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## On Earth Peace, Good Will Toward Men

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid.

And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.



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## EDITORIAL

### "The Desire of all Nations Shall Come"

(Haggai 2:7)

The prophet was referring to Christ, the personified desire of all nations.

Christ is the objective desire of all nations. The legitimate and noblest longings of all lands find their true satisfaction in Him alone.

Subjectively, men in the nations "feel after Him" but know not that it is He until the veil is taken from their eyes. Then they see that the blessedness which they have been seeking is ministered only by Him.

The individual reaches the true measure of his being and life only when he is centered in Christ.

A stable and just government and a righteous social and economic order are not realizable except in the measure that these are conformable to the truth and principles of Jesus.

Spiritual life and immortality are revealed and ministered only through the crucified, risen and reigning Lord.

The poet speaks of:

"... that far-off divine event  
Toward which the whole creation moves."

That Event is not as far off as it once was. It may be very near! That shall be the time in which the noblest longings of humanity shall find fathomless and perpetual satisfaction. But this shall not be according to the rationalized concepts and programs of men. It shall be a matter of God's "gathering together in one all things in Christ" in fulfillment of His eternal purpose and on a redemptive basis.

Christmas approaches. Edersheim says that there is no reason for not accepting December 25 as the birthday of Christ. If this be true, may it not suggest the fundamental reason for the marked increase of cheerfulness and goodwill at that season? It is the renewed impact of the angelic pronouncement at the birth of the Lord of "on earth peace, goodwill toward men."

It is ours at this Christmas season to give ourselves anew to proclaiming Him to the ends of the earth, the Savior, satisfaction and challenge of all lands.

The victories of the Cross here and now are the prelude to the coming day when Christ shall deliver the creation from its thralldom and bring in the consummation which has been the longing of discerning souls through the centuries. Then the prophecy shall have its complete fulfillment: "The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break

forth into singing." Christ shall have become the realized "desire of all nations."

"Oh for that holy dawning,  
We watch and wait and pray,  
Till o'er the height the morning light  
Shall drive the gloom away.  
And when the heavenly glory  
Shall flood the earth and sky,  
We'll bless the Lord for all His Word—  
We'll see Him, bye and bye."

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## A Revival of Bible Study

Elsewhere in this issue is a well-written article on a vital subject by Mr. Harold E. Ingraham, of the Department of Sunday School Administration of the Sunday School Board and an associate editor of the Sunday School Builder.

The Sunday School lessons for the first six months of 1936 are in the Gospel of Luke and on the general theme, JESUS, THE WORLD'S SAVIOR. Special emphasis during this period will be put on the thought of revival in its various aspects, with the aim of making all things converge toward the salvation of souls.

The Sunday School Builder for January will put special emphasis on a revival of Bible study as initiatory to all the rest and carry suggestions for putting this revival into operation. This proposed stress on Bible study deserves the most enthusiastic commendation.

It is entirely possible for one to pass a creditable examination on a study course book dealing with the Bible, be able to tell the books of the Bible, and give a fine memorized outline of their contents and still not have a clear grasp of Bible teachings themselves. Helps may and should be used. But there is needed in numerous cases a revival in the study of the Bible itself.

Christians need a defense against the many religious counterfeits of the day. Only by being thoroughly grounded in the Word of God can people adequately distinguish between things that differ and become definitely aligned on the side of truth against error.

Only through the study of the inspired Word can one become "thoroughly furnished unto every good work." For our service and fruitage, therefore, to reach the spiritual quality and genuineness expected of them by the Lord, they need to be steeped in the teachings of the Word of God.

Bible study being basic to all else, it may be affirmed that a revival of Bible study is the most needed revival in the world. Most heartily, then, do we commend Mr. Ingraham and his associates for the program which they propose in that direction.

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## Remember The Orphanage

The Baptist and Reflector urges in this final word before the Christmas holidays those churches and Sunday Schools which have not already done so to make a worthy Christmas offering in December for the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home.

We wish that every Baptist in the state could visit the Home, if he has not already done so, and see for himself that marvelous Institution and see for himself the wonderful work that is being done there and has been done through the years. Were he lacking in enthusiasm for the Home at a distance, it would certainly be enthralled by visiting there.

This is one of the most worthy institutions among us and one of the most worthy of our co-operative services. Every time we go out to the Home, we thank God anew for



the man who has put his life into it, W. J. Stewart, together with those who have been associated with him.

The Institution can worthily use and needs every gift, however small or large, that can be made to it. And such a gift means an investment which yields rich and glorious dividends, in fact, among those most rich and glorious.

We urge all our people who have not already responded to make a worthy gift to the Home in the love of Christ and for the fatherless and motherless children who live and are cared for there.

"When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." The Lord fulfills this to the orphans through the service of His people in their behalf.

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## An Explanation

Because we will have no issue Christmas week, we have had to depart from our usual custom and present the Home and Foreign Mission pages in the same issue, as well as

the page dealing with the Hundred Thousand Club, all of which have to appear in this issue or be too late. As a result we have had to leave out some articles that would have been used otherwise. Our readers will understand.

## No Paper Next Week

In keeping with the custom of the years there will be no issue of the paper Christmas week. It will be back, however, the week following. The Baptist and Reflector thanks its friends for their encouragement and support during the year and it prays God's abundant blessings upon all as it sends out the sincere greetings,

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

## Tennessee Baptists Doing a Sum in Addition

The man at the blackboard adds for last week 44 new subscriptions and 32 renewals, bringing the total of new and renewal subscriptions for the year to 3,160. But to date only 1,581 new subscriptions have been received, leaving us 3,419 short of the centennial goal. However, about one new subscription for every 100 Baptists in the state will reach the goal!

STARTING WITH THE FIRST ISSUE OF 1936 FOUR MORE PAGES WILL BE ADDED TO THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, MAKING IT TWENTY PAGES IN SIZE INSTEAD OF SIXTEEN. MOREOVER, IN RESPONSE TO A WIDESPREAD DEMAND WE SHALL START RUNNING AGAIN AN EXPOSITION OF THE WEEKLY SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON. IN ADDITION TO THIS, JUST AS SOON AS IT CAN BE ARRANGED THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR WILL CARRY A PAGE OR A TWO-PAGE DIGEST OF THE

RELIGIOUS THOUGHT OF THE COUNTRY, WITH CERTAIN CURRENT EVENTS WITH A RELIGIOUS IMPLICATION, PREPARED BY A COMPETENT MAN. THE READERS OF THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR WILL NOT ONLY HAVE THE REGULAR FEATURES OF THE PAPER BUT THESE OTHER FEATURES AS WELL. IT PAYS TO BE A READER OF THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR! AND THE CENTENNIAL OFFER IS A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION, NEW AND RENEWAL FOR \$1.50!

The man at the blackboard says: "This is the last time you will see me until after the Christmas holidays. When you next see me I shall be adding the final figures for 1935. What shall the sum be? Shall I be laughing in victory or not? Tennessee Baptists, do your best for your state paper during these remaining days!"

## TENNESSEE BAPTISTS DOING A SUM IN ADDITION

New Subscriptions	1,581	Centennial Goal 5,000
Renewals	1,579	
Total New and Renewals:	3,160	
The Record Next Week?		



LET TENNESSEE BAPTISTS RALLY TO THEIR OWN STATE PAPER AND ENLARGE THE MINISTRY OF THAT AGENCY WHICH "IS A VALUABLE ASSET TO EVERYTHING THE DENOMINATION STANDS FOR."

## Our Centennial Fellow Helpers

These are the names of friends who have sent in subscriptions or renewals since the last list was published:

Pastor George E. Simmons, Knoxville; Pastor Hollis Wright, Memphis; Mrs. W. M. Stegall, Raleigh; P. E. Stewart, Abingdon, Va.; Mrs. M. B. Head, Nashville; Pastor J. C. Miles, Nashville; Miss Emma Harwood, Dyersburg; Pastor

W. E. McGregor, Bulls Gap; Mrs. Winford Cunningham, Rutherford; Mrs. M. C. Campbell, Memphis; Pastor A. D. Hagar, Helena; Pastor W. Dawson King, Gallatin.

Thank you, friends, one and all, and God bless you. In our next issue we shall run the entire list of all who have in this matter of subscriptions and renewals served the paper during the year.



## A Revival of Bible Study

Harold E. Ingraham

There is real cause today for preaching the need for a revival in Bible study. And for showing that Bible study is the way to revival. How else can a revival begin? It is instructive to read the accounts of Bible revivals and note that they began with the study of God's laws and with the teaching of God's Word.

Today, as in other days, there are many suggestions as to what our people need and many ideas are offered as cure-alls for everything that seems to be wrong with our Baptist Zion. And surely all would ask the blessing of God on every true way that opens up a road to Him and to the doing of His will.

The simple suggestion here is that many dangers and pitfalls attending the pathway of the churches and church leaders who try to win for God can be avoided if there can be an adequate revival of Bible study—a revival that will bring the application of God's Word to the conduct of our work.

Truly, it is wonderful to study the Bible. In this great Book we find the way to God. The Word is the seed which was fruitful in our hearts through faith to bring to pass our spiritual birth and the Word is the Light which lights our way to higher and higher communion with our Father through the Lord Jesus Christ.

And, as it is thus wonderful to study the Word, it is correspondingly terrible to neglect it. From nations down to individuals there is only ruin for those who finally neglect the plain Word of the living God. Like one poisoned and without an antidote is the natural man without the cleansing Word of the Lord. Like the helplessness of women and children before the wanton destruction of ruthless warfare is the helplessness of any people who persist in the neglect of the Bible. Like the pitiful weakness of men starving for food is the little strength of Christians who forget the holy writings of God.

How terrible is the neglect of the Bible. How tremendous, then, is our responsibility, both to study it and to get it studied by our people. Surely there is tremendous cause to preach the need for a revival of Bible study.

### The Sunday School

Now surely the Sunday school is ready to the leadership of our churches and offers the most practical means for the deepening of the Bible-study life of the largest possible number of our people. It is wonderful to recall how the Sunday school from its beginning has been the means of getting more people to study the Bible than ever before. But the time is come now when, under the churches, the Sunday school must deepen its work of really teaching the Bible and leading people to follow in their lives the precepts of the Lord.

The Sunday school is functioning; it secures the regular attendance of a large number of people; it has a consecrated body of teachers; it is ready to the hand of our churches. It does need that the leadership, the pastors and superintendents everywhere, shall see the opportunity for Bible teaching and Bible study and that they shall make great and unusual effort to get Sunday school teachers to consider the sacred obligation of their task and to better do their work.

### Six Months In The Gospel of Luke

Consider the opportunity that is presented in the Uniform Lessons for the period of January to June, 1936. For six months, these lessons will lead all those who follow them through a study of the life of Christ according to Luke. Luke, the converted Gentile, the world traveler, doctor, and man of science; the careful historian who has given us such a glorious account of our Lord's life and work.

Six months studying "Jesus the World's Saviour" as recorded in this universal gospel! What a marvelous opportunity it is for a revival of Bible study. What a challenge it should bring to pastors, superintendents, and other leaders. What a motivating force it can be made in the business of reaching people and bringing them in under the teaching and influence of the Word of God.

And think of evangelism. How powerfully these studies will point toward the winning of the lost. Out of our Southern Baptist Sunday school enrollment of over three millions, no less than one million of them are evangelistic opportunities in the churches where their Sunday school membership is. Some of these are professing Christians and some have church membership elsewhere; but all need to be lined up aright with Christ and with His church. Most of them are Juniors and Intermediates. We need to win them, oh, how we need to win them! But we need to proceed with great care and according to the plan of the Scriptures. Wonderful indeed is this six months' opportunity. Along with it, of course, all of the Graded Lessons will present their evangelistic opportunities, and these should be carefully utilized.

### Some Suggestions

Now what may be done about it? First, there is the January issue of **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDER**, a monthly magazine published by the Sunday School Board, which has suggestions in this field. Among other things, it is proposed that there be some background studies conducted by the pastor or some other designated leader, getting ready for this series; that there be some previews of the lessons and lesson aims, and that there be set up some definite plans for enlargement and evangelism. Again, that soul-winning shall be made central so that by the end of July we shall have yearned and worked to the end that every member and prospect of the Sunday school who is not a Christian and a church member shall be prayerfully urged to a full surrender to Christ. That worship periods be conducted emphasizing Bible study. Again, that the pastor shall preach on it, that reading clubs shall be formed, and week-day study periods be utilized. That special weeks of study shall be conducted and that many other means shall be used for the deepening of Bible study during this time.

Each month during the period **THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDER** will stress different angles for utilizing this great study in the deepening of the Bible-study life of our people. Articles by Southwide leaders will appear in every issue and suggestions will come from those who are actually doing the job in the churches. Can we not center on "Jesus the World's Saviour" according to Luke for six months? And pray and work for a revival in Bible study?

## Third Baptist Church, Nashville

On the evening of Dec. 8, we had the privilege of preaching for Pastor Bunyan Smith and the Third Baptist Church, Nashville. We also visited the interesting Baptist Training Union under the direction of Miss Margaret Pace, General Director. Just prior to the sermon, a cast consisting of Miss Cecil Pearl Davis, leader, Dorothy Jakes, Darrus Haynes, Minnie Bauman Gibson, Martha Scroggins, Martha Trollinger, Margaret Sullivan, Mabel Jarman, Catherine Jakes, Ruth Kennedy, Evelyn Billington, Maymie Odom and Elizabeth Harrell, gave an effective presentation of the pageant, "Rays of Light From The Baptist and Reflector." We greatly appreciated the welcome and responsiveness of the good people of the Third Church and of their consecrated pastor.—Editor.



## CONDITIONS IN MEXICO

We who are here do not write much of the conditions because they change so much that by the time the article has come out some of the local conditions have changed entirely.

The anti-religious laws are federal laws and supposed to apply to all the country but the enforcement of them depends on the local officials.

For instance: In Chihuahua the churches are open from the capital north to the border, but the ministers can't preach in them, only some lay member can hold the services and the Sunday school. From the center to the south of the state the churches are closed. In the state of Sonora about fifteen months ago the number of preachers and priests were limited to two each for the state, that is two protestants and two Catholics, and the church buildings left unoccupied were taken by the government for schools, hospitals, offices and club-houses for the Socialists. Because of Catholic uprisings the four were closed later. When Cardenas changed his cabinet in the spring several of the churches were permitted to open again but the Indians of that state found that their saints had been removed from the churches and small bands rose up in the different towns against the authorities and it resulted in all being closed again. The state of Coahuila permits each denomination to have nine ministers and only nine priests for the state. Only one priest in the city of Saltillo with 43,000 inhabitants. Here in Monterrey, with 150,000, they have ten priests and ten protestant ministers. The Baptists have a good work here with a large church and a nice building, a flourishing mission in the city with its chapel.

Really the work is not restricted much in this state nor in Coahuila, and that is true in several states of the south. In Sonora, Sinala and Chihuahua the ministers go from one town or ranch to another and preach to small groups and meet with small numbers in their homes in the cities and have prayer meetings with them and in that way are reaching the people. They have baptisms right along in those states.

The law says that all property used for religious purposes belongs to the government and can be taken for public or private use by the authorities. That has made the property owners afraid to rent to us, but so far very few local authorities have given us any trouble. The building adjoining the church in Morelia was large so a part of it was rented to the Singer Sewing Machine Co. and the preacher lived in some back rooms. The authorities took that over and collected the rent and charged the pastor fifteen pesos for his part. In Tehuacan, Pue, the house was a rented house and the authorities took it over and charge twenty pesos rent for it. Much cheaper for the church than they were getting it before but hard on the owner. They are trying to arrange the matter with the government.

While the preachers reach more people and are extending the work to more places than when pastors of one church, still it is not conducive to self-support, besides we are still feeling the depression, no change for the better here, so that the ministers get very little from their churches for their salaries. Of course some churches have long been self-supporting and, fortunately, none of them have been closed. When the Board can give enough money to support a man in the work and let him give his whole time to it, there are good results, but when a man has a large family and gets only about ten or twelve dollars from the Board and perhaps not that much from his church, he has to find some sort of work to keep the family from starving. The New York Board has cut out nearly all the school work, including the seminary and, while they do not try to extend the work very much, they are not cutting salaries. Our Board has cut and cut on the native salaries and the directors of the field work are constantly extending the work to new missions.

The Mexican Baptist Convention is taking up the support of new missions as fast as it can. There are ninety-one churches and about three hundred missions around them. 588 baptisms were reported and we know there were more not reported. The convention supports ten missionaries, mostly among Indians. If we had the money there are more places open and the people asking for workers. But what hurts me is to see our preachers have to give so much time to self-support when they could do so much more work for the Lord if they could give their full time to the mission work. We are always hoping and praying that they can be supported while they work for the Lord. We are not discouraged, we feel like the work is very much worth while and we hate to see the news notes that sound like the mission work was closed in Mexico.

HALLIE G. NEAL, M. D.,

Monterrey, N. L., Mexico.

Nov. 17th, 1935.

## A HAPPY BIRTHDAY

M. D. Jeffries, Pastor,

Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

It is a joyous privilege to reach one's 80th birthday when it is, as it was with me, on November 18th.

At home, of course, the age attained was celebrated by loved ones in all appropriate ways. Many greetings and tokens of love came from friends and classes in Speedway Terrace Church, where my membership is.

But in The Baptist Memorial Hospital, where I am just now rounding out 17½ years of pastoral service, the day was observed in a most pleasing fashion. The evening hour, on that date, was the hour for our weekly prayer-meeting. The Grace McBride Y. W. A. had asked that they be allowed to occupy for a missionary program, as I supposed, as they do on occasions. To my surprise they put on a birthday celebration program. Scripture was read and a duet sung, fitting, as the presiding officer declared, the life of the pastor; then eight young nurses, each holding a letter in his name, recited a list of virtues that they said were his. Then he was called to the platform and gifts were bestowed, from Training School Staff, students, office force and hospital officials. What is a poor stammering preacher, in the infirmity of age, to do in such an hour? And 200 women had known of this approaching assault and he hadn't had an intimation of it.

After it was all over the pastor was constrained to say that if all they said of him was true, he would be sprouting wings; and that robe they put upon him reminded him of the returned prodigal. But he survives and is happier than ever in his work.

I am not feeling nearly so old at 80 as others reaching that age have seemed to me to feel, and as I was expecting to feel at that age. More are reaching 80 than in years past; and a number, as Dr. R. H. Pitt, of the Religious Herald, said of himself, are "Eighty and still at it."

Love for the brotherhood.

(Heartiest congratulations to this faithful man of God.—Editor.)

## Henning Baptist Church

On Sunday, Dec. 1, the editor preached at both hours for Pastor L. A. Byrd and the Henning Baptist Church, Henning. The responsiveness of the hearers and the excellent dinner and splendid fellowship in the pastor's home were greatly appreciated. He and Mrs. Byrd are doing a fine work for the Lord.

The courtesy of Bro. Powers Smith in meeting us at the train and of Bro. and Mrs. S. C. Anthony, with the pastor and his wife, in carrying us to Covington for the night train, is also pleasantly remembered.



# GLAD TIDINGS FROM AFAR

## FOREIGN MISSION BOARD

CHARLES E. MADDRY, Executive Secretary

INABELLE G. COLEMAN, Editorial Secretary

### A WORD TO THE PASTORS

The executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, served for many years as a pastor in North Carolina and in Texas. Within his heart there is warm and sympathetic understanding and love for every pastor of the South. During this season of The-Every-Member-Canvass, Dr. Maddry and the Foreign Mission Board extend to every Baptist pastor everywhere their appreciation and best of wishes. May these days record a great revival spiritually as the pastors and their co-workers take an inventory of their assets and lead out in greater plans for all of the Kingdom work for 1936. May none be neglected or left unenlisted! And in the words of Tiny Tim, "May God bless us every one" together as we co-operate and work together for Him!

### FINANCIAL HIGH LIGHTS FOR NOVEMBER

E. P. Buxton, Treasurer

A striking tribute to the confidence in its financial integrity was recently paid the Foreign Mission Board in the voluntary taking over by the First and Merchants National Bank of Richmond, Virginia, of a note for \$100,000.00 that was due the Receivers of the American Bank and Trust Company by the Board. Moreover, it was taken over at face value, the Receivers being paid the full amount of the obligation. The full significance of this can only be realized when account is taken of the fact that our Board already owed the First and Merchants National Bank more than \$200,000.00 as a part of its outstanding debt.

It will be a source of profound gratification to the denomination, and an occasion for general rejoicing with it, to know that the debt of our Board has now been brought below the half million mark. In the month of November \$16,000.00 was paid on outstanding bank notes, reducing the debt to \$496,500.00 as of December 1. Our bankers are already saying—with some tinge of regret—that soon we shall not be paying them any interest at all, but our feeling is that that day cannot come any too soon!

### CHRISTMAS MEANS NEW HOPE FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS

The executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, never tires of repeating: "In December, 1933, the Woman's Missionary Union, through its Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, definitely checked the disastrous retreat of Southern Baptists in their foreign mission work, and registered the first advance in seven terrible lean and tragic years." The Board and all the 389 missionaries around the world join Dr. Maddry in thanking the Baptist women

throughout the world for such brave and active love for God and His Kingdom. With the coming of Christmas, now hope and renewed life come to foreign missions. Gratitude unbounded to the women! And God's richest blessings upon their never failing loyalty to His work!

### A FAREWELL LETTER

Dear Dr. Maddry: Tomorrow at noon we sail for Brazil, the land of my longings. How thankful I am that the Lord has through you and our great Foreign Mission Board, made it possible for my prayers to be answered. You can not know how glad I am. Now, as I look back over the long hard years of preparation, I can see God's guiding hand in it all. As I recall Robert Browning's words:

"Be sure that God ne'er dooms to waste  
The strength He deigns impart."

I can see how every experience, that really went into making my life what it is, was planned in His councils of eternity.

I especially wanted to write you and tell you that daily in far-away Brazil there will be hearts that will glow with the warmth of Christian devotion and will be suppliant before the throne of grace on your behalf. We shall also look forward to your coming in the spring, and shall want to see you.

Last evening Dr. W. C. Taylor came by for a short visit. It had been four days since I had seen any one I knew outside of our little group, and I told him it was a fine thing to see anybody in general, but him in particular. Dr. Riffey and I asked him every question we could think of, and I imagine in a couple of weeks if we had him near us, we should ask him many more.

To me it is a challenging thing to be one of the four hundred. And the greatness of my task humbles me, because I realize that I'm accountable not only to the Board, but to the great host of Southern Baptists and to our great Saviour as well. Surely He is going with me, for He has promised never to leave or forsake me, but to be with me to the end of the age. At least I'm not undertaking the task in my own strength, but "leaning on the everlasting arms."

It is going to mean a great deal too to Dr. A. B. Dexter (35 years in Brazil), for he is breaking fast under the load. I want to relieve him of as much of it as possible just as soon as I can. I'm trying to get down to the business of learning Portuguese, and hope to speak it fairly well when you arrive in the spring.

Love and best wishes.

A. BEN OLIVER.

### DECORATED BY THE KING OF ENGLAND

News has only recently reached the Foreign Mission Board of the supreme tribute that was paid to four Southern Baptist missionaries to Africa last May during the Silver Jubilee of Great Britain's celebration. King George and Queen Mary presented to Dr. and Mrs. George Green and Dr. and Mrs. E. C. MacLean beautifully inscribed gold medals "for distinguished service tendered to Nigeria." The golden tokens of England's appreciation of these servants of God bespeak volumes. How grateful are Southern Baptists unto God for men and women who, when sent out as ambassadors for the King of Kings, serve so acceptably and comprehensibly that they win the appreciation of earthly kings, also, and come home with such tokens of well-done, thou good and faithful servants of God.

### FOREIGN MISSION BOARD of the SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

#### Receipts for November, 1935

Co-operative Program .....	\$39,562.74
Designated Gifts .....	17,377.41
Debt Account .....	12,857.05
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering .....	1,554.00
Miscellaneous Income .....	1,373.71
<b>Total Receipts .....</b>	<b>\$72,724.89</b>



# News And Truths About Our Home Mission Work

J. B. Lawrence, Executive Secretary-Treasurer  
Home Mission Board

Lost men will never be won to Christ by warmed-over piety, nor a world evangelized by a pagan religion; a passion for Christ and lost souls alone is sufficient.

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Whatever God wants us to do and has planned for us to do we can, by His help, do. He wants us to evangelize the whole world. He has planned for us to work together in this common task and has promised to give the power of the Holy Spirit for this work. Why wait longer? Let us arise and "go into all the world."

## NEW MISSIONARIES APPOINTED

At the December meeting of the Board, seven new missionaries were appointed: Rev. Michael Fabion to work among the Hungarians in Granite City, Illinois; Rev. and Mrs. F. A. Green to work among the various nationalities at Gallup, New Mexico; Rev. and Mrs. Alfredo Cavazos in San Antonio; Rev. and Mrs. L. Ortiz in the Uvalde, Texas, field. This makes 49 new missionaries appointed in the past sixteen months.

## A CHEROKEE INDIAN MISSIONARY REPORTS HIS WORK

It is interesting indeed, and heart-breaking too, to read the letters that come from our Indian missionaries. This one from Moses Wesley is a sample. He says: "I am serving four churches; Bacon Springs one of them a long way off. Fourteen miles east of Durant. One hundred forty-one miles from Keota. Cost me \$7.50 round trip on bus. Go there first time October. There were only eight members, now 33 members; twenty-three back-sliders came back, two new additions baptized. Lots of Indians round this place. Long trip, worth while. Once month I go Mountain Fork Church. Twenty miles. Poor people, not able to pay pastor. Only five members. Church building bad repair. Got to have new roof. Cost \$65.00. Couldn't you help me, I work hard to raise this money. Then I preach Only Way Church No. 2. Another place I go once month, Bethel Church, been pastorless three years, only three members, all women, no men members, all back-slide. I hope to revive it soon."

## THE WINNING OF A NEIGHBOR

Rev. J. A. Lopez, Missionary, Pearsall, Texas.

"One day as my oldest daughter and I were out visiting the people that live out in the country eighteen miles out of Pearsall, we met two men on a wagon. One of them got down to open the gate and I stopped my car and went up to him to give him some literature. I also invited him to our meeting the next Sunday at the schoolhouse about a mile down the road.

"Months later as I was traveling by another road I met a wagon and I stopped my car to give the driver some literature and to invite him to our meeting in the schoolhouse. After we departed my daughter told me that it was the same man we had met before in the wagon. After that he started to visit our meetings and within a short time he made his profession and was baptized. A deacon in the American church told me that he was very grateful for the work I was doing there and for the ones that were converted, but most of all for this man who used to be so bad but who is now so good to all his neighbors and to the church of Goldfinch."

