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Our Fall Training Program

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A Training School for the Workers of Every Church During October. That is our slogan for the training of Sunday school workers as we enter upon the fall program. We hope that a class or school will be held in every church or in every association in reach of every church, in which the workers of every church will be enlisted.

October is the beginning of the Sunday school year. In many cases new officers and teachers have been selected and should make the best preparation possible for their duties. And workers already in service should continue their studies. All should study the general administration and department books of the Training Course, which will be offered at this time, that they may be able to reach larger numbers, to do better teaching, and to win more people to Christ for the advancement of His cause and for the glory of His name.

The Value of Training

By JOHN D. FREEMAN, *Executive Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention*



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Everyone who has had the privilege of coaching an athletic team knows the supreme value of training. During my days as high school teacher it was my duty to coach the ball team, and I learned the vast difference between one who has been properly trained and one who has not. Paul knew this great fact, and more than once referred to the athletic events of his day for illustration. He knew that just as a runner must be prepared, if he would win, so must the Christian be trained if he would be a workman who needs not to be ashamed.

The effort of State Superintendent, Mr. Daniel, to provide a training school for every possible church should receive the heartiest support from every pastor and superintendent in the state. Teaching the Bible is a great task and a glorious privilege. At the same time it imposes a responsibility which should weigh heavily upon everyone who tries to do it. Let us all join hands in the effort to make the fall training school program the most far-reaching and effective we have ever known in Tennessee.

We Must Train

By JESSE DANIEL, *State Sunday School Superintendent*



MR. JESSE DANIEL

Every Baptist Church should "Reap the benefits of a Sunday School Training School." Someone has said, "No achievement of any kind is impossible if you understand clearly what you are to do and how to do it. All failures in the world are due to lack of one or both of these things." Surely the truth of this statement is as applicable to workers in the Sunday school as in the business realm. The average Christian can make a success of his work in the Sunday school if he knows what to do and how to do it. The church is duty bound to give this training. We should not stand back and watch workers fail, but should walk along by their side to encourage, guide, and train them in work they are eager to do.

Use the Associational Sunday School Organization to promote and train workers. The associational superintendent and the associational superintendent of training should be backed up by every associational officer in promoting this training.

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EDITORIAL

"Lest the Cross of Christ be Made of None Effect"

IN PREACHING and teaching the gospel, Paul did not use "the enticing words of man's wisdom" (I Cor. 1:17; 2:4). He did not attempt to state the doctrine of the cross and other revealed truths in "great swelling words" or with flowery flourishes of rhetoric or in terms of philosophy or science or in other terms of human reasoning on earthly premises. He preached and taught and reasoned "according to the scriptures."

The apostle followed this course "lest the cross of Christ be made of none effect." He feared that the attention of the people might be centered on his style instead of his truth, if he followed the other course. He knew that "man's wisdom" could not set forth or adequately set forth "the wisdom of God." In either case the people might miss the truth.

This ought to give serious pause to those learned men who seem to feel that in dealing with religious truth they must adopt such a scholarly, profound and intellectual style that even a simple truth is scarcely recognizable, if it is recognized at all, after they get through with it. Such men need to get off their lofty pedestal and set forth a clear "Thus saith the Lord."

"Lest the cross of Christ be made of none effect." This is a serious and solemn possibility. The cross in its gospel meaning cannot be stated or adequately stated in terms of "the wisdom of this world." Human wisdom proceeding on earthly premises can set forth only human opinions. What a tragedy that some men use learning (which is a fine thing in its place) to obscure the cross and turn men toward hell instead of toward heaven!

"Do Better" and "Make a Change"

IN OTHER DAYS (and sometimes the same things are heard still), many of the Lord's people would say of a man who was converted, "So and So has decided to do better" or "So and So has decided to make a change."

Well, it was indeed a decision to do better—to turn from sin and rebellion against God and trust Jesus as Savior and Lord. But salvation is "by grace . . . through faith . . . not of yourselves . . . not of works" (Eph. 2:8,9). The gospel conception is that salvation is not by "doing better," but by faith.

The converted brother did decide to make a change—a change from sin, condemnation and hell to righteousness, no condemnation and heaven. But in genuine conversion the change is a being "born again" and it is not accomplished by the individual, but by the mighty power of God.

The expressions, "decided to do better" and "decided to make a change," were intended well. The people who used them were sincere and they knew the Lord. But such expressions are not the pure gospel statement of salvation and regeneration. In these blessed verities one trusts Jesus as Savior and Lord and *receives* (not achieves) salvation and *experiences* (not accomplishes) regeneration.

In seeking to state spiritual verities, one should use terms in harmony with the fact of grace. "Trusted the Lord" or "was saved" or "was born again" and so on are much better expressions than "decided to do better" or "decided to make a change." In the days referred to in the first paragraph, there were some who would say, "So and So found the Lord today." There was a wealth of gracious meaning in that statement.

Concerning the War

WAR, DARK, FORBIDDING, abhorrent and hellish, is raging in Europe and elsewhere across the seas. Surely those responsible for it will have a fearful and condemning record to face in the day of judgment!

England's history in the past has not been free of stain. But our conviction is that she is on the right side in the European conflict, the side of the defence of liberty, democracy and elemental human rights. A war of imperialistic aggression is not justified. A war of defence is justified. We hope England decisively wins.

Hitler has indicated his ultimate aim to be Germanic world domination. He may be insane, as Dorothy Thompson thinks, but he has been conspicuously successful in a military way. In time, therefore, the war may spread to this country and the United States may have to defend itself against him and his kind. The country had better prepare itself for this possibility. The only language Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and the militarists in Japan will ultimately heed is the language of force.

Only the all-wise God knows what turn the present conflict will take. It may be, as some hold, that the war lords are being permissively and providentially used to punish nations for their sins and then they will, in time, come to their own bitter end and judgment. We do not know. Who knows enough to be dogmatic about it? If left to us, China would decisively whip Japan and England would decisively whip Germany and Italy and godless Russia, too, would come in for decisive defeat. We favor aid to England short of actual military combat. The latter we do not believe to be necessary. But only God knows what shall be the ultimate outcome of this fearful cataclysm.

To our way of thinking, the United States is justified in going after subversive radicals and "Fifth Columnists." Those who will not voluntarily stop their subversive activities ought to be deported, if they come under deportation laws, and forced to stop their subversive activities if they remain in the country. One of the lowest down and most despicable men is he who uses the liberty of America to work for the overthrow of America. No alien with good intentions and no citizen who is a real American will object to the alien registration law now in effect.

In passing, we might also state our conviction that the disloyalty and discourtesy which makes one refuse to salute the flag of the United States is reprehensible and an object of justifiable court action.

We do not know enough about the various angles of the case to say whether conscription in the United States is, under the present circumstances, justifiable or not. We think not, however. It seems to us that voluntary enlistment upon the call for it should first be tried. Be that as it may, the spirit of loyal citizens is to be ready to defend the country if Uncle Sam needs him. But the country should not become a military participant in foreign wars, and we hope it will never have to fight again even in self-defence. God bless America!

These are not expert observations, are they? Not by any means. But we have noticed that, except for a larger intellectual, geographical, military and political information, this is about as far as even the experts can go and still be reasonably definite in their statements.

The "Long-Winded" Speaker

AT NIGHT and preparatory to bidding the people goodbye the next day, Paul preached at Troas "and continued his speech until midnight." Eutychus, a young man, being overcome with sleep, fell from a window "and was taken up dead." Paul restored him to life and then conversed "even till the break of day."

That was all right for Paul. But no modern preacher or speaker can claim this for himself, even if he is going to bid the people goodbye the next morning. If he speaks at undue length, probably the hearers will wish he would bid them goodbye much sooner.

Paul was an apostle and had a direct revelation from God. No man today has such a revelation.

Today, if some Eutychus should be overcome with sleep (older people, too, can be similarly overcome) and fall and break his neck, no man can put the neck in good shape again like Paul did. And one is sure that some hearers might wish that the long-winded speaker's neck might get out of shape in some way.

No modern preacher or speaker will, of course, speak as long as Paul unless filibustering in Congress. But sometimes the hearers may begin to wonder if he is not attempting it.

A good sermon does not have to be like the New Jerusalem, of which the breadth and height and *length* are equal. Incidentally, encroachment upon another speaker's time is a rude and irritating procedure.

It is better for one to lose some of his "wind" or not use what he has to a boring excess.

These considerations are directed to no particular speaker but several brethren might do well to heed them. No doubt the hearers would profit more by the prophet.

President Asks for Additional Laws to Fight Traitors

ON AUGUST 5th, the President proposed that Congress and the state legislatures enact equivalent legislation "dealing with subversive activities, with seditious acts, with those things which slow up or break down our common defense program."

Few people of the United States have any conception of the strength of the Fascist, Communist and Nazi activities in this country.

Hitler's methods of working in countries he proposes to destroy, his utter disregard of principles, international law, and ethical patterns which western civilization has been years establishing, is explained in *The Voice of Destruction* by Herman Rauschnig. They were discussed by the Fuehrer himself in conversations with Doctor Rauschnig before these two Germans became estranged. We present excerpts from Hitler's part of the conversations as follows:

The results at which I have to aim are only to be attained by systematic corruption of the possessing and governing classes. Business advantages, erotic satisfactions, and ambition, that is to say, the will to power, are the three main stops in our propaganda organ. . . .

I am concerned with power politics—that is to say, I make use of all means that seem to me to be of service, without the slightest concern for the proprieties or for codes of honor. . . .

I am carrying on power politics, with the aid, if I choose, of naked, ruthless force, and what earthly difference can there be between using every means of trickery and misrepresentation and ordering my armies to march? . . .

We shall have friends who will help us in all the enemy countries. We shall know how to obtain such friends. Mental confusion, contradiction of feeling, indecisiveness, panic; these are our weapons. . . .

I make no distinction between German nationals and Germans by birth who are citizens of a foreign country. Superficially we shall have to make allowances for such citizenship. But it will be your special task to train all Germans, without distinction, unconditionally to place their loyalty to Germanism before their loyalty to the foreign state. . . .

I am having a comprehensive card index compiled of every influential person in the world. The cards contain every detail of importance. Will he take money? Can he be bought in any other way? Is he vain? Is he sexual? In what way? Is he homosexual? That is of the utmost value, because it provides close associations that can never be escaped from. Has he anything in his past to conceal? Can he be subjected to pressure? What is his business? His hobby, his favorite sport, his likes and dislikes? Does he

like travel? And so on. It is on the strength of these reports that I choose my man. That really is politics. I get hold of men who will work for me. I create a force of my own in every country. . . .

Hitler's utter annihilation of moral and legalistic patterns is as difficult for Americans to understand as it was for the nations of Europe which are now subject to his will. Many Americans, aroused to the danger to their free institutions, are at last convinced that every diplomatic or consular agent of Germany, Italy and Russia is clandestinely carrying out the orders of his respective dictator to undermine the Government and the institutions of the United States.

In his statement, made on August 5th, to Governors and other representatives of some forty states meeting in Washington, President Roosevelt said in part:

"We must be vigilant, always on guard, and swift to act. But we must also be wise and cool headed, and must not express our activities in the cruel stupidities of the vigilante. There is where the 'fifth columns' form the line."—E. R. in *Supreme Council Bulletin*.

An Approved Workman

By WILLIAM P. PHILLIPS.

ON THE LAST Sunday in September most of our Sunday schools undergo a reorganization or readjustment due to Annual Promotion Day. This means the shifting of workers and the inauguration of many new workers in the Sunday school. Because of such changes and adjustments, October has been selected as the month when the workers in all of our Sunday schools should study the approved and accepted methods of Sunday school organization and administration both from the standpoint of the general, department and class officers and also teachers. For this purpose the books on general Sunday school organization and administration and those on department organization and administration in the Training Course for Sunday school workers are recommended for this study. While there is great value in a new worker acquainting himself with his responsibilities before he assumes office, yet few do it beforehand, therefore, following the inauguration and installation of all workers on the first Sunday of October it is of utmost importance that the general superintendents provide their workers with an opportunity for study of the principles of Sunday school organization and administration throughout the school.

Classes in the study of these excellent books should be provided. A definite week should be decided upon and teachers selected and announced. The work should be under the general supervision of the associate associational general superintendent of training collaborating with the local general superintendents. There may be a central school at one point most accessible in the association, or the most desirable plan may be that of simultaneous training schools in all churches, or several group schools which will include all churches. Local conditions or programs previously followed may determine plans, but of one thing all of us are assured and that is that such training is imperatively needed and will transform attitudes and accelerate progress.

Individuals who are forbidden the privilege and fellowship of a class may study these books privately. Their work may be guided by instruction for individual study presented in the introduction of the book. They should submit their manuscripts to the Educational Department of the Sunday School Board. All teachers of these books should carefully observe that the class should meet a minimum of ten periods of not less than forty-five minutes each including examination period. Those taking examination must attend at least seven of the ten periods, read the entire book, and make a grade of at least 70 per cent. Teachers will submit names of all fulfilling these requirements to the State Sunday School Secretary for record and transmission to the Sunday School Board for awards.

General Superintendents: Give your workers an opportunity for becoming unashamed workmen by providing these training opportunities.

Out of Difficulty in Victory

By EVELYN VIRGINIA KAYLER, *Chattanooga, Tenn.*

EVERY PERSON is but a little ship, and life the sea in which he sails.

The waters are deep and broad, and fraught with countless dangers, but if he bears with him the essentials of a Christian life in his valise of courage, he shall make the journey successfully.

There is the reef of failure, and upon this rock many a tiny ship has been lashed to pieces because its owner did not employ his rope of steely determination to bind himself to the mast of hope, and strike out anew.

And as he voyages, his ship will be buffeted by the howling winds of discouragement, doubt and disappointment. But if he brace himself more firmly and fight with undaunted will and unwavering confidence, the winds will beat out their fury and become as allies to waft his ship onward.

The storms of desolation, sorrow and heartbreak will arise and rage about him, but the iron cable of fortitude and self-reliance will hold him fast until the tempest shall abate.

Waves of bitter defeat and loneliness will threaten to engulf him, but the life-line of prayer will strengthen him.

He will encounter other vessels whose cargoes of wealth, position, and earthly treasures will seek to lure him off his charted course, but the helm of honor and loyalty to his Captain will hold his boat steadily in its course.

The blistering suns of despair and pain and self-denial will leave him weak and spent, but the sheltering protection of the umbrella of humility and selflessness will lend him aid.

His little vessel will be invaded by the pirates of vice, lies, and malice, but the strong arm of truth will uphold him.

These are but a few of the hidden shoals and reefs that lie in the vast ocean of life, but if he carry in addition to these provisions the map of the Promised Land, the compass of abiding faith, the message of good-will, and the anchor of God's unchanging love, he shall emerge victorious, and sail triumphantly into the port of Eternal Life.

A Visiting Methodist

By LOUIS J. BRISTOW, *Superintendent.*

IT was the pastor of the First Methodist Church on the phone. "I've trouble on my hands, and I am asking for help," said he. He told of an elderly couple from Arkansas who were visiting in New Orleans; and the woman had become suddenly ill. The man was a country Methodist pastor and the couple had come here to spend their vacation. They were poor—like most country pastors

and their wives—were strangers in a great city, and had appealed to one who they felt would respond. He in turn called the South-ern Baptist Hospital, knowing it was a Christian institution.

Soon the sick woman was in a hospital bed under the care of a Christian doctor and Christian nurses; and she is doing well. When I saw her a while ago she said to me:

"It was terrible to be taken seriously ill in a strange city; but as soon as Brother Blank told us there was a Baptist hospital in the city, I knew all would be well."

—That is a tribute to Christian fellowship and our ministry of healing. It is a fine thing to know what Christian service is, as this good Methodist woman testifies.

Some Baptist Facts

The first modern missionary was William Carey, a Baptist.

The first foreign missionary from America was Adoniram Judson, who became a Baptist on his way to India. He sailed in 1812.

The first churches organized in India, Burma, and China were Baptist churches.

The first complete Bible for the Chinese was printed on a Baptist press.

The first Negro missionaries ever sent to Africa were Baptists.

The first translations of the Bible into foreign languages were by Baptists and we have translated it into more languages than any other.

The first foreign missionary society ever organized was a Baptist foreign missionary society in England in 1792 at Kettering, England.

The British and Foreign Baptist Bible Society was founded by John Hughes, a Baptist.

Vassar College, the first institution of higher learning for women, was founded by a Baptist, N. J. Jewett, with money furnished by Matthew Vassar, a Baptist.

The first two presidents of Harvard College were Baptists—Henry Dunster and Charles Chauncey.

Brown University, founded by the Baptists in 1764, was the first college of the world to make liberal provisions for "full, free, absolute, uninterrupted liberty of conscience."

The first State to include the idea of liberty of conscience in its constitution was Rhode Island which was founded by Roger Williams, a Baptist.

The first cradle roll was started in a Baptist Church in New Jersey.

The first Baptist Church to be organized in the United States was at Providence, Rhode Island, in 1639.

—*The Builder*, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.

Picture of a recent meeting of the Men's Bible Class of the First Baptist Church, Ridgely, Tenn., with about ten visitors from the Young Men's Class. Mr. Hayes Owens, from Covington, Tenn., was the guest speaker. The pastor is the regular teacher, Rev. E. M. Skinner. The class has been meeting at the City Hall because of the crowded conditions at the church, and are continuing this arrangement until our new Sunday School plant, work on which has already begun, has been completed.



MEN'S BIBLE CLASS, RIDGELY, TENNESSEE

"Look on The Fields!"

B. EARLE V. PIERCE, D.D., Minneapolis, Minnesota.
Delivered at the Baptist World Alliance.

THE WHOLE DUTY of the Christian is summed up in three commands of Christ, each of only one word. I bring you His first commandment. It is not, "Go!" That is the third. It is not, "Pray!" That is the second. It is, "Look!" "Lift up your eyes and look."

As our salvation begins and is perfected in looking unto Jesus, so our service begins and is expanded in looking at the world and its needs, as He did and still does.

The mind is filled with what the eyes behold. The look is the opening of the gates of the mind and soul that all within the vision may come streaming in. The look prepares us to pray and to go. It is the soul coming to life. What you see reveals you.

I

There are five ways of looking upon humanity as it is. *There is first the look of indifference.* It sees life as a passing panorama. There is no concern except as it may affect self. Such people see things and not personalities. They stand in awe before the pyramids of Egypt and have no eyes for the pygmies of darkest Africa. Theirs is the look of the priest and the Levite who passed by on the other side.

Others look on with curiosity. The lame, the halt, the blind, the lepers, the poor and naked are just so many interesting specimens, but no concern of theirs.

A third class feel the swellings of pride as they contemplate humanity and its accomplishments. They thrill to a vast multitude. It is all a pageant for them as with childish undiscern they gape.

A fourth class with opposite reaction are filled with disgust. What right has their landscape to be littered up with the rubbish of human wreckage? Disgust is a mongrel emotion. It is a violent and self-righteous judgment without consideration of antecedents.

II

But there is another way to look, and another result of looking. *There is the look of love and the reaction of compassion.* We read of our Lord when He saw the multitudes, "He was moved with compassion because they fainted (were dropping in their tracks) and were being scattered as sheep without a shepherd." No indifference or curiosity with Christ, no pride or disgust made so much as a fleeting ripple upon His holy and loving soul. His love made Him suffer with the suffering which He saw. And suffering moves us to do something.

So He calls to His disciples, "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields that they are white unto harvest." He had looked into the soul of a sodden woman and saw what no man could see—a deep but covered hunger for holiness, a yearning for the Messiah, a germ that at His touch could spring into eternal life. He opened His heart to her and told her He was the Messiah. She ran with the news, and the village which saw a woman evidently transformed came rushing out to see a man who had told this woman all that she ever did. He forgets His weariness. And in one of those rare exultant moments in His life of sorrow, He calls to the disciples to look at the opportunities—souls seeking and ready to be reaped for the Lord.

Today, with the urgency of the ages, He is again, and with a special vehemence, calling upon His church to lift up their eyes and look on the fields of human wastage and need which are ready for the shepherding of the gospel of redemption.

III

Three things stand out on the horizon of humanity as we lift up our eyes from our earthly concern to the level of His look. *There is first the vastness and viciousness of heathenism.* Gods of wood or stone are bad enough in their ugly and grotesque helplessness, but the demoniacal impersonations which the imaginations of men, driven by the delirium of sin, have invented from a mental, spiritual, and physical bondage which make such systems of religion seem a veritable madhouse. Not all light of reason has gone out. There is a vast number of ethical maxims that taken by themselves seem to be sound, and which have given some measure of stability to life.

The light of Christ in the conscience has given some illumination, even as stars penetrate a dark night. But it is night and dark, and people cannot live by starlight or by flickering candle light.

Taken all together, heathenism is vicious. *It is vicious physically.* The diseases that sweep one-half of the babies the first year and nine-tenths of them before they are five years old, the diseases that ravage adult life in their fearful insanity condition and dreadful superstitions are in decaying contrast to the health and decency of the western world where the vast permeation of the love and intelligence of the Great Physician has wrought physical transformations of whole civilizations. Many of the Oriental nations are being wise enough to apply to their upbuilding the medical and physical knowledge of the western world, which had its roots in the Gospel. But they need vastly more than that.

Heathenism is economically vicious. Stanley Jones says that there is not an economic wrong in India which cannot be traced to their religion. Yet India is rich in natural resources, as rich as America. But we have had the Gospel for centuries, and our forebears for centuries before us, while they have never had it as a people.

Heathenism is vicious mentally. It has cursed womanhood and girlhood in ignorance, and has filled minds capable of brilliance with the awful fog of hellish errors.

Heathenism is socially vicious. Every religion can be judged by what it does for its women and children. Compare the status of these in non-Christian lands with that which prevails where the Gospel has gone, and the hearts of everyone which has even the least bit of the milk of human kindness would well nigh break to give them that which has glorified our mothers, wives, and sisters.

Heathenism is vicious religiously. Darkness, distortion, dread, seeking and never finding, no light in life, no hope in death, these are but few of the phrases we must use in thinking of the religious condition of the Orient.

Some say that any religion is better than none, but is the more poison you have the better? Does an abundance of counterfeit money make one rich? Or does a bale of tinsel take the place of gold? Is a high fever better than health? Or is error to be preferred to ignorance? The more one has of a bad thing the worse off he is.

IV

But a second thing to see as you look on the fields that they are white unto harvest. We are living literally at the harvest time of all ages. The Gospel has never had such opportunity, certainly not since the first centuries, as it has today. And even there are elements of readiness that were not then manifest.

When I began my ministry a generation ago, we were still being told to pray for open doors. Many places of the world were inaccessible; and nations like China and Japan and the caste classes of India maintained an attitude of utterly cold indifference, if not hostility. Now all of this is changed. Door after door has been opening during the past generation, until now there was a time when there were no closed doors. Mexico and Russia have recently barred us out, but the rest of the world is open with doors off their hinges, or the whole front out, as you will find the stores in China and Japan. Yes, and beyond that, eager peoples by the thousands, yes, in some cases, by the millions, are not only stretching out hungry hands, but moving toward us. Dr. Joseph C. Robbins, our foreign secretary for British India, a few years ago in Northern Assam had the experience of having eighteen savage chieftains come ten days' journey over the rugged mountains and foothills of the Himalayas to beg of him that he send missionaries up to their tribes. In former years, chieftains gave notice to missionaries to get out. Now they are begging them to come in.

Some of us remember in boyhood upon the farm when father would announce that it is time to begin harvest, how everything of the farm life mobilized around that great call, for a harvest does not stay in good condition for any great length of time; and also, it may be beaten down and destroyed in short order. One day my father, ready to go into a fine field on the plains, saw a rain storm coming up and thought he would wait until that had passed. It came up, and it passed; and the reaping was done, for that storm

brought on an onslaught of hailstones that pounded a fine harvest into the ground. Dull and stupid to the last degree are those who do not realize that the rise of nationalism in the Orient and the oncoming of fearfully destructive war may easily within a few years pound into the earth that which now stands before us as the greatest harvest opportunity of the ages. Urgency is the word of the hour.

V

In the third place, as you lift up your eyes and look, you see vast triumph of the Christian Church in the fields of the world, all the more startling and glorious because of the thin line of missionaries that we have sent forth with the message. In every land they are turning from darkness to light and from the power of Satan unto God. There in great number are thrilled with the joy of sins forgiven, are being rescued from the awful age-long power of sin to degrade and to defeat. Villages and communities in ever widening circles are being transformed in their social and economic life, cleansed and clothed. I have been in the home in China of an aged Christian woman with the serenity of our grandmothers upon her face. A Bible woman found her many years ago a beggar woman on the street—and beggars in China need no description—told her of the love of God and of the redemption of Christ. After some time, the miracle of grace happened, and she received the Lord. She wanted then to learn to read that she might be a Bible woman, and was taken into the school. Later her husband was converted. When we were in her home, she had with her that day her son, who for thirty years had been the fine Christian cook for a missionary family, and her three grandchildren—boys, ten, twelve, and fifteen in the uniform of the academy—and the youngest one held the picture of the oldest brother who had just gotten his Ph.D. degree from Columbia University, and was a fine Christian man.

This in miniature is what is going on wherever the Gospel is being pressed. No business of the world is getting the returns for its investments which the Gospel is in the hungry lands of the world. Why should the children of this world continue to be wiser than the children of the light? Why can we not see that the Lord is calling us by need, by opportunity, and by success to the one thing for which He came to give the Gospel to all mankind?

O, Church of Christ, your hour is upon you. Will you know your day of visitation and receive your Lord as King and follow Him? Even now the face of the world could be changed, civilization could be transformed, insane nations could be restrained, peace could penetrate through the darkest storm areas of the world, if only the Christian Church should give herself as the Lord gave Himself to the one work for which He came, and the one work to which He has sent us; for He "came to seek and to save that which was lost." And he said, "As the Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

The Registration of Conscientious Objectors

By AUSTIN CROUCH, Executive Secretary,

Executive Committee Southern Baptist Convention.

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION at its meeting in Baltimore, Maryland, in June, 1940, took the following action:

"Baptists have always believed in liberty of conscience and have honored men who were willing to brave adverse public opinion for the sake of conscientious scruples. A considerable number of members of churches of our Convention, through their interpretation of the moral teachings of Christ, have reached the position of a conscientious objection to war that prohibits them from bearing arms.

"The Convention ought to accord to them the right of their convictions as it accords to others the right to differ from them, and ought to protect them in that right to the extent of its ability. Therefore,

"Be it resolved, That the Convention go on record as recognizing such right of a conscientious objector, and that the Convention instruct the Executive Committee to provide facilities for their registration in order that the Executive Committee may be able to make accurate certification to the government concerning them at any time it should be called for." (See page 96, 1940 Southern Baptist Convention Annual).

Pursuant to the instructions of the Convention, the Executive Committee has provided facilities for the registration of conscientious objectors to bearing arms. Registration cards may be secured from the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee. Cards will be mailed promptly to those requesting them.

Amazing Four Years Progress of Southern Baptists 1936-1940

By E. P. ALLDREDGE, A.M., D.D.,

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1. BAPTISMS AND NET GAINS IN MEMBERSHIP

In 1936 we had 191,993 baptisms, and 92,898 net increase in members
In 1937 we had 204,567 baptisms, and 113,287 net increase in members
In 1938 we had 256,814 baptisms, and 174,583 net increase in members
In 1939 we had 269,155 baptisms, and 178,989 net increase in members
Total in 4 years, 922,529 baptisms, 559,757 net increase in members
Net increase of baptisms, 77,167 per year.
Net gain of new church members, 139,939 per year.

2. SUNDAY SCHOOL GAINS

Increase in the number of Sunday Schools..... 1,371
Gain in the number of Sunday School teachers..... 36,640
Gain in Sunday School enrolment..... 366,395
Average yearly gains in Sunday School enrolment..... 91,599
Increased number of Vacation Bible Schools..... 3,305
Gain in Vacation Bible School enrolment..... 280,499
Baptisms coming directly from Sunday School..... 615,014
Average baptisms per year from Sunday Schools..... 153,753
Sunday School Study Course awards..... 574,382
Increased circulation of Sunday School periodicals..... 409,383

3. GAINS IN TRAINING UNION WORK

Gain in number of Unions..... 10,819
Gain in number of Story Hours..... 3,569
Gain in total enrolment of Unions and Story Hours..... 186,586
Present enrolment of Unions and Story Hours..... 874,791
Training Union Study Course awards issued..... 877,820

4. GAIN IN CHURCH PROPERTY

Gain in number of new church houses..... 682
Gain in pastors' homes..... 401
Gain in value of church property..... \$12,622,781

5. GAIN IN W.M.U. WORK

Gain in the number of W.M.U. organizations..... 5,021
Gain in the enrolment..... 154,079
Gain in contributions..... \$ 584,072

6. GAIN IN CONTRIBUTIONS

Gain in gifts for local church work..... \$ 8,605,216
Gain in gifts for missions and benevolences..... 1,642,748
Gain in total gifts for all purposes..... 10,247,964

7. SOUTHERN BAPTIST GAIN IN 1939—COMPARED WITH UNITED METHODISTS*

(1) Adult baptisms of United Methodists..... 150,639
Adult baptisms of Southern Baptists..... 269,155
(2) Membership gains of United Methodists..... 92,313
Membership gains of Southern Baptists..... 178,989
(3) Gain in Methodist Young People's Societies' enrolment..... 6,860
Gain in Southern Baptist Training Union enrolment..... 106,947
(4) Gain in Methodists total contributions..... \$ 256,981
Gain in Baptist total contributions..... 1,871,191

*United Methodists comprise Northern and Southern and Protestant Methodists.

Harsh Chapel Begins Anew

AFTER MORE than four years of "wandering," Harsh Chapel, a young church in a South Nashville suburb, has decided to settle down. The church worshipped for some time in a residence, but during the past year and more has held such meetings as possible in the home of the pastor, Rev. A. H. Bingham, near the site of Seventh Church. Naturally there was little chance for the members living in the territory chosen by the church for its field to attend, since it was more than a mile from them.

On the evening of August 30th the church was called into conference at the close of a revival service held in a tent near their building site by Missionary Harold Gregory. Secretary John D. Freeman and Editor O. W. Taylor were present, and were asked to serve as clerk and moderator, respectively. The church then accepted the resignation of the pastor, which had been tendered some weeks ago, and appointed a Pulpit Committee composed of Mesdames Ross Taylor and Ben Taylor and Mr. Charles Taylor.

Trustees were elected as follows: Clint Warren, Luther Warren, Alfred Warren, C. G. Perry and Harmon Rader, and they were instructed to secure a charter for the church. The Confession of Faith adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis (1925) was accepted as the doctrinal statement. Harmon Rader, Mrs. James Miller and Mrs. C. G. Perry were elected a Finance Committee to have the oversight of all church funds. One of their number will be treasurer of the building fund. Ross Taylor was elected clerk-treasurer. It is hoped that the church may secure some kind of temporary building on their lot before bad weather sets in.

Historical Records of Camden Baptist Church

Camden, Tennessee, Benton County

THE MISSIONARY BAPTIST Church at Camden, Tennessee, was organized on the first Sunday in September, 1896, with the following acting Presbytery: Rev. W. F. Feazell, Rev. M. V. Utley, and Rev. Joseph Allen, Rev. Ellis Arnold, and Rev. J. T. Sparks. Rev. M. V. Utley served as Moderator. Bro. A. R. Brooks served as clerk. The following members came on invitation from other churches: Brothers A. R. Brooks, A. Bell, J. T. Townsend, and W. H. Davis; Sisters Elizabeth Bell, N. J. Townsend, and Mollie Holladay; Brother Will S. Corbitt came as a candidate for baptism.

These members joining themselves together composed the charter members of the Camden Baptist Church, after which Rev. W. I. Feazell read to them the Declaration of Faith; also the Church Covenant as given by J. M. Pendleton, which was adopted and Rev. Joseph Allen delivered the charge, making them an independent Baptist Church.

Rev. L. J. Leland was elected as first pastor of the church. He was a student in Southwestern Baptist University, now known as Union University. He served the church almost two years, 1896 to 1898.

This body of church worshipped in the Presbyterian Church until 1904, when a frame building was built and on November 20th, 1904, this building was dedicated.

At the dedication service Rev. W. C. Golden, Corresponding Secretary of the State Board, preached the dedication sermon and Pastor Alonzo Nunnery led the prayer of dedication.

The church records have been kept on five different minute books, covering a period of nearly forty-four years. All baptisms, members, and deaths, also Sunday School and financial records were recorded in these minute books. A special and interesting feature of this record is that Brother A. R. Brooks, one of the charter members of nearly forty-four years ago, is one on the Committee of Historical records at this time.

The present new brick building was dreamed of for years before it became a reality, but on Sunday morning, December 8, 1935, a fund for this building was begun when Pastor J. P. Colvin laid down forty-eight pennies, asking the members to match this three feet of pennies. This was added to for several months by pennies,

and afterwards by nickles, dimes, dollars and on up until now when through the untiring efforts and leadership of our present pastor, L. F. Gassaway, we are now worshipping in this new brick building.

Respectfully submitted,

L. R. WATSON,
A. R. BROOKS,
MRS. O. W. LASHLEE,
MRS. D. L. HOLLAND.

CORNERSTONE OF SERVICE

On the fifth Sunday in June, the Camden Baptist Church laid the cornerstone of their attractive new building pictured below. The principal addresses of the day were brought by former pastors V. A. Rose and J. P. Colvin. Others on the program were Mr. W. L. Hall, mayor of the town of Camden; Mr. E. K. Wiley, moderator of the Carroll County Baptist Association; Rev. Ray Pafford, pastor of the Camden Methodist Church; Rev. F. M. Collier, and Rev. L. R. Watson, both of Camden and members of the Camden Baptist Church.

The church had been prepared on Saturday night for the spiritual feast which they enjoyed on Sunday by a good message from former Pastor Bernard Scates, of Bemis.

Many former members of the church as well as the former pastors mentioned above were present, and the day was filled with inspiration and delightful fellowship. A bountiful dinner spread at the noon hour in the church basement, contributed substantially to the day's enjoyment.

The building, a brick veneer structure, was erected at a cost of approximately \$10,000.00. Logs were donated to furnish all the framework and these were sawed by a generous mill owner without charge. Labor was given and other materials which resulted in a building worth several thousand dollars more than it actually cost. Several contractors have appraised the building as easily worth \$15,000.00.

Those who served on the building committee during part or all of the building operations were: J. W. Capps, chairman; R. N. Farrar, D. L. Holland, L. R. Watson, B. T. Scruggs, H. F. McDaniel, W. C. Johnson, C. C. Utley, P. L. Utley, Paul Baird, and John R. Baker. Special mention should be made of Mr. J. W. Capps, Mr. D. L. Holland, and Mr. John R. Baker. These brethren were willing to assume much of the responsibility, and to give most generously of their time and labor.

The Camden Church called Rev. L. F. Gassaway as pastor in September, 1936, and he moved on the field in October. The church has shown a steady growth in every department during these four years for which we are grateful to God.



REV. AND MRS. GASSAWAY



CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMDEN, TENNESSEE

PASTORS OF CAMDEN BAPTIST CHURCH

Supply Pastor from 1st Sunday in September until			
1. Rev. W. I. Feazell	Sept. 21, 1896	June 1, 1898	
2. Rev. Lewis J. Leland	Sept. 21, 1896	June 1, 1898	
3. Rev. W. J. Crouch	June 1, 1898	July 2, 1899	
4. Rev. W. C. Greer	July 2, 1899	July 8, 1900	
5. Rev. A. Nunnery	July 8, 1900	Nov. 24, 1904	
6. Rev. M. E. Woodbridge	Nov. 24, 1904	Nov. 26, 1906	
7. Rev. Leon W. Sloan	Jan. 1, 1907	Jan. 5, 1908	
8. Rev. O. A. Utley	Jan. 5, 1908	Jan. 1, 1911	
9. Rev. G. M. Workman	Nov. 1, 1911	Nov. 1, 1912	
10. Rev. J. T. Perry	Nov. 1, 1912	Oct. 1, 1914	
11. Rev. J. W. Joyner	Oct. 1, 1914	Oct. 1, 1915	
12. Rev. J. G. Cooper	Oct. 1, 1915	Nov. 1, 1918	
13. Rev. R. L. Bell	Nov. 1, 1918	July 1, 1920	
14. Rev. J. H. Anderson	Nov. 1, 1920	Oct. 1, 1921	
15. Rev. C. A. Morrison	Oct. 1, 1921	Oct. 1, 1923	
16. Rev. Ed. D. Dawson	Oct. 1, 1923	Oct. 1, 1926	
17. Rev. V. A. Rose	Oct. 1, 1926	Oct. 1, 1929	
18. Rev. H. A. West	Oct. 1, 1929	Oct. 1, 1930	
19. Rev. Bernard Scates	Oct. 1, 1930	Oct. 1, 1934	
20. Rev. Woodrow Fuller	Oct. 1, 1934	Jan. 1, 1935	
21. Rev. J. P. Colvin	Jan. 1, 1935	Sept. 1, 1936	
22. Rev. L. F. Gassaway	Sept. 1, 1936	Present time June 30	

The Sunday School Lesson

By MERRILL D. MOORE, President, Tennessee College, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 1940

THE VOICE OF WISDOM

THE LESSON: Proverbs 4. The Printed Text: Proverbs 4:10-27.

THE GOLDEN TEXT: "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life" Proverbs 4:23.

With today's lesson in the Book of Proverbs, we begin the study of the third book of Old Testament poetry this quarter, having studied Job and Psalms already. The Book of Proverbs is part of what is known as the "Wisdom Literature" of the Old Testament, because their main theme is calling upon their readers to seek wisdom, and instructions in the way of wisdom. Some have said that the author of the Proverbs has naively taught that righteousness is a positive guarantee of prosperity, but as Dr. Richard G. Moulton points out, "Their purpose is not to bribe with offers of advantage, but to exclaim against the folly of thinking that there could be any path toward advantage except through right doing."

We should remember that "The Proverbs" are a miscellaneous collection of "three hundred seventy-five of the briefest literary compositions, wholly unconnected and massed together in the one book," and they therefore "suffer more than any other literature by being read in collections . . . moreover many of the Proverbs which seem the coldest in the mere reading may glow with wisdom if the reader himself happens to pass into the experience they describe." (Moulton, *Modern Readers' Bible*.)

The Proverbs found in our lesson passage today are ancestral injunctions to righteousness and purity of heart. Solomon invites his children to come and receive instruction from him, laying emphasis in his teaching upon the fact that this wisdom was taught him by his father, David. It is therefore, wise counsel because it has come through generations of practical experience and trial.

I. WISDOM CALLS US TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT WAY (v. 10-19)

1. By walking in the right way, one follows the instruction and the example of the noblest of his forbears. (verse 11). He imitates the virtues of his father and the greatest of the good men whose names are written in his family tree. He carries on the tradition of gentility and worthiness which has been transmitted to him. He profits, too, by the errors into which his fathers have fallen, choosing rather to learn by the obvious experience of those who have gone before him, than to stumble through the pitfalls which beset their paths. Happy is the son who has a worthy and godly sire. Doubly happy is that son who walks worthily in the righteous way marked out by the example of a godly father.

* 2. By walking in the right way serious handicaps are avoided, for then "life is a broad road in which there are no obstacles to trip the unwary" (verse 12). Wicked men who walk in crooked paths are constantly falling into troubles which they bring upon themselves by their own wrong doing. The way of wickedness is not the way of freedom, but the way of constraint, for the man who is the servant of sin is bound by his sin, and hedged about by his iniquity. Real freedom belongs to the man who lives uprightly. His path is not "straitened", that is narrow, and constructed, but wide and free; it is not full of added stumbling blocks, but is free from the pitfalls and handicaps which are found in the way of wickedness.

3. By walking in the right way, one has the promise of a longer and more fruitful life. "The years of thy life shall be many" (v. 10). We think of the promise in the commandment which adjures honoring father and mother, "that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

4. By walking in the right way, the path of mischief, rapacity, destructiveness, violence and darkness is entirely avoided. Read carefully verses 14 to 17, and see what terrible things a good man is fortunate enough to miss.

5. By walking in the right way, the good man finds that his life is a way of light, rather than a way of darkness (verse 18). His life is open and above-board, with no tragic secrets which he is constantly on guard to keep from the view of his friends. It is a way of brightness rather than the way of gloom. It is the way of clearness, rather than the way of stumbling. It is the way in which good companions walk with one, rather than the path in which dangerous enemies stalk one's path and beset on every hand. "The path of the just is as a shining light."

6. Moreover, one who walks in the right way finds that his path is a way of constant improvement. "The path of the just is as a dawning light which shineth more and more unto the perfect day." As the sun's first rays through the darkness give place to more light, and constantly the suns shining is brighter and brighter until the noon-time, so the righteous man is growing. He is waxing rather than waning. He is rising rather than declining, improving rather than deteriorating, becoming more splendid rather than more revolting. He who walks with the Master is always walking on an upward road.

II. WISDOM CALLS US TO KEEP THE HEART PURE (v. 20-27)

1. The pure heart means life and health (v. 22). Impairment, disease and death are the lot of those whose impure thoughts and desires result in impure living.

2. The pure heart gives tone, purity and vigor to all of life. It is out of it that all things in life come forth (v. 23). If the heart be pure, all things of the life shall be pure, and possess the power which purity gives.

3. The pure heart will prevent a disobedient and intractable tongue, and will preclude petulant and unreasonable lips (v. 24).

4. The pure heart will "keep one's eyes fixed on the goal, and will permit nothing to turn one aside unto the devious paths of wickedness" (v. 25).

5. The pure heart will make one persistent in his walking in the paths of righteousness, and will permit no wandering nor turning aside to wickedness.

The wisdom of all Jewish experience is wrapped up in this lesson from the Proverbs, and all human history confirms its findings: The man who walks in the path of righteousness, and whose heart is kept pure is the world's established, contented, happy and useful citizen. "The path of the just is as the dawning light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day—keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

The Young South

Send All Letters To
AUNT POLLY, 149 SIXTH AVENUE, NORTH, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dear Boys and Girls:

I was very happy to receive about 34 letters (all in one package) about two weeks ago from Bethlehem School. The teacher said, "I have made a scrapbook of the YOUNG SOUTH page since January. The children in my school enjoy your letters and the letters of the children. They have all decided to write you. I am teaching in a Baptist community and many of my boys and girls have become Christians in the school room." These words tell me that this teacher is a good Christian and I am very happy to have this expression. I hope this teacher will let us have her scrapbook for our exhibit at the Tennessee Baptist Convention, in November, and I hope that many of her pupils will make a scrapbook for our contest. I am printing as many of these letters this week as possible and will continue to print them each week until they have all been printed and we shall be happy to hear from this school again.

I am very happy to have received a poem this week, as well as so many nice letters and I am very, very happy to know that some of you are working on scrapbooks for our contest.

With every good wish,

Your friend,

Aunt Polly

The Young South dedicates this poem to the fine teacher of Bethlehem School:

OUR TASK

SIGNE J. HANSON

I wove one time a lovely piece
With shimmering silken thread;
The pattern was so intricate,
My heart was filled with dread
Lest I should skip one tiny string,
Or knot it here or there,
Spoiling the plan prepared for it
And mar its beauty rare.

More precious far than any cloth
Of woven silk or gold
Are boys and girls we have in trust,
To lead and teach and mold.
May we with earnest, Godly care
Weave in the good and pure,
Help build the pattern meant for them
With things that will endure.

—The Evangel.

Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:
I am a girl. I go to school. I love my school and my teacher. My teacher's name is Miss Ruby Teague. I am 11 years old and in the fourth grade. There is a revival starting at Bethlehem Church. We had a Bible school last week. The girls sewed and the boys made bird houses. We had Bible lessons, too. We have a new school house. It is pretty. We have been having ball games. We got beat twice and we beat once. My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.

Your friend,

KATHERINE MITCHELL.

Thank you for writing, Katherine. We welcome you and congratulate you on having such a fine school and teacher.

Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:
I am a girl. I am 12 years of age. I will be 13 November 11. I go to Bethlehem School. I am in the sixth grade. We have a pretty building. It is made of brick. I like my teacher. Her name is Miss Ruby Teague. I like to go to school. I go to Bethlehem Church. I am in the junior class. My teacher's name is Mr. Bill Stakely. We had a Bible school last week and I liked it fine. I liked the devotional period and saluting the flags and the Bible. My favorite Bible verse is John 3:16.

Your friend,

SUE STAKELY.

John 3:16 seems to be a favorite among the Bethlehem School children. We welcome you, Sue.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1940

Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a boy 15 years old. I go to Bethlehem School. I am in the fourth grade. I go to Bethlehem Church. We have a nice brick school building.

Your friend,

GLEN HARRIS.

All of the Bethlehem School children seem to like their school building, too. Write us again, Glen.

Madisonville, Tenn., Route 5, Box 38.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a boy 13 years old. I am in the sixth grade. I go to Bethlehem School. My name is Sam Newman, Jr. My teacher's name is Ruby Teague. She is a good teacher. We have a good time playing ball. We have played three schools this year. I have to walk three miles to school. We had a Bible school this year. We had a good time then.

SAM NEWMAN, JR.

I bet it's a lot of fun to play ball, Sam. I bet you even have fun walking three miles to school.

Madisonville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl. I am 12 years old. I go to Bethlehem School and to Bethlehem Church. My teacher is Miss Ruby Teague. Mr. Ford had a Bible School here last week and we sure did enjoy it, too.

Your friend,

AGNES RITCHIEY.

I'm glad that you enjoyed your Bible School, Agnes. You must write us more about it.

Grove Ave., Fountain City, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl 16 years old. I go to the Central Baptist Church. The pastor of our church is Rev. A. F. Mahan. Making scrapbooks is my hobby. I am making one of the YOUNG SOUTH page and would like to enter it in the contest.

With love,

RUBY MONDAY.

We are so glad that you are making a scrapbook for our contest, Ruby, and we welcome you to our page.

816 Broadway Ave., Dyersburg, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am enclosing a copy of one of my poems, "Night," which I hope you will print on your YOUNG SOUTH page. I am a boy, 15. I am an R.A. and like the work, as well as the play of the R.A. chapter. I sing in the Training Union Choir here in our First Baptist Church. I am interested in writing. So Aunt Polly, if you think this little poem of mine is worthy, won't you please use it? I would like to hear from you when you have time.

Yours truly,

HUGH DONALD MCGEE.

Thank you for sending us one of your poems, Hugh. How about writing a story for us, sometime?

NIGHT

Night—that dark, delusive, demoniac beast;
When all of hell's great infantry feast,
When men aren't men, but drunken slaves—
To one disastrous, petted crave.

When souls take flight—destiny—unknown!
Souls of men who spent—a throne!
Who now must spend eternity—
In Satan's circus, label—FREE!

But tho' the night is evil's den,
The time and scene for countless sin,
Darkened shadows are also pure—
For those who know the Jesus cure!

For then, when light has slipped away;
And toil is o'er till another day;
The child of Christ can lift his eyes,
To God's magnificent star-filled skies.

Only God—the judge supreme;
In all His love, could paint the scene,
To give us faith, and ceaseless hope—
In Him for whom there is no cope.

HUGH DONALD MCGEE.

320 North Main St., Lexington, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have been reading the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. I was glad you printed my letter in the July 11th issue. I wrote for you to send me a list of girls in the Orphanage, to select my pen pal from. I wrote to all the girls in the May 30th issue but I didn't have any luck. I want a pen pal so much. I would appreciate you sending me a list, if you don't mind. Our school will start September 2nd. I will be in the eighth grade. My teacher will be Mrs. C. F. Armstrong. I hope my letter isn't too long and I don't write too often.

Yours truly,

MARY NELLE TODD.

Of course you don't write too often, Mary Nelle. I hope you get a pen pal. Why don't you choose a name from our page this week?

Maryville, Tenn., Route 5.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am 12 years old. I am in the seventh grade at school. I go to Hubbard School. I am a member of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. Rev. John O. Hood is our pastor. I like him very much. I attend Sunday School, preaching services, B.Y.P.U. and Intermediate G.A. Mr. George H. Myers (my uncle) is my Sunday School teacher. Miss Margaret Louise Davis is my B.Y.P.U. teacher and G.A. Counselor. I attended the Intermediate G.A. Houseparty at Jefferson City, this summer. I enjoyed it very much. I passed the Maiden step. I enjoyed most of all the talks and songs that Mrs. Aaron Hancock gave us. She is a missionary to the Indians in Oklahoma. She is going to the Everglades in Florida this fall. I enjoy reading the YOUNG SOUTH page.

With love,

VIRGINIA LEE MYERS.

We are so glad that you like our page, Virginia Lee. Please write often.

Madisonville, Tenn., Route 5.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am 15 years old and in the sixth grade. I like to go to school. My teacher is Ruby Teague. I like to play ball. I go to school at Bethlehem. I like my playmates. I go to church at Big Creek every Sunday.

Your friend,

CARY LEE CARTER.

I hope you will always like to go to church, Cary Lee. We welcome you to our page.

Madisonville, Tenn., Route 5, Box 72.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a boy 10 years of age. I go to Bethlehem School. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Miss Ruby Teague. I love her very much, and I love the children, too. I go to Bethlehem Church. Rev. William Carter is our pastor. I like to go to church. We had a Bible School last week. Mr. and Mrs. Ford taught it. I liked it fine. I like our new school building. It is made of brick.

Your friend,

SAMUEL STAKELY.

The Bethlehem School children write as if it isn't hard to return to school after a vacation. That is fine. Won't you write us again?

AN OPEN CONFESSION

I forgot my Lord in the Summer time,
Just the time I was needed most,
I was not away, but on each Lord's day
I just failed to be at my post.

I forgot my church in the Summer time
As I lazily lay in bed,
While the faithful few had my work to do,
I was spiritually dead.

I forgot my offering in the Summer time,
When he needed it most of all,
While my cash was spent—I was pleasure-bent,
Just off duty for God until Fall.

I forgot my class in the Summer time,
But the devil did not forget,
Working day and night, he kept up the fight
He's a go-getter, you can bet.

I forgot my soul in the Summer time,
Got along without spiritual food,
While my Lord on high sent me blessings,
I showed Him naught in gratitude.

If my Lord should come in the Summer time,
When from my duty to God I'm free,
Wonder what I'll do, when my life is through
If, by chance, He should forget me?

—First Baptist Advance.

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Every Sunday School Officer and Teacher Urged to Take Part in Fall Training Program



ADA WILLIAMS

The Elementary workers will wish to avail themselves of every opportunity they have this fall of better preparing themselves for the great task which is theirs. I would suggest that all those who can do so to take their departmental book in a class, even if this same book has been studied before. If it is not possible to study the book written for your department with a group, you would profit by making such a study at home. Credit will be given for all work done by correspondence. Our slogan for October is "Every Elementary worker in Tennessee holding credit for their age-group book."—*Ada Williams, Elementary Leader. "If you are saved you are saved to serve."*

Preparation is the keynote to success, surely we should be prepared for such a task as Intermediate teachers face. A real teacher first tries to be what he wants his pupils to become. We cannot teach what we do not know. If we do not know, we are not prepared to teach Intermediates and lead them to Christ. A good teacher and leader looks for better tools than has ever been used before. Where else can they be found than in a Training school? May I urge each Intermediate worker to take one of the department books. "The Art of Teaching Intermediates" by Ina S. Lambdin or "Intermediate Sunday School Work" by Mary Virginia Lee or any of the books for Training Course for Sunday school work would better prepare us for our task.—*Mrs. Marie Lowry, Approved Intermediate worker. "One learns to serve by serving."*



MRS. MARIE LOWRY



MRS. S. A. REED

When we think of training we think how soldiers have to be trained for months and years. Football players have to train and train, our day school teachers are required to have special training. Teachers and workers in the Sunday school, "the greatest work in the world," should have training. I do not believe any teacher or worker could study any book in the course and not want to be a better worker.

I would like to urge every Beginner worker to get in a training course and train to be better workers for the Lord. Every worker with Beginners should study "Guiding the Little Child."—*Mrs. S. A. Reed, Approved Beginner Worker. "God has endowed you with ability to serve."*

Be Prepared—Our Young People even now are getting ready to be called out for special military training. This seems to be essential for National Welfare, but of infinitely greater value is the training of our Young People and their workers in matters of spiritual significance. Plan now for Training classes in your church using the text books, *The Young People's Department of the Sunday School* by Phillips, and *Teaching Young People in the Sunday School* by Howse.—*Frances Ewton, Approved Young People's worker. "The happy servant is the efficient servant."*



FRANCES EWTON



JANIE LANNOM

Our fall training program means much toward the work for the new Sunday school year beginning October 1. From the study of the department book, "Guiding the Primary Child in the Sunday School," we get new enthusiasm, new plans for the work and a determination to do more real work. We can never study our department book too much because each time we find something that will be of help in promoting the work in the Sunday school. Won't you get your workers together and study this book this fall.—*Janie Lannom, Approved Primary worker. "An accounting must be made of the endowment."*

1. Adults more than any other group of the church should work diligently toward the goal of every officer, teacher and special worker trained for his place of service.

2. Every possible adult should be enlisted in this program of training.

3. Adults should co-operate with the pastor, general superintendent, department superintendent and associational superintendent in the program of training for the individual church and the association.

4. Adults should give full co-operation to associational leaders, pastors, general superintendents, and department superintendents as they plan for training schools by associations and individual churches, and seek to enlist all present and prospective workers as well as large numbers of others in the classes.

5. All adults who serve in any capacity in the Sunday school should resolve that during October they will make progress in securing TRAINING COURSE the SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER'S DIPLOMA, "a certificate of fitness."—*W. P. Davis, Approved Adult Worker. "It is better to wear out than to rust out."*



W. P. DAVIS



JANIE SUE JONES

The statement, "Every Sunday school should grow," has come to be a very familiar one. We believe it, we have enjoyed singing it, and may we at the beginning of the new Sunday school year start putting into action plans that our Sunday schools may grow.

The latest and most successful methods must be used by efficient leaders. It will be necessary for our teachers and officers to build new classes, lead souls to Christ, build Christian character and lead people into Christian service.

Officers, teachers, and special workers interested in Sunday school work, may I urge you to take part in the training work that you may be efficient. Every Junior worker is urged to take the course "Guiding Junior Boys and Girls in the Sunday School."—*Janie Sue Jones, Approved Junior Worker. "Ignorance of Opportunity is no excuse."*

October is the beginning of the new Sunday school year. What are your plans? Are you planning for a training course in your churches? Let's be sure to include the Extension department book in your schedule. We still have more people who for various reasons cannot attend the Sunday school on Sunday morning that need our presence, our prayers and our help in a spiritual way. Let's train more people for the Extension department work.—*Mrs. F. L. West, Approved Extension worker. "That you can learn to serve worthily."*



MRS. F. L. WEST

FRIEND: Has it Occured to You That—? [To Complete This Sentence See Quotation After Each Article]

Regional Sunday School Superintendents Speak on Training



Reading from left to right, first row: REV. C. D. TABOR, REV. LUCIUS HART, REV. WALTER WARMATH, MR. N. D. GUY. Second row: REV. J. R. HODGES, REV. M. K. COBBLE, REV. W. P. DAVIS, MR. J. D. BROOKS.

workers will do better teaching because they will get a vision of the opportunities that they have in the Sunday school.—Rev. M. K. Cobble, Supt.

Fall Plans for the Central Region

Vitalizing the church program is chiefest concern of earnest pastors, Sunday school officers, teachers and special workers. The most obvious opportunity for this group lies in bringing the greatest possible number of people in contact with the ministry of the church. "The Sunday school is the church's arm of longest reach." This arm must be taught to reach and how to teach and what to teach those who are reached. Right now our churches and associations are thinking and planning for their fall study courses. This thinking and planning should have the united support of every Sunday school officer, teacher and special worker. Here is the opportunity for each worker to help vitalize the program of his church. Dr. Drummon states the matter fully in this manner: "TRAINING COURSE, THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER'S DIPLOMA, A CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS." This Certificate of Fitness properly indoctrinates, rightly methodizes for "going on in enlargement and Bible study for evangelism," scripturally fortifies, and spiritually vitaminizes, the church's arm of longest reach. Every Sunday school officer, teacher and special worker faces this question: Do I hold this certificate of fitness? If not, why not?—W. P. Davis, Supt.

Our Plan for Fall Work in North Central Region

In September we plan to have one day meeting of Superintendents and Group Captains to plan work for 1941 and also to launch training program for October.

Throughout our Region we plan to have as many training schools through October and November as is possible. Teaching a preview of our Sunday school lessons and books leading to diploma for teachers.

We want to emphasize the importance of our churches making adequate preparation for the new year's work, stressing the organization of new classes, new departments and the adoption of the standard of excellence as working program.—C. D. Tabor, Superintendent.

To Churches in South Central Region

Looking forward to the Fall Campaign for the Sunday school work in the South Central Region, we see much to be done and what is better, much that we can do. First, we are going to urge every association to have a one-day meeting bringing together all of the associational officers, the Sunday school superintendents and pastors for talking over the work and planning for work in the churches.

We are going to prepare for the work in the churches by having group preparation schools to train and discover volunteer workers to push out to the several churches.

We are going to urge that every church in the six associations in the region plan for a week of training for the officers, teachers and potential workers in each church sometime in October.

May I plead now that all associational officers, Sunday school superintendents and pastors emphasize the work of training in each church.—Rev. Lucius Hart, Superintendent.

Our Fall Program in Southwestern Region

Three short terse statements express in a concise way our plans for the fall. First, *adequately organize*. Without a complete organization we are not in a position to launch any sort of program. With a full organization we

become a unit, an organism, with a multiplicity of tasks but only one objective. We propose to emphasize associational organization. Second, *train the teachers*. With an efficient corps of teachers and an efficient organization we can expect real results. A third word, *push the program*. There are not many difficulties that cannot be overcome by a good dose of hard, conscientious effort. Let's push the program that we prepare, or else we have wasted time in preparation.—Rev. Walter Warmath, Supt.

Our Plans for Northwestern Region

We have some very definite plans for the region. We want a live Sunday school organization in each of the associations in the region, with associational officers organizing Sunday schools in Baptist churches without schools. These officers sponsoring training schools for each church and mission in their association; enlisting and enrolling those people who are not in Sunday school; stressing the importance of consecrated teachers, then training them that they may become soul winners for the lost people in their classes; organizing Extension departments and Cradle Roll departments in all churches; promoting the work of the Vacation Bible school.—Mr. N. D. Guy, Supt.

Training in Southeastern Region

I want to endorse one hundred percent the plan of having a Sunday School Training Course in every church in the Southeastern Region this fall. I covet the co-operation of every associational officer in this great undertaking. With your help the job can be done, and only God can measure the results.—J. R. Hodges, Supt.

Sunday School Training Work in Eastern Region

We have just closed our regional conference and very definite plans have been made to go to all the associations and present the work with the thought of getting training schools on in all of the churches. We hope to deepen the interest in Sunday school work in general. Through the training program we are able to enlist prospects for the Sunday school, stress the importance of using the "Standard of Excellence" as a program of work, and all the

Training Program for Northeastern Region

I considered it a great privilege to have been able to attend the conference at Nashville. The new plans as outlined should reach out to every church in our state. The Associational organization is, without doubt, the right agency for the promotion of Sunday school growth. The plan for carrying the promotional program to the churches through regional and associational conferences seems to me to be a great forward step. The State associational officers' conferences of the years just past have paved the way. We must work as never before to reap the harvest from the seed that has been and is now being sown. May God help us to do no less than our very best.—Mr. J. D. Brooks, Supt.

WANTED: 1,000 Volunteers to teach a Sunday School Training School in a nearby church that needs help. 1,455 Baptist churches in Tennessee did not have a Sunday School Training School in 1939. We must reduce this number in 1940. Will you volunteer a week or more of service? Write the State Sunday School Department giving name, address, and training association.

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The Way of the Cross

A Demonstration on the Six Chief Aims of Woman's Missionary Union.

Directions: This demonstration will require seven women, one of whom acts as Reader, and the other six who will represent Prayer, Enlistment, Study, Service, Stewardship and Missionary Education of Young People. If possible, have on the wall a large drawing of Tennessee in outline with a cross drawn in gold near the top of the State. From the cross, extending down to the bottom edge of the State, have the outline of a highway drawn. Have a duplication of this highway made either out of brownish or grayish paper on cardboard which would look something like stone and cut this part into six pieces that will fit together when all are fastened on the drawing below the cross. Have these six pieces labeled: Prayer, Enlistment, Study, Service, Stewardship, Missionary Education. It will be effective, although not absolutely necessary, that the seven women wear robes of pastel shades or white. Let the reader come forth and take her place near the drawing but far enough to the side so as not to obstruct the view. When she speaks of the different aims, let the women representing that aim come forth and fasten her paving stone on the drawing in the place made for it. Then let the women alternately stand on one side, first the left and then the right, until three are ranged on each side of the drawing and the reader. Let them thus remain until after entire demonstration is over. The object will be to have the way paved from the bottom of the State to the cross with the six "stones" by the time the last woman fastens her "stone" to the drawing.

(Enter Reader and Speaks)—

In preparing a highway for our God there has been no more zealous group of workers throughout all Christian history than the women who have followed Jesus and ministered unto Him. A woman heard the angel's voice when He told her so tenderly that she had found favor with God and that she had been chosen to be the mother of the One who was to be called Jesus. We still hear the echo of her sweet song as she sang: "My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." She it was who through travail and pain gave to the world its first Christian missionary—Jesus, its Saviour and King.

"And it came to pass afterwards, that He went throughout every city and village, preaching and showing the glad tidings of the kingdom of God . . . And certain women . . . Mary called Magdalene . . . and Joanna the wife of Chuza Herod's steward, and Susanna, and many others, ministered unto Him of their substance." What a blessed privilege that first "missionary society" enjoyed in being able to follow and serve Jesus in person and what a glorious example of service they set for present day missionary organizations.

Hundreds of years later, after the world had passed through alternate periods of darkness and light in Christian history, the women of a new world far across land and sea banded themselves together in the Baptist churches of the Southern States of our great Nation into Woman's Missionary Union. Unceasingly they have "followed on to know the Lord" from 1888 until the present day and have carried or sent the gospel message into many dark corners of the world.

Baptist women in Tennessee also banded themselves together in 1888 for the purpose of disseminating missionary information and developing the grace of giving among the women and young people of the churches.



MISS RUTH FORD

Missionary nurse from China who is assisting in the young people's rallies in West and Middle Tennessee.

From the small beginning of 21 societies that reported gifts to missions of \$270.88 in 1888 has come an organization in Tennessee today which had at its last report 808 missionary societies with an estimated membership of 23,779, and 2,132 young people's organizations with an estimated membership of 23,583. These members gave for all purposes last year, according to their reports, the sum of \$188,730.45 for mission purposes and many thousands for church support and charity.

This great missionary organization has paved the highway of our God with strong, enduring substance found in its six Chief Aims. The alchemy of this substance composed of prayer, enlistment, study, service, and missionary education has transformed the baser metals of life into the priceless elements of gold that makes a pathway reaching from the depth of earth to the heights of Heaven.

(Pauses in reading as Prayer enters and places her "paving stone" on the map of Tennessee.)

Reader: Prayer is "an act of offering reverent petitions, especially to God." "Prayer is being with God." "Prayer is a key which, being turned by the hand of faith, unlocks all God's treasures."

"Prayer is the Christian's vital breath,
 The Christian's native air;
 His watchword at the gates of death;
 He enters Heaven with prayer."

Prayer laid many a block of paving on God's highway last year when 1,373 organizations observed the Season of Prayer for Home Missions and gave an offering of \$10,963.11; when 1,313 organizations observed the Season of Prayer for State Missions and gave \$8,365.94; when 1,377 organizations observed the Season

of Prayer for Foreign Missions and contributed \$21,845.11; when many family altars were established; and when countless individual prayers were "set before God as incense." He is our companion on the path of prayer and we can ever lift our eyes to Him and say:

"The path of prayer Thyself hast trod;
 Lord, teach us how to pray."

(Pauses in reading as Enlistment enters and places her "paving stone" on the map of Tennessee.)

Reader: Through Enlistment and Extension W.M.U. members reach out toward the unenlisted women and young people and try to win them for membership in the activities and service of existing organizations. They also go out along the King's highway and seek to organize missionary societies and young people's auxiliaries in nearby churches where none exists. They seek to determine the talents of women and young people and to give them opportunity to use those talents for the glory and honor of their Master as they "walk His ways with Him." There were 4,484 new members won in missionary societies last year. Eighty-five new missionary societies were organized and 263 new young people's organizations.

"We are journeying unto a place of which the Lord said, I will give it you; come thou with us and we will do thee good . . . and it shall be if thou go with us . . . that what goodness the Lord shall do to us, the same shall we do unto thee."—(Num. 10:29-32.)

(Pauses in reading as Study enters and places her "paving stone" on the map of Tennessee.)

Reader: Perhaps the greatest single factor in creating an interest in highway building is the study of God's Word through which we get a vision of His world and its need. Many books have been written to clarify the vision of His mission tasks. Last year there were reported 2,086 mission study classes in the missionary societies and 1,670 in young people's auxiliaries. The ongoing of the missionary enterprise depends largely on the interest created through the study of God's Word and a well rounded course of mission study.

"Every new lesson we learn lays a block on the (roadway) that (reaches) silently toward the throne of God."

(Pauses in reading as Service enters and places her "paving stone" on the map of Tennessee.)

Reader: The hearts of W.M.U. members yearn over the destitute of their communities; their feet walk where the needy ones walk; their hands supply the poor with the necessities of life; their eyes look out on the sorrows of the lost around them; their voices tell the story of Jesus to those along life's way who do not know Him. Last year 1,694 organizations reported Directed Personal Service.

"Every individual will be happier the more clearly he understands that his vocation (as he travels along the highway) consists, not in exacting service from others, but in ministering to others."

(Pauses in reading as Stewardship enters and places her "paving stone" on the map of Tennessee.)

Reader: The proper stewardship of possessions is the measure of a true Christian life. Millions for missions have been given by W.M.U. members since 1888 and the money has been a blessing to all phases of mission work as it flowed down this golden channel. Money is coined personality and when it is given for religious purposes it represents the outpouring of love on the part of W.M.U. members. The success of the missionary enterprise rests on the proper distributions of the Christian's pos-

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How Much Do You Care for The Lost of Tennessee?

Now is the time for Serious consideration of the question

In the Calendar of Time which Southern Baptists have adopted for their guidance in stressing the various phases of their great program, September and October have been designated as "State Mission Months." It has been agreed that during this time especial efforts shall be made to bring to the attention of all our people the missionary needs of the states and seek to secure for State Mission work large extra offerings. For a long time Tennessee Baptists have designated these months for the special promotion of their State Mission program and for the purpose of seeking to get all their people to give sacrificially that the important part of our kingdom task may receive larger support.

V. B. S. held this summer at Tiptonville. Many hundreds of our Negroes have been helped through such schools.



Is it worth while to render such aid to our Colored friends?

State Missions makes possible such great service and scores of other helpful and uplifting missionary tasks.

A Call to Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

Several of the State Mission workers give a large part of their time to the promotion of the W. M. U., while every missionary is asked to give some of his time to this work. No one step will do more to help the department find access to unenlisted churches than to help secure the remainder of the needed regional missionaries.

September is the month which the Missionary Societies and other groups of W. M. U. study about State Missions. If your group has not provided its special offering for this great cause, plan to do so at once. Study "Tennessee Mission Trails" in your circles and auxiliaries. Urge every member to have a worthy part in the offering. Send it to our office before the end of the month if possible. Free State Mission envelopes will be mailed you upon request. Also a large wall chart which shows pictures of State Mission projects and our workers. (Tennessee Mission Trails may be had for 10 cents).

Let everyone who knows the value of making our home base truly Christian have a generous part in supplying the funds with which to secure the workers. Without missionaries, we cannot evangelize Tennessee and enlist and train our new converts. IF TENNESSEE IS NOT WON AND HELD FOR CHRIST, WE MUST EVENTUALLY SURRENDER OUR PART IN THE FOREIGN MISSION ENTERPRISE.

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Next Week

Some very definite information will be published on this page next week about the forthcoming Silver Anniversary Convention for Training Union work in Tennessee. Each succeeding week from now on will bear news about this great meeting.

"500—300—200 CLUB" TO BE LAUNCHED

On the first day of October the "500—300—200 Club" will be launched in the promotion of Baptist Training Union study course awards for the next twelve months. The idea is for any church wishing to join this club and agreeing to have either 500, 300, or 200 study course awards in twelve months' time should send the name of their church and association with the number of awards they think they can reach to Mr. Henry C. Rogers, 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, immediately. We frankly believe that every Baptist church in Tennessee can belong to one of these clubs. The first or second week in October a list of those desiring membership will be published in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. We want at least twenty-five churches in the 500 group, at least fifty churches in the 300 group, and at least one hundred in the 200 group. We recommend that at least two study courses be held a year in each church. There are some churches in the South that now have four courses a year. One Baptist church with at least eight hundred members already has received over twelve hundred awards this calendar year. I am sure that Baptist churches in Tennessee will be anxious to join this club and launch forward as never before. Be sure to file your application immediately so that due recognition will be given to your church. This will mean that Training Union work will go the second mile in study courses this year. A book of missions or stewardship should certainly be included in your study course for the next twelve months.

—HENRY C. ROGERS.

Last Two Regional Conventions Held

The last two conventions held at LaFollette and Decatur climaxed the greatest series of regional conventions in Training Union work Tennessee Baptists have ever experienced. Over 2,500 individuals were reached in eight regional meetings and nearly 200 pastors attended.

At LaFollette the regional officers elected for the Eastern Region were: Rev. David Livingstone, Knoxville, Pastor Adviser; Mr. Glenn Hill, LaFollette, President; and Miss Dewey Mae Royston, Maryville, Junior-Intermediate Leader.

At Decatur the regional officers elected for this region were: Rev. Charles Bond, Athens, Pastor Adviser; Mr. C. F. Fielden, Spring City, President; and Mrs. Ralph Norton, Chattanooga, Junior-Intermediate Leader.

Study Course Awards for August

How happy we are over the great number of courses taught during the month of August in Tenn. Awards by associations are as follows:

Beulah	105	McNairy	64
Big Emory	69	Nashville	51
Campbell County	25	Nolachucky	23
Carroll	49	Ocoee	260
Chilhowee	62	Salem	45
Clinton	7	Sequatchie Valley	47
Concord	29	Sevier	179
Cumberland	34	Shelby County	9
Duck River	17	Stewart County	17
Fayette	10	Stone	27
Hardeman	1	Sweetwater	29
Hiwassee	1	Tennessee Valley	9
Holston	39	Union	65
Jefferson	5	Watauga	53
Knox	96	Western District	1
Madison	2	William Carey	4
McMinn	422		

Attention!

If you have young people going away to college, won't you please contact the following people if they are to attend any of the following schools and you desire to have your young persons lined up. These workers will be instrumental in lining them up in a Baptist program.

Bob Jones College, Cleveland—Rev. John L. Dodge, Cleveland.

Carson-Newman, Jefferson City—Dr. C. W. Pope, Jefferson City; Miss Lucille Kay, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City.

Cumberland University, Lebanon—Dr. C. H. Warren, Lebanon; Rev. Paul Hall, Cumberland University, Lebanon.

East Tennessee State Teachers College, Johnson City—Dr. W. R. Rigell, Johnson City; Miss Winifred Black, State Teachers College, Johnson City.

Harrison-Chilhowee, Seymour—Rev. Shields

Webb, Jefferson City; Mr. Myron Goodwin, Seymour.

State Teachers College, Murfreesboro—Rev. L. S. Sedberry, Murfreesboro; Mrs. Eva Pistole, State Teachers College, Murfreesboro.

Peabody, Nashville—Dr. R. Kelly White, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville; Dr. W. F. Powell, First Baptist Church, Nashville; Dr. C. S. Henderson, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville; Mr. Doyle Baird, Peabody College, Nashville.

Tennessee College, Murfreesboro—Rev. L. S. Sedberry, Murfreesboro; Miss Edith Stokely, Tennessee College, Murfreesboro.

T. P. I.—Rev. Harold Stephens, Cookeville.

Union University, Jackson—Dr. W. C. Boone, First Baptist Church, Jackson; Dr. R. C. Goldsmith, Calvary Baptist Church, Jackson; Mr.

Fred Cole, Union University, Jackson.

University of Tennessee, Junior College, Martin—Rev. Tom L. Roberts, Martin; Prof. Joe Black Hayes, Martin.

Vanderbilt, Nashville—Dr. R. Kelly White, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville; Dr. C. S. Henderson, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville; Dr. W. F. Powell, First Baptist Church, Nashville; Mr. Doyle Baird, Peabody College, Nashville.

State Teachers College, Memphis—Mr. Wilford Provo, West Tennessee State Teachers College, Memphis.

Ward-Belmont, Nashville — Dr. R. Kelly White, Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville; Dr. W. F. Powell, First Baptist Church, Nashville; Dr. C. S. Henderson, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville.

OCTOBER IS TRAINING MONTH!

Plan now for all present and prospective officers and teachers in your Sunday school to have an opportunity to study a good book during October. It is the beginning of the Sunday school year and during the month special attention will be given to the study of the general Administration and Department Books of the Training Course for Sunday School Workers.

Teach these books: Two Department books are required for the complete or Gold Seal Diploma. All books 60 cents in durable cloth binding, 40 cents in paper binding at your Baptist Book Store.

Administration

Building a Standard Sunday School, by Arthur Flake

Sunday School Officers and Their Work, by Arthur Flake

The True Functions of the Sunday School, by Arthur Flake

A Church Using Its Sunday School, by J. N. Barnett

Department Books

FOR ADULT WORKERS

ADMINISTRATION
The Adult Department of the Sunday School, by William P. Phillips

TEACHING
Teaching Adults in the Sunday School, by Gaines S. Dobbins

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WORKERS

ADMINISTRATION
The Young People's Department of the Sunday School, by William P. Phillips

TEACHING
Teaching Young People in the Sunday School, by W. L. Howse

FOR EXTENSION WORKERS

ADMINISTRATION
The Extension Department of the Sunday School, by Joseph T. Watts

FOR INTERMEDIATE WORKERS

ADMINISTRATION
Intermediate Sunday School Work, by Mary Virginia Lee

TEACHING
The Art of Teaching Intermediates, by Ina S. Lambdin

FOR JUNIOR WORKERS

TEACHING
Guiding Junior Boys and Girls in the Sunday School, by Myrtle Owens Looney

FOR PRIMARY WORKERