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## Making a Great Baptist Weekly

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Our editors are frantic because of the meager circulation of our Baptist weeklies. They have reason to be alarmed. But I hasten to exonerate them of the major responsibility for this condition. Many factors enter into the difficulty. It is my purpose to discuss some of these, and then to offer some suggestions that, if taken seriously, will do much to solve the problem.

We need, first of all, to realize that the problem is ours. It is one that challenges the interest and sympathy of every lover of our Lord. We must realize that we have no other agency that is so potent for good as the press. Once we come to realize this, we have done much toward the solution of our problem. A reading people are just as strong, virtuous and forceful as the literature they read. We need, then, to make our weeklies mighty heralds of the cross—mighty in their message and its presentation and its appeal. This is a denominational responsibility of the highest order.

The editor of a denominationally owned paper is the agent of the denomination as really as any other employee is. And his task is the most important one the denomination has to discharge. The success of every other denominational employee—secretary, college president, district missionary, evangelist, etc.—as well as the success of all our institutions is largely determined by the influence of the paper he publishes. I dare say no sane man will deny this statement.

In many instances the editor of the denominationally owned paper is required to "make brick without straw." Of no employee does our organized work require so much as it does of its editor. He is often given meager facilities, painfully limited financially, and in return he receives very little helpful sympathy. Many of them have to contend with insuperable odds from the very beginning; and when they fail to produce a captivating journal, they are the victims of cold indifference and bitter criticism at the hands of the very brethren who are responsible for the condition that made their failure inevitable. The men who make a condition are responsible for its results.

"John Doe, D.D., LL.D., Editor and Business Manager." He is to write editorials and edit matter to fill sixteen pages each week, year after year, besides looking after the circulation and all other purely business details. He is charged with the task of reaching hundreds of thousands of people of every possible type, so as to prepare the way for secretaries, orphanage representatives, and others to reap abundantly. Look at that task! Who is equal to it?

No sane man will undertake it except in response to a sense of sacrificial duty. To do it is to respond to a necessity.

To have a great denominational weekly the denomination must support it. But the denomination supports nothing except representatively. Our pastors are our God-given leaders, and on them the responsibility for the paper rests most heavily. To have a great paper without the support of the pastors is unthinkable.

Pastors should bestir themselves to send all valuable news to the editor, clearly and concisely written, and subject to his editorial scrutiny. Some wise pastors have reporters.

Pastors and others who are capable of doing so (and all educated men can do it) should contribute much of their best thinking for the editor's use

gratuitously. Unless this is done the paper will be deficient, for the editor seldom has any money with which to buy manuscripts. The possibility of doing good is a rich reward that the contributor should covet.

Pastors should personally solicit subscriptions for the paper. Why not? The paper, when properly used, is certainly our most valuable agency for kingdom building. No other man is so well quali-

fied to do this work as the pastor. If he does not do it, he fails at a most important point.

Both pastors and laymen are duty bound to read and commend the paper. This will make a point of contact between the people and the paper. The preacher can quote from the paper so as to attract attention to it and increase circulation and influence accordingly.

When we really want great religious weeklies, we can have them. Let pastors, deacons, and others who feel the need of great denominational papers assume their just share of the responsibility and the problem is solved, and our work will prosper as it never can prosper until that is done.

## Some Impressions of Our Foreign Mission Work

AS SEEN BY A VISITOR

### II. ROUMANIA AND ITALY

W. C. Boone, Pastor First Baptist Church, Owensboro, Ky.

Roumania is so far away, and is visited by so few Americans, that it is difficult for us to understand the real situation there. Missionary Dan T. Hurley in Bucharest told me that we were the first unofficial Baptist visitors ever to come there. It

was a real pleasure to visit these workers in that faraway, obscure corner of the world.

Yet Roumania is really a great country. The wheat fields of the Danube valley are as fine as any I have ever seen in our country. Then there is oil in abundance and other great natural resources.

Bucharest is a wonderful city of nearly a million souls, with splendid streets and public buildings and many fine homes. The people, however, are sadly lacking in some of the common traits of everyday morality. Little shops no bigger than a room in our houses have a cashier, to keep watch on the one clerk who is employed there. Five men are required to do the work done by one in a bank here—to watch each other! Drinking and gambling and other vices are common. The rich landlords keep the peasants and the poor in utter ignorance and poverty. The lot of these lower classes is pitiable in the extreme. To add to all these native shortcomings, or maybe to account for them, is the influence of the state church, the Orthodox Eastern Catholic. Their priests are a power in politics and they constantly stir up the people to persecute the evangelicals.

We have heard of the persecution of our Baptist brethren, and in Bucharest we got the news at first hand. Baptists have been refused burial permits, have had their children thrown out of the schools, and many have been beaten and imprisoned for no other crime than that of being Baptists! Our own American missionary was ordered to leave the country in ten days, but through the influence of the splendid American consul-general, Mr. Palmer, who happens to be a Baptist, succeeded in having the order suspended. But there are many irksome restrictions placed on the work, and the Baptists live in constant suspense, both as to the future of the work and as to their own lives and safety.

We have, however, more than 30,000 Baptists in Roumania, and they are a loyal group of believers. In spite of the hardships and difficulties, they had about 3,000 baptisms the year before our visit, and they were filled with joy and thanksgiving to God. In Bucharest we have four churches, one German, one Hungarian, one Russian and one Roumanian. Two of these congregations worship at different times in a rented hall and the two in the Seminary building. The Seminary is a fine modern building, which is a monument to the wise management of our missionaries, especially Dr. Everett Gill, our European superintendent. The cost of the Seminary was met very largely by

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### HELP FLORIDA BRETHREN

We wish to render some aid to the sufferers in the storm area of Florida. Many of our Baptist churches lost their buildings, which were complete wrecks, and all their equipment is gone. Read this telegram:

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MIAMI BAPTIST PASTORS IN CONFERENCE PRAYERFULLY ASK SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ASSISTANCE IN REBUILDING HOUSES OF WORSHIP STOP TWENTY ONE CHURCHES IN STORM AREA SUFFERED MORE OR LESS SEVERELY WHILE MANY ARE COMPLETE WRECKS STOP CONTRIBUTIONS FORWARDED TO BAPTIST MISSION HEADQUARTERS JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA C M BRITAIN TREASURER WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGED. PLEASE PRINT.

C. M. BRITAIN SECRETARY.

The Baptist and Reflector, out of sympathy for these brethren is starting the movement to aid these churches by giving \$10.00. We want all who send aid to send it through our office. If you have sympathy for these brethren and wish to express it by a gift, send the money to Baptist and Reflector, 161 Eighth Ave., N., Nashville, marked Florida Relief, and we will make remittances to Secretary Brittain. The daily papers have helped care for the physical needs; help the Baptist and Reflector care for the spiritual needs of our Baptist brethren. Let your state get credit for your service.

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## EDITORIAL

Inactivity fosters stagnation.

Bold, fearless preaching always alarms the devil.

"An idle brain is the devil's workshop"—even if it is in a preacher's head.

"Haste makes waste" but you'll have a hard time making our "speed fiends" believe it.

Autumn has delayed her coming which is no guarantee that the sun is growing hotter.

"Beauty is only skin deep" is an out-of-date adage. Now it must read, "only paint deep."

"The 'wasp waist' is coming back."—Headline in daily paper. Well, it can't make the tongue's sting any worse.

It is still true that the church member who buys moonshine from a bootlegger is more contemptible than his criminal salesman is.

How can we expect our children to sit quietly at church during an hour's service when we never keep them quietly at home that long?

Baptists will never receive the recognition which they deserve as a great moral force until they learn to work together.

True manhood, the greatest creation from the Almighty's hand, will ever bow in deep admiration and reverence before a sweet modest woman.

When Christ Jesus calls us to be fishers of men, he expects us to have that wherewith men are caught and whereby they are drawn from the depths of sin.

The fellow who scoffs at the story of Noah needs to go down in the canebrakes and learn a little from the wild beasts that have sense enough to go to the hills before an overflow is due.

We heard a preacher complaining about having to tip everybody around the hotels in order to get service but we remembered later that he himself did not refuse tips from bridegrooms, and he just grinned.

A beautifully composed sermon that is not shot through with the pulsing entreaty of the voice of a man who yearns for the salvation of the lost and complete sanctification of the saved is like a perfume bottle into which the fragrance of the flowers has never gone.

"The man worth while, is the man who can smile when everything goes dead wrong" is pretty poetry but poor philosophy. We should say: "The man most fit is the man who won't quit when everything goes dead wrong."

Practically every device of sin known to the modern world had its origin in a religious service. Cards, the dance, the theater, etc. But the devil made his greatest "scoop" when he got possession of the moving pictures.

It has always seemed strange to us that when a Baptist is honored by being placed at the head of a great institution or agency of the denomination, he should at once cease to be a kingdom statesman and begin to seek favors for the agency he directs.

Modern dietitians are urging people to get back to plain nature-foods. Wonder if we preachers do not need to learn from them a lesson in spiritual dietetics? Church members have spiritual dyspepsia because they are not getting enough of the plain, unpolished Gospel food.

"Make it snappy" said a little girl the other evening to her grandfather when he asked her to wait until after worship before retiring. She has already caught the spirit of the age. We wonder why more people do not remember that they have to die! Surely our periods of meditation and worship would make death less fearful.

Can you strike a match without making fire? Sure! Tap it gently with your finger. Herein lies a parable. The Gospel is the match. The preacher holds it. If he uses it softly, gently, "by inference," etc., he will never strike a blaze. But if he thrusts it boldly, fearlessly, and directly against the hard surfaces of sinful human nature, it will never fail to create a blaze. It may be only a flame of anger but he can thank God he has done something. Thousands of sinners can testify that the preached Gospel made them mad before it led to their conversion.

In order for a lead pencil to be serviceable, it must have a "lead" that is soft without being brittle. In order for a Christian to be worth anything in Kingdom affairs, he must be tender without being plastic. A writer cannot use a pencil that "pops" every time it is pressed; neither can God use a Christian who "slides" every time he is put to work.

"When it has grown bold through its success, mechanistic psychology comes out with an avowed pragmatism which denies the existence of any unchangeable and eternal standards of truth."—Dr. Squires in Psychological Foundations of Religious Education. Just so, for if our standards are the result of processes of evolution, how could we expect them to remain steadfast. If truth is made by man and not discovered, how can we ever know that anything is truth? In plain words, when a man becomes obsessed with the idea of mechanistic psychology, he discards the eternal constitution of God's moral universe, the Ten Commandments, and thrusts aside every law by which they are to be enforced.

### OUR ORPHANS' FRIEND

In the death of Dr. James M. King, which occurred last week in New York City, the Baptist Orphans' Home lost a real friend and benefactor. For a number of years he was the chief advisor and help in all cases of skin diseases among the children and gave many hours of his valuable time to the care of our little ones. Yet for all his splendid services, he never asked a cent of remuneration. During the epidemic of pellagra which struck the home about 18 years ago, he served faithfully until the disease was stopped and the victims cured. Supt. Stuart says that he was never too busy to look after the children and would not receive pay for services even when in x-ray and other treatments they cost him heavily.

### A FOOL SUGGESTION

From Bamberg, S. C., comes the suggestion that four million bales of cotton be burned. The idea is absurd and utterly foolish. It cost the farmers about \$160,000,000 to produce the 4,000,000 bales. It would be almost as foolish to burn \$160,000,000 of greenbacks. If the foolish men who made the suggestion had thought once, they would have seen that farmers have been bunced long enough. All they need to do is grow less cotton next year, keep the over crop of this year and have less work to do.

### A SPLENDID SET OF BOOKS

Our people have been clamoring for books that are not so high and we are indeed glad that we can tell them of a set of books just from the printers and that retails at a price within the reach of anyone who may desire them. This is the set of books advertised by our Sunday School Board as "The Baptist Home Library." It contains five volumes of about 275 pages each, neatly and durably bound in attractive cloth and packed in a pasteboard box. The set retails for \$2.95.

There is nothing cheap or shoddy about these books. They have the appearance of other books that sell for \$1.50 and best of all, they contain material which every Baptist home should have in its library. There is a volume of stories for little folks in which are some of the best that have been selected during the last two years for our children's magazines. There is a volume of Dr. Scarborough's sermons that will be appreciated. Another volume tells of the adventures of Solomon Ginsburg, one of the most unique missionaries since the days of the apostles. "Mabel Clement" is an interesting story in which the doctrines of the Baptists are set forth in a charming manner. The fifth volume contains two books in one. The Baptist Spirit by Dr. VanNess and Fundamentals of our Faith by Dr. Nowlin.

Our preachers who feel that they cannot have many books will do well to get this set as it contains much that will enable them to understand our Baptist position and to set it forth through their sermons in an attractive way. Fathers and mothers should see that their children have the set. Sunday schools should place it in their libraries. It will make a splendid Christmas gift.

### LOVERS OF PLEASURE! CAN WE DENY IT?

During one of our associations this summer, the editor, out of curiosity, strolled about the grounds of the meeting place and made a list of the automobiles parked there. In all, there were 230 cars ranging in price from an 1800 dollar car down to the Ford roadster. The total purchase price of those cars including the various accessories amounted to about \$92,000. Since only about four families from each church were represented in the gathering, a conservative estimate would place the cost of cars owned by the members of the churches of the association at five times this figure or nearly half a million dollars.

We were led by these startling figures to make some further calculations. A conservative estimate for the use of the cars per year is 3,000 miles each at a cost of six cents per mile per car, this mileage cost including oil, gas, tires, wear on machine, garage bills, insurance, etc. Our figure is four cents below the estimated maximum cost. Upon this basis it costs the owners of the cars at the association \$41,400 to operate them a year and all the Baptists of the association \$207,000!

Now, when we examined the statistics from the church letters we found that Baptists in that association spend twice as much per year in order to own and operate autos as they have invested in church property in a century and nearly 60 times as much as they gave for all missions and benevolences during the past year. They spend more than five times as much on their autos alone as they gave in an entire year for every phase of the Master's work.

This is not an unusual case. It is a rural association. More than 100 of the cars were Fords. Were we to go to some of our larger urban associations we should perhaps have to multiply the

figures for auto pleasure by at least ten, if not more. To be sure the proportion of expenditures to gifts to Christ's work would not be so radical but the figures would be no less startling.

We give these cold, hard facts not to cast any reflections but to make our people know that they are shamefully mistreating their blessed Lord and utterly misrepresenting the facts when they claim to be doing their best.

It is estimated that there is one automobile in the United States for every six persons. Perhaps among Baptists of Tennessee it will be more accurate to claim one for every ten. At that rate we own 26,000. If the average value is \$750 per car, we have invested in automobiles about \$20,000,000 and it costs us \$4,680,000 per year to drive them primarily for pleasure.

Can you grasp the significance of the figures! Fourteen times as much as Tennessee Baptists are putting this year into the Unified Program of their Lord! 50 per cent more than they are giving to the whole Kingdom enterprise of their Christ!

Lovers of Pleasure! Can we deny it?

#### FLORIDA AND THE STORM

We are in receipt of a communication from Dr. W. D. Nowlin of Arcadia, Fla., which we are giving to our readers in full. In a note to the editor, he says: "Dear John D.: You will kindly give space to the enclosed. I am O. K. and my work is flourishing. Florida is prospering and so are the Baptists of Florida. With very best wishes, I am, etc."

And enclosed, we found the following under the caption used at the head of this editorial: "The following article by Richard H. Edmunds, editor of the Manufacturers' Record, is so statesmanlike, so kind, sympathetic, and so unlike the editorial of the editor of the Baptist and Reflector (See issue of Sept. 30, page 3.—Editor) which was so unscientific, so unsound, so unkind and unChrist-like, that I desire the readers of the Baptist and Reflector to see it.

"I wish to say too that the editor of the Baptist and Reflector cannot prove, as he insinuates, that Floridians are sinners above all others; neither can he prove, as he assumes, that the storm was simply a manifestation of the wrath of God against Floridians. The storm has brought forth some shallow thinking, some bad theology and some unwise statements."

Our brother then adds a clipping from some other paper which copied it from the Manufacturers' Record in which Mr. Edmunds expresses his sorrow for the tragedy that Florida suffered and shows how it is possible for the state to come back as other communities have done after similar disasters. The Galveston flood, the Dayton, Ohio, flood, the Baltimore fire, the San Francisco earthquake, and other calamities are mentioned by Mr. Edmunds and he closed with a beautiful wish for the sufferers.

In reply to the statement of our brother whom we have long loved and honored, we have some things to say.

First of all, we must keep in mind that Mr. Edmunds is the editor of a commercial publication and he does not enter into the spiritual significance of great world events. Now and then he writes some masterpieces on moral subjects but he never preaches sermons that will in any way hurt his cause which is the creation of better conditions in the social and economic world. Therefore, the comparison of our editorial with his is unjust and unkind.

The Baptist and Reflector is established for the purpose of advancing the causes of Christ as administered by Baptists. "Speaking the truth in love" is our motto and if we ever told the truth in our life, we did it when we tried to make a comment on the Florida disaster. We could not spare the real estate owners even if some of them are preachers; we could not spare the owners of pleasure resorts; we could not cover up the fact that hundreds of miles of the wonderful beaches are literally lined with the people from all parts of the nation seeking to gratify their carnal desires for excitement. We could not be traitor to our

own people in Tennessee by not warning them against the exorbitant and usurious charges being made in practically every part of the great state. We could not ignore the fact that God does allow disasters to visit his people and that he has threatened even worse disasters unless his people turn to him and renew their vows unto him.

In the second place, Dr. Nowlin did not read our editorial aright. We remember a story we once heard which explains the whole thing. A lad was in school and becoming ill, wrote to his father for money. When the letter came, the father read: "Dear Dad: I'm sick. I need some money. Please send me ten dollars at once."

When he read it, he grew angry and having finished, rose from his seat, threw the letter into the lap of the boy's mother and exclaimed: "Read that! Did you ever hear such impudence?"

The mother read it over to herself and then said: "I don't see anything wrong with it. Let me read it to you." And she read with a mother's understanding heart. When she finished, there were tears in the father's eyes and he sent twenty dollars instead of the ten.

Had Dr. Nowlin not been so sensitive about the Florida situation, he would never have read into our editorial that which caused him to make the above unkind thrust. What did we say?

We pointed out some of the moral conditions in Florida that are bad, were very bad. If Dr. Nowlin will go to Miami and the other towns that were devastated and secure affidavits from Baptist pastors to the effect that anything we say about these conditions is false, we will gladly retract it. We got our information from tourists and from the secular press which had not only told of the wild sprees on the beaches and around the resorts but has carried photos of them and photos do not misrepresent things.

Furthermore, can our brother deny that for a hotel to charge a man fifteen dollars per day for a room is not exorbitant and that for Floridians to have indebtedness in notes and bonds on their real estate and enterprises which all the currency in circulation in the United States would not pay does not indicate "high-handed robbery" of someone?

We nowhere indicated or "insinuated" that "Floridians are sinners above all others." We did say, in answer to this statement which we quoted, "No worse than others," "perhaps not but more of it." And then we went on to state very emphatically that the state was unusually evil and gross in sin not because Floridians are worse than others but because the people from all over the Nation had gone there and forgotten God and his holy commandments. Evidently our brother failed to read the last two paragraphs of our editorial.

We did not declare that the catastrophe (did not assume) that it was a "manifestation of the wrath of God." Our Governor said, "Maybe there was a little retribution in the frightful visitation" and we agreed with him in the statement and sought to defend him from a vicious attack from one who is utterly misunderstood and misrepresented his words as Dr. Nowlin has ours.

We accepted our part of the blame for the moral conditions of some of Florida. Tennessee sent her adventurers into the state along with some of her best people, and so did other states. And many of these adventurers were Christian people who forgot God as soon as they reached the land of sunshine and attractive waters and entered into the pleasures of the days, forgetting their duties and ignoring God's commands. We claim that there was enough in Florida to challenge God. Our Brother Hodge has so well defended the assertion in another article that we shall not duplicate his words. (See issue of October 7, page 5.)

We can agree with Dr. Nowlin in his last statement for of all the "shallow thinking and unwise statements" we have seen, his are the most pronounced.

We call attention to a third thing. In another place in this issue, we have an earnest plea from the Secretary of Missions in Florida. This great Baptist statesman comes with an earnest entreaty to the Baptists of Tennessee for help to replace the church houses of the storm area. Evidently,

he does not think that the Baptists are prospering just now and certainly there is nothing of the unkind spirit in his appeal which our brother has shown in his attack. Brother A. J. Holt has not been backward about letting the facts of the storm be known and so far, we have had no word of unkind criticism from him concerning our editorial.

As to the last statement in our editorial, we cannot see wherein we have offended in making the warning. We lay no claims to being scientific and unless Dr. Nowlin has changed radically since we knew him in Kentucky, he is not much of a scientist if, by science, he means the effort to account for every event by natural causes. If he believes that God does not have the power to destroy Florida, he is not the sane, orthodox Baptist whose books we have read with so much of pleasure and which we have helped to circulate. If he has ceased to believe that God will chastise a part of his people as an example to the whole body, then Florida has changed him since we heard him preach in Kentucky, his masterful sermon that deals with the very idea which we set forth in our warning.

We cannot help but feel that our brother has misread the editorial in question. Certainly we would not be ungenerous. We would not be mean. We would not deride our brethren when they are suffering. But shall we prove untrue to our holy calling and act a false prophet when the world needs some lessons on fearing God and keeping his commandments? Jesus did not hesitate to attribute the fall of Sodom and Gomorrah as well as other natural calamities to the judgment of God. Did we commit a grave offense when we, following in his footsteps, warned ourselves as well as others of the sins of which we are guilty, by calling attention to the disaster in Florida. We believe not.

In fact, our brother has been so severe that we can but seek to answer his charges. And when we remember reports of Dr. Nowlin's real estate ventures, we have to grin as we think about the Irishman who heard a friend telling of a wedding in which a youth of 22 years married an old lady of 70 who happened to have 1,000 acres of fine land. When the friend finished telling of the marriage the Irishman grinned and said, "Well, fur the land's sake!"

#### GOSSIP

(Author Unknown)

Said Mrs. A. to Mrs. J.  
In quite a confidential way,  
"It seems to me that Mrs. B.  
Takes too much something in her tea."

And Mrs. J. to Mrs. K.  
That night was overheard to say—  
She grieved to touch upon it much,  
But Mrs. B. took such and such.

Then Mrs. K. went straight away  
And told a friend that self-same day,  
"Twas sad to think, here came a wink,  
That Mrs. B. was fond of drink.

The friend's disgust was such she must  
Inform the lady whom she nursed,  
That Mrs. B. at half-past three,  
Was that far gone she couldn't see.

This lady we have mentioned, she  
Gave needlework to Mrs. B.,  
And at such news could scarcely choose  
But further needlework refuse.

Then Mrs. B., as you'll agree,  
Quite properly said—said she,  
That she would track the scandal back  
To those who made her look so black.

Through Mrs. K. and Mrs. J.  
She got at last to Mrs. A.,  
And asked her why with cruel lie  
She painted her so deep a dye.

Said Mrs. A., in sore dismay,  
"I no such thing could ever say."  
I said that you had stouter grew  
On too much sugar, and you do."

## RAMBLING WITH THE EDITOR

October 7. Up early and down to the office where work awaited us. After two hours at it, the Board of Directors of the American Baptist Theological Seminary met or rather was to meet but on account of a lack of a quorum, it was necessary to have a meeting of the Executive Committee instead. Several matters of importance were up for consideration, chief of which was the resignation of President Sutton E. Griggs who has been at the head of the seminary for several months but who has never had time to give to the work. Dean Amiger was instructed to go forward with the seminary work until a president can be secured.

We caught the afternoon train for Memphis, changed at Bruceton and at 6:40, were in Paris for our first visit to that beautiful little city with its well-paved streets and its magnificent church houses, among which that of the First Baptist Church stands proudly. Pastor John Buchanan, a friend and schoolmate and one of the finest of God's called men, met us at the train with little "Jean Buck" in his arms. A cozy room and a warm welcome awaited us at the parsonage.

Supper was waiting at the church where the teachers and officers of the Sunday school were in session for their weekly meeting. We went immediately to the table and enjoyed a half hour of fine fellowship. Nowhere on earth can people have a better or more wholesome time than in the house of the Lord gathered about the tables discussing the best plans for the promotion of the Masters' kingdom while they eat. It makes us think of those happy days in apostolic churches before some of the ungodly members began to use the table as a place for excesses. After supper was ended we had the pleasure of speaking to a fine group of workers using Romans 12:1 for a subject-text, and speaking on the "Reasonable Service." Dr. Savage's splendid article has just come to the desk and we are happy to know that our interpretation of the text coincides with his.

We wish our people could see the building of the First Church at Paris and meet some of the people who made it possible. One splendid layman laid on the altar one-third of all he possessed in order to help build and dedicate free of debt, the structure. Others did nobly by the work and the house stands today free of debt, large enough and beautiful enough to be a source of pride and joy to the church for an entire generation. Some of the departments and classes have decorated their rooms and made them very attractive. A splendid organ and a number of pianos are at work. The parsonage next door is a splendid two-story brick building with brick garage in which is a car bought and maintained by the church. And in the parsonage lives Pastor Buchanan with Mrs. Buchanan, daughter of a great Mississippian and splendid helper of her husband. Two girls complete the family.

October 8. Early Friday morning, we were out and ready for the second day of Western District Association which was meeting with New Hope Church four miles out in the country. This was the 104th session of this body. The opening devotion was conducted by W. M. Gamblin and the annual sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Powers who used Gen. 19:17 as a text. Officers elected for the ensuing year were: Moderator, H. Frank Robbin; Asst. Mod., J. H. Buchanan; Clerk, Martin Ball, patriarch of the association; Treasurer, C. C. Miller, one of the finest laymen in the world. Brother W. M. Gamblin preached the missionary sermon at the evening hour, Thursday.

In addition to the editor, there were present from headquarters, Brethren Bryan and Stuart and Brethren Sharp and Watters from Carson-Newman College and Union University. Time was given each for the presentation of his work.

Twenty-five churches reported with two absent. The reports were good in some respects and discouraging in others. There were only 105 baptisms or one for every 31 members of the churches. The net increase in membership was 25 and the present membership is 3,270. First Church, Paris, is the only full-time church and only two are half time.

Paris Church has more readers of the Baptist and Reflector than all the rest of the association combined. The value of the church property was given at \$191,450. The pastors received \$7,924.69 for their services or an average of \$22.00 per week of actual service rendered. The total contributions for home expenses was \$15,085.17 and the total gifts for missions and benevolences was \$10,482.54 of which First Church, Paris, gave \$9,882.42. Leaving out this church, the average gift for missions per capita was 22 cents.

1,678 are enrolled in the Sunday schools of the association. Six churches reported no schools. Only three reported B.Y.P.U.'s and five W.M.U.'s.

## A Great Plan

The executive board of the association is planning to inaugurate a new plan for reaching all the churches with the missionary message. Arrangements are being made for holding an all day program in each church on its regular preaching day. In the morning, some laymen from Paris will go out and speak. In the afternoon, Brother Buchanan will speak, backing up the pastor and presenting a real mission message. For the past three years, the association has been putting on these programs but has never tried to hold them on regular preaching days and it is expected that they will bring much more satisfactory results. If every pastor of a large town church would work at the job like "Brother Buck" is doing in Western District Association, one phase of our mission problem would be solved.

We had a good time at the association and met several of our readers. And incidentally, we got to speak all we wanted to, thanks to the generous moderator and owing to the absence of Mr. Hudgins and Miss Northington.

October 9. We returned to Nashville Friday night in order to spend Saturday at home. Eight years ago, as these closing words are being written (7:30 P. M.—an hour later then because of daylight saving time) we were waiting for the signal that would bring two souls together before the marriage altar. Eight years ago tonight, our honored father-in-law, assisted by his pastor, Dr. Wallace Bassett of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Texas, spoke the words that placed the seal of civil and social approval upon the vows which two happy, hopeful young people had made one to the other. We could do no less than return for the anniversary.

We leave tonight for Morristown where we preach tomorrow. Next week, we are to be at Ocoee, and Knox County Associations.

II. ROUMANIA AND ITALY  
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profits realized by these workers in selling their foreign exchange.

We had supper with some of the workers in the Seminary building, and afterwards attended choir practice there, conducted by the Roumanian pastor. There we had the opportunity of hearing that glorious singing, so eloquently testified to before by Dr. Gambrell and Dr. Mullins. Brother Adorian, Roumanian pastor and president of the Baptist Union, was also present.

Our only American missionaries in the country at present are Brother Dan T. Hurley and wife. They have taken hold of the work in a great way, and are being wonderfully blessed by the Lord. In spite of many hardships and trials, they have held the fort and they are doing a great work of leadership in that great country and nation.

My impressions of the work in Roumania were varied. My heart bled for the poor people, who are being so persecuted for conscience sake. My indignation was stirred at the treatment given our fellow believers by the godless officials and orthodox priests. But my faith was strengthened when I saw what God is doing for His people there in the face of all these difficulties. Roumania needs the gospel, many of the people are hungry for it, and will accept it. The greatest need, perhaps, is for more workers and more equipment to encourage and strengthen those who are already on the field. Let us rally to our Foreign Mission Board's sup-

port and supply more of the sinews of war for this great conquest of a nation for Christ.

God has worked miracles for the Baptists in Roumania. Surely we should pray for our people there, and we should go our limit for their reinforcement and support.

Rome is a city of churches, but most of them are the Pope's. These are magnificent in architecture, and in the wealth of their treasures. One church which I saw had three-quarters of a ton of solid gold on the ceiling and other things in proportion. Another church has scores of great marble columns, and six of priceless alabaster, with numberless mosaic pictures of untold value. St. Peter's is the largest church in the world and probably cost more than any other, the total running up into the millions. It is a veritable museum of paintings and statuary by the greatest masters of the world. The Catholic churches of Rome are magnificent beyond imagination.

The Pope lives in a palace of 1,100 rooms, which is not only an art gallery, but a treasure house. There are more trophies there of gold and silver and precious stones than in any king's palace on earth. Surrounded by untold wealth and millions of dollars' worth of treasures, lives the so-called "Vicar of Christ on earth!"

Rome has 600,000 people today and is one of the great cities of the world. It is modern and up-to-date in nearly every respect. The Fascisti are in actual control, but there is a clear understanding between the autocratic Mussolini and the Pope. Through this understanding Masons and evangelical Christians have already suffered persecutions and will doubtless have others to bear soon.

In this great city we have four struggling Baptist churches, after many years of missionary effort. Each occupies a rented hall, and they have a combined membership of about six hundred. There is also a boy's orphanage on the outskirts of the city, with some of these little fellows being cared for there, in a nice home on a beautiful hill. Our Foreign Board has purchased a splendid block of buildings in the center of the city, near the post-office, to be used as Baptist headquarters, with a place for the seminary, publishing house and other purposes, but possession has not yet been secured for some reason.

Missionary Whittinghill and wife are in charge of the work in Rome, ably aided by some unusually gifted native workers.

Pastor Peter Chiminelli is a brilliant young Italian, educated partly in the United States. He is a fine gospel preacher and writer. One of his essays won a prize offered by the Pope several years ago in a literary contest, although the name of the winner was not known until after the award was granted.

The editor of our Baptist publications in Rome is also a brilliant man and his writings have attracted wide attention throughout all Italy. There are several Baptist papers and magazines which have a wide circulation. They include "Conscientia" and "Bilychnis." The latter, a religious journal and review, is said to be read by all classes, including even the priests of the Roman Catholic faith, and is bearing fruit in shaping opinion and gaining sympathy for the truth. These journals are on sale at the public news stands of Italy. Mussolini has suppressed some copies, because of the editor's fearless words, but so far he has not dared to lay hand on the writer.

Baptist mission work in Italy is extremely hard. There are a number of other churches throughout the country, the strongest of which, I believe, is at Florence, but everywhere it is a slow up-hill, and discouraging fight. The papacy and sin are so entrenched in Italy that it is extremely difficult to make any headway against these forces.

But I am sure the sky is no darker than it was when Paul landed there, a prisoner in bonds, and thanked God that he had the privilege of preaching the gospel in that great city. Perhaps history is repeating itself in a way, and our little handful of Baptists, again the victims of misunderstanding and persecution, may some day soon become a beacon light of Christ's salvation for all of Italy. Surely

I know we should never consent for these little candles of testimony for the truth to be removed or snuffed out in that great land.

The work is hard, the results are not visibly great now, the outlook is not the brightest in the world. But the Master has special rewards for those who are faithful under the most trying circumstances.

Let us remember Italy with our prayers and our missionary offerings. Perhaps some day, in the Providence of God, that great country will awake out of her superstition and slavery and crown Christ as her King and Lord. God grant that it may be so.

**DEATH THE SINNER'S PAY**

By J. J. Taylor

Death is a mystery, an unwelcome event, a perplexing reality, a passway to an unknown land. Science speaks of it in terms that shed no light on the theme, but history and observation know it as a fact, and a fact always touched with sadness.

The death of the flowers comes chiefly in the melancholy days, the saddest of the year, of wailing winds and naked woods and meadows brown and sear. A dead kitten or a dead bird moves a child's heart, and the child's grief is passed on to older persons in tender pathos. A dying camel left in the desert, while vultures circle about the helpless carcass, grips the fancy of the artist, and his picture grips the heart of the beholder.

The death which cuts down the flowers and every form of vegetable and animal life also conquers man. Probably each one who reads these lines recalls the first death he ever knew. It came to a baby brother or sister, an old aunt or grandfather, some one dearly loved and dearer in the parting than ever before. The closed eyes, the silent lips, the still form so cold made everybody walk softly and speak low, and the impression which it all made abides through all the years.

The Bible has much to say of death. It is first mentioned in the warning, "In the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," the meaning of the term being hardly understood in its fullness. Again and again even hundreds of times death is mentioned in subsequent pages of holy writ, and though men are permitted to continue as long as was Mathuseleh they come to the end at last. They are turned to destruction, while others are called to follow on in ceaseless succession, coming forth as a flower and being cut down, fleeing also as a shadow and continuing not.

