaven." SS 16.

Woodland Park: E. G. Epperson, pastor; "The Gospel" and "Confessing Christ." By letter 3; for baptism 1; SS 152; BYPU good. One man reclaimed.

Avondale: T. G. Davis, pastor; "What Is Expected of Christians and Why?" and "Modern Amusements and Their Perils." By letter 2; SS 313.

E. Chatta.: J. N. Bull, pastor; "Fishing for Men" and "Lost." By letter 1; for baptism 33; baptized 20; SS 416. We are in a great revival, more than fifty professions the first week. The pastor is doing the preaching.

St. Elmo: U. S. Thomas, pastor; Mel. G. Leamon on "Where Art Thou?" and "God's Blockades of the Road to Hell." Baptized 44; SS 315. Revival closed with 105 additions.

Bell Ave.: H. M. Linkous, pastor; "The Unspeakable Gift." By letter 1; SS 112; BYPU 32.

East Lake: W. C. Tallant, pastor; "All Together and all Things Common" and "Rose of Sharon and Lily of the Valley." BYPU 97. Revival begins Sunday 12, pastor preaching, Evangelist Harry Elliott singing.

Ridgedale: W. E. Davis, pastor; "Are the Young Folks Safe?" and "Set Thy House in Order." By letter 1; SS 243; BYPU good. All services good. Good crowds, etc.

### MISCELLANEOUS

Lenoir City, First: W. C. Creasman, pastor. "The Christian's Business," and "Digging Ditches." 305 in SS, 76 in BYPU's. Good attendance for rainy day. Big crowd at night. Revival begins next Sunday, with the pastor doing the preaching. Paul W. Whitaker will be in charge of the music.

Goodlettsville: H. F. Burns, pastor. "I Have Finished the Work Thou Gavest Me to Do," and "They Were All Filled With the Holy Ghost."

Rogersville: Brother Leonard Kyle of Clovis, New Mexico, preached in the morning on "The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit," and "Man, the Direct and Greatest Creation of God." Very fine sermons. Bro. Kyle is here visiting his aged parents. The pastor of the Rogersville Church wishes some good field back here would extend a call to this worthy man. He has done a great work in the west, but would be willing to return to be near his parents who are now past 80.

McMinnville: F. M. Dowell, pastor. "Christ Our Refuge," and "The Compassion of Christ." 203 in SS, 70 in

**BYPU.** Good day and fine interest. Begin revival next Sunday, Rev. J. Allen Smith, Knoxville doing preaching, Charlie Brooks leading music.

Maryville, First: J. R. Johnson, pastor. Rev. Jones preached at both services. 525 in SS, 3 BYPU's.

Etowah, First: A. F. Mahan, pastor. This was Carson-Newman Day in our church. We had Dr. Sams and three of the students, Lake Roberson, Tom Taylor and Miss Lolita Hannah as speakers. We had a great day. 634 in SS, 6 additions to the church, 5 by letter and 1 for baptism.

West Jackson: R. E. Guy, pastor. "God's Door Keeper," and "The Cost of Our Redemption." 623 in SS, BYPU's well attended, prayermeeting good.

Decherd, First: A. L. Bates, pastor. "A Whole Life for Christ," and "God' Withdrawing His Spirit From Man." 6 professions, 2 additions. Meeting will run until Wednesday. Good SS, and two good BYPU's. Good crowd at night.

Paris, First: T. H. Buchanan, pastor. "Supreme Mission." 398 in SS, 100 in prayer meeting, 75 in BYPU. Good crowd.

Rockwood, First: L. W. Clark, pastor. "The Unchanging Christ," and "The Choice of a Nation." 407 in SS, 86 in Sr., 58 in Int., and 62 in Jr. BYPU, 2 baptized, 2 by letter.

Dresden: T. N. Hale, pastor. Rev. M. E. Woolridge of Hazel, Ky. preached in morning, pastor at night on "Peter at Pentecost." 150 in SS. Great crowds at each service, 2 good BYPU's.

Cleveland, First: C. F. Clark, pastor. Rev. T. F. Calloway, evangelist on "The Power of Love," and "Thou Art the Man." 345 in SS, 1 by letter, 19 for baptism. Revival continues one week.

Oneida, First Jno. T. Jenkins, pastor. Mr. W. D. Hudgins spoke at the morning service to a fair crowd. His message was to the point and accepted by all as the very message needed. One profession of faith as result. Three ten minute addresses by home men. A great revival. Evening "The Significance of the Lord's Supper." The ordinance was observed. 2 by letter, 2 for baptism, 1 profession, making a total of 7 since the last report. 252 in SS, excellent BYPU program. Good Jr. union just organized.

