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Jesus Over Against the Treasury

A PASTOR'S MEDITATION BEFORE AN ANNUAL EVERY-MEMBER CANVASS

By F. F. BROWN

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." (Mark 12:41.)

What a scene! The group of worshippers silently passing by and casting their gifts into the treasury! The Lord of all Glory watching! His divine eyes searching the souls of the people! His divine mind understanding the motive of every heart and swiftly registering the proportion of the possessions represented by each offering.

He saw the woman as she brought her gift—a gift small and insignificant by human measurements. She was a widow, and since her husband was taken she has moved more slowly. On her face and in her eyes was a soft, gentle look—the light of serene faith and exalted hope. She had come up to the temple to worship God, and her offering was a vital part of that worship. As she moved to the treasury her soul was going out to God in adoration and thanksgiving. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless his holy name."

Modestly, joyously, sacrificially she made her offering. Jesus, over against the treasury, saw and understood. The words of approval and appraisal were spoken—words that ring bells of joy in hearts that enter into spiritual fellowship with the woman of long ago, or words that sound notes of warning to other hearts that have no sympathy with the one whom Jesus so strongly commended.

Jesus over against the treasury as we worship! "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury." What a theme for meditation! Our Saviour sits over against the treasury as we come up to worship today. His eyes sweep the fields of the soul. He watches as we make our offering. He sees what we bring and notes the spirit which prompts us. He knows the amounts given in His name—for His work. He knows, too, the sums kept for our own purposes. With heavenly mathematics He determines the proportions represented by each offering.

Jesus Watches

He sees the group in every church who do not come to the treasury at all. They claim Him as their Saviour. They look to Him for His blessings day by day. They sing hymns about Him. They pray in His name. Some day they hope to stand in His presence—"Redeemed by His blood." But they do not meet Him at the treasury. Surely His message to this group is: "Thou shalt not appear before the Lord empty: every man shall give as he is able." "Bring an offering and come into His courts."

Jesus Watches

He sees the group who give as a matter of respectability. There is no careful thought, no earnest prayer back of their offering. Grudgingly, reluctantly they dole out the minimum required by respectability. They are members of the church. Their self-respect will not allow them to frankly decline all responsibility for their Saviour's work. They shrink from being classified with the group of nominal Christians who positively refuse to contribute to the support of Christ's kingdom. Many of them are prosperous. Their names are promi-

nent in social and civic movements. They support the various clubs and other organizations to which they belong with liberality, but at the Lord's treasury all generous impulses seem to be frozen. Coldly, formally, without joy, they bring their meager offerings as a stern duty demanded by respectability. And the Saviour watches. His pointed question to each of their hearts is: "What hast thou that thou didst not receive?" His solemn warning to each one of them is: "But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth."

Jesus Watches

He sees the group—slowly but steadily increasing—of those who come up to the treasury with gladness in their hearts. They acknowledge themselves stewards—trustees—of their possessions. Many of them are tithers. They have adopted and are practicing the tithe as the minimum when they approach the Lord's treasury. They believe and accept the Scriptures which say: "Bring ye all the tithes into the store house." "The tithe . . . is the Lord's." "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him."

Some of them have gone beyond the tithe and continuously bring larger proportions of their in-

comes to the Lord's treasury for use in kingdom work.

Some of the offerings bear the red marks of sacrifice. Those who bring them have quietly and prayerfully determined: "Neither will I offer . . . unto the Lord my God of that which cost me nothing." Jesus sees. He knows. He understands.

Jesus Watches

His eyes are lighted with interest—with divine love. On His matchless face varying emotions register themselves. Those who come up to the treasury where He awaits them are His own—bought with a price. Oh, that we may but look into His face as we bring our offerings! Oh, that we may but see His poignant sorrow as we appear before Him—"empty." Could we but see His deep grief as we come formally, moved by mere respectability, with reluctant offerings! Could we but see the look of divine approval on His face as joyously we recognize our stewardship and meet Him at the treasury!

"The Lord loveth a cheerful giver."

"Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful."

"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury."

Let us reverently look into His face before we make our offerings—the fact that we hope one day to see more plainly as we stand in His glorious and glorified presence and "know even as also we are known."

Knoxville, Tennessee.

Baptist State Convention Holds Fifty-Second Annual Meeting

HON. A. L. TODD, OF MURFREESBORO, UNANIMOUSLY CHOSEN PRESIDENT

The fifty-second annual meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was called to order at 7:30 Tuesday evening, November 16th, in the beautiful and commodious auditorium of Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis. An audience that filled the auditorium and part of the gallery was present, and from the first there was a deep interest. The Executive Board of the convention had been in session throughout the day, as had the Tennessee Baptist Ministers' Conference. Across town, at the First Church building, the State W. M. U. Convention had been in session all day, and from every hand came reports of intense interest, fervent prayers, earnest counsels and deep concern for the great burdens now pressing the life from our denominational work. The report of the W. M. U. Convention will be given elsewhere. Since the recommendations of the Executive Board will constitute a part of the convention work, we will not give it.

Ministers' Conference

President C. F. Clark of Cleveland called the conference to order at 10 a.m., and after a short devotional period, in which Dr. J. E. Skinner of Martin led in a fervent and appealing prayer, the officers for the ensuing year were elected. Rev. David N. Livingstone of Jefferson City was elected president and Rev. Fleetwood Ball of Lexington, clerk. Brethren Paul R. Hodge of South Pittsburg and C. L. Bowden of Humboldt were made a committee on enrollment. A goodly number of ministers were present, and the program throughout the day was splendid.

Pastor-host W. M. Bostick of Bellevue Church delivered a splendid address on "The Ministry of the Word and of Prayers." Among other things, he said: "The minister is the only man who has the distinction of working under a direct call from God. . . . It does not become a minister to defend himself; it is his to do his duty and press on." The Word which the minister is to give to the world is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and he made it very clear that he has no use for the preacher who tries to emasculate the Word by robbing it of its supernatural content and power. In speaking of the preacher's credentials, he quoted the words of Jesus to John the Baptist: "Tell John the poor have the gospel preached to them." Christ did not point out his miracles as being of supreme proof of his mission and person, but pointed first of all to the fact that the poor were hearing the gospel.

The need of the hour, according to Brother Bostick, is for an energized ministry. Our ever-increasing machinery becomes a tremendous burden unless it is made dynamic by the power of the spirit of Christ. "We may not have a second Pentecost," he declared, "but we may have all the things that accompanied Pentecost, among which are the same kind of preacher, the same kind of prayer, the same message, the same upper room, the same Holy Spirit."

Dr. Chas. B. Williams of Union University delivered a splendid address on "The Person of Christ; His Training," in which he pointed out the influences of the mother of Christ and the influ-

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EDITORIAL

A big heart never holds a little grudge.

A preacher is not "big" just because he can start something.

When a man is suspicious of everyone else he will bear watching.

It is a lot easier to stir up strife in Baptist ranks than it is to lead to unity.

Indications point to a return of long hair for women. Praise the Lord for them!

"Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today" is mighty poor advice to give at bedtime.

Some educated preachers have never yet learned that poor old Judas fell from his apostleship and not from grace.

"One Hohenzollern opposes monarchy."—Headline in a daily paper. Seems that at least one of the tribe has a little sense.

Watch the music on your daughter's piano and you can read the characters of the young men who call on her.

A real hearty "Come back again," from a church which he has visited, is a delight to the ears of a denominational servant.

France is talking of deporting alien workmen. America did better than that, she stopped the big corporations from importing them.

Many modern women are changing Psalm 127:3 to read, "Lo, lap dogs are an heritage of the Lord, but the fruit of our wombs is a curse."

One of the most beautiful and sublime poems ever written is found in Ecclesiastes 12:1-7, yet how few are the people who know it!

Many a good man is no more than a bread-winner and clothing-provider for a family ruled over by a wife and mother who thinks she knows it all.

"Wisdom is profitable to direct." Thus saith the word of God. (Prov. 10:10.) Yet we still have preachers who oppose education, or the getting of wisdom.

The church member who gives fifty cents Sunday morning to support the Lord's work and burns two dollars that afternoon in driving an auto is a poor imitation of a disciple of Christ.

It's mighty hard to obey Jesus by being "exceedingly glad" when our enemies revile us and despitefully use us. Yet their persecutions are increasing our rewards in heaven.

As long as novelists and moving picture magazines continue to exploit crime and glorify criminals through their productions, just so long will the crime wave increase.

Don't blame the children for being nervous and irritable and hard to control. Remember you made them so when they were "too cunning and precious" for you to refrain from coddling them.

The "Quadruplets" of the convention were Watters, Sams, Atwood and Preston. They are as fine a quartet of educational leaders as any state in the South can march out on its convention platform. They are not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ for which Tennessee Baptists are proud and grateful.

The "twins" of the convention were Brother W. J. Puckett of Gibson and Layman M. E. Eagle of Seventh St. Church, Memphis. The two together would tip the scales at about 525 pounds and both of them are lovable men who put the kingdom of Christ first.

F. J. Harrell, G. C. Savage, O. E. Sams, E. L. Atwood, J. A. Clark, W. F. Powell, Austin Crouch, —well if you looked at the top of their heads, you know why we list them together

Col. O. C. Barton of Paris and Rev. Martin Ball of Paris, were the two patriarchs of the convention, not because of their age but because of their beards, their long and useful service with Tennessee Baptists, and the high esteem and abiding love in which all Tennessee Baptists hold them. No convention would look right to Tennessee Baptists without the genial face of Layman O. C. Barton.

The convention hall would never look right without the form of Clerk Fleetwood Ball seated at the secretary's table on the platform. Quietly, unostentatiously, our beloved clerk does his work and with the utmost accuracy. So completely does the convention trust his care for their records that the closing session of the convention was ended by vote without the last part of the minutes having been read. Always smiling, always watching, always interested, always deeply concerned about the future of the Baptist cause, our clerk is an indispensable part of our annual gatherings.

We were delighted to have calls from some of our truly great and much loved pastors. Pastor W. F. Powell of Nashville looked in on us long enough to attend the opening service on Tuesday evening. Pastor John W. Inzer of Chattanooga and Pastor F. F. Brown of Knoxville spent one day with the convention. We sorely need the counsel and advice of these brethren and we trust ere another year has passed that they will have arranged their work at home so that they may remain throughout the convention.

We're coming to Nashville next year, 2000 strong. Do not allow yourselves to forget that. Debts all paid—out of the trenches—over the top—and a great hallelujah for the closing session of the convention. Nashville will furnish a choir that will render the Hallelujah Chorus from The Messiah if Tennessee Baptists will pay their debts before Nov. 16, 1927. LET'S GO!

BOARD MEMBERS ATTENTION

It will be an absolute impossibility for the Executive Board to transact all its business at its coming session and do it in one day. Therefore make your plans to come and remain until all things have been carefully considered. Every member of the board ought to be present. Read the list elsewhere in this issue to be sure that your name is not on the board, before you plan for anything else on December 7th.

Visitors to the convention were Editor Stealy of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger; Editor Compere of the Arkansas Baptist Advance; Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Cor. Sec. of the Arkansas W. M. U.; Cor. Sec. J. B. Rounds of the Oklahoma Executive Board; Dr. L. G. Cleverdon of the Baptist Bible Institute; Dr. Thomas A. Johnson, librarian of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Albert Vinting of Southwestern Seminary; Dr. J. F. Love of the Foreign Mission Board; Dr. J. E. Dillard, pastor of Southside Church, Birmingham, Ala., and Chairman of the Co-operative Program Commission; Dr. George Leavell, returned missionary from China; J. W. McGavey, returned missionary from Chile; Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, of the Home Mission Board; and perhaps some others whose names we did not get.

A BEAUTIFUL LIFE

There lives in Morristown a woman whose life is beautiful, so beautiful that hundreds of people go regularly to have a glimpse of it. Many things which are considered absolute essentials by the masses never enter into this life and yet there is none who enjoys living more than she who has so well learned the true meaning of life.

In a modest little cottage on an unpaved street lives "Aunt Fannie" Noe, who for eighteen years has not sat erect or walked. On a lounge she spends her days. Propped up amidst pillows, she sits by a window within reach of a radio and telephone, both of which are supplied by her many lovers and there spends her days. She reads, receives numerous callers, "listens in" to all the radio world from New York to San Francisco has to offer and when a more intimate touch is desired by wire, she uses the telephone.

She does not complain at her lot. No shadow is allowed to hang about her room. The caller is never tempted to offer words of sympathy or commiseration, but is the rather tempted to tell a funny joke and to enjoy a hearty laugh. "I joke my friends sometimes when they have neglected me," she said during our recent visit to her, "but I never am ugly with them."

She is a devout Christian and a staunch Baptist, but she is loved and cheered by people of every creed. "Everybody loves her and it would surprise you if you could know how many people go to see her, not to comfort her, but to get comfort," said the friend who took us to her home, where we, too, were comforted.

ANOTHER PAPAL BLUNDER

According to A. G. Gardner, special correspondent for the Chattanooga Times, the papacy has committed another serious blunder. The Pope, for some reason, has decided that Consuelo Vanderbilt, for twenty-five years the wife of the Duke of Marlborough, is not a legitimate wife. The logical conclusion which one must draw from his action is that he wishes the Catholic world to hold the children of this union to be illegitimate. According to Mr. Gardner, England is excited over the incident to the point of bewilderment.

We can but wonder at the presumption of the Italian bigot who occupies the throne of the Catholic world. And our wonder is increased when we hear sane men in our country laugh or sneer when someone warns them to beware of the political aspirations and plans of the Pope. The Marlborough incident reveals very clearly the fact that the Pope has never given up his claim to political sovereignty. Nor has he learned anything from the past. He might remember Henry VIII, but evidently he is too stupid.

Well may evangelical Christians rejoice over the advent of the present Italian Caesar, Mussolini, for his sudden rise to power has made the papacy bold, and in the far-removed Vatican, shut off from the rapidly moving world, the Pope cannot see the political significance of such an act as his diabolical thrust at the most sacred ties on earth—the marriage vows—and the certain reaction that must come from crowned heads when their princely children are branded as illegimates by him who tries to hide his nefarious plots behind the cloak of religion.

FALLEN FROM GRACE!

The Nashville Banner of November 20 carried an account of the disgraceful conduct of the assistant pastor of Druid's Hill Baptist Church, of Atlanta, and headed the article, "Preacher Falls From Grace." Behind the headline we could not help but feel lay a sarcastic thrust at one of the most holy tenets of our Baptist faith, and we resent such an inexcusable breach of journalistic etiquette. Surely secular journalism has descended to a low plane when an editor of a great daily paper will stoop to such tactics as are displayed by this headline attack against the faith of a great religious denomination.

What evidence has the editor that the Rev. Mr. Nichols has fallen from grace? That he stole some money from the church he does not deny. That his conduct was ignominious we do not deny. That he should be punished for his crime all will admit. But, if he was a real child of God before he stole the money, he is still one, and the grace of God that saved him from sin will also save him from his dastardly crime and bring him, as it did Peter of old, back into a life of useful service in the kingdom of our Christ. He did not fall from grace, but he has fallen very low in the ranks of discipleship. We hope that his fall has been caused by human frailty such as made Peter curse and deny his Lord and not by his being a devil from the beginning, as was Judas.

TENNESSEE'S DOUBLE LOSS

The editor feels that in the going from our state of Pastors John Buchanan and Leonard Leavell we are suffering a serious loss, and he registers his feelings with a heavy heart. Our cause in West Tennessee is not so well developed and manned that we can afford to have such men leave us, and yet when the inner conviction comes to them that they must go, it is not ours to complain.

Few men among us have done more constructive work than these two have done. At Paris, Brother Buchanan, known as "Brother Buck," has built up a real great church. One of the best church buildings in our state has been erected and paid for during his ministry and many scores of souls have been won and enlisted. Brother Leavell, "Greek" as he is known to his friends, has done a similar great work at Ripley, where the task was perhaps harder because of a smaller congregation and constituency. Both men leave their fields in a united and prosperous condition.

And these men have not confined their ministry to the two towns. They have been big brothers to the many needy rural sections. They have gone far out of their fields of labor in order to be pastors to church members and others who had no resident pastor to call upon. They have helped to build up the rural work about them. They have been actively interested in state affairs and they have not failed to support our whole kingdom program. Their churches have held high places among all Southern Baptist churches in the per capita gifts to the Unified Program. And they have been true friends of the Baptist and Reflector. Few churches in the state have a larger circulation of the paper in the homes of their members than have Ripley Church, where L. O. Leavell is loved, and Paris Church, where John Buchanan is loved.

Tennessee Baptists see them go—Brother Leavell to Leland, Miss., and Brother Buchanan to Meridian, Miss.—with deep regret, and follow them with abiding love and confidence.

HELP THOSE WOMEN

The Baptist women of the South are to give a Christmas gift to Jesus before Christmas comes. During the week of November 29 to December 3 they are to make an offering to Foreign Missions in memory of a fallen foreign missionary, Lottie Moon, and this offering is to be applied to the debt on the Foreign Mission Board. The Southern Baptist Convention at Houston, Texas, last May heartily and unanimously endorsed this beautiful and unselfish effort of the women.

