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Can We Have Faith Today?

By JOHN C. SLEMP

It is not easy to have faith today. There are too many forces that contribute to doubt. People everywhere are disillusioned. So completely have many been swept off their feet by the surge of things that they know not which way to turn. In their dilemma they "look before and after," while what laughter they indulge is fraught with pain, indeed.

Under such circumstances as these the story of the storm on the Galilean lake has a striking significance. As Jesus and His disciples were going across the lake a sudden squall came down upon them, until it looked as if their little boat would be swallowed up by the furious waves. But Jesus was asleep. When hope was gone His disciples awoke him, saying, "Master, master, we perish." Aroused from His sleep Jesus "rebuked the wind and the raging of the water; and they ceased, and there was a calm." Then asked Jesus, very pointedly: "Where is your faith?" And they were amazed, and said one to another, "Who then is this, that he commandeth even the winds and the water and they obey him?" It was more than they could understand, but the storm had ceased, and they were safe.

A Threefold Application

That simple story has a threefold application in these tempestuous days. The first is personal. Where is your faith when you are tossed about on the sea of life? Every life has its Galilean storms. Perplexing winds and threatening waves beat upon us in moments of least expectancy. We are buffeted about by bewilderments and failures over which we have no control. Our fondest hopes are shattered. Our plans seem of no positive worth. At the end of our own resources we cry out in our helplessness: "Master, master, we perish." In a moment the winds cease and the sea is calm. Then the Master asks, "Where is your faith?"

The second application is national. For three years we have been in the grip of a puzzling economic depression. The unemployment situation baffles all attempts at a satisfactory solution. All our economic theories seem of little practical value in remedying the existing evils. Rich and poor alike have been affected. Fortunes have been swept away over night, and men have been reduced to poverty in a day. Banks and business firms have been forced to close their doors. Homes have become destitute. Wom-

en and children have been made to suffer for the ordinary necessities of life. Financiers and economists are at their wit's end. No one seems to know what to do. Where, then, is your faith in a time like this?

Where is your faith in an age of crime and lawlessness? It is often said that certain works of science tend to destroy people's faith, but I am not half so sure of that as I am of the power of the daily press. How many daily papers do you see that are free from headlines on crime and lawlessness? First it is a murder, then it is scandal, then divorce, then a whack at prohibition, and so on to the disgust and chagrin of honest and self-respecting American citizens. Where is your faith in a nation in which these conditions exist and are passed by lightly?

The third application of the story is international. Is the world sane? Is it really getting anywhere? We thought so from 1914 to 1918. The war that would end war was being waged! A world-democracy was soon to be ushered in that would destroy the last vestige of oppression and anarchy and bloodshed. But what a delusion it soon proved to be! We were not long in finding that greed and graft and politics were at the bottom of it all. Then we said, "No more war, never again." But since that heartless object-lesson in wholesale murder we have swung back into the same old ways. The nations of the earth are still armed, and already low thunderings of another war come threatening over the horizon. To be told that the civilian population, including women and helpless babies, will be subject to merciless slaughter from powerful explosives and poisonous gases in another war, arouses no feeling of protest. So accustomed have we become to thrills that many people, it seems, would like it.

Where is your faith in the nations of the earth? Many do not have any. If "Christian" nations still go to war after nineteen hundred years of Christian history, there is little encouragement for faith. The utter incompatibility of war and Christianity anyway! We talk of love and good will and brotherhood on Sunday, and then work the rest of the week to pay debts on past wars and to prepare for wars to come. We send our missionaries to convert the "heathen" and our battleships to destroy them. We send a man to the electric chair for shooting down

another in cold blood, but we send an army of men into the trenches to annihilate another army. A pity it is that there is not an electric chair big enough for an entire nation to sit in!

Faith Essential in Life

As black and uninviting as these conditions make the picture appear, we cannot get away from the fact that faith is essential in life. "Where is your faith?" comes clear and strong from the lake of Galilee. Where is your faith in yourself, in your nation, in the nations of the world?

In his ministry Jesus was constantly emphasizing the necessity of faith. He saw the faith of the four men who lowered the paralytic through the roof. To the woman who touched the hem of His garment He said: "Daughter, be of good cheer: thy faith hath made thee whole." To the Syrophenician woman he declared: "O woman, great is thy faith; be it done unto thee even as thou wilt." And so on through His ministry, his constant message to despondent, faltering humanity was one of faith.

The principle that Jesus was emphasizing is the absolute necessity of faith in life. More is done through faith than by sight. That is true in all life-relationships—in athletics, in adventure, in launching social and welfare enterprises, in opening a mission field, and in every other object of human endeavor. "Faith is the victory" in more of our undertakings than we realize. To lose faith is to lose the victory, even when victory seems very near. Take away faith from the conflicts and the enterprises of life and you take away the conquering and achieving *motif* that is essential.

Is Faith Warranted Today?

For many, however, something more substantial than past experiences of faith will have to be offered for meeting the issues of this present age. Can we have faith today? In what direction and to what extent is faith warranted under existing conditions?

The answer is found in the message of John the Baptist to Jesus and in Jesus' reply. John, you recall, was in prison at Machaerus, near the Dead Sea. He had proclaimed Jesus as the Messiah, as the one who should redeem Israel and the entire world. But now the outlook was beginning to appear disappointing. Was he mistaken in the messiahship of Jesus? Would he have to look forward awhile longer for the true Messiah? Such questions as these were flooding the mind of the Baptist when he sent a deputation of his disciples to ask Jesus, "Art thou he that com-

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Editorial

Monte Carlo, most noted gambling resort in the world, is to be closed because of the hard times. That is good news for the part of the world that knows of the damaging effects of gambling.

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Letters are coming from various places begging for aid in erecting church houses in strategic fields. How the challenge is coming to Tennessee Baptists to enlarge their State Mission program.

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Residents of the Mississippi Valley region probably do not this year feel like singing, "When peace like a river attendeth my way"; but they can appreciate the other line of the wonderful song, "When sorrows like sea billows roll."

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Preachers should never let their members forget that the only safe investment anyone ever made is that in life. It is the only thing that endures. And whatever is put into another life is treasured in heaven, if it is put there in the name of the Lord of the Treasury and on behalf of His cause.

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Now the beer-sellers are crying because the bootleggers are bothering their business. Yet we were told emphatically that if we would legalize light wines and beer, bootlegging would cease! Whoever thinks that any sort of legalization of alcoholic drinks is going to do away with bootlegging, just doesn't know the history of the liquor traffic.

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Editor McConnell of the Baptist Standard (Texas) says, "It is still the belief of the editor that any man who can drive an automobile 480 miles in one day without feeling weariness does not need to bother about his age; so he lets his critics do that," which goes to prove that even though he may be old enough for some people to criticize, he is a wise man.

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You will be criticized if you do something; you'll be criticized if you do nothing. The wise man will plan a course of action which has a worthy goal, and follow the example of Paul, "Forget the things behind and stretch forth to the things that are before." Whoever spends his time waiting to discover what others think about him and his work will never accomplish very much.

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No less than forty new Baptist churches will be needed to handle the vast field to be created by the Cove Creek power project. A dozen or more churches will be compelled to move. Where will they go? And what will they find when they get there? And Smoky Mountain Park is rapidly developing into a sporting paradise. Shall we leave the thousands of Baptists in that area without adequate church and pastoral care?

If a "Disgusted Baptist" happens to see these lines, he will understand how low and mean the writer of anonymous letters is in the sight of all real men. In other words he will discover that there is another disgusted Baptist. Why sneak through the mails with charges against the Baptist ministry? If you have facts, take them to the church of which the minister is a member.

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WOMEN PREACHERS

In last week's mail we had a report of a revival conducted in one of our Baptist churches by a woman evangelist. We hereby repeat our oft-made declaration that we do not believe God calls women to be preachers, and we believe that it is a violation of sacred and definite New Testament teachings for our churches either to set forth a woman to preach or to encourage one in the business of preaching. Too many departures from age-old and proven practices are being witnessed today, and everyone of them means a weakening of our Baptist life. Union meetings never advanced the cause of Christ as represented in Baptist churches. The preaching of a woman, however attractive and pleasing it may be, never strengthened a Baptist church. And in a day when it is becoming more and more difficult for our preachers to find regular work with churches, either as pastors or evangelists, we cannot understand why our pastors will lend their support to a woman preacher, thus most surely hastening the day when they will place in jeopardy not only the welfare of the cause of Christ but their own calling as well. Brethren, we had better turn back to Paul's teachings and accept them as they are, then obey.

Baptist 100,000 Club

We are giving here some simple rules for the guidance of those who are enlisting in the movement of the Baptist 100,000 Club. Already many of our people have volunteered to join it, and the requests for membership cards are coming in. We, therefore, wish to aid in pushing the matter, and present herewith some "Rules" to be observed.

1. Every member agrees to pay \$1.00 per month to be applied on the southwide debts of the denomination, and it is understood that this will all be used for that purpose. All expenses of the Club will be cared for in other ways.

2. Every member who joins the club agrees that his dollar per month will be paid *over and above* what he or she is paying to the church for its local expenses and to the regular missionary and benevolent work of the denomination.

3. Seek to enlist everyone possible from among those Baptists not giving to our southwide work whether in churches having budgets or in churches not giving to missions.

4. Write the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, 161 Eighth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., for membership cards and for other matters pertaining to the enlistment of members of the club.

5. Prepare a special account in your church books for this purpose. If your church is not well organized, it may be better to have a special treasurer for the Club. Send all money paid by members to John D. Freeman, Treasurer, 161 Eighth Ave. N., Nashville, Tenn., and be sure to make collections by the month and send it in each month regardless of the number of members of the club.

6. We suggest that you have a meeting of the Club in your church each month, talk over the work being done, encourage others to join the club, but more important still, rejoice together over what is being done and plan to develop every member in the art of giving regularly and generously to the budget of the church which should include all our causes. These meetings, if held regularly during the months, will do a great deal to inspire the members of the Club.

7. Let every club bear in mind that the movement is to pay off our debts without reducing the regular income of our agencies. If we take money out of our regular contributions to pay the membership fee, then we simply say to our agencies, "Pay off your debts, but while doing it, I mean for you to make more debts," and we will get nowhere.

8. Be sure and send the office in Nashville the list of members who join and their addresses. We will need to have these in order to have the envelopes sent to them. A package of twelve envelopes will be furnished every member so that he or she can use them in making the monthly payments through the church offerings.

9. Let us all strive to enlist everyone possible in this movement. Already the so-called "official group" in our state has enlisted. Many of us are taking memberships for all our families. Some are taking memorial memberships in the names of departed loved ones who, if they were still living, would want to have a part in the movement to pay our distressing debts.

10. Hunt out the members of your church who are not giving all they should and enlist them; get all who are giving and can sacrifice another dollar per month to join. You may have friends who are not members of your church who would be glad to help. If

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so, enlist them and thereby perhaps be able to win them before the campaign closes. Let us pay our debts through this simple, personal, direct plan.

Dr. Dodd And Uncle Sam

We can but wonder that some of our editors have felt called upon to criticize so severely the statement made by President Dodd before the Washington Convention regarding the possibility of our colleges and other such agencies finding relief from their galling debts by seeking loans from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. We fail to see where there was anything radically wrong in it. It surely did not mean that these institutions should ask the government for any kind of financial support. While it did lay us open to the charge that we were advocating the renunciation of an age-old Baptist principle, even that charge can be based only upon the garbled reports which the secular press published.

There is no difference in principle between borrowing from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation and in borrowing from a Federal Bank. They are governed largely by the same rules, are entirely under the same authority and control, that of the Federal Government, and carry on their business in exactly the same way when it comes to making loans. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation was established for the purpose of aiding worthy individuals and agencies which otherwise might be forced into bankruptcy in spite of the value of their assets. Banks exist for the purpose of lending money to agencies, institutions and individuals who may have assets with which to guarantee payment of the loans. The purpose and functions are the same with the R. F. C. as they are with a bank; the principle of depending upon the State is the same, although of different degree, when money is borrowed from either.

The fine point lies in the fact that the R. F. C. is directly a federal institution. But how long, under the present socialistic trend, will any bank be an individually owned and controlled institution? If we assert dogmatically, as some of the brethren are doing, that we can never accept a loan from a federal agency, then we had better look forward to the immediate liquidation of all our debts and to the absolute cash basis for all future operations. The present administration will not have closed before the entire banking system of the nation will either be in the hands of the government outright, or else be under the absolute control of the government.

We readily admit that it was unfortunate that the statement, so easily misinterpreted, should have been made in Washington. We challenge the declaration that it was a violation of the principle of Separation of Church and State. We sincerely regret that some of the state papers have made such a "mountain out of a mole hill" in discussing the matter for their readers.

The Binns Incident

Editor R. H. Pitt of the Religious Herald (Virginia) has given the Southern Baptist Convention a severe castigation for its attitude toward Dr. Walter P. Binns of Roanoke in opposing certain sections of the report of the Social Service Commission. Evidently our beloved and honored colleague secured his report of what occurred in Washington from the secular papers, hence got a distorted caricature of the memorable Monday evening session.

That Dr. Binns was well within his rights in challenging any part of the report, none will deny. That his challenge was made in a fine spirit, we admit. No one in the South holds a higher opinion of him than we do. Since our school days together in the Louisville Seminary, we have loved and admired him. But we believe Dr. Pitt has misled his people in the following statement:

"The questions which we understand Dr. Binns to have raised have no personal significance. It ought to be possible to consider them and to discuss them in our public assemblies without such vulgar and disorderly interruptions as those that greeted Dr. Binns. There is far more danger that the Convention by the exhibition on the part of a number of its members of disorderliness and intolerance will suffer in the respect of those who are interested in it, will diminish its prestige and impair the respect in which it is held, than that Pastor Binns will lose any of his usefulness."

This statement was made in criticism of an editorial by Dr. Solomon of the Florida Baptist Witness. We are not discussing that editorial. We assert that there was no vulgar display or disorderliness in the session that evening, with the one exception of a speech from the floor which lasted about two minutes and was heard by a small part of the audience. There was one outburst of "NO'S!" when Dr. Binns made one statement, but who ever attended a meeting of the Convention when at least one such outburst did not occur? And who will deny to Southern Baptists the right to express their disapproval of a speaker's statement in this vociferous way?

We have read some of the editorials in Virginia papers concerning the matter. We saw the scare-crow headlines in one Virginia daily and read the news story. We feel sure that Editor Pitt, not being at the Convention, secured his information from such a source, hence was misled. All honor and praise to Dr. Binns for his bold stand that evening in Washington. We admire him all the more because he did so bravely and candidly what his heart and conscience bade him do. But with equal frankness and honesty, we must declare our praise of Southern Baptists for their clear vote of approval for the declaration brought in by one of their strongest and most honorable group of men—the Social Service Commission.

A Doctrinal Revival

It was the editor's happy privilege during the first days of June to be with Pastor D. B. Bowers and Avondale Church, Chattanooga, in a doctrinal meeting, the purpose of which was to teach and encourage the large membership, more than 325 of whom were received during the past year, practically all of them by baptism. It was a pleasure to work with this good pastor and his fine people. Four members were received for baptism, 3 by letter, 1 by statement, and 7 restored.

Ben H. Roy is superintendent of the Sunday School, a splendid young layman who has an ambition to make the Bible School worthy of the Lord. James Shipman is chairman of the deacons. J. P. Stanfiel is treasurer of the church and one of the most efficient anywhere, according to the pastor. Gordon Godsey is director of the B. Y. P. U., Mrs. H. A. Pease, president of the W. M. U., and Kenneth Varnell is director of the music. Mrs. R. T. Hunt, a former W. M. U. president, was made leader of the B & R Club, and her list started with 64 names, making more than 70 subscribers for the church. W. A. Nichols, a splendid young banker of the city, is the careful clerk.

These good people listened with seeming interest and pleasure to the discussions of the great doctrines of the Book and the standards of Christian living which it sets up. There were scenes that touched the heart deeply, when young people and older ones came forward to confess their backsliding and ask forgiveness of the church. One evening, when three splendid young people were converted, there was real old fashioned shouting that stirred many hearts and almost included the preachers in its demonstration of joy.

Avondale Church occupies a strategic position between East Chattanooga proper and the main city. They have a splendid building for their work and only recently finished their basement, thus greatly adding to the plant's beauty and usefulness. Pastor Bowers has served them for more than six years and is greatly loved. Not one person during our stay spoke a critical word about him, which indicates the honor he commends from the flock over which he knows the Holy Spirit made him bishop.

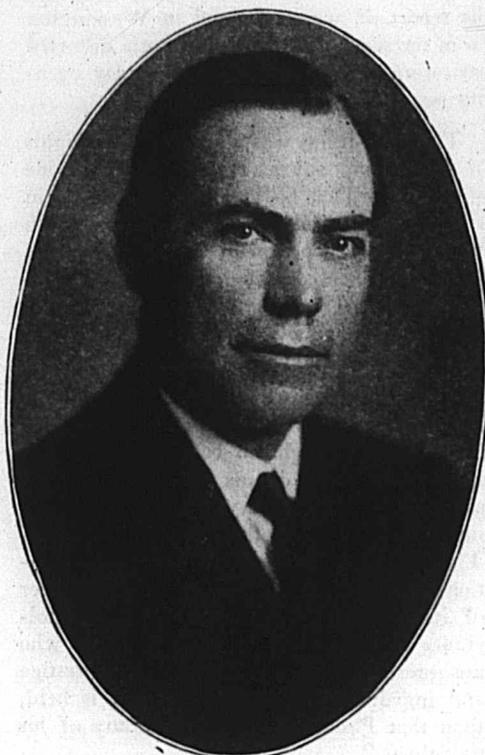
We greatly need more revivals of the kind, meetings during which an effort is made to teach the whole truth to all the people, to bring to the consciences of the backsliders the littleness of their conduct, to inspire and encourage the loyal members who may have grown tired and weary, and to strengthen the hands of our pastors in this day when so many free-lance evangelists are sapping the foundations of our church life.

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One of the interesting freaks of the California earthquake was the effect had on a political billboard. The big sign had been left on the board following the campaign of last year, and when the quake was over there were left only the sections carrying the significant words, "Confusion and Chaos".

Appreciation of Dr. O. E. Bryan

*Letter Prepared by Executive Board to be sent
Retiring Secretary O. E. Bryan*



DR. O. E. BRYAN

DR. O. E. BRYAN,
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE.

My dear Doctor Bryan:—

It would have done your heart good to have heard the expressions of appreciation and love which came from the lips of your brethren at the Board meeting yesterday. At times all of us wonder whether or not what we have done has amounted to anything. After all, life's greatest reward is appreciation. Even those whose careers have been characterized by signal achievement are sometimes overwhelmed by a sense of futility at the end. Life is so short and the challenge of need is so great that even in middle age we feel like children playing in the sand.

For this reason it is not at all amiss for us to give you something of the appraisal which the Executive Board placed upon your work yesterday, and we want you to know that we are doing it by special request of the Board. Reference was made to the tragic plight of our denomination in many of the southern states, all growing out of shortsightedness on the part of the leaders; or, perhaps, we should rather say, the inability to forecast developments. When reference was made to Tennessee's standing in Southern Baptist affairs, the members of the Board were almost vociferous in their praises for you and to you they gave the credit. Your 100% loyalty to the Kingdom enterprises, your insistence on support of the Co-operative Program, your fine business management, which always kept the budget balanced, and your splendid spirit of consecration which elicited the co-operation of the brethren throughout the State; all these combined, not only to keep Tennessee out of the red, but also to prove to the South that there is really a way out of the wilderness and to show the other states how to find that way.

All of us want you to know that we consider your leadership great and epochal and we are hoping and praying that your musings on the past may be a tonic to your soul and an aid to the recovery of your health and strength. Your career thus far enables you to exclaim in the spirit of the apostle Paul, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness."

May God be with you and with your spirit.

Yours in the deepest of bonds,

JOHN A. DAVISON,
W. R. PETTIGREW,
L. S. SEDBERRY, *Committee.*

OUR NEW ARRANGEMENTS

By O. L. HAILEY

Our New Secretary



DR. JOHN D. FREEMAN

Though not a member of the State Board, I am asking to be allowed to say a word about the new Executive Secretary of State Missions. I have known Brother John D. Freeman, the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer of the State Board of Missions, for a number of years. I am glad to have him chosen to this position for more than one reason. He knows the work as few men do and loves it as only a few men could. He has been with our dear Dr. Bryan, at home and on the field—the whole field. He knows the people and believes in them, and believes that we together can do things by the help of the Lord. Tennessee has a worthy record that reaches far back across the years of her history. That record deserves to be set before the people.

I like the way he was chosen. If I had been a member of the Board, I should have voted just as the majority did. They simply asked God to show the man, and then without nominations, voted. The ballot showed John D. Freeman receiving the highest number of votes. The Board then voted unanimously his election as Executive Secretary-Treasurer. And thus, with no nominations or speech-making, he stood unanimously elected by his brethren.

He did not seek the place. He was already carrying one of the most important burdens among us. He was the acceptable editor of Baptist and Reflector, and was winning and receiving the thanks of the denomination, in the state and out of it, by his conduct of the paper. He believes in God and is the joyful servant of Jesus Christ, and enjoys the unlimited confidence of his brethren. He is, therefore, a Baptist and

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A STATEMENT FROM THE BOARD OF MANAGERS

Since Dr. John D. Freeman has accepted the position of Executive Secretary and has, therefore, resigned as Editor of the Baptist and Reflector, the Board of Managers of the paper wish to make the following statement:

First, we want to record our appreciation of the privilege of working with Dr. Freeman in the great task of publishing a worth-while denominational paper. He has been at all times most considerate of any suggestions coming from the Board of Managers, while at the same time he has not hesitated to speak frankly and freely on all matters pertaining to the usefulness and efficiency of the paper. As an editor he has wielded a mighty pen; as a business manager he has shown wisdom and sagacity that has resulted in a reduction of the annual deficit on the paper as well as a more efficient and workable office procedure.

In the second place, as a group who have been closely associated with Dr. Freeman and who feel, therefore, that they may know him somewhat better than the people at large, we wish to commend him most heartily to the Baptists of Tennessee as their new Executive Secretary. Dr. Freeman has already shown in his few weeks of activity as Acting Secretary that he is well fitted for his new task. His experiences as editor have contributed much to his preparation, no doubt, for the new duties which are now his. He will handle them well. But we would remind the brotherhood that Dr. Freeman's success as Executive Secretary is largely in the hands of Tennessee Baptists. No man can succeed in this office alone. He must first have the help of the Lord and then the co-operation of the people whom he serves. We bespeak for him the earnest prayers of every Tennessee Baptist and also their heartiest co-operation in the important task before him. Let us rally to his leadership as he follows the Lord in the great work of maintaining for Tennessee Baptists the splendid record which they have achieved under the guidance of their former statesmanlike leader, Dr. O. E. Bryan.

In the third place, we wish to express our delight that Brother O. W. Taylor has accepted the place of editor to which he was recently elected by the State Board. He will assume his new duties the first of July and we earnestly urge the people throughout the state to remember him in their prayers, to commend the paper to their friends and in every way possible help him to build the Baptist and Reflector into an even greater publication than it has ever been. We thoroughly believe in Brother Taylor and we commend him most heartily to the Baptists of Tennessee as their new editor and denominational leader.

J. G. HUGHES, Chairman.

June 19, 1933.

Our New Editor



DR. O. W. TAYLOR

This is to welcome our new Editor, Dr. O. W. Taylor. He has been serving as pastor of our good church at Halls, Tenn. He is not unknown to Tennessee Baptists. He has been writing for Baptist and Reflector for several years. He has the distinction of being a real Baptist, and shows himself quite at home in the Scriptures. I "hold no brief" for Dr. Taylor; I am just exercising my privileges as a Tennessee Baptist who is greatly interested in our denominational situation and activities, and getting a word first.