More deadly than the death which stills the heart and stops the breath and ends the body's motions is the death of the soul. There is an awful import in the words of Jesus: "My friends, be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have nothing more that they do; but I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him who after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell, yea, I say unto you, fear him." Who can fathom the depth of such a warning on the lips of Jesus?

This with all its attendant ills is the blight which the gospel offers to remove. Strange to say, this blight is the prize for which the sinner is willing to work.

The scavenger who takes away the filth of the town has a lowly task. He is serving his community, and in the service he is trying to promote health and life. Surely he is not working for death as a wage. The miner toils in the midst of danger, but he takes every precaution against death. The aviator knows that death attends him in his flights; he also knows that a living dog is better than a dead lion, and with every precaution he shuns the death that hovers about him. In every path of duty men are liable to meet death, but they do not work to get it.

The servant of sin is the only slave that works for death as a wage. After all his years of debasing service, often attended by pangs of remorse, he wins death as a prize: "The wages of sin is death." Is not the willful sinner the most unwise person on earth?

But spite of all the criticising elves, Those who would make us feel, must feel themselves. —Churchill.

**YOUNGEST SAXAPHONIST IN EVANGELISTIC WORK IN AMERICA**



H. EVAN MCKINLEY, JR.

H. Evan McKinley, Jr., of Morristown, Tenn., son of Evangelist and Mrs. H. Evan McKinley, is seven and one-half years old and has been singing in public since he was three years of age. He started traveling with his parents when he was only six weeks old. He has sung in five different states this year. He can sing soprano, alto or tenor and often takes the alto or tenor with his father singing soprano. Evan also plays the saxophone exceptionally well, having been playing since last Christmas. He is said to be the youngest saxophonist in evangelistic work in America, and has broadcast his programs several times. His education is supervised by his parents, although he enters school in every town where the evangelistic party is to be located for any length of time.

**HOT SPRINGS HOSPITAL PROJECT REPORTS PROGRESS**

By Rev. Wm. Cooksey, General Manager

Progress on the Baptist National Hospital at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, goes on apace. The board of trustees have secured the services of Dr. J. T. King, recently pastor of First Baptist Church, Weatherford, Texas, as field secretary, who will give his time to aggressive work in behalf of the institution. They desire to secure the services of several others, as the territory of the hospital covers the whole United States.

As its name implies, the Baptist National Hospital is national in its scope. Among the members of its board of trustees are such outstanding men and women as Gov. T. J. Terral of Arkansas; Gov. Henry L. Whitfield of Mississippi; Ex-Gov. Chas. H. Brough of Arkansas; Dr. A. J. Barton, Missouri; Dr. Louis J. Bristow, Louisiana; Hon. O. B. Webb, Louisiana; Dr. E. D. Solomon, Louisiana; Mrs. T. E. Stephenson, Louisiana; Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Arkansas; Miss M. M. Lackey, Mississippi; Dr. Ben Cox, Tennessee; Dr. W. A. McKenzie, Texas; Dr. Otto Whittington, Arkansas; Dr. W. A. Hewitt, Mississippi; and Dr. W. A. Jordan, Louisiana. The local executive Board is made up of several of the outstanding men and women of Hot Springs.

The Hospital Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention has appointed a co-operating committee, consisting of Dr. M. P. Hunt, Kentucky; Dr. S. E. Ewing, Missouri; and Dr. E. D. Solomon, Louisiana. They have also granted the services of Dr. Louis J. Bristow, secretary of the Hospital Commission, to the board of trustees for whatever time he can spare from his present duties.

Correspondence with interested persons in this hospital will be welcomed.

The government figures show that 265,500 persons visited Hot Springs last year. Thousands of these need hospital attention. To care for them as it now is there are only 202 accessible hospital beds. There is not a place in the world that needs this institution as badly as Hot Springs.

**CAN YOU BEAT IT?**

(Funny Things You Know; Tell Us)

The following is an epitaph that ought to be inscribed on the tombstones of many so-called Christians and even some Baptist laymen:

"Here lies old ten per cent;  
The more he made, the less he spent;  
The more he had, the more he craved.  
If he's in heaven, we'll all be saved."

Sent in by J. T. Bradfield, Darden, Tenn.

**OUR REVIVAL MEETING COLUMN**

By RUTH BANKS

**RESULTS OF VARIOUS MEETINGS IN OUR LAND**

Church	Location	Pastor	Evangelist	Singer	Prof.	Bap.	Add.
East Church	Belmont, N. C.		Dr. C. A. Owen	R. M. Hickman	1	1	48
Branchville	Branchville, Va.		C. J. D. Parker		9	12	
Marlbrook	Marlbrook, Va.	T. H. Campbell	R. M. Taylor		4	4	
Jonesville	Jonesville, Fla.	L. Odette Sheffield	Pastor				23
First	Avon Park, Fla.	T. O. Baldwin	W. L. Head				23
Mt. Tabor	Winton, N. C.	R. B. Lineberry	A. T. Howell		5	7	
Harrellsville	Harrellsville, N. C.	R. B. Lineberry	T. H. King		14	21	
Christian Harbor	Christian Harbor, N. C.	R. B. Lineberry	H. Frederick Jones		11	11	
Bentonla	Bentonla, Miss.	Rev. Fowler	J. M. Metts		17	25	
Inglewood	Nashville, Tenn.	Wm. McMurray	Pastor		3	8	
First	Kershaw, S. C.	G. E. Smith	Porter M. Bailes	Maury Pearson			57
Turkey Creek	Turkey Creek, S. C.	D. W. Garvin	Pastor				4
Jeffersontown	Jeffersontown, Ky.	L. T. Wright	James C. Clark		9	9	
Glen's Creek	Versailles, Ky.	A. D. Kinnett	Pastor	J. G. Dickson	5	6	
Shakertown	Shakertown, Ky.		Walter Walker	W. T. Waring	8		
Shepherdsville	Shepherdsville, Ky.	L. L. Burkhalter	W. C. James				12
White Lick	White Lick, Ky.	W. H. Bryant	B. H. Hillard		5	5	
Goshen	Glen Dean, Ky.	J. A. Hudson	W. Stuart Rule		9		
Parkview	Shreveport, La.	B. F. Wallace	Rev. Huntsberry	Byron B. Cox			75
Fairfax	Fairfax, S. C.	R. K. Corder	John J. Bell				54
Beaver Creek	Beaver Creek, La.		Jas. B. Herndon				20
Denham Springs	Denham Springs, La.	J. F. Arceneaux	D. E. Coyle		9	21	
Burfordsville	Burfordsville, Mo.	A. C. Rudloff	C. W. Holmes		20	18	12
Bethlehem	Mt. Zion Assn., Mo.	R. L. Alexander	J. M. Wilcoxson		11	14	
Burden	Burden, Mo.		Rev. Boyd Smith	Cranell Tolliver	3		
Rock Falls	Rock Falls, Mo.	E. E. Edwards	Jas. H. Hubbard		8	8	
Hagerman	Hagerman, N. M.	J. M. Dyar	A. L. Maddox		1	5	
Tucumcari	Tucumcari, N. M.	R. Peterson	Dr. Estes	L. E. Payne			28
First	Denton, Tex.	Will C. McClung	Pastor	Virgil Reynolds	50	50	145
Cliff Temple	Cliff Temple, Tex.	Wallace Basett	Pastor				79
Reform	Reform, Ala.	H. C. Todd	R. S. Gavin	Mr. Warren			17

## NOTES FROM B. B. I.

By R. L. Holmes, Correspondent

The Baptist churches of New Orleans are putting on a city wide evangelistic campaign October 10-24. Dr. Ellis Fuller of the Home Mission Board is directing the plans. Students from the Baptist Bible Institute have been assisting in taking the religious census and faculty and students are planning to take an active part in the revival service.

Schedules for all classes have been permanently arranged, and the standard of class work seems to be of a higher grade than ever before. The dormitories are all full and the married students' apartments were all taken prior to the opening of school. There are 300 per cent more college graduates enrolled than last year. The number of those pursuing graduate studies has shown a decided increase.

Last week the social season opened with a students' reception in the Administration Hall. Monday the faculty and student body held their annual picnic at Audubon Park.

The practical activities are making progress under the efficient leadership of Prof. E. O. Sellers. Students are holding services in various parts of the city and the reports of the results of the meetings are good.

Dr. Crutcher, who has been very sick with an overworked heart has improved very much. He is now able to walk about quite freely and meets some of his classes. Dr. L. B. Campbell has been assisting him in his class work.

Wednesday, October 6, was the monthly missionary day at the Institute. Early Monday morning prayer services were held by the Ministerial Union, Foreign Mission Band, and Religious Education Band. At nine o'clock the various State Clubs met for one hour of prayer and praise. At 10:30 A. M. the special mission services were held in Managan Chapel.

Dr. E. D. Solomon, State Secretary of Missions of Louisiana, brought the message of the day. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard, returned missionaries from China, will deliver the message on missionary day in November.

The Baptist Bible Institute is 100 per cent for the co-operative program. All of the preachers have pledged to present the matter to their churches, and every student has promised to give sacrificially during this month so that when the books close they will close in good shape.

## FIFTEEN TENNESSEANS REGISTERED AT LOUISVILLE

By Charles F. Leek

Up to the present time the enrollment of preachers at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary reveals that there are only six less students matriculated from Tennessee than were here during the whole of last session. The fifteen students registered give Tennessee seventh place among states outside of Kentucky. It is indicated by the enrollment that others coming from now on will raise the number enjoying the unsurpassed facilities of the Seminary's new suburban home to a total greater than here in any previous session.

Altogether there are 356 preacher-students registered. In addition to these, there are two laymen and a number of students' wives attending classes. Forty-one per cent of the students here now are married.

These are living either in one of the two recently finished apartment houses for married students or in suitable suites of rooms in suburban residences nearby.

The total enrollment at this date far exceeds the total on the same day last session.

In all, there are thirty-six states, the District of Columbia and eleven foreign countries represented. Every Southern Baptist state has students here, and there are fifty-six from nineteen Northern states. This is the widest representation the Seminary has ever had.

The places are represented as follows: (Southern Baptist states) Kentucky 43, North Carolina 31, Mississippi 31, South Carolina 20, Virginia 25, Ala-

bama 24, Georgia 21, Missouri 20, Tennessee 15, Texas 10, Arkansas 6, Illinois 6, Louisiana 4, Maryland 4, Oklahoma 3, Florida 3, and New Mexico 1; (Northern states) West Virginia 10, Indiana 6, Ohio 6, New York 5, Kansas 4, Pennsylvania 4, Michigan 3, Colorado 3, North Dakota 2, New Jersey 2, Iowa 2, Minnesota 2, Montana, South Dakota, Maine, Delaware, Massachusetts, Wisconsin and California 1 each; (foreign nations) Canada 9, New Zealand 2, Brazil 2, China 2, Korea, Mexico, South Africa, Sweden, Argentina, Roumania and Hungary 1 each; and the District of Columbia 1.

These figures are up to noon on October 6th. Others are coming in within a few days, planning to catch up and complete the work of the first quarter, while still others have indicated that they would start November 15th, the opening of the second quarter.

## TENNESSEE COLLEGE NEWS NOTES

The athletic association entertained the entire student body and faculty with a picnic supper in the suburbs of the city on last Saturday evening.

The annual reception given by the Woman's Club on Wednesday afternoon for all the teachers of the city was well attended by Tennessee College faculty.

President E. L. Atwood is in his office again after an absence of several days on account of illness.

Tennessee College Glee Club has been invited to take a prominent part on the program of the Southern Baptist Student Conference in Birmingham, Ala., on October 28 to 30. Great enthusiasm is being manifested by the student body, and plans are being perfected for the trip.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin were guests of the college on Sunday, October 10th. Mrs. Lambdin occupied the pulpit at the First Baptist Church at the eleven o'clock hour in behalf of the B. Y. P. U. work.

Miss Frances Bohannon has been called to the bedside of her brother, who is seriously ill in Louisville.

## THE SECRETS OF BAPTIST SUCCESS

J. E. Dillard, D.D., Chairman Co-operative Program Commission and Pastor Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham

There are several facts in regard to the Co-operative Program of Southern Baptists that seem to me evident and important:

First: Southern Baptists must work together if we get anywhere. We may change names and committees, but we are compelled to have some co-operative agency if we keep step and go forward.

Second: Southern Baptists should concentrate their efforts upon the Co-operative Program. Every board, every Southwide institution and every state agency should get behind this program as the one way to care for all our work in a worthy manner.

Third: Special campaigns should cease. We ought not to confuse our people. No interest being benefited by funds from the Co-operative Program should be permitted to put on a special campaign. It is not treating the other interests right, and is destructive of the spirit of co-operation.

## Every Church Should Conduct Canvass

Fourth: The every-member canvass should be thoroughly prepared for and faithfully put on in every church. Any pastor or set of officers that fails to make this canvass will be guilty of the sin of Meroz. If all our churches will put on this every-member canvass there is no question but what we will have sufficient funds to meet the needs of our denominational enterprises next year.

Fifth: The time to enlist people in the work of the church and in the support of the church is when they join the church.

## Tithing Should Be Stressed

Sixth: Tithing is the best plan ever devised for caring for the financial needs of the kingdom. It is Scriptural, it is sensible and it brings a blessing to all who consistently and cheerfully practice it.

Seventh: Churches should have good business methods. They should follow up their subscriptions

and mail out statements and make returns as carefully as any business organization.

Eighth: Churches should accept and make heroic efforts to raise their quotas where these have been announced and to increase their contributions where no quotas have been assigned.

## Mission Study Courses Needed

Ninth: Mission study courses should be put on in all churches, not only for women and children, but for men as well. Our men would be more interested in missions and in our general program if they knew more about it. We have nothing to hide.

Tenth: We must keep the fires of evangelism burning brightly all the year around. I am sure there isn't any one of these ten points that any reader of these lines will for a moment question. Then, let us do our best to put the things over.

## SACRIFICIAL GIVING

By G. M. Savage

The body, not the soul, is concerned in sacrificial giving. The text is Romans 12:1: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

The financial aspect of this subject is considered in this article. This giving is no part of the tithe or of thank offerings.

It needs only a moment to see that sacrificial giving does not diminish one's bank deposit, does not lessen one's capital; for that which is thus given would have been spent, was going to be spent, for something the body did not need. Hence, one's finances are not hurt by sacrificial giving. One is not poorer by putting \$50 of such savings into educational, missionary, and benevolent channels, for it all would have been spent for useless and often hurtful things.

To present one's body a living sacrifice is to deny it things it craves or enjoys. There are two characteristics of actions belonging to this class; such actions are both religious and reasonable. It is to be observed that reason and religion are in harmonious relation. Such sacrifice is holy, acceptable to God, and at the same time is reasonable.

The human body should be made to go where it is religious and reasonable to go. It should be made to forego pleasures where such denials are religious and reasonable.

What is a sacrifice to one may not be a sacrifice to another. It is no sacrifice to me to do without a cigar. It is neither religious, nor reasonable to use tobacco, unless it is prescribed as a medicine. When the body craves a cigar, make it do without it, and let all the nickels, dimes, quarters and half-dollars thus used be turned into educational, missionary and benevolent funds. Money would be flowing into our treasuries thus from a thousand sources.

Such bodily discipline leads to health and contentment. What is needed for bodily health is not included in the sacrifices here enjoined. Paul told Timothy to take a little wine for his stomach's sake. Timothy's emptying a wine glass for his health, at the urgent advice of one who knew, is very different from emptying a wine glass for pleasure.

Suppose all the money spent for cocoa-cola and other cold drinks and for gasoline consumed for pleasure drives and for other useless and most frequently hurtful pleasures was given to religious and reasonable uses and handled in the fear of God and love of humanity.

My last French paper brings me this bit of news: "The pupils of the girls' college, Jules-Ferry, in Paris, who, at the time of the signing of the treaty of Versailles, offered to M. Clemenceau the gold pen which he used in placing his signature on that document, have just taken an initiative not less touching. They refuse to receive prizes this year. The ten thousand francs which were to be put to this use will be contributed to the national fund for raising the value of the franc, which has been depreciating from a pre-war value of about twenty American cents to about three cents.

The girls of this college in Paris, France, have received from their comrades of the College of

Casablanca, in Morocco, a very touching letter. The schoolgirls of the great city of Morocco saved up and gathered together six thousand francs, with which they purchased bonds given for the national defense. Then they solemnly burned those bonds in the college yard. Do as much, say the girls of Casablanca to the girls of Jules-Ferry.

These last not only go and do as much, but go and invite all of their comrades in the schools of France to imitate them."

So all the schools of France will take part in raising the value of the franc. Shall we let the patriotism of those French girls surpass our devotion to Christ and His cause?

As the characters of those French girls were improved by their patriotic sacrifices, so will the characters of our people be made better by the sacrifices Paul exhorts in Romans 12:1.

**WHAT SOUTHERN BAPTISTS OUGHT TO DO NOW**

L. R. Scarborough

I should like to sum up in brief word my conception of the task and duty of Southern Baptists as they face the fall round-up and the state conventions.

**Encouragements**

1. There is a good spirit, unifying, constructive, non-critical, south-wide, as I have been able to interpret. The spirit of acrimony and controversy seems to have largely passed, thank God.

2. But there is general prosperity—in some places too much rain, in some places not enough, some storms, in some places farm pests—but general prosperity. The people have the money to take care of Christ's causes, if they are willing to give it.

3. The organizations seem to be functioning throughout the South in an effective way. There is a returning confidence in leadership everywhere.

**Our Plain Duty**

1. We should cultivate confidence all up and down the line—confidence in pastors, in denominational leadership, and build the confidence of comrades in a great common cause. Otherwise, we hamper every feature of the work.

2. We should lay our hearts bare before Almighty God, encouraged by His promises, obedient to His commandments, surrendered to His will, and let the full weight of Christ's commission bear down upon our consciences, our conduct and our pocketbooks.

3. We should revalue all of our causes and re-emphasize the necessity and importance of their successful ongoing. We should put missions, education and benevolence in the same place which Jesus Christ gave them in His commandment and ministry and realize His passion for all these causes.

4. We should remember that the results in all the fields, of education, missions and benevolence, justify the outlay of money, the expenditure of energy, and make the best possible investment for life and money.

5. I believe that every pastor and leader, of every sort, from Maryland to Mexico and from Missouri to Florida, should throw himself and herself, full-length, into and behind and under and around the unified program, under the leadership of associational, state and Southern Baptist organizations, to make this fall the most vigorous, well-wrought-out, well-planned, enthusiastically-pushed and most gloriously-prayed-through movement for a large, liberal, sacrificial offering for the unified program. The deficits in the running expenses of Home and Foreign Missions, of Education, and of nearly every school and hospital and other cause, call upon us to make the most liberal offering and go beyond what we have ever gone before. Such great cash round-up would save our causes, re-establish the conquering morale of our people and put us forward in a wonderful way.

The Christian standard of values must prevail over the pagan standard of values if we are to have a better social system.—Squires.

**SOME REASONS WHY I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS DIVINELY INSPIRED AND IS AN ALL-SUFFICIENT GUIDE FOR OUR LIVES**

(Outline of chapel talk made by Dean H. C. Witherington before students of Hall-Moody Junior College.)

1. Its promises have always proved true in my own life. I have tested many of the promises of the Bible, but have never yet been disappointed in the results. The promise of salvation by grace through faith was fulfilled beyond all expectation. Other examples are answered by prayer.

2. It is the only book that satisfies the soul on all occasions of sorrow. When we are in trouble of any kind whatsoever, we can find comfort in the Bible. No other book has this distinction.

3. The Christ of the Bible is real. Jesus is not like some mythical or fairy creature, but a real living person who is constantly with us. His presence is known to us, and he is a very present help in all our problems. He walks and talks with us.

4. The Bible does not go out of date, but has a fitting message for every age of the world. Every book in the library of the college is out of date right now, and if the books were re-written they would have to be revised. The Bible does not need to be revised; its message is eternal and will not pass away.

5. It does not contradict itself. Every seeming contradiction disappears when the Bible is discerned spiritually. I am unable to live one day without contradictions in word and in deed; other men of my acquaintance are in the same fix. A consistent book cannot be written by inconsistent men.

6. It cannot be fully comprehended by man. What man has written, at least one man can fully understand. No man has fully comprehended the full significance of the whole Bible.

7. All the good thoughts of secular literature can be found in the Bible. The Bible is a book of principles, and nothing worth mentioning is left out.

8. The Bible is still the best seller. Statistical reports of booksellers all agree that the Bible sells better than any other book. Nor does it have to be revised or changed in any way.

9. The Bible tells the whole truth. When we write a book or story we leave out undesirable facts about our heroes, but the Bible tells us of the sins of great men like David. It says nothing of the faults of Jesus, because He had no faults.

10. The Bible has a fresh message every morning. It is the living truth and does not become stale or old. No other book will pass this test.

11. People who believe the Bible are the best people in the world. The product proves the nature of the book. Its message transforms the lives of men in a miraculous way.

12. The Bible is the only book that speaks with certainty about the future life. We may have our theories about it, but the Bible positively declares a resurrection, a second coming, a judgment, and a future life with the Lord.

Any one of these twelve reasons is sufficient to prove the case.

**CUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION, OCTOBER 5-6**

On motion, Pastor T. H. Roark, of Spring Creek, cast the unanimous ballot of the association for the former officers—Senator Hervey Whitfield, moderator; H. L. Smith, clerk; F. N. Smith, treasurer.

Something unique was done: the constitution was amended so as to require the election of a chorister and pianist. This was done on the suggestion of Ray Dean, recent graduate of the department of music in Southwestern Seminary, and Rev. John Davis, Jr., recent graduate of Louisville Seminary. It is late for music to be given a place, but it begins to be recognized. It is hoped that all churches will seriously consider music highly important.

Dr. O. E. Bryan gave an excellent address. "Enlarge the place of thy tent, O Israel." Make room for those on the outside. Though we have 218 orphans in our home, a thousand cry at the doors. Though we have hospitals, more sick languish in need, or are cared for in Catholic hospitals than we can receive. Though we have good schools, more are out than in. Though we have opened our hearts to a few old preachers, more than we care for are being neglected. "The children of the desolate are more than they of the married wife." "Lengthen the cords." Our prayers are too short; lengthen this cord. Our faith does not reach far enough; lengthen it. Our change is short; twine this cord longer. "Strengthen the stakes." Make personal religious life stronger. Make the home stronger. Make the church mightier. Strengthen all of the organizations. Hold the line. Go forward. We are marching to Zion.

Dr. Ragland, of Lexington, Ky., at the request of Rev. C. F. Bridges, appointee, preached the annual missions sermon. He gave a mighty discourse on "The Accent of the Great Commission." "Going, therefore, make disciples, baptizing, teaching." Soul-winning is the main thing; "going," "baptizing," "teaching obedience" are important, but "make disciples."

Dr. E. L. Atwood represented Christian Education and gave a strong address. Miss Mary Northington represented well woman's work. Mrs. Geo. Leavell thrilled all with the story of missions in China.

One of the pastors, Dr. W. C. Reeves, preached the doctrinal sermon Tuesday night. The moderator reported to the Leaf-Chronicle, at Clarksville, that "it was powerful, plain, and full of unusual spirituality."

If religion is to survive, it cannot be by accepting any and every philosophical system. To pursue that course would be to confess that religion was intellectually neutral.—Brightman.

You can never tell from the mere externals of the case that a man is miserable.—F. W. Boreham.

**ALL-SOUTHERN BAPTIST STUDENT CONFERENCE, BIRMINGHAM, ALA, OCTOBER 28-31, 1926.**

**COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF HOME MISSION BOARD RECEIPTS**  
May 1st to October 1st

	1925			1926		
	Co-operative Receipts	Designated Receipts	Total	Co-operative Receipts	Designated Receipts	Total
Alabama	\$ 2,321.16	\$ 506.63	\$ 2,827.79	\$ 3,519.41	\$ 301.47	\$ 3,820.88
Arkansas	-----	90.21	90.21	1,000.00	-----	1,000.00
District of Columbia	2,013.96	-----	2,013.96	1,116.00	-----	1,116.00
Florida	2,805.45	133.12	2,938.57	3,014.97	195.65	3,210.62
Georgia	4,465.56	44.79	4,510.35	4,545.97	1,351.98	5,897.90
Illinois	-----	54.66	54.66	429.56	39.11	468.67
Kentucky	8,721.51	226.36	8,947.87	12,664.68	107.30	12,771.98
Louisiana	2,059.45	236.85	2,296.30	2,510.61	184.60	2,695.21
Maryland	1,346.06	755.00	2,101.06	905.00	38.00	943.00
Mississippi	5,252.73	896.12	6,148.85	5,092.76	324.48	5,417.24
Missouri	5,144.38	388.72	5,533.10	5,000.30	301.21	5,301.51
New Mexico	268.50	12.24	280.74	94.56	13.90	108.46
North Carolina	7,496.94	368.40	7,865.34	5,757.61	283.50	6,041.11
Oklahoma	1,563.80	109.76	1,673.53	2,397.12	170.37	2,567.49
South Carolina	2,378.25	167.83	2,546.08	7,296.38	126.93	7,423.31
Tennessee	6,746.88	88.25	6,835.13	8,133.59	805.95	8,939.54
Texas	3,858.03	63.25	3,921.28	6,426.60	1,143.50	7,570.10
Virginia	10,224.24	1,624.42	11,848.66	12,812.98	1,172.75	13,985.73
	\$66,666.90	\$ 5,766.58	\$72,433.48	\$82,718.10	\$ 6,560.65	\$89,278.75

# THE NEWS BULLETIN

## EASTLAND CHURCH CALLS PASTOR

Sunday, October 24th, will be a red letter day in the history of the Eastland Baptist Church of Nashville. The first service will be held in the new church auditorium which has just been completed, and Dr. John A. Wray, formerly of Owensboro, Ky., will preach his first sermon as pastor. The church extended the call to Dr. Wray on last Sunday, and he accepted immediately. The members are planning to make this a great day. Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the First Church, will make the dedicatory address in the afternoon.

## CLARKSVILLE CHURCH MAKES RECORD

### Gifts Continue to Grow in Amounts

The First Church of Clarksville has made a record during the fiscal year just closing. In order to have the books of the church balanced at the end of the fiscal year, the church has decided to close the year's offerings for missions and benevolences on the 30th of September, thus cutting three months out of the year's receipts. However, the total offerings for denominational causes outside of the local expenses amounted to \$13,000, only a little less than was given during the twelve months of 1925. Clarksville Church is one of the greatest in the South. Its development under the ministry of Pastor W. C. Reeves has been steady and happy. It has done during the past year what few of our churches have accomplished: it has surpassed in gifts any year of the 75 Million Campaign.

Dr. F. F. Brown of Knoxville will be with this church in a revival meeting beginning the last day of October. Preparations are being made for a mighty effort to win the lost and to enlist the saved.

## PARIS CHURCH SETS MARK

First Church of Paris has set a mark for other churches to aim at. During the fiscal year just closed the church raised about \$19,000 for all purposes, more than half of which was given to missions and benevolences. And, in addition to this, some \$1,000 was contributed to benevolent causes and not listed in the regular disbursements. Pastor J. H. Buchanan has been with the church nearly six years, during which time the church has erected and paid for one of the finest buildings in the state and has carried on the work of the Master in a great way. The report of gifts for missions is not as large as that of other years, but the decrease is due to the fact that the large amount once received from a sainted member of the church is no longer available since her death.

The editor recently spent a pleasant evening with the teachers and officers of this church and found them about as happy and enthusiastic a band as he ever saw. And the church is supporting the paper, with 70 homes receiving it and Brother C. C. Miller going after others.

## PLANS FOR BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE

A meeting of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance was held in its offices at the Baptist Church House, London, England, on September 8th, with Dr. E. Y. Mullins, president, presiding. Representatives of America, Australia, China, India, as well as of Great Britain and the continent of Europe, were present, and many important questions were dealt with. Special consideration was given to arrangements for the World Congress to be held in Toronto during the last week of June, 1928.

## REVIVAL AT HUNTINGDON

The revival meeting at the Baptist Church of Huntingdon began last Sunday morning, October 10th. Rev. Fleetwood Ball of Lexington will do the preaching. Owing to the fact that Brother Ball could not be present on the opening Sunday, Rev. R. M. Jennings, who preached in this place two weeks before, occupied the pulpit at the Sunday morning and evening hours. Brother Ball is well known in Huntingdon and popular with the people there, and the church is expecting a great meeting. The church is without a pastor.

## CALL FOR HELP FROM FLORIDA

A telegram from Sec. C. M. Brittain has been received and because of its nature, we give it in full. "Miami Baptist pastors in conference prayerfully ask Southern Baptists' assistance in rebuilding houses of worship. Twenty-one churches in storm area suffered more or less severely while many are complete wrecks. Contributions forwarded to Baptist mission headquarters, Jacksonville, Fla., C. M. Brittain, Treasurer, will be gratefully acknowledged."

Our Florida brethren, especially those of the southern end of the peninsula are hard hit and need more than sympathy. We print this telegram because we know the request is a worthy one and comes from the heart of a state mission secretary who is anxious about the future of the churches whose servant he is. Many of our readers have friends or relatives in Florida and all of us know more or less about the terrible storm that recently visited the southern end of the state with such terrible havoc to life and property. We do not hesitate to say that any offerings sent to Dr. Brittain will be placed in safe hands for a worthy cause.

## FIRST CHURCH, KNOXVILLE, CLOSES GREAT YEAR

One of the greatest reports of the year was made by the First Church of Knoxville to the Knox County Association last week. A few facts from the report will be interesting and certainly they ought to be inspiring to both small and large churches. Only once before in the history of the church did its total offerings amount to more than those for the year just closed and that was in the midst of the 75 Million Campaign back in 1923.

The church gave during the past year a total of \$205,007.85 of which amount two-thirds went for missions and benevolences and one-third for local expenses. We doubt if many churches of the South have so good a record and when it is remembered that the average for many of our churches, hosts of them, is one dollar for missions and benevolences to ten for self, we can appreciate this generosity all the more. \$66,691 was given to the Unified Program or about eight-ninths of all given by Knox County Association for that purpose. \$40,000 went for the payment of the building debt. About \$56,000 was contributed to Carson-Newman College.

There were 92 baptisms during the year and 288 additions to the church. The net gain in membership was 187. The total gifts of the Woman's Missionary Society amounted to \$38,856.68, perhaps the largest of any society in the South. There are eleven B.Y.P.U.'s in the church with 275 enrolled. The Sunday school enrollment of the church is 1,021 and the resident church membership, 1,764.

Pastor Fred Brown is optimistic about the outlook for the coming year and expects the church to do more for the Unified Program than it has ever done.

## INTERESTING DISCUSSION IN CHATTANOOGA

On Sunday morning, October 10th, a mass meeting of men's Bible classes from various churches was held in Chattanooga and addressed by Dr. W. W. Bustard of Cleveland, Ohio, a famous Baptist preacher who was in Chattanooga speaking during the Bible conference which Dr. Phillips is sponsoring. It was generally understood according to some of the brethren, that the mass meeting was for regular Sunday school classes but it turned out that Catholics and Jews were invited as well.

During the lecture Dr. Bustard made a statement concerning the relation of the Catholic officials to prohibition and also referred to the futility of the candidacy of Al Smith for president of the United States. Of course the Catholics raised a complaint and interesting developments followed. An apologetic statement was made by the committee which had charge of the union meeting and it was replied to by Dr. Bustard.

The editor learned a little about the matter and has decided that it is never wise to enter into union meetings of this kind for the simple reason that one must either compromise with the truth or "get in bad." Certainly, we could not apologize for saying what Dr. Bustard said and we would hate to embarrass as good a group of men as were compelled to make an apology for the unfortunate incident.

## DR. SCARBOROUGH TO BE CONVENTION SPEAKER

Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Seminary Hill, Texas, will be the special inspirational speaker of the thirty-eighth annual convention of the Baptist Churches of Ontario and Quebec, which will meet at the First Avenue Baptist Church, Toronto, October 15 to 21. A splendid program is being arranged and a record-breaking crowd expected.

## CARSON-NEWMAN CELEBRATION

By Ross Bohanan

Saturday, October 23rd, has been set apart by Carson-Newman College for the celebration of its 75th anniversary. The occasion will be known as the "Diamond Jubilee" and will be participated in by the faculty, student body, board of trustees, alumni, and friends of the college. Indications now point to a gigantic attendance, and as it will be practically impossible to feed such a multitude, the out-of-town people are requested to bring basket lunches with them. The lunches will be spread on the campus in picnic fashion. Also sandwiches and cold drinks will be served at nominal prices.

This "Diamond Jubilee" will be the largest event of its kind ever held at Carson-Newman in its long career, which dates back to 1851. It is not only a celebration of the 75th year of the life and service of the institution but also marks the successful completion of the recent endowment campaign for \$200,000 and the securing of \$75,000 from the General Education Board of New York City, which was a conditional gift in the event Carson-Newman raised \$125,000. The local college not only raised the required \$125,000, but lifted the total indebtedness of the college, amounting to about \$50,000.

The institution is justly proud of having attained the half million endowment necessary for admission to the Southern Association of High Schools and Colleges. The school opened therefore this year under the most auspicious conditions in its history. A number of strong additions were made to the faculty, and the student body is the largest and best in the school's history, judging from the high grade of work being done.

President Oscar E. Sams, who has been President of the College for the past six years, and under whose di-

rection the campaigns were successfully waged, explained on the occasion of the opening of school, September 8th, that the institution did not owe a dollar and forthwith burned publicly before the students, faculty and friends the old notes, amounting to \$50,000.

## MIAMI CHURCH SUPPORTS 25 MISSIONARIES

Although the First Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., is engaged in building one of the finest houses of worship among evangelicals in the world, this undertaking does not divert any of the church's funds from the Co-operative Program. After the church has done what it considers its duty by the whole program, it supports 25 foreign missionaries as an extra gift to the kingdom. Would that all our strong churches had this spirit. —Baptist Program.

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**THE SERMON FOR THE WEEK**

**THE BED TOO SHORT AND THE COVER TOO NARROW**

By Homer F. Smith

"For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself upon it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it." (Isaiah 28:20.)

There is a story which tells of an emerald vase in the cathedral at Genoa, Italy, which is said to be one of the gifts of the Queen of Sheba to Solomon. The tradition is that when King Solomon received it he filled it with an elixir which he alone with his great wisdom knew how to distill, and of which a single drop would prolong human life for many, many years. A miserable criminal, dying of a slow disease in a prison, besought the king to give him a drop of this magic potion. Solomon refused by saying: "Why should I prolong so useless a life as yours? I will give it to those whose lives will bless their fellow men." But when good men begged for it, the king was in an ill humor or too indolent to open the vase, or he would promise and forget. So the years passed until he himself grew old, and many of his friends whom he loved were dead; and still the vase had never been opened. Then he, to excuse himself, threw doubt upon the virtues of the elixir.

At last King Solomon fell ill. Then the servants brought the vase in order that he might prolong his own life. With eagerness he opened it. But, alas! it was empty. The life-giving elixir had evaporated to the last drop.

God had warned the ten tribes, the northern kingdom, many times through the messages of his faithful prophets, but Solomon-like, they had not heeded and eventually were carried away into captivity. Now he is warning the southern kingdom through the mouth of the Prophet Isaiah of the impending doom which is fast approaching. The prophet has been denouncing the priests and false prophets, but he now turns to nobles and princes, the great men, who guide the course of public affairs. He calls them "men of scorn" and men with "a proud and insolent self-confidence." They have made secret alliances with Egypt which they think will make them secure against an invasion by the Assyrian hordes. He calls Egypt "a broken reed," and that she will be found to be "a refuge of lies." The Jews are in a sad plight. The best analogy the prophet can think of is that of a sleepy man, cold and tired, who tries to get rest and comfort upon a bed which is too short for him and with a cover which is too narrow with which to cover himself. What a condition of painful uneasiness!

Matthew Henry in commenting upon this verse makes it applicable to our day and generation by saying: "Those that do not build upon Christ as their Foundation, but rest in a righteousness of their own, will prove in the end thus to have deceived themselves; they can never be easy, safe, or warm; the bed is too short, the covering too narrow."

Let us try to picture a human life fashioned by the man himself. Let us see the bed which he makes to lie upon, and the cover with which he proposes to wrap himself. Remember, all of life's creations have to be tested. These tests come in many ways. How does the self-ordered life stand these testings?

**It Meets Only the Bodily Needs, and Proves Too Short for Them**

We will take a certain Bohemian farmer (the writer once lived in a

Bohemian settlement) as an example of the man who has fashioned his life to meet only the bodily needs. His heart is set on the one thing—that of living only in this life, of having plenty to eat and to wear. He cares nothing for the future life; for him there is no such thing. Or even if there be, he is willing to risk consequences. He never goes to church. Why should he? Did not the so-called "Mother Church" of Rome in the year 1414 burn the greatest Bohemian churchman, John Huss, at the stake and scatter his ashes upon the waters of the River Rhine? No, this Bohemian farmer cares nothing for any church, cares little for society, cares little for education. For generations his forebears have eked out an existence in the homeland, with few privileges and opportunities, but with many persecutions and hardships. He has come to America, "the land of the free," and settled on a rich prairie farm. What a contrast with that of his boyhood days!

Being atheistic in his belief, his morals are low; caring nothing for religion, he has little regard for the law of the Sabbath; living for time only, his motto is, "Eat, drink and be merry." He has no scruples against cultivating his crops, harvesting his grain, or shipping his live stock on Sundays. He has an appetite for strong drink and does not hesitate to make his "home-brew." He is living a self-ordered life. But his bed is too short and his cover too narrow, since he is leaving God and Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit out of his reckoning. "For we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ. For it is written, As I live saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give an account of himself to God."

**It Meets Only the Mental Needs, and Proves Too Short for Them**

As man has been endowed with the power of choice, he can, if he so desires, shut God out of his thinking, or relegate Him to such a state that he will have little significance. For example, take a young man from a nominal Christian home. His father is wealthy and cares only for the business side of life. His mother goes to church occasionally when she feels like going, or just "to keep up a decent pride." The son has no religious inclinations and makes no pretensions to Christianity. He has all the advantages of a good education and makes the most of them. He has a keen intellect and becomes a scholar of note. He joins a society of "Free Thinkers" and prates over the matter of every man being allowed to think as he pleases without being "throttled," all the time forgetting or ignoring the fact that every man in America has an inalienable right to think as he chooses, although he may not be allowed to say everything he thinks. He seeks everywhere for "a something" to satisfy a longing within his soul, except in the Bible, where it can only be found. Years pass swiftly by, and he comes into the gloaming of life only to find that the bed which he has made for himself to lie upon is far too short for comfort, and the cover which he thought he had so beautifully woven is found to be far too narrow with which to comfortably wrap himself.

**It Meets Only the Social Needs, and Proves Too Short for These**

Dr. Ferris, in speaking of the "picture our age is painting," tells of seeing Paul Veronese's "Marriage at Cana," which is in the Louvre in Paris. It has all of that marvelous mellow richness which characterizes the Venetian school. The composition is equally wonderful. Eleanor of Austria, Queen of France, is there. Francis I is there. Mary of England is there. The Sultan of Turkey is there. The Emperor Charles is there. It is a scene of pomp and splendor, such as we read

**RECEIPTS OF FOREIGN MISSION BOARD**

	From May 1st to October 1st			
	1925 Total	1926 Designated	1926 Program	1926 Total
Alabama	\$ 6,259.26	\$ 552.00	\$ 7,503.00	\$ 8,055.00
Arkansas	5,297.36	17,388.35	3,000.00	20,388.35
District of Columbia	3,136.76	1,700.00	980.00	2,680.00
Florida	15,373.90	5,654.16	6,000.40	11,654.56
Georgia	12,349.80	9,027.76	20,861.28	29,889.04
Illinois	152.20	357.15	710.52	1,067.67
Kentucky	26,370.75	5,514.25	26,770.03	32,284.28
Louisiana	4,941.97	265.26	5,582.66	5,847.92
Maryland	6,358.48	905.00	4,040.00	4,945.00
Mississippi	15,144.57	2,280.37	11,271.82	13,552.19
Missouri	14,600.47	1,129.97	10,411.09	11,541.06
New Mexico	628.80	71.40	210.00	281.40
North Carolina	16,965.18	1,788.60	19,475.70	21,264.30
Oklahoma	10,190.09	4,141.17	5,212.24	9,353.41
South Carolina	21,370.92	2,551.28	16,226.42	18,777.70
Tennessee	18,052.76	2,275.34	18,174.66	20,450.00
Texas	16,302.85	5,972.01	18,131.76	19,103.77
Virginia	46,536.66	4,311.15	30,861.37	35,172.52
	\$240,032.84	\$ 65,885.22	\$200,422.95	\$266,308.17

In addition to the above contributions to the current work of the Board, \$8,465.56 has been received on the debt of the Board.

Alabama	
Arkansas	\$3,000.00
District of Columbia	
Florida	1,095.21
Georgia	60.99
Illinois	690.00
Kentucky	108.40
Louisiana	
Maryland	35.00
Mississippi	
Missouri	
New Mexico	
North Carolina	125.41
Oklahoma	10.00
South Carolina	104.51
Tennessee	80.00
Texas	2,901.04
Virginia	219.00
Miscellaneous	36.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8,465.56</b>

of occasionally on the pages of history. After looking at it for a time, it suddenly occurred to me to ask, "How about the Christ?" He is the man with the artificial halo about his head. Take that halo from the picture, and you would scarcely know that he is there, buried as he is under all this magnificence. He is not remarkable, as in some paintings, for the light of love that shines in his eyes. He is distinguished simply by a formal halo.

Is not this the sort of picture this age is painting? When we have crowded in all the magnificence and splendor possible, if we admit the Christ at all, it is not the Christ of the Gospel, so severe in his demand of sacrifice, so regal in his moral authority, so insistent in his teachings of service; but a purely formal guest, distinguished from other men by the halo of creed, whose rule over the soul has been lost, while we are busy here and there.

The social gospel, which is being promulgated today, falls far short of the real needs of the social world. It lacks heart, it lacks passion, it lacks the blood of Jesus Christ which has power to cleanse. It is a bed too short, and a cover too narrow.

**It Makes No Provisions for the Spiritual and Eternal Needs**

Take the self-ordered life from any angle you may, and it leaves God out of consideration. In this life, and this life only, is there opportunity for the proper preparation for an endless eternity. This is the caring for the spiritual needs of the soul. Man cannot by himself or with the help of others, make this preparation. It comes only by grace on God's part, and through faith in Jesus Christ on man's part being aided by the Holy Spirit. The bed of salvation upon which we lie is full long for us, and the cover of his righteousness is full broad to wrap us in.

We must not discount the necessity of looking well to the proper needs of the body, for the body is the temple of God, and we are warned against mistreating it. Neither should we neglect the needs of the

mind, for by the proper training of it we "may be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ." Nor should we fail in the social graces, for thereby we become instruments in God's hand of leading others to know Jesus Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal.

The testing time is surely coming, and the supreme question is: Will your life's work stand the test—come up to the standard which Jesus has set? The story is told of a diamond expert who was offered a large stone for the sum of \$8,000. He applied to it all the usual tests and found it apparently genuine. However, expecting it not to be genuine, he took it to a photographer and asked him to send a ray of light through it with his camera. It was then discovered that there was an obstruction which prevented the ray of light from penetrating the stone. Then a powerful microscope was used on it, and it was found that the costly stone was two stones ingeniously cemented together. By a process of chemicals the stones were separated and found to be worth about \$600 each. Many people succeed in appearing genuine before the eye of man, and, apparently, are true Christians; but when God's test is put to them, they are not able to stand. Ask yourself the question: Will I be able to stand at the judgment bar of God Almighty when His searchlight of truth is turned upon the record of my life? Will my bed be too short, and my cover too narrow? Parker, South Dakota.

The recognition of the sovereignty of God and the stewardship of man helps us to think of God as a real and living personality.—Cushman.

Mohammedanism is winning its chief victories today in Africa. It is said that the followers of Mohammed win ten converts from paganism to every one gained by the Christian missionary. One secret of Islam's success is that every adherent is a missionary.—Home and Foreign Fields.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

We have had some response to the State Mission Day in the Sunday schools, but not as much as we hoped to have had. Possibly more has been sent in to the Nashville office than we think. If your school has not made a special offering for State Missions, give those who do not give regularly to the Unified Program a chance to give to State Missions in the Sunday school.

Just two months left in which to work for the standard this year. If your school is not A-1 now, suppose you begin now and try to be ready by January 1st. Below we give a real sensible method of attaining the standard and also some positive benefits coming therefrom.

### How?

1. Check up! Find out how many requirements you now meet. You may be nearly standard.
2. Order wall charts, free leaflets, etc., from your State Sunday School Secretary.
3. Present the matter to our officers and teachers and later to your whole Sunday school, and get them to enthusiastically vote to attain the standard by a certain time.
4. Organize and teach a class in the book, "Building a Standard Sunday School," the first book of the course in Sunday School Administration.
5. Work on all points at the same time and show definite progress as made. This will encourage the workers and keep the work well balanced.
6. Have application blank on hand and when all the points have been reached, fill it out completely and send it to your State Sunday School Secretary, and he will forward it to the Department of Sunday School Administration, where the award will be made.

### It Educates

Because so many thousands of our people conceive the whole work of the Sunday school to be the gathering of a group of folks on Sunday morning in one great mass to hear, merely hear, a lesson taught by some good brother or sister, taking account only of the number of people there and of the amount of the collection; because so many of our people have an utterly inadequate conception of the place and power and possibility of the Sunday school, there is tremendous need that they shall be given a vision of a larger, better Sunday school and that they shall be educated to know the whole possibility of this great institutional part of the church. The Standard of Excellence is the best possible instrument in the hands of pastors and superintendents and other leaders to educate themselves and all of the folks to understand and appreciate the Sunday school.

The standard indicates and emphasizes ten absolute essentials of a great Sunday school—ten lines of work that every Sunday school must include in its program if the best work is to be done and if the whole responsibility of the school is to be shouldered. There is not a single non-essential in the standard. There is not one requirement but that can be met by every Sunday school in the South. There is another educational use of the Standard. In presenting ten Sunday school essentials it at once presents a test by which you may discover just what kind of a Sunday school you now have. It becomes a standard of comparison, not with any other school, but with ten live, practical elements which should be embraced by every school

which wants to reach its largest place of usefulness. The standard educates!

### It Invigorates

To all thinking individuals it is certain that one of the outstanding needs of our Sunday school life of today is that all of our leaders and workers and members shall somehow become invigorated! That instead of apathy there shall be energy, instead of indifference there shall be interest, instead of excuses there shall be irresistible application to the many tremendously magnificent tasks that lie out in front of every Sunday school.

Now there is no claim made that the Standard of Excellence will perform a miracle here. However, it will subtract certain negative influences and supply many incentives.

**It will subtract.** First, it will eliminate vagueness and indefiniteness. Instead of a Sunday school that "don't know where it's going but is on the way," there will come a well-ordered march toward the standard, and then on in the direction indicated by this wholly reasonable program of Sunday school work.

**It will supply.** First, it will unify all of our work, both among the departments and classes of a local Sunday school and throughout all of the 22,000 Sunday schools of the South. Second, it will enable the leaders of a local Sunday school to get some things done that otherwise could not be done. Neither individuals nor classes could afford to stand out against the expressed desire of the whole school. Third, this definite goal incites effort and obtains results. Fourth, the recognition offered by the Sunday School Board and the desire to join the fellowship of standard Sunday schools will create interest and secure activity.

All of these will become powerful incentives to any group of workers to bring their school to the attainment of the standard and thus to the accomplishment of better work.

### The Six-Point Record System for Smaller Churches

This record system is the most usable record yet arranged and can be used in any size school from the very smallest to the largest and best organized. It carries the full six-point record in every class and department and carries the individual record of every pupil, not only to the class and school, but to the parent at home, if properly kept. It is published only by the Loose-Leaf Record Company, Tullahoma, Tenn., and should be ordered from them direct. Other record books have been published and close duplications made, but none so simple as this one and so easily used.

This system consists of a teacher's class book, an organized class loose-leaf book, general secretary's loose-leaf book, departmental secretary's loose-leaf book, individual report slips, individual report envelopes (in three colors), class report envelope, departmental report envelope, secretary's report card, enrollment card, parent card, assignment slips for new pupils (blue), assignment slips for absentees (pink), and census cards. Each carries the six-point record from the pupil to the main record and through the teacher's record to the parent of the pupil.

The individual report slips or individual report envelopes carry the report of each pupil to the class book. On this class book the record of each pupil is kept and the parent card is filled out from this marking and sent to the parent, showing the monthly or quarterly record of each pupil. From this class book also the

totals for the class are placed on the class envelope and the offering from the class inside the envelopes and carried to the secretary of the department or to the secretary of the main school if it be a small school. From the departmental blackboard or secretary's book the totals for the department are placed on the departmental envelopes with the offering and carried to the secretary of the main school, who in turn places the same on his blackboard by departments and then from the envelope records to the secretary's book for permanent record.

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

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

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

### Intermediate Exhibit

Again we call your attention to the fact that the intermediate exhibit at the first Southern Baptist Sunday School Conference, Memphis, Tenn., January 18-21, 1927, will be by states. See Intermediate Counselor or previous issue of your state paper for articles acceptable for this exhibit. Special recognition will be given the departments of the South sending the best and second best exhibits. First and second awards will be given the best individual articles. See that your department is represented in this exhibit.

### Standard of Excellence Exhibit

There will be an exhibit by states showing a Standard of Excellence with all seals for each standard department in the state. Above the entire exhibit in large letters will be placed "----- (name of state) Leads in Standard Intermediate Departments." What state will have this honor? Tennessee leads at present. Address any requests for information to the Intermediate Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. J. B. Tallant, Harriman, sends in a list of names for diplomas and certificates in the Sunday School Manual.

Special days observed by Judson Memorial Church: Building fund, October 10; State Missions, October 17; Building fund, November 14; Thanksgiving, November 28; Building fund, December 12; Benevolences, December 26.

Mr. John Zeigler writes from Giles County: "I had a fine week at Bradshaw. Good attendance at every session and splendid interest. I was disappointed to get no more examinations. Only ten took the test." This was above the average for country churches. Good job!

The need of the hour is not more factories or materials, not more railroads or steamships, not more armies or navies, but rather more education based on the plain teachings of Jesus.—Roger Babson.

"Never in man's history has faith in God been more necessary to sane, wholesome, vigorous and hopeful liv-

ing than today amid the dissipating strain and paralyzing skepticism of modern life."

We are mailing out to all schools this week a blank for their departmental superintendents', and organized class presidents' names and addresses for our files. We trust that our friends will help us to get in touch with every available worker and render to each any help that might be possible through the office and by sending tracts and suggestions.

The intimate experiences of life have shown me that the Bible is a living word—just as definitely God's word to me as a letter received in the morning mail from my mother to me personally.—Dr. Howard A. Kelly.

Mr. E. S. Hopper, Alamo, writes for a training school as early as it can be had. He will have our cooperation, certainly.

The training school at Lexington is on October 31 and the week following, with Mr. Livingstone, Miss Collie and Rev. W. C. Skinner as faculty. Special speakers will be called in for each night.