Spring City: L. O. Dake, pastor. "A Challenge to the Task," Matt. 28: 19, 20, and "Walking With God." Gen. 5: 24. A real good interest, work gradually growing.

Calvary: J. H. O. Clevenger, pastor. "Gratitude and Courage," and "This World Not the Christians Resting Place." 337 in SS, 100 in BYPU. 4 by letter, 1 conversion, 51 baptisms. Great congregation in the rain.

Summerville, Ga.: Evangelist R. D. Cecil supplied. Preached on "More than Conquerors," and "Where Art Thou." Good congregations. 35 in SS, BYPU well attended.

Oakdale: L. A. Hurst, pastor. "An Ideal Christ," and "The Kind of People Who Go to Hell." Forty-four of our young people attend the BYPU Federation at Trenton St., Harri-man. Our work is growing. 162 in SS.

Kingston: D. W. Lindsay, pastor. "Pentecostal Times," and "The Awakening Hour of Conscience." 167 in SS, 65 in BYPU.

Ocoee: R. A. Thomas, pastor. "Is It Easy to Live a Christian Life?" and "God's Invitation." 65 in SS. Very good day, 2 forward for prayer.

During the five years Dr. William Russell Owen has been pastor of the First church, Macon, Ga., 1,080 new members have been received, six preachers ordained and \$287,000 of which \$171,000 was for benevolence.

Rev. W. A. Gaugh, formerly a Tennessee pastor, has accepted the care of the church at Estill, S. C., and will also serve Scotia churches nearby two Sunday afternoons in each month. His Tennessee friends will read with interest of his movements.

After having been pastor of Calvary church, Memphis, Tenn., for a few weeks during which he conducted a helpful revival, Rev. J. P. Harrington has resigned and will return, it is said, to Mississippi, to re-enter a pastorate. The Calvary church will take steps at once to select his successor.

The First church, Corpus Christi, Texas, has secured as pastor, Rev. M. E. Weaver of Weatherford, Texas, and he is on the field.

That was a great meeting which recently closed at Newport, Ky., in which Rev. Arthur Fox of Mayfield, Ky., did the preaching. There were 186 additions, most of them by baptism.

Dr. John R. Sampey of Louisville, Ky., wires: "Operation on Dr. Mullins successful. Complete recovery expected." This hopeful announcement will bring unspeakable joy to the many Tennessee friends of the great president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. E. Y. Mullins.

The First church, De Leon, Texas, secured recently as pastor, Rev. J. N. Campbell, and is happy over the good fortune of getting him.

"Glad Tidings" is the caption of the church bulletin issued by Rev. T. W. Gayer of the First church, Pineville, La. We gratefully acknowledge the receipt of a copy. There are additions to the church practically every Sunday.

J. E. McCain, aged 92, was baptized last Sunday by Dr. J. Frank Norris into the fellowship of the First church, Fort Worth, Texas. Some suggest that he is possibly the oldest man who was ever baptized.

At last account, 40 members had been added to Prescott Memorial church, Normal, Tenn., under the evangelistic preaching of the pastor, Rev. J. H. Oakley, who has been conducting a revival for eight days.

Paris Commandery No. 16, Knights Templar Masons of Paris, Tenn., will attend in uniform an Easter service in McKenzie, Tenn., on April 12. Rev. Martin Ball of Paris, Tenn., will deliver the sermon of the occasion.

The church at Trezevant, Tenn., is to have a Bible Institute arranged by the astute pastor, Rev. W. C. Skinner. His honored father, Rev. J. E. Skinner of Martin, Tenn., will preach each night during the week of the meeting, which began last Sunday.

Gov. Tom Terral of Little Rock, Ark., a Baptist and member of the Second church, Little Rock, has vetoed the bill recently passed by the legislature to legalize Sunday baseball. Thank God for Tom Terral! O, for more like him in moral courage!

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**AMONG THE BRETHREN**

Fleetwood Hall, Lexington

The church at Leesburg, Ga., loses its pastor, Rev. J. H. Wyatt, who has resigned to accept a call to Clayton, Ala. The Georgians greatly regret to have him leave the state.

A revival is in progress at Royal Street church, Jackson, Tenn., of which Rev. G. G. Joyner is pastor, in which Rev. Walter E. Edwards of Beggs, Okla., a former pastor, is doing the preaching. Already there is evidence of a mighty awakening among the people. Unusual crowds are in attendance, waiting on Bro. Edwards' ministry.

Rev. C. S. Wales, a Tennessee product, has resigned the care of the church at Dawson, Ky., to do the work of an evangelist, for which he has striking qualifications.

The church at Foreman, Ark., where Rev. Lemuel Hall is pastor, lately held a meeting. Evangelist W. G. Winans doing the preaching. There were 196 conversions, 85 being baptized at one time. It was the second meeting Bro. Winans had held in Foreman.

Union church near Chesterfield, Tenn., the mother church of Beech River Association, observed missionary day last Sunday in the Sunday school and church, realizing a liberal contribution for the spread of the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Rev. W. Rufus Beckett has resigned the care of the First church, Amory, Miss., to accept a call to the Third church, Nashville, Tenn., returning to Tennessee, where he labored successfully before going to Mississippi. It is a joy to his host of friends in the state to have him return.

A most remarkable revival recently closed at La Follette, Tenn., in which the pastor, Rev. D. B. Bowers, was assisted by Rev. T. C. Crume of Jellico, Tenn. Ole Newman led the music. There were 222 additions, the pastor's salary raised and a campaign launched to build a new house to cost \$75,000.

Union University, Jackson, is to have a rich treat on commencement Sunday, May 24. Dr. J. L. Dance of Fifth Avenue church, Knoxville, will deliver the commencement sermon and Dr. Ryland Knight of Nashville the baccalaureate address. The school honors itself in honoring these distinguished servants of the Lord.

The membership of Central church, Memphis, Tenn., has been divided into groups and districts following plans for a new form of church organization, which has been perfected by Rev. Willis C. Furr, the associate pastor. The entire city will be divided into districts and a captain appointed for each district. It will be the duty of each captain to look after members, to see prospects, to discover talent for church work and to promote general fellowship among members of the group.

Dr. Roger L. Clark of the First church, Quitman, Ga., had the extreme pleasure recently of baptizing his own wife who had some years ago been received into a Baptist church on her Campbellite baptism, but decided she had never received scriptural baptism. Her husband has felt for eight years that this was an obstacle in his ministry and is now happy. Dr. Clark was formerly pastor at Humboldt, Tenn.

On a recent Sunday at the dedication of the new \$200,000 Travis Avenue church, Fort Worth, Texas, Dr. L. R. Scarborough of the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, delivered the sermon from the text, Matt. 16: 18. Dr. J. Frank Norris of the First church, Fort Worth, sat on the platform. At the conclusion of the service, Drs. Scarborough and Norris clasped hands across the pulpit with their faces wreathed in smiles and their eyes glistening with tears as they talked. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard."

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**TRUNK BAPTISTS  
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WHY PUT MY LETTER IN THE  
CHURCH THAT IS IN THE  
COMMUNITY WHERE  
I LIVE?**

By A. M. Wood, Covington, Ky.

**Foreword**

First of all the title to this article—"Why put my letter in the church that is in the community where I live?"—refers to churches of the same Faith and Order. It is astonishing the number of Baptists who have their church membership miles and miles away—and at the same time they are living within a stone's throw or under the eaves of a Baptist church. To these this article is written, trusting that the Lord will bless and use it that some at least may be led to see the error of their way and do their duty.

**Five of the Most Popular Excuses**

First. Many put up the excuse, saying the church near where they are living does not need them, it is a strong church while that one back home is weak.

Second. Others put up the excuse, that all or some of the folks at home are members of the old home church and I do not want to be separated from them.

Third. Others say the church in their community is too stylish, they are not sociable, and besides the church is so cold.

Fourth. Some say, some loved ones are buried in the old church cemetery and I just can't leave it.

Fifth. Still others say, the church in their community is so weak, not doing anything and I don't want to belong to a dead church.

I am sure that every preacher has had one or more or all of these flimsy excuses given in reply to their invitation to unite with the church by letter, in the face of the fact that they all acknowledge it would be the right thing for them to do. Multitudes make excuses.

**The Excuses Examined**

Let us examine these excuses in the light of reason, common sense and "Thus sayeth the Lord."

First. The church is strong and does not need me, the one back home is weak. What if the church is strong and can get along without you. Any church can get along without any one person, if it cannot it would not stand long, and you can if you will make it stronger, you need not be afraid it will get too strong. On the other hand you need the church, you need the influence it will have on your life. A church miles from you does not or cannot be to you what the one near to you would be. You say you can do so little. That is what the fellow said that had One Talent. Remember him?

Second. The folks at home belong to the old church, and you do not want to be separated. Well, you are separated, possibly you go home once or twice a year, some of you have not been back for ten years or more and when you do go back off time you do not go to church but even keep others from going. The Apostle says in Hebrews, 10th chapter and the 24th and 25 verses, "Let us consider one another, to provoke unto love and good works not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together."

Third. Too much style, the church is not sociable, it is cold. What is style, and what has style got to do with you doing your duty? You do not have to put on style unless you want to, and perhaps you are putting on all you are able to finance, why not go and set the proper example. Again, is it not a fact that you mix and mingle with them socially more or less every week?

If you can associate with them socially, why not religiously. I have been associated with many churches, but I have never found one yet that any one would be justified in withholding their membership because of style. You say they are not sociable, perhaps you are not; in fact one proof that you are not is that you do not become a member and manifest to them that you are.

As long as you stay out they nat-

urally come to the conclusion that you do not want anything to do with them. You say the church is cold. Is it going to get any warmer by you withholding your membership and throwing cold water on the church? If you are warm come on the inside and distribute some of the heat and warm things up. I assure you they will not object. I expect you are the one that is cold and need warming up, I know you are or you would not permit the devil to keep you from doing your duty.

Fourth. Some loved ones are buried in the old cemetery. Now, dear friend, we appreciate your position, and we know that there is a tie that is hard to break. But pray tell me how you doing your known duty will break that tie. I have a father, mother and a sister whose bodies are buried many miles from me, "Mark you, it is only their earthly bodies, they are not there," and every time I think of them, truly it gives me the desire to be more faithful to Jesus and his blood bought church. Remember, you say yourself you ought to do it. Remember also God's word

it. Read Jeremiah, 3rd chapter and 14th and 15th verses; Hosea, 14th chapter, 4th verse. Make David's prayer in the 51st Psalm, your prayer.

Third. Covetousness. You may think you are saving money. You claim you help the church back home. Now be honest, have you sent ten dollars back there in ten years? You do not want to join where you think it will perhaps cost you something.

Remember "covetousness is idolatry." And "no idolator shall enter the kingdom of God," so says the Lord.

Fourth. Have no letter. I have found at least fifty per cent that do not unite by letter is because when you sound it down, they have no letter, and give something else as an excuse. If you have no letter and you are ashamed of it, and you ought to be, thank God if you are, that is a good sign, do not lie about it, be honest at least, acknowledge your wrong, be restored and get a letter or if conditions demand it unite with the church by relation.

HE THAT TRUSTETH IN HIS OWN HEART IS A FOOL.—Prov. 28: 26.

BE CAREFUL FOR NOTHING; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Philippians 4: 6, 7.

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD GOD is upon me; because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.—Isaiah 61: 1.

To learn to do without cheerfully is not self-denial, but a grace. Plain living is not only more wholesome, but the more enjoyable when practiced for virtue's sake. The rewards of self-denial are many, the capacity for enjoyment when good comes is greater.—St. Louis Advocate.

The need of the hour, racially, cosmically, is a man; a man with ideals high enough, power great enough, understanding keen enough, and love patient enough to bring order out of confusion, purity in place of passion, conviction instead of compromise—God's way of things instead of man's tangle of things.—Gordon's Quiet Talks about Simple Essentials.

If the heart were full of God, the tongue could not refrain to talk of him; the rareness of Christian communication argues the common poverty of grace. I will think of thee always, O Lord! So it shall be my joy to speak of thee often; and if I find not opportunity I will make it.—Bishop Hall.



Husband—"It is a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives."  
Wife—"Oh, you flatterer!"

Professor (looking at watch)—"As we have a few minutes left I should like to have any one ask a question, if so disposed."

Student—"What time is it please?"

"Stalker, you remember you told me you had hunted tigers in West Africa? Well, Captain Smith tells me there are no tigers there."  
"That's right, that's right," said Stalker, blandly, "I killed them all."

"Do you keep fountain pens?" the timid-looking man inquired.  
"No," she snapped, "we sell them."  
"Anyway," he said as he strolled toward the door, "you'll keep the one you were going to sell me. Good morning."

Bessie had a new dime to invest in an ice cream soda.

"Why don't you give your dime to missions?" said the minister who was calling.

"I thought about that," said Bessie, "but I think I'll buy the ice-cream soda and let the druggist give it to missions."

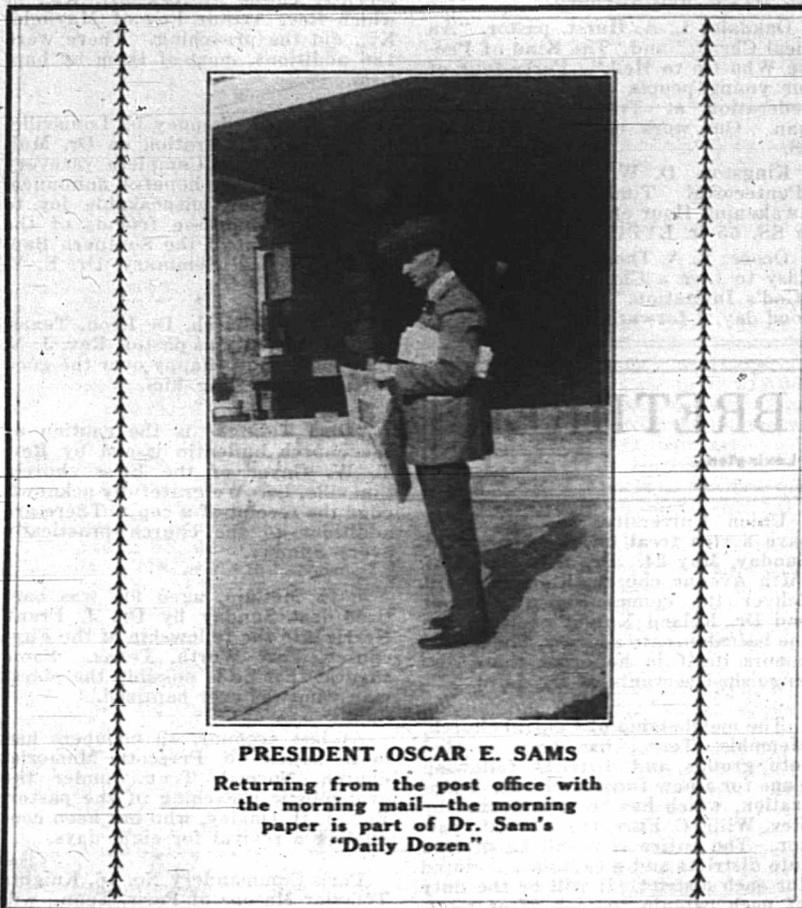
**Patches**

An old Negro was brought into a police station charged with vagrancy. "Law, mistah, I ain't no vagrant! I's a hahd-wukkin, religious man. Look at dose!" And he pointed proudly to the large patches ornamenting the knees of his trousers. "I got dem f'om prayin'!"

"How about the patches on the seat of your breeches?" asked a policeman.

The negro looked sheepish for a moment, then:

"I reckon Ah must have got dose backslidin'," he said.



**PRESIDENT OSCAR E. SAMS**  
Returning from the post office with the morning mail—the morning paper is part of Dr. Sam's "Daily Dozen"

says, "He that knoweth to do good and doeth it not to him it is sin."

Fifth. The church is weak, not doing anything and I don't want to belong to a dead church. I cannot conceive of any one being a child of God, and living in a community where there is a weak, struggling church and they withholding their full co-operation. You may be of little help, you are less where you are. The sea shores are made of little grains of sand, the ocean of little drops of water. To be honest with your God, are not these just ungodly excuses that keep you from doing your duty? Are not one or more of the four following reasons why you do not do your duty?

**Four of the Leading Reasons**

First. You may not be converted. The apostle says: "Ye are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works before ordained of God that we should walk in them."

Jesus says: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I command you." "If you love me ye will keep my commandments."

Second. You may be converted and have lost the joys of salvation, a backslider, if you are you know

**Why You Should**

The church needs you. She needs your prayers. She needs your presence. She needs your influence. She needs your finances. She needs your talents.

These things you cannot give and you will not give unless you are a member, you will not realize the responsibility unless you are part and parcel of that church.

You need the church. You need the church more than the church needs you. The church helps us to be better men and women.

Jesus would have never called out the church if we had not have needed it. You need the church. It is one of the ways to confess him before men. You need the church to help you carry out the great commission. As long as you withhold your membership from the church in the community where you live you are a covenant breaker. You are disobedient to Jesus who bought you with his own blood. Hebrews 12: 1.

To keep out vain thoughts, it is wise and prudent to have the mind stored with choice subjects for meditation.