His choice was as proper as that of Dr. Freeman as Executive Secretary. If Baptists are ever likely to feel the leadership of the Holy Spirit in any denominational arrangement, we certainly have full reason to believe the brethren had it when they elected Dr. Taylor. Now let us give him and the Lord a fair chance.

He and Dr. Freeman have labored side by side for many years. He is our own. And our own are just about as good as anybody's. Tennessee will not find it difficult to understand him, for he "speaks the language of Zion." Let us hear him, and unless he is dead wrong, as no one expects him to be, let us back him up. And it would be a nice and brotherly thing to write him and let him know how you enjoy his work, and that we are for him, clear through.

There are two things that most of us can do that will greatly help. Let us read the paper, and send him a list of new subscribers. So here is a welcome, Bro. Taylor, and "At your service."

PUBLIC OPINION

IS THERE A WRONG SPIRIT?

Is there a wrong spirit among us? I have been disturbed in mind and heart, during the days around our Southern Baptist Convention. And it has made me unhappy. I love my brethren and I love the cause. But to me there are some signs recurring too often to be regarded as accidents. I shall be happy to learn that I am mistaken and that I have a wrong value placed upon these things.

Unwarranted Criticisms

If you wish to have a brother brought under criticism, just put him into a Denominational position. And straightway, some one arraigns him as being untrue to the cause. He has become a selfish and arrogant official. He does not contribute his part to the work, and is receiving too much salary, and will not give his part while he seeks to impose burdens on those who have not been so chosen. He has become, at once, a luxurious and self-indulgent traveller. He rides in Pullmans and eats in Diners. He wants to boss.

He is a self-seeker and loves to be conspicuous. At the meeting of the Conventions, if he is called on to occupy a seat upon the rostrum, as officials are, he is seeking to make himself prominent. If he exercises the common liberty of speaking, he is at once held up as undertaking to run things. Some have gone so far as to count the times a given brother speaks in the Conventions.

I am sorry to have these things said about the brethren. They have not elected themselves to their positions. They are not unworthy because the Denomination has asked them to do things. We most certainly need leaders, now. Do not criticize because a brother does what he has been chosen to do. Now this is said not to start a discussion of the mistakes that brethren may make, but as a note of caution. Hear Joseph saying to his brethren, (Gen. 45:24) "See that ye fall not out by the way."

Our chosen leaders are trying with all the wisdom that is given them to find the way on. They want help. They need bread not stones. Let captions and unwarranted criticisms cease.—O. L. Hailey.

ONE FIFTH UNTIL PAID

During the World War some of us in signing application for voluntary entrance into the armed forces of our country did so for the "duration of the War", meaning thereby that we were at our nation's service through thick and thin, for better or worse, until the emergency had passed and the victory had been won, even though there were "doubts without and fears within". Do the times that are now upon us, as a Baptist host, call for a spirit less heroic or a courage less inspired? The following is my plan for paying our debts.

How many will become "fifthers" instead of tithers until all Baptist debts are paid and

Baptist credit and honor vindicated? How many will begin now to bring upon the first day of the week, not a tenth but a fifth of their increase? How many, even with depleted incomes and rising commodity prices, will be glad to even partially lose themselves for His sake and the gospel's, in this way? How many will enter such a covenant with the Lord and with one another, without a thought of vainglory for themselves or of condemnation for those who will not enter it with them? This IS a test of faith and courage for some, the writer included, but he believes that the Lord can be re-discovered in the operation of such a plan and that His power will be again felt in the ministry and service of those who, Spirit-led, enter into it with trembling faith and yet willing joy. "Lord, increase our faith."—O. L. Rives, Tullahoma, Tenn.

THIS AND THAT

By M. E. DODD

I am writing these lines in the cabin of a great transcontinental airship, six thousand feet up. The plane got up and out by facing the wind. That's the way Southern Baptists must do it. We can't get up by going with the winds. We must face the fury of all opposing winds and make them help us to get up rather than allow them to keep us down.

The Executive Committee in its annual meeting did a lot of business. Dr. Hight C. Moore said he had been a recording secretary for twenty-two years and that he was kept busier that day from nine A. M. to ten P. M. than ever before in his life. But that business was done on paper. It remains for this business to be made effective by the pastors, churches and all our working forces.

The committee accepted the duties imposed upon it by the Convention in good faith and spirit. The committee realized its responsibilities and took them seriously and purposefully. The committee faced its tasks with courage and consecration.

The two major tasks now before us are: (1) The Baptist Hundred-Thousand Club and (2) the annual Every Member Canvass. The one should take care of our Southern Baptist Convention debts and the other should provide for all our current work.

I have met groups of brethren in four states—Tennessee, Kentucky, Alabama, and Louisiana, during the past two weeks. There is great hope and good cheer among them. Southern Baptist temperature is rising. If all hands will now join in and everybody will chunk a little fuel in the fire we will soon have heat and light enough to go places and see things.

Let us have a moratorium for one year on all questionings, quibblings and criticism. Let's all pray for each other, believe in each other, help each other and above all stand by our Lord's work.

CAN WE HAVE FAITH TODAY?

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eth, or look we for another?" The answer of Jesus was reassuring: "Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see." In other words, "The answer to your question and the ground for your faith is in the achievements of Christianity."

Faith like that at once ceases to be a matter of abstraction. "The things which ye hear and see" are practical. Apply it to individual experiences, to national life, to international affairs. The things which you hear and see for good through the power of Christianity make for faith. A survey of the lives and the nations that have been transformed by the Christian message will turn despondency into joyous enthusiasm.

Many are the times in national and international life that right is worsted and wrong appears to triumph. More than once truth has gone to the scaffold while wrong has occupied the throne. It would be difficult to find a time when these statements were more true than they are now. Little wonder that men and women today turn away from this present age sick at heart, and that the younger generation are questioning the existence of a divine purpose in the universe.

Where is your faith? It is needed today. It need not be an irrational ultra-optimism that fails to take cognizance of the evils of the age. It must recognize conditions as they are, and then set to work to make them better. It must be grounded on the divine purpose that runs through all things. It must recognize Jesus Christ as master of the winds and the waters. He is waiting in the little boat of world affairs to still the storms when we call Him to our rescue.

OUR NEW SECRETARY

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feels no call to hesitate at any turn of the swaying tides that sweep over the field, nor does he lower his lance at any challenge that is laid against the Bible, our Denomination, nor our work.

He is yet a young man (and we need young men) who is splendidly equipped to lead and rally our forces. He believes in his brethren, and in our organized work. And he is, in heart, a lovable brother. Any one may approach him in any proper way, on any proper subject, at any time. And if I might say so, it would be just as well if no one tried to approach him otherwise.

He is a tireless worker. But this will not justify the brotherhood in heaping upon him needless burdens. But here is God's rallying cry for close-ranked co-operation. Let us close ranks. The heights are before us.

"If your heart is as my heart, then give me your hand."

"By the street of 'By and By' one arrives at the house of 'Never'."—Cervantes

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By O. W. TAYLOR, Halls, Tenn.

JULY 9, 1933

Caleb

Scripture: Joshua 14:6-14. Golden Text: Psa. 40:4.

Readings: Num. 13:17-31; 14:1-10; Deut. 1:26-36; Psa. 27:1-14; Heb. 11:17-30.

After the conquest of Canaan, Joshua is at Gilgal dividing the land among the tribes. Caleb and certain other representatives from the tribe of Judah come to ask as their inheritance that portion wherein Hebron is located. Caleb first comes into view 45 years before as one of the spies sent from Kadesh-Barnea to seize up Canaan. He was the son of Jephuneh the Kenezite. The Kenezites were a people living in the Dead Sea region in the time of Abraham. One of these attached himself to the Israelites before they went to Egypt, and from this sprang Jephuneh, Caleb's father. Caleb was deeply religious, faithful, bold, and courageous, and was Joshua's right hand man in the conquest of Canaan.

I. Associating Another With the Divine Promise (verse 6).

"The thing that the Lord said" was God's promise at Kadesh-Barnea 45 years before (Num. 14:30, 38; Deut. 1:36-38).

1. *Personal Interest in the Promise:* "Concerning me." An item relating to a specific inheritance (verse 9) is not named in the above Scriptures, but included. Joshua already had his blessing. Caleb came to ask for his. Moreover, he spoke for and represented, not merely himself, but all the tribe of Judah. Yet he had his personal share in the promise. The fountain is for all; the individual drinks, and it is his.

2. *Connecting Another With the Promise:* "Concerning thee." God promised a blessing to both Caleb and Joshua, and Caleb remembered it. As we think of, claim, and enjoy the divine goodness, let us not forget the other man "unto the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:8).

II. Contrasting Attitudes and Actions (verses 7, 8).

Caleb recounted the diverse attitudes and actions among the spies at Kadesh-Barnea.

1. *Those of the Melted Heart.* Ten of the spies reported favorably on Canaan, but adversely on the prospect of winning it. They "made the heart of the people to melt" by breaking down their faith and morale until they were afraid to cross the Jordan and begin possessing the land. The heart of these spies themselves was melted until they viewed themselves as grasshoppers alongside the

giants in Canaan. Not every task claimed by man to be so is of the Lord. After the loss of their opportunity at Kadesh-Barnea, certain of the Israelites essayed to enter Canaan without divine warrant, and were ingloriously defeated. Yet some tasks are clearly of the Lord and He gives grace to do them. But those of the melted heart are usually on hand to believe and exhort that "It can't be done." Facing the giants of wrong, both the pulpit and pew sometimes act the part of grasshoppers.

2. *Those of the Solid Heart.* Caleb reported on Canaan "as it was in his heart" and "wholly followed the Lord." His was not a "stony heart," but solid in outlook, faith, and courage. He said, "It can be done." Joshua was like him. Difficulty is a fright to the melted heart; it is a light to the solid heart because of God's presence in it. Caleb exemplified a combination which is repeatable and, in the last analysis, undefeatable: (a) A right heart. (b) Wholly following the Lord. Many hearts need to become spiritually solidified, and many that are atrophied need to become revived.

III. Banking on the Word of God (verses 9-11).

In his request of Joshua, Caleb harks back to God's word of promise at Kadesh-Barnea and rests upon it.

1. *The Sure Word of God.* Moses, the mouthpiece of God, "swore on that day" (at Kadesh-Barnea) and said, "Surely the land whereon thy feet have trodden," etc. The promise was stated to be God's response to the fact that Caleb "wholly followed the Lord." For Caleb that meant a right heart, faith, courage, and prompt obedience. It means that for us, and is still conditional to God's special blessings upon His people. Caleb's request for the land around Hebron, coupled with the promise given, indicates that he had made a special exploration of that section. He saw God's word as sure, and after the lapse of 45 years steps out upon it, for God's time for it has come. In conviction of the absolute truth of the divine word, he claimed a blessing on the basis of it. His appeal was grounded in that word. A certain man in modern times was wont to find a promise in the Bible, open the Book, put his finger on the promise, and, in prayer, say, "Here is thine own word, Lord." Larger enjoyment of "our spiritual blessings—in Christ" waits upon the spirit and the request which are more fully "according to the Scriptures."

2. *The Effective Word of God.* Caleb had experienced the truth of a part of this special promise. "The Lord hath kept me alive, as He said, these forty and five years." And God had kept him in such vigor that at 85 years of age he was as strong as when he was 40 years of age. God's promise to bring him into Canaan included the promise to keep him alive with strength to serve. Until a man's work is done, he cannot die unless he so flagrantly disobeys God as to cause death. God's word effective in the past, was received by Caleb as effective for the future, and he came to possess what it promised. Past fulfillments of the Book make us bank on its fulfillments in the future "for war, both to go out and to come in," for enjoyment of our blessings in Christ, and for the coming consummation, "which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began" (Acts 3:20-21; 2 Cor. 1:20; Heb. 6:17-20; 2 Pet. 1:19).

IV. "Now Therefore Give Me This Mountain" (verse 12).

The "therefore" was based on the divine Word. Caleb asked for what that Word warranted.