Mr. Livingstone sends in the following summing up from the religious census taken in Fairview Church, Nolachucky Association: "Baptist preference, 418; Methodist preference, 91; all others, 23. Total, 532. Out of the 418 Baptist preference, 233 are not Christians. One hundred and twenty-six of these are above the primary department. There are only three Christians in the junior department of 43 boys and girls. One hundred and seventy-seven of the Baptist preference are not in Sunday school. We graded the school pretty thoroughly, making 23 classes instead of 12, as they formerly had. They have only a one-room building, but they felt so keenly the need they are planning to build some Sunday school rooms and other equipment." Is that impossible? I say not. This can be done in any country church where we have enough people.

Mr. Flake writes urging that we send at least 200 of our administrative officers to the South-Wide Sunday School Conference on January 18 to 21. We want that many. He includes among the administrative officers pastors, superintendents, departmental superintendents, educational directors, Sunday school secretaries and other departmental class officers. Let us carry to Memphis the largest delegation that goes from any state. It is here in our midst, and we must set the pace. Nothing will do a school more good than for its superintendent to attend this conference. The best of all the Sunday school forces will be there, and the things suggested and done there will be worth the while of any one interested.

The elementary training school opens in Jackson on Monday night, October 18, with Miss Collier in charge. Mrs. B. O. Sparks, Birmingham; Miss Madeline McCann, Mississippi; and Mr. and Mrs. Terry of First Church will be helpers in this training school. This is the second school that Miss Collier has put on for elementary workers only. The one in Nashville was a splendid success, and this one bids fair to be as good.

Mr. Cannon Bowlin writes from Dresden: "Our Weakley County Sunday School Convention meets at West Union Church on the fifth Sunday and Saturday before. You are on to address the convention on Saturday. Tell Mr. Milton about it." Glad to see these conventions going right on with interest.

Mr. Milton is at home this week with a sick child. We are anxious to hear that it is better. We are praying for both the child and the anxious parents.

Sorry to note the illness of Dr. Atwood of Tennessee College. He is loved by all in the state who know him and especially by those fine young women who attend Tennessee College.

**South-Wide Sunday School Conference**

We are very anxious to have our people take seriously the big South-wide conference at Memphis in January. We want as many as two hundred of our superintendents and other administrative officers to attend this conference with as many others. We must have four hundred outside of Memphis. Help us to get this meeting before our workers. There has never been anything like it so far in our history, and we must not let it get by. Send us anything that is unusual in the way of hand work and special items that will help in the state exhibit. Miss Lee is very anxious to make a good showing in the Intermediate Department, and so in every other department. Let all our workers help to show up Tennessee in this conference with workers and work done.

**B. Y. P. U. NOTES**

Mr. W. C. Tallant, Chattanooga, sends in a fine list of awards from a local training school. Thank you, Brother Tallant.

Rev. J. N. Monroe, Chattanooga, sends in a list of nine who merit awards. Same have been sent, and we appreciate Brother Monroe's splendid work.

Mr. Print Hudson, Jackson, who is president of the Madison County B. Y. P. U., writes that they have arranged for a combined B. Y. P. U. and Sunday school meeting on the fifth Sunday and asks us for a speaker. Of course we will send some one. We are greatly anxious to put on a large program in Madison County.

Mr. Burmah Farr, South Pittsburg, writes: "Our pastor has asked that instead of using the younger children of our Sunday school for the Christmas program this year, as has always been done, we use the Senior B. Y. P. U. and attempt to put on some kind of Christmas play. This is going to be a very difficult thing to do on account of the small size of our stage in the church building." A fine suggestion.

Mrs. Minnie Maples, LaFollette, writes that they are getting along well and sends in a small gift to State Missions from the local B. Y. P. U. She asks the prayers of the young people for their Union, that they may nearly reach the standard next quarter.

Mr. Thomas Jacobs, Shop Springs, writes: "We had a fine program at our Associational meeting and our young people are becoming more and more interested in BYPU work."

The Memphis City-wide Training School is on this week and it is the pleasure of Mr. Livingstone and myself to be members of the faculty as well as Miss Roxie. Mr. Livingstone is now acting BYPU Secretary and we hope our young people will so recognize him from now on. A full write up will be sent in from the school and will go in next week's notes.

Please send your BYPU Notes direct to Miss Ruth Banks, 161 8th Avenue, North, Nashville, and they will go out under Mr. Livingstone's name and her's. She will edit them and correct whatever may be necessary.

We are glad to give recognition to our Unions over the state who have responded so readily to our request to send in their quarterly reports so promptly. We mailed out blanks to all the Unions and wrote them a letter. Most of them are already in, and we are grading them all, and where one fails in any point we are sending tracts and suggestions as to how to reach that point in the standard. We hope to be of real help to them in this way. If your Union fails to get a blank, you may know that we have the wrong address and would like to have the name of your president and corresponding secretary.

Mr. C. Sewell, Jackson, writes: "I cannot help but tell you something about the work of our Unions. We had 212 present this past Sunday evening, and the Sunday before we had 178. Our plans are to have 225 next Sunday. We had our monthly council meeting tonight, and we had 48 present. I might say that we have carried out the plan that Mr. Lambdin suggests, and our average attendance for the year to date is 46 present. We are going to raise that to 55 before the year is past. I want to say that the Adult Union has 31 enrolled and that they had 46 present this last Sunday evening. All of our Unions are doing splendid work. I am getting things in shape to get the big banner at Ovoca next year, and I am not broadcasting that to everybody. Our slogan is "On to Ovoca." Our aim for the year's work is 500 awards, 75 subscriptions and renewals to the B. Y. P. U. Magazine, 25 subscriptions and renewals to the Baptist and Reflector, every Union A-1, 300 enrollment, 100 tithers and everybody ready for service."

We hope our Tennessee young people will follow the general schedule outlined by Mr. Lambdin in the magazine for the year 1927, as follows:

- January—Standard of Excellence.
- February—Bible readings.
- March—Study course.
- April—Life investment and go-to-college number.
- May—Conventions and assemblies.
- June—Recreation.
- July—Associational and extension work.
- August—Evangelism.
- September—Enlargement.
- October—Our denomination.
- November—Stewardship.
- December—Missions and benevolences.

Of course, we can emphasize other additional matters each month as the situation may demand.

**LAYMEN'S NOTES**

Men do not forget that the second night of the State Convention will be given to the laymen and women. We will have a full hour and three of our leading laymen will speak on this program. May we have 200 laymen at this meeting from outside Memphis?

**STONE ASSOCIATION**

A fine meeting for men was held at Cookeville last Saturday. Eleven churches were represented and more than three score men on hand. A splendid program as rendered and a delicious lunch served in the church at the noon hour by the women. Among those making addresses we mention the following: Mr. J. M. Clift, Monterey; Rev. W. M. Grifitt, Monterey; Rev. J. B. Tallent, Harriman; Mr. C. L. Robertson; Mr. J. F. Gentry, Cookeville, and Mr. Rice and young Mr. Wood. The writer also had the privilege of speaking twice on the program. It was a splendid meeting from many angles. The men organized for an aggressive campaign of evangelism and personal work. A committee was appointed to visit every church and attempt to organize a Brotherhood. Seven Mission Sunday Schools are being conducted now by men of this Brotherhood. It was Mr. Clift's birthday and we all helped him to celebrate it. He has been a Christian only four years, but is one of the most active on the mountain.

Write us what your men are doing. We want the notes for the page. Some man from each association should send in interesting things that go on among men.

Mr. A. T. Hayes, Cleveland, who heard us speak on Laymen's Work at Ocoee Association writes for tracts for his men at both his churches and plans to organize a brotherhood at once. If all our pas-

tors would take this matter seriously and organize their men we could soon have an army of men busy helping to save the lost among us.

Rev. A. L. Crawley is putting on a full week for his men beginning October 28th. There will be special speakers each night for the week and the local men will be invited to take part in the discussions. Judge R. A. Brown, Mr. T. H. Haynes, and Mr. Herman Wilhite will go from Knoxville and Hon. C. S. Stephens will be invited from Morristown. This makes a great team. They can

put over a program anywhere and any time.

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**As Thy Day Thy Strength Shall Be**  
 Strength for the daily task  
 Is all I need to ask—  
 God will care for the morrow.  
 Just let my heart be still,  
 And trust God's holy will—  
 Trouble I need not borrow.  
 —Mary Holden Willingham.

### Things to Remember

W. M. U. State Convention will hold its thirty-eighth annual meeting in First Baptist Church, Memphis, November 15-17.

The first meeting will be Monday evening. The young people will be in charge. Mrs. George Leavell of China will lead the opening devotionals.

### Our President

In Memphis at our W. M. U. convention we will be honored in having our Southern Union president, Mrs. W. J. Cox, to speak to us on Wednesday morning, November 17th. Do not fail to hear her.



MRS. W. J. COX  
 President of W. M. U. of Southern Baptist Convention.

### Send Your Name

Are you going to the convention in Memphis? Send your name to Mr. Jack Gates, First Baptist Church, Memphis. He will care for delegates and visitors of both conventions. You will be given lodging and breakfast free. Plan now to attend.

### Tithing Posters

If you have a tithing poster, let us have it for the convention. Send it to Mrs. Lyman Leatherwood, 1674 Faxon Avenue, Memphis. Who will win the blue ribbon for the best poster?

### The Banquet

Have you finished the first course in mission study? Have you seals for Manual of W. M. U. Methods, in Royal Service, Stewardship and Missions, All the World and two home and two foreign books? If so, you can attend the annual mission study banquet in Memphis on Tuesday evening. A great program has been planned by Mrs. R. K. Kimmons. We had one hundred last year. May we make one hundred and fifty our goal this time!

### Request from Our Training School

Already we are getting boxes and barrels at the school with no name at all attached, so that we have no idea to whom we are indebted for these lovely gifts. Will you put a tiny note in your paper and ask that the women please put name and address plainly on boxes and barrels when sending things to the training school, and if possible drop us a card. School is again settled for another year of work. We have a lovely

group of students this year, though not quite so large a number as last year, due, we think, more to the tragical condition of our boards than any other reason.

Remember that I count always on your love and prayers.—Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, Principal.

### Attention, Society Presidents

If a member of your society has died during the past year, please send me her name. If such a one has been prominent in the work or performed conspicuous service for our Union, I would thank you to supply this information.

These things constitute Baptist history, and in order that I may render report in full at the W. M. U. State Convention in Memphis next month, your co-operation in the matter will be greatly appreciated.—Mrs. Charles M. Thompson, Chairman of Obituary Committee, 915 Highland Avenue, Jackson.

### Watauga Academy Activities

The girls at Watauga reorganized this fall under the name of the "Mary Northington Y. W. A.," with the following officers: President, Rhoda Tucker; secretary and treasurer, Ruth Culver; and vice president, Leta Kate Roberts.

So far they have had only a small number of members, but they are planning to be on the honor roll.

The Academy has this year a second organization, the "Cornelia Rollow Y. W. A." This is made up of the teachers from the Academy, the public school in town and another near by with two young business women from town. It is not possible for these to meet in the afternoon, so they are having their meetings at supper time, two of them cooking the supper and serving it in the home economics rooms of the Academy each time.

The Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary is under the very efficient leadership of Miss Lucia Burnett. Their officers are as follows: President, Mary Brumit; vice president, Blanche Markland; secretary, Edna Earle Crow; treasurer, Charlotte Jones.—Anna Merryman.

### My Friend

I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me,  
 I'd like to be the help that you've been always glad to be,  
 I'd like to mean as much to you each minute of the day  
 As you have meant, old friend of mine, to me along the way.

I'm wishing at this New Year time that I could but repay  
 A portion of the gladness that you've strewn along my way;  
 And could I have one wish this year, this only would it be:  
 I'd like to be the sort of friend that you have been to me.  
 —Edgar Guest.

### The Tithing Story Contest

At Houston it was proposed to enter heartily into promoting a tithing story contest among members of our 12,321 young people's missionary organizations. The following regulations were outlined:

There would be five groups of manuscripts submitted.

Sunbeams, up to 9 years, 100-500 words.

Girls' Auxiliary, 9 to 17 years, 1,000-1,600 words.

Royal Ambassador, 9 to 17 years, 1,000-1,600 words.

Young Woman's Auxiliary, 17 and up, 1,800-2,400 words.

College Young Woman's Auxiliary, 1,800-2,400 words.

Stories will be submitted only by active members approved by the counselor of the organization. The story presented must be the result of the individual's own work.

Stories will be judged by a committee of five appointed by the executive committees of the various states, none of the five to be officially connected with W. M. U.

The judges will be governed by this scale of rating:

Value of material in teaching tithing, 50 per cent.

Originality of plot, 25 per cent.

Literary skill, 15 per cent.

Appearance of paper, 10 per cent.

Contestants are to be ready to give their stories from memory, as readings at society, association or district meetings, if requested and arrangements made for such participation on programs.

It is suggested that counselors, pastors, W. M. S. members encourage young people to enter the contest by presenting the matter at organization meetings and by selecting individuals and urging them to take up the contest. Societies and associations may take pride in having preliminary contests and selecting only the best stories to be submitted to the state headquarters.

Careful study of the subject of tithing should be made before attempting to write. Study what God's Word teaches about tithing, read many of the stories and leaflets already published. These may be obtained on request from W. M. U. state headquarters, S. B. C. Boards, Laymen's Missionary Movement, etc.

Stories will be received at the state headquarters from December 1, 1926, to March 1, 1927. Stories are to be sent in typewritten, on one side of the page only, with double space between the lines.

Special information will be sent to each associational leader and to each organization. Enter the contest now.

### Suggested Leaflets—Europe and the Near East

"A Cart Wheel and Sunday School," 3 cents.

"As It Happened Over There," 4 cents.

"A Venetian Baptist," 4 cents.

"Boy Life in the Holy Land" (R. A.), 2 cents.

"Motoring into Palestine," 5 cents.

"The Hope of Islam," 5 cents.

"The Pilgrim Woman," 3 cents.

### Letter from Maggie Lee Bouldin, at Kokura, Japan

My Dear Friends: I have kept your letters right before me for months, hoping to be able to answer, but all that I have been able to do was to offer a word of thanks for you who do not forget us—for you who write and cheer us—for you who pray for us.

Our Girls' School is passing through perhaps the most important year in its existence. We are in the fifth year. This closes our first cycle of work, and we are soon to send out our first graduates. This means much work and much responsibility.

As yet our school has not received government recognition. We have met all the requirements except a \$10,000 endowment, and there we hang. Unless we are a recognized school, our girls cannot enter any standard college. If we have neither recognition nor furnish a college of our own, all doors are shut in the faces of those who wish for an education above high school.

Even in marrying off the girls they have a much better chance if they are graduates of a standard school.

The question of endowment and the college question along with the loss of two missionary teachers inside of six months, has made the burden so heavy that letter writing could not come in.

But now I am calling on you for help. We need your prayers. This

strain, this crisis cannot continue and the work grow as it should. This government recognition does not limit the teaching of Christianity in the school. It merely makes us a standard school. Please pray that somehow it may be possible to get the \$10,000 and the required recognition before our first girls are graduates.

Just to help you pray for the college I shall give you a few points why we feel that we should have one:

1. To complete the work which we have started.

2. To furnish educated Christian leaders.

3. To furnish educated Christian wives for our boys.

4. To send out Christian teachers. (A teacher has much influence here.)

5. A much larger per cent of our girls will get an education if the school is here in our midst. Only a few are able to send them away to school. And to be able to complete their education under Christian influence is much to be desired.

6. To take advantage of this opportunity—our opportunity. (There are 1,000 girls graduated each year from seven high schools within easy reach by electric car of our compound. In this whole section there is not a single college. If we have a college, we could care for many of these girls as well as give our own girls a chance at a Christian higher education.)

To me it would be nothing short of tragic to decide to not have any higher education for women in Southern Baptist work in Japan. Other denominations have it. So long as we do not train our own workers we must do on what we can get from others.

The mothers of our girls have started an endowment fund. They have raised nearly 1,000 yen and in the next six months are raising another 1,000 yen. Their plan is to add 1,000 yen to this fund each year. That may be but little, but it is quite an undertaking for them. If I were rich, I would offer to double all they raise. They love the school, and I am thankful for that.

We want this year to be a great year of soul-winning. We are planning for special meetings in October, and again at Christmas there will be a call for the giving of self. We need your prayers.  
 Kokura, Japan, Sept. 17, 1926.

### A Sunbeam

If I would be a Sunbeam way,  
 And make things cheerful every day,  
 I know that I must always smile  
 And think of kind things all the while.

And if there comes a gloomy day  
 When I can't have my own way,  
 I'm sure I should not pout and frown  
 As tho' a storm were coming down.

But just remember all the while  
 To gently smile and smile and smile;  
 And not just I will happy be,  
 But all the folks who now love me.

I'll not forget these words so true,  
 And this is what I'm going to do:  
 I'll try to be a Sunbeam true—  
 Say, won't you try to be one, too?  
 Mrs. Hattie Baker.

### Cumberland Gap Association

The W. M. U. of the Cumberland Gap Association met with Blair Creek Church on September 30th, with a splendid attendance. Five societies were represented. The superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Crowley, presided.

The devotionals were led by Mrs. J. P. Kivette of Tazewell. Brother Crowley led in prayer.

The speakers on the different topics on the Year Book were: Mrs. McCarter of Tazewell, Mrs. Nannie Carr, Mrs. J. P. Kivette, Mrs. A. B. Richie and Mrs. L. C. Ault of New Tazewell. Mrs. E. M. Comer of Cumberland Gap told a very impressive story, "Mary Lou's Tenth." Rev. McCarter made a very interesting address on "The Tithe as a Minimum from Every Member."

A delicious lunch was served at noon by the hostess church.

The afternoon program was devoted to business. Reports were given by each associational officer, showing that good work has been done during the past year.

The following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. J. W. Crowley, Cumberland Gap; assistant superintendent, Mrs. A. Whitaker, Cumberland Gap; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. J. H. Winters, Cumberland Gap, young people's leader, Mrs. L. C. Ault, New Tazewell; personal service chairman, Mrs. Fielden Mc-Neeley, Tazewell; mission study chairman, Mrs. Nannie Carr, Tazewell; stewardship chairman, Mrs. B. B. Livesay, New Tazewell. These officers were unanimously elected.

A rising vote of thanks was given the Blair Creek ladies for their cordial entertainment.

The next meeting will be held with the Cumberland Gap Church on December 18.—Mrs. J. W. Crowley.

**Sevier County W. M. U. Meeting**

The quarterly meeting of the W. M. U. of Sevier County Association met with the Alder Branch Church on Wednesday, September 22. The young people's leader, Miss Mildred Lawson, presided. The morning devotional was led by Mrs. J. A. Kyker. Mrs. Fred Lowe welcomed us to her church.

Our superintendent, Mrs. Stafford, introduced the Year Book, and different features of the book were discussed by Mrs. Sarrett, Mrs. Welch, Mrs. Huffaker and Mrs. Conatzer. We were fortunate in having Mrs. W. L. Cooksbury, vice president of East Tennessee, with us. She brought us a helpful message. Mrs. A. H. Love of Sevierville gave us a reading, "Workers Together with God." Rev. Albert Hale, pastor of Sevierville, made an excellent address on "The Tithe as a Minimum."

In the afternoon plans for enlistment were discussed by Mrs. Carl Pack. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, Mrs. W. T. Conatzer; assistant superintendent, Mrs. T. J. Stafford; mission study, Mrs. R. E. Corum; stewardship, Mrs. Joe Bowers; young people's leader, Miss Mildred Lawson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. James H. Atchley.

A vote of thanks was given Mrs. Stafford for her splendid work as superintendent.—Mrs. Jas. H. Atchley, Secretary.

**NEW BOOKS REVIEWED**

**Little Stories of Great Explorers.** By Laura A. Large. Published by W. A. Wilde Co., 131 Clarendon Street, Boston, Mass. \$1.50.

This is another of the series of splendid books being prepared by the W. A. Wilde Co., for children and young people. In this volume we have fifteen beautiful full-page illustrations and the stories of men like Columbus, Amundson, Roosevelt, etc., graphically told and full of thrills. Not only will the book entertain, but it will give young people historical facts in a way that they will easily retain them.

**In the Heart of the Everglades.** By Kirk Munroe. Published by the W. A. Wilde Co., Boston, Mass. \$1.50.

Boys are always thrilled by stories of adventure, and they are ever helped by such stories as magnify the virtues and belittle the vices of men. In this story of a family to which there came hardships and trials that resulted in the making of a fine boy and girl, we have the good made attractive and the evil made repulsive, and that without detracting one bit from the thrilling and gripping character of the story. The Florida Everglades with their wild creatures form the background for the story. Parents can do no harm by putting this story into the hands of their children.

**Spunk, the Leader of the Dog Team.** By Arthur C. Bartlett. Published by the W. A. Wilde Co., Boston, Mass. \$1.75.

This is another of the Wilde Company's splendid stories for boys and girls. The scene is laid in far-off New England, and the chief characters are the son of a hermit who has just left the boy an orphan, and Spunk, the lead dog in the team of Jacques, a cruel unprincipled French-Canadian dog driver. Spunk gets his friend, the hermit's son, into all kinds of escapades, and in the end enables him to win the prize offered at the annual dog team tourney, and the prize makes it possible for him to enter college, etc. It is intensely thrilling, entirely clean and wholesome.

**Radio Talks to Young People.** By Daniel A. Poling. Published by Doran Co., New York. \$1.60 net.

"A book which reveals in concrete form the questions which are stirring the minds of the religious thinking youth of America." In it Dr. Poling gives some of the brief radio talks which he has broadcast and includes the questions which have come to him from various parts of the nation, together with his answers to the same. Of course one will not agree with all his answers, but he will find the book an interesting one because of the novel subjects treated in it. And pastors who have radio churches will do well to study Dr. Poling's method of using the new invention.

**John of Oregon.** By Dan Poling. Published by Doran Company, New York. \$2.00 net.

This is one of the most thrilling stories that have come to us out of the late World War. In it John Westgate and his chum enter into action by making a week-end trip out to a wild forest region in Oregon just in time to save the life of a princess who, with her father, are visiting a spot where the father, who later turns out to be a European king, met and won his wife. The two lads later enter the army, and John wins fame in France, is quartered in the palace of the king, meets the princess and after many thrilling events, wins her hand and takes her back to Oregon. The characters are wonderfully portrayed, virtue is exalted, courage and clean sportsmanship are made attractive. It is a story that will grip every reader and will inspire the youth with noble ideals.

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**Aloft in the Shenandoah.** By Lewis E. Theiss. Published by W. A. Wilde Company. \$1.75.

Another of the splendid stories of adventure in which an ambitious American boy works his way up in the airship industry, saves his nation from spies and corrupt business practices, engages in all kinds of thrilling adventures and makes a record for himself that will inspire boys and girls everywhere. We unquestionably recommend these Wilde books for our young people. They are filled with thrills and at the same time portray character in such a way as to make the good and noble attractive and the bad and ignoble detestable.

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loose from that carriage."—Brisbane Mail.

**LIVING AND PRAYING**

I knelt to pray when day was done,  
And prayed, "O Lord, bless every one;  
Lift from each saddened heart the pain,  
And let the sick be well again."  
And then I woke another day  
And carelessly went on my way.  
The whole day long I did not try  
To wipe a tear from any eye;  
I did not try to share the load  
Of any brother on my road;  
I did not even go to see  
The sick man just next door to me.  
Yet once again when day was gone  
I prayed, "O Lord, bless every one."  
But as I prayed, into my ear  
There came a voice that whispered clear:

"Pause, hypocrite, before you pray.  
Who have you tried to bless today?  
God's sweetest blessings always go  
By hands that serve him here below."  
And then I hid my face and cried:  
"Forgive me, God, for I have lied;  
Let me but see another day,  
And I will live the way I pray."  
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Whereas, in the providence of Almighty God, to whose wisdom we bow in humble submission, Sister Bettie Bass, in her seventy-second year, wife of Brother John B. Bass, and a charter member of the First Baptist Church, has been called to the realms of the departed, depriving this church of the influence and usefulness of a consecrated member and the Sunday school with which she labored of a faithful worker, and

Whereas, we recognize with a keen sense of sorrow the great loss to the church, her friends, and the community, but are consoled in the promise that there is laid up a reward for the faithful and that in the death of Sister Bass a worthy laborer has been called from the vineyard of the Master;

Therefore, be it resolved, that this testimonial of our sorrow and expression of our hope be made a part of the minutes of this church and that a copy be conveyed to the bereaved husband in whose grief we most sincerely sympathize and on whom we pray the richest blessings and comfort of the Almighty.

Committee, from First Baptist Church, Watertown, Tenn.: U. W. Neal, Mrs. G. J. Neal, E. P. Jennings.

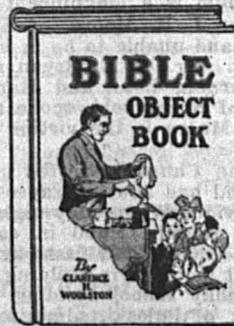
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## PASTORS' CONFERENCES

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE, OCTOBER 17, 1926

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Memphis, First	1,027
Memphis, Central	991
Knoxville, Belle Avenue	975
Knoxville, Broadway	829
Jackson, First	791
Memphis, Bellevue	785
Nashville, First	739
Allen Fort Class	675
Memphis, Union Avenue	581
West Jackson	518
Erwin, First	463
Fountain City, Central	462
Knoxville, Euclid Avenue	455
Nashville, Grace	430
Chattanooga, Tabernacle	427
Knoxville, Deaderick Avenue	413
Nashville, Edgefield	411
South Knoxville	405
Nashville, Belmont Heights	402
Jefferson City, First	385
Nashville, Judson	368
Nashville, Eastland	341
East Chattanooga	338
Nashville, Immanuel	402
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Paris, First	306
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### NASHVILLE PASTORS

The conference met at the usual time with President James in the chair and Secretary Barnett on hand. Several features of interest were reported from the Sunday services, which were good. The attendance at Sunday school was about 4,500 and there were more than 500 at the various BYPU's. Seven additions by letter were reported, one for baptism and two professions of faith. Several of the pastors were absent and did not turn in their reports.

Eastland Church reported that Dr. John A. Wray, of Owensboro, Ky., had been called and had accepted the work. He will reach Nashville about the first of December. On next Sunday this church will enter its new building and Pastor-elect Wray will be present to deliver the messages. Eastland has the largest and most complete church plant among Baptists of Nashville and their auditorium is a magnificent one.

Pastor J. H. Moore, of Edgefield, was ill and unable to be in his pulpit Sunday. Dr. O. E. Bryan spoke at the morning hour and Harden H. Conn, of Springfield, spoke at night. Pastor Moore is the victim of influenza.

Judson Church reported good services and had 200 in prayer meeting the previous Wednesday night. Grace Church raised \$1,000 in cash with which to make their first payment on the debt incurred in building a splendid Sunday school building. Pastor Burnett, of Pulaski, administered the ordinance of baptism at the evening service.

O. L. Hailey supplied for the church at Alexandria in the absence of Pastor P. W. Carney. The editor supplied for the saints at Lawrenceburg and enjoyed a pleasant day. W. M. Wood has just returned from a good revival at Milan, which will be reported more fully elsewhere. J. T. Oakley and George L. Ridenour supplied at Lockeland for Pastor Miles, who is at Carthage in a revival.

The address of the morning was given by Mr. Dorris, of Dorris-Karsh, undertakers, who spoke on the "Part of the Minister in Funerals." It was a timely and helpful talk. Mr. Rollow another funeral director who has advertised with the Baptist and Re-

flector, ably supported him in his message. Such helpful addresses do much to enable pastors to fill their places in society and in church life with greater ease and efficiency.

### CHATTANOOGA PASTORS

First: John W. Inzer. "Call a Solemn Assembly" and "But He Was a Leper." SS 1,056; by letter 1.

Harrison: L. A. Lowry. "The Seven Steps That Led to Peter's Fall" and "Sin and Its Effect." SS 61; by letter 20; for baptism 13; baptized 13.

Tabernacle: T. W. Callaway. "Five Steps in Salvation" and "The Passover." SS 427.

East Chattanooga: J. N. Bull. "The Disease and Remedy of the Church." Rev. Geo. W. McClure, "Who Can Be Saved?" SS 338.

Clifton Hills Tabernacle: W. R. Hamic. "Remembering Jesus" and "A Symphatizer." SS 310.

Northside: R. W. Selman. "The Lords' Supper" and "Trying the Patience of God." SS 294; by letter 2; for baptism 1; BYPU 74.

Ridgedale: W. E. Davis. "The Acid Test" and "The Unchangeable Decision." SS 234; BYPU 71; by letter 8.

Red Bank: A. G. Frost. "The Test of True Religion" and "Life for You and Me." SS 187.

East Lake: W. C. Tallant. "The First Day of the Week" and "For Christ or Against Him." SS 258; BYPU 102.

St. Elmo: L. W. Clark. "Baptism in the Holy Ghost and in Fire" and "The End of a Selfish Life." SS 331; BYPU 86; by letter 1.

Chamberlain Avenue: Carl R. McGinnis. "A Neglected Person" and "The Secret of a Happy Life." SS 193; BYPU 65; by letter 2; baptized 2.

Oak Grove: J. N. Monroe. "One Example of Faith" and "The Call of the Cross." BYPU 55; by letter 2.

Rossville Tabernacle: Geo. W. McClure. Isaiah 55:1 and "Eternal Punishment." SS 309; by letter 2; for baptism 1.

Avondale: T. G. Davis. "The Assurance of Faith" and "The Great Salvation." SS 336.

Woodland Park: E. G. Epperson. "Prayer" and "I If I Be Lifted Up." SS 156.

### KNOXVILLE PASTORS

Broadway: Dr. B. A. Bowers. "First Things First in Seeking the Lord" and "The Signs Concerning Christ's Coming as Shown in the Bible and by Current Events." SS 829; BYPU 137; for baptism 9; by letter 6.

Inskip: W. D. Hutton. "Where Art Thou?" and "A Profound Call." SS 112; BYPU 71.

First: Dr. F. F. Brown. "Is It Well with Thee?" and "The Cross." SS 1,085; BYPU 123; for baptism 6; baptized 13; by letter 16.

Gillespie Avenue: J. K. Smith. "What Are You Waiting For?" and "The Motive Back of the Cross." SS 234; converted 1; by letter 2.

Island Home: C. D. Creasman. "When God Gives Man Up" and "The Price." SS 287; BYPU 50; for baptism 1; baptized 11.

First, Fountain City: S. E. Loxley. "The Model Congregation" and "Life After Death." SS 266; BYPU 36; prayer meeting 86; profession 2; by letter 2.

Lincoln Park: H. F. Templeton. Rev. Lloyd T. Householder preached morning and evening. SS 235; BYPU 56; professions 23; for baptism 20; baptized 17; by letter 9; by statement 1.

Beaumont Avenue: D. A. Webb. "The Exalted Saints" and "Not Too Late to Be Saved." SS 181; profession 20; for baptism 14; by letter 1.

Mt. View: John O. Hood. "Weighed and Wanting" and "Be Sure Your Sins Will Find You Out." SS 231;

BYPU 61; prayer meeting 140; profession 7.

South Knoxville: J. K. Haynes. "The Prodigal Son" and "The Second Coming of Christ." SS 405; BYPU 114; for baptism 5; by letter 5.

Fifth Avenue: J. L. Dance. "The Second Coming" and "The Judgment." Sam Edwards. SS 700; profession 3; for baptism 3; baptized 3; by letter 10.

McCalla Avenue: A. N. Hollis. "Our Father's House" and "The Christian's Comfort." SS 289; BYPU 55; by letter 2.

Central of Bearden: Robt. Humphreys. Matthew 9:35-38 and "The Stone Which the Builder Rejected." SS 220.

Belle Avenue: James Allen Smith. "God's Leadership" and "Resisting God." SS 975; BYPU 261; for baptism 25; by letter 17.

Jefferson City, First: "The Search for God" and "The Test of a Great Man." SS 385; BYPU 219; prayer meeting 237; for baptism 1; by letter 2.

Lenoir City, First: W. C. Creasman. "A Christian's First Question" and "The Question of Questions." SS 307.

Calvary: N. F. Jones. "Service" and "Excuses." SS 150; BYPU 60; profession 1; baptized 1; by letter 4.

Roseberry: Dr. T. J. Carr. "Overcoming Difficulties" and "The Gateway into the Kingdom," by D. W. Lindsay. SS 95; professions 15; additions 19.

Deaderick Avenue: Claude E. Sprague. "Prayer" and "The Sinner's Open Door." SS 413; by letter 1.

Central, Fountain City: Leland W. Smith. "The Urgent Invitation" and "Bible Salvation." SS 462; BYPU 125; professions 4; for baptism 4; baptized 24; by letter 5.

Euclid Avenue: J. W. Wood. "Heaven" and "The Psalms," by L. L. Atkins. SS 455; BYPU 50; professions 125; for baptism 80; by letter 28.

Andersonville: J. F. Wolfenburger. "Unity of Church" and "Prayer." SS 76; BYPU 30; by letter 1.

Immanuel: A. R. Pedigo. "Our Only Refuge" and "Confessing Our Sins." SS 308; by letter 1.

Oakwood: W. G. Mahaffey. Supply, W. C. McPherson. SS 260; professions 3.

Philadelphia: A. B. Johnson. "The Church" and "Daniel Purposed in His Heart." SS 94; BYPU 56; for baptism 10; baptized 9; by letter 1; by profession 43.

### MEMPHIS PASTORS

Union Avenue: H. P. Hurt. "The Purpose of Christ's Church" and "Away from Home." SS 581; BYPU 230; baptized 1; by letter 1.

Bellevue: W. M. Bostick. "Can Pentecost Be Repeated?" SS 785; by letter 8.

Central: Ben Cox. "Valiant for the Truth" and "Three G's—Giants, Grasshoppers, God." SS 991.

First: A. U. Boone. "Royal Ambassadors" and "A Sacred Substitute." SS 1,027. prayer meeting, 91.

Prescott Memorial: Jas. H. Oakley. "The Name Christian" and "The Wounded Christ." SS 310; BYPU 80; prayer meeting 31; by letter 1.

Speedway Terrace: J. Norris Palmer. "Children of God" and "The Only Foundation," by J. E. Byrd. SS 300; BYPU 58; prayer meeting 37.

Elm Street: E. F. Ammons. "Price of the Soul," by R. L. Carrier. SS 150; professions 10; for baptism 3; by letter 3.

Marion: W. O. Beaty. Matt. 23: 37 and John 3:7. SS 56; BYPU 9.

Calvary: J. A. Barnhill. "Four Questions of Holy Defiance" and "The Door Was Shut." SS 240; for baptism 2; by letter 15; by statement 1.

McLemore Avenue: R. E. Connelly. "A Journey with a Glorious Climax," by Rev. David N. Livingstone. SS 256; BYPU 99; prayer meeting 65; by letter 1.

Seventh Street: I. N. Strother. "Acceptable Prayer," by Missionary

J. W. McGavock. SS 292; BYPU 80; prayer meeting 30; by letter 1. Highland Heights: E. F. Curle. SS 293; BYPU 102; profession 1; by letter 3.

Rowan Memorial: J. W. Joyner. SS 121; profession 1; by letter 3.

Central Avenue: J. P. Horton. "Will Ye Also Go Away?" and "Decision." SS 167; BYPU 54; prayer meeting 32; by letter 3.

Yale: L. E. Brown. "Christ's Doctrine of Blessedness" and "Consecration." SS 130; BYPU 77.

Hollywood: L. P. Fleming preaching. SS 203; BYPU 116; for baptism 3; by letter 16.

Boulevard: J. H. Wright. SS 200; baptized 1.

Italian Mission: Joseph Papia. "The Good Samaritan." SS 42; prayer meeting 11.

Merton Avenue: E. J. Hill. "The Greatest Invitation and the Greatest Promise" and "Seeking God's Kingdom." SS 163; prayer meeting 55.

Temple: E. F. Campbell. "Why Enter the Kingdom Now?" and "Some Things We All Will Do in Eternity." SS 962; by letter 24; for baptism 21; professions 8.

### OTHER PASTORS

West Jackson: R. E. Guy. "Our Mission in the Work" and "Are Saved People Safe?" SS 518; BYPU 207.

LaFollette, First: D. B. Bowers. "Going Up to Bethel" and "Prepare to Meet God." SS 321; BYPU 128; for baptism 4; by letter 5.

Oneida, First: John T. Jenkins. "Soul Winning the Greatest Work of the Church," by T. H. Roark of St. Bethlehem. "Persistence in Well Doing." SS 232; BYPU 41; prayer meeting 150; by letter 2.

Alcoa, Calvary: J. H. O. Clevenger. "Watching with Jesus" and "Is There Another World?" SS 288; BYPU 72; by letter 6.

Orlinda: A. M. Nicholson. "The Office and Qualifications of Deacons" and "Preparation for Harvest." SS 194; BYPU 52.

Decherd, First: A. L. Bates. "The Parting Hour" and special service for K. K.

Paris, First: J. H. Buchanan. "The Security of the Justified" and "A Stitch in Time." SS 306; BYPU 72; prayer meeting 68; professions 4; for baptism 4; baptized 2; by letter 3.

Rockwood, First: John C. Davis. "The Covenant at Sinai" and "Arise, Shine." SS 260; BYPU 72; for baptism 1; baptized 1.

Monterey: W. M. Griffith. "The Cheerful Giver" and "A Freeman or a Slave, as We Choose." SS 241; BYPU 17; prayer meeting 77.

South Pittsburg: Paul R. Hodge. "The Lord's Supper" and "Weighed and Wanting." SS 188; BYPU 60; baptized 2.

Pulaski: Sibley C. Burnett. Sermon by Dr. Ownby of Methodist Conference. SS 71; BYPU 60; prayer meeting 44.

Bolivar: Henry J. Huey. SS 126; BYPU 73; prayer meeting 25.

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Rev. J. N. Varnell, of Benton, Kans., a native of Tennessee, could be induced to return to a pastorate in this state. He has a church in Benton of 183 members, with full-time preaching and a Sunday school with an average attendance of about 100.

Rev. C. L. Bowden, of Humboldt, Tenn., has just returned from a great meeting at Henning, Tenn., resulting in twelve additions.

The Ministers' Conference, auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will meet Monday night, November 15, 1926, at 7:30 o'clock in the Bellvue church, Memphis. Rev. C. F. Clark, of Cleveland, Tenn., is president and Rev. C. L. Bowden, of Humboldt, Tenn., chairman of the Program Committee. The general theme of the program is announced to be "The Person of Christ."

Dr. John Jeter Hurt, of the First church, Jackson, Tenn., left Sunday night for LaPorte, Ind., to assist Dr. J. W. Moffatt and the First church in a revival lasting two weeks.

Rev. Spencer King, of the First church, Pelham, Ga., has been elected to the position of associate secretary of the Georgia Baptist State Mission Board to be a co-laborer with Dr. Arch C. Cree. He has accepted, effective at once.

Rev. W. T. Smith, of Opelika, Ala., has accepted the care of Central church, Waycross, Ga., returning to his native state where his welcome is most cordial.

The First church, Barnesville, Ga., loses its good pastor, Rev. Arthur Jackson, who has resigned to accept a call to the First church, Hendersonville, N. C. He leaves one great field to go to another.

The church at Parsons, Tenn., has called Rev. Roy Keathley, of Metropolis, Ill., as pastor to succeed Rev. L. P. Fleming, resigned. The field is one of the most promising in West Tennessee.

The church at Jasper, Tenn., has lately enjoyed a great revival in which the preaching was done by Rev. G. W. Cox, of Ponders Avenue church, Atlanta, Ga. There were thirty-five additions, twenty-five by letter and ten by baptism.

Tennessee Baptists will learn with interest that J. E. Carver, son of Dr. W. O. Carver, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., has been appointed instructor in English in Clemson College in South Carolina. The elder Mr. Carver is a worthy son of Tennessee and the younger appears to be just as good a Carver.

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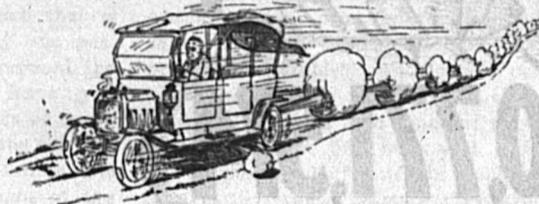
The church at Halls, Tenn., with a membership of 210, a building with a capacious auditorium, and ten Sunday school rooms, is pastorless and desirous of locating a strong leader. The pastor's home has recently been sold, but a new one is to be built in keeping with the scope of the work. Plans include a Sunday school building with equipment for social activities.

Dr. L. E. Finney has resigned as pastor of the First church, Burkburnett, Texas, to become executive secretary of Baylor University, Waco, Texas.

Rev. Jas. A. Clark, of Covington, Tenn., lately assisted Rev. L. T. Wright in a revival at Jeffersonton church, Louisville, Ky. There were a number of conversions and baptisms.

Dr. A. S. Pettie, of Lawrenceburg, Ky., has resigned that pastorate and moved to Atlanta, Ga., to make his home with Mr. and Mrs. Grant. He will be remembered as having at one time been pastor at Columbia, Tenn.

Dr. W. L. Pickard, of Tifton, Ga., beloved in Tennessee, is to do the preaching in a revival with Rev. G. M. Coalson, at Wadley, Ga., beginning October 24 and continuing two weeks.



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THIS IS HOW WE FEEL!

Rev. P. Q. Cason, of Apalachicola, Fla., once pastor at Tullahoma, Tenn., has accepted a call to McRae, Ga. He has previously been a Georgia pastor and is given a joyous welcome to that state.

The church at Chickamauga, Tenn., secures as pastor Rev. C. W. Howard, who resigns at Boynton, Ga., to accept the new field. He is a prodigious worker.

Dr. J. B. Moody, of Jacksonville, Fla., whose name has been long identified with Baptist life in Tennessee, is now 88 years old plus three months, but in fine health.

Evangelist Charlie Taylor, brother, Laurie, and their father, lately assisted Dr. Leonard W. Doolan in a revival at the First church, Danville, Ky., resulting in 125 additions to the church.

Dr. Lloyd T. Wilson, of Highpoint, N. C., whose footprints as he went about doing good, are seen everywhere in Tennessee, is now assisting Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon in a revival in Highland church, Louisville, Ky.

During the first week of a revival in Franklin Street church, Louisville, Ky., Rev. L. C. Ray, pastor, there were twenty-six additions. Rev. H. W. Ellis, of Paducah, Ky., is doing the preaching and Sam N. Elsey leading the singing.

State Mission Day was duly observed in the Sunday school of the First church, Lexington, Tenn., on Sunday, October 10. The collections ran to \$354.50, though the aim was only \$300. To Superintendent John W. Stewart is due much credit for this achievement. His heart is aglow with missionary enthusiasm.

Dr. Robert Fagin, teacher of the Men's Bible Class in the Temple church, Memphis, Tenn., was presented a Red Seal Diploma on Sunday, October 10, by Arthur Flake, field secretary of the Sunday School Board, Nashville. This is the highest honor bestowed upon any Sunday school teacher.

Rev. T. N. Hale, the irrepressible pastor at Dresden, Tenn., is planning special services for the week of November 21 to 27 in Hodges Chapel church, to which he preaches one Sunday afternoon in each month. Brother Hale is greatly beloved by that congregation.

Dr. W. L. Norris, of New South Memphis church, Memphis, Tenn., is happy in the fact that his great growing church is out of debt. It is the second church this prodigious worker has led in building in Memphis, his home town. Calvary church was built in his ten years pastorate there. He has done a great work in other Tennessee towns as well.

### BY THE EDITOR

The First Church, Texarkana, Texas, reported to the association total gifts as follows: For self (local expenses), \$13,655.27; for others (missions and benevolences), \$15,101.35. This is as it should be. M. T. Andrews is the pastor to congratulate.

Pastor Wallace Bassett, of Cliff Temple Church, Dallas, Texas, has just closed his fifteenth revival in that church and there were seventy-nine additions. It would be a glorious day for our churches if they would use their pastors in evangelistic efforts and quit wasting their money on sensational "free-lances."

According to the Baptist Advance the Sunday School Board is sending Dr. Hight C. Moore to Palestine next

year. More splendid treats are in store for our boys and girls, for we have few writers who can depict scenes and people with more charm than can he.

The Sunday School Board reports that already a carload of McLaren's "Expositions of the Holy Scriptures" has been sold. Better come on, pastor, with your twenty-five new subscriptions and get this set free.

### MOTHER LEE SERIOUSLY INJURED

Mrs. M. O. Lee, mother of Mrs. N. B. Fetzer, was seriously injured Sunday when she accidentally slipped and fell. She had gone to the back porch of the Fetzer home where she lives and in turning to go back into the house, slipped and fell, striking her hip against the door sill and fracturing the bones. She is at the Baptist Hospital and is doing well. She is known among the members of Belmont Heights Church as "Mother Lee," and of all the saints who live in Nashville none is more charming, more gracious, more lovable than is

she whose faith in her Master is beautiful and whose countenance ever radiates the light of the hope that has dominated her life for more than half a century.

### DR. WARREN COMING

Dr. Louie B. Warren will assist Dr. Powhatan W. James in special evangelistic services in Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn., November 7-21. Immediately following, Dr. Walt N. Johnson, of North Carolina, will conduct at Immanuel an intensive campaign on Stewardship for one week, November 22-28.

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NEWS BULLETIN

(Continued from page 8.)

DR. POWERS CALLED

At a conference of the Republican Grove Baptist Church, two miles west of Trezevant, Sunday night a call was extended to the Rev. John F. Powers of Paris to become the pastor of that congregation. Dr. Powers was formerly of this church, having served them for a number of years when he resigned the care of the church a year ago.

PHILADELPHIA REVIVAL

Pastor A. B. Johnson of Philadelphia Church has been in a revival with Rev. J. A. Caylor doing the preaching and J. L. Barnhill in charge of the song service. Miss Marion Peoples, a local musician, was at the piano. The services were well attended, according to a Knoxville paper, and the interest throughout was good.

TEN WEEKS WITH THE TITHE

Any church may now put on a Ten Weeks' course of tithing education, right in the midst of its other activities, and at a ridiculously small cost.

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A complete set of samples and full particulars will be sent for twenty-five cents, stamps or coin. This amount will be credited on an order for the complete "Church Education Unit."

PRESBYTERIANS ORGANIZE FOR TEMPERANCE FIGHT

The New York Presbytery at its meeting on October 4th, went into a full and fearless discussion of the question of temperance, and after much thought, adopted a resolution calling on the churches to establish temperance societies. The resolution is as follows:

"In view of the fact that since the adoption of the 18th Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, temperance societies and organizations have been to a large degree, inactive, Presbytery expresses the hope that the work of the temperance societies will be revived and temperance societies will be organized in each of our congregations."

The full report closed with the ringing words: "If ever there was a call to the church and to American citizens to show their respect for law and their loyalty to the constitution, that time is now and we summon all the people to action. God Save the State!"

GREAT REPORT FROM MOODY INSTITUTE

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees of Moody Bible Institute in Chicago has just been held and the reports given out indicate that the institution is in a healthy condition financially as well as spiritually. The net valuation of the holdings of the school is given at \$4,406,243.97 and there are no mortgages on it and practically no contingent liabilities. Last year, 1,086 students were enrolled in the day school, 1,104 in the evening school and 9,655 in the correspondence school. The students in day school came from 41 states and 24 foreign countries.

The officials of the new Board of Trustees are as follows: Henry P. Crowell, chairman of the executive committee of the Quaker Oats Co. president (re-elected); Bryan Y. Craig, an attorney, secretary, (re-elected); Dr. James M. Gray, Thomas S. Smith and the president of the Board constitute the executive committee. The school is beginning this year with bright prospects.

SMILES  
SELECTED

Practically Arrived

Hiram had walked four miles over the Great Smokies to call on his lady fair. For a time they sat silent on a bench by the side of her log cabin, but soon the moon, as moons do, had its effect, and Hiram slid closer to her and patted her hand.

"Mary," he began, "y'know I got a clearin' over thar and a team an' wagon an' some haws an' cows, an' I 'low to buid me a house this fall, an'—"

He was interrupted by Mary's mother, who had awakened.

"Mary," she called in a loud voice, "is that young man thar yit?"

Back came the answer: "No, maw, but he's gittin' thar."—Everybody's Magazine for October.

"What made the Tower of Pisa lean?"

"Wish I knew; I'd have my wife try it."—Baptist Student.

Awful!

A man went to see his physician for advice as to how to be cured of the habit of snoring.

"Does your snoring disturb your wife?" asked the M.D.

"Does it disturb my wife?" echoed the patient. "Why, doc, it disturbs the whole congregation."—B. Y. P. U. Magazine.

A girl from a telephone exchange fell asleep while at church.

The preacher, announcing the hymn, said, "Number 428."

At that moment the girl awoke. "I'll ring 'em again," she murmured. —Progressive Grocer.

"My wife gets on my nerves; she's always bragging about the husband she had before me."

"Oh, that's nothing. Mine is always talking of one she's going to have after me."

Teacher: "What were the different ages in history?"

Willie: "The stone age, bronze age and iron age."

Teacher: "What age are we living in now?"

Willie: "The hard-boiled age."—Vancouver Province.

An Orderly Procedure

John had become the proud owner of a pig, and insisted on caring for it himself.

After a few weeks his father noticed that the animal did not appear to thrive and remarked:

"John, are you not feeding your pig enough? It doesn't seem to be fattening at all."

"I don't want him to fatten yet," answered John. "I'm waiting until he gets as long as I want him, then I'll begin to widen him out."

Ill. Man Invents New Ford Gas Saver & Quick Starter

Walter Critchlow, 6985-N street, Wheaton, Ill., has patented a new gas saver and quick starter that beats anything gotten out. With it on Fords show as high as 66 miles on a gallon. Other makes do equally well. This new invention saves gas and oil, makes a Ford start instantly in any weather and completely de-carbonizes the engine. Mr. Critchlow offers one free to quickly advertise. Write him for one. He also wants County and State Distributors who can make \$500 to \$2,500 per month.

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Frankly, we ask, is this distribution of funds fair to all our missionary, educational and benevolent enterprises, to the missionaries on the field, or to Christ who gave his life for us and commanded us to carry the gospel to every creature the wide world around?

It is recognized, of course, that many loyal churches and individuals did far better than this, but, alas, many, many more did little or nothing, thus greatly lowering the average for the denomination.

\$30,000,000 a year is not too much money to give to local expenses, but Southern Baptists are able and ought to do equally as much for Kingdom building outside their local communities.

CHALLENGE TO CONSECRATION MADE

In view of our great material prosperity and the challenging opportunities and pressing needs everywhere at home and abroad, and on behalf of the lost millions of earth now ready and hungering for a knowledge of the true God, we challenge our Southern Baptist people, old and young, rich and poor, to join us in a rededication of ourselves to the Master and to a more liberal support of home, foreign and state missions, ministerial relief, and our Baptist schools, orphanages and hospitals as represented by the Cooperative Program.

Will not every church reconsider its duty in this connection and do its very best in cash contributions in rounding out the record for 1926, and then put on the most effective every-member canvass in its history for the Program in 1927.

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