## HE CAME TO HEAR THE GOSPEL

Missionary Daniel Delgado saw the man wipe the tears away as he talked about sinners and God's love. After the service Brother Delgado rushed to the man, Juan Hernandez, and thinking he was in sorrow tried to console him. Then he heard his story. Juan Hernandez had known all the vices, and they had carried him to prison, but while in prison he lifted his heart to God and promised to serve

Him in exchange for freedom. God heard and he was freed. For this reason he was in church that day and Missionary Delgado was the instrument God used to win this man to Christ. He was won and is now faithful to Christ.

## A SPANISH GIRL DECIDES

Missionary J. G. Sanchez, missionary in New Mexico, writes of a 16-year-old girl that was converted recently in the mission. When questioned about her faith before the congregation, a member called attention to the fact that the girl's parents were Catholics and that they should know about the girl's decision to join the Baptist church. The pastor and a committee went to see the parents and after they were told what conversion meant, the mother said, "My daughter is of sufficient age to act in the matter as she pleases, and I believe you said that salvation is between the individual and God." That night the girl was received as a candidate for baptism in the Spanish church at Gallup.

## CONVERSION AND BAPTISM OF ALFONSO LETO

Miss Fannie H. Taylor, Missionary, West Tampa, Fla.

"Eleven years ago in our Baptist Home Mission Board day school, being taught by Miss Kate McLure in West Tampa, Fla., sat a little delicate boy of six years, an only child, an idol of his parents. The father was an unbeliever and the mother was a Catholic.

"They lived in a building with four families, one man, the head of one family, being a rank atheist. In front of the store on the first floor this man and Alfonso's father attracted loafers by their heated discussions, throwing out poison for little boys who congregated with their fathers, Alfonso among them.

"Alfonso was a quiet, serious little fellow and as he listened to the Bible stories each morning in school and on Sunday in the Sunday School class to which he was faithful, his little heart responded to those teachings rather than the venom given out by unbelievers.

"When Alfonso was twelve years old he gave his heart to Christ and confessed Him publicly in the church. But, alas! His parents would not permit him to be baptized. Did that cool his spirit as it sometimes does? No, to the contrary, he showed greater fidelity. He was not forbidden to attend Sunday School and church, for which we were most grateful. Perhaps the parents thought they could always keep Alfonso within their bounds. From time to time the pastor and missionary would talk with him about full surrender in baptism, but timidly he would reply, 'Another time, my father and mother don't want.' Well did we know they didn't want to withstand the criticism of their unbelieving friends in the colony, and the mother didn't want her mother and other relatives in Italy to hear that her son, her only child, had departed from the Catholic faith.

"Alfonso continued to be faithful to all services at the church, reading his Bible at home. He had now reached the age of seventeen. To our great joy one Sunday morning when water was in the baptismal pool for others to be baptized, Alfonso went up to Dr. Plainfield and said, 'If you will get some clothes for me to put on I will be baptized this morning.' So, clothed in an old rain coat of Dr. Plainfield's which happened to be at the church—I should say, provided by the Lord—Alfonso was buried with Christ in baptism, and he arose to walk a new life. From that time his countenance was changed as he showed new zeal and joy in his Master's service. At North Boulevard Baptist Church he was at the door when church was opened, sought things to do exemplifying the truth of the Psalmist, when he cried, 'I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.'"



## Public Opinion

### Kagawa is Coming

M. E. Dodd

(On the principle of fairness to writers as well as to the objects or parties about which they write the Baptist and Reflector presents different views on this matter. The editor expressed himself last week.—Editor).

Toyohiko Kagawa of Japan will arrive in San Francisco December 18, and will start on his return trip home from St. Louis following his engagement in a joint session of the Northern and Southern Baptist Conventions in St. Louis on May 19. Between these dates he will meet various groups of Christians leaders and workers in the colleges, universities, theological seminaries, conferences and conventions.

It was my pleasure to meet this world citizen and Christian leader during the recent visit of Mrs. Dodd and myself to Japan. I saw him in action in a great evangelistic service one Sunday night. I spoke to the same crowd with Kagawa as my interpreter. We had tea with him and his lovely family in their home in a Bamboo grove in the suburbs of Tokyo. I walked with him among his flowers and fruits and weeds in what we would call an agricultural experiment station. We visited his kindergarten school under his personal guidance and observed the love and reverence which the little children of Japan have toward him. We heard him plead the cause of the poor and needy for more hospitalization and for more relief.

Because of these experiences and for the reason that I had something to do with the resolution which was passed by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis, inviting him to address the next session of the Convention in St. Louis, I feel like sending this word to our Baptist people throughout the country.

In public addresses I have referred to Kagawa as the greatest living Christian. Whether this is a wise or proper estimate or not, and whether others will agree with it or not, it is nevertheless my impression. He is at least a wonderfully great Christian in three respects, namely: (1) In his great experience with Christ; (2) In his great spirit, and, (3) In his great service.

I am thoroughly convinced that in his experience he is a genuinely born again, born from above Christian. I asked him definitely what Christ means to him and he answered without hesitation: "Christ is first of all a Redeemer, Cleanser from sin." I asked him if he said this out of personal experience, and his reply was: "Indeed,

because Christ saved me, a geisha man born of a geisha woman."

In his spirit he manifests more of what I believe is the spirit of Christ than any man who ever touched my life. His gentleness, kindness, love, peace, and all the other fruits of spirit mark him as one who is imbued wholly with the spirit of Christ. And, "If we have not the spirit of Christ we are none of His."

His selfless, sacrificial service for all kinds and classes of sinning, suffering, sorrowing, broken and bleeding humanity is significant of the genuineness of his Christian experiences and profession. With a financial income which runs into many thousands, he lives with his family of wife and two children, in a \$75.00 home which he built with his own hands. His family

budget is about \$6.00 a week. He wears a plain black workman's suit costing about \$1.50. All the rest he gives away in his various ministries in the name of Christ.

I am glad he is coming to America. I am glad he is to speak to our young people in Birmingham, to our Convention in St. Louis and to other groups. I only wish we might have had him in Shreveport.

I have not read all of his ninety-four books. I understand that an inter-denominational paper in the north has picked out quotations from some of his books and is using them to raise the question as to whether Kagawa is a safe teacher. Kagawa is not a theologian. He has not been trained in the hair-splitting differences of which we Americans are so expert. He may not pronounce all of his shibboleths like we do. His highly figurative, oriental style and mysticism may not suit our American mind.

But I sincerely hope that these things  
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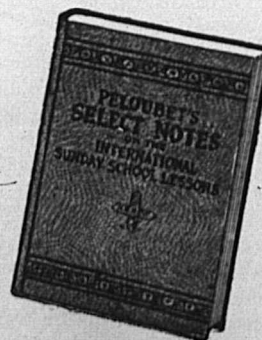
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### OUR GUIDING STAR

Julia K. Russell

We had been for a long ramble among the forest-covered hills. The heat at noon had caused us to rest, after our lunch had been eaten, in the shade of a fine old tree. We stayed longer than we should have, and gathering clouds passing over the sun made us realize it. Hurriedly we gathered our things and started towards home. Darkness was coming early, and our feet were not as swift as they had been in the morning hours. We had come by neither road nor path, and in the deepening dusk it was becoming difficult to know our way.

Then it was that we came to a hut in which a light burned. The man proved very kind—offering to go with us to the town for fear we should get lost in the forest. All of us felt greatly relieved, and followed our guide as he walked away through the shadows.

As the darkness deepened, some one asked:

"How can you tell the way?" For we had lost all idea of the direction.

"Do you see that star up there?" asked the old man, pointing to a brilliant one before us. "If we follow that, we shall come out in the slope above the town."

We watched the star then, and, although we were sometimes forced to turn aside because of the rough walking, yet we always returned to that direction.

After a time, however, the clouds drifted across that part of the sky, and we could no longer see the star. Still our guide walked on. How could he know now, we wondered, and finally some one asked him.

"Don't you feel that breeze?" he answered. "It has fanned your right cheek all of the time. I wouldn't always depend upon the wind, though, because it isn't always a safe guide; but the moss on the trees will tell the direction if we stop to look at it. And then there is the lay of the land. The last stream we crossed is a tributary of the river that flows by the town. There are many things to show the direction to go even if the star is hidden for a time."

As we stumbled along through the darkness, we noticed these things of which he had spoken. We were not surprised, when the clouds drifted by,

### THE OLDEN, GOLDEN STORY

CHIME, chime, ye silver throated bells!

Without, within the music swells;

HOW sweet reverberating thru

The ages, thrills the theme anew,

RE-HERALDING o'er hill and plain,

Glad tidings: "Peace, goodwill to men!"

IN JUDA, once from Heaven's height,

A tide of glory swept the night;

SAGES of old discerned afar,

The Light enshrined within a star,

THAT led o'er many a toilsome way

Their feet to where the Savior lay;

MID lowly scenes they proffered there

Gifts from afar, they'd borne, with care.

AH, LORD of Glory, Prince of Light,

Attune our ears, illumine our sight.

SO WE may catch the song, and bring

Our heart's best treasures to our King!

—Estelle B. Duke.

to see the star shining brightly before us.

Soon we emerged from the forest, as he had said we should, on the long slope at the foot of which twinkled the lights of the town. We stopped to rest, and our guide, now that we were safely through the forest, bade us goodnight. As we sat looking at the stars, some one said:

"It makes me think of the time when the Wise Men followed a star, our following that one tonight."

"It is like life, isn't it?" another one asked. "We do not know the right road, but there is the star of God's love to guide us."—The Sentinel.

### THE STORY OF "SILENT NIGHT"

By Emory Ward

It was snowing heavily the afternoon of that Christmas Eve in the little village of Oberndorf, high up in the valley of the Salzach. For twenty-four hours it had snowed, and the roofs and streets of the little village were covered deep with the freshly fallen whiteness.

The young priest of the village church looked out at the darkening sky. "A silent blanket of snow is glorious for Christmas Eve," he remarked, "but I fear it will be hard for many of my members to attend the midnight mass tonight."

As he spoke, the figure of Franz Gruber, the village schoolmaster, emerged from out the falling whiteness and entered the parsonage. "Father

Josef, Father Josef," he cried as he encountered the young priest. "It is indeed bad news that I bring to you. I have just come from the church, and the organ is broken. I have tried to repair it, but unsuccessfully. We must wait for the arrival of the organ maker from our neighboring village, and I fear that our mass tonight must be carried on without the happy Christmas songs of the children."

The priest smiled at the schoolmaster. "Have no fear, Franz Gruber," he replied. "We shall not be disappointed."

"But we must have music, father," Franz Gruber insisted. "On Christmas Eve one must have music."

"We will have music," the priest declared resolutely. "Even though the organ is broken, the children you have taught can sing some of the old Christmas songs they know so well."

Franz Gruber shook his head. "I fear their youthful voices cannot sing them without the aid and guidance of the organ, father."

A smile spread over the young priest's face. "Then we shall sing a new song," he declared. "Just this afternoon as I watched the darkening sky and the softly falling snowflakes, these words came to me."

Drawing the schoolmaster into his study, the young priest placed before him the words of that joyous Christmas carol that will never die:

"Silent night, holy night,  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child,  
Holy Infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace."

"Father Mohr," said the schoolmaster as he read the poem, "the words sing themselves. Bars of music seem to float from heaven to fit themselves perfectly about your poem. I will go to my home and set them down before they speed away again."

That night behind the altar-rail near a candle-covered Christmas tree Father Joseph Mohr, Marie, an orphan girl who tended the priest's home, and Franz Gruber sang that glorious Christmas carol for the first time to the parishioners of Saint Nicholas. Franz Gruber himself accompanied the little group on his guitar.

After the storm had abated, an organ-builder from Fuegen-in-Zillerthal came to Oberndorf to repair the broken organ. As he left the little village he took a copy of the carol with him, and from his hands it passed on to all mankind.

Since that Christmas in 1818 it has become one of the world's best-loved Christmas carols. In every city and in every country where loyal Christian hearts join together to sing Christmas carols, the joyous words of "Silent Night, Holy Night" are always sung.—Young People.



## Baptist Training Union

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### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Again we approach that glad time—the birthday of our King. From the time the Wise Men of old brought gifts to the new-born King, this season has been a time of thoughtfulness for others. You will be remembering friends with various gifts this year, but our desire for the young people of Tennessee is that we shall not overlook the Friend of friends in this. To Him belongs the greatest and best gift of all—your life and it fully consecrated to His cause. This would be a gift well-fitting to the King whose birthday we gladly and reverently honor. Will you give Him this?

Marie Smith Inzer has beautifully expressed our wishes for you in a little poem entitled "A Christmas Wish," which we have slightly modified in order to pass its thought on to you.

"If we could make a wish come true,  
 It would not be for things,  
 But that your ears be tuned to hear  
 The rush of angel's wings.

"If we could wish all things for you,  
 We would not leave our sorrow,  
 For pain makes us appreciate  
 The joys that come tomorrow.

"If we could in the coming year  
 Make any wish come true,  
 We'd ask the Christ to breathe His peace  
 Into the heart of you."

HENRY C. ROGERS, Director  
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### Seventh Church, Nashville

The Baptist Training Union of the Seventh Baptist Church held the largest training school in their history during the week of November 18, under the directorship of Mr. L. S. Underwood. The B. A. U. Manual was taught by Mr. Emmett Golden. Training in Church Membership was taught by Rev. W. C. Summar, pastor at Holt's Corner. Mr. Roy Babb taught the Intermediate Manual, and Miss Cecile Smith the Junior Manual.

The Inspirational addresses each night were given by Mr. C. B. Ramsey, Rev. E. W. Barnett, Mr. Herman L. King, and Rev. W. C. Summar. Also, each night some special feature was presented, which added much to the school.



Introducing Mr. M. R. Penuel

Mr. Penuel is the wide-awake director of the Wilson County Training Union. When he first became a member of the union, he was made the leader, a most unusual and unique experience.

He has served as director for this association for the past several months and has made wonderful progress in the work. Mr. Penuel states that Mr. Wallace Bryan, Mr. Wayne Tarpley and Miss Carrie Bell Smith have influenced his life more than any other individuals. He further states that through his experience in a B. Y. P. U. he was brought to realize his obligation to Christ and the church as well as to become a tither.

Mr. Penuel was married on December 12, 1920, to Miss Mamie Lou Jennings. Besides being the director of his association, he teaches an Intermediate Sunday school class and is a very progressive farmer. For his recreation he enjoys baseball and reading.

### Wilson County Schools

Recently the Wilson County Training Union association held training schools in the various churches of the association. "More Than Money" was used for the Seniors and proved to be a most helpful course. A few of the reports that have been sent in are:

#### At Hurricane

Mr. Hoyle C. Huddleston taught the course at Hurricane. Thirteen completed the work.

#### Mount Juliet

Mr. William Paris taught at Mt. Juliet assisted by Mr. John Magill. Seven completed the course here.

### Shop Springs

Mr. Henry C. Rogers taught the course at Shop Springs. Twenty-eight completed the course. This is the largest school reported to date.

### Fall Creek

Mr. Wayne Tarpley taught at Fall Creek church. Three completed the course.

### Rocky Valley

Mr. Harvey Douglas taught the class here with seven completing the week's work.

The other reports will be given as they are received.

### O-N T-O B-I-R-M-I-N-G-H-A-M

Are YOU going to Birmingham? From every nook and corner of this state people are planning on going to Birmingham. It is not too late yet to plan to attend this meeting. Remember the Tutwiler Hotel is our headquarters, and the breakfast for the Tennessee delegation will come at 7 o'clock on the morning of January 1 at Tutwiler Hotel. Have you used this song:

### On To Birmingham

(Tune: Loyalty To Christ)  
 From over the hill and plain,  
 By air, by car, by train  
 To Birmingham, Birmingham, the  
 heart of Alabam'.  
 We'll plan to go today,  
 We're glad we know the way  
 To Birmingham, Birmingham, the  
 heart of Alabam'.

### CHORUS

On to Birmingham, on to Birmingham  
 To magnify His name we'll try,  
 We'll pray for vision true,  
 We'll learn His work to do  
 In Birmingham, Birmingham, the  
 heart of Alabam'.

Great speakers will be there,  
 Adult and youth so fair  
 In Birmingham, Birmingham, the  
 heart of Alabam'.  
 The Sword Drill contest, too,  
 And conference leaders true,  
 In Birmingham, Birmingham, the  
 heart of Alabam'.

New friends will be found there,  
 True fellowship so rare,  
 In Birmingham, Birmingham, the  
 heart of Alabam'.  
 Transformed our lives will be  
 For all eternity  
 In Birmingham, Birmingham, the  
 heart of Alabam'.

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God is love. But love is giving. Love is self-giving. Love is not emotion, though it produces emotion. It is deeper and more abiding than emotion. Love is not feeling though it produces feeling. It is deeper than feeling. Love is not something temporary and superficial. It is a principle. It endures, it abides, it cannot perish. Love is the principle of self-giving. We can measure love anywhere by the amount of self which it bestows. All that we can know of God is summed up in this, God is love. We know that God loves because God gives—Himself. The best evidence the world has of God's love is that He gave His only begotten Son. God loves and God gives. We ought to give. In proportion as we draw near to God the desire, the impulse to give quickens and kindles. We can measure our nearness to God by our desire to give. If we draw near to God, if we walk and talk with Him, there comes the inevitable impulse to give. Distance from God always means indisposition to giving. If we will ponder God as a giver, if we will think of His gifts in the realm of nature, in the realm of life, in the glorious realm of grace, we must find within us such quickening as

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MOVE  
US TO  
GIVE

## The Spirit of Christmas

Dr. P. E. Burroughs, in  
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### THE CHILD

*The world was dark with care and woe,  
 With brawl and pleasure wild;  
 When in the midst, his love to show,  
 God set a child.*

*The sages frowned, their heads they shook,  
 For pride their heart beguiled,  
 They said, each looking on his book,  
 "We want no Child."*

*The merchants turned toward their scales,  
 Around their wealth they piled;  
 Said they, "'Tis gold alone, prevails,  
 We want no Child."*

*The soldiers rose in noisy sport;  
 Disdainfully they smiled;  
 And said, "Can babes the shield support?  
 We want no Child."*

*Then said the Lord: "O world of care,  
 So blinded and beguiled,  
 Thou must receive for thy repair  
 A Holy Child."*

—Caroline L. Palmer.

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### STEWARDSHIP DECLAMATION CONTEST

Soon after Christmas the different churches will be having the local Stewardship Declamation Contest. The associational contests will be held sometime in February, and the contests in the three divisions of our state will be the first week in March. The final contest will be Friday afternoon, March 20th, at the State Convention in Humboldt. Many of the leaders and counselors have written for the material and those who have not yet gotten it are asked to write at once to your state office, 161 8th Ave. N. for the leaflets.



### CHRIST IS BORN

To our hearts, these words, Christ is born, bring rejoicing! There is hope, there is peace, there is love in our hearts because of the coming of Christ Jesus into the world. We must share, we want to share this message with others and at this happy Christmas season, as we send love and greeting to the many friends in Tennessee we urge again that we share the glorious message—"Christ Is Born;" Speed the message around the world.

Yours in His service,

MARY NORTHINGTON.  
 MARGARET BRUCE.

### CHRISTMAS FOR CHRIST

Christmas For Christ? Certainly. Christmas is His birthday. What a joy it has been and is for our young people and women, yes even some of our men, to bring their gifts, as did the wise men of old to the Lord Jesus.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas offering always gives us an interesting way to bring Christ's birthday gift to Him. As we have seen the needs on the foreign fields and realized that 125 of our missionaries are depending solely upon this offering for their support we have wanted to give sacrificially.

"The fact, that 100 years ago the first young American woman was spending Christmas enroute to China, gives new impetus to real sacrificial giving. Henrietta Hall Shuck knew well the spirit of sacrifice; it lived in her heart and she lived by it. This Christmas the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal of \$165,000 includes \$30,000 as a Memorial to Henrietta Hall Shuck, but the Centennial Celebration prompts the

earnest hope that the whole offering will so far over-reach its goal that a full \$100,000 may become a beautiful Centennial Memorial to this lovely Virginia girl of 100 years ago. If the offering can reach \$235,000 this \$100,000 Memorial will be achieved. And the needs are tremendous. The Foreign Mission Board yearns to have a great Beyond-the-Goal amount with which it can supply other crying opportunities which could not be squeezed into the \$165,000 goal.

The spirit of "Christmas for Christ" really cultivated in the hearts of our constituency will bring a new understanding of joy in all life's lessons of giving."

### Mrs. Carter Wright in Tennessee

During the month of January we are to have the privilege of having Mrs. Carter Wright of Roanoke, Alabama, Stewardship Chairman of the Woman's Missionary Union of the South, in Tennessee for our institutes. In each of the places where institutes are held Mrs. Wright will speak and will also help in the teaching of the Year Book. Miss Margaret Bruce, Young People's Leader, and Miss Mary Northington will also be in these institutes. They will be held in the following places:

January 2, 3—Shelby Co., with Union Ave. Church.

January 4—Beulah and Weakley, Martin, First.

January 6—Carroll Co., McKenzie.

January 7—Big Hatchie, Ripley.

January 8—West Tennessee Conference of Associational Officers, Calvary, Jackson.

January 9 — Nashville, Belmont Heights.

January 10—Duck River, Tullahoma.

January 11—Cumberland, Clarksville.

January 12—Salem, New Salem, Wilson Co., Watertown.

January 14—Ocoee, First Church, Chattanooga.

January 15—McMinn, Etowah.

January 16—Jefferson Co., Jefferson City, First.

January 17—Holston Valley, Rogersville.

January 18—Watauga, Elizabethton, Second.

January 19—Sevier Co., Sevierville.

January 21—Chilhowee, Maryville.

January 22—Nolachucky, Morristown.

January 23 and 24—Knox Co., First Church, Knoxville.

January 25—East Tennessee, Newport, First.



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# ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST ORPHANS' HOME

The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home was held in the convalescent sun room of the new hospital on the Orphanage grounds, Nov. 25, at 10 o'clock in the morning. Twenty-one men from the different sections of the state constitute the Board, eighteen of whom were present; the largest meeting in the history of our institution. We also had a number of visitors representing other departments of our denominational work, viz. Drs. Taylor, Freeman and others.

The consensus of opinion was that it was the best meeting ever held, not only from the standpoint of number, but because of the interest and enthusiasm manifested in expression of approval of work done during the past year and the laying of plans for larger service during the coming year.

Superintendent Stewart reported the following improvements during the past year: The installation of the new water plant, the completion of the hospital building and the placing of the greater part of the furnishings in same, putting a new roof on the Baby Building and painting the house on the outside. There were also other improvements of lesser importance. The cost of all improvements whatsoever has been met with the exception of \$4,000.00 on the water plant. The total amount of cash disbursed on improvements during the past year was \$14,868.90. This large amount of cash disbursed was made possible by the liberal contributions of the Fidelis Sunday School Class of First Baptist Church, Nashville. The following resolution was passed by the Board by standing vote: That the Board of Managers go on record expressing thanks and appreciation to the Fidelis Class of First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tenn. Dr. John L. Hill, teacher, for their untiring and sacrificial work in completing the hospital building and placing equipment in same.

The Board, by unanimous vote, requested the churches and Sunday Schools of the state to observe Sunday, December 15th, as Orphans' Home Day, asking that the pastors and superintendents of the Sunday Schools undertake to secure a large offering for operating expenses of the Institution. This is imperative because of the large number of children now in the Home and other destitute children that are seeking admittance. We must serve in a larger way the large number that are homeless and destitute.

WILLIAM GUPTON, President,  
Nashville, Tenn.

## BROTHERHOOD ECHOES

By J. T. Henderson, General Secretary,  
Knoxville, Tennessee

A pastor in Houston, Texas, writes as follows: "The most inspiring study course it has been my privilege to teach was concluded last evening. It was a Baptist Brotherhood Course. The thirty-six men enrolled were attentive, enthusiastic, frank and spiritual. It was a great spiritual experience for me." The book studied was the Brotherhood Manual by Isom, and twenty of the men qualified for the Brotherhood Diploma.

Another Texas pastor gives the following report: "Our Brotherhood is doing real good work. Our men are learning about the cause of Christ all over the world. A year ago our gifts to the Co-operative Program were \$65.00; this year they were \$885. Last year our contributions to all outside causes were \$274; this year, \$1,238. Our total gifts a year ago were \$2,082; this year, \$4,033. Our men are very proud of the work they have been able to do themselves and what they have helped others to do."

The pastor of one of the suburban churches in Knoxville reports that he and twenty-one members of his church Brotherhood studied the Manual and all of them qualified for the Diploma. It is worthy of special note that every one of these men is now a tither.

A pastor's wife in Hickory, North Carolina, writes: "Our church has had both a senior and an adult Brotherhood for a year, and they are two of the best things we have ever seen. The men meet every Sunday afternoon and they are doing a marvelous work. They are to study the Brotherhood Manual soon."

A member of the above adult Brotherhood sends the following message: "New members are being enrolled from time to time. Every program is inspiring. Those in need are helped by cheerful donations, poundings, etc. Twenty-five new tithers were enlisted recently in our church and two-thirds of them came from the Brotherhood. On November 27 the program of the Brotherhood was on 'The Holy Spirit,' and two men accepted the Lord."

Since the Brotherhood began the publication of a Quarterly of Programs for Brotherhoods that meet each week and an Annual of twelve programs for those that meet monthly, the regular meetings have become much more interesting and profitable, and new Brotherhoods are being organized more frequently. The edition of Annuals and the fourth Quarterly, for 1935, was exhausted some weeks before the end of the year. Several orders for 1936 pro-

grams have already reached the office. These booklets of programs have done much to quicken the interest and usefulness of the Brotherhood. Each of these sells at 10c a copy.

## In Memoriam

The first 100 words printed free. All other words 1 cent each. Obituary resolutions same as obituaries. Other resolutions 1 cent each for all words. Please send money with each.

### EDDIE BENNETT

Whereas, Our Heavenly Father, in His Infinite Wisdom, has removed from our midst our Beloved Friend and Brother, Eddie Bennett, after several years of useful service to his church and community, having been a member of the Board of Trustees for several years and serving as clerk of the church at the time of his death, and

Whereas, We are greatly saddened because of his going; Be It

Resolved, That we, the members of the Board of Trustees of the First Baptist Church of Humboldt, express our appreciation of the life and fellowship of our deceased friend and co-worker, of the services he rendered while on earth to the church and to humanity, and for the interest he had in all good works. He was a devoted Christian and his passing is a blow that grieves the members of our church and citizens of our community. Be It Further

Resolved, That we express our sincere sympathy to the bereaved family and commend them in our prayers to the watchful care of Our Heavenly Father. Be It

Resolved, That a copy of these Resolutions be spread on the minutes of the church, a copy be given for publication in the Church Bulletin and the Baptist and Reflector, and a copy furnished the family.

Sincerely submitted:

FRED W. JACOBS,  
BRADFORD E. DUNCAN,  
CECIL C. HOWSE,  
GARLAND WARMATH.

### VERENA DANTZLER

On October 21, there was needed a little voice to complete the heavenly chorus and Jesus called from our midst Verena Dantzler, eight year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dantzler.

No more will her sparkling eyes be shadowed with pain and suffering; no more will the little lips cease their smiling to say "Dear Jesus, help me to bear this pain."

A little hand that has waved its last goodbye in this world seems to be beckoning dear ones on, and it seems that we can hear a sweet voice singing "The toils of the road will seem nothing when we get to the end of the way."

Memories of Verena are like cords tied to our hearts, reaching to heaven, pulling us on.

With deepest sympathy, by her  
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER.



## Among The Brethren

### SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR DECEMBER 15, 1935

Memphis, Bellevue .....	1700
Nashville, Grace .....	994
Knoxville, First .....	977
Chattanooga, First .....	950
Memphis, First .....	932
Memphis, Union Hill .....	872
Memphis, Temple .....	777
Knoxville, Broadway .....	672
Knoxville, Fifth Avenue .....	660
Nashville, Belmont Heights .....	640
Jackson, First .....	637
West Jackson .....	625
Chattanooga, Ridgedale .....	557
Clarksville, First .....	523
Chattanooga, Highland Park .....	520
Maryville, First .....	515
Memphis, Speedway Terrace .....	460
Jackson, Calvary .....	458
Chattanooga, North Side .....	445
Jefferson City, First .....	398
Humboldt, First .....	385
Dyersburg, First .....	382
Trenton, First .....	369
Chattanooga, Tabernacle .....	353
Nashville, Grandview .....	336
Memphis, Central Avenue .....	330
Chattanooga, Clifton Hills .....	325
Newport, First .....	320
Nashville, Lockeland .....	309
Rossville, Ga., First .....	308
Chattanooga, Alton Park .....	305
Chattanooga, Red Bank .....	296
Columbia, First .....	256
Covington, First .....	251

### By FLEETWOOD BALL

G. A. Curlee has accepted the care of Calvary Church, Childress, Texas, and is on the field.

—B&R—

G. C. Tasten has resigned at Lakeview, S. C., to accept a call to churches near Elizabeth City, N. C.

—B&R—

P. J. McLean, Jr., of the First Church, Augusta, Ga., has been called as pastor by the First Church, Summerville, S. C.

—B&R—

J. R. McKittrick has reconsidered his resignation as pastor at Whitmore, S. C., and will remain on that field.

—B&R—

J. H. Eager, age 83, for many years a missionary in Italy, is now living in New York City.

—B&R—

W. T. Lowery of Clinton, Miss., has been made president-emeritus of Blue Mountain Female College.

—B&R—

C. N. Travis has resigned Western Heights Church, Atlanta, Ga., to accept the First Church, Carmi, Ill.

—B&R—

T. C. Crume of Florence, Ky., is assisting Lucerne Park Church, Orlando, Fla., J. S. Bookhart, pastor.

Concluding four years as pastor of the First Church, Waxahachie, Texas, McKinley Norman reports 502 additions, \$46,351.20 contributed to all causes.

—B&R—

There were 80 additions to Central Church, Greenville, S. C., C. L. Pitman, pastor, in which J. R. Jester of Greenville did the preaching.

—B&R—

McHenry Seal of West, Texas, has been elected educational secretary of the Central Texas Baptist Sanitorium, Waco, Texas.

—B&R—

A revival in South Park Church, Beaumont, Texas, J. B. Oliver, pastor, resulted in 93 additions, 74 by baptism. C. Y. Dossey did the preaching.

—B&R—

J. F. Peachy has resigned as pastor of South Austin Church, Austin, Texas, effective January 1, but he has not indicated his decision.

—B&R—

W. L. Billingsly has resigned the care of Clark Street Church, Houston, Texas, to accept the pastorate at Bellville, Texas.

—B&R—

H. J. Johnston of Ambrose, Ga., has been called to the care of the church at Abbyville, Ga., for full time. It is believed he will accept.

—B&R—

A. A. Kitchings of Clinton, Miss., has been preaching two Sundays in the month at Lake, Miss., but was recently call for full time and he has accepted.

—B&R—

J. D. Franks of the First Church, Columbus, Ga., was lately operated on for appendicitis. The brotherhood prays for his speedy recovery.

—B&R—

Mrs. K. Gilfoy has been elected Superintendent of the Mississippi Baptist Hospital in Jackson, succeeding Wayne Alliston.

—B&R—

J. H. Brooks of Grenada, Miss., has had a royal reception in his new pastorate at Emanuel Church, Baton Rouge, La.

—B&R—

S. B. Nichols has resigned the church at Randlett to accept the care of the church at Hennessee, Okla., and is on the field.

—B&R—

Hyman Appelman of Dallas, Texas, lately held a meeting in the First Church, Shamrock, Texas, resulting in 94 additions.

—B&R—

A revival is in progress in the Oklahoma Baptist University at Shawnee,

in which W. R. White of the First Church, Oklahoma City, is doing the preaching.

—B&R—

L. B. Alder has resigned at Sayre, Okla., to become pastor of the church at Bowlegs, Okla. He succeeds J. B. Edwards, who has been acting as supply pastor.

### By The Editor

Clifton Bridges has resigned as pastor of the Dunlap Baptist Church.

—B&R—

First Church, Covington, H. G. Lindsay, pastor, overscribed their budget the first day of their Every-Member Canvass. Eighty per cent of their membership pledged.

—B&R—

Word has come to us of the loss by fire on the evening of November 24 of the building of Bluff City Baptist Church, S. O. Pinkerton, pastor. The church will rebuild.

—B&R—

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Hudgins announce the birth of a son, December 3, at the Kentucky Baptist Hospital in Louisville, Ky. He has been christened Richard Douglas.

—B&R—

Dan Patch has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Wynne, Ark., to accept the care of the Grenada Church, Grenada, Miss. During the two years' pastorate of Bro. Patch at First Church the work has grown in a remarkable way.

—B&R—

The Baptist and Reflector regrets that its space will not permit the inclusion in this issue of several other interesting news items. These must wait for a later issue.

—B&R—

The Chillhowee Baptist Church, Seymour, has closed one of the best meetings in its history. There were 44 conversions and renewals and 31 additions. The Pastor, R. J. Dykes, was assisted by J. Lacy Basham, of Sevierville.

—B&R—

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, near Covington, Earl Vaughn, pastor, recently ordained Brethren Parnell Styles, Sam Osbourne, and Ernest Watkins to the deaconship. Pastor Homer G. Lindsay of the First Church, Covington, preached the sermon.

—B&R—

The Right Hon. W. L. MacKenzie King, Prime Minister of Canada, has included three Baptists in his new Cabinet: The Hon. J. E. Elliot, Postmaster General; the Hon. J. L. Ilsley, Minister of National Revenue, and the Hon. Norman McCleod Rogers, Minister of Health and Labor.



The Baptist Bible Institute recently cancelled another of its \$1,000 first mortgage bonds, bringing the amount down from \$200,000 to \$148,000 since the Hundred Thousand Club was instituted. It is a marvel how the Institute has carried on in the face of great difficulties, and it will take eternity to reveal the full value of its ministry.

—B&amp;R—

The Brotherhood will be glad to know that since J. E. Skinner, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky., has returned to Jackson for a rest, ordered by his physician, he is so rapidly regaining his strength that he expects to be himself again by spring. The Kingdom needs such workmen as he.

—B&amp;R—

Chas. F. Leek, pastor Highland Avenue Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala., writes that one of the most fruitful programs ever had in that church was the "Church Membership Revival," led by Clay I. Hudson, associate secretary Church Administration Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Every one who has had contact with Bro. Hudson in his work can bear the same enthusiastic testimony.

—B&amp;R—

In the article, "Religious Pipers," by Joel H. Ponder, in a recent issue of the Reflector certain errors were made. In paragraph ten in the first column, "Defy" should have been "Deify." In column two, paragraph five, "nationalistic morals" should have been "nationalistic morale." In column four, paragraph eleven, "savage beasts" and "gentle beasts" should have been "savage breasts" and "gentle breasts." We regret that errors were made.

—B&amp;R—

Pastor and Mrs. L. G. Gatlin of the Hatsville Baptist Church, were appreciated visitors in the office last week. In a revival in that church in October, in which the preaching was done by A. Earl Meadow, Scottsville, Ky., there were 16 conversions and 28 additions. Brother Gatlin has recently been called to Cottontown for one-fourth time. He and Mrs. Gatlin are faithful Kingdom workers and great friends of the paper.

—B&amp;R—

W. C. McPherson, Murfreesboro, pastor Woodbury Baptist Church, recently performed an unusual ceremony in the operating room of the Rutherford County Hospital, following an automobile accident in which the young people had figured, when he united in marriage Elmus Robinson and Miss Mildred Chick and William Robinson and Miss Rubye Chick. The boys are cousins and the girls sisters. Elmus Robinson had severed a nerve in his right arm and an operation had been ordered, the young people decided to have the wedding first.

The brotherhood will be glad to know that Bro. T. C. Singleton, Nashville, has been discharged from the St. Thomas Hospital after spending several days there as a patient following the wrecking of his automobile by a train. Blinded by the lights of an approaching car, he did not see the train. May the Lord continue to bless this faithful minister.

We closed our revival December 8. C. M. Pickler of Chattanooga did the preaching and Frank Adams of Paragould, Ark., had charge of the music. This was a great team, and our people appreciated the work that they did. There were thirty-four additions to the church, thirty-one of the number for baptism.

During the seventeen months that we have been here there have been one hundred and eighty additions to the church.—C. H. Franks, Hayti, Mo.

—B&amp;R—

New Salem Baptist Church, Holston Valley Association, ordained on Dec. 1, Brethren D. M. Lawson and Marion Alvis to the ministry. Brethren Bailey Johnson, Elbert Brooks, G. W. Brooks, C. H. Hurd, and Quillen Lawson, ministers, and Deacons James Davis, Milam Lawson, John Sizemore, Ray Shanks, and Wilson Alvis composed the council. Brethren G. W. Brooks, Elbert Brooks, Quillen Lawson, C. H. Hurd, and Bailey Johnson performed the other services usual in such cases. Bro. G. W. Trent was moderator and Wilson Alvis was clerk. The Lord bless these brethren as they enter upon the full-fledged gospel ministry.

—B&amp;R—

Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville, William Herschel Ford, pastor, ranked ninth in Tennessee during the past convention year in gifts to missions. For the same period last year they were in twenty-fifth place. During the past year Dr. William L. Wallace, a member of the church, was sent to China as a medical missionary. He will be supported by the Broadway Church. On top of this, the gifts to the co-operative Program doubled those of the previous year. The church is growing fast, having received twenty-five new members in November and twenty-seven in October.

In the resolutions of commendation of Rev. H. W. Ellis by the First Baptist Church, Humboldt, in last week's Baptist and Reflector, the phrase, "one hundred sixty-eight additions being received," should have been "one hundred sixty-eight additions being received during 1934 alone." The number received during the three years of his pastorate there was much larger than this. We are glad to make this correction.

#### INTRODUCING REV. McKENDRIE R. LONG, STATESVILLE, N. C.

Brother Long was brought up a strict Presbyterian. He was reared in refinement and a cultured environment, highly educated and talented as an artist. He studied art from youth, and pursued his course even to the highest place among the teachers of London.

While a young man, in college, he was asked to do illustrating for his family Church Sunday School. When he went into the Church as a member, he says that he felt that he was "a stranger among a mixed multitude." Later when the church became pastorless, he was persuaded to assume the place.

While in London studying art, Brother Long went to hear Dr. A. C. Dixon preach at the Spurgeon Church. It was here that Dr. Long was convicted and converted; and was here baptized. How strange that a man from his own State should be used of God to lead Dr. Long to Christ when both were 4,000 miles from home!

Dr. Long came back to this country, gave up his art as a calling, and began the work of an evangelist. God has marvelously used him in this work. Realizing the need of a warm atmosphere in which to pursue his course as an evangelist, and indeed believing in heart as Baptists do, he joined a Baptist Church and was immediately set apart to the full work of the ministry by that Baptist Church on Nov. 6, 1935.

I wish to commend Evangelist Long to the brethren of Tennessee as one of the soundest and sanest in the field. He does not fear to preach the way Christians should walk. Any Pastor or church desiring the services of this Godly man will find that he is far more than I can say here. I am sure no one will be disappointed in him.

ROSCOE C. SMITH,  
Erwin, Tenn.

#### KAGAWA IS COMING

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will not lead our people to raise questions and cast suspicions upon this great and good man of God. Multiplied thousands of our people will hear him and be impressed with the genuineness of his Christian character and conduct. To raise hair-splitting questions about his theology and to sound out critical notes about him will only serve the purpose of causing our young people, especially, to raise the question in turn as to the genuineness and sincerity of our Christian spirit and attitude in attacking such a great Christian as Kagawa of Japan.

(For further estimates, see my book, "Circling The Globe For God.")



# A Faithful Follow-up and a Complete Clean-up

## FACING THE FUTURE

By Frank Tripp, General Leader Baptist Hundred Thousand Club

Encouraged by the success of the debt-paying program of the past two years, we turn our attention to the January-February membership drive of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club in full confidence of complete victory.

Those of us who have been fortunate enough to touch Baptist life throughout the Southland this fall, in conventions and assemblies, have every reason to believe that there is a new and better day upon us. A general improvement of economic conditions and a spirit of helpful co-operation among our people have given us new hope and courage. The discipline of five years of struggle and sacrifice has not been in vain. We have learned some lessons and have a rugged determination to "begin all over again."

When individual Baptists experience a change in their attitudes and improvement in their spirit, we may look for a more generous support of their church and denominational program. Southern Baptists are feeling better. And whether we like it or not, these individual Baptists respond to the appeal of their denominational agencies according to their feelings.

Every convention or group meeting I have attended this past summer and fall has been marked by high spiritual tides. The programs have been, for the most part, of a high order. Our people are in a happy frame of mind. A feeling of Christian brotherliness and co-operation is everywhere in evidence. We have had the thrill of a taste of victory, and we enter the new year in the happy anticipation of greater things.

### Indebtedness Substantially Reduced

The total indebtedness of our Southwide agencies has been reduced more than a million dollars during the past two years. This fact alone is enough to make Southern Baptists thank God and take courage. In the steady and substantial reduction of denominational debts we stand second to none. Bankers and business men everywhere have been profoundly impressed with the progress that has been made.

While the success of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club has not been all that we had expected and hoped that it might be, it has been sufficient to commend it to our people. Approximately \$400,000 in cash has been raised. The plan is getting results.

### "Victory Membership Drive"

We have designated the January-February membership drive of 1936 as the Victory Membership Drive, in the hope that Southern Baptists will press the battle out to the last and smaller church of the Convention and to the

## \$160,620 INCREASE

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention received from January 1, 1935, to December 1, \$1,064,906.08 to be distributed to Southwide agencies. This is an increase of \$160,620.20 over the same period last year. Let's make it \$200,000 by the end of the year. This would bring great hope and good cheer.

Reports coming to the offices of the Executive Committee in Nashville indicate that not only have the churches raised more money for benevolent causes in 1935 than in the year before but the Every Member Canvass has been put on in more churches and more thoroughly than in any recent year. The outlook from every point of view is most hopeful. May Southern Baptists gird their loins for a great forward movement.

WALTER M. GILMORE,  
Treasurer.

goal of 100,000 members. It can easily be done if every pastor and leader will set himself to the task with the dogged determination that it must be done.

We propose to go to the Convention at St. Louis next May with at least 100,000 signed pledge cards. These pledge cards will be presented to the Convention as our report. Every church, association, and state will write its own part of this interesting report. There will be no change in the plan except that the new Victory Pledge Card is to be sent to the General Leader's office after a record has been made for the church files. I want my 1936 pledge card in the group, and, if possible, marked "Paid In Full." Join me and let's make some interesting Baptist History.

If you could just realize what the movement has meant to the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, the Seminaries and the Hospitals; if you could hear the story of appreciation and faith of our creditors if you could read the letters from some of our faithful missionaries and denominational servants, surely your heart would thrill as does mine, and you would set your face like a flint to the completion of this worthy task.

There is nothing complicated about the plan; there is no secret in how to promote it; just take the story to the people and give them a chance. God has been good to us, the future is bright. Let us "Keep on keeping on" until the victory is won.

## A FINISHED TASK

By M. E. Dodd, First Baptist Church, Shreveport, La.

The last words of Jesus on the cross were, "It is finished." On another occasion He had said, "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do." What grand words are these! What a glorious experience for anyone. They are words which befit God's only begotten Son, and they are fitting words for every other child of God.

Surely there is no finer feeling on earth than to come to the end of a day, or week, or year, or the end of life with the clear consciousness that every duty has been well done, and every task has been terminated. "I have finished the work thou gavest me to do."

### Bring In Your Tithes and Offerings

With this example of our Master, it should not be an irksome thing to Southern Baptists to put forth every effort to finish the task of bringing all their tithes and offering into the Lord's house for the Lord's work before the end of the year. This is a word that needs to be sounded forth in every Baptist newspaper, from every pulpit and platform, in every Sunday School class, B. Y. P. U., and Missionary Society. Let us finish our task and close the year with a full consciousness of having done the thing to which we set our hearts and hands under the call of Christ.

### The Reflex Influence of Meeting Obligation

Entirely apart from getting in all the money possible, every bit of which is needed to supply the requirements of all the worth-while enterprises represented in our Baptist Co-operative Program, the effort to get every person to pay up prior to the end of the year would be justified on the ground of that individual's personal interest. If one can complete his obligation, but is allowed to go on without doing so, he suffers vastly more in his own character and personality than he gains by retaining the small amount of money. He also suffers more in his relationship to God, which can never be good as long as there is an undischarged duty. If one owes his next door neighbor a bill which is allowed to go on from week to week and month to month unpaid, his fellowship with that neighbor is unavoidably disturbed. How much more his fellowship with God if he allows himself to leave his obligation to God unpaid.