1. *"This Mountain."* This meant the rocky, hilly highland region where Hebron was located. Hebron was about 15 miles south of Bethlehem and 19 miles southwest of Jerusalem. So this region was given to the tribe of Judah. "Our Lord sprang out of Judah" (Heb. 7:14). In both a historical and spiritual sense, the grant to Caleb was a great one. But there was difficulty in it. "The Anakims were there." These were descendants of Anak, the son of Arba (Josh. 15:13; 21:11), one of the descendants of Seth. They were giants and a terror to Israel (Deut. 2:10; Num. 13:28; Deut. 9:2). Goliath was one of them (Josh. 11:22; 1 Sam. 17:4), and his height was about 9 feet and 9 inches. The bedstead of Og, another of them, was 13 feet long (Deut. 2:11). The spear staff of the brother of Goliath was "like a weaver's beam," and another Anakim had 24 toes and fingers (1 Chron. 20:5-6). Such foes as these dwelt in Caleb's portion. Yet in old age he requested the task of conquering this land and these foes. God's grants may not always be easy, but they are to be entered in His own time, whatever giants may be in the way.

2. *"I Shall Be Able to Drive Them Out."* Caleb sized up his resources. The "if" here was an expression of his modesty, not doubt. He simply meant: "The Lord will be with me as He said." With him and backing him were God and His word. With such resources Caleb knew he would win. So today those who are "strong in the Lord and in the power of His might," overcome

"this mountain" and "the Anakims" of opposing forces (Eph. 6:10-18). The solid heart does not melt in the presence of giants nor descend to the level of grasshoppers.

V. "Hebron Therefore Became the Inheritance of Caleb" (verses 13-14)

Here is a sacred scene. The aged Joshua, the commander in chief of Israel, loyal to God and His word and victorious in life, blesses, prays down the grace of God upon the head of Caleb, his right hand man, loyal to God and His word and victorious in life. Here is also a study in spiritual logic.

1. *"Hebron Therefore Became the Inheritance of Caleb."* Back of this "therefore" were these factors: (a) The purpose and promise of God. (b) The faith and faithfulness of Caleb. (c) The conscience and co-operation of Judah. (d) The battling and blessing of Joshua. And Caleb went on to conquer and possess the land which was given him.

2. *"Because He Wholly Followed the Lord God of Israel."* This is asserted of Caleb three times in our lesson. "Hebron therefore became etc.," not only because of the above factors, but because of Caleb himself. (a) A right heart. (b) A right life as the fruitage thereof. He would and could not have "wholly followed," had not his heart first been whole. "Out of the heart are the issues of life" (Prov. 4:23). A right heart is the fundamental and procurative condition of the realization of God's promises to His saints; a right life is but the evidential and indicative condition flowing from the other. Caleb shows us that in life, if the right combination of "therefore" and "because" be put into operation, there is no divinely allotted Hebron which cannot be possessed and no giants which cannot be dispossessed.

QUESTIONS

1. Give the ancestry of Caleb and his relation to Joshua. 2. Discuss the thought of associating others with the promises of God. 3. What contrasting attitudes and actions does Caleb recount in our lesson? 4. Show how Caleb banked on the word of God. 5. What did he ask as an inheritance and what difficulty was in the way? 6. What were Caleb's resources for the task? 7. Why did Caleb possess Hebron?

"The veriest doubter that ever lives has his hours when he doubts his doubt more stoutly than he ever doubted his God. In defiance of what anything or anyone else may say, there is this inalienable affirmation, this everlasting Yea, which tells us that God is, and that He is the Rewarder of them that seek Him."—Raymond Calkins.

THE NEWS BULLETIN

FIRST CHURCH, CLARKSVILLE, MAKES SPLENDID RECORD

During the six years' pastorate of John A. Davison, First Church, Clarksville, has made a very fine record. This is one of our so-called large town churches, but its record will compare favorably with practically any large city church. In fact there are few churches in the South in towns no larger than Clarksville which are doing more even though there are many with larger memberships.

In 1927 the average attendance in their Bible school was 337. Now the average attendance is 421. During the period of six years there have been 162 additions by letter, 225 by baptism and 8 by restoration and statement. The present membership is 705. Contributions for the period reveal the fine spirit of the church. From June 1, 1927 to June 1, 1933, the average contributions for local expenses have been \$13,263.42 per year and to missions and benevolences \$8,203.62, the proportion going to others being more than one-third of the total. Total contributions for the period amounted to \$128,802.36 of which \$49,221.83 or a little more than 38 per cent, went for others.

On June 4th the church honored Pastor Davison with a special service during which some of the accomplishments of the church were reported and tributes of love and appreciation paid the pastor. Deacon F. N. Smith read the report of the accomplishments of the church and at the close of the service, when the congregation had been asked to stand for the benediction, Sterling Fort, chairman of the deacons, interrupted and paid a tribute to the pastor and also to Mrs. Davison.

Congratulations are in order for this good church and her fine bishop. It is upon such loyal workers that the entire co-operative program of Baptists in Tennessee and the South must depend for support while we are seeking to enter and capture for Christ the many new fields and to develop the host of other churches that have not yet caught the vision of joy and pride in co-operative work for their Lord.

NOBLE LAYMAN HONORED

The Evening Appeal of Memphis carried a front page story in a recent issue giving a tribute to Mr. C. N. McMackins of Hollow Rock, one of the finest of our laymen. He has been superintendent of the Sunday School of Prospect Baptist Church, Hollow Rock, for a quarter of a century and in addition has served his church as choir director, deacon, and general counsellor.

He lives in "The house beside the road," a few yards from the Prospect meeting house on the Broadway of America. His home is the haven for the denominational workers, and when in Hollow Rock or Bruceton, it is never necessary for one of us to go to a hotel unless we reach town too late to call him, and even then if we were to arouse him from sleep, he would gladly send a car to the depot for us. And so far as one can ever discern, his family are glad to join the husband and father in this hospitality.

He has seen his church grow from a weak band with a Bible school of 30 to a strong church of many members and a school of more than 200. He has seen them leave their old one-room frame building and enter a beautiful brick house with equipment for Sunday school work, and with 340 members. He has seen his present pastor, Brother C. C. Sledd, work his way through the local high school and go on to the college for a year, developing all the time into a wiser and more useful minister.

Brother McMackins was crippled when one year old by a stroke of spinal meningitis. One lower limb has been useless, but he has not allowed the handicap to deter him from doing things. In addition to his fine work in his church, he has served his county as a member of its quarterly court during the past twenty-five years, served as a member of the Board of Education for eight years, and as a member of the local school board for four years. He was born and reared near his present home.

TO MARRY IN BRAZIL



We take pleasure in introducing to our readers Miss Nelle Self, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Self of Knox County. She will sail the 15th of July from New Orleans for Campos, Brazil where she will become the wife of Missionary J. E. Lingerfelt. He has been on the field during the past two years and is meeting with marked success in his work. These young people are assuming

their obligations without any guarantee from our Foreign Mission Board.

Miss Self received her high school work in Harrison-Chilhowee Academy at Seymour and took her college degree from Carson-Newman College. We wish the noble young couple every success in their work.

NEW INTERMEDIATE UNION

The Intermediates in the church at Eldad were organized into a B. Y. P. U. May 28th and rendered their first program June 4th with 17 members present. Evelyn Bass is their president, Raymond Seymore, vice-president, and Eugene Berry, secretary. Josephine Coleman and June Bass are group captains and Connie Bass, sponsor. They plan immediately to take a study course.

The group captains of the senior union entertained the unions June 3rd with a social. "We have a live B. Y. P. U.," writes Miss Connie Bass, "and one of the best Sunday schools in any rural church. Rev. W. F. Carlton is our pastor."

BELOVED LAYMAN DIES

Word came a few days ago of the death of Dr. W. S. Spröles of Bluff City, one of the most active and consecrated laymen we had in our state. His death occurred June 6th at his home. He was a native of Virginia, having been born in Benhams, Va., in 1868. He came to Sullivan County, Tennessee in 1898 and began his work as a physician in Bluff City. Soon thereafter he was converted and united with Walnut Grove Baptist Church and served as deacon and teacher for more than a quarter of a century. He was a member of the executive board of Holston Association for a number of years, a reader of the Baptist and Reflector and otherwise a fine denominational statesman.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. B. M. Canup of Johnson City, a son, Jewel, of Bluff City and three brothers. He was always a liberal contributor to the expenses of his church and to our general work. We shall miss him much from our councils.

A WORTHY CHURCH

The church at Ripley deserves a great deal of credit and praise for the fine spirit they are showing these days when so many of our churches, either willingly or through compulsion, are letting our general work suffer while they take care of their own local obligations.

On June 4th the church observed the fourth anniversary of the pastorate of Pastor O. Olin Green. A special program had been arranged and it was rendered in a very beautiful way. At the morning hour he preached on "The Art of Living To-

gether" and a great congregation heard him. At the close of the service five members were added to the church. At the evening hour laymen of the church were in charge with Pastor and Mrs. Green as honor guests. A musical program was rendered under the direction of Mr. Ben H. Carr and the men's choir. Mrs. Clyde Parke and Miss Blanche Bryant of Memphis aided with the music, with Mrs. W. H. Steen at the piano. Hon. George C. Watkins paid a tribute to the pastor and wife. Rufus Campbell, Jr., led the devotional service. An anniversary cake bearing four candles graced the table in the assembly room. At the close of the service a handsome console mirror was presented to them. "No pastor ever had more loyal supporters in his work than we have in our members," writes the pastor and pays a glowing tribute to W. Dan Major, one of the "princes of the House of David."

RED BANK REVIVED

A good revival meeting closed June 11th with Red Bank Church, Chattanooga. Pastor C. M. Pickler was aided by J. B. Tallant of Sweetwater. Already the revival fires were glowing before the meeting began and there were being additions regularly. Brother Tallant did some great preaching and the visible results were 50 professions of faith and 46 additions to the church. Chas. O. Miller of Chattanooga led the music. The church was greatly revived and the pastor's hand strengthened.

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THE PIPER OF PODUNK

By Uncle John

(Continued from last week.)

CHAPTER V

SUNDAY ON PODUNK

"Is there a post office anywhere near here?"

The question was asked by Judson Smith as he sat at the breakfast table in the two room cabin of Bailey Barton on Sunday morning after he had settled himself in the home for a period of rest while seeking to regain his broken health and waning strength.

"That's one down at the store whar you left yore luggage the other day," replied his host. "We don't never have no use fur it out hyar, so I guess ol' man Jenkins wouldn't know bur names if he seen 'em on somethin'." The ain't nobody in these diggin's as knows how to read, so we just sorter let Uncle Sam alone when it comes to usin' the mail. Wanter be writin' to someun'?"

"Yes, I must send word back home where I am, and I have another bundle I will need. I've decided, if you will let me stay here, to spend a month. My doctor said it would take me that long to get well again. I'm not going to stay, though, unless you will let me help you furnish the grub I eat. If we can trade on that point, I want to write my wife and have her send some other things which I shall need."

"What kind of trade ye got in mind?"

"I don't know, exactly. I thought you ought to let me pay market price for the stuff I eat. We can keep pretty close count on it, and before time for me to go, I can have my wife send me a little money to pay with. I did not bring much with me. If that does not suit, I'll have her send me some cloth to make a few clothes for your family."

"I don't know as how we could keep you from doin' that if you tuck a notion. As fur payin' us money fur keepin' of you, I jest couldn't face the naybors if they ever larned I'd let you do that. If you feel squeamish about stayin' hyar without payin' smethin', I reckon ma Marthy wouldn't object to havin' a new dress gin fall comes."

"All right. That's settled, so I will fix up the letter and have it ready in case there should be some one going to the store before next Saturday."

He rose from the table, secured pin, ink and some paper from his baggage, and as soon as Mrs. Barton

had cleared a corner of the table, seated himself to write. One by one the children gathered about him, eagerly watching something that was novel to them. Mrs. Barton scolded them and ordered them away, but the kind guest, realizing what it meant for the children, urged her to let them remain in the room, for they were not disturbing him.

While he wrote away the children watched, open-eyed and interested. Even Martha stopped now and then as she passed behind him and peered over his shoulder at a performance about which she had heard but of which she knew so little. B-B and Jason looked long at the rapidly moving hand with its lines of inky writing behind it, then looked at each other and grinned. At last, the impulsive Jason could restrain his curiosity no longer, and asked, "Is that hard to larn, Mr. Smith?"

"No, my lad, it isn't very hard. It takes a lot of time and patience. Did you ever walk on stilts?"

"Stilts? What's them?"

Mr. Smith began to describe the instruments, but had not gone far when B-B exclaimed, "He means Tom-walkers, Jake!"

"That's right," said Mr. Smith, smiling. "I had forgotten that we called them that."

"Shore I've walked on 'em," said Jason.

"Do you remember when you were learning how?"

"I say I do. I got one of the hardest falls of my life. Come purty near bustin' all the skip off'n both knees."

"But you learned, by keeping on trying. And that is the way we learn to do anything. If you were to try just as hard to learn to write as you did to learn to Tom-walk, you could do it in a short time. But before you can learn to write, you will have to learn what to write. That means we will have to have some books from which to learn."

"Aw, gee!" exclaimed Jason with a note of utter disappointment in his voice. "How we goin' to larn then, when we ain't got no books. I don't know what a book looks lack, unless you call ma's Good Book one. An' she ain't hardly ever let us tetch it."

"It is as good a book to learn from as any other. Thousands of children and many grown-ups have learned their letters from it and also how to read. When I finish this letter, I'll show you how to start and each day I am here, we'll have school. How would you like that?"

"Whoop! That shore would be fine!" Jason said. B-B did not speak,

but when Mr. Smith looked up at him, his face was shining and tears were forming in his eyes. "All right, then," he said. "Run on and do the chores. Be back in a jiffy and we will begin."

The big boys ran from the room and once out in the yard gave vent to their elation by jumping and shouting, making such a din that the old hound dog joined them, not knowing what it was all about but none the less happy. Ben and Sam remained in the room watching the writer from a distance. Martha waited until she had a chance and then whispered something to her mother.

The letter went on, being much longer than Mr. Smith had intended when he started it. And when his wife received it, she found along near the middle a paragraph which read as follows:

"Your heart would almost break if you could be here with me now. Gathered about the crude table on which I write, are five children, a rather attractive girl of eighteen, a boy of 16 called B-B, another a year or more younger, called Jason, two others, Ben and Sam, ten and eight-plus respectively, and a darling elfin of five named Sunshine. None of them knows how to read or write. They watch me as our children would watch the antics of a trained animal in the circus.

"And just here one of the boys asked me if it would be hard 'to larn' to write. I explained to them that it would require work and patience, and then told them they would first have to learn what to write, and that that would require books. The utter pathos of the scene defies description, for with an expression of hopeless despair, I was informed that there were no books but 'ma's Good Book' and she would hardly let them tetch it. When I explained that I could teach them to read by using that, and offered to begin as soon as this letter is finished, their joy was overflowing. The big boys are out in the yard now rejoicing, and I just overheard the older girl whisper to her mother, 'Do you reckon he'd laugh at me if I wuz to jine in the larning?'"

"Please, dear heart, go to the store and buy some primers, four of them, but of different kinds, and send them to me by return mail. Add to them some simple story books, some good big tablets and some pencils. I came up here to get away from school, but I'm opening a school in a few minutes that will make me into a new fellow."

The letter was finished. Mr. Smith called for the family Bible which proved to be one of the old-fashioned large volumes with heavy ornate binding. It showed extreme age, and he learned that it had belonged to Mrs. Barton's mother. It

had been sent to her, along with other things, when the mother had died, and she had treasured it carefully since her marriage. Turning the pages, he came to the section in which were recorded the names of some of her ancestors. A surprise awaited him there, for he found in clear, good hand, the name of a man well known in other days, "Silas Markham, deceased March 14, 1882."

The children had come around him, and he did not have time to look further. Taking his chair, he went into the yard, found a place under a spreading elm tree, sat down and opened the book.

"Now, you youngsters will have to stand close and be still. Ben you and Sam get right under my arms here. Jason, you and B-B get beside them. Martha,—where's Martha? We can't have school until all our pupils are here."

Out of the corner of his eye he had seen the girl standing inside the kitchen door peering out. He turned his head until he could look squarely at her and then called, "Martha, don't you want to come to my school?"

"Y-e-e-s Sir," she replied. "But you all will have too many if all of weuns come."

"No we won't. Come on. I'll let you stand right here behind me and peep over my shoulders . . . All set. Well, here we go."

With five pairs of eager eyes riveted to the tip of his right fore finger, he began on the title page where the large letters were. He picked out the name "Bible" and explained to them what it was. Then he carefully named over the letters, seeking to get them to understand why such had to be used. Within five minutes everyone of the five knew the capital "B" and could pick it out anywhere it was found. "I" followed in short order, "L" was more difficult but it came too.

What an hour it was for those mountain children. Time simply sped by. They forgot that limbs grow tired from long standing in one position, or that the ground grows hard to knees. Soon they were vying with one another in finding the letters called for by the teacher. They forgot to be timid and their fresh merry laughter resounded frequently from the ragged face of Podunk.

When the happy group had been at the lesson for an hour or longer, Big B-B and his wife came out with their chairs and joined them. Ben and Sam finally grew tired of so much mental effort, slipped out from the arms of the teacher and lost themselves in play down near the front gate. Sunshine flitted here and there, stopping now and then to watch her older brothers and sister

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SUNDAY SCHOOL NOTES

WORD FROM TOM BELCHER

The work is starting off fine here. We had the Associational Sunday School Convention at Forge Ridge. It was a success in every way. The meeting was very spiritual. The organization is working well.

The following is the program that we arranged for the summer in this association: Four training schools, one in each group. Each is to be held in the most central church, and the other churches are going to send their officers and teachers to the meetings.

This week I am going to the Northern and Mulberry Gap Associations and try to get the same thing started there; that is, if they have no other programs started there.

D. W. Pickelsimer, Dover: "We took up the matter of the Teachers' Institute for Stewart County and decided that any time during the latter half of July would be about the most leisure time with the farmers of this section. Let me know as soon as possible the time you select and also our speakers so that we can begin to advertise it and urge our people from over the association to attend."

Jonesboro is planning to put on the Teachers' Institute again some time after July 10th. Others are being planned and we hope to have one of these at each of the county towns in the state during the year.

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS DOING GREAT WORK

It was our joy to run down to Memphis Wednesday night of last week after finishing up our work at Union and spoke to the Training School now on at Highland Heights. Fred Dowell is teaching the S. S. Manual each night to a bunch of more than 50 and last night we had nearly 200 to help us discuss a "Worth While Program for a Local Church." We taught Fred's class for the first period and then spoke, leaving him in charge. This great church has had more than 340 additions in 15 months of the present pastor's administration, Rev. I. C. Cole.

Cookeville is planning for a training school and request comes from Mr. A. B. Wright, the superintendent, for some help in this school.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We call especial attention again to a letter from Mr. H. C. Davis, Passenger Agent of the N. C. and St. Louis Ry., giving us a special rate to Tullahoma for our Encampment of only \$6.00 from Memphis and Union City, \$5.00 from Jackson and \$2.00 from Nashville. This includes return trip and is the lowest rate that we have ever had. We urge our people to come on the train and thus save trouble in many ways.

FINE MEETING IN BEULAH

We have just had the privilege of attending and speaking to the Group meeting in Beulah Association on Sunday, June 18. Brother Selby is Group Superintendent and is doing a most effective lot of work in this group. He conducted the meeting and others spoke, among whom were W. W. Jones, E. L. Freeman of Martin and the writer. Several special musical numbers were rendered and a beautiful spirit manifest.

GOOD WORK AT TULLAHOMA

On behalf of the church and Sunday school here let me thank you for the two splendid workers you sent us last week, Mr. F. M. Dowell and Mrs. Douglas Hudgins. We shall, I frankly believe, feel the effects for good of their fine labors for many months and years to come.

All of us knew Mrs. Hudgins and of course were not disappointed when she gave us the same high type of service this time as she has on previous occasions. Her work always is of the kind that stands up.

The church absolutely fell in love with Brother Dowell, and in this was heartily joined by the pastor. His quiet devotion, his thorough training, his beautiful tact and his warm and sympathetic heart were among the qualities that won a place for himself in all of our hearts.

The visible results of the training school that these two workers conducted were the winning of 33 awards and the steady increase of attendance up to the very last night. In addition, the interest and attendance of our revival services which immediately followed the school has been noticeably good even from the first service.—O. L. Rives, Pastor.

Frank Wood, Region No. 2: "We had a splendid class last week at Athens in 'Our Doctrines'. Because of several other meetings that had

been scheduled for the week we had to shift our time of meeting two or three times during the week; but the young people remained loyal and cooperated with a beautiful spirit. Some declared the book to be 'interesting but hard' and that may explain why we did not have a larger percent taking the examination."

GRAINGER COUNTY LINED-UP

I had a good week in Rutledge last week with those who are to teach the classes in the campaign this week. We have sixteen schools arranged for the week. This is an extra busy time on the farm but in spite of it I am sure that we will be able to reach a large number of people and help them in their Sunday School work. Some of those who are teaching classes are working in the fields all day long then driving some distance each night and teaching a class. I tell you they deserve a lot of credit for their work. Word came to the community, where I am, yesterday that Brother Cabbage in Rutledge had an unavoidable accident Saturday afternoon and ran over a little boy. The boy was not expected to live. This will likely keep Brother Cabbage from teaching his class this week and if it does it will also stop one of the other classes the teacher of which Brother Cabbage was to take by the church each night.

The organized work in Grainger County is certainly moving along. They have their group meetings regularly in Sunday School; B. Y. P. U. and Layman's work. Thursday of this week the B. Y. P. U. associational meeting is to be held at Rutledge. I organized the B. Y. P. U. Association here nine years ago. They have never missed a meeting since that time and are going along in fine shape under the leadership of Bill Daniels. The local churches show the results of training schools. In the church where I am teaching this week (New Corinth) they are doing splendid work. Yesterday there were eighty in the Sunday School. They still have a graded school and carry on an attractive program. Last night they had a fine B. Y. P. U., and with this group of people I have a right to expect a good training school this week.—Swan Haworth.

B. Y. P. U. NOTES MERITED RECOGNITION

Since it is so costly to write every one who has part on our various programs we prefer to give recognition in this public way. Those teaching classes in the recent training school in Holston Association were—Kingsport: Rowena Blankenbecker, Clarence Bryan, Lillie Mae Powell, Pauline Brock, D. W. Black, Howard Clifford, T. R. Bandy, Mildred King, Dr. Crouch, Mollie Frazier, Mrs. L.

L. Chandler; Bluff City: Rev. Truett Cox, Oral Lowrey, John Watson, C. C. Roach; Johnson City: Rev. Ernest Cox, Mrs. Ernest Cox, Iris Moore, Janett Gregg, Dorsey Parsons, Violet Ledford, Eleanor Robertson, Bonnie True-Love, Cora Mae Crockett, Clara McCart, Berlie Hardin; Jonesboro: Ethel Corum, Aden Childress, Grant Byrd, J. N. Lowe; Erwin: Mrs. W. W. Atchley, Horace Blankenship, Elizabeth Coats, Mary Chandler, R. J. McBride; Clear Branch: Harry E. Guinn; Greeneville: Kenny Cobble, Clara White, Mrs. H. F. Yost, T. M. Adams, Beuna Walters, Dr. H. G. Cunningham.

Those having part as secretaries, chauffeur, etc., were: Kingsport: Guile Fuller, Louise Hicks, Beulah Chandler; Bluff City: Charles Little, Grace Newton, Eula Sproles, Mrs. C. C. Roach, R. J. Broyles; Johnson City: Kate Hardin, Shirley Parsons, Paul Walfer, Violet McCart, James Peoples, Mrs. Sullivan, William F. Guinn, Mr. Combs, Samuel Doak, Glenn Kitts, Jack Burleson, James Gregg; Jonesboro: Ruth Corum, Vertis Keys, Wallace Whitaker, Mrs. J. N. Lowe, Clyde Nultie, John C. Bailey, Clyde Miller, John Poteat, E. W. Roach; Erwin: Joyce Epley, Dudley Duncan, Jim Coats, Ishma Chandler, Sam Duncan, J. C. Rule, E. H. Dinkle, J. C. Baumgartner, Rev. Roscoe C. Smith, Haynes Brown; Clear Branch: Herman Guinn; Greeneville: Elizabeth Stiles, Anita Odell, Mrs. C. L. Kinsley, Mrs. Clint Walker, William Eldridge, H. H. McAfee, Frank Bass, Mrs. Joe Dyer, Wheatley Palmer.

The school was under the general direction of Lawrence Trivett, dean, and A. B. Coleman, associational president.

UNION CITY HAS GOOD SCHOOL

I feel impelled to write you a word of appreciation for letting us have Jesse Daniel for our school. We had a dandy good one.

In addition to teaching two classes Jesse directed the taking of a religious census and got it all tabulated and finished. It is one of the nicest pieces of work I have ever seen. I was ashamed that we had to work him so hard, but it was the only way I saw to get the work done which we so sorely needed. And he gladly pitched into it without a word of complaint as he always does. He surely is a worker.

I suppose you will receive a report from him concerning the census, but I want to tell you that we found right at 1400 possibilities for our church and school. We have the information so arranged now that the folks can go after them if they just will.—J. G. Hughes, pastor.

MT. JULIET SCHOOL A SUCCESS

We have just completed our B. Y. P. U. training school conducted by Fred Dowell, Jr. We believe this to be one of the most successful schools we have ever had. We had 9 Juniors taking the examination on the Junior manual, 7 Intermediates on the Intermediate manual and 16 Seniors and adults taking the examination on Senior B. Y. P. U. administration. After a hard week's work we all enjoyed a delightful picnic with plenty of fun for everyone.—Louise Garrett.

LISTEN AT THIS BROADCAST

This word comes from Mr. J. E. Lambdin which will interest Middle Tennessee Young People as well as all others, for I know that our young people will rejoice that we are to have the Southwide B. Y. P. U. Conference in the very center of our state. We trust all will take advantage of this announcement and plan to attend this conference. Mr. Lambdin writes as follows:

"I am happy to be able to tell you that the Third Southwide B. Y. P. U. Conference will meet in Nashville, Tennessee, December 27-29, 1933. It will begin at 10:00 o'clock on Wednesday morning, December 27 and close with the Friday night session.

"The Southwide Intermediate Sword Drill Contest will be a feature of this program again. I hope your state will have a contestant.

"I hope we may have a big delegation from your state to attend this meeting. The hotels have made most attractive rates. These rates will be \$1.25 per person in the four largest hotels and \$1.00 per person for the others. They will have the privileges of putting as many as four in a room with these rates. All of this information will be published in detail shortly."

ANNUAL BANQUET HELD

The Eighth Annual Knox County B. Y. P. U. Banquet was held June 23 at the Whittle Springs Hotel. E. E. Rutledge, choir director of Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville, was the toastmaster for the occasion and James A. Ivey of West Asheville, N. C., was the principal speaker. A very interesting program had been arranged for by the special program committee and it was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

LAYMEN'S NOTES

We trust our men will aid the Sunday School workers in all the associations to make July the biggest month in all our history in the state. So many things to be done, and so many opportunities for service. Men, get busy and help us.

If you have not had a part in the Preacher Schools why not send in a Scholarship to help pay the expenses of some of those fine preachers who attended the schools just closed? It will be a very fine investment.

PLAN FOR AUGUST AMONG MEN

It is our plan during August to put on, at least an "ALL DAY" Mission School in all the churches in all the associations. We want our men to promote this program during Laymen's month and see to it that a program is put on in every church and that tracts and literature on Missions be in the hands of all who will accept same and read it. We believe that information concerning our work must be given to the people before they ever become enlisted in giving to Missions.

Where it is possible we recommend group schools or full week mission schools in the local churches, but where this is not feasible let the ministers and laymen of the association organize and arrange a program for all churches alike and see that a group of speakers go to every church for a day in the study of missions. A program will be worked out and furnished to all the leaders and ministers before the time comes to begin the work. It will be a good thing now to begin this effort.

THE PREACHER SCHOOLS

We are just from the Preacher School at Union University where we have had 46 preachers in school for three weeks and some of the most effective work done by those who taught in the school. The first week we had with them Dr. W. W. Hamilton who taught his book, "Wisdom in Soul Winning." Dr. C. B. Williams had a class one hour each day throughout the entire three weeks. This has been one of the outstanding hours of the school. You will have to go a long ways to find a better Bible teacher than Dr. Williams. Dr. J. J. Hurt had an hour for a week and so did Dr. A. U. Boone. Both made fine impressions and their work will be lasting in its effect. The English teacher of Union had the men for one hour each day for two weeks in English. This past week Dr. W. T. Conner had two hours each day and he brought some of the finest lectures to be had. We, too, had two hours each day through Wednesday and Dr. Penick finished up for us and we predict a great outcome from these weeks with our great men.

The school at Carson-Newman has been well attended and the courses all greatly enjoyed by the some 60-odd preachers attending. Dr. Warren had an hour all the way through in Literature and his work has helped them wonderfully. Dr. A. T. Rob-

ertson was to have been there the three weeks but got sick at the end of the first week and had to go home. Since that time Dr. E. K. Cox has been giving a double course each day and Dr. J. R. Johnson and Dr. A. F. Mahan have taken the work of Dr. Robertson. It was our privilege to be with the East Tennessee bunch for two days and greatly enjoyed speaking to them. Possibly one of the most effective and most greatly enjoyed courses of all was the one given by Brother C. E. Wauford of Knoxville. It was our joy to hear two of these and they were unusually fine. Eternity alone will tell the value of these schools. We appreciate our preachers and are anxious to do anything that we can for them.

A WORTHY EXAMPLE

By O. E. Turner

On Sunday, May 28, E. M. Graves, a modest faithful member of First Church, Knoxville, who makes a very small salary, heard of the new debt-paying plan adopted by the Convention at Washington. On the next day he sent his church a check for \$30.00, asking that he be enrolled as one of the 100,000 Baptists who would pay off our debts at the rate of \$1.00 a month per member.

This response was characteristic of Brother Graves. Without waiting to see what others are going to do, without taking the time to debate the question of whether the plan is the best that could be adopted or not, and without waiting to be moved by the tidal wave of a great emotional appeal, he has always responded at the first possible moment to every call of his church and denomination.

With E. M. Graves any plan is a good plan that calls on people to do something that needs to be done. He has never attended a meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. He has never served on a committee that had to do with the formulation of plans. He holds no prominent office in his own church. But he has in his heart a love for Christ, and is ready at all times to go the limit in any program that has for its purpose the extension of God's Kingdom.

And for once, I hope we may have no discussions, pro or con, of the plan before us, no weighing of its relative merits or demerits; but that we may simply present it to our people with the prayer that God's Spirit may move the hearts of at least 100,000 of our millions to respond as E. M. Graves has already responded.

RIDGECREST

June 27—August 25, 1933

CONFERENCES

- June 27-July 6: **Y. W. A. Camp:** Under direction of Miss Juliette Mather, Young People's Secretary, Woman's Missionary Union.
- July 8-14: **North Carolina Young People's Conference:** Under direction of Miss Winnie Rickett, Secretary B. Y. P. U. Department North Carolina State Mission Board.

SPECIAL MEETINGS BUT OF GENERAL INTEREST

- July 16-21: **Ridgecrest Resident's Week:** Program by employees and representatives of the Boys' Camp.
- July 24-28: **Book Store Managers' Conference:** Under direction of George W. Card, Baptist Sunday School Board. Interesting talks on books and reading.

ASSEMBLY PROGRAM

- July 30-August 4: **Missionary Week:** Under direction of Dr. Charles E. Maddry and Dr. T. B. Ray, with Miss Mary Northington, Nashville; Mrs. A. F. McMahon, Atlanta; Mrs. Edna R. Harris, Raleigh; Miss Vonnice E. Lance, Columbia, and a group of our missionaries from various fields. A week of great interest.
- August 6-12: **Conference on Church Management and Problems:** Under direction of Dr. P. E. Burroughs. Special speakers: Austen K. deBlois, President Eastern Baptist Theological Seminary, and T. L. Holcomb, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.
- August 13-20: **Preaching Week:** Dr. George W. Truett.
- August 21-25: **Faculty Retreat:** Daily program under direction of Dr. Charles D. Johnson, Monticello, Arkansas, Association of Southern Baptist Colleges and Schools, and the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Special speaker: Dr. L. A. Weigle, of Yale University.
- BOYS' CAMP:** First term, June 29-July 27. Second term, July 27-August 27.

For information as to hotel reservations and rates, address, R. F. STAPLES, Ridgecrest, N. C.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

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 Young People's Leader.....Miss Ruth Walden, Nashville

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GOALS SET BY ASSOCIATIONS

In the 100,000 Club, Tennessee W. M. U. took as a goal 5,000. Each associational W. M. U. was asked to set a goal. So far this is our report:

Knox County	1000
Shelby County	1000
Nashville	500
Ocoee	500
Holston	250
Beulah	100
Gibson	100
Madison	100
McMinn	100
Dyer	60
Cumberland	50
Duck River	50
Robertson County	50
Sevier	50
Nolachucky	50
Clinton	50
Watauga	40
New Salem	25
Carroll	25
Crockett	25
Hardeman	25
Providence	25
Concord	15
William Carey	15
New River	10
Jefferson County	10
Cumberland Gap	10
Fayette	10
McNairy	5
Mulberry Gap	5

Total4255

As thirty out of our fifty-seven organized associational W. M. U. have taken these goals we feel sure that we will reach our 5,000 goal. Of course, we want many more, but let's reach at least 5,000 women and young people who will for one year give one dollar extra a month to help lift our debts.

Pray, work and pay your part.

AN OPEN LETTER CONCERNING THE 100,000 CLUB

My dear President:

"Owe no man anything" is a Bible injunction that has not been followed by Southern Baptists for we have spent so much on ourselves that we have failed our missionaries the past few years. Last year we spent 82 cents of every dollar in our own churches and gave only 18 cents to missions. No wonder we are in debt! Our missionaries out of their salaries of \$66.66 paid forty per cent for the native work on the fields and then 120 of them sent back to America over \$1300.00 on the debt; The Foreign Board paid \$65,000 for interest last year and \$50,000 on their

debts, but did not send out a single new missionary to the field.

Will you and your members help pay the debt on Home and Foreign Missions and our Southwide Institutions?

The simple plan is this: Secure 100,000 loyal Baptists who will give 25 cents a week or \$1.00 a month as an EXTRA gift to help pay the debts. All money is to be sent monthly to Dr. John D. Freeman, 161-8th Ave. N., Nashville, marked for the debt. Envelopes will be furnished free by Dr. Freeman and an account should be kept so you may know that the money has been paid and forwarded. Write on your quarterly report blank the amount paid each quarter and your society will be given credit for the special offering.

To your associational superintendent send the number who sign the cards, and send me the list of names, NOT the cards. A certificate of membership will be sent when the \$12.00 is paid. Any one wanting to take out a memorial membership may do so. My mother hated debt, so I am glad to pay for a membership in her name. If you want to take out one for the children or grandchildren so they may have a certificate to show in later years that they were a part of the 100,000 club, you may do so.

Order as many pledge cards and envelopes as you need from Dr. Freeman. Out of 4,000,000 Southern Baptists surely we can find 100,000 who can do this. Help us, please. Secure in your W. M. U. organizations the ones who can and will sign these cards. Do not be discouraged if there are only a very few who can give. We must NOT let it take the place of the regular gifts for that would mean making more debts. This is not to be counted on our apportionment.

Tennessee W. M. U. has taken a goal of 5,000. Your association has a goal. We cannot know that we have secured this number unless you report to us and to your superintendent. We are counting on YOU! If I can help you in any way, write me. Yours for the 100,000 club,

MARY NORTHINGTON.

QUALIFICATION OF A MISSIONARY

Much is being said about the qualifications of our foreign missionaries. Dr. T. B. Ray, who has been intimately connected with our Foreign Mission Board for twenty-five years and knows personally every one of

our 417 missionaries now on the field, is thoroughly competent to bear testimony to their character and educational qualifications.

Dr. Ray says: "The first qualification of every missionary must be the spiritual one. He must know Christ experimentally and intimately so that he may become an enthusiastic witness to him to the lost. I believe that the missionaries of our Foreign Mission Board will come up to this test as well as any missionaries that may be found anywhere in the world."

According to Dr. Ray, 141 of the 155 men missionaries have received college degrees, and practically all the rest have taken high school courses. One hundred twenty-one of these have taken courses in theological seminaries; 12 are graduates in medicine and all the rest have taken special courses. Of the 262 women missionaries, 150 are married and 112 are single; 189 of these hold college degrees; 150 of them have taken special training in W. M. U. Training Schools. "What we have out there on the foreign fields now," says Dr. Ray, "is the best Southern Baptists have to offer."—Church News.

KNOX COUNTY Y. W. A. HOUSE PARTY

Knox County Y. W. A. held its annual House Party, June 3 and 4, at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tennessee. There were swimming, tennis and other forms of recreation.

Dr. J. T. Warren of Jefferson City spoke Saturday night on "Our Ship at Sea." Sunday morning, Mrs. R. L. Harris taught the Sunday School Lesson, "The Fellowship of His Suffering," after which the Y. W. A. attended the church service of the First Baptist Church of Jefferson City, and Dr. Pope, pastor, preached, using as his subject, "Our Pilot."

There were several other interesting services, with talks and special music by the Y. W. A. Girls.

Approximately one hundred girls attended the House Party.

Mrs. C. L. Hammond is Young People's Leader of Knox County. Miss Mildred Gilbert, president, presided.—Helen Montgomery, Publicity Chairman.

STEWARDSHIP RECOMMENDATIONS

1. "That southwide and statewide recognition be given to churches in which every resident woman member makes some gift to missions (Co-operative Program, designated or undesignated, or special offerings of W. M. U.) during 1933."

2. "That details of the southwide recognition be worked out by the Executive Committee in conference with the Stewardship Department."

3. "That we continue the Stewardship Declaration Contest in cooperation with the Young People's Department of the Union, looking to the time when we can launch a very definite movement toward the enlistment in missionary giving of every young person enrolled in southern Baptist churches and Sunday schools."

4. "That we make a more determined effort to secure missionary offerings from women in churches in which we have no W. M. U. organizations."

5. "That in every state our Stewardship Department co-operate with those who have the responsibility of fostering the organization of Prayer Leagues, believing that this mighty means of usefulness is the most powerful ally we have in breaking up indifferent, uninformed and hardened hearts of those who have resisted the call of God to systematic and faithful administration of their possessions and His."

6. "That we continue to distribute literature on stewardship, urge the study of stewardship text-books, the use of stewardship programs, pageants and playlets and the tireless canvass of our constituency, for the tithes and offerings which God has ordained we should use in the preaching of the Gospel to every creature." "Stewardship Parables" by Long was recommended for general study, also the leaflet "What we owe and how to pay."

7. "That we offer our services in the churches in seeking pledges for local and world-wide missionary causes in a thorough, intelligent and unselfish Every Member Canvass during the fall."

The following objectives are offered for the year:

1. More young people in Declamation Contest.
2. More classes in stewardship.
3. More and better reports quarterly.
4. Prayer groups in every society.
5. Every W. M. U. member having a share in special offerings of W. M. U.

THE REVIVAL IN NORTH CHINA

One of the home papers not long since carried an article by Eldridge B. Hatcher, on the subject, "With or Without Power." The writer raised the question as to whether the churches in the homeland were not trying to work without power.

Many churches in North China, rather many individuals in these churches, are now working with Power. I wish to give a few observations which I hope will show you why I believe we are seeing a real Holy Ghost revival.

During His last days on earth Jesus referred often to the time

when the Holy Spirit should be sent by the Father. From time to time the disciples were told what this "Other Comforter" would do when He came.

He was sent to be with us forever. I looked into the faces of a group of Christians the other night. He who had been with them from the time they were born again, has recently been revealed to them in all His fullness. It was not necessary to ask them if they were conscious of His presence. Their faces fairly glowed with joy as they answered, "It is different now."

"He will guide you into all truth." A teacher in this class testified that she had been in doubt about the interpretation of certain passages. She lifted a prayer for enlightenment. Later when the passages in question were explained, she sat there and thanked God that He had already given her the meaning. A pastor, with beaming face, told us how God is teaching him to understand the Bible. It showed in his preaching. He is now bringing out the deep things of God. One testified of Him recently, that he seemed to regard the Bible as something "good to eat."

"He shall convict of sin." From all localities we hear of conviction of sin. Church members are confessing and making restitution, and non-church members are realizing their sins and their need of a Savior. The other day I heard a remark that is crowning evidence of the work of the Holy Spirit. A non-Christian woman said, "I now know that not to believe on Jesus is sin."

"He shall bear witness of me." One day as I sat writing my sewing woman came in to do some work. I saw she wanted to talk, so my pen was laid down. She wanted to tell me of a certain woman whom she is trying to lead to Christ. She seems to have no other thought except that of witnessing for Christ. I could name a dozen like her.

"He shall glorify me." This manifestation is very marked. In a meeting one night, I knelt near a young woman, who earlier in the day had asked us to pray for her. She wanted to receive this life abundant which she saw in others. That night she surrendered to her Lord and His Spirit flooded her soul. As I knelt near her she was praising God, with what I called perfect praise. When but a child she had studied the Bible a few years. Then several years of neglect caused her to forget it. On this night the words of Scripture were brought to her mind. How she did magnify her Lord! With a joy unspeakable she ascribed glory, honor and power to His great and holy name!

A pastor on our field, a very conservative man, had held back from

the new movement. After awhile he got hungry for that joy and power he saw in others. The blessing came to him one night during a revival in his church. It is said that he spent the remaining part of the night praising the Savior. At daylight he started on a walk of several miles to seek forgiveness from a brother whom he had offended. After a few days he came to see his missionary friends. To each one he confessed the sin of failing to pray for them. It is impossible to put on paper the look of awe on his face and the reverence in his voice as he said over, and over, "O, my Lord Jesus! O, my Lord Jesus." I thought of the sixth chapter of Isaiah. I knew that this pastor had seen his Lord, "High and lifted up." Full well I knew he had cried out, "Woe is me, for I am undone!" But there was something more than Isaiah's vision. It seemed to me he had been drawn in close to his Savior's heart, and from his own heart poured forth perfect adoration such as I had not hoped to hear this side of Heaven.

Above all this may be called a revival of prayer. The joy in prayer, the perseverance in intercession, the pleading, tender notes in the voices of those who pray and pray much make one realize that the Holy Spirit is doing His office work.

As these revived and renewed children of God go forth to tell others of their Savior they find that the Holy Spirit has been working at the other end of the line. We have never seen our city people so responsive as they are now. We confidently expect a great ingathering here soon. From other fields we hear reports of large numbers of baptisms, for which we praise God.

Much has been said about the emotionalism connected with this revival. These manifestations vary with the individual; they are effects and not causes. Isaiah 61:3 sounds as if the Lord was anointed to bring joy and gladness to His people. When the "Oil of joy" is poured out on a congregation some people just naturally bubble over with joy. It is interesting to note that the "hilarious" ones are not one whit behind the quiet and sedate ones when it comes to winning souls to Christ. After all that is the test, winning souls. Bible classes and prayer meetings are conducted daily. Thus the fires are kept burning and every one is kept sane and steady.

Some ask, "How long do you expect the revival to last?" I think it has only begun on this field. It will continue so long as God's children continue to walk in the Spirit, wait on Him in prayer, feed on His work, and "love His appearing."—Miss Alice Huey, Laichow-Fu, Shantung Province, North China.

THE PIPER OF PODUNK

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and to listen with interest to what they were saying. "B-I, B-I" the sounds caught her ear at last, and she immediately turned them into the tune of every cradle side. Finally, seeing Mrs. Barton look up to the sun, Mr. Smith knew it was drawing near time for the preparation of the noon meal and suggested a rest until afternoon. Reluctantly his pupils gave their consent, the big Book was closed and the first lesson ever taught from a book in that great mountain section came to a close. But it marked the beginning of a long series of studies which made a record that will live for ages.

The afternoon was spent much as was the morning. Eager, hungry-minded, the young people worked diligently. Mr. Smith had some magazines in his baggage and he brought them out, so that there might be less crowding and more opportunity for individual work. After an hour's further teaching, he took his pupils singly, marked words for them to learn, and by five o'clock the three largest children had taken in what the average pupil in a city school would learn in two weeks.

"Now let's close the day right," Mr. Smith said, when the shadows had begun to creep over the lawn. "This is Sunday, and people usually have some sort of worship. We do not have to go to meeting houses to worship God, for He is everywhere, and He is surely here among these

beautiful hills. Come on, Ben, Sam and Sunshine. Sit here on the ground and be still and I'll tell you a lovely story out of this big Book."

They sat quiet and intent while he told the never-old story of the love of God as shown through the sending of the child Jesus. Simply and earnestly he told it, then sought to explain how His coming to earth had brought so much of happiness. Without any preaching, he presented the story and left it to bear its own fruits. A brief prayer followed and it closed with the warm petition, "Dear God, bless us all, and may we long remember this our first Sunday together at Podunk."

(Continued next week.)

In Memoriam

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JONES

Sister Fannie Jones, wife of Brother Tom Jones, died February 22, 1933. She was a faithful and efficient member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Leeville, Tenn. She was an excellent and dutiful wife, a dear lovable mother, always ready to administer to the needs of others. She was sound in Baptist doctrines and strong in the faith. She was the granddaughter of Rev. William Barton, the pioneer preacher of this neighborhood.

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Chattanooga, First	998
Nashville, Park Avenue	671
Chattanooga, Ridgedale	634
Nashville, Belmont Heights	615
Memphis, Union Avenue	607
West Jackson	600
Chattanooga, Avondale	593
Nashville, Eastland	593
Dyersburg, First	512
Sweetwater, First	484
Clarksville, First	453
Erwin, First	452
Chattanooga, Eastlake	446
Memphis, Seventh Street	411
Memphis, Highland Heights	403
Elizabethon, First	390
Paris, First	376
Nashville, Edgefield	378
Nashville, North Edgefield	365
Memphis Speedway Terrace	355
Memphis, Boulevard	355
Nashville, Grandview	339
Memphis, Prescott Memorial	334
Chattanooga, Red Bank	332
LaFollette, First	322
Rossville, Ga., First	311
Chattanooga, Central	310
Memphis, Central Avenue	307
Chattanooga, Chamberlain Ave.	305
Nashville, Lockeland	303
Chattanooga, Alton Park	281
Knoxville, Arlington	279
Memphis, McLean Blvd.	263
Nashville, Seventh	260
Covington	252

By FLEETWOOD BALL

Milo H. Massey has agreed to withdraw his resignation as pastor of the First Church, Marianna, Fla.

—B&R—

D. P. Montgomery has been called to the church at Winter Garden, Fla., and has accepted.

—B&R—

The church at Liberty Hill, Miss., has called J. B. Flowers of Sumner, Miss., and he has accepted.

—B&R—

The church at Luther, Okla., has called as pastor, Charles H. Black and he has accepted.

—B&R—

L. B. Adler of Okmulgee, Okla., has entered upon his duties as pastor of the church at Martha, Okla.

—B&R—

After serving a year at Newcastle, Okla., Lee Kidd has resigned without indicating his plans.

—B&R—

W. J. Morris of Pine Bluff, Ark., hitherto an evangelistic singer, has surrendered to preach.

—B&R—

R. H. Pitt of Richmond, Va., has been editor of the Religious Herald for forty-five years.

D. E. Montgomery of Princeton, Ky., will hold a revival at Rossville, Tenn., beginning August 27.

—B&R—

T. M. Calloway concludes his pastorate at Jackson, Ga., July 1st, and will do the work of an evangelist.

—B&R—

J. B. Quin has been called to the care of the church at Summit, Miss., and has accepted.

—B&R—

J. S. Bell of Life, pastor at Decaturville, will do the preaching in a revival at that place beginning July 2nd.

—B&R—

Barney Thames of Fort Worth, Texas, has accepted a call to the church at Tonkawa, Okla., and is on the field.

—B&R—

J. G. Hughes of Union City is preaching in a revival in the First Church, Fulton, Ky., C. H. Warren, pastor.

—B&R—

John E. Barnard of Girard, Ala., field man for the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, has moved to Kingston, Ga.

—B&R—

Z. T. Cody of Greenville, S. C., editor of the Baptist Courier, took time off last week to go to the World's Fair in Chicago.

—B&R—

J. M. Dameron is in the midst of his fourth meeting with his church at Marion, Ky., doing the preaching himself.

—B&R—

Lockeland Church, Nashville, J. H. Sharp, pastor, is being aided in a meeting by D. N. Livingstone of Chattanooga.

—B&R—

S. E. Tull of Middlesboro, Ky., will on July 9th, preach the dedication of the church at Gillsburg, Miss., the home of his boyhood.

—B&R—

John H. Buchanan of the First Church, Eldorado, Ark., lately preached the commencement of the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville.

—B&R—

O. H. Richardson has resigned as pastor at Blue Springs, Miss., and I. P. Randolph has been chosen to succeed him.

—B&R—

While painting a church which he caused to be erected in Clarksburg, A. U. Nunnery of Parsons fell and was badly bruised.

—B&R—

W. W. Rives of Electra, Texas, has resigned effective the fourth Sunday in July after doing a great work there.

W. A. Fite has resigned at Neosho, Mo., and moved to San Angelo, Texas, and is available for summer supply work.

—B&R—

R. G. Lowrey, dean of Blue Mountain College, Blue Mountain, Miss., will teach in the State Teachers' College, Hattiesburg, Miss., next year.

—B&R—

J. W. Storer of the First Church, Tulsa, Okla., lately resigned as a member of the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee.

—B&R—

J. W. Cunningham has resigned as field agent of Jonesboro College, Jonesboro, Ark., to become missionary of New Madrid Association in Missouri.

—B&R—

C. E. Burts of the First Church, Macon, Ga., has resigned that pastorate to become Executive Chairman of a Prohibition movement with headquarters in Columbia, S. C.

—B&R—

Owen F. Herring of the First Church, Winchester, Ky., has been granted a leave of absence that he may do research work in the Holy Land for three months.

—B&R—

Twenty additions, 9 by baptism, resulted from the revival just closed in the First Church, Lexington, in which J. S. Bell of Life did the preaching and Bert Arnold of Parsons led the singing.

—B&R—

There were 105 additions, 68 by baptism and 37 by letter, resulting from a recent revival in the First Church, Booneville, Ark., Lee Nichols, pastor. W. R. Rogers of Hope, Ark., did the preaching.

By THE EDITOR

Carl A. Howell, who recently resigned the work at Dayton, Tenn., is now pastor at Eustis, Fla., but writes for his B & R to follow him.

—B&R—

Bellevue Church, Memphis, welcomed 3 new members by letter on Sunday, June 18; Arlington, Knoxville, welcomed 1 for baptism.

—B&R—

A two weeks' revival has just closed with Buntyn Street Church, Memphis. J. H. Gardner of Sentinel, Okla., aided Pastor A. C. Johnson.

—B&R—

A revival began in Tullahoma June 18th with Pastor O. L. Rives doing the preaching and W. A. Thickstun leading the singing.

—B&R—

S. P. DeVault was elected president of the Baptist Pastors' Confer-

ence for the half year beginning July 1st.

—B&R—

Ellis A. Fuller, president of the Home Mission Board, reports that at their recent meeting, every member joined the 100,000 Club.

—B&R—

After a long absence due to illness, Pastor Millard A. Jenkins returned on June 11 to his pulpit at First Church, Abilene, Texas.

—B&R—

Mr. Roy Myers of Carson-Newman College spent a part of last week in Nashville in the interest of the school.

—B&R—

Prof. Kyle M. Yates of the Southern Seminary recently aided Pastor R. N. Owen and First Church, Paris, in a revival which resulted in 43 additions to the church, 32 of them by baptism.

—B&R—

First Church, Dayton, is rejoicing over the fact that during seven Sundays 17 new members have been added to the church, 12 of whom Pastor Graziadei has baptized. The Sunday school has gone from 85 to 142.

—B&R—

Brother O. C. Cooper, who is in the third week of a meeting in Lake City, Arkansas, reports great results. From Lake City he will go to Leachville, Arkansas, for another three-weeks' meeting. He has an open date in both July and August.



We urge all pastors and other workers to use every effort to make the Baptist 100,000 Club a success. This promises to pay all Southwide debts in five years if it succeeds—and it will succeed if we will work together.

Foreign Missions, Home Missions, our Seminaries—all our work will prosper if we secure 100,000 members.

**LOUIS J. BRISTOW,
Superintendent.**

Pastor J. E. Skinner and First Church, Murray, Ky., are rejoicing over the gracious results of their recent meeting during which 69 were added to the church, 51 of them by baptism. Dr. Finley F. Gibson of Louisville, Ky., did the preaching.

—B&R—

Nashville Churches, June 18: Radnor, Douglas Hudgins, pastor, received 1 for baptism and 1 by letter; Inglewood welcomed 2 for baptism; Pastor Huckaba at North Edgefield baptized 4; Grandview received 1 by letter, Belmont Heights 2, Lockeland 1, and Park Avenue 1.

—B&R—

A School of Missions was conducted in Grace Church, Nashville, last week. Pastor L. S. Ewton had made splendid preparations for it and the attendance and interest were fine. We had the pleasure of speaking to them Monday night on our great state mission task.

—B&R—

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Mullins of Nashville will celebrate their Silver Wedding on the 24th. They are among Nashville's most useful and consecrated Baptists. For some time they were active leaders in Grandview Church, but of recent months have been with Immanuel. We congratulate them heartily.

—B&R—

Our people are already enlisting in the 100,000 Club. If you wish for information about this movement, write the office in Nashville or write Dr. Frank Tripp, First Church, St. Joseph, Mo. Get your membership cards and enlist your people in paying one dollar per month over and above their regular contributions.

—B&R—

The revival at Tabernacle Church, Chattanooga, in which D. B. Bowers of Avondale is aiding Pastor R. R. Denny, opened with a fine day June 11. Two professed faith and the entire membership attending the services pledged themselves to labor for a real revival.

—B&R—

Are you interested in having "Facts" not fancies regarding prohibition? Do you want to be prepared to answer the wet propaganda? Then send 10 cents to Prohibition Facts Service, 986 Fifteenth Ave. S. E., Minneapolis, Minn., for "Prohibition Facts 1933." It is a handbook of tremendous importance.

—B&R—

Richland Church, Nashville, is in the midst of a Daily Vacation Bible School under the direction of Mrs. Douglas Hudgins and of Brother J.

B. Leavell, Jr., who is supplying as pastor during the month of June. Fifty-nine were enrolled the first day.

—B&R—

Dr. Arch Cree of Salisbury, N. C., is off on his biennial vacation in foreign lands with a party of friends gathered from New York to Texas. He sailed from New York on June 22 on the S. S. Berlin of the North German Lloyd for a tour of Europe, England, Ireland and Scotland, his native land.

—B&R—

The Home Mission Board finds itself with a possible income of \$84,000 with which to meet maturing interest and principal on debt which amounts to \$105,000 per year. What are they going to do about it? Depend upon aid from the 100,000 Club.

—B&R—

Secretary Austin Crouch of the Executive Committee of the S. B. C. spoke at Orlinda Sunday morning, graciously taking the place of the editor who was scheduled to speak for them. In the afternoon, Dr. John L. Hill spoke to a mass meeting on behalf of the campaign against Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.

—B&R—

Lascassas Church of Concord Association is doing some fine work under the leadership of Pastor J. T. Barbee. During 1932 they raised for all purposes more than \$800 of which amount \$296.14 went for others. Including what they paid the visiting evangelist (\$50.00) they gave more than 42 per cent of their total collections for missionary and benevolent causes. What rural church can report a better showing?

—B&R—

April 9 marked the day when Bellevue Church, Memphis, went beyond the three thousand number in additions to its fellowship since December 11, 1927—5 years and 4 months—the date upon which Pastor R. G. Lee began his work with that people. There have been 42 additions since April 9, and 89 additions since the second Sunday in March.

—B&R—

Pastor W. H. Butler, who recently assumed his duties with Forest Avenue Church, Kansas City, reports an enrollment of 139 in their D. V. B. S. The church has engaged a financial secretary to aid in handling their office work. It will be remembered that Brother Butler was converted to the Baptist faith in Knoxville after having served as a

minister of another denomination for some years.

—B&R—

We were glad to have the following word from Brother Carlos Vieira of Santos Dumont, Minas, Brazil, which was dated May 30, 1933. "More two Catholic priests were converted and baptized in the Baptist churches this year. Six ex-Catholic priests are Baptists and preaching the glorious Gospel of Christ in our land. . . . B & R is always an inspiration to me in this materialistic atmosphere. May God strengthen your mind and encourage your heart."

—B&R—

We have in hand a picture of a baptizing which Pastor J. T. Barbee solemnized last Fall and which we had hoped to be able to publish. Failure of income, however, makes this impossible. It shows a scene on Stone's River in Wayside Community of Rutherford County when he baptized a fine group of people, among them Vernon Riley who is developing into a great soul winner. These were baptized into Wayside Church which began a short time before with 10 members and now has 34.

—B&R—

June 21st there was a splendid program at Lawrenceburg. "Doctrinal Day" was observed by the Baptists of the town and association. Pastors Ralph Gwin of Columbia, J. R. Kyzar of Grandview, Nashville, W. C. Creasman, Shelbyville, S. P. DeVault of Oliver Springs, were speakers. Great doctrines of our faith were discussed. First Church of Lawrenceburg, with Pastor W. E. Davis, were hosts.

—B&R—

Chattanooga Churches, June 18: Pastor C. M. Pickler at Red Bank baptized 5; Rossville Tabernacle, now in a meeting with Brother Frank Graziadei doing the preaching, received 2 by letter and 3 for baptism; Ridgedale received 3 by letter and 1 for baptism; Eastlake welcomed 1 by letter and 1 for baptism; Chamberlain Avenue, 5 by letter, 1 for baptism, and Pastor McClanahan baptized 3; Central, 2 by letter, 4 for baptism, and Pastor Allen baptized 2; Rossville, Ga., First, received 2 by letter.

—B&R—

A wedding of interest to Tennessee Baptists was that of Miss Hilda Hall, for the past two years a teacher in the Baptist Orphans' Home, to Mr. Walter C. Drake of Huntsville, Ala. The ceremony took place in the home of the bride at Fayetteville June 17th. Miss Hilda, as she was known among us, is a graduate of the Teachers' College of Murfreesboro

and the W. M. U. Training School of Louisville. The bride and groom will make their home in Huntsville where the groom is in business with his father.

—B&R—

The time is rapidly drawing near when Tennesseans must decide what their stand on prohibition is. Do not be misled by cheap politicians. This is the great moral issue of the decade. The Democratic office holders have violated the basic principles of their platform by demanding outright repeal. They have never tried to safeguard dry states as they pledged to do. Every voter must, therefore, vote his honest convictions regardless of party platform. Every right-thinking Christian will vote against alcoholic beverages.

—B&R—

"Can you believe it? The Literary Digest has a page concerning the report of the Social Service Commission and the picture of Dr. A. J. Barton. If there is any man among us who deserves this publicity it is Dr. Barton. For many years he has ably, clearly, truly interpreted the Baptist mind on the questions of social and political righteousness. He has done this without salary. The wets and liquorites and political enemies have never found a flaw in his character or conduct. As for us we appreciate and love him."—Florida Baptist Witness.

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