We wish to say two or three things about it:

1. The glorious success or the comparative failure of this Christmas Love Gift may determine

whether this debt on the Foreign Board shall prevent the return of a hundred missionaries to their fields or their loss to foreign missions.

2. Prayer by Southern Baptists for our women at this time and for this effort may determine whether they shall succeed or fail.

Therefore, I beg all our pastors to call upon and lead their people in prayer for these women. Prayer will certainly help them.

I suggest that on Sunday, November 28, especially, every Baptist congregation in the South be called to united and earnest prayer that our sisters in Christ may succeed gloriously in this thing upon which they have set their hearts.

Let us pray! Can we do less than this?

J. F. Love,

Corresponding Secretary.

SALUTATIONS

Arthur J. Barton, General Director

This is dictated Saturday morning, November 20. I have just reached my desk in the Nashville office for the first time. The first thing I do is to send this word of greeting to the brethren throughout the South.

After much heart anguish I left Kansas City two weeks ago tonight, closing my desk and turning away from the work there which I so much loved and in which the Lord had so signally blessed my imperfect efforts. I shall cherish Missouri and pray for my comrades in service there every day with all earnestness. After leaving Kansas City I went to St. Louis, where I preached in Dr. Henry Alford Porter's great Third Church on Sunday.

From there I went to Danville, Va., where I attended the meeting of the Virginia General Association, then to Washington City for the meeting of the Baptists in the District and a meeting of the executive committee of the Anti-Saloon League of America, then to Wilmington, N. C., for a meeting of the state convention.

I think I would be perfectly safe in saying that never before in my rather varied and now somewhat extended period of service in denominational affairs have I had such a reception as the brethren in Virginia and North Carolina gave. I have never attended two better state meetings. The spirit was of the very best and everybody was facing to the front. Not a low note was sounded; not a suggestion of retreat. The brethren in these two states went on record as standing by the Unified Program with unflinching devotion and increasing purpose. If every state convention in the South assumes the same attitude and follows the same course, we are undoubtedly facing a period of genuine revival among our Southern Baptist people and in all of our Baptist work. Let everybody be much in prayer for the coming of the Lord's power upon us. "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it."

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WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR, AND HOW SHALL I TREAT HIM—LUKE 10:25-37

By Oscar E. Sams

The lawyer in this story was interested in the question of "Eternal Life." Jesus made a straight forward reply, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul, strength and mind and thy neighbor as thyself." The lawyer replied: "Who is my Neighbor?"

In this parable of the Good Samaritan we learn what it is to be neighborly. The central figure is a man in distress. He needs the help of another. The neighbor was not the man in distress any more than he was the priest and levite. Nor was the helper a neighbor simply because he was a Samaritan. The neighbor is the one who helps another on the way and expects no reward for the act. The neighbor then is not always the man living next door or even in the same community. Proximity of homes does not make neighbors of people. My neighbor may be of another nationality

and may live on the other side of the world. Neighborliness disregards boundary lines, race, color or social strata.

Who Can Be a Neighbor?

Only the one who has the spirit of Christ can be a neighbor in the real sense, because neighborliness is unselfish, and no uninspired man can be unselfish regularly and indefinitely. He may play the part of a neighbor when it is convenient or serves his purpose. But to be a neighbor in season and out of season with all peoples in all the world, requires the spirit of Christ.

This view necessitates a new definition of property. Men, in different ages and under different environment have defined property in three ways:

1. "What is thine is mine." This is the conception of the savage and some non-Christians.
2. "What is mine is mine." This is the conception of the miser and the un-Christian.
3. "What is mine is thine." This is the neighbor's conception of life.

As a Christian it is my privilege to be a neighbor to every one that opportunity affords, whether he be saint or sinner, American or Chinaman, rich or poor, congenial or repulsive.

Being a neighbor then carries with it an obligation of purse, hand and even the risk of life without hope of remuneration. When I help a man in order to get him to help me that is bartering and no man is honored of God for driving a bargain. So being a neighbor involves my health, my comfort, my happiness.

How am I a Christian to treat the one who is neighbor to me?

Jesus said to the Lawyer, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself." We are told to Love (agapao) the enemy and to pray for him that spitefully uses us. But we are not commanded to love the enemy as ourselves, only God could do that. Do you think it was difficult for the half-dead traveler to love the Samaritan neighbor as he would love himself? In other words could he not get the full consent of his mind to do as much for the one who had been neighbor to him as he would do for himself?

If every Christian tried to be a Bible neighbor to all, we would be ministers to all. When the time comes that we give our enemies the Bible instead of bullets; ministry instead of munitions, and think of them in prayer instead of in passion, this old world will be re-made.

HOW DID HE DO IT?

The following is taken from the Christian Science Monitor. The individual emerged from the dining room of a fashionable London hotel and went directly to the cloak room, where he nonchalantly proceeded to crush one silk hat after another. The attendant, surprised at the unexplainable behavior, demanded the reason for his action, whereupon the other replied:

"I'm looking for my own. It's an opera collapsible, you know. None of these here seem to be it."

What we want to know is, how did the editor of the Monitor manage to see the joke?

Mr. Grouch: "Our pastor isn't worth a cent to this church."

Mrs. Sympathy: "Well, I haven't yet seen any dollar marks from you."

We are going to have a hard winter—bound to have it just because snow has fallen in Tennessee before Thanksgiving. Which reminds us that many a church member becomes pessimistic about a pastor's future simply because he delivers a "cold sermon" a few Sundays after he has come to the field.

Many people do not know that the supposed distances to the various planetary bodies have all been calculated by means of an unknown quantity. Had the astronomers started out with "y" instead of "x" the respective distances would have been entirely different from those we accept as facts while the results in estimating planetary movements would have been just as accurate.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION HOLDS FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING

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ences of the Holy Spirit in directing the early training of Jesus. It was a scholarly address and will long be remembered.

Dr. Austin Crouch of Murfreesboro spoke on "How the Death of Christ Saves Us." In his message he pointed out the cause of physical death, which is sin, and defended the death of Christ as a vicarious sacrifice. "If Christ died only a martyr's death," he said, "then I am doomed eternally to hell. Preachers ought to have a clear idea of how the death of Christ saves us. . . . Christ died as our substitute. He took our place and died that we might live. He satisfied every demand of God's violated law. Christ is not going to do anything in the future to save us; he has already done it."

Rev. A. M. Nicholson of Orlinda was the last speaker of the morning session. He spoke on "The Complete and Universal Character of Christ." He pointed out the attributes of divinity, humanity, power, love, sympathy and peace which composed the character of Christ and supported each assertion concerning this character with Scripture quotations which added force to his splendid paper. Beloved W. D. Powell of Chattanooga closed the morning session with prayer.

Dr. D. A. Ellis of Memphis opened the afternoon session with a devotional talk on the "Ministry of the Word and of Prayer," and the new pastor of the church at Jefferson City, Rev. C. W. Pope, led in prayer. Papers were read by Dr. L. M. Roper of Johnson City on "The Christ of John's Gospel" and Rev. F. G. Lavender of Columbia on "The Christ of Revelation." Both papers were good and showed that the speakers had put a lot of earnest work on them. The program committee for the next meeting of the conference is: T. G. Davis, Watertown; R. N. Owen, Elizabethton; and F. J. Harrell, Dyersburg.

The Ministers' Conference is a real valuable organization, and its programs are well worth while. Due to the action of the convention last year, the evening hour on Tuesday was given over to the opening session of the convention and the conference did not have as much time as heretofore. Our pastors need to get together more often, and in these meetings they have an opportunity of expressing themselves and of getting inspiration and help from the exchange of ideas and experiences.

The Convention

Dr. G. C. Savage of Union University called the meeting to order at 7:30 and C. L. Randall of Little Rock, Ark., an evangelistic singer, led the congregation in singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" The congregation stood and entered heartily into the singing. Following the song, Rev. R. T. Skinner of Milan conducted the devotional, giving a splendid address from the words found in the 12th chapter of John. He pointed out the supreme importance of the day for the ministry and our whole denominational organization to uphold the Christ of the gospel and to be true to the fundamentals of our religion. Brother Skinner is one of the most forceful speakers of our state and has a faith in the Lord Jesus that is unshakable. His happy countenance and pleasing address make him a favorite in all our denominational gatherings.

Following the devotional address, the congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story" and Dr. O. E. Bryan led in prayer for the guidance of the Spirit of God in the deliberations of the convention. A quintet from Bellevue Church rendered "Seek Ye the Lord," a splendid anthem that was very appropriate since, as Dr. Roper later pointed out, it was so in keeping with the message which he had prepared for the occasion.

President Savage then introduced Dr. R. L. Sanders who was to deliver the address of welcome, by saying: "Before we came here, we felt that there would be a warm welcome for us and Dr. R. L. Sanders will tell us about it." Dr. San-

ders made a few witty remarks by way of introduction and then read his address in which he pointed out some of the Baptist enterprises in Memphis which are glorifying God and extending His kingdom work. He also spoke of the growth of the city and of its strategic location in the heart of the South.

Governor Peay was to have delivered the response but was unable to be present because of the tragic automobile accident at Lebanon last Friday in which the Reeder family of Knoxville suffered the loss of a son as well as serious injuries to other members of the family. In his absence, he had requested Dr. W. F. Powell of Nashville to respond in his stead and to extend to Tennessee Baptists his regrets and his assurances that he stands "for the Bible as the Word of God and for a United States flag on every school room." Dr. Powell made an interesting and impressive statement and left no doubt in the minds of the Memphis brotherhood of the deep appreciation of the convention messengers for the fine spirit of hospitality being shown.

Dr. L. M. Roper of Johnson City was the preacher of the annual sermon. He used for his text, Jeremiah 29:13, "Ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart." We will give this sermon in a later issue. Dr. Roper spoke from notes and did not have the manuscript ready for publication. It was a great sermon, scholarly, inspiring, pointed and full of pungent, terse, short sentences that cut like a knife. We have few greater preachers than Dr. Roper and his fine command of language made his sermon a delight to the ear while his earnestness and his passion made it go deep into the heart life and stir up new desires and old ambitions.

Annual Debate

The annual debate between the teams of Carson-Newman College and Union University is not a part of the convention but deserves to be recognized since it comes during the convention. This year, Carson-Newman was represented by E. T. Parks and Glen F. White. Union University was represented by J. D. Gray and Clifton Malone. The editor was honored by being asked to serve as one of the judges. Dr. W. M. Wood presided during the debate which followed immediately after the close of the sermon by Dr. Roper.

The subject of the debate was "Resolved that the United States should Cancel the European War Debts." Carson-Newman had the affirmative side and the young men handled the subject in a great way. Mr. White was especially good on the rejoinder while Mr. Parks built up a fine foundation in his opening speech. Mr. Gray for the negative opened with a splendid argument and was supported in a fine way by Mr. Malone. So well matched were the teams that it was hard to give a decision. The editor always "grades" the debaters when he acts as judge, and there was in his totals for both the main arguments and the rejoinders only one-half of one per cent difference in the standing of the two teams. The decision of the judges favored the negative by a vote of two to one. The only sad thing about the debate was the absence of the students. A college debate without the yells and the songs seems to lack something. We have been in debates and attended many while in school and the enthusiasm of the students made all such occasions happy and inspiring. Tennessee Baptists need to enter more heartily into the efforts of our schools to train their young men in public debate. We criticize them for the emphasis upon athletics and other non-essentials but we do not support them in anything else. 2,500 people from Knoxville traveled all the way to Nashville to attend a football game. We wonder how many would have come to back up a team of debaters. Yet the future of our nation depends upon the fellows who study the forensic art and not upon those who spend their time on the athletic fields.

Wednesday Morning

Dr. Savage called the convention to order at 9 o'clock. Rev. J. K. Haynes was not present and the devotional service was omitted with the ex-

ception of song and prayer by Dr. A. U. Boone who poured out an earnest petition to God for the welfare of the convention and for the future of our work in Tennessee and over the world. The time for the election of officers was at hand and Dr. W. M. Wood nominated Hon. A. L. Todd of Murfreesboro, one of the finest laymen in our state and a man of marked ability as a presiding officer. No other nominations were made. Dr. Savage had already, through the columns of the Baptist and Reflector, asked that he not be considered again for the honor, and Mr. Todd was unanimously elected.

J. J. Hurt of Jackson was elected First Vice President, John Inzer of Chattanooga, second, and John Buchanan of Paris, third vice president. Fleetwood Ball was unanimously elected clerk, N. B. Fetzer, statistical secretary, and O. E. Bryan, treasurer. The matter of the auditor was referred to the Executive Board for action. The Committee on Committees was made up of J. R. Johnson, Maryville; O. F. Huckaba, Memphis; A. M. Nicholson, Orlinda; C. D. Creasman, Knoxville; and J. B. Tallant, Harriman.

The program committee made its report through Dr. O. E. Bryan and the report was adopted subject to such changes as might be necessary. Later in the day, the committee made a second report for the guidance of the convention during the remainder of its session.

W. M. Wood read the report of the Executive Board which contained several vital recommendations, the principal ones being:

- (1) The acceptance of the apportionment of \$630,000 as the goal of Tennessee Baptists for 1927;
- (2) The adoption of the fifty-fifty basis of division of funds from the Co-operative Program, fifty per cent to go to south-wide causes and fifty for state causes;
- (3) The adoption of the present standard of division of funds for the ensuing year;
- (4) The handling of all designated funds by the treasurer without charging same to the receipts from the Unified Program;
- (5) The elimination of all special campaigns save such as may be directed by the Corresponding Secretary;
- (6) The strict adherence of the convention and its Executive Board to its by-laws and constitution and charter;
- (7) A united effort on the part of Tennessee Baptists toward evangelization and enlistment;
- (8) A forward-looking program of enlargement for all our causes.

Treasurer Bryan read his report which showed the following facts: Total receipts for the year \$394,979.35. Disbursements: for State Mission work including \$5,000 for the building fund, \$69,340.48; for Foreign Missions including the Christmas Love Offering, \$120,787.32; Home Missions, \$37,441.27; Orphanage, \$47,410.57; Memorial Hospital, \$13,758.02; New Orleans hospital, \$4,114.06; Ministerial Relief, \$13,353.21; Christian Education, all departments and schools, \$77,025.83; Sundry expenditures including the deficit on the Baptist and Reflector, \$43,042.79, leaving a balance on hand, Nov. 1, 1926, of \$4,848.58.

Our report in last week's issue gives a comparative statement and if our readers have not seen it, we trust they will go back and read the account on page three of our work for the year.

Sec. W. D. Hudgins brought a report for his departments of the work and it was interesting and thrilling. The greatest year in the history of the department has just closed. About 1,500 churches were reached directly or indirectly through their members during the year. Brother Hudgins himself spoke to representatives of more than 1,000 churches. Some 13,000 awards for study course work were issued and much lasting good was done which cannot be credited anywhere save upon the records of eternity.

The editor reported for the Baptist and Reflector giving the facts set forth in last week's issue. There was no time given on the program for the discussion of these reports, hence we did not have an opportunity to have the encouraging response which greeted us last year at Johnson City and which resulted in our getting some 500 new subscribers.

Quite a bit of discussion came up over the item 6 in the recommendations of the Executive Board. Dr. W. M. Wood reported for State Missions and his report was backed up by an earnest appeal for loyalty to the Co-operative Program. Dr. John W. Inzer followed him with a ringing address of warning against the dangerous tendencies of the time and called for loyalty to the Word of God and for wisdom in meeting the serious situation that now confronts all our agencies. He drew a picture of our high hopes and wonderful achievements during the first two years of the 75 Million Campaign and urged the people to go home and determine to come up once more to the plane whereon they then found themselves.

Dr. Austin Crouch spoke to the subject, urging the convention to more serious efforts and calling upon them to learn co-operation. He challenged the south-wide agencies to be more active in rendering co-operation in our present crisis and asserted that there is need for more co-operation among our state conventions. Dr. J. J. Hurt followed him and made it clear that while he is behind the Unified Program with all his heart, he favors special appeals when occasions arise that demand them. "If my child gets sick," he declared, "an emergency arises in my family that demands that our budget system be interfered with, and the same thing is true in our denominational family. I will not promise my church that no special appeals shall come before them during the year."

The committee on committees reported and the convention adjourned for the noon hour.

Wednesday Afternoon

The afternoon session was opened with prayer by several of the messengers. Supt. Stuart brought his report on the work of the orphans' home for the year just closed. In it, he pointed out some of the chief facts of their operations.

Children

"There have been admitted into the Home during the past year 28 children; gone out from the Institution 22, and two by death; leaving at present 184 children in the Orphanage. Quite a few of those going out during the year have taken positions and are now maintaining themselves.

The general health of the children at present is good, only one sick child. We have passed through a very serious seige of sickness during the year—measles, flu, pneumonia, scarlet fever, etc. There has been no death from these diseases mentioned. The two deaths during the year were from hereditary troubles, Essie Adams, from Wilson County, and Fred Richards, from Sullivan County. We are glad to say that both of these children were very devout Christians.

Our Farm

Last year on account of the prolonged drought we had very small harvests from our fields. The following Associations sent feed: Gibson County, two cars; Beech River, one car; Weakley County, one car of feed supplemented by food stuffs for the children; Beulah, one car; William Carey, one car. This large amount of feed enabled us to pass through the winter and spring without buying any feed for our stock.

The good rains and thorough cultivation during this past season have brought to us abundant crops; 250 tons of ensilage filling both silos, 1,500 gallons of sorghum, 75 tons of hay and an abundance of corn, potatoes, etc. The estimated net profit on the farm is \$3,600.00 for the year.

The Per Capita Cost of Maintenance

During the year, the salaries of all employees of the Institution, including the Superintendent, and also supplies for our tables, school, clothes, medicine, doctor bills, hospital bills, etc., aggregated \$36,850.12, this being approximately \$184.25 per capita for each child during the year. This low per capita cost was made possible only by the large and varied products of our farm and dairy. There is no other institution in the South, so far as the management knows, operating on so small a per capita expense considering the class of services rendered.

Receipts and Liabilities

We have received during the year from Dr. O. E. Bryan, Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, \$21,941.54 from the Unification Program; special gifts designated, \$25,469.03; extra gifts, \$1,002.00; total amount received, \$49,029.60. Our liabilities: Borrowed money, \$21,500.00; this money was used for permanent improvements; open accounts, \$4,250.00. Our property is without encumbrance. The liquidation of part of the debt and at the same time meeting the monthly expenses of the Institution is due to the enlargement of the Unification Program, and also to large Christmas gifts received last Christmas.

Much Needed Improvements

During the long seige of sickness this year, some of the contagious diseases were of a very malignant type, and having no place to isolate the sick children, we could not properly care for the sick and at the same time protect the well. We must have at a very early date a small hospital for our sick children. This improvement is imperative. Further delay may prove serious.

Foreign Missions were discussed by Dr. George Leavell, returned medical missionary from China and Sec. J. F. Love of Richmond, Va. Dr. Leavell made an inspiring appeal for the causes of our foreign work and in his address gave many interesting incidents connected with his work in Wuchow where one of our great hospitals is located. He pointed out the force and power of the hospital work as an evangelizing agency and declared that his evangelistic staff in the hospital was as well organized and as thoroughly trained for their task as was his staff of helpers in the medical and surgical departments.

He brought tears to many eyes when he described some incidents that occurred during Dr. Love's last trip through China and touched deeply when he described the hunger in the hearts of the Chinese for Christ and their gross ignorance of Him. One woman about whom he told, asked him when she saw Dr. Love if that was Christ. Another poor woman from a distant community was brought to the hospital at night. She had never seen a white man but she had heard much about the Christ of the hospital and the next morning when Dr. Leavell went to examine her, she asked a native if he were the Christ. The terrible indebtedness of the Foreign Board cast a spell of gloom over many hearts and while there was a longing to relieve the crisis in the board's affairs, there seemed no possible way to do it. Many anxious hearts ached for our work before the Foreign Mission program ended. Missionary J. W. McGavey from Chile was present and spoke briefly to the report.

Wednesday Night

Rev. F. J. Harrell of Dyersburg conducted the devotional service, and several of the brethren led in prayers for the success of the evening program. The report on Woman's Work was read by Dr. L. M. Roper of Johnson City, who spoke briefly of the great things that have been accomplished by the women of the South since their organization. Among the items mentioned were 23,000 organizations now functioning in Southern Baptist churches, total gifts for the year of \$25,000,000, 13,586 mission study classes conducted, 17,015 mission study seals held by the members of the organization, and 79,163 small seals, gifts for the past eight months of \$2,138,242, 285 new societies organized in Tennessee during the last year, gifts in Tennessee of \$174,368, 140 standard societies, careful Bible study, regular prayer seasons for the various interests of the denomination and diligent study of missions.

Following his brief review of their work, Miss Mary Northington took charge of the program. Mrs. R. L. Harris of Knoxville, the charming and gracious state president spoke first. She began by making a witty thrust at the old argument that our women meet in their societies for the purpose of gossiping, declaring that they are too interested in the work of the Lord to have time for gossip. In speaking of the offering for foreign missions which the W. M. U. of the South is plan-

ning, she said: "In November we are going to pray, not pry, our husbands' pocketbooks open." She made an earnest appeal for the mission offering and spoke briefly of the new motto for Tennessee W. M. U. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God."

Mrs. W. J. Cox of Memphis, president of the W. M. U. of the South, followed with what we consider the best address of the convention. It was an inspiration for the writer to sit before such women as are Mrs. Harris and Mrs. Cox. Beautifully, tastefully, and most glorious of all, modestly dressed, they came before us as the fine pictures of that type of womanhood whose character and grace, virtue and modesty, faith and works, will never fail to build enduring societies. They spoke out of hearts that burn within them because of the consciousness of the presence of the Master.

Mrs. Cox emphasized the need before us of "keeping our eyes upon the essentials while we carry on." She discussed the four purposes of the W. M. U. and ended with a stirring appeal for the Unified Program, declaring, "Until every pledge to it has been paid, the pledgers cannot give to the special offering for missions." Her wonderful command of our language was manifested through the illustration of the eagle teaching its little ones to fly. Tennessee Baptists are proud of this splendid woman, given to the womanhood of the South as a leader whom they may safely and wisely follow.

Miss Northington spoke briefly of the aims and plans of the W. M. U. for the year and of the fine spirit growing so rapidly among the women of the state.

Dr. Bryan led in prayer after the adoption of the report on Woman's Work.

Stewardship and Laymen's Work followed on the program. Secretary W. D. Hudgins had charge of the program. Several laymen were invited to the platform, and along with them Pastor L. S. Ewton of Springfield, whose brotherhood is doing so much to spread information among the laymen of Robertson County. Layman B. F. Jarrell of Humboldt was the first speaker. He spoke of the needs for organization among the Baptist men of the state and gave some practical suggestions about how to get them organized. Dr. Ewton told briefly of the work his men are doing in Robertson County, going here and there organizing brotherhoods in the rural and small town churches.

J. H. Anderson of Knoxville, one of the best-loved laymen in the state, spoke next. He discussed stewardship and placed special emphasis upon tithing. "No matter what subject you might give me," he declared in his introductory words, "you leave out half of the gospel when you leave out giving. . . . Only 10 per cent of our pastors are conscientiously practicing tithing." He urged people to begin to do their Christian duty "for Jesus' sake," and made a closing appeal for tithers, which resulted in about five-sixths of the people present standing to pledge the tithe. We could not forget the night in Georgetown, Ky., during the General Association of that great state when less than one-twentieth of the audience stood. Surely we are making great headway in the matter of stewardship of our money.

Dr. A. U. Boone led in prayer that the influence of the great meeting might not be lost. Dr. R. L. Sanders of Memphis spoke of the study course work of men in the local brotherhoods and gave some of his experiences as teacher of the brotherhood in First Church, Memphis.

Following the special features of the evening program, some matters of routine business were disposed of. The report of the Executive Board with its auxiliary reports from the Educational Department, the treasurer and the Baptist and Reflector were adopted and the convention adjourned.

Thursday Morning

The devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. J. R. Johnson of Maryville. The journal was read, corrected and approved. The report on denominational literature was read by the editor by special request from Dr. W. F. Powell, who had to be absent. In the report the matter of the lack of

information among our people was set forth and the futility of trying to give them the information through departmental publications. Dr. E. P. Alldredge spoke briefly to the report setting forth the fact that 75 per cent of Baptists are denominational illiterates—that is, they do not know about their denominational life and works. Dr. C. P. Stealey, editor of the Oklahoma Baptist Messenger, spoke to the report. He declared that it is impossible for a Christian to be obedient to the gospel commands without taking his state paper, for said he, "The Scriptures, even our Lord, commanded us to lift up our eyes and look upon the fields," and it is impossible for our people to look upon the fields of the world today without taking their state papers." His message was a ringing challenge for the support of the paper, and we greatly appreciate it.

The report on the Co-operative Program was read by Claude E. Sprague of Knoxville, who spoke briefly by way of explanation and emphasis. He appealed for loyal support of our program and for unity and harmony among us. Following his address, Dr. J. E. Dillard of Birmingham, Ala., brought us a splendid address on the work. He is chairman of the Commission on Co-operative Work and came as the representative of the newly elected director, Dr. A. J. Barton, who had to miss our convention on account of the North Carolina convention.

Dr. Dillard began by making the startling assertion that at least one soul out of every two in the South goes out into eternity without Christ. He pictured the tremendous Home Mission opportunity which gives us in foreigners who return to their native lands each year twice as many opportunities for evangelization as we have Christians in the foreign nations. We need to send them back Christians in order to solve our foreign mission problem. He mentioned the 1,300,000 unevangelized Mexicans in this country and showed how that they constitute our hope for reaching Mexico.

"One thing that disturbs me most of all just now now is the lack of a Southern Baptist conscience about our debts," he said. He gave many helpful suggestions about the every-member canvass and made an appeal for loyalty to the Unified Program that touched every heart. He spoke at length on the need for information among our people and made a strong appeal for the state paper. He gave concrete illustrations of the influence which the Alabama paper has had since certain churches put it in their budgets and appealed for the budget plan as the solution of the circulation problem of our papers.

Pastor Wilson Woodcock of Brownsville read the report on Ministerial Relief and spent some time discussing the service annuity plan which the Relief Board has recently launched.

At the close of the discussion on Ministerial Relief, Dr. J. J. Hurt secured the floor and presented a lengthy paper from the Board of Trustees of Union University containing an appeal for permission to launch a special campaign for \$350,000. The paper set forth the dire needs of the school for the campaign and the patience which the school has manifested while waiting year after year for an opportunity to put it on.

The convention was on the qui vive when the paper was finished, for it had already voted the evening before that no special campaign should be launched by the interests drawing funds from the Co-operative Program budget. Secretary Bryan tactfully saved the day and prevented what might have been a very long and heated discussion by arising and moving that Tennessee Baptists launch a simultaneous debt-paying campaign to last at least until April 30, 1927, the purpose of which is to raise as large a sum as possible for the liquidation of our indebtedness upon all the agencies represented in the Unified Program, the funds from the campaign to be divided as are all other budget funds. The resolution is about as follows:

"Resolved, That the Tennessee Baptist Convention instruct its Executive Board to launch at once a general debt-paying campaign for all causes represented in the Co-operative Program; that all

funds received from the campaign be divided upon the basis of the same percentages established by the Southern Baptist Convention for South-wide objects and by the Tennessee Baptist Convention for state objects; that all forces of the institutions and boards sharing in this program be asked to join in its promotion; that designated funds go to the objects to which designated and not be charged against the percentages of the regular funds which may be secured through the campaign; that the campaign be launched at once, the time of its close to be fixed by the Executive Board at its coming meeting; that the expenses for the same be provided for upon the same basis as those for the regular Co-operative Program and pro-rated in the same way."

The resolution was unanimously passed and the convention breathed a sigh of relief and hope rose anew in every breast. Oklahoma had just completed her debt-paying campaign; Tennessee surely could follow her example.

Following the adoption of the resolution, the presidents of our four colleges spoke briefly, telling of the work being done and of the prospects as well as of the needs.

Thursday Evening

Thursday evening's session opened with Vice President John Buchanan in the chair. Rev. James A. Clark of Covington conducted the devotional service. The Committee on Nominations, of which Brother Buchanan was chairman, made its reports which is added at the close of this report. The place of meeting for the next session is Nashville, and we must begin now to build up such an interest in it that there will be not less than 2,000 of our Baptist people here for some of the sessions. The editor is already dreaming of a great inspirational hour such as our brethren west of the Mississippi know and travel hundreds of miles to attend.

The report on the work among students was brought by Secretary Frank Leavell of the Inter-board Commission. He spoke of the wonderful progress which has been attained by the commission during the past months, of the recent convention in Birmingham, Ala., and of the plans for the future. The work of this commission is of vital importance in our denominational life, and we hope soon to have a student secretary in our own state.

The report on Theological Seminaries was read, and our institutions for training preachers were represented. Dr. Thomas A. Johnson of Louisville, Ky., came for the Southern Seminary; Dr. Albert Vinting represented Southwestern Seminary; Dr. L. G. Cleverdon, the Bible Institute; and Dr. O. L. Hailey, the Negro Seminary at Nashville.

Hospitals came up last, when practically every one was gone. Brother J. H. Wright of Memphis read the report for the Memorial Hospital and Pastor A. M. Nicholson of Orlinda the one for the Nashville Hospital. Brother Wright spoke briefly, and Mr. A. E. Jennings, who has given much of his last years to the Memorial Hospital, spoke for it. The convention turned over to the Executive Board complete management of the Nashville Baptist Hospital for the purpose of making some adjustments in its future affairs.

The convention then closed with prayer, and the few dozen faithful messengers who had remained to the end hurried to catch their trains.

New Executive Board

To serve one year: S. P. Martin, W. M. Wood, J. L. Dance, O. L. Hailey, J. H. Anderson, G. T. Mayo, J. R. Johnson, B. F. Jarrell, T. G. Davis, W. A. Owen, D. A. Ellis, Ben Cox, C. H. Byrn, J. H. Wright, S. P. White, James A. Clark, L. S. Ewton, C. W. Pope.

To serve two years: J. R. Chiles, A. L. Crawley, B. A. Bowers, J. B. Phillips, C. E. Sprague, C. F. Clark, J. W. Williams, J. T. Hughes, S. P. DeVault, F. N. Smith, F. G. Lavender, G. C. Savage, P. W. James, J. R. Webb, J. E. Skinner, H. C. Sanders, Wilson Woodcock, R. E. Guy.

To serve three years: J. J. Hurt, J. B. Tallant, A. F. Mahan, J. W. Inzer, L. M. Roper, Paul R. Hodge, A. W. Duncan, W. F. Powell, A. J. Mitchum,

W. T. Lee, R. E. Grimsley, F. J. Harrell, O. D. Fleming, Austin Crouch, A. U. Boone, O. C. Barton, Fleetwood Ball, R. T. Skinner.

Committee on Future Program

F. F. Brown, W. D. Hudgins, J. A. Jarrell, John D. Freeman, Mrs. C. M. Thompson.

Chairmen of Committees to Report Next Year

Foreign Missions, J. J. Hurt; Home Missions, B. A. Bowers; Laymen's Work, H. L. Brantley; Historical Society, G. M. Savage; Memorial Hospital, E. F. Campbell; Nashville Hospital, L. S. Ewton; Ministerial Relief, O. D. Fleming; Denominational Literature, C. L. Bowden; Obituaries, W. C. Skinner; Woman's Work, A. T. Allen; Temperance and Social Service, J. R. Chiles; Nominations, S. P. White; Theological Seminaries, W. C. Reeves; Resolutions, L. W. Clark; Text Books, F. G. Lavender; Co-operative Program, J. A. Clark.

The next convention will convene, God willing, in Nashville, on Wednesday, November 16, 1927. Dr. A. U. Boone will preach the annual sermon, or in case of his absence, it will be preached by Rev. C. L. Bowden of Humboldt, who is the alternate.

Trustees Baptist Memorial Hospital

A. U. Boone, O. C. Barton, D. A. Ellis, J. R. Jarrell, E. W. Porter, A. E. Jennings, W. M. Bostick, H. P. Hurt, John W. McCall.

Board of Managers Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home

One year: J. H. Bradshaw, W. F. Powell, R. D. Moore, G. C. Savage, C. H. Baker, O. E. Bryan, H. A. Davis.

Two years: J. J. Hill, H. B. Alexander, A. G. Ewing, W. C. Johnson, William Gupton, I. J. Van Ness, Mrs. E. W. Barnett.

Three years: I. N. Strother, W. K. Slater, E. H. Ralston, J. W. Bishop, C. H. Corn, A. M. Nicholson, Mrs. A. L. Todd.

From the following list of nominations the Board of Trustees are to fill their vacancies on their board:

Tennessee College

Judge A. E. Buchanan, S. S. Cox, C. B. Leatherman, George Fort, W. T. Hale, Jr., E. T. Rion, I. J. VanNess, H. H. Williams, T. S. Williams, Wilson Woodcock, Carey Folk, J. W. Inzer, R. W. Beckett, E. L. Davis, B. F. Jarrell, J. P. McDonald, W. Ran Majors, Charles Leatherman, Tally Gardner, H. B. Alexander, L. M. Roper, Dr. R. W. Hooper, Wert V. Lee, O. D. Fleming.

Carson and Newman

H. D. Blanc, W. Y. Duyck, J. D. Hamilton, C. W. Henderson, John T. Henderson, W. D. Hogan, Glenn W. Setzer, J. H. Sharp, T. R. Bandy, W. B. Stokeley, G. T. Wafford, A. F. Mahan, J. R. Johnson, A. A. Deakins, D. H. Evans, Evan Rees, W. C. Bailey, Dalton Hunter, Arthur W. Lessley, P. R. Quillen, W. A. Hull, Joe H. Pierce, T. L. Cate, Willett D. Anderson, Joe A. Boyd, R. H. Hunt, J. B. Phillips, W. A. Ghormley, S. P. Martin, E. S. Clifton, W. F. McGriffin, J. W. Inzer, Alex Chambliss.

Union University

One year: T. H. Farmer, O. C. Barton, C. T. Jarrell, C. L. Skinner, F. J. Harrell, James A. Clarke, W. J. Lanier, R. E. Guy, J. A. Thompson, Lloyd T. Binford, H. J. Huey, D. C. Warren.

Two years: A. R. Dodson, J. J. Hurt, G. M. Savage, I. L. Grady, Herron Pearson, Dan Majors, G. C. Savage, Wilson Woodcock, Ben Cox, A. M. Alexander, J. E. Edenton, John D. Freeman.

Three years: J. L. Crook, J. E. Skinner, I. B. Tigrett, T. L. Thompson, C. L. Bowden, C. T. Webb, S. F. Thomas, A. V. Patton, J. T. Herron, O. F. Huckaba, D. A. Ellis, Dr. R. L. Sanders.

Hall-Moody Junior College

One year: T. H. Farmer, C. F. Fowler, Geo. E. Farmer, G. T. Mayo, A. D. Fuqua, I. N. Penick, G. W. Hall, H. L. Smith, J. H. Wright.

Two years: Milburn Gardner, M. D. Biggs, H. P. Naylor, Geo. C. Rowlett, R. J. Walker, W. W. Jones, W. C. Johnson, S. H. Hall, J. D. Carlton.

Three years: J. J. Fuqua, F. Y. Fuqua, Lloyd T. Binford, J. E. Skinner, C. M. Cunningham, D. A. Ellis, B. F. Jarrell, F. J. Harrell, T. M. Ryan.

OUT OF THE TRENCHES FOR CHRIST!

Tennessee Baptists Have Been "Digging In" Long Enough!

Tired of the debts that have been sapping our spiritual vitality and hurt by the appeals of our agencies, Tennessee Baptists have decided to come out of the trenches of indebtedness and press the battle in an aggressive and offensive way.

THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE CONVENTION LAST WEEK ARE A GREAT FORWARD STEP

What do they mean? (See page 6.)

1. Tennessee Baptists are going to work together in a unified way.
2. A great program is to be launched for all our causes.
3. The Boards and institutions are going to work together.
4. The united appeal of all our causes will touch hearts and open purses.
5. All undesignated receipts will be divided as per Convention instructions.
6. All designated funds will be placed where the donor wishes and not charged against the receiver of the same.
7. Every Baptist can have a part and much information can be conveyed by campaign workers.
8. The Executive Board will direct the campaign.
9. WE WILL WIN A GLORIOUS VICTORY THROUGH UNITED EFFORT.

Tennessee Baptist Historical Society

G. C. Savage, chairman; J. H. Grimes, G. M. Savage, J. J. Burnett, Fleetwood Ball, A. T. Barrett, E. P. Alldridge, O. L. Hailey.

Trustees Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

Ben Cox, C. L. Bowden.

Trustees Baptist Bible Institute

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FORWARD MOVEMENT FOR THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

By O. E. Bryan

The Tennessee Baptist Convention, with no uncertain note, voted unanimously to go forward with a debt paying campaign for all of the causes in the Co-operative Program, the funds to be divided by the same ratio of division as the regular Co-operative Program funds. In other words this is a special effort in the Co-operative Program to take care of the debts on our causes, and at the same time to keep up with the gifts to the causes in the regular program.

Nearly one year ago Tennessee Baptists, through their Executive Board, voted to ask the Southern Baptist Convention to join us in a special debt paying effort. The Conservation Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention did not at that time see fit to launch such campaign. They are, however, now planning for a debt paying effort in the near future. We would have gladly waited for

their leadership in this matter but for the emergency at our Convention which permitted no delay in making some statement as to future arrangements to take care of our debts. We will not discuss plans for this special effort until after the Board meeting December 7, 1926. We ask that all of our people be much in prayer for the clear leading of the Lord in all of our plans. No one present at the Convention when the vote was taken could doubt for a moment that the Lord was leading. God is on His throne and all is well. Let us go forward.

FLORIDA SPEAKS FOR HERSELF

(The following letter will be interesting after the recent discussions in our columns.—Ed.)

Dear Brother Editor: At the request of the Baptist Council of Miami, Florida, we are sending you the article below. We will greatly appreciate it if you will use it in whole or in part as you see fit.

Yours fraternally,

C. M. Brittain, Sec'y-Treas.
State Mis. Board.

To our Baptist Brethren North and South:

After ample time in which to make a fuller and more accurate survey of the loss sustained by our Baptist churches in the value of the recent, ruinous storm, in damage to church property, the Baptist Council of Greater Miami, Florida, records a somewhat detailed account of losses for the information of our Brethren, whether in their judgment and heart they see fit to give aid or not.

Hialeah Church—Tabernacle, total loss and every member, save one, left homeless.

West Little River Mission—Tabernacle, complete loss.

Hialeah Heights—House complete wreck.

Lemon City—Building damaged to extent of \$10,000.00.

Goulds—House ruined and members left in financial stress.

Stanton Memorial—Building damaged \$5,000.00, Parsonage \$2,500.00.

Orange Glades—House blown down and total loss.

Little River—Church blown down and ruined.

Homestead—Church loss by storm, \$500.00.

Deerfield—Loss \$500.00.

Fort Lauderdale—Loss \$1,000.00.

North Side—Loss by storm, \$7,500.00.

Calvary—Loss \$20,000.00.

Riverside—Loss from storm \$2,000.00 and 90 per cent of members' homes damaged.

First Church—In Tabernacle, with little loss.

Biscayne Park—Had not erected a building.

Perrine—Damage \$1,000.00.

Park Church—Blown away.

Allapattah—Sunday School building demolished and church house injured.

Larkins—Loss by storm, \$1,000.00.

Pompano—Loss \$500.00.

Hollywood—No building.

Ojus—Loss to church building and pastor's home, \$1,000.00.

Dania—Damage by storm, \$2,500.00, to pastor's home, \$1,000.00.

Coral Gables—Loss covered by storm insurance.

West Flagler Mission—No house of worship.

Like the New city, Miami, almost all of these churches are young, with comparatively few members and these members without much financial strength. Not only is the loss heavy on church property, but the pathetic part is, that almost all members have suffered great personal loss, and many of them, everything they possessed of this world's goods.

(Signed) Baptist Council of Greater Miami.

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1037 N. W. 31st St., Miami, Fla.

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THE NEWS BULLETIN

MISSIONARY DAY AT B. B. I.

President B. H. DeMent sends word of the close of the first quarter's work of the Baptist Bible Institute of New Orleans. The second quarter began November 16 with a fine enrollment and a spirit of enthusiasm. Dr. C. A. Leonard and wife were the principal speakers during the missionary day exercises. Thirty young people are training in the Institute for foreign mission work.

GREAT REVIVAL AT OLD HICKORY

Membership Increased 124 Per Cent

A revival meeting that resulted in an increase in membership of 124 per cent has just closed with Old Hickory Church, Nashville Association. The preaching in the revival was done by Rev. J. W. Sutherland, of Cherokee, Ala. Pastor A. B. Curtis, who has only recently taken charge of the field, is happy over the results and over a substantial raise in salary which was given him by the church. At the beginning of the revival there were fifty members and there were sixty-two additions.

ISABELLA REVIVAL

F. A. Webb Does Splendid Preaching

The revival conducted with the church at Isabella, Tenn., by Rev. F. A. Webb, of Etowah, closed the second Sunday with thirty professions of faith, six reconsecrations and twenty-eight additions to the church, twenty-five of them for baptism. On the closing night Brother Webb preached on "The Model Church," and at the close of the sermon called for consecration on the part of the members. Thirty-one pledged themselves to join the tithers band. Brother Webb is pastor of the church and is in his third year. The success of the revival speaks for the esteem in which he is held by his people and his devotion to the Lord Jesus.

ETOWAH REVIVAL

Callaway Delivers Powerful Sermon

Pastor A. F. Mahan, of Etowah, First Church, sends us a report of the revival in his church which resulted in sixty additions, forty-one of them for baptism. Brother Mahan closed his fifth year with this church when on the first Sunday in this month they had special services and the church raised his salary as an evidence of continued appreciation.

Brother Mahan was assisted in this meeting by Dr. T. W. Callaway, of Chattanooga, who did some powerful preaching. J. H. Stansberry had charge of the music.

A CORRECTION AND A BOOST

Brother John R. Chiles, of Rogersville, sends the following explanations concerning the recent news item from his corner of our state: "In my notes, I said 'the car which the church presented,' and ought to have added 'some time ago.' Referring to the new \$60,000 chapel of the Pressmen's Home, I ought to have said, 'The union chapel at the International Pressmen's Home costing \$60,000 and being built by the pressmen themselves.'"

Brother Chiles, one of our "staying kind of pastors," who has been in Rogersville for many years, and who has built up a great church, added a word which we cannot refrain from giving to our readers, since it touched the editor's secret corner. He said: "How patient you are! . . . The brethren may complain about their personal matters, but you are still kind. Much grace I know is required to put up with us all." And when a letter like that comes we are ready and able to "put up" with a lot more.

ERWIN REVIVAL

Pastor A. C. Sherwood, of the Erwin Church, was recently assisted in a revival meeting by Pastor A. F. Mahan, of Etowah. Sam W. Rutledge had charge of the music. The results of the meeting have been very gratifying. Brother Mahan, in sending report, says that Pastor Sherwood is a prince and "stands without compromise for all the things dear to Baptists." He also praises Brother Rutledge. We are glad to have his words, for we know the two brethren deserve them.

STRAWBERRY PLAINS REVIVAL

The revival at Strawberry Plains was led by Rev. Leland W. Smith, of Fountain City, and resulted in four additions and others to follow. Pastor W. E. Watson, in writing of the meeting, says: "The meeting was characterized by strong, plain, sound gospel preaching, and a fine spirit of fellowship prevailed. Brother Smith endeared himself to every heart. Dr. J. L. Campbell, of Carson-Newman, preached the closing day to large and appreciative audiences. We had the kind of meeting that sticks."

DEACONS ORDAINED

Brush Creek Church, near Alexandria, held a special service Sunday afternoon, November 7, for the purpose of ordaining two splendid laymen for the diaconate. The Presbytery was composed of Rev. H. F. Burns, the pastor, who acted as moderator; N. B. Lowe, clerk; Rev. W. B. Woodall, preacher of the sermon; Rev. H. D. Burns, questioner; Rev. P. W. Carney, charge to the church, and James Stark, prayer. Deacon N. B. Lowe gave the charge to the candidates. Brush Creek, Alexandria, Buena Vista, Smithville, Lancaster and Macedonia churches were represented, also Lockeland Church, Nashville. The candidates are John Young and Marvin Jennings.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Virginia Baptists Back Unified Program

The General Association of Virginia, which met the second week of November, adopted resolutions over the election of Dr. A. J. Barton as director of the co-operative work of Southern Baptists. The resolutions are as follows:

"The General Association of Virginia views with great satisfaction the election of Dr. A. J. Barton as general director of the Co-operative Program. His deep devotion to Christ's Kingdom and his statesman-like ability, together with his splendid gifts as a preacher and speaker, seem to us the guarantee of a high quality of service which augurs well for the success of our efforts to make more adequate provision for the causes of our denominational program. Dr. Barton's visit to the present session of the General Association and his strong and attractive address on the Co-operative Program have greatly strengthened our support of that great movement. We affectionately commend Dr. Barton to sister states."

A FOOLISH ARGUMENT

A debate between Clarence Darrow and Clinton Wunder, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Rochester, N. Y., was held in the Temple, Friday evening, October 30. The subject was, "Has Life a Purpose?" Mr. Wunder took the affirmative side, Mr. Darrow the negative. By a vote of eight to three the judges gave the victory to Mr. Darrow. Thus one of the great human problems was at last settled. But local ministers continued the discussion on the following Sunday morning. Some of them scored Mr. Wunder for consenting to hold the debate in his church. No-

body seems to have a checked up on the gains accruing to human knowledge from the series of discussions. —The Baptist.

"JUDGE BOB" PRAISED

The Loudon County Progress has an editorial in a recent issue in which are words of praise for Judge Robert Williams, affectionately known in Knox County as "Judge Bob." Says the editor, "He is perhaps the best city judge that ever served the city of Knoxville; . . . he always tempers justice with mercy." He and the editor of the Loudon County Progress once were newsboys on the streets of Knoxville. Judge Bob is to contribute some articles for the Loudon paper.

STONE BUILDING

Missionary Pastor Carries On

The church at Little Cedar Lick has called Rev. E. W. Stone for another year, this being his fourth successive year as pastor, and has given him an increase in salary. This church is in Wilson County Association. Battle Creek Church, Robertson County, also recalled him and the work of the new year starts off well. Twenty were added to the church during the year just closed and the house of worship was repaired and redecorated. The church has a splendid prayer meeting which is being conducted by the young people, some of whom have only recently united with the church. Brother Stone builds on the "Foundation" and his work endures.

FAITHFUL SERVANT DIES

We have just received notice of the death of Mrs. A. T. Terry, who has been closely associated with Baptist work in New Orleans for a number of years. Mrs. Terry died on November 9th at 10:50 and was laid to rest November 10th. She was for sixteen years the teacher of the Tulane University Class, and her "boys" are here and there all over the world. Her life was one of pure consecration to the Master, and she urged her children not to shed tears over her going, but to give their time, money and life to the Master's service. Her husband died more than a year ago and was active in every Baptist enterprise and served loyally, faithfully and constantly. She is survived by four children, Mr. A. T. Terry, Jr., W. K. Terry and Mrs. T. B. Sellers, New Orleans, and Mrs. Louis Scarborough, Columbus, Georgia.

REVIVAL MEETING CLOSSES AT WITT'S BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. D. W. Lindsay has just closed a most gracious ten days revival meeting at Witt's Baptist Church near Morristown. There were 15 professions and a number of reconsecrations. The Rev. J. A. Lockhart is the beloved pastor and is doing a splendid piece of constructive work. The Sunday School is progressive and much interest is being shown in all phases of the work.

GRACIOUS REVIVAL MEETING AT LENOIR CITY

Rev. W. C. Creasman is happy over the results of a revival meeting of two weeks duration which has recently closed at the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City. Dr. B. A. Bowers, pastor of the Broadway Baptist Church of Knoxville did the preaching in his usual strong, forceful way. There were 50 additions to the church, 46 of whom came by baptism.

RESULTS OF REVIVAL MEETING AT HARRIMAN

A revival meeting which lasted two weeks has just closed at the First Church at Harriman, Tenn. Dr. J. Allen Smith, pastor of Belle Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, did the preaching, and Mr. Ike C. Petree had charge of the music. Brother J. B. Tallant, pastor, is happy over the 61 additions to the church, 28 of whom came by baptism and 33 by letter. The church at Harriman is

growing in a splendid way and the people are becoming more and more interested in the extension of God's kingdom.

"Now, sir," said the professor of medicine, "tell me to what class of maladies insomnia belongs?"

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**THE SERMON
FOR
THE WEEK**

"HAVING DONE ALL TO STAND"

Eph. 6:13

By Ben Cox

A few days ago while I was busy at work in my office a dear woman, a special friend of mine, came in in deep trouble. She is not a woman who is quick to get her feelings hurt, but they had been very seriously wounded and she was suffering on account of it. While I was talking to her in came another special friend, a dear brother who himself has seen a great deal of trouble, domestic and otherwise. I talked to them jointly for awhile and was impressed to remind them of Paul's climax when he says, "Having done all to stand."

In this Scripture Paul, you remember, is emphasizing the duty of children to parents, parents to children, servants to masters, etc. He exhorts them to put on the whole armor of God that they may withstand the wiles of the devil, and having done all, to stand. Only those can withstand who can stand. He tells them to stand, therefore, with loins girt with truth, feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace, the helmet of the hope of salvation, with the shield of faith guarding the vitals, and in their hands the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God.

Many new inventions have produced many new weapons of warfare. God grant we may never have another war. The last one was the worst the world has known, but that as nothing in comparison with what the next one will be if we are unfortunate enough to have another. The indications seem to point to the fact that this war will be fought by the chemists. Deadly poisons have been developed which can wipe out a city in a short time. But with all the developments in earthly warfare there are no developments in spiritual warfare. Our only hope is to be found in the sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.

Three times in this exhortation Paul emphasizes standing. It must be tremendously important, therefore. Indeed, we do not have to study history very thoroughly to find out that all who have achieved anything worth while have been people who could stand. It is a good thing for us to sing, "I'll go where you want me to go, dear Lord." It is also a good thing for us to sing, "I'll stay where you put me, I will, dear Lord." The quality of "staying put" is an important one. Many of you remember the wonderful sermons delivered in our church by our dear brother, W. B. Riley, of Minneapolis. About four years ago he was making a talk down stairs in which he said: "Twenty-six years ago a committee of brethren waited on me and informed me that they thought it would be to the advantage of the church for me to resign. I replied, 'Brethren, I came to this church because the Lord called me. When the Lord calls me to leave I'll let you know.'"

And so thirty years have passed since then. The church of which he is pastor is one of the greatest in America, and he is known as one of America's foremost preachers and writers. To look at his face is a benediction. You are impressed at once with the idea of stability. Riley is a man who can "stay put," and that's one reason he has succeeded. I repeat, the ability to stand has been a striking characteristic of all great people.

I think just now of Nehemiah, the Prophet. When he was a captive in the strange land he was highly honored. Indeed, he was made chief cup bearer to the king. But he couldn't enjoy his honors and com-

forts in that strange land because he had heard the bad news from Jerusalem—how the walls were broken down, etc. He could find no peace of mind by day or night. He was granted permission by the king to return to Jerusalem. He did, and while he was rebuilding the walls Sanballat, Tobias and others came to scoff and taunt him. They challenged him to come down. Nehemiah's reply to them is very striking to me, for he said, "I am busy and cannot come down to you." That reply means two things. In the first place, I am busy and haven't time for you; in the second place, I realize that if I come to where you are I shall be on a much lower platform than I am now. "I cannot come down to you."

In this connection I also think of Job. How wonderfully he stands the test. One messenger treads on the heels of another as he brings the news that the oxen, asses and servants have been slain. The camels have been carried away; that even his own sons and daughters have met tragedy. And after all these messengers are through what does Job say? "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord." Satan says, "Touch his body," and the Lord allows him to do so; and Satan certainly does touch him hard, for he smites him with boils from the crown of his head to the sole of his feet; and there sits the patriarch in a pile of ashes, scraping himself with a piece of broken pottery. Then his wife says, "Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God and die." Job replies:

"Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? Shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips."

Then come Job's comforters. To them he replies: "Though He slay me, yet will I trust Him." Job was strong because of his ability to stand.

Turn over to the New Testament and you will find a man who had that ability in a marvelous fashion. Perhaps I am safe in saying that nobody had the "Standing quality" more than did the man who gives us our text today—Paul the apostle. Look at him when he speaks to the elders of the Church at Miletus. I thought a good deal about this interview when I was in Ephesus. He reminds them that he has been faithful:

"Serving the Lord with all humility of mind, and with many tears, and temptations, which befell me by the lying in wait of the Jews."

He says: "And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there;

Save that the Holy Ghost witnesseth in every city, saving that bonds and afflictions abide me.

But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God."

Now, what is Paul's secret? It is found in the fact that he could honestly say: "None of these things move me." If you can be moved by "Things," you are a light weight. I told you sometime ago about my first experience with a boat. I made my sea in a wash tub. My mother made my boat from a piece of note paper. I thought it was a wonderful thing and was very proud of it. In order to have waves I simply stirred up the water. If I wanted heavier waves I stirred harder. A slight movement of my fan made the gentle zephyrs. I could move the fan so violently that I could create a tempest and drive the little boat across the sea or wreck it.

In 1904 I had my first experience with an ocean steamer,—the Ohio, 6,000 tons. It was a wonderful ship to me because it was the biggest I had seen. One day coming across to America the wind was blowing hard in the direction we were going.

They unfurled the sails to catch the breeze and the ship moved more rapidly. My next experience was with the Grosser-Kurfurst, 14,000 tons. Then came the Kaiser Wilhelm II, 22,000 tons. Never shall I forget that while a heavy wind was blowing the way we were traveling, I said to one of the men: "Why don't you open the sails and catch the wind?" That seaman stood and laughed at me. Said he: "That wind would make no impression on this ship."

My last experience was with the Leviathan, the largest and heaviest in the world,—59,000 tons. After being laughed at on the 22,000 ton ship, you may be sure I didn't suggest that they unfurl the sails on the 59,000 ton ship in order to catch the wind. Why did they unfurl the sails on the 6,000 ton ship? Simply because it was light compared with the others. My little paper boat moved at the behest of my fan for one reason only: It was a light weight. If you are a light weight you can be moved by "Things." Paul was a heavy weight and strong because he could honestly say: "None of these things move me." And his secret was found in the fact that he could say next: "Neither count I my life dear unto myself."

If we would be heavy weights like Paul, we must follow the course he took. He carries out the same idea when he writes to Timothy: "Endure thou hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." In the literal Greek it is "Endure hardness with me." Paul was not a man who said "Go," but a leader who said, "Come." He was a preacher who never called upon anybody to do anything that he was not willing to do himself. "Now, therefore endure hardness with me as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." The hardness of being wounded in body, but most of all, the hardness of being wounded in feeling.

The trouble with my dear friend who came to see me the other day was that her feelings had been hurt. I said to her: "When you found the Lord as your Saviour didn't you kneel down and profess to give yourself to Him?" She replied, "Yes." Then I asked: "Well, were you telling a falsehood or were you telling the truth? Are not your feelings a very important part of yourself?" She replied, "Yes." "Well, didn't you claim to give yourself?" Again she said, "Yes." Then I said: "If you did, you gave your feelings, and if you have given your feelings to Him they don't belong to you. And if your feelings don't belong to you any more, how can anybody hurt them?"

Let this handkerchief represent your feelings. Tie the handkerchief in a knot. Does it hurt? No. Why? It doesn't belong to me. Tie it in two knots, three knots, fill it with knots, throw it to the floor, stamp on it this way. Does it hurt? No. Why? It doesn't belong to me. I gave myself to the Lord and therefore I gave my feelings too, because my feelings are an important part of myself. What about it, brother, sister, when you found the Lord precious as a Saviour and you professed to give yourself to Him, did you lie, or did you tell the truth? I used to sing:

"I left it all with Jesus long ago;
All my sins I brought Him, and my woe,
When by faith I saw Him on the tree,
Heard His small, still whisper,
'This for thee,'
From my heart the burden rolled away—
Happy day!"

That's very important, but the next verse is still more important I think, and is harder to carry out:

"I leave it all with Jesus, for He knows
How to steal the bitter from life's woes;
How to gild the tear-drop with His smile,
Make the desert garden bloom awhile.

When my weakness leaneth on His might,
All seems light."

There's a blessed thought there: "He steals the bitter from life's woes." A man cannot steal your property tonight while you are on the watch. If he is a successful thief he'll get away with the property unbeknown to you; and that's the way Jesus steals away the bitter from life's woes. We realize the woes and life's bitter is gone. We do not know how nor when, but we are blessedly conscious of the fact that it has gone. Jesus has stolen it away. Yes, not only must be sing: "I left it all with Jesus," but also "I leave it all with Jesus."

A few days ago a couple of friends brought a dear woman to the noon prayer meeting. She was in deep sorrow. She had lost her daughter and was more or less rebellious about it and was sick. Her face was taut; her eyes seemed to be set. She requested to be anointed and have prayer. Several of us went into the parlor for that purpose. After the prayer I told her of the old illustration I have used many times: That of the man going through the country in his carriage overtaking a heavily burdened man. To his coachman he said: "John, let's give this man a ride." The burdened man got in. He sat opposite the owner of the carriage with his bundle in his lap. The bundle was so big he couldn't get his arms around it. The owner said: "My friend, put your bundle down." But he replied: "Its too much to expect you to carry me and my bundle too." When I gave the story, the lines in her face relaxed for the first time since she came to us; for the first time the tears filled her eyes and she smiled a faint smile. I believe she received help because she realized that it is not enough to be able to sing: "I left it all with Jesus," but "I leave it all with Jesus."

That's our need today, my friends, to stand in Christ and not be influenced by circumstances. Place is not important; possessions are not important; people are not important; there is only one thing important—to honestly be able to say: "I'll go where you want me to go; I'll stay where you put me, I will, dear Lord," and having done all, to stand.

"Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt. 19:14.)

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

We are giving to our friends the complete report which was presented to the State Convention last week except some statistics that will be given later on. We haven't them with us at present:

Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, Educational Department, W. D. Hudgins, superintendent. Annual report for 1926:

We bring the first annual report of the educational department since it has been organized with the Laymen's Work as one of the general lines of Educational Work, the Sunday School and BYPU Department giving way to this larger organization.

This is also the nineteenth annual accounting of the stewardship of your superintendent. During these nineteen happy and eventful years we have had the leadership of God and the co-operation of the finest spirits among Baptist Christendom. We give proper recognition to all having part in the progress of the work during the past year. The Sunday School Board has co-operated in a mighty way. Our Executive Board has been extremely kind to us and the members personally have given their time and effort to the work on the field. Our paid workers are the best in the land, and each in his or her own sphere has done the very best work. No more loyal and lovable corps of workers can be found anywhere. Besides these, we have had the volunteer help and co-operation of hundreds of the local workers in the churches all over the state. No large program can ever be put on in this state or any other without the help of the workers in the local churches.

In bringing this report we are trying to condense as much as possible, because our work is so well known over the state that it seems useless to repeat each year any lengthy statement of what has been done. We leave this to be said in the statistical tables, which give figures that speak louder than words.

Our department promotes three lines of work, and we mention each as follows:

Sunday School

Our first love is the Sunday school, and we have not neglected this important agency of our local churches; however, we have been crowded with so many and varied things. The usual number of training schools have been held. Thirty Bible conferences were conducted by use of volunteer help. More than 500 all-day educational meetings were reported in April and months following. The general conventions were well attended and splendid programs put on. The State Encampment was the best in years, and the rural work done during the summer the most effective yet reported. In this we give proper credit to the Sunday School Board for their part in paying half of the expenses, and to the fine young men who were willing to go to the most rural sections and spend their summer vacation working among people, many of whom were not interested at first, but who became thoroughly aroused to their responsibilities. The workers conducted 164 training classes with a total enrollment of 23,836; 1,326 of these took the examinations and received awards. The statistical tables show other results just as interesting. In one association a complete campaign was put on in all the churches and training schools held with splendid results. Not so many awards have been sent out as last

year, but the reason for this is that so much of our work during the past year has been among country churches where examinations are hard to secure. We have not worked for standards especially, nor for awards, still our records show a much increased enrollment, more standard schools as well as classes, with better equipment and preparation.

BYPU

In reporting the BYPU work we begin by mention of the going of our secretary, Mr. W. H. Preston, who resigned April 1 to become president of Hall-Moody Junior College. We have had much to say about this going of Mr. Preston before and repeat here only this—that he wrought well during the seven and more years that he was connected with this department as head of the BYPU work, and leaves our ranks with the love and friendship of every worker and the admiration of a host of young people scattered all over the state. We pray God's richest blessings upon him in his new field of labor and prophesy for him a great future.

In the BYPU department we have grown wonderfully during the past twelve months. Miss Jacobs has done superb work, and with help furnished by our own board and the Sunday School Board and dozens of volunteers, we have enlarged our statistics in every line over last year. Great training schools have been held in all the cities and larger towns. Many country churches observed Study Course Week with splendid results. Five thousand four hundred and three awards have been sent out from the office at Tullahoma for work done in the various study courses in the BYPU.

Shelby County led the state by delivering 1,036 awards as the result of volunteer help. This association also led in most other lines as shown by the reports in the office and at the State Convention, where they carried away most all the banners. Knox County, Madison County, Nashville and Ocoee all followed with fine records.

Many district associations, where two or three years ago there were no Unions, now have a dozen and more, and most of the associations have associational organizations going in great fashion.

The regional and state conventions were well attended and a fine spirit manifested. Prospects for our young people's work were never brighter, and never has a better understanding existed between the young people and the older membership of the churches. The pastors over the state are in full sympathy with the young people, and we predict a wonderful year for 1927. Already a man has been chosen to take the place vacated by Mr. Preston, and we are hoping that he will accept to begin work early in the new year. He is one of the finest young men in the South and will make a worthy successor to our beloved Preston.

Laymen's Work

The Laymen's Work was placed in this department one year ago and at that time we had but three brotherhoods reporting and no definite organization in any associations, nor a state-wide organization. Today we have around 200 local brotherhoods with 6,000 associations having elected their associational director and a beginning made toward an associational organization. Ten or more have had associational meetings and fine interest. Some had as many as 30 per cent of the churches represented at these meetings. In most of the associations that are organized to any degree we have from

ten to twenty-five volunteer laymen who offer themselves for service over the associations, some to speak and do personal work, while others can do nothing more than to furnish cars to carry those who can do the work.

Five large regional meetings were held in March with 150 churches represented.

Local brotherhoods are springing up almost every day in all sections of the state and the prospects are that within another year we will have a semblance of an organization in every association and brotherhoods in half of the churches. In many of the country churches where regular meetings are not feasible the men are meeting an hour before the monthly Saturday meeting and putting on the brotherhood programs.

Study classes are being organized among the men, meeting at the BYPU hour—some studying missions, some stewardship, while others are using the BYPU program, changing same to suit their needs. It is hoped that all the churches may do this and that we may soon have a regular program for each Sunday night adapted to men's needs just as we have programs for the young people and women.

This month the laymen are helping the local churches to put on the regular program preparatory to taking the Every-Member Canvass on November 28. No work has ever been so universally received as the work of the laymen. This is a need that has been felt for years by pastors, laymen and all others, but no definite program offered. When our men are challenged with a worthwhile program, they respond like others.

Office

No part of our work grows like the office. Thousands of requests come for definite help along all lines, and millions of pages of tracts are being sent out which is, possibly, one of the greatest educational agencies that we have. We keep at the finger tips of the office girls tracts on every topic possible to secure, and so classified that help may be slipped into an envelope in a minute after the request comes. Miss Marvel Gosage, who has been our secretary ever since we have had one—more than seven years—is the most efficient and painstaking director of this phase of our work. She has won hundreds of friends all over the state by her prompt and courteous treat-

ment of their requests. We believe that proper recognition should be given those who stay by the typewriters while the rest of us get the credit for the work done. Others should have credit for the work, too, but we sum it all up in a statement and say that from the wife who stays by the stuff in all our homes while we are away, and the ones who wrap and mail packages, to the busy pastor who gives his time without compensation, are included in our deep appreciation.

Plans for 1927

We outline no program for 1927, although we have one in mind and have had for several months. However, we do mention one phase of our program. If the board allows the adequate appropriation again, we are planning to hand-pick twenty men who can really do the work and place with them our own paid force, and go afiel for all the summer. The state will be divided into districts, with two to three associations in each district, and a worker placed over each group. They will be trained before they begin, and as early as possible in June, they will go to their respective fields and hold during this month normal training schools in the country towns and centers, inviting workers from other nearby churches to come in for the study work. During that time they will get acquainted with the needy places in the country round about and make engagements for the work later on when the crops are done. In July they will take to the rural sections and remain there until the weather or roads drive them in, or until the young men have to return to their school work. Our own force will stay as long as the country churches are open to them. Not one engagement will be made by any worker in a large village, town or city during that time, except the regular encampment and other general denominational meetings. We expect to put on a real country campaign of educational work, touching the most rural sections. We shall ask every pastor and layman who can give a week to help in these various sections, teaching classes in the churches where the rural workers have not time to go. In this way we hope to conduct classes and assist in every other way to make better the conditions in every needy country church in the state.

We leave this report with the convention and pray that God may bless

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S. S. Awards delivered during the year:

Diplomas 876.
Other Awards 5409.
Total S. S. Awards for the year 6285.

Total S. S. Awards held in the state 34,015.

BYPU Study Course Awards for the year:

Diplomas 2518.
Other Awards 2885.
Total for the year 5403.

Total BYPU Awards held in the state 29,464.

Stewardship Awards for the year 539.

Total for the state 1936.

Total of all diplomas held in the state 24,515.

Total of all Awards held in the state 65,415.

Number churches touched this past year 436.

Total of all Awards held in the state 65,415.

Number churches touched this past year 436.

Total training schools held 398.

Total hours given of teaching and speaking 6518.

Number training classes taught in country churches 230.

Number churches touched through representatives 1556.

Special Rural Campaign

Number workers 19.

Number training classes taught by Rural Workers 160.

Enrolled in classes 23,836.

Number examination taken 1326.

Number hours taught 1321.

Number addresses 325.

Number census taken 46.

Number schools organized 5.

No BYPU's organized 18.

Schools graded 39.

Number Standard Sunday Schools in state this year 19.

Number A-1 BYPU's in state this year 65.

Training schools are on this week at Chattanooga with all churches co-operating. Twelve classes being taught.

We are having splendid response to the program for this month. Many churches are asking for help and for cards for the Every Member Canvass. We have in the office tracts on every phase of the Unified Program, Stewardship, the Every Member Canvass, the Budget, etc. Write us for what you want.

Following are some of them:

The Local Church Budget.

The Every Member Canvass in the Local Church.

Questions on the Every Member Canvass.

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We have Railroad Certificates for the Memphis Sunday School Conference in January, and will be glad to send same to any one wanting to go. We will ask some one in each section of the state to see to it that everybody from that section is supplied with proper credentials for a Railroad Ticket in order to get the special rate offered by all the Roads. Write us if you are going. Also if you will be responsible for soliciting names of those who might be induced to attend.

B. Y. P. U. NOTES

Nashville BYPU Begins New Year With Enthusiasm

We are glad to note a marked degree of enthusiasm among the new

officers and local presidents as evidenced by our last executive meeting. All officers and committees are already at work and hoping to make this year the biggest and best in the history of BYPU work in Nashville. Plans have been completed for the annual training school, which takes place in March. A list of the books to be taught and teachers for each will be printed at an early date.

The Belmont Union recently visited the State Penitentiary and gave a very interesting program.

The General BYPU Organization is now in effect in several of the churches and others are planning to adopt this method soon. The General Organization has proven to be one of the greatest factors in the promotion of BYPU work and we are hoping soon to report Nashville as being 100 per cent.

CIRCUS DAY

There's nothing just like Christmas,
With its jolly, Yuletide thrill;
Thanksgiving Day comes second—
When with thanks and pie we fill;
But in between the seasons
There's a day that rolls around;
Sure, it needs no advertising—
"Gee, the circus is in town!"

"Have you seen the morning paper?"
And you search the yard in vain;
For the lad who leaves that paper—
He's down at the circus train.
And you needn't press the button
For the office boy today;
But your men will all be leaving
When the clown band starts to play!

Remember how we argued,
Sore the question used to vex;
How did the giraffe's travel—
"Shucks, they just tie down their necks!"
And the lions and all the tigers—
Just suppose they beat those bars.
"Gee, I'd hate to be the brakeman—
With the lions loose on the cars!"

At last—"I know they're coming,
Can't you hear that bugle blow?
Now, I wonder, yes, they're coming!
Where on earth did those boys go?"
Then, the gorgeous, golden wagons,
With the proudly prancing steeds!
A full half-mile of splendor,
That's the tonic tired heart needs.

Lions and bears and Bengal tigers,
Beasts whose name nobody knows;
While the bands set cripples dancing,
And the crowd tramps on your toes!
Then, at last, "Folks, hold your horses!"
"Gee, here comes the elephants!"
And somehow that steam piano—
Boy, it makes you want to dance!

Gay flags, and bands a-playing,
In the crisp September air;
And, look out, your feet are straying,
That's the side show over there!
The dust your throat is choking,
But cold lemonade and pink.
"Watching three rings sure provoking."

And did you see that fat clown wink?

There's nothing like Christmas,
With its presents and its noise;
But when circus day comes calling,
Sure, somehow grown men and boys,

And the banker with the lawyers,
And the judge in cap and gown—
They find excuse to get footloose—
When the circus comes to town!
—Millard Crowds, in Nashville Tennessean.

"The preacher and the church who won't quit cannot be beaten."—Baptist Program.

The fool and his joke are soon started.—Rice Owl.

A man hearing a noise in his chicken roost, walked out on his back porch and halloed, "Who's there?"

No answer.

"Who's there?"

Still no answer.

"Answer or I'll shoot. Who's there?"

Then a shaky voice answered, "Nobody—jes' us chickens."—Selected.

THE GREAT GUEST COMES

While the cobbler mused there passed his pane

A beggar drenched by the living rain.

He called him in from the stony street

And gave him shoes for his bruised feet.

The beggar went, and there came a crone,

Her face with wrinkles of sorrow sown.

A bundle of faggots bowed her back,
And she was spent with the wrench and rack.

He gave her his loaf and steadied her load

As she took her way on the weary road.

Then to his door came a little child,
Lost and afraid in the world so wild,

In the big, dark world. Catching it up,

He gave it the milk in the waiting cup,

And led it home to its mother's arms,
Out of the reach of the world's alarms.

The day went down in the crimson west,

And with it the hope of the blessed Guest.

And Conrad sighed as the world turn-ed gray:

"Why is it, Lord, that your feet delay?"

Did you forget that this was the day?"

Then soft in the silence a Voice he heard:

"Lift up your heart, for I kept my word.

Three times I came to your friendly door;

Three times my shadow was on your floor.

I was the beggar with bruised feet;

I was the woman you gave to eat;

I was the child on the homeless street."

—Edwin Markham, in Delineator.

Brother "Jack" Frost, of Lawrenceburg, will make a good supply for some of our brethren who need such service. And some good church ought to put him to work.

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Make a thorough search through your attic or store room for these old war letters. Fortunes in rare stamps or franked envelopes have been found in old trunks which no one ever dreamed contained anything of value. Keep the letters if you wish, but send the envelopes to Mr. Harold C. Brooks, Box 259, Marshall, Michigan, and he will immediately write you, stating their value. In sending them to him you are not obliged to sell unless his offer meets with your approval. Anything not purchased he will return in good order. Mr. Brooks, who is mayor of his city, is a private collector and has paid thousands of dollars for old envelopes. Although the rare issues are especially desired he also buys many of the commoner kinds. Many people in this way are getting Christmas money with very little trouble and no expense.

The advertising manager of the Baptist and Reflector has known Mr. Brooks for many years, and you may place fullest confidence in his integrity. On receipt of envelopes he will examine them and report promptly their value. If they are not purchased, he guarantees to return them in good order.

Mr. Brooks states that there are so many different stamps which are similar in appearance he cannot quote values from written descriptions, but must see the envelopes. There are, for example, ten different Confederate government stamps bearing the portrait of Jefferson Davis, and many local stamps or stamped envelopes are very much the same in appearance. The same is true

of U. S. issues, the heads of Washington or Franklin being used on different stamps. Mr. Brooks does not buy loose stamps, stamp collections, coins or Confederate money. Stamps should not be cut from the envelopes and no dates written on. He is fully acquainted with all issues even though the postmark may show no year date. Those especially wanted are Confederate issues, but he also buys U. S., Canadian, Hawaiian, and certain foreign stamps provided they are on the original envelopes and mailed not later than 1865.

If envelopes are sent in a bunch they should be carefully packed in a cardboard box to protect them from damage while in the mails. If you have reason to believe your envelopes are of special value send them by registered or insured mail. If you have no old letters written during or before the Civil War, show this notice to your friends—especially those whose families have lived in the same home for several generations. Many old families, old banks and law firms still have stored away hundreds of letters, waiting to be burned or sold for large sums. Before destroying such envelopes or folded letters investigate their value. Mr. Brooks' address is as follows:

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S EVENING AT THE STATE CONVENTION

Monday evening, November 15, was Young People's evening.

Mrs. R. L. Harris, of Knoxville, president of the Convention, presided in her usual graceful and charming way. Mrs. George Leavell, of Wuchow, China, lead the devotional, giving glimpses of the life in China and of the crying need for more workers and money and the support of the Baptists of our own Southland. Miss Signe Erickson of Memphis made the welcome address which was responded to by Miss Edna May Gay of Nashville.

The reports of the Young People's work followed. Mrs. Hattie Baker, Sunbeam leader, gave a very interesting and encouraging report on this phase of our work. The theme of her report was "Shining for Jesus," and she emphasized different children that we read of in the scripture who had shone for Him. Miriam did her part by watching over the baby Moses and saving him for Jesus. Isaac was saved for Jesus to shine for him; the mother of Samuel gave him to the Lord to shine for Jesus, and Jesus Himself said "Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Mrs. Baker also gave some interesting facts about the growth of our Sunbeam work. There are now 6,000 Sunbeam bands in the South, with 312 in Tennessee. Eighty-four of these were organized last year, and 41 of them are A-1. These organizations gave \$1,902.71 in gifts last year, 651 Sunbeams received certificates and 677 received seals during the past year. The report showed the importance of beginning with our children and teaching and training them to give their gifts and to work for the Master.

The next report was by Mr. Henry J. Huey, of Bolivar, Royal Ambassador leader for Tennessee. His report also showed growth along this line. He reported 106 active organizations in Tennessee, 32 of which have been organized since November. The total amount of gifts by the R. A.'s for the past year was \$1,382.15. Mr. Huey recommended to the convention that the W. M. S. give especial attention this year to

the junior organizations and especially to the boys of the Royal Ambassadors all over the state.

Miss Cornelia Rollow, Young People's Leader of Tennessee, gave a splendid report on the G. A. and Y. W. A. work. She gave as the theme of her report the Seven Keys to the Kingdom, showing how they would open up the doors and windows of our lives to let Jesus in and hence to a fuller and richer life in the Kingdom's service. These keys were: 1. Prayer; 2. Bible Study; 3. Stewardship; 4. Enlistment; 5. Vision; 6. Mission Study; 7. Giving.

Miss Rollow reported 213 active Y. W. A.'s in the state, 38 of which have been organized during the past year, and 210 G. A.'s, 51 of which have been organized during the past year.

After these splendid reports and talks, the Y. W. A.'s of Memphis presented to the audience a beautiful pageant, "The Challenge of the Voice." This pageant brought home to us and made us see more vividly how much there is to be done to lift humanity up to the level to which Christ wishes it lifted; and how much can be done if we will just listen to that still small voice that is calling and challenging us to greater service. The girls of the Memphis Y. W. A. brought this message in a most impressive way and filled us with a desire to give our best service to the Master's cause. Mrs. Spencer of Memphis directed the pageant and we wish to express to her our most grateful appreciation for her splendid work. Miss Mary Virginia Powell as the "Spirit of the Baptist Denomination" was unsurpassed not only in the art of drama, but in her ability to make an appeal to every christian present for the dire needs of our home and foreign fields, and every phase of our work, and to show the many, many ways that we might be able to do something that the Gospel of the Risen Christ might be proclaimed to all the world.

Every auxiliary to the W. M. S. was represented, down to the little barefoot Sunbeams, each one making an appeal to the Spirit of the Denomination.

The pageant ended in a beautiful, impressive way, when representatives of all our foreign mission work, Y. W. A.'s, G. A.'s, R. A.'s, and Sunbeams were grouped around the Spirit of the Denomination, looking to the Cross of Christ, a great host of young men and women singing, with candles lighted came marching in and lighted the candles of those in darkness, thus shedding the light of the gospel all over the world.

This most impressive service was closed by prayer by Mrs. W. J. Cox, President of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention.

FIRST STATE Y. W. A. BANQUET

One of the most enjoyable features of the whole convention was the Tennessee Y. W. A. banquet in the Gold Room of the Claridge Hotel on Wednesday evening. Plates were laid for 175 guests, but by actual count 210 were present. Girls from all over the state came together for a good time and without a doubt went away satisfied. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated, the Y. W. A. colors, green and white, being carried out in the decorations. The central decoration on the table of the speakers was also carried out in the program. Three beautiful green ships, "Worship," "Partnership," and "Friendship," made the central ornament.

Miss Cornelia Rollow, our Young People's Leader for the State, was toastmistress, and kept things mov-

ing rapidly by her charming personality, bringing in a bit of humor now and then.

Seated at the table with Miss Rollow were the speakers and special guests of the evening we were glad to have as our special guests, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, Cor. Secy. of Arkansas W. M. U., and Mrs. W. D. Pye, President of Arkansas W. M. U. The first part of the program which was broadcast from the ship "Worship" was given by representatives of our four Baptist Colleges in Tennessee. The Y. W. A. watchword "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever" being used as a basis for their talks. Miss Edna Hardin of Carson-Newman College spoke on the first part of the watchword, "They that be wise;" Miss Wilma Del Jones from Hall-Moody spoke on the second part "Shall shine as the brightness of the firmament;" Miss Lillian Paul of Tennessee College spoke on the third part "They that turn many to righteousness;" and Miss Mabel Riley from Union University spoke on the last part of our watchword "As the stars forever and ever." These girls brought the true spirit of our colleges to us, in these splendid talk, and we were glad to have them with us.

Misses Ruth and Margaret Calvert of Memphis sang the Indian Love Song and then Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence brought a strong message of Partnership from our second ship. Mrs. Lawrence is Mission Study Editor of the Home Mission Board of the W. M. U. of the Southern Baptist Convention.

After this our own Mrs. George Leavell, who with her husband is rendering such a wonderful service in South China, came to us with a message from the last ship, "Friendship." Mrs. Leavell who talks in that soft, gentle, yet strong and appealing way brought to us a challenge from the girls of China as to the lives we are living, we who have so many opportunities, and asked that the long, long trail might connect the girls of America with the girls of China and our other foreign countries, that we might be brought closer together in the Master's service. At the close of Mrs. Leavell's talk, Miss Edna May Gay of Nashville sang softly "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go, Dear Lord, I'll Be What You Want Me to Be." The appeal was a strong one and I am sure it met a responsive chord in the hearts of many present.

THE W. M. U. CONVENTION Memphis, Nov. 15-17

In the spacious auditorium of the First Baptist Church of Memphis, the thirty-eighth annual session of the Tennessee W. M. U. convention was held. The platform was beautifully decorated with ferns and chrysanthemums.

Union University, Tennessee College and Hall-Moody penants and posters were artistically arranged in booths which could be plainly seen from the auditorium and were a constant reminder of the "keepers of the gates of tomorrow." Many students were present and were a blessing to our convention.

Mrs. R. L. Harris, our beautiful president, called the convention to order promptly at nine. Miss Margaret Buchanan, now of Blue Mountain, Miss., but for ten years the beloved corresponding secretary of the Tennessee W. M. U., led the opening devotional service.

Mrs. W. B. Crenshaw, superintendent of the Shelby Co. W. M. U., gave a most gracious welcome to the five hundred delegates and visitors who registered for the W. M. U. convention.

Mrs. W. L. Stooksbury, vice-president of East Tennessee, made her report and introduced her five superintendents who were present. Mrs. Andrew Todd, of Middle Tennessee, reported three superintendents present, and Mrs. C. M. Roberts of West Tennessee had ten associational representatives at the convention.

Banners were awarded for mission study, largest number to Knox Co., largest per cent of societies with classes, Shelby Co. Banners for new societies, largest number, Knox Co., largest per cent gain to Dyer Co. Banners for Co-operation, largest number of societies reporting every quarter, Knox Co., largest per cent of societies reporting, Nolachucky.

The absence of Mrs. J. T. Altman, our treasurer, was keenly regretted, especially as this was the close of her twenty years of service.

The gifts of this year were \$174,368.45. Of this amount \$21,745.86 was given as the Christmas offering for foreign missions. \$6,954.36 was the special home mission gift.

The corresponding secretary reported 285 new societies, 7,445 mission study seals awarded, 13,604 letters and 10,971 packages have been sent out from the office at headquarters. There were reported 140 A-1 organizations. She attended 80 associational meetings during the year, visited 104 churches and made 296 talks.

Recognizing the importance of placing the Baptist and Reflector in the homes of the pastors she suggested that societies send the paper to each pastor who is not now a subscriber. These names will be secured and will be sent to each associational superintendent.

The message of our president will be printed on this page in a later issue. Stewardship was the theme and we want all to have the privilege of reading this great address.

At our convention, our missionaries are always our most honored guests. Mrs. George W. Leavell from Wuchow, China, made our hearts burn within us as she told us what the cut in appropriation caused by the debt meant to the work in the station where she labored. When she said two dollars a year paid the tuition of a Chinese child in the kindergarten, and for lack of five dollars a month her school and others had closed, how selfish and condemned every woman present felt, for if we had known and cared enough almost any one present could have supported that work. A resolution was passed making the goal for Tennessee W. M. U. for the Christmas Offering \$30,000. We can do it if we will. Pray definitely for this amount.

Four addresses by Mrs. W. F. Powell of Nashville on "The Woman and Her Home," "The Woman and Her Church," "The Woman and the World" and "The Woman and her Master" were heart searching, compelling, convincing and inspiring. Mrs. Powell made the greatest contribution to the convention by bringing these messages at the close of the morning and afternoon services of the first day and the opening of the morning service and the close of our convention on the second day. Needless to say our women came early and stayed late to hear these addresses.

Tuesday Afternoon

On Tuesday afternoon Mrs. James H. Anderson presented the report as the Margaret Fund trustee. The seven sons and daughters of our missionaries, students at Carson-Newman, are the ones who Tennessee W. M. U. are especially interested. Many Margaret Fund parties have been reported by the societies and we believe a generous amount has been contributed.

Our three Training Schools were presented by Mrs. J. C. Dance from the Southwestern, a written report on Baptist Bible Institute by Mrs. I. J. Van Ness, and Mrs. W. F. Powell spoke on our W. M. U. Training School. Mrs. Powell told us that we were expected to send cakes to the W. M. U. Training School for Thanksgiving and Christmas, as has been our annual custom. Thirty-two were promised. Address all packages to the W. M. U. Training School, 334 E. Broadway, Louisville, Ky. Be sure and place inside the package your name and address, also put return address on the cover. The Training School wants to thank the donors but

it is impossible unless this information is given.

Miss Willie Jean Stewart, the Sunday School Board's representative made an appeal for the prayers of the women for the lesson writers of the board's publication. Miss Stewart is the elementary editor and feels keenly her responsibility. We caught a new vision of the far reaching influence of the Sunday School Board publications from her earnest appeal.

Our Orphanage was presented by Mrs. Austin Crouch of Murfreesboro in a forcible way. She reported that most of the children were being clothed by the missionary societies. A plea was made for the Christmas offering for the Orphanage for the raising of the debt and the building of a hospital which is much needed.

Mrs. Powell's message brought to a climax the afternoon service with her vision of "The Woman and her Church."

Wednesday morning the snow was falling and it was cold and disagreeable but at nine o'clock a large number were present to hear Mrs. Powell in the opening devotional telling of "The Woman and her World."

In the absence of Mrs. Sims, Mrs. A. B. Newman of Memphis told the convention of our hospital work. The auxiliaries have been faithful in ministering to the poor and needy throughout the year. Each society is asked to contribute one dollar to each hospital auxiliary for the one in Nashville and the one in Memphis, which will be used for charity work.

Mrs. R. K. Kimmons reported a large increase in numbers of classes for the year. Read the Recommendations for the new plans, and the account of the mission study banquet.

"The Search for Happiness" was the title for the personal service demonstration given by Mrs. C. D. Creasman. Each year she has portrayed her work in an original way, and this time it was indeed impressive as she gave a pantomime showing how every woman is searching for happiness. Wealth, beauty, fame and pleasure offered her happiness, but time revealed that none of these satisfy. It was only when personal service of the W. M. U. in the name of Christ came was lasting happiness found.

All Tennesseans love Miss Jessie Dye, who did such effective field work for years with us. She presented the work of the Good Will Centers in a most forcible manner. She has won eighty-four souls to Christ during these two years on her field. We now have three splendid Good Will Center buildings in our state, in Memphis, Chattanooga and Nashville.

"Our New Frontier" was the subject of a most helpful and informing address made by Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Mission Study Editor of the Home Mission Board. Our women and young people have studied "Cuba for Christ," and were glad to meet the author. She is our neighbor from Arkansas, and we hope to have her often to cross the Mississippi to help us in our work.

We felt honored in having the president of the Arkansas W. M. U., Mrs. W. D. Pye, and the corresponding secretary, Mrs. J. G. Jackson, with us during the convention. We trust they, too, will come over again to see us.

Dr. J. F. Love, secretary of our Foreign Mission Board, brought a "thank-you" for our help of last year and a plea for a greater gift for the Christmas offering in the near future. As we see how the debt has crushed this beloved secretary we resolved to do our best to help lift the awful burden.

Our golden-tongued orator, Mrs. W. J. Cox, our Southern Union president, challenged us to raise \$30,000 for the Christmas offering for foreign missions. We hope to print Mrs. Cox's message. How proud Tennesseans are of her! She is our own. She thrilled the general convention on Wednesday evening with her matchless address. We thank God the day has come when our women

may present their own work to the convention.

Wednesday Afternoon

The first hour Wednesday afternoon was spent in conferences. We believe many practical plans were made as a result of these informal group meetings.

Our Dr. O. E. Bryan, one of the Union's best friends, brought a soul-stirring message on the "Women and the Co-operative Program." We pledged our best to the program as projected by Southern and Tennessee Baptists.

Dr. J. D. Freeman, editor of the Baptist and Reflector, appealed to the W. M. U. for their continued co-operation, which was gladly promised.

A comprehensive report on our Baptist schools was read by Mrs. John Jeter Hurt, of Jackson. Dr. J. W. Cammack, of Richmond, secretary of the Educational Board, brought a brief message.

Our plans for the year were read and discussed. You study the new plans carefully.

All committees were ready with their reports and were well presented and prepared carefully. Indeed, our heartfelt thanks are due to every one who so willingly responded to every task assigned. A rising vote of thanks were given to the local committee, who were most faithful in every way. The W. M. U. secretary has never had such efficient corps of chairmen to aid her in every department as she had in Memphis.

One new feature of the convention was the sale of all of our organization pins, cards, seals, books, etc. This was possible because Mrs. L. A. Leatherwood took the responsibility of these sales and a splendid amount will be sent to Birmingham because of her faithfulness.

The titling posters were beautiful indeed. The blue ribbon was given to the one made by the society at Seventh Street, Memphis.

The nominating committee reported a few changes for the year. Mrs. Charles M. Thompson, of Jackson, was made personal service chairman, and Miss Willie Jean Stewart, of Nashville, is the new Training School trustee. The following new board members were elected: Mrs. Z. T. Scott, Ripley; Mrs. J. J. Hurt, Jackson; Mrs. C. R. Widick, Tullahoma; Miss Ida Williams, Lebanon, and Mrs. W. F. Powell, Nashville.

The closing message of the convention was brought on "The Woman and Her Master," and made us feel that we must go back home depending, not on organizations and plans, but on the Master.

We adjourned to meet November, 1927, in Nashville. The closing prayer was led by Mrs. R. L. Harris, our president.

Mission Study Banquet

At 5:30 on Tuesday evening the Mission Study banquet was held in one of the parlors of the Bellevue Church. Although the invitations were limited to those holding the first official seal in the Mission Study Course, one hundred women qualified and attended this banquet. Mrs. R. K. Kimmons, the State Mission Study leader, who acted as toastmistress and in a very charming way welcomed the guests, introducing the speakers, and did much to make the occasion enjoyable and profitable. With a beautiful toast, Mrs. Kimmons introduced Mrs. W. J. Cox, who in her usual gracious manner gave a welcome to all present. Then Mrs. Leavell carried the guests on an imaginary trip to the land of Sinim, telling many most interesting things about China and her work there.

Into Mohammedan lands we journeyed next via printers ink as one gave in the costume of a typical Mohammedan woman a very comprehensive review of the book, "Moslem Women." Next a most interesting looking Egyptian woman, accompanied by her husband, both in costume, appeared, and the woman told of the changes that are taking place in the Mohammedan world. When

the veil was lifted from the woman's face we recognized our corresponding secretary, who the husband was still a mystery.

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, the author of "Cuba for Christ," took us across to Cuba's isle as she told of her recent trip there. Truly we felt that we were visiting that magic land, and she gave colorful descriptions and interesting incidents of our missionary work there. The last number on the program was a review of "Baptists Working Together," given in a most impressive way. A group of women from Highland Heights each gave a chapter in the book as a link in a chain bearing the names of the chapter was held before us. In parting, Mrs. Kimmons said:

"Happy have we met,
Happy have we been,
Happy may we part,
And happy meet again."

Certainly all those present hope to meet again at the Mission Study banquet in Nashville next year.
Mrs. C. D. Creasman.

**NEW BOOKS
REVIEWED**

Pioneers of the Kingdom. By Stanley High. Published by the Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati. 127 pages. Price 75 cents, postage extra.

Here is a little volume of twelve brief biographical sketches of men and women who have pioneered in Kingdom affairs. Statesmen, physicians, teachers, farmers, social welfare workers, reformers, inventors, industrial magnates, Americans, Africans, Europeans, Japanese, who have taken God with them into the business of life and have been led to open new fields, subdue kingdoms which had not been entered until the closing of the nineteenth and the opening of the twentieth centuries. Jane Addams, welfare worker; Walter Reed, conqueror of yellow fever; Frances Willard, Herbert Hoover, Michael Pupin, are among the pioneers in their several fields that are sketched here. It is an unique volume, chock full of inspiration. Lives of these pioneers remind us that we, too, can make our lives sublime. They have shown us that at the opening of the twentieth century after Christ there were at least twelve empires of thought and action over which Christ had not been enthroned King. And we may well believe that there are still many others. This is one of a series of handbooks, "Studies in Christian-Living," published by the Methodist Book Concern. J. C. M.

Seven Sunday Night Talks. A series of seven sermons originally preached in Tremont Temple. By Dr. J. C. Masee. Published by the Bible Institute Colportage Association, Chicago. Price, cloth, 75 cents; paper, 25 cents. 124 pages.

We have learned to welcome anything that comes from the pen of Dr. Masee. He has wisdom, soundness and a holy passion for souls. This little volume is not behind other volumes of his which we have seen.

The themes treated are: "Come;" "Now;" "The Natural Born Fool;" "The Rich Fool;" "The Jazz Fool;" "The Cave of Adullam;" "The Last Word." The chief characteristic of these messages is their strong pleading with men to be reconciled to God. Their earnestness stirs the soul of the reader. Dr. Masee knows God and he knows men. He knows what men need and he knows what God will do for needy men. So he presses his plea that men let God have his way in their lives. The volume is a worthy companion to the long list of titles issued through the years by the Bible Institute Colportage Association. Its low price makes it possible for distribution among

the unsaved. We bespeak for it a great usefulness in that field.
J. C. M.

Doran's Ministers' Manual. By G. B. F. Hallock, D.D. Published by Doran Company. \$2.00 net.

This is one of the most unique books we have in all that collection that is arranged regularly for the benefit of ministers. We are opposed to the use of "Made to order" sermons and religious services, but there can be no harm in a study of the plans and methods used by other ministers. In this Manual Dr. Hallock has given suggested themes, texts, outlines, illustrations and prayers for every regular religious meeting of a church throughout the coming year. The Sunday school lesson and the prayer-meeting is included and in addition there are blank pages for the minister's own sermon outlines, together with his weekly calendar of engagements. The book is filled with practical suggestions and many good thoughts. A minister who will study it and profit by its lessons on preparation and forethought for the religious services which he is to conduct will be greatly benefited.

There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day. By Fred H. McCulloch. Published by Doran Company, New York. \$1.00 net.

This little book is printed on a fine grade of book paper and neatly bound. The type is large and clear. The contents give a narrative of the experiences of an aged saint who waits for the summons of the Lord God to pass over to "The land that is fairer than day." It will make a beautiful gift for aged Christians and will interest others who may read it.

Harnessing God. By Paul Rader. Published by Doran Company, New York. \$1.25 net.

Another book of evangelistic sermons. Paul Rader is one of the most interesting and useful of the many great soul-winners. His is a different style and the sermons in this book are his own. It abounds with striking illustrations, unique figures of speech and powerful appeals for Christians to learn how to utilize the powers which God possesses for their good if only they will claim them.

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Jackson, First	744
Knoxville, Fifth Avenue	690
Nashville, First	599
Allen Fort Class	780
Fountain City, Central	422
Knoxville, Euclid Avenue	364
Nashville, Edgefield	357
Chattanooga, Tabernacle	354
Nashville, Judson	337
Harriman, Trenton Street	331
Sweetwater, First	328
Morristown, First	325
East Chattanooga	321
Chattanooga, Central	300

NASHVILLE PASTORS

The Nashville pastors met in regular conference Monday morning, November 22nd, in the Assembly Room of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Dr. Powhattan W. James presided. The reports handed in by the different pastors showed that Sunday was a good day in most of the churches.

Dr. James reported the close of a two weeks revival meeting in his church in which Dr. L. B. Warren was the evangelist. There were 76 additions to the church. Beginning Monday night, Nov. 22nd, Immanuel Church will begin a series of stewardship meetings with Dr. Walt N. Johnson lecturing each evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. C. E. Pennington reported 5 received into the fellowship of Shelby Avenue Church, 3 for baptism and 2 by letter, and also reported having baptized 5.

Dr. W. F. Powell left Sunday night for Tampa, Fla., where he will assist in a two weeks meeting at the Palm Avenue Baptist Church.

Dr. Walt N. Johnson was the speaker for the morning, and brought a strong and stirring message on stewardship. It is a privilege to have Dr. Johnson in Nashville for the week.

CHATTANOOGA PASTORS

First: John W. Inzer. "Does God Have a Plan for Your Life?" and "Behold the Lamb of God That Taketh Away the Sins of the World." SS 879; by letter 1; for baptism 1.

Tabernacle: W. T. Calloway. U. S. Thomas. SS 354; for baptism 1.

East Chattanooga: J. N. Bull. "The Consecration of the Temple" and "The Book Sealed with Seven Seals." SS 321; by letter 5.

Central: A. T. Allen. "Love to Jesus" and "The Greatest Thief." SS 300; BYPU 60; for baptism 1.

Avondale: T. G. Davis. "Development" and "The Man Outside." SS 281; for baptism 1.

Woodland Park: E. G. Epperson. "God's Love for the World" and "Conscience—What Is It?" SS 102.

Northside: R. W. Salman. "The Christian's Race" and "Choose Ye This Day." SS 169; BYPU 64; by letter 5.

East Lake: W. C. Tallant. "Ordination Service" and "Pressing Toward the Mark for the Prize." SS 162; BYPU 101; for baptism 1.

Chamberlain Avenue: Carl R. McGinnis. "A Fourfold Personal Ministry" and "The Nearness of Sin." SS 150; BYPU 65; baptized 1.

Calvary: W. T. McMahan. "Faith, and What Goes with It" and "Reaping Time." SS 91; BYPU 30.

Daisy: T. W. Hill. "Opportunity" and "The Happy Man." SS 60; BYPU 25; by letter 2.

Oak Grove: J. N. Monroe. "Paul's Prayer Life" and "The Deity of Christ," by Dr. Ray Palmer.

KNOXVILLE PASTORS

Broadway: Dr. B. A. Bowers. "God Calls for Manly Service" and

"The Meaning of the Cross." SS 819; BYPU 149; by letter 1.

Fifth Avenue: J. L. Dance. "Special Business of the Church" and "We Beheld His Glory." SS 690; BYPU 100.

Central, Fountain City: Leland Smith. "The Tennessee Baptist Convention" and "Having the Mind of Jesus." SS 422; BYPU 122; by letter 1.

Immanuel: A. R. Pedigo. "Shine as Stars" and "How Wrong Can Be Made Right." SS 284; BYPU 110; prayer meeting 50.

Euclid Avenue: J. W. Wood. "The Ministry of the Word" and "Things in the Wrong Place." SS 364; for baptism 2.

Lenoir City, First: W. C. Creasman. "The Power of Faith" and "Workers with Him." SS 267; BYPU 73; baptized 1; by letter 2.

Lincoln Park: H. F. Templeton. "Bad Habits" and "The Lifting Hand." SS 236; BYPU 61; prayer meeting 85; by statement 1.

Oakwood: W. G. Mahaffey. Report on the State Convention and "The Sinner's Substitute." SS 255; BYPU 66.

South Knoxville: J. K. Haynes. "The Stewardship of Life" and "Watching at the Cross." SS 285; BYPU 100; baptized 1; by letter 2.

Washington Pike: R. E. George. "Traitor" and "Prayer." SS 118; BYPU 61; by letter 2.

Smithwood: Chas. P. Jones. "The Men Whom Jesus Made" and "Jesus at the Cross Roads." SS 210; BYPU 104.

Fountain City, First: S. E. Loxley. "Echoes of the State Convention" and "Infinite God." SS 238; BYPU 29.

McCalla Avenue: A. N. Hollis. "How to Avoid Worry" and "Life and Peace." SS 183; BYPU 52.

Elm Street: E. F. Ammons. "Soldiers of the Cross" and "What Is the Sin Against the Holy Ghost?" SS 172; for baptism 4; by letter 2; by statement 1; by profession 1.

Calvary: N. F. Jones. "The Fatherhood of God" and "The Star in the East." SS 118; BYPU 51.

West View: D. W. Lindsay. "The Christian Race" and "Where Art Thou?" SS 55; BYPU 15.

Beaumont: D. A. Webb. "Be Careful Whom You Follow" and "Reverence for God's House." SS 168; BYPU 22.

Andersonville: J. F. Wolfenberger. "Obedient to God's Call" and John 5:39. SS 60; BYPU 23.

Inskip: W. D. Hutton. "Carry Your Cross with a Smile" and "Jesus Is Passing By." SS 109; BYPU 59.

Mt. Olive: Stephen C. Grigsby. "Seven Petitions of Jesus Prayer" and "Co-operation in Soul-Winning." SS 155.

Alcoa, First: R. C. Huston. Evangelist. "Sonship" and "Salvation—Start to Finish." SS 70.

OTHER PASTORS

Harriman, Trenton Street: J. B. Tallant. "Investing in Religion" and "Spiritual Religion." SS 331; BYPU 98.

Sweetwater, First: O. D. Fleming. SS 328; by letter 2.

Paris, First: J. H. Buchanan. John 1:42 and "The Wonder of the Bible." SS 281; BYPU 73.

South Pittsburg: Paul R. Hodge. "The Co-operative Program" and "The Lost Boy." SS 173; BYPU 60.

Rockwood, First: J. A. Davis. "Report of the Spies" and "Christ the Way." SS 29; BYPU 42; baptized 1.

Monterey: W. M. Griffitt. "A Priceless Offering" and "Preparation

for a Revival," by Rev. Jacob Chambers. SS 193; BYPU 17; prayer meeting 50.

Bolivar: Henry J. Huey. "God's People" and "Bryan Memorial University," by Lee B. Spencer. SS 139; BYPU 88.

FLORIDA REVIVAL

Dr. F. D. King, of Sanford, Fla., assisted Wm. Russell Hamilton, formerly of Knoxville, Tenn., in a gracious series of evangelistic services in Titusville, Fla., during the first two weeks of this month. Dr. King's preaching was both forceful and winsome. P. S. Rowland, of Macon, Ga., had charge of the music.

The religious life of both church and community was greatly deepened and strengthened. There were nine additions by baptism and twenty by letter, making about 150 additions to this church during the past eighteen months.

L. O. LEAVELL GOES TO MISSISSIPPI

Beloved Ripley Pastor Resigns

Rev. Leonard O. Leavell has yielded to the insistent call of First Church, Leland, Miss., and will begin his duties as their pastor the first of January. His resignation as pastor of the church at Ripley comes as a sore disappointment to the congregation and the entire community, for "Greek," as we have known him during the years, has been pastor to most of the county and has labored diligently in many places. His work at Ripley has been very successful, and he leaves a well-organized, enthusiastic church for some worthy man. Not only has he built up the church; he has also made a lasting

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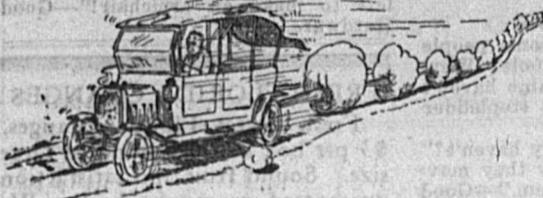
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By FLEETWOOD BALL

Evangelist Wade House, of Nashville, Tenn., and Singer Jeff Wall began a revival Sunday in the Second Church, Jackson, Tenn., assisting Rev. C. L. Skinner. Gracious results are expected.

Dr. J. J. Hurt, of the First Church, Jackson, Tenn., concluded a revival in his church Sunday, November 14, the pastor doing the preaching. There were 53 additions in a week. Singer Frank Graziadei led the singing in a highly satisfactory manner.

The church at Bradford, Tenn., had a great day on Sunday, November 14, at the formal opening of the new house of worship. There were 197 in Sunday school and the amount raised for all purposes reached \$1,156. The popular pastor, Rev. W. F. Carlton, preached the sermon of the occasion.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., has accepted the position of corresponding secretary of the State Executive Board of Missouri, succeeding Dr. A. J. Barton.

Rev. W. E. Fuson, of Belton, Mo., accepts the care of the church at Walnut Ridge, Ark., and is on the field.

Rev. Geo. M. Workman, formerly pastor at Eudora, Ark., has accepted a call to the church at Bearden, Ark., and is now on the field. The church is building a pastor's home to cost \$3,500.

Evangelist Arden P. Blaylock and his personal worker, Miss May B. Wells, of Little Rock, Ark., lately held a revival with Rev. O. M. Stallings and the Immanuel Church, Tulsa, Okla., resulting in 106 additions, more than 50 by baptism.

Rev. J. F. Rorex, of Clio, S. C., has been called to the care of the church at Eudora, Ark., and it is believed he will accept, as it brings him back to the state of his nativity.

Beginning January 2, 1927, Evangelist Gipsey Smith, Jr., will assist Rev. W. M. Bostick and Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tenn., in a revival which it is believed will stir the entire city.

The death of Dr. W. H. Ryals, aged 73, of Pembroke, Ky., in the Baptist Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., Sunday morning, November 14, and of Rev. G. L. Ellis, of Martin, Tenn., the same week removes from life's activities two of the Lord's most faithful servants. Brother Ryals had been pastor in Trenton, Tenn., Corinth, Miss., and Paris, Tenn. He was buried in Paris, Tenn., and Brother Ellis in Martin, Tenn.

Rev. R. L. Breland, of Coffeerville, Miss., has declined the call to Earle, Ark., and will remain in his Mississippi pastorate. He is a valued departmental editor of the Baptist Record.

By THE EDITOR

Rev. W. M. Griffitt reports a revival meeting in progress at the First Church at Monterey. Rev. Jacob Chambers is doing the preaching.

Rev. R. C. Houston was the evangelist in a revival meeting recently closed at the First Church, Alcoa. There were three conversions. The church is without a pastor.

Rev. R. E. Humphreys, pastor of the Bearden Church, Knoxville, is doing the preaching in a revival

meeting at the Mt. Olive Church, in that city.

Dr. J. B. Phillips is preaching in a meeting at the church at Dayton, Tenn., of which Wm. A. Moffitt is pastor. The pastor writes that Dr. Phillips is doing some powerful preaching. There were twelve additions last Sunday.

We are sorry to hear of the death of Buford Loomis McKinley, son of the evangelistic singer H. Evan McKinley, on November 10th at Cragmont Sanatorium at Blackmount, N. C. Buford has been ill for some time. He was sixteen years of age and had planned to follow in the footsteps of his father as an evangelistic singer. Our hearts go out to the parents in this time of sorrow.

The church at Chickamauga, Ga., has called Dr. U. S. Thomas as pastor, and it is expected that he will accept. Dr. Thomas is well known and much loved in Tennessee.

Rev. J. H. Graham, formerly of Shellmound, Tenn., now pastor of the church at Bridgeport, Ala., is doing the preaching in a revival with his congregation. Mr. J. Harvey Elliott of Chatanooga is leading the singing.

Singer S. W. Rutledge, 1805 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, has some open dates for revivals. He is one of our best workers. Singer H. Evan McKinley who can be reached at Rushville, Ind., has an open date just after Christmas. He is now in a revival in Indianapolis, Ind.

"The Judson Builder" came to our office this week. It is a good rotospeed paper which Pastor R. E. Grimsley, Supt. H. L. Brantley and others are getting out.

"The 'Bill the Preacher' cartoon in your issue of November 11th is a corker. Three full columns of eight point could not have pictured so well the attitude of the average church member. Do it some more. Christianity that does not touch and open pocketbooks is piffle of serenest ray. I would like to see that cartoon on the announcer of every Methodist church in the land."—H. G. David, 411 W. 115th Street, New York City.

We take pleasure in announcing receipt of an invitation to the wedding of Miss Isobel Herbert Virgin to Mr. Cecil Gillett Osborne which will be solemnized on December 3rd at the North Shore Baptist Church of Chicago, Ill. The bride is the daughter of Dr. H. W. Virgin, pastor of North Shore Church.

Rev. M. M. Barnett of Bridgeport, Ala., has accepted the care of the church at Richard City. Mrs. Barnett has sent in some of the results of her work for the Baptist and Reflector and is organizing the young people for a canvass of the membership.

The editor had the pleasure of supplying Sunday for the saints at Morristown and enjoyed the fine fellowship of this great church. On Monday he spoke at chapel in Carson-Newman College and gave a brief address before the fine Bible class of beloved Dr. Campbell.

We acknowledge receipt of the November copy of the Southwestern Seminary. It is a newsy and interesting number. One splendid article is worth the price of the magazine for a year. It is "Psychological principles of the Chris-

tological Development in the New Testament," by Dr. C. B. Williams.

Corsicana, Texas, have recommended that the budget of the church for the ensuing year be doubled. In this way the great church will be able to take care of the burdensome debt business without breaking faith with the Co-operative Program.

The Baptist: "One of the most fearful indictments of our civilization appeared in an editorial in the Baptist and Reflector for October 28th. If Editor John D. Freeman would change it slightly so as to eliminate its section reference and would print it in leaflet form for wide distribution, he would be rendering a public service. He uses black ink for the picture, but that is the only appropriate color." We only wish there was some way by which we could carry out the suggestion.

Mr. George E. Hays, one of the men of Kentucky, was elected moderator of the General Association which met November 9th at Lebanon, Ky. The honor has well been given to this servant of the Lord.

Rev. Albert E. Summers has resigned at Standford, Ky., and has accepted the care of First Church, Greeneville, Ky. He is a splendid young minister and the son of a great minister. Some years ago he conducted the singing for the revival in the church at Campbellsville, Ky., where his brother was pastor and in which revival his father did the preaching.

According to the Western Recorder, William Carver, son of Dr. W. O. Carver, is very ill at his home in Atlanta. Our prayers will go up for his recovery.

Forty people united with Central Church, Winchester, Ky., as a result of the revival recently held by Dr. F. F. Gibson of Walnut Street Church, Louisville, Ky. Rev. John T. Stallings is pastor.

Thirty-three baptisms and eleven additions by letter were the visible results of the revival in the editor's old pastorate at Springfield, Ky., where J. B. D. Adams is pastor. The preaching was done by Dr. D. P. Montgomery of Campbellsville, Ky., and the singing was in charge of Arthur Proctor of Mt. Washington.

The December issue of the B. Y. P. U. Magazine of our Sunday School Board is a very attractive number and is filled with interesting and helpful suggestions for our workers.

Rev. and Mrs. Clifton Bridges of Dover announce the birth of William George Bridges on Monday, November 16, 1926. Congratulations!

Evangelist William S. Dixon of Kansas City reports the conclusion of a successful revival at Kingsville, Mo., during which there were sixteen additions to the church, thirteen of them for baptism. Rev. Geo. L. Newkirk is pastor.

Pastor W. A. Moffitt of Dayton is rejoicing over a splendid revival spirit that has characterized the first few days of their meeting. Rev. J. B. Phillips of Chattanooga is with them. On November 14th there were seven additions, four for baptism and three by letter. The meeting will continue through November, and Brother Moffitt asks the prayers of the brotherhood for a real revival.

"Do the people want to read trials and tribulations and evil doings more than they do the good things of life? I believe they do. Why, in the city court room during the month of October the Baptists held a meeting from 12 to 1 o'clock. Not a single reporter appeared at these meetings, but at 1:30 when the police court convened there were four reporters to broadcast the evils of the day."—Loudon County Progress.

We were in error in stating that Brother G. W. Lowe is pastor at Obion. Brother Herbert West is pastor and is helping Brother Lowe

put the Baptist and Reflector in every home.

Rev. R. J. Williams reports a revival recently with Whitsett's Chapel Church by Rev. Elvin L. Burnett, in which there were four additions to the church, three by baptism. He states that the church has been without a pastor for a long time, but is now ready to extend a call. It has a fine Sunday school.

The initial subscription of the First Church, Amarillo, Texas, exceeded \$165,000, according to the Baptist Standard.

Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Nashville, left last Sunday night for Tampa, Fla., where he will assist the pastor of Palm Avenue Baptist Church in revival meeting.

Dr. James and the Immanuel Baptist Church of Nashville will begin a series of meetings on Stewardship, Monday evening, Nov. 23rd, in which Dr. Walt N. Johnson will lecture each evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church. The meetings will continue throughout the week, closing Sunday, Nov. 28th.

The issue of Nov. 18th of the Christian Index is a very attractive number on Children's Books. It is full of interesting illustrations and gives some splendid helps concerning our selection of books for children.

Gypsy Smith, Jr., will assist Pastor W. M. Bostick and the Bellevue Baptist Church of Memphis in a revival meeting beginning January 2nd. Mrs. Mabel Hendrix of Memphis, whom we all know and love, is pianist in the Gypsy Smith party.

The General Education Board recently gave nearly three and a half million dollars for a medical college at the University of Chicago.

According to the Baptist Record, the Illinois Baptist Association had an all-night prayer meeting the first night of their annual meeting in which one hundred people participated.

REVIVAL AT IMMANUEL CHURCH, NASHVILLE

A two weeks' revival meeting has just closed at the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, of which Dr. Powhatan W. James is pastor. Dr. L. B. Warren, the blind evangelist, did the preaching, and there were seventy-six additions to the church. The meeting is being followed this week by a stewardship meeting, with Dr. Walt N. Johnson of North Carolina lecturing each evening at 7:30 o'clock. This stewardship meeting will continue through November 28.

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HERMON MASSENGILL

On October 24, 1926, Rev. Hermon Massengill of Andersonville, Tenn., passed to his great reward at the age of forty years. He died in Colorado, but his body was brought back to his home near Andersonville and laid to rest in the Bethel Cemetery. He was a member of the Bethel Baptist Church. He was one of God's noblemen, and to know him was to love him. His whole desire was to make the world better by having lived in it. He was a graduate of Andersonville High School and Carson and Newman College. He was an ordained minister and held several pastorates. He also taught school. Never a man delighted in preaching the gospel of the Son of God more than he. His ambition was to be a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. But for the past few years he was unable to give his whole time to the ministry on account of his failing health. He leaves a good and faithful wife and three children to mourn his loss. Never has any church been blessed with a more noble and Christ-like character in its membership than Brother Massengill. His memory is sweet to all who knew him. May God give us others just as noble and pure to take his place. —D. W. Lindsay.

DEBBIE FIELDEN

The passing of Miss Debbie Fielden removes from Bell Avenue Church and Park City Lowry School one of its most beloved members and teachers. A vacancy has been made in each of these institutions that will be hard to fill.

Miss Debbie, as she was familiarly known, was born in Jefferson County, Tenn. When but a small child her parents moved to Knoxville, where greater church and educational advantages were to be obtained. She entered the old Bell House School where she received her early education. She was a graduate of Bellview School with highest honors.

For twenty-five years she was a primary teacher in the Park City School, training and molding the thus preparing them for future usefulness. Having worked in the same school for so many years, it was her happy privilege to train more than two generations of useful men and women.

On September 16, 1894, she became a member of Bell Avenue Baptist Church, giving to her church her very best service. At an early age she was placed in charge of the primary department as its superintendent, serving faithfully till she was put in charge of the junior department of the Sunday school upon its organization and worked as its superintendent till her "home-going" on August 16, 1926. During the seventeen years she served in this department of the Sunday school she led many boys and girls to know their Savior.

Another work that was dear to her heart was the Sunbeam Band. It was in 1899 that Pastor U. S. Thomas organized this band and Miss Debbie was made their leader. She continued this work till September, 1925, when failing health demanded her resignation of this work. It was very hard for her to give into the hands of another the work that was so dear to her heart. Many times she was in tears because her strength would not permit her taking up the work again.

As a love gift for faithful and long service the W. M. U. presented her with a beautiful W. M. U. pin when

she retired from active work in the Sunbeam leadership. Overcome with emotion, she received this love gift from the mother of the Sunbeams.

From her Sunday school and Sunbeam Band have gone leaders and preachers to bless not only the homeland, but on foreign shores her influence has reached. And only the Father knows the good she has done during these years she has served and worked.—L. R. Fielden.

"Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." (Matt. 26:41.)

"The Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will let him take the water of life freely." (Rev. 22:17.)

All Different

New Bookkeeper: "I have added those figures up ten times, sir."

Boss: "Good."

Bookkeeper: "And here are the ten answers."—Progressive Grocer.

Shiftless Neighbors

"Isn't it strange how some people try to get along without tools? Why, those new neighbors of mine haven't a lawn-mower, a hose, a stepladder or a saw."

"How do you know they haven't?"

"Because the day after they moved in I tried to borrow them."—Good Hardware.

Little Doris: "Mother, wouldn't it be nice if you had the toothache instead of me?"

"Why, dear?"

"Because you can take your teeth out and I can't."—Progressive Grocer.

"There is not another boy in this town as clever as my Charles!"

"Go on, how's that?"

"Well, look at those two chairs. My Charles made them all out of his own head, and he has enough wood left to make an armchair!"—Good Hardware.

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In the 15-year period, 1910-1925, the coal mined in the states of the South served by the Southern Railway System has increased 65 per cent; the pig iron production increased 14 per cent; active cotton spindles increased 53 per cent; and the total value of mineral production increased 205 per cent.

In the two decades, 1900-1920, the value of farm property in these states increased from approximately \$2,500,000,000 to more than \$10,000,000,000.

And in the 20-year period, 1904-1923, the value of all manufactures produced in these states increased from about \$1,200,000,000 to almost \$5,000,000,000.

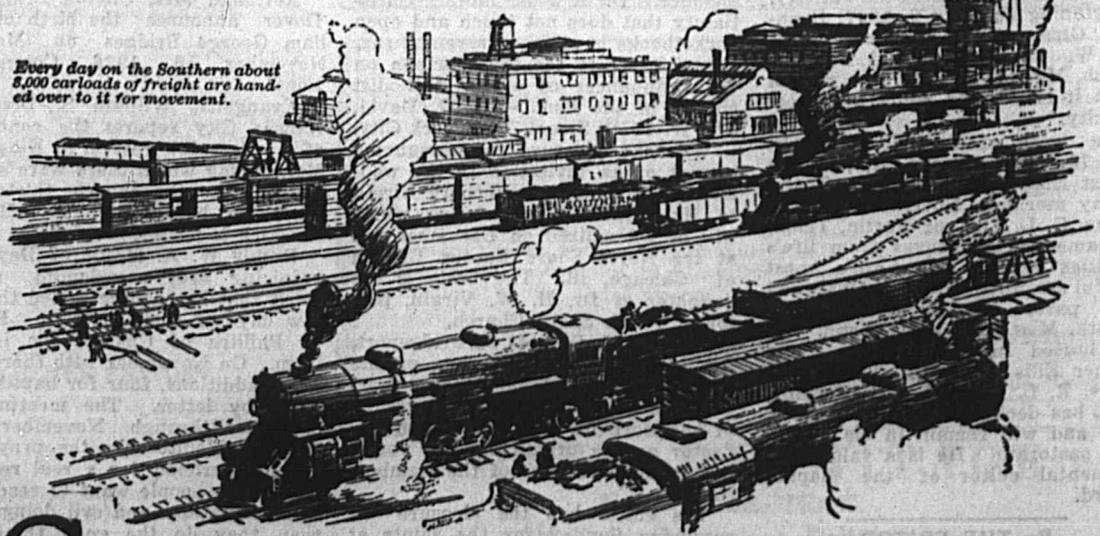
Such has been the growth of the South. The growth of the Southern Railway System in the same period also is impressive.

In the last twenty-five years the total investment in the Southern Railway System has increased about \$375,000,000—from \$400,000,000 in 1900 to \$775,000,000 in 1925.

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