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TUESDAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

With President J. H. Sharp, Cash Point, in the chair and with Robert Sanders, Memphis, leading the singing and with Mrs. Frank Sturm, Memphis, at the instrument, the Tennessee Baptist Convention opened promptly at 1:30 in the First Baptist Church, Memphis, R. J. Bateman, pastor. Sang "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name," "How Firm A Foundation," "My Jesus, I Love Thee" and "Bound for the Promised Land," and S. P. Devault, Nashville, led in fervent prayer.

After adopting the report of the Program Committee, C. E. Wauford, of Knoxville, Chairman, the body went into the election of officers. J. H. Sharp, Cash Point, was re-elected President by acclamation, R. W. Selman, Chattanooga, and J. R. Black, Jackson, were chosen Vice-Presidents, Fleetwood Ball, Lexington, was re-elected Recording Secretary, and John D. Freeman, Nashville, and Noah B. Fetzer, Nashville, were re-elected Treasurer and Statistical Secretary respectively.

Merrill D. Moore, Newport, as Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on the Relief and Annuity Board. In addition to the service of the Board in other states and its service along other lines, there are in Tennessee 47 ministers and 51 widows who received help from the Relief Department in the amount of \$6,175.52 last year. The age-Security Plan, the State Convention Ministers' Retirement Plan and the Baptist Board Employees' Plan were presented, and after discussion by Merrill D. Moore and R. E. Guy, Jackson, the report was adopted, including the following recommendations:

First, that the Tennessee Baptist Convention go on record as recognizing the duty of the churches and the denomination to provide a reasonable retirement pension for the ministry.

Second, that the State Convention give its moral support to proper efforts to get all our churches to put this item in their regular annual budgets, and to get the pastors to enter the plan with their churches by paying 3% of their salaries to the Relief and Annuity Board to provide reserves from which annuities shall be paid on their retirement. This is the first step in any plan.

Third, that the State Convention appoint a special committee of nine members of the Convention, including representative laymen and women as well as ministers, which committee shall be instructed to work out with the Relief and Annuity Board a satisfactory plan for ministerial retirement along the lines suggested in this report, and reports its plan in detail to the next Convention before assuming any obligation in the matter.

President Sharp appointed committees as follows:

Committee on Committees: O. D. Fleming, Morristown, T. G. Davis, Knoxville, L. S. Ewton, Nashville, Truett Cox, Bristol, Mark Harris, Memphis.

Committee on Nominations: J. G. Hughes, Kingsport, Lucius W. Hart, Ardmore, Ira C. Dance, Ooltewah, R. E. Guy, Jackson, J. Carl McCoy, Memphis.

The **Enrollment Committee** for the Convention, previously appointed, were: S. R. Woodson, Humboldt, A. D. Nichols, Whitehouse, and H. L. Thornton, Knoxville.

The President called Secretary John D. Freeman to introduce the new pastors to the Convention, who then presented the following: L. M. Hill, Elizabethton, H. H. Stembridge, Paris, H. L. Waters, Parsons, Jack Murphy, LaFollette, Theo. James, M. Rennick, Memphis, J. L. Sullivan, Ripley, Carter Bain, and C. E. Autry, Union City.

The high light of the afternoon session was reached when Frank W. Wood, Knoxville, taking the place of W. C. Boone, Jackson, convalescing after an operation in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, delivered an address on "Grace." "Grace is love go-

ing beyond the bounds of love, love out-loving love. Grace is the Christ-likeness of God." R. K. Bennett, Stanton, who, with Mrs. L. B. Cobb at the instrument, had led the singing prior to the address, then led the congregation in singing "Saved by Grace" and the service ended in the deep consciousness of the divine Presence.

TUESDAY — EVENING SESSION

The evening session was one of power. After Mr. Sanders, with Mrs. Sturm at the instrument, had led in singing "I Am Thine, O Lord" and "Power in the Blood" and O. F. Huckaba, Nashville, had led in earnest prayer, Roy Anderson, Seymour, read the Report on Christian Education. "An education that is not saturated with the divine principles and teachings of Jesus is a weak brand of education. Thus our denominational schools exist to teach the right relationship between God and man." Among other salient facts, the report presented the following concerning our Baptist schools in the state:

Union University reported last year to the Southern Baptist Convention an enrollment for the regular term of 376. The enrollment this year is 383 of which 50 are ministerial students and 24 are preparing for other lines of special Christian work.

Tennessee College reports this year an enrollment of 100.

Carson-Newman College opened last August with an enrollment of 464, which is a gain over last year's enrollment. Of the above number enrolled, 40 are studying for the ministry and 10 are preparing for special religious work. Seven of the ministers are now serving as pastors.

Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy opened this fall with an enrollment in the high school department of 143, and in the grades 165, making a total enrollment of 307, with 33 in the senior class, which is the largest in its history. There are 20 ministerial students and three for special service, making a total of 23.

Thus we have enrolled approximately 1,300 students for this year in our schools in Tennessee, and more than one hundred are studying for the ministry or for special service in our denomination. This alone should challenge every Baptist in our state to aid in the great work of our denominational schools.

J. McKee Adams, of the Louisville Seminary, was then presented, who, speaking in the place of Kyle M. Yates, of the Seminary, recently injured in an auto accident, delivered a very fine address on "Training God's Ministers." "The only man in the world who can tell a sinner how to be saved is a sinner who has been saved." "The man who does not preach the word has made a shipwreck of the ministry."

President James T. Warren of Carson-Newman College, then introduced President J. R. Grant of Ouachita College, Arkansas, who spoke on the theme, "Education That Pays," in an address replete with humor and facts. "The education that pays is that which makes the best citizens."

The time for the Convention Sermon came. After J. Frank Cheek, Chattanooga, had led the congregation in singing "How Firm A Foundation" and Ralph Moore, Chattanooga, had read the Scripture and led in prayer, the appointee, C. W. Pope, Jefferson City, using Matt. 5:13 as a text, preached a provoking, moving, masterful sermon on "The Revival of Religious Influence." "Religion is either first in a man's life or it is a farce." In due time the sermon will appear in the Baptist and Reflector. Dismissed with prayer.

WEDNESDAY — MORNING SESSION

President Sharp called the Convention to order at 9 o'clock and Robert Anderson led in singing "Was That Somebody You?", "Trust and Obey" and "Take Time to be Holy," after which C. F.

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EDITORIAL

Magnifying the Church

In the Baptist and Reflector of Nov. 10, the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, Lawson H. Cooke, General Secretary, ran a strong, full-page presentation of its ideals and work under the heading, "Men, MAGNIFY THE CHURCH!" The gist of the presentation was in the first paragraph under the topic, THE CHURCH, as follows:

"The call to Southern Baptists is that we do magnify the church. As an organization solely, a Brotherhood has no rightful claim to existence. It justifies itself only when it strengthens and vitalizes the whole life of the church. Jesus established a CHURCH, and gave to that church a definite mission. That mission is twofold: To win souls, and to grow Christian character. The entire organizational life of a church should be so coordinated that each group—functioning specifically, but not independently—makes its full contribution to the end that the church shall occupy a position of dignity and respectability in the community, and its Christ-given mission be more readily accomplished. A Brotherhood is nothing more or less than the men of the church mobilized for the support of the entire program of their church. It is organizational, but not an organization. The Brotherhood is a movement, an influence, for the enlistment of the men of our churches in those places where they can render their best service."

Then the article goes on to show how these ideals are to be realized in The Financial Program, The Worship Service, The Teaching Service, The Training Service and The Missionary Program of the church.

It is a matter of deep gratification that a renewed and strong emphasis upon the church is being manifested among us. Again and again have we heard Mr. Rogers, Director of the Baptist Training Union forces in the state, call the B. Y. P. U's. and B. A. U's., as well as others, to the exaltation of the church, not bothering about "credits" for the work done, but let the church receive the honor. His emphasis is: **By means of the organization serve in and through and for the church to the glory of Christ.**

That these two organizations are singled out for mention does not imply by any means that there are not other people among us who magnify the church. There are others who finely do it. But these two have indicated their attitude in particularly strong words and are referred to as instances of the growing emphasis on the church.

"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Thus the New Testament exalts the church. Every preacher and teacher and officer and organization must serve in conformity to this, if their work is to meet the New Testament standard. Our organizations are important and justifiable only as, in subjection to the church, they serve in, through and for the church to the glory of our Lord. Thus serving, they are glorious.

All hail to Mr. Rogers and his forces and all others who magnify the church! All hail to Mr. Cooke and the Brotherhood in their emphasis on the church and their effort to enlist men under this banner! May "A MILLION MEN FOR CHRIST" be enlisted to join with others in our membership who "MAGNIFY THE CHURCH!"

"Perform the Doing of It"

Director of Promotion J. E. Dillard gave a forceful presentation of the Every Member Canvass in last week's Baptist and Reflector. So also did Secretary Freeman. It should move every pastor and church among us to pray, plan and put on a real canvass.

A church contemplating a building enterprise solicits and secures definite pledges toward it. An association desiring to do a piece of missionary work within its bounds solicits and secures definite pledges toward the support of it. So in the Every Member Canvass the churches estimate their financial needs for the year in their local and outside work and solicit and secure specific pledges toward meeting those needs. Thus the churches and the denomination can lay out their work in the measure which these pledges warrant.

Why should any church member object to a definite promise toward the cause of Christ as carried on by his church and by the churches in general? If someone were obligated to him, he would not be content for that man to say, "I'll not promise you any definite amount, but I'll do what I can." But he is endlessly obligated to the cause of Christ. Why should he make this statement when he is asked to make a specific pledge toward meeting that obligation? However, a worse thing is to refuse to make any promise, definite or indefinite.

Relative to an offering which he was sponsoring, Paul said that the Corinthians had "begun . . . to be forward a year ago" and that they had had "a readiness to will." Then he said, "Now, therefore perform the doing of it . . ." These expressions, "begun . . . to be forward a year ago" and "readiness to will," indicate that the Corinthians had promised their contributions to the cause in hand a year before. Paul urged them to keep their promise. Here is the principle of the Every Member Canvass: **The prior pledge and the later performance.**

If someone raises the question of promising or not promising a definite amount, let him do two things: 1. Prove that the Corinthians did not pledge a definite amount. It could have been either definite or indefinite. 2. Show that there is more scriptural essence and virtue in promising an indefinite amount than in promising a definite amount.

The period of the Every Member Canvass is upon us. Let there be a glorious "beginning to be forward" and "readiness to will" and then a glorious "doing of it," and both in accordance with the principle, **as God hath prospered him.**

Alien Immersion and the Baptists

This is the title of a recent book by W. M. Nevins, printed by the Western Recorder Press, Louisville, Kentucky. It convincingly opposes the validity of alien immersion, or immersion not administered under regular Baptist auspices, and the practice of receiving such.

Dr. Nevins' argument is that we have a God-given pattern for baptism; the Baptists, called Anabaptists, have alone preserved the pattern through the centuries; the division in Christendom has come through failure to keep the pattern; alien baptism is a modern innovation among Baptists; what it cost our fathers to keep the pattern; and shall we be true to the Scriptures and the faith of our fathers?

Among other things, he shows that baptism is not so much an expression of the faith of the candidate as it is of the faith or beliefs of the body into which he is baptized. He presents the Scriptural requirements for baptism, traces the history of alien immersion, shows its evils and vindicates the historic Baptist position in refusing to receive it. Here are found Scripture, history, logic and loyalty to Christ, His church and His truth.

This is a timely book. The preacher and the church that receive alien immersion and doctrinal "liberals" in general will not like it, but they cannot answer it and sustain the answer with Biblical and historical proof. Nor can religious sentimentalism meet the argument of the book.

Here is a book that will be a tonic to the orthodox and that sets forth facts for the weak-kneed brother seriously to ponder. We warmly commend it. May it have a wide reading—and an equally wide heeding. Of alien immersion Dr. Nevins says, "We should beware of this Trojan horse within our gates." And he shows that it is such a horse!

BAPTISTS MEET "IN MEMPHIS, DOWN IN DIXIE"

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Clark, Chattanooga, led in earnest prayer. Sang feelingly "Rock of Ages."

Under the heading of miscellaneous business, John L. Dodge, Cleveland, spoke some timely words, calling our pastors and people to be on the alert against the denominational indefiniteness and heresies of unionism. The remarks were received with sanctioning "Amens." "Baptists have the whole gospel for the whole world."

The time for the Report on Social Service and Temperance having come, the Chairman of the Committee, Roy Arbuckle, Memphis, called attention to the printed report filed for reading. With Vice-President J. R. Black, Jackson, in the chair, Judge John W. McCall, Memphis, spoke to the report. "Professionalism without production is stagnation." "The New Deal may wash the linen, but the Deal of 2,000 years ago is necessary to wash away the stain of sin." The speaker struck some strong blows at the social evils of the day.

A. M. Vollmer, Dyersburg, moved that the Convention express its commendation to the editor of The Ladies' Home Journal for its refusal to carry liquor advertising, which was unanimously adopted.

The statistical exhibit of Woman's Missionary Union for the year, as filed with the clerk by Mrs. J. Frank Seiler, Elizabethton, is as follows:

Letters	16,190
Packages	17,760
Mission Study awards	20,568
New Organizations	373
Total number of organizations:	
Woman's Missionary Societies	738
Young Woman's Auxiliaries	472
Girl's Auxiliaries	857
Royal Ambassador Chapters	400
Sunbeam Bands	464
Total organizations	2,981

Gifts

Cooperative Program	\$109,902.46
State Missions	7,945.82
Home Missions (Annie W. Armstrong)	10,332.98
Foreign Missions (Lottie Moon)	18,626.14
Jubilee Gift	3,690.00
Training School Expense Fund	1,900.00
Training School Scholarship	1,304.00
One Hundred Thousand Club	12,594.33
Other Gifts	5,961.13
Total for year October 1937-October 1938	\$172,166.86

Miss Mary Northington, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, presented Miss Margaret Bruce, Young People's Leader, who introduced Robert Sutherland, Kentucky, who then spoke instructively on the theme, "Boys and the Business of the King," emphasizing the work and value of the Royal Ambassadors. Miss Northington then introduced the State President, Mrs. R. L. Harris, Knoxville, whom the Convention greeted by rising. Mrs. Harris spoke in a very interesting way on the work of Woman's Missionary Union, supplementing the facts presented by references to the mission fields which she has visited. "We ever major on the Co-operative Program." "The pew will never have a world view until the pastor catches it."

President Sharp read a telegram of greeting from L. R. Scarborough, Texas, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Secretary was instructed to send a suitable reply.

W. Henderson Barton, Nashville, read the Report on Missions, an excellent presentation of the subject indeed. "Again we shall doubtless see in our time that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." "For many years we have maintained a strict 50-50 basis of division of funds, with gratifying results both in our state work and in our southwide co-operation. For several years past there has been a steady, though not spectacular, increase in our mission contributions."

R. S. Jones, Field Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Va., spoke in an instructive and moving way of the mission work abroad with special reference to the courage, fortitude and fruitage of the missionaries in China under the stress and strain of the war.

After President Sharp led in singing "Down at the Cross," J. B. Lawrence, Atlanta, Executive Secretary of the Home Mission Board, spoke forcefully on "The Romance of Home Missions." "It is the romance of the hidden life, of the hidden service, of working heroically at the drab task." It was a statesman-like deliverance. Dismissed with prayer by A. U. Boone, Memphis.

WEDNESDAY — AFTERNOON SESSION

Led by Mr. Sanders, the Convention sang "In the Cross of Christ I Glory" and "More Love to Thee, O Christ," and David Burris, Oakdale, led in prayer.

L. S. Ewton, Nashville, Chairman, read the Report of the Executive Board, stressing salient points. From the viewpoint

of receipts and disbursements, the following statistics were presented:

A comparison of receipts for the past four years will be of interest to many of our people.

Sources	1935	1936	1937	1938
Co-operative Program	\$212,750.88	\$221,814.99	\$220,683.04	\$226,145.65
Designations	117,247.28	106,099.40	112,820.66	109,155.82
Reported by agencies		8,161.75	16,537.40	33,761.59
Totals	\$329,998.16	\$336,076.14	\$350,061.10	\$369,063.06

The indebtedness for which your Board is responsible has been decreased by appreciable amounts during the year. All interest has been paid on these obligations, and the principle of the same stands now as follows: Building loan, \$14,225.00, a reduction of \$5,000.00; Union University, Advance on Co-operative Program receipts, \$7,814.00, a reduction during the year of \$486.00; Union University, advance on the Convention's special pledge, \$12,000.00. On this last obligation we have on hand \$4,000 which will be applied on the note at its maturity date in December.

Statistics regarding the work of missionary pastors and general missionaries were presented as follows:

		Special Workers
Missionary Pastors	76	12
Number churches served	99	
General Missionaries	3	
Part-Time Missionaries	7	
Number days labored	13,091	3,258
Sermons Preached	8,968	1,586
Addresses Delivered	2,283	981
Classes taught	2,832	1,014
Prayer meetings conducted and attended	5,019	468
By baptism	1,566	328
By letter	774	216
By restoration and statement	134	4
Total professions of faith	2,517	575
New churches organized	74	2
Sunday schools organized	71	1
Sunday school classes organized	361	3
B. Y. P. U.'s and B. A. U.'s organized	182	
W. M. U. organizations formed	85	
Other organizations set up	15	
Tracts distributed	30,843	22,766
Subscriptions to Baptist and Reflector	234	267
CHURCH BUILDINGS Erected	7	
Repaired	104	
Visits to homes	40,082	8,046
Families prayed with	13,865	3,460
Group conferences conducted	1,979	537
Personal conferences held	6,278	3,151
Committee conferences	982	235
Talks with lost about being saved	14,992	2,639
Money Collected		
For Co-operative Program	\$ 2,799.56	\$ 338.67
For designated causes	\$ 5,216.49	\$2,019.18
By Workers	\$36,336.38	\$1,105.32
Miles traveled	295,247	125,345

In addition to putting emphasis on the Group Pastorate idea, challenging opportunities and other matters included in the work, the report urged the following concerning the 1939 Evangelistic Campaign:

1. A genuine evangelistic campaign of from one to three weeks in every Baptist meeting house in the state.
2. A series of evangelistic services in every community in the state where there is no Baptist church, the meetings to be held in school houses, vacant store buildings, garages, or shops, in private homes, and under brush arbors.
3. The enlistment of at least three hundred "Revival Bands" composed of from two to ten or more laymen, women and young people, who will go to destitute fields for which no preacher can be had and there, through prayer, personal testimony, personal work, teaching, and lay preaching, seek to win the lost to Christ and to revive the saved, opening wherever possible missions through which to conserve the fruits of their labors.

January first has been set aside as a day of prayer for the crusade. Your Board believes that inestimable good may grow out of a true observance of this occasion.

Executive Secretary John D. Freeman was then called to the platform and called attention to the financial report and emphasizing special features and then read the recommendations of the Board. During the year there was a little over \$19,000.00 increase in receipts, and it was urged that we adopt as a goal at least a ten per cent increase for the current year.

With Vice-President R. W. Selman, Chattanooga, in the chair, a discussion followed as to the wisdom or unwisdom of putting into effect in the state a suggested plan of pensioning ministers upon retirement under the Relief and Annuity Board. After remarks by Secretary Freeman, R. E. Guy, Jackson, S. P. Devault, Nashville, W. C. Creasman, Nashville, L. S. Ewton, Nashville, Ralph Gwin, Columbia, Merrill D. Moore, Newport, R. A. Kimbrough, Jackson, and C. E. Wauford, Knoxville, the motion of V. E. Boston, Memphis, was adopted, referring the matter, with a retirement pension plan for Board employees to a special committee to report a year hence.

Secretary Freeman read the recommendations of a special committee on the Reorganization of Our State Mission Program, consisting of Wm. R. Rigell, Johnson City, R. J. Bateman, Memphis,

J. G. Hughes, Kingsport, H. B. Cross, Nashville, and W. C. Boone, Jackson. The more important recommendations were as follows:

That we divide the state into eight well-defined regions corresponding somewhat with the division already included in the work by the Sunday School and Training Union departments.

That we secure as soon as possible a missionary for each of the eight regions, said missionary to promote our denominational work. . . .

That we employ a full time layman to work with laymen and young men.

After discussion by H. C. Sanders, Selmer, E. F. Adams, McKenzie, Lawson H. Cooke, Memphis, and others, the recommendations were adopted.

James A. Ivey, Knoxville, read the Report on Sunday School and Brotherhood and commented on salient points therein. The following figures indicate the year's work:

Full-time workers: Field, 2; Office, 1	3
Weeks on field—special paid workers	352
Volunteer workers	467
Training schools conducted by workers	311
Enrolled in these training classes	9,368
New Sunday school classes organized by workers	20
New teachers and officers enlisted	247
Addresses made, including teaching periods	3,958
Individual Conferences on Sunday school work	1,413
Group Sunday school conferences, 508; Attendance	6,053
Churches visited by workers	1,668
Conversions	321
Additions to churches: by baptism, 36; by letter, 1	37
Tracts distributed	80,929
Letters and cards sent from office	24,845
Miles traveled	92,598
Associational meetings attended	172
Associations organized	55
New Sunday schools organized, including Missions	120
Sunday schools in the State	1,795
Churches without Sunday schools	269
Standard Sunday schools	33
Sunday schools having training schools	425
Sunday schools not having training schools	1,370
Teacher training awards granted	10,742
Individual conferences on Vacation Bible School	1,070
Group (294) V. B. S. conference attendance	3,399
V. B. S.'s worked in by workers	332
V. B. S.'s held this year	631
Number associations where V. B. S. were held	62
Number workers in V. B. S.	6,222
Enrollment in V. B. S.	47,063
Conversions in V. B. S.	1,230
V. B. S. giving to Missions (443)	\$1,250.26
Total hours Bible study in V. B. S. this year	695,908
New Cradle Roll Departments organized this year	226
Churches that have had Sunday school training schools or Vacation Bible schools or both	765
Associational Elementary Clinics	17

Jesse Daniel, State Sunday School Superintendent, was then presented and spoke splendidly on the work.

In the absence of Herman L. King, Nashville, Henry C. Rogers, State Baptist Training Union Director, called attention to particular points in the Baptist Student and Training Union work. The following statistics of the year's work were given:

	1937	1938
1. No. full-time field workers	2	2
2. No. full-time office workers	1	1
3. No. miles travelled by field workers	20,244	24,771
4. No. study courses taught by field workers	57	63
5. No. churches reached by field workers	674	687
6. No. awards issued by field workers	1,591	1,763
7. No. new unions organized by field workers	24	37
8. No. new Training Unions organized by field workers	213	297
9. No. addresses made by field workers	850	906
10. No. conferences conducted by field workers	40	37
11. No. conversions had by field workers	23	31
12. No. additions to church by field workers	6	3
13. No. associations organized by field workers	2,038	2,072
14. No. churches in Tennessee	1,117	1,281
15. No. churches having study course	756	911
16. No. churches reporting at least one union	441	516
17. No. churches having Baptist Training Union	251	324
18. No. Adult unions	738	833
19. No. Senior unions	484	590
20. No. Intermediate unions	491	566
21. No. Junior unions	69	152
22. No. Story Hours	1,964	2,313
23. Total number unions	61	60
24. No. associations in Tennessee	61	60
25. No. associations reached in study course work	46	50
26. No. organized associations in Tennessee	19,503	27,243
27. No. awards issued (Nov. 1 to Nov. 1)	247	374
28. No. new unions organized	30	50
29. No. new Training Unions organized	756	600
30. No. new tithe	6	6
31. No. regional conventions held	57	55
32. No. associations represented in these meetings	2,148	2,007
33. No. attending these meetings	378	519
34. No. volunteer workers used		

Thereupon, Norris Gilliam, Springfield, State Pastor-Advisor of the Training Union, delivered a very splendid, challenging address, emphasizing the value of our organizations when rightly used. "Organization is the distribution of responsibility in carrying out the Commission."

With Mrs. James H. Dew at the instrument, President Sharp led the congregation in singing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing." The closing address of the afternoon session was by R. Kelly White, Nashville, who spoke forcefully on "A Man," a very timely message emphasizing the imperative need of greater character in order rightly to control the material things now available. "This is the most dangerous hour in the world for a man to live and the most glorious hour in the world for the man who has the courage to live it." Dismissed with prayer by Bunyan Smith, Nashville, and the speaker.

WEDNESDAY — EVENING SESSION

After the spirited singing of "Down at the Cross," the Convention was led in prayer by Ira C. Dance, Etowah. R. Kelly White, Nashville, President of the Executive Board, read Matt. 5:35-38, and led in prayer. Sang "My Faith Looks Up to Thee."

The Committee on Committees, through the Chairman, O. D. Fleming, Morristown, recommended the following committees, which were confirmed:

Committee on the State Convention Ministers' Retirement and the Baptist Board Employees' Plan: R. E. Guy, Jackson, Merrill D. Moore, Newport, Guard Green, Nashville, Mrs. R. L. Harris, Knoxville, P. L. Ramsey, Covington, John L. Hill, Nashville, C. S. Henderson, Nashville, R. W. Selman, Chattanooga, R. N. Owen, Clarksville.

Committee on Public Relations: R. J. Bateman, Memphis, John D. Freeman, Nashville, R. Kelly White, Nashville.

Program Committee: N. M. Stigler, Martin, J. G. Hughes, Kingsport, W. C. Boone, Jackson, C. W. Pope, Jefferson City, C. H. Warren, Lebanon, J. R. Kyzar, Nashville.

At this time, according to previous decision, the Convention took up as a special order the matter of a Baptist Foundation and its charter and by-laws. Secretary John D. Freeman read a suggested charter and the by-laws. Wm. R. Rigell, Johnson City, Chairman of the Special Committee, presented an enabling resolution committing the Convention to the carrying out of the Foundation idea, which has to do with the holding and investment of funds in trust under the auspices of Tennessee Baptists and for the ongoing of the Kingdom. Chairman Rigell also presented a resolution that the Executive Board "be, and is hereby authorized and empowered to lend such assistance to Union University as may be approved by the judgment of said Executive Board." The other members of the committee were W. C. Smedley, Chattanooga, P. L. Ramsey, Covington, F. N. Smith, Clarksville.

Secretary John D. Freeman called to the platform the missionary pastors who were present and the special workers under the State Board and the various departmental heads of the state work, with their office forces, and introduced them to the Convention. I. N. Penick, Jackson, veteran in the ministry, spoke of the occasion as "the highest hour in the Convention" in his memory and asked for the singing of "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

The Secretary then called for brief addresses by the following who greatly moved the hearts of the people:

1. Vacation Bible Schools	Mrs. A. B. Clark
2. Buddies in Service	Oscar T. Nelson
3. A Joint Pastorate	U. W. Malcolm
4. Where Destitution Challenges	F. A. Tarpley
5. Lonesome Pastors	J. B. Hester
6. Our Mountains	Mrs. Louisa Carroll

Mr. Jesse Daniel and Mr. Henry C. Rogers were presented for concise remarks on the Sunday School and Baptist Training Union work in the state respectively with special reference to evangelism.

Secretary Freeman closed the high period devoted to State Missions with challenging words on "Our 1939 Task." "Tennessee Baptists must have statesmanship enough to see what is coming and be on the ground when it gets there." Standing in a pledge of renewed consecration, the Convention was dismissed with prayer by I. N. Penick, Jackson.

THURSDAY — MORNING SESSION

With President J. H. Sharp in the chair, with Mrs. R. L. Sanders at the instrument and with Mr. Sanders leading, the Convention sang "Amazing Grace" and Vice-President R. W. Selman, Chattanooga, led in prayer. Mr. Sanders effectively sang as a solo "Lead Me to Calvary." Sang, "I Am Thine, O Lord."

Under miscellaneous business, W. C. Creasman, Nashville, introduced a resolution regarding authorizing the trustees of Tennessee College to take steps to re-finance the bonded indebtedness of the institution looking toward an endowment. The resolution was adopted.

B. W. Hudson, Germantown, led in singing "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" and J. O. Williams, Nashville, led in prayer. Vice-President R. W. Selman was called to the chair.

E. B. Crain, Nashville, read the Report on Denominational Literature and forcefully commented thereon. "The powerful influence of all literature is almost unbelievable. Every book read leaves an everlasting mark either for good or evil." Report adopted.

Taking the place of Wm. McMurry, Nashville, W. C. Creasman, Nashville, presented the Report on the Tennessee Baptist

Orphans' Home and spoke instructively on the same. "From one building on a small lot in West Nashville, to its present splendid group of buildings on a farm of 465 acres, is progress worthy of the cause which inspired it." After further discussion by W. J. Stewart, Superintendent of the Home, the report was adopted.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That we look up to our Heavenly Father in humble thanksgiving for His blessings upon us through the years, and that we urge our people to remember the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home in daily prayer.
2. That the members of our rural churches be asked to continue to load the truck with provisions from their fields.
3. That women's organizations and other groups be asked to continue their extra support by providing clothing to children. Information concerning the needs of children may be secured by writing to the Superintendent.
4. That we urge all Tennessee Baptists to be regular and liberal in their support of the Home, both through the Co-operative Program and the special offerings at Christmas and on Mother's Day.
5. That special emphasis be given the Christmas offering this year, to take care of the added expense incident to the installation of the heating plant.

J. Carl McCoy, Memphis, called attention to the Report on the Baptist Memorial Hospital.

The institution was opened in 1912. Its early days were burdened with great financial difficulties, but under the leadership of Mr. A. E. Jennings it was fully established and has become one of the outstanding institutions of the South.

It is with deep gratitude in our hearts that we can report the completion of the new buildings which will greatly increase the facilities for service to humanity for which this institution was established. These new buildings provide space for 100 additional beds for the hospital and a 50% increase for doctor's offices. On August 23rd, 1937, the first spade of earth for the new buildings was turned and in September, 1938 they were completed. The total cost was about \$560,000.00. We have paid \$320,000.00 in cash and borrowed \$240,000.00.

We now have a hospital of 500 beds, 25% larger than any other privately owned hospital in the South and the largest Baptist hospital in the world. Our commercial activities now bring us a revenue of \$10,000.00 a month. The office building is rented practically 100%. We pay our debts in 24 months. We doubt whether there is a denominational institution in the United States that would undertake a building campaign of more than a half million dollars without the assistance of the denomination or some outside help.

Bro. McCoy called to the platform A. U. Boone, Hospital pastor and for 32 years the former pastor of the hostess church, and upon the suggestion of John Jeter Hurt, Jackson, the Convention arose as a mark of respect. Dr. Boone spoke feelingly to the report. Bro. McCoy also spoke briefly to the report. Upon motion of John Jeter Hurt, Jackson, the President of the Convention was instructed to convey in person the appreciation and love of the body to Mr. A. E. Jennings of the Baptist Memorial Hospital for his great work for the institution and to President E. L. Atwood of Tennessee College, a patient in the hospital. Also the Secretary was instructed to send suitable response to a telegram of greeting from the Alabama State Convention.

J. G. Hughes, Kingsport, read the Report of the Committee on Nominations, which, with other committees, will be given in a later issue of the Baptist and Reflector. On motion of John D. Freeman, Nashville, the Convention voted a three-day session next year, as formerly, instead of a two-day session.

J. O. Williams, Nashville, taking the place of W. F. Powell, Nashville, presented the Report on Co-operative Program and Hundred Thousand Club and spoke instructively on the same.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS

1. It should be strongly emphasized that the Co-operative Program is to be co-operative in fact as well as name. All agencies, all churches, all organizations and all members should work together in putting on the program.
2. We should make it very clear that we give through the Co-operative Program and not to it. The Program is a means to an end, not an end in itself. We seek by this plan to carry out the will of Christ as expressed in His Great Commission.
3. No plan however good will work itself; we must plan and pray and work and sacrifice if we are to succeed.
4. We should study and teach and preach and practice stewardship with the tithe as the minimum of Christian giving. We are in business with the Lord and for the Lord.
5. We must never separate stewardship and evangelism. The ultimate purpose of both is to glorify Christ and win the lost. No stewardship is sane and scriptural that does not look to evangelism, and no evangelism is complete or adequate that does not lead to stewardship.

Sang "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned." The Public Relations Committee, R. J. Bateman, R. Kelly White and John D. Freeman, presented protests against the persecution of and discrimination against religions and racial minorities in Rumania and Germany to be transmitted to the State Department at Washington. The protests were adopted.

Introduced with appropriate music by Mr. Sanders and Mrs. Sturm and with Scripture reading by Paul A. Wieland, Bolivar, a solemn memorial service was held in honor of those of our members who during the year went to be with the Lord. Pastor Wieland read the list of the departed and R. E. Guy, Jackson, led in prayer. Song, "Abide With Me," by R. L. Sanders. L. S. Ewton, Nashville, closed the memorial service with prayer. Lloyd T. Householder, Lewisburg, Chairman of the Committee on Obituaries and Memorial, could not be present.

The climax of the closing session of the Convention came when R. G. Lee, Memphis, spoke on the vision of the glorified Christ which John had on Patmos as recorded in Rev. 1. "He laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not." "Jesus, the Alpha and Omega, is going to have the last word." "Jesus puts His hand upon us to conquer fear." "Don't be afraid of life, I've lived it. Don't be afraid of death, I've conquered it. Don't be

afraid of eternity, I inhabit it." It was a great and moving message.

Then after prayer by the speaker and a song, "Close to Thee," and with right hands uplifted in a pledge of re-consecration, the Convention adjourned in a deep and blessed consciousness of the presence of God.

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TENNESSEE BAPTIST MINISTERS' CONFERENCE

It was not the editor's privilege to attend the Baptist Pastors' Conference held on the eve of the State Convention. No program was received by the Baptist and Reflector for publication prior to the meeting.

The emphasis of the Conference was upon Evangelism, with the following program being followed:

- 9:30 Song Service—Directed by Pastor L. B. Cobb, Memphis
 - 9:40 Devotions—Pastor J. L. Trent, Kingsport
 - 9:55 Election of Officers
 - 10:00 "What Is New Testament Evangelism?"—Pastor Dwight H. Willett, Erwin
 - 10:25 Special Music—Pastor L. B. Cobb, Memphis
 - 10:30 "The Pastor As Evangelist"—Pastor C. H. Warren, Lebanon
 - 10:50 "The Supreme Passion"—Pastor Robert G. Lee, Memphis
 - 11:30 Special Music—Pastor L. B. Cobb, Memphis
 - 11:35 "Evangelism Among Southern Baptists"—Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Atlanta
- H. J. Huey, Milan, H. W. Crook, Nashville, and J. G. Hughes, Kingsport, were the Program Committee.

CONVENTION PARAGRAPHS

The Convention was steady, constructive and optimistic. An experience of grace, consistency of life and loyalty to the faith and to the worldwide missionary program of Christ were splendidly emphasized.

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If any one doubts the orthodoxy of Tennessee Baptists, he ought to have been present and heard the declarations of Bible truths that were made and the "Amen's" which greeted those declarations.

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It was a matter of deep regret that three pastors who would otherwise have attended the Convention were prevented from attending this year: Pastors E. P. Baker, LaBelle Church, Memphis and J. G. Lott, Calvary Church, Memphis, and Pastor W. C. Boone, of the First Church, Jackson. It is a matter of thankfulness that Bro. Baker is recovering from a recent illness and Brethren Lott and Boone are recovering from recent major operations.

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The editor expresses his thanks for particular courtesies received to Pastors D. A. Ellis, McLean Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, and Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, L. B. Cobb, Seventh Street Baptist Church, Memphis, W. F. Carlton, Raleigh Baptist Church, Raleigh, and S. C. Grigsby, Knoxville, pastor Mt. Olive Baptist Church, and Mr. A. E. Jennings of the Baptist Memorial Hospital.

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The new \$500,000 addition to the Baptist Memorial Hospital is a wonderful structure. On Monday night the chapel was dedicated, with Dr. F. F. Brown of the First Church, Knoxville, as the principal speaker. The chapel is one of the most beautiful we have ever seen. The institution is performing a marvelous service for mankind and the glory of Christ. Mr. A. E. Jennings, Chairman of the Executive Board of the Hospital, now satisfactorily recovering from a recent serious operation, and one of the main factors in the life of the institution, is moved to tears of joy over its growth and ministry.

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A particularly enjoyable feature during the Convention period was the Fellowship Supper Wednesday night in the basement of the First Church, sponsored by Mr. Henry C. Rogers and Jesse Daniel under the auspices of the Training Union and Sunday School Departments respectively. The main speaker was Dr. Clifton J. Allen, Associate Editorial Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

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It was an abiding inspiration to see Fleetwood Ball, Lexington, the Recording Secretary of the Convention for the past twenty-five years, still carrying faithfully on despite the fact that the years have left their mark upon him. Earth is richer because of him and so will heaven be when God takes him home. With all other Tennessee Baptists, we salute this faithful friend and fellow servant.

They Like The Co-operative Program

J. E. Dillard

Our Co-operative Program is justified in the light of experience and is constantly growing in favor with our people. They like it.

Our agencies like it because it removes the least temptation to unseemly rivalry, promotes the closest co-operation, and provides funds for all causes in proportion to their relative budget needs.

Our pastors like it because it enables them to carry on their church programs and to represent and present the Kingdom causes themselves without having to surrender their pulpit at frequent intervals to agents of the several causes.

The church organizations like it because it enables them to contribute systematically and proportionately to all the causes of the denomination.

The congregations like it because it lifts the offering from the level of a begging ordeal to that of a worship service.

The poor man likes it because he can have a part in supporting all the work even if his offering must be small.

The rich man likes it because he is assured that the funds are raised and disbursed honestly, equitably and economically.

The parents and teachers like it because it trains the young in the way they should go and promises much for tomorrow.

The boys and girls like it because it assures them that they have a real part in the whole program of their church.

The only ones I know who do not like it are the ones who have not tried it, and the test of the pudding is not in its looks. Let's all try it!

A Brother Minister Commended

By Sam P. Martin

I write a few lines regarding the pastor and work of the First Baptist Church, Erwin, Tennessee, where I recently spent nearly two weeks in a revival.

I have known this gifted preacher and pastor, Dr. Dwight H. Willett, and his good wife for many years. I do not know in the Baptist ministry a better trained and equipped man. He possesses the fine traits of grace, poise, sanity in leadership, aggressiveness and constructiveness. He is a Baptist of whom none need be ashamed. He rightly divides the word of God and stands for the entire New Testament program in church life and doctrine. A pastor for some time in the Northern Baptist Convention and teaching the Bible at the same time in the Seminary at Kansas City, he did not falter an instant in his devotion or his convictions. He is every inch a Southern Baptist and capable of filling any pulpit in the Southern Baptist Convention, being thoroughly a college trained man and a graduate of the Seminary at Louisville. Tennessee Baptists have gained tremendously by the coming of this princely preacher among them.

The First Baptist Church at Erwin is forging ahead under his brilliant leadership. The church had a really gracious meeting, for which we are genuinely thankful. I was the guest of the pastor and his gracious wife and family, and certainly no preacher was ever more cordially and fully entertained. Harry O. Wester of Clinton directed the music as nearly perfectly as it can be done. I had blessed fellowship, not only with the pastor and his family, but also with my old friend, A. C. Sherwood, a former pastor of the church. The Lord continue His blessing on the pastor and his people.

—First Baptist Church, Murray, Ky.

P. S. God bless you in giving to our Baptist people such a strong, well-balanced paper for these wobbly times.

Dr. Maddry's Itinerary

On the eighteenth of November, Dr. Charles E. Maddry, Executive Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, sails for Europe, en route to Madras, India, where he will represent Southern Baptists at the International Missionary Council, December 12-30. His itinerary is as follows:

- November 18—Leave New York on the S. S. Queen Mary.
- November 26—Leave Marseilles on the S. S. Carthage.
- Dec. 12-30—c/o Madras Christian College, Tambaram, Madras, India.
- January 5—Leave Bombay on the S. S. Conte Biancamano.
- January 16—Arrive Naples, Italy.
- January 19—Leave Naples by S. S. Conte Di Savoia.
- January 26—Arrive in New York.

RECEIPTS FOR OCTOBER, 1938

Co-operative Program	\$43,293.45
Designated Gifts	14,336.01
China Emergency Fund	26.00
China Relief Fund	1,024.31
Debt	3,061.39
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering	218.09
Miscellaneous	997.75
Total	\$62,957.00

Note: China Emergency Fund gifts go to aid the Baptist missionaries who have, through the ravages of war, lost their homes and their possessions. CHINA RELIEF FUND contributions provide for homeless refugees.

For This Cause

This little book, written by Inabelle G. Coleman and abounding in information and inspiration, is available and invaluable to individuals and groups as they approach the time of the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The first edition was exhausted some time ago, but a second issue is ready and may be secured through the Baptist Book Store serving your state. Price twenty-five cents.

Everette Barnard Ordained

A Council of Ordination, called by the Sequatchie Baptist Church, met September 25, 1938, at 2:30 o'clock, to ordain the pastor, Everette Barnard.

The Council was composed of Rev. N. V. Underwood, South Pittsburg, moderator; Rev. R. A. Hudson, South Pittsburg, clerk; Rev. J. H. Graham, Long Island, Ala.; Bro. Alan Anderson, ordained deacon, Sequatchie, who, after examination of candidate, recommended that the church authorize them to proceed with the ordination.

The service proceeded with congregational singing and prayer by Bro. James Smith of Rockwood. Rev. N. V. Underwood preached the ordination sermon, "The One Faith," text Eph. 4:5, followed by the ordination prayer by Bro. Graham and the laying on of hands by the Council. Bro. Graham delivered the charge to the candidate, after which Bro. Hudson delivered the charge to the church.

The service was concluded with a song and prayer by Bro. Millard Walker of Rockwood.

Neslie V. Underwood, Moderator,
Robt. A. Hudson, Clerk.

Consolation Corner

By J. Luther McAliley

Have you ever considered how worth while it is to cultivate your imagination judiciously? No other faculty of the mind, perhaps, is more important than a vivid and active imagination which visualizes the highest and best things.

"The faculty of imagination is the great spring of human activity, and the principal source of human improvement Destroy this faculty, and the condition of man will become as stationary as that of the brutes."

Has not Stewart offered in these words a plausible reason why there are so many people who pass through life with no other record of their passing than that they ate, drank, slept and labored as little as possible through all those years?

The dog, the cat, the horse, cow, pig, and every other animal, which we call the brute, has no faculty of imagination. All their days follow a monotonous routine of eating, sleeping and doing nothing else unless made to do so.

When a human being lives his life in no otherwise, is it not because he has allowed that God-given faculty—imagination—to die within him? "Where there is no vision the people perish." God gave man the mental faculty of imagination in order that he might have clear vision of things he can be and can do.

God gave men imagination that they might build great works of art and utility. The towering buildings, the stretching cables on ocean floors, the mighty engines speeding on endless rails, the awe-inspiring bridges that span the streams, the tunnels that lie beneath the swirling rivers—every sort of man-made device was first conceived and built in the imaginations of men before it could be born to actual material being.

Imagination makes little gods of men; with it they bring things to pass; without it they are mere brutes.

British Churches And Rumanian Repression

London, England.—The Federal Council of the Free Churches of England, and the National Free Church Council of England and Wales have adopted resolutions which have been forwarded to the Rumanian Government and to the Patriarch at Bukarest. The Baptist Union of Scotland has taken similar action. Associations and Churches throughout Britain have also expressed themselves. A typical example of the resolutions is that of the National Free Church Council which reads as follows:

"That the Executive Committee of the National Council of the Evangelical Free Churches of England and Wales has been informed of the issue in Rumania of an administrative decree by the Ministry of Cults (No. 26208 published on June 14, last), which contravenes the accepted principles of religious freedom, and would have the effect of closing hundreds of churches including almost the whole of those of the Baptist communion in the land.

In the name of the Free Churches of England and Wales, the members of which are animated by a spirit of sympathy and friendship for the King and people of Rumania, the National Council is compelled to record the pain and sorrow which the news of this decree has occasioned among them. The members would earnestly and respectfully ask that the Royal Government of Rumania will withdraw the decree, and grant to the Baptist people, and churches the full liberty which they enjoy in other lands.

The National Council further recalls that at the Oxford Conference of 1937, in which members of the various communions in its membership (Congregationalist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Moravian, and the Society of Friends as well as Baptist) participated, the Rumanian Orthodox Church accepted through its officially appointed delegates a Report setting forth the rights and liberty of Christian Churches in a sense entirely opposed to that of the administrative decree. It therefore appeals to His Sanctity the Rumanian Patriarch to exert his great influence as Prime Minister as well as chief officer of the Church to secure the annulment of the decree and the acknowledgment of the Baptist Communion as a recognized cult.

Copies of this resolution to be forwarded to His Sanctity the Patriarch, His Excellency the Rumanian Minister in London and the Under Secretary of State, Foreign Office."

as set forth (for example) by the Oxford Conference of 1937, in which the Rumanian Orthodox Church participated.

4. It embodies the entirely false principle that the freedom and rights of Christian churches are dependent upon their numerical strength.

5. Its application would involve the closing of practically all the meeting-places of the Baptist communion in Rumania.

6. Already, before the day appointed for the full application of the *decizie*, Baptist churches have been closed under its provisions, and Baptist preachers arrested and imprisoned for exercising their right to preach the Gospel.

In view of the direct responsibility of the Rumanian Orthodox Church for this *decizie*, since the Minister whose signature it bears is an Archbishop, and the Government of which he is a member has at its head the Patriarch, the (Insert name of **Protesting Organization**) recalls the terms of the Oxford Conference Report accepted by the delegates of the Rumanian Orthodox Church: "All Churches should renounce the use of the coercive power of the State in matters of religion."

The (Insert name of **organization**) protests against this serious infringement of the rights of citizens who loyally fulfill all their civic duties including military service, and earnestly entreats the Royal Government of Rumania to withdraw the *Decizie*, to grant full freedom to those now subject to its restrictions, and to establish by law the status and rights of the Baptist Churches throughout the whole of Rumania as a recognized Christian communion (*cult recunoscut*).

Centennial And Revival Closes At Maysville

The First Baptist Church at Maysville, Ky., has just closed a period of activity unprecedented in her history. The entire month of October was devoted to a centennial observance and revival of far reaching results, there being thirty-six additions to the church; twenty-two for baptism.

A more helpful group of workers could not have been found than Dr. William H. Ford, pastor of the Broadway Church, Knoxville, Tennessee and Mr. and Mrs. W. Earl Robinson of the Third Church of Owensboro, Kentucky.

Dr. Ford preached the old story with simplicity, but with charm and eloquence. His deep earnestness held capacity audiences from night to night. Small wonder that souls were born into the Kingdom and church members rededicated their lives.

The Robinsons were here on their second visit and again charmed and delighted our people in the rendition of solo-duet and instrumental numbers. Their evident sincerity and personal work was a large factor in the splendid results achieved.

The church as a whole has caught a new vision of her mission. The ground work for the revival was largely laid in the centennial period and pre-revival activity by a number of our denominational leaders and pastors. Participating on the programs were: Dr. John L. Hill; Dr. Fred Moffatt; Dr. T. Eugene West; Dr. J. T. Henderson; Dr. J. E. Dillard; Dr. R. S. Jones; Dr. James T. McNew; Dr. Kyle M. Yates; Miss Josephine Jones; Dr. George Ragland; Dr. O. E. Turner and Rev. R. R. Couey.

Under the aggressive leadership of our pastor, Rev. A. D. Odom, who has just rounded out his first year with us, the church has made great strides. A spacious new basement was completed just prior to the centennial observance and served as a banquet room for four banquets featuring "Youth Night," "Brotherhood Night," "Missionary Night" and "Home Coming Day." The basement will serve for two Sunday school departments and a recreational room for youth. A new heating plant has been installed, zone controlled. We pass this news of our activity on to our brethren, because it has meant so much to us and because we know you will rejoice with us.—C. N. Bolinger, Chairman, Boards of Deacons.

Religious Repression In Rumania Protest And Appeal

Richmond, Virginia, November 9, 1938.—The Foreign Mission Board has gratefully received scores of resolutions and protests against the persecution of Rumanian Baptists. For the convenience of conventions, associations, churches and other organizations wishing to express their sympathy and to voice their appeal in behalf of their 60,000 Baptist sisters and brothers in Rumania, Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, Executive Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, has furnished the following model:

PROTEST AND APPEAL IN BEHALF OF RUMANIAN BAPTISTS

The (Insert name and address of church, association or organization sending this protest.), whose members cherish entire good will to the people of Rumania and their Kings, is constrained to record its solemn protest against the administrative ordinance (*Decizie*) No. 26208, published on June 14th last by the Rumanian Minister of Cults, Archbishop Colan, on the following grounds among others:

1. The *decizie* in question is directly opposed to the principle of religious freedom, which includes liberty of private and public worship, preaching and teaching.

2. It subordinates churches to the secular authority by denying their right to determine the nature of their church government and the qualifications of their ministers and members, and in other ways.

3. It denies the generally acknowledged right of the Church,

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

For December 4, 1938

By LeRoy Steele, Oakwood Baptist Church
Knoxville, Tenn.

"The Sin of Lying"

Lesson Text: Exodus 20:16; Matthew 15:19-20; John 8:42-47; Ephesians 4:25.

Golden Text: "Behold, thou desirest truth in the inward parts." Psalm 51:6.

It is said that two different preachers preached from the same pulpit on the same day. The first said, "Human nature has only to see goodness to embrace it. Let Truth be set before men and they gladly bow before it." The second, whether to answer the first or not, said, "Human nature has only to see goodness to hate it. Let Truth be set before men and they crucify it." We are of the opinion that the second preacher came nearer the truth. Certainly Goodness and Truth were never more beautifully and attractively exemplified than in Him who said, "I am the Truth." For a while they would have set Him upon a throne and made Him their king. But, Human nature was so depraved that they soon gave ear to lies about His person, His motives and His mission. Men nailed Truth to a cruel cross and we are afraid they are still at it in this far distant day.

Back in the past century, Henry Ward Beecher delivered a lecture to young men in which he listed twelve causes of dishonesty. They were, a natural inclination to dishonesty which men find in their bosoms and against which even the most meticulously honest have to contend; parental example; dishonesty learned from employers who demand it of the employee; extravagance; debt; the ease of bankruptcy; a desire to outsmart the law; political expediency; a corrupt public sense of morals; the love of money, as an end in itself; the ease of obtaining executive clemency; the desire for adventure in the world of speculation. The same lecture with the same warnings might be given today.

I. THE NINTH COMMANDMENT. "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

We have been studying commandments which were designed to protect the sacredness of human life, of the castle man calls his home and of his personal property. This one has to do with the sacredness of his reputation.

This commandment does not deal simply with the giving of false testimony in court under oath. It takes in ALL that we have to say about our fellowmen. What dull, uninteresting affairs many of our social gatherings would be if this commandment were taken literally. An invitation to many such gatherings is an invitation to enter a contest with those present in exaggerating the shortcomings of those not present. If it were possible to eliminate every untrue statement made at such an affair there would be long spaces of silence and the guests would soon leave for home.

James was right when he said, "The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." A young man has just recently been convicted of poisoning one whom he judged to be his enemy and is to pay with his life for the crime. There would be an alarming decline in the population if the same procedure were followed against those who scatter abroad the poison of malicious slander.

And, they are, many times, just as guilty of murder as if they had killed by a more direct, though more barbaric, manner. It was Solomon who said, "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches." And it was Shakespeare who opined that whoever stole his purse would discover that he had gained nothing but trash but that he who stole his good name would get something which would make the thief no richer but would leave the victim a pauper.

One who would never dream of taking the witness stand to swear falsely against his neighbor may, for his own entertainment or that of his listeners or, for the sake of enhancing opinion about himself to the detriment of another, do that same neighbor a more grave injustice and a more serious injury by careless or malicious talk. Against every gossip and contemptible slanderer there thunders out this commandment of the God we all must face, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor." We suppose it would be true to say that this is the most common and the least abhorred sin of the greatest number of people we know.

Even when we have positive knowledge of evil concerning another there can be no good motive in our hearts if we delight in the telling of it. We once heard an old man give this advice, "If you can't say something good about your fellowmen, don't say anything at all." And, we are to remember that it is not necessary to actually speak evil to ruin another's good name. Many a man has been condemned in the minds of others by a sly wink, the shrugging of the shoulders or the spreading of the hands which say, "I KNOW something but I won't tell it."

II. JESUS AND TRUTH.

If Jesus had been a practicing physician He would never have treated a boil by rubbing salve on the skin. He would have said to the patient, "This eruption is but the effect of something seriously wrong in the bloodstream. We must set that right and your boils will disappear." He was not concerned so much with what men did as He was with what made them do it. He saw men's behaviour as the natural outcropping of what was in their hearts.

Now, in this, as in almost every other matter, He was at odds with the Pharisees. These men made much ado over the washing of hands, the cleansing of the body, a great show of religious zeal in ritual and ceremony and abstinence from certain kinds of food and drink. Jesus knew that they were concerned only with outward appearances while their hearts were far from God. He could hardly have held a pasture among them for He called them blind leaders of the blind, whited sepulchres and children of their father, the devil: He told His disciples, "Except your righteousness exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees ye shall in no wise see the kingdom of God."

In these passages from Matthew and John, Jesus is teaching that it is not what goes into a man that defiles, or condemns,

him but what comes out of him. He is emphasizing the importance of squaring the condition of the heart with conduct. He is calling for genuineness and sincerity. He is saying that the reason men are murderers, adulterers, fornicators, thieves, liars and blasphemers is because they are murderers, adulterers, fornicators, thieves, liars and blasphemers AT HEART. "All these," He said "proceed from the heart." It is for this reason that He demands the surrender of the heart to Himself.

If these men had been right AT HEART they would have shown their love for God, they would have understood Jesus, His Son, they would have been drawn to Him, the malice against Him which grew in their hearts day by day would never have driven them to murder the Truth. There is an interesting commentary, here, on the teaching that all men are the children of God. "Ye are of your father, the devil," He said to these hypocrites. There is but one way to become a child of God and that way is through redemption.

Notice where Jesus puts the false swearer. In the same breath He names the murderer, the adulterer, the blasphemer, the thief AND THE LIAR. In John's fearful picture of the damned we see the liar going his way to the lake of fire along with all the rest. Now, Jesus says, the fact that people are liars, that they swear falsely, that they tell evil concerning their neighbors, is evidence of an unregenerate heart. If, in our hearts, we love truth—and Jesus in the heart brings love for the truth—we will speak the truth. We leave this thought, prayerfully, with each of you who has spoken disparagingly of another this past week. If I love to gossip and to slander, I had better concern myself with my own spiritual condition. IT MAY BE an indication that I am still lost and that my pretense of having known Christ is all a sham.

III. THE CHRISTIAN AND TRUTH.

We hardly expect the unsaved to bear the fruits of the saved. If we meet with a liar who has never been born again it is no surprise. Why some folks are tearing their hair trying to get unregenerate men to subscribe to the tenets of the so-called "Social Gospel" is more than we can understand. It might be possible to stir resolutions in crooked politicians and business men which will induce them to make certain promises of reform but, like the hog returning to her wallowing in the mire and the dog going back to his vomit, it won't be long before they are just as crooked as ever. The only hope for a Christian society is for every individual in that society to be born anew from above.

But, when we meet with the genuine Christian, we expect to see the fruits which naturally flow from hearts that have been made over. One such fruit is truth. By that is meant true living and true speaking. Sincerity is one of the foremost of Christian virtues. The Christian's word ought to be dependable. He ought to inspire confidence in all who know him. There is no more effective method of manifesting our Christian fellowship than by truth in all our contacts and speech with one another. One of the tests Jesus applies to our discipleship is, "By THIS shall all men know that ye are my disciples, that ye love one another." If I love you I will never speak ill of you and I will certainly never swear falsely concerning you. We need to ponder these words of Paul's, "Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor," and these of James, "Speak not evil one of another."

THE YOUNG SOUTH

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A MONKEY'S MEDITATION

(DAVID E. GUYTON, Blue Mountain, Miss.)

*A monkey musing in his cage
Upon the progress of the age,
Half-whispered as I happened by,
"This Evolution is a lie."*

*Surprised to hear him speak so plain,
I paused profounder truths to gain.
Unconscious I was there to heed,
He thus continued with his creed:*

*"For mortal man to try to trace
Descent from our illustrious race
Is rank injustice to our clan.
The monkey much surpasses man.*

*"In bloody wars men butcher men.
They slander both with tongue and pen.
They cheat, they lie, they swear, they steal;
And wild with wine, they rock and reel.*

*"They trample justice in the dust,
They loll in luxury and lust.
They sell their very selves for gold,
Their men, their women, young and old.*

*"They laugh at late, they twist the truth,
They crucify the dreams of youth.
Their hearts are hard as solid stone.
They worship God with lips alone.*

*"Man thus has left a trail of crime,
Too foul to sanctify with time.
The record of the human race
Brings flaming blushes to my face.*

*"The monkey leads the simple life,
Is loyal to his wedded wife.
No lady monkey yet, of course,
Has ever sought or won a divorce.*

*"The monkey home is still serene,
The father, king, the mother, queen.
The little monkeys, too, obey
Their parents in the good old way.*

*"We have no haunts of sin and shame.
No racketeers our ranks defame.
Our record stands an open book
At which the world has leave to look.*

*"No self-respecting monkey can
Admit himself akin to man.
By all the gods that reign on high,
This Evolution is a lie."*

—Selected.

A QUESTION OF HONESTY

A young man entered a hotel just another patron. He emerged four days later a distinguished figure. The cost of this distinction to him was 40 cents.

Stopping to pay his bill on departure, he found it didn't match his figures.

"See here, this statement isn't right," he said to the cashier.

"If it isn't, we'll make it right, sir. Have we overcharged you?"

"No. But you haven't entered all the items against me. I made some telephone calls not listed here."

The clerk checked back on the telephone records. Nothing could be found.

Undaunted, the guest insisted another search be made. The entry was finally discovered on the account of another man with the same last name. The guest paid it and thanked the clerk. It was a small sum but

the hotel was doubly grateful, because it prevented a blow-up by the other man—one of the best customers, but with a hair-trigger disposition.

A year later the young man paid another visit to the hotel. The manager called on him and extended to him the hospitality of the place. Today his credit is unlimited there, and nothing is too good for him.

That was more than common honesty, it was honesty with a whole conscience, sometimes called scrupulousness. It was also immensely more clever than simply calling attention to the mistake and letting it go when the clerk couldn't find it. And it won the good will of an entire establishment.

There are innumerable ways to cheat—which means there are just as many ways of being rigidly honest. I talked the other day with a dealer in roofing supplies. He told me some builders in his community put tile roof on with iron nails. They save a few dollars, but shortened the life of the roof. However one man, who takes pride in his work, never uses anything but copper nails, whether the contract requires it or not. Word has passed around about this man being absolutely honest in little things, and he is getting the big things—the choicest contracts.

It was the first J. Pierpont Morgan, I think, who used to say, "I know one man I wouldn't lend a cent if he offered me a million dollars in security, simply because he's a crook. But there's another one to whom I'd lend a million on his word alone, because he never cheats."

During the war a manufacturer with a government contract cheated on shoes, putting on paper soles instead of leather. One doughboy, whose feet were cut and bleeding because of that crookedness, remembered. Years later he passed on a million-dollar contract. One bidder was unceremoniously ruled out—the paper-sole racketeer.

Have you noticed how seldom we hear the expression "He's a man of honor" and "His word is as good as his bond" nowadays? The "smart" thing may be to get by with a sharp deal; but the really clever thing in the long run is an untouchable integrity.

A broker told me not long ago of the involved procedure connected with the transfer of real estate. Then he wistfully recalled the practice in his boyhood days in Sweden.

"When my father sold his farm, he and the buyer went arm in arm out to a corner of the field. The money was paid over; then my father reached down, picked up a handful of dirt and placed it in the hands of the other man. They shook hands. The deal was completed and the title was never questioned."

Could such a thing be done if absolute honesty didn't inhere in the persons involved—even in the very customs and character of the entire community?

Probably no man ever had a longer or more distinguished career in the world of sports than the veteran coach, A. A. Stagg, who, though past 70, is still a driving force in athletics. For 42 years he was the idol of students and graduates of the University of Chicago. Yet he is more admired for

his rugged character and uncompromising honesty, no matter what the cost.

An eminently successful business man told recently how his whole life had been changed, 40 years ago, by a little incident on the baseball diamond. Stagg's champion baseball team was defending its college title. The batter had singled and one of Stagg's men was racing home with the winning run.

Stagg came rushing up to meet him. "Get back to third base!" he shouted. "You cut it by a yard."

"But the umpire didn't see it," the runner protested.

"That doesn't make any difference!" roared Stagg. "Get back!"

It cost a game but a character battle was won.

"When I saw that," said the business man, "I determined always to play square. I've done it to the best of my ability and my life has been immeasurably happier for it."

It can be made a game—this matter of abiding integrity. And the cleverest player is not the one with the greatest talent, but the one who gives his conscience the freest rein.—Clipped.



"When I'm a man, shall I stop growing at both ends?"

"Yes, dear."

"H'm; then I suppose I shall start growing in the middle like daddy?"—Ex.

Two trucks met on a country road just wide enough for one. Truck Driver, No. 1, a scrawny, frail little man, leaned out of his cab.

"Turn out, you," he shouted. "If ya don't, I'll do to you what I did to the last guy who wouldn't turn out for me."

Big, bull-chested Driver No. 2, not caring to have trouble, pulled out. But as the other truck rumbled by, he yelled:

"What'd ya do to that other guy?"

"Turned out for him," said Truck Driver, No. 1.—Ex.

Preacher to Boy—"What is the best thing you ever heard your preacher say?"

Boy to Preacher—"Let us stand and receive the benediction."

What is a comet?

A star with a tail.

Very good; name one.

Mickey Mouse.—Ex.

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REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL AND BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT (Continued)

In last week's issue of the Baptist and Reflector we gave some of the accomplishments which have been made during the year. In this issue we wish to give recognition to some of those who have done so much in making this great year's record possible.

Sunday School and Brotherhood Department

In bringing this report of the work done through the Sunday School and Brotherhood Department of your Board, we express our deep appreciation to the Board for its backing and liberal support and to our Heavenly Father for His leadership and guidance continuously throughout the year just gone. This has been a good year "whereof we are glad" and the leaders of the other departments have given the finest co-operation and in the best possible spirit. Hundreds of others have given their time and energy as shown in this report.

Recognitions. We give recognition to those who have made this record possible. We mention first our Executive Board. Dr. John D. Freeman, the Executive Secretary, has been untiring in his devotion and support to this department of the Board's work. Dr. Taylor has given us extra space in the paper on special occasions and in every way possible backed the program that we have put on. Mr. Rogers has co-operated with us in a fine way and in a number of cases led his workers to conduct Vacation Bible schools during his special campaign. Miss Northington has urged the women all along to conduct schools and has boosted the work in general.

Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Clark, and Miss Williams, general missionaries, and the part-time missionaries have done an unusual piece of work for our department.

The Sunday School Board, as in the past, has supported our program financially and with their co-operation helped in so many ways. Dr. Holcomb is always sympathetic in all his dealings with us and never fails to give his support to all worthy programs that are put on in our state. Every leader of the several departments of the Board have stood ready to serve us when at all possible.

Regular Paid Workers. We wish to express our gratitude to Mr. Andrew Allen, who went to the Sunday School Board January 1 as Secretary of the Elementary Department, for all he has done in making this good year's record possible and for his timely suggestions and words of encouragement from time to time. It was a real joy to work by his side during the two and one-half years he served as our very efficient leader. We rejoice with his many friends over the fine work he is doing in his new and challenging field.

We would also like to express our sincere appreciation for the excellent service rendered this department by Miss Clara McCarty as office secretary, who also went to the Elementary Department of the Sunday School Board on April 1.

Then for the newest member of our force, Miss Janie Lannom, formerly of the Elementary Department of the Sunday School

Board, who came to this department as office secretary, April 1. Miss Lannom has been untiring in her efforts. She is faithful and efficient, a hard worker and a result getter. She is ever watchful to see that what we need on the field is gotten out and that our work is not hampered by delays or errors. She is happy when she is serving the people in Tennessee.

Now the oldest member of our force our own Miss Zella Mai Collie, who has served as Elementary Leader for fifteen years, was married on June 23 to Rev. D. Chester Sparks, pastor of Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, Tennessee. Mrs. Sparks has done a marvelous piece of work as Elementary Leader in Tennessee and her many friends will miss her fine spirit. We shall ever be grateful to God for her faithful and efficient services in our state.

State Approved Sunday School Workers. These workers have rendered valuable service. They have done a good work in teaching training schools, helping in Sunday school clinics, conducting enlargement campaigns, writing letters, and getting out bulletins to the workers over the state. They are as follows: Mrs. F. L. West, Extension Department; Dr. Norris Gilliam, Adult Department; Miss Frances Ewton, Young People's Department; Mrs. Marie Lowry, Intermediate Department.

Special Summer Workers. We want you to know our efficient force of summer workers. They are as follows: Juanita Pugh, Myrtle Treece, James Wood, James Canada, Elizabeth Yancey, D. W. Picklesimer, Ralph Norton, Lorene Holland, Una Harris, Edna Earl Hutcherson, Charles Lemons, Harold D. Tallant, Zella Sipe, Hobert Ford, William Bates, Oscar Lumpkin, E. N. Chandler, Evie Tucker, Vestal Tarpley, William Medling, James Massey, Thomas Pope, Virginia King, Marian Brimm, William Barker, Floyd Chunn. These workers were assigned from one to four associations each. They worked through the associational Sunday School officers in contacting the churches, planning and promoting the work. This method made it possible for us to give proper emphasis to all our work over the state by associations.

We were able to create a fine spirit of friendly rivalry among our workers and at the same time get the work done without the workers traveling long distances. Many of these workers were able to conduct a Vacation Bible School during the day and teach a Sunday school training course at night. To this force we give much credit for the summer's accomplishments.

Part-Time Paid Workers. These workers have been used in special associational-wide campaigns in promoting different types of schools. They, too, have done a great work. H. H. Allen, Richard Allmon, Mrs. B. F. Bean, Mrs. A. J. Campbell, Nita Coker, Mrs. Louisa Carroll, Ruby Doyle, T. W. Carl, Simpson Daniel, Kathleen Deakins, H. W. Farris, Mary Gifford, Leonard F. Gassaway, Mrs. W. J. Keith, Harry Laws, Marvin Miller, Ernest Olds, Alfred M. Senter, H. B. Woodward, W. H. Pangle, William Hall, Mrs. Austin Crouch.

BROTHERHOOD CONFERENCE, MEMPHIS

A very fine and enthusiastic meeting of the laymen of Tennessee was held in connection with the Baptist State Convention at Memphis, November 14 and 15. We had a good representation of the laymen of Tennessee. Dr. Ira Seal of Holly Springs, Mississippi and Dr. V. E. Boston, Memphis, brought the principle addresses on Monday night. Mr. Lawson Cooke, Southwide Secretary of the Brotherhood work, brought the address Tuesday morning.

Book Reviews

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Bible Religion by Millar Burrows. Abingdon Press, 150 Fifth Ave., N. Y. 91 pp. 50 cents.

The substance of a series of lectures given before various groups of young people and adults by Millar Burrows, Winkley Professor of Biblical Theology, Yale University. The purpose of the book is to give in brief and simple account the chief results of Biblical Scholarship as regards the growth of religion in the Bible.

The author rejects Verbal inspiration of the Bible, says that we first come to what we can consider as Biblical religion with Moses. He says that Isaiah is the first prophet to state explicitly and emphatically that there is only one God. He says that no hope of a future life is given as an answer to Job's problem. He also makes the statement that "Jesus believed sickness was caused by demons, which we no longer believe," etc. In all of this we cannot agree with the author. I cannot recommend this book even at the price of 50 cents.

H. G. L.

Byways To Highways by J. W. Storer. 121 pp. Nashville: Broadman Press. \$1.00.

In going through the piles of advice dumped daily upon his doorsteps a preacher occasionally finds a splendid piece coming from one who has done something himself. This is distinctly true of the well-known Tulsa pastor's delightful and instructive little book. The material was originally published in The Sunday School Builder, but here it has been revised. Dr. Storer has a sparkling literary style and withal a neat sense of humor. "I sometimes wonder how Abraham Lincoln ever became President, when he had no dietitian to dictate the quantity of calories, or a playground supervisor to show him the proper rhythm in tapdancing." This book has as much sound sense on Church and Sunday School work as I ever saw in the same space. It would be a good investment if churches would put a copy of it into the hands of every pastor, Sunday School superintendent and teacher. Dr. Storer is one of the few men alive who can write a chapter on Evangelism without cracking down on every evangelist dead and alive. Like all the Broadman publications the book has a decent regard for one's budget.

—Noel Smith.

Baptist Training Union

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The following report was submitted to the State Convention which met in Memphis November 15, 16, 17:

The Baptist Student Union

A. **Baptist Student Secretaries.** We have two full-time Student Secretaries who are serving in a most acceptable manner. Mr. Frank Grubb, on the campus of University of Tennessee, and Mr. Sammie Martin, on the campuses in Nashville. The State Student Department aids in paying the salaries of these gifted young men. Mr. Charles Bryan serves part-time on the campus at T. P. I., and his salary is supplemented by the State Student Department. Miss Frances Barbour is the Student Secretary at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis and is doing a noteworthy piece of work.

B. **South-wide Student Convention.** No State Convention was held this year, but the meeting was held in connection with the South-wide Student Conference which met in Memphis on October 27-28-29-30. Around 3,000 students were in this great meeting. The officers elected at this meeting to serve as officers of Tennessee Convention for the incoming year are: President, Mr. Clyde Bryan; Vice-President, Mr. Charles Millican; Secretary, Miss Mildred Massa; Reporter, Miss Anne King Newman.

C. **First Magnitude.** Four of our Baptist Student Organizations were recognized as having attained the highest possible efficiency. These were at Carson-Newman, Tennessee College, Union University, and Baptist Hospital.

Report of the Baptist Training Union

A. **Our Five-Year Program.** The attainments on our 5-year Program are most challenging since many of the attainments are well on their way to victory. Some of the specific objectives for this program and the attainments on October 1 this year are:

1. Organize 1,000 new B.Y.P.U.'s and B.A.U.'s.....Attained 894
2. Organize 250 new Training Unions.....Attained 118
3. Have 500 Standard B.Y.P.U.'s and B.A.U.'s.....Attained 247
4. Have 50 Standard Training Unions.....Attained 17
5. Have 100,000 Study Course Awards.....Attained 69,126
6. Have 3,000 new tithers.....Attained 2,378
7. Have 60 Associations organized for Training Union Work.....Attained 50

B. **Mission Study Course.** This summer the Training Union promoted a definite study of missions in every association in the state. In 1935 a study of Baptist Doctrine was promoted; in 1936 a study of Stewardship of Money; and in 1937 a study of Soul-Winning. The books that were used during 1938 were "Southern Baptists in World Service," "Messengers of Light," and "Trail Makers in Other Lands." Surely, the keynote of this special emphasis was amply fulfilled. The keynote was "Ask, and it

shall be given unto you; seek and ye shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you." The facts speak for themselves.

No. people reached.....17,472
 No. completing courses.....8,213
 No. churches entering campaign (983 of these were rural churches).....1,147
 No. of conversions during campaign.....67
 No. of volunteer workers used (no pay).....608

C. **Standardization.** Much stress has been put on Standardization this past year both in our city and rural churches. The churches attaining the General Standard for Training Union work are:

Jefferson City First Church, Jefferson Association
 Judson Memorial Church, Nashville Association
 New Hope Church, Nashville Association
 Old Hickory Church, Nashville Association
 Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville Association
 New Home Church, New Salem Association
 Rocky Point Church, Nolachucky
 Morristown First Church, Nolachucky Association
 Big Springs Church, Ocoee Association
 Concord Church, Ocoee Association
 Ridgedale Church, Ocoee Association
 Tabernacle Church, Ocoee Association

D. **Statistics.** Statistics are as a rule very dry, but a glance at these will make your heart rejoice. Our State Training and Student Union workers have every reason to "praise God from whom all blessings flow."

	1937	1938
1. No. full-time field workers.....	2	2
2. No. full-time office workers.....	1	1
3. No. miles travelled by field workers.....	20,244	24,771
4. No. study courses taught by field workers.....	57	63
5. No. churches reached by field workers.....	674	687
6. No. awards issued by field workers.....	1,591	1,763
7. No. new unions organized by field workers.....	24	37
8. No. new Training Unions organized by field workers.....	3	11
9. No. addresses made by field workers.....	213	297
10. No. conferences conducted by field workers.....	850	906
11. No. conversions had by field workers.....	40	37
12. No. additions to church by field workers.....	23	31
13. No. associations organized by field workers.....	6	3
14. No. churches in Tennessee.....	2,038	2,072
15. No. churches having study course.....	1,117	1,281
16. No. churches reporting at least one union.....	756	911
17. No. churches having Baptist Training Union.....	441	516
18. No. adult unions.....	251	324
19. No. Senior unions.....	738	833
20. No. Intermediate unions.....	484	590
21. No. Junior unions.....	69	152
22. No. Story Hours.....	1,964	2,313
23. Total number unions.....	61	60
24. No. associations in Tennessee.....	61	60
25. No. associations reached in study course work.....	46	50
26. No. organized associations in Tennessee.....	46	50
27. No. awards issued (Nov. 1 to Nov. 1).....	19,50	27,243
28. No. new unions organized.....	247	374
29. No. new Training Unions organized.....	30	50
30. No. new tithers.....	756	600
31. No. regional conventions held.....	6	6
32. No. associations represented in these meetings.....	57	55
33. No. attending these meetings.....	2,148	2,007
34. No. volunteer workers used.....	578	519

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E. **Recommendations.** It is the wish of your committee that the Training Union work of our churches continue as they have done to magnify the church above the unit organization and we beg to recommend:

1. That every church be asked to cooperate to send messengers to the State Training Union Convention meeting in Nashville on November 23-24-25.

2. That every church now having a Training Union be urged to enlarge their unions wherever possible.

3. That every church not having a Training unit be urged to install one as early as possible. (To churches never having had a Training Union, the literature will be furnished free for the first quarter.)

4. That every Baptist church in Tennessee strive to observe "Youth Week" next April 9-15, 1939.

5. That the weeks of June 11, June 18, and June 25 be given over to a Statewide Study Course fostered by Training Union Department.

6. That all Baptist churches contemplating new buildings or remodeling, write to Dr. P. E. Burroughs at the Baptist Sunday School Board and request plans for taking care of the Training Union as well as the Sunday school. In the Junior and Intermediate Departments, every pair of rooms should have a movable partition between the rooms so that two class rooms may be made into one B. Y. P. U. room. Some of the larger churches are already remodeling these departments to take care of this need.

Respectfully submitted,

Herman L. King.

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A LETTER FROM MISS GRUVER NAZARETH

Baptist Mission
Nazareth, Palestine
October 17, 1938

Dear Miss Mary:

Please forgive this long delayed letter for I did mean to write while on ship-board, but like most good intentions a letter never completed although one was begun.

The voyage over was marvelous. I don't believe the sea ever was so calm or the weather ever so beautiful. Everyone on the ship was very kind to me and I made several friends among the Presbyterian missionaries. There was quite a group of them coming out to Egypt and Syria. The stops at Marseille and Naples were most interesting and enjoyable.

The Eddlemans met me in Haifa and brought me on to Nazareth with them. It was good to see Sarah again and to really visit with her. We talked a blue streak trying to catch up on a year's separation; even now I am still remembering things to tell her. After a week here, I went on down to Jerusalem to visit Miss Clor and Miss Fenderson and tried my best to give them all the messages I had for them from people back home. Besides visiting in the various clubs and classes at the Center, we managed to do a little sightseeing and covered the most well-known places. I had to pinch myself every now and then to convince myself that I was really in Jerusalem at last, for it seemed almost like a dream.

Back in Nazareth, the work of getting settled and into language study became of first importance. Sarah and I are having our classes together, and every morning finds us trying to talk with a teacher who knows about as little English as we do Arabic. Leo comes to our rescue when all three of us fail to make a certain meaning clear and away we go again. Then two afternoons of the week we have a grammar lesson with an Arab man who has a very good knowledge of English. It is most difficult, needless to say, and sometimes I find myself sounding like a cross of all things living, trying to pronounce different sounds. But we are determined to learn it, and hope that we will be able to make ourselves understood a little in a short time.

I am very anxious to learn enough to be able to do a little work with the young people. There seems to be so much to be done in this country, in spite of the fact that it is the birthplace of Christianity. As one looks about, there is little evidence of real Christianity in the lives of people. Especially during this time, when the need is so great, there is a heart-breaking lack of Christ-like spirit even among those who claim to follow Him. Every phase of life is so pregnant with hatred, distrust, and blood-lust, that it is impossible to carry on a casual conversation without becoming involved in a tirade of rank political emotions. We can but live our own lives in the true light of Christ's, exhibiting His Spirit in our own hearts, and pray that out of the chaotic turmoil of these days, He will be able to bring His Peace into the heart and lives of His people, and work

His will on earth. Will you pray with us?

Will you please express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the people of Tennessee who so kindly helped me prepare for this service? I wish I could thank each one personally for all that they did. The gifts were lovely, and all so useful and practical that it seemed my every need was anticipated. I pray that the years to come will justify the interest and love which the ladies and young people have shown, for I shall do my best to bring honor to them and to my Lord.

With deepest love,
—Kate Ellen Gruver.

ARE YOU READY FOR CHRISTMAS?

Blanche S. White

God's plan for that great event which we call Christmas required thousands of years. All down those centuries when Enoch walked with God; and Abram went out in faith to a country which God would, in His own good time, show him; and Moses guided the children of Israel in wilderness wanderings; and Joshua led them into the Promised Land; all down the years with Samuel and other good rulers of Israel God was preparing for Christmas. In Babylonian captivity, and in the restorations, God was preparing for Christmas. In that long line of good men and women who produced John the Baptist and Joseph and Mary, God was preparing for Christmas. Surely one month is not too much for you and me to give in preparation for Christmas, 1938!

First. There is a preparation of mind and attitude. Are we willing this year to keep Christmas for Christ? To put Him first; to set aside His gift before we plan other gifts; to make our gift to Him worthy of the gifts this season brings to us from Him? Christmas for Christ! Have we really decided on our Christmas gift to Christ?

Second. We must prepare our hearts for the Christmas season by reading again and again the Christmas story and looking again and again upon the fields yet waiting for the laborers whom our Christmas Offering will provide and equip.

One hundred and twenty-five missionaries, 13 of whom are on our own Tennessee W. M. U. list. Nine cents for each hour; \$2.20 for each day; \$15.40 for each week; \$66.67 for each month; \$800 for the year—this is our part in the service of one of our foreign missionaries, plus earnest prayer for his or her field.

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Look over the list carefully and prepare your heart for the Christmas season, as it rejoices over these varied gifts, each one offering a way in which we can honor Jesus Christ.

We should, in the third place, prepare others for Christmas, as we, like the an-

gels, broadcast the message, "Fear not, for I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people." Just one month—November—to prepare our minds and hearts and gifts and broadcast to others the glorious message.

A LETTER FROM LORENE TILFORD

37 C Brenan Rd.
Shanghai, China
September 1, 1938.

Dear Miss Mary:

When your letter came in the spring I put it aside with a group of unanswered mail until the summer vacation when I expected to have time to write everyone. I was planning to remain in Shanghai during the vacation period and I knew that there would be long summer days for writing. But Miss Marlowe had a bad heart attack in May and her condition did not improve with the coming of summer, therefore the greater part of my summer, I spent being a companion to her; reading and doing what I could to make her comfortable. I kept up the work at the church, B. Y. P. U. chair, and Sunday school until Miss Marlowe's serious attack the latter part of July and from that time until she sailed for America on August 20th, I was with her constantly. Since she sailed, the 20th of August, I have rested, had the house cleaned and started to make preparations for the fall work. School will open September 5th.

Beyond a doubt this experience has been the most distressing that I have ever experienced. I am so fond of Miss Marlowe. She has been a precious Senior missionary and has prepared the way for me in such a splendid way. I do feel that our people love me and much of this is due to Miss Marlowe. Just seeing her suffer with those serious heart attacks and I being unable to do anything for her was enough to break my heart. Then when her condition gradually grew more serious and we were advised by Miss Marlowe's doctor and our own Dr. Ayres, who was resting in Shanghai and who was called in for consultation, to send her to America; I felt that I could not give her up. Both of these doctors give us very little hope of recovery and they even expressed a doubt that she would be able to get safely to America. Today we had a cable from Honolulu and we are thankful that she is more than two-thirds on her way home. Her brother will meet her at the coast and take her to the Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. The doctors have said six months in America for rest. It may be that long, it may be a year and it may be that she will never return to China. God has been good to me and has given me strength for each day as it came to me.

Of course, being human, I would shrink from the heavy burden of the work, a new missionary in China, not yet finished two years of language study and under these abnormal conditions. Helen Yates, who married in July, has promised to teach some of the Grammar classes this fall. Mrs. Williams is back with us in Shanghai and Mrs. Rankin will teach three Bible classes so that takes away some of the burden of teaching. God is surely being gracious to me. It seems that we are going to have a good enrollment this year. Already there are 270 enrolled in the middle and primary schools. We were unable to get a better location for the church and the school so we are opening this fall term in the old residences which Miss Marlowe rented last year at the beginning of the hostilities. A little paint and plaster makes

old things appear in better condition and they are adding to the attractiveness of the place.

Monday of this week the teachers were out here for a Retreat. The spirit was splendid and their courage in going forward in face of difficulties make me ashamed of myself when I would shrink from any task. The teachers were 100% in attendance. Our Senior class this year is the largest that the school has ever had—twenty-four in all. I am looking forward to my Bible class in Psalms with this group. Exchange is so high now that only yesterday \$5.00 gold brought almost enough to keep one girl in school for one semester. Many of our students are going to need help this year, too, and it is fortunate for us in one way that gold is so high.

Alice Wong, our kindergarten teacher, has a scholarship in Baptist Bible Institute this year and was sailing August 20th. The Mission was able to make arrangements for her to be in the cabin with Miss Marlowe to care for her on the trip home. We were fortunate in being able to make this arrangement. Alice loves Rose like a daughter and will do everything in her power to make her happy and comfortable on the voyage. But again it is going to be hard to do without both of them this year. Alice will be in America three years. While she is in America I hope that you will have the opportunity to meet her. She is a wonderful person and we have great faith in her possibilities. Her Chinese and missionary friends made it possible for her to go to America after Miss Plowden was able to get the scholarship for her at B. B. I.

We are going to have an interesting household this fall and winter. A Chinese family, relatives of the owners of this house, are living on our second floor. There is a baby about eight months, and a younger brother of high school age. Mrs. Wu is a gracious, pretty little Chinese lady and Mr. Wu, the husband, an energetic business man. The missionaries in the house will be Miss Laneau of Soochow, who will teach in the Soochow schools that are opening in Shanghai this fall; Edith Boyd of the University Middle School faculty; and possibly Orma Melton of the Northern Baptist Mission, who is to teach in a Mothercraft school which has opened near us. Rose left the housekeeping in my care and I shall do my best to make a comfortable home for all of us. We are so fortunate to have this beautiful, light, comfortable house.

What a nice long newsy letter your letter of the 21st of April is! I have just re-read it and thank you for taking time out of your busy days to write me so much. I enjoy the Tennessee paper and also the Western Recorder and try to keep up with these two states that I love. From many sources I had heard of the good meetings that you had at the Tennessee Convention and also in Richmond. I should have enjoyed them both. The Baptist Association meetings for this section were held in August, but Rose's condition made it impossible for me to go. Those of us who speak Cantonese are left out of things in this section any way as all of the meetings are conducted in either Mandarin or Shanghai dialect. Our B. Y. P. U. had a Retreat last Saturday on the campus of a Methodist school, which was not destroyed during the war and the young people said that they did not want any one at that meeting who did not speak and understand Cantonese. They were darling about it. We did have a good day with twenty-six present.

I am sure that as you hear and read of the terror in Shanghai that you wonder how we can live any kind of a normal life, but it is surprising how we go along about our tasks in spite of danger, Japanese soldiers and heartbreaking tragedies. St. Luke's Hospital is near us and every day I see more than a hundred poor refugees waiting for the clinic to open. There is a camp next door to us and how sweet it is to hear them singing hymns at 8:00 A. M., 12:00 and 4:30 P. M. every day. On the other side of us and to the back of our house, there is a squatter's village of grass huts; refugees who are trying to make a living off of the land. And we know the end is not yet! Dr. Maddy is planning to come to the East in the winter and we wonder what changes he will make in our work. It is true that Shanghai is full of missionaries, but it is also full of Chinese, and there is much work to be done.

Ask the women to pray for Rose, and to remember her with cards and letters while she is in the hospital. I am going to count on your prayers as I undertake the most challenging task that I have ever faced. I feel so weak and unprepared for it and know that I cannot do it in my own strength so shall lean heavily upon Him and depend much on your prayers. I love you and my Tennessee friends. Best wishes, love and prayers for you as you go into your fall program.

Lovingly,

Lorene.

SYMPATHY

The Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union extend love and sympathy to Miss Kathleen Mallory, Executive Secretary of the W. M. U. of the South, in the passing of her sister, Mrs. Bessie Dansby, in Selma, Alabama, November 10.

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By THE EDITOR

R. T. Skinner of the First Church, Bowling Green, Ky., received 70 additions as the result of the preaching of L. E. Holt of Kilgore, Ark.

L. G. Frey, Jackson, who began his work at Alamo the fourth Sunday in November, preached for them on the Fifth Sunday and an offering was taken amounting to \$729.00 to pay on their church debt.

In the recent revival in the First Baptist Church, Springfield, Norris Gilliam, pastor, in which the preaching was done by Evangelist J. W. Kramer, 15 received Christ as Savior and united with the church by baptism and 22 united with the church in other ways.

Judson Memorial Baptist Church, Nashville, Herbert Barclay Cross, pastor, recently experienced a three weeks' revival, which is described as the best held in the church in years. W. Carey Barker, of Lynchburg, Va., did the preaching. There were 84 additions to the church, 52 of them by baptism.

The hearts of Pastor H. L. Carter and the First Baptist Church, Ridgely, are rejoicing over the enthusiastic movement and plan on foot to build a new educational plant there. The building fund is growing rapidly.

During the six years that John L. Whorton has been pastor of the First Baptist Church, Longview, Texas, 3,467 members have been received, 1,307 of them by baptism, and the sum of \$263,878.70 has been contributed, \$73,779.15 of it to missions. He has recently been re-appointed to the Executive Board of the state where he has served for twelve consecutive years.

A Men's Club has been organized in the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, C. S. Henderson, pastor. The Nashville Tennessean recently carried the picture of the officers, who are: Walter Casey, president; Dr. Harvey Reese and Dean Fred Lewis, first and second vice-presidents respectively; and Carl Hinrich, secretary-treasurer.

There were 92 additions, 58 by baptism, to the First Baptist Church, Muskogee, Okla., during a meeting conducted by Dr. L. R. Scarborough. Out of 44 additions on the final day of the meeting, 20 were grown men. A. N. Hall is the revered and honored pastor of the church.

Brother Leon M. Hill was recently ordained by the Southside Baptist Church, Elizabethton, the ordination sermon being preached by C. L. Bowden, pastor of the

First Church, Elizabethton. Brother Hill is pastor of both the Southside and Eastside Churches of that city.

Brother Paul Green of Dyer writes that the Sunday school attendance of the Dyer Church on November 13 was the largest they have had in the new church. There were 221 present.

Madison Association sponsored Fifth Sunday Meetings at Cave Springs, Liberty Grove, Spring Creek and Poplar Corner Baptist churches. Missions, Evangelism and the Co-operative Program were featured and the attendance was unusually good.

The best write-up in the daily papers of the recent State Convention in Memphis was in the Nashville Banner by Don Norman, teacher of Journalism and Junior Bible in Tennessee College, who recently did such splendid work for a special issue of the Baptist and Reflector.

His many friends will be glad to know that President E. L. Atwood of Tennessee College, who has been a patient in the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, is greatly improved and steadily improving.

Upon the invitation of the B. S. U. of Blue Mountain College, Mrs. J. O. Williams, Nashville, recently delivered a series of messages at the institution on "Worship." She also spoke at the noonday prayer meeting on "Finding the Best Way" and at chapel gave one of her famous "chalk talks." The reporter, Miss Tom Womack, writes that Mrs. Williams' visit "has been a blessing to all of the students."

The First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, celebrated on Nov. 13, the twenty-third anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. Millard A. Jenkins. In this period, 7,790 members have been received and \$1,135,419.04 has been contributed to all causes. The past year 391 members were received and \$37,544.96 was contributed. The present membership is 3,065.

Missionary Pastor W. F. Wright, Jamestown, faithful pastor and associational worker, is giving up the pastorate at Jamestown the first of the year in order to become associational missionary in Riverside Association. His territory will be the five counties covered by the association. The association also includes a portion of another county.

To the editor of a Knoxville daily paper favoring motion picture shows on Sunday, a proposal recently defeated two to one in that city, Pastor Sam P. White recently propounded a series of questions, which, so far as we know, have not yet been answered and we predict never will be. There are two many dilemmas for the Knoxville editor.

The office appreciated the visit last week of Carlyle Brooks, Southside singer, Box 781, Atlanta, Ga. He was on his way to Atlanta from singing in a meeting in the First Baptist Church, Hannibal, Mo., Joseph P. Grant, pastor, in which the preaching was done by W. H. Horton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Mayfield, Ky., and in which there were some 39 professions and additions, with others to follow.

Birmingham (Ala.) Association is one of the largest district Baptist groups in the

world. Last year they reported 100 churches, 47,000 members, contributions for local work of \$342,644.26 and for denominational work outside the association, \$77,905.19. They own and operate two hospitals, which earned \$50,000 during the year—yet some of us are opposed to large Baptist associations.—J. D. F.

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A. V. Pickern, Jr., Knoxville, has been called as pastor of the Valley Grove Baptist Church in Knox County, and is also supplying at Stock Creek Baptist Church in Chilhowee Association, Pastor W. A. Carroll having resigned there.

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T. C. Crume, evangelist from Florence, Ky., has been with the McCalla Avenue Church, Knoxville, during the simultaneous campaign there in which thirty churches participated. T. C. Wyatt is pastor, and also director of evangelism in the campaign. Fifty additions to the church had been received at the last report.

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Recently a revival was conducted in the First Baptist Church of Dickson in which some great results were seen and felt. The church was greatly strengthened and eleven new additions received, eight by baptism and three by letter. Rev. V. Floyd Starke, of Carthage, Tenn., did the preaching and his spiritual messages are yet being discussed and appreciated. It is a joy to commend him to any church or brother as an evangelist.—J. T. Barbee, Pastor.

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D. B. Bowers, pastor of Cowan and Decherd Baptist Churches, recently conducted a revival with Bethel Baptist Church in Watauga Association where he was pastor eighteen years ago and where he has since been called back for three revival campaigns. The meeting was one of the greatest in the church's history. Sixteen united with the church and fifteen others were reclaimed and lined up for definite service.

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F. F. Brown, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, and Mr. Gayle Holcomb, musical director of the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark., recently closed at Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., Wm. Harrison Williams, pastor. The meeting lasted a week. The pastor speaks in high praise of the minister and singer and says that the results of the meeting will last for many years in the life of the church.

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During the past year the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Frank W. Wood, pastor, had ninety-two baptisms, the largest number in any one year in the twenty-one year's history of the church. The pastor and his family have moved into the new home provided by the church. A special "open house" was held under the direction of the church trustees and their wives. The house was beautifully decorated with flowers from classes and individuals and the pantry was well stocked with many good things.

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The War Department will hold an examination on December 6 and 7, Washington, D. C., for the appointment of chaplains, one of whom shall be a Southern Baptist. He must be a citizen of the United States between the age of 23 and 34, regularly ordained, duly accredited graduate of a four year college and three years theo-

On Nov. 18, at his home in Knoxville, Cecil H. Baker went to be with the Lord. He was a trustee of Carson-Newman College and of the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home, a faithful deacon in the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, treasurer of the church for several years and also was active in the Brotherhood work. The Lord's grace be upon the sorrowing.

logical seminary, actively engaged in the ministry and credited with three years' pastoral experience. Application blanks will be furnished upon request to the Adjutant General, Washington, D. C., and must be in official hands by December 1st.

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After nearly nine years as the effective pastor of the First Baptist Church, Elizabethon, Chesley L. Bowden has accepted the call of the Riverside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla., and will assume his duties the first of December. A graduate of Union University and of the Seminary at Fort Worth, he was formerly pastor at Humboldt, has been a member of the Executive Board for some time and is a member of the special committee studying the matter of setting up a Baptist Foundation in the state. Congratulations to Florida Baptists, but he will be greatly missed in Tennessee.

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A FINE MEETING AT FORDTOWN BAPTIST CHURCH

The writer is 71 past, has been preaching over 40 years, and pastor at Fordtown since 1907. Bro. Paul Roberts of Johnson City was with us in the meeting, and did most of the preaching. He is comparatively a young man and has rather remarkable evangelistic gifts, and preaches in a safe, sane, sound, sensible, Scriptural manner, with no clap-trap methods. The visible results of the meeting were about 75 professions and renewals. There were 56 additions to the church, 50 baptized. To God be glory! The people unanimously invited Bro. Roberts to help in another meeting.—A. J. Watkins, Talbott, Tenn.

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Presidents of world's four largest Baptist organizations in the respective fields are Baylor University graduates. They are Dr. George W. Truett, president of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. L. R. Scarborough, president of the Southern Baptist Convention; Dr. J. Howard Williams, president of the Baptist General Convention of Texas; and former Governor Pat M. Neff, president of Baylor University. Dr. J. D. Tidwell, head of the Baylor Bible department, also an alumnus, has just retired from presidency of the state Baptist unit. A panel picture of occupants of the four high offices was printed and distributed recently for framing and display purposes.

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Baptist and Reflector regrets that previously received material prevents its running in full an article by Victor H. Coffman, pastor Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Smith, Ark., of whose mother the editor used to be pastor in Kentucky. The article is an account of a recent gracious revival in the Immanuel in which the preaching was done by Russell Morse Brougher, formerly pastor for ten years of Temple Baptist Church, Brooklyn, N. Y., and in which Mrs. Brougher, a talented musician

and splendid worker with the women and young people, also rendered valuable aid. Pastor Coffman describes Dr. Brougher as "a great gospel preacher" and says: "Never have we seen a membership so completely revived as in this meeting" and, "He leaves no problems for the pastor to solve. Any pastor can count himself happy to have this great man of God and his wife in his church."

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A LETTER FROM RUTLEDGE

We had such an unusually good church service here at Rutledge yesterday morning and evening that I just felt constrained to write you a line about it.

We had 170 in Sunday school. We had the house crowded to capacity at both the morning and evening service. We had 21 additions to our church—6 for baptism and 15 by letter. It was really a great one day revival.

The truck from the Orphans' Home was here last Thursday. We loaded it to capacity and they were not able to carry all the farm produce offerings. The truck will call for the rest of it later, I think.

In my pastorate at Powder Springs I closed a very successful revival. It continued two weeks at night only with 34 additions to the church—22 for baptism. This was the greatest revival in that little town for years.

At my other pastorate at Washburn we are well on the way in the construction of a house of worship. Construction is of native sandstone. Ample Sunday school facilities are being provided.

When I can serve you in any way call me.

—C. B. Cabbage, Pastor.

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With the Churches: Elizabethon—First received 1 for baptism. Donelson—Pastor Green baptized 1. McMinville—Magness Memorial, Pastor Minks, received 1 addition, 1 restoration, baptized 1. Cleveland—Big Spring welcomed 1 by letter, 2 for baptism. Harriman—Trenton Street received 1 by letter. Murfreesboro—First welcomed 4 by letter, 1 for baptism. Kingsport—First welcomed 4 by letter, 1 for baptism. Rossville, Ga.—South received 1 by letter. Ringgold, Ga. welcomed 1 by letter, 5 for baptism. Lakeview, Ga.—First received 1 by letter, 2 for baptism. Nashville—Third, Pastor Smith, welcomed 4 by letter, 2 for baptism, baptized 1; Immanuel received 1 by letter; Edgefield, Pastor Barton, received 1 by letter, baptized 4. Knoxville—Euclid Avenue, Pastor Pickern baptized 3; Broadway welcomed 2 by letter, 2 for baptism; Fifth Avenue welcomed 3 additions. Memphis—Boulevard received 1 for baptism; Seventh Street, Pastor Cobb, welcomed 2 for baptism, 1 by letter, baptized 20; Temple welcomed 3 additions; Bellevue welcomed 26 additions. Chattanooga—Brainern welcomed 3 by letter; Alton Park welcomed 5 by letter; Central received 1 by letter; Red Bank received 2 by letter; Woodland Park, Pastor Stansel, received 1 for baptism, baptized 2; East Lake received 1 by letter; Avondale, Pastor Lindsay baptized 1; Highland Park received 1 by letter.

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, ALCOA

Mrs. E. L. Cathey sends a clipping from the Maryville Enterprise concerning the First Baptist Church, Alcoa. The clipping, slightly condensed, is as follows:

Several classes were combined Sunday to hear Layman H. C. Blanc of Knoxville teach the lesson. Mr. Blanc has taught in Sunday schools for over fifty years and recently resigned his class so that he might

devote more of his time to other churches. During the past year he has visited 35 churches and encouraged them in their work. In connection with the lesson he brought out several beautiful thoughts. He said, "The greatest sin of the Christian people is leaving things undone," and "that every command in God's word to the Christian is to go forward."

Mr. Blanc spoke at the morning service on tithing. He gave us a clear insight to the things that can be done if we only follow God's plan. He also gave us a short sketch of his life as a tither and it seems miraculous to press into one brief life so much of service and accomplishments. We were very fortunate to hear Mr. Blanc.

The program for a new church building is now under way and within the next year we will see a beautiful building close by the site of the old one. People here are tithing as we have never done so before. Each Sunday we have new tithers, and people are awakening to the fact that they have been robbing God of the things that are rightfully His. Our collections have increased from \$39 on October 23, to \$182 on November 6.

Our slogan is: "It can be done if God is first with every one."

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**DR. DAVID M. GARDNER IN GREAT
REVIVAL WITH EDGEFIELD CHURCH,
NASHVILLE**



DAVID M. GARDNER

Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, has recently closed a most successful revival with Dr. David M. Gardner of the First Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Fla., as guest preacher assisting the pastor, W. Henderson Barton. The music was conducted by Mr. H. H. Barnett, evangelistic singer of Linden, Tenn. There were fifty additions to the church, thirty of whom came by baptism and twenty by letter and statement. It was notable that the majority of those received were adults, many of them men in middle life. Concerning Dr. Gardner, who is a native of the Volunteer State, Pastor Barton says: "He is a winsome and effective preacher of the pure gospel. His preaching is strongly constructive—edifying without dullness, interesting without sensationalism, and definitely helpful to both pastor and church."

Dr. Gardner is widely known, for he not only ministers to the members of his own church but is also pastor to thousands of winter visitors to Florida who attend his great church in St. Petersburg. Although

his church auditorium seats more than 1,400 persons, it has been found necessary for several seasons to have two morning preaching services in order to accommodate the crowds. His reading public know him both as a frequent contributor to several Baptist periodicals and also as the author of "A Rainbow for Every Cloud," a book of sermons that has been one of the Sunday School Board's best sellers for the past three years. Another volume of sermons from his pen entitled "Radiant Realities" is expected from the press in a few weeks.

Edgefield Church, which is now in its 73rd year, is the second oldest Baptist Church in Nashville. It has had a succession of distinguished pastors among whom the best known names are those of Doctors John O. Rust, Charles Spurgeon Gardner, Lloyd T. Wilson, Arch C. Crce and William Lunsford. During the more than eight years of the present pastorate there have been nearly seven hundred additions to the church. The church is entering enthusiastically into the Southwide evangelistic campaign and has set its goal at not less than one hundred baptisms for the year.

**GOOD LETTERS FROM SUBSCRIBERS
ABOUT THEIR SUBSCRIPTIONS**

Mt. Juliet, Tenn.

I see where some have been saying how long they have been subscribers to the state paper.

I have not been a personal subscriber as long as some, but I doubt if many have had the paper in their homes longer than I. I am seventy-four years old and have never known a time when it was not in my father's home.

My father, Rev. A. Sperry, was a continuous subscriber until his death in 1912. Then mother kept it up until her death in 1925. Since then I have kept it. I hope to be able to get it the remainder of my life. I feel like I can't do without it, even if I have to leave off something else.

Mrs. D. S. Ellis.

P. S. I have heard mother say that father was taking the paper when they married in 1856—missed getting it a short time during the Civil War.

Kenton, Tenn.

Several years before my mother died, she handed me a bundle of papers and one of them was published by Bro. Howell about 1840. I think that my father was a subscriber to the paper (The Baptist) most of the time for sixty years. In July, 1876, I handed Dr. Graves \$2.00 for the Baptist

paper and he said, "Read! Read!" I wish I could say to every young person, "Read! Read!" You are giving us a good paper. I was born Feb. 1, 1856.

J. L. Thompson.

P. S. I have been a subscriber or reader of the paper since July, 1876.

Editor's Note: We thank both of these tried and true friends of the paper for their letters and for their loyalty. Through the years they have carried on and are still carrying on. The paper could not get along without such friends. Baptist and Reflector combines and continues "The Baptist," first published in January, 1835, and "The Baptist Reflector," founded in 1874 and later combined with another paper, "The American Baptist," under the name "The American Baptist Reflector." In 1889, E. E. Folk, having bought the latter paper, effected a consolidation with "The Baptist" and called the combined paper "The Baptist and Reflector," the name it bears today. The paper sends its hearty greetings to both Mrs. Ellis and Bro. Thompson. What other veteran subscribers will write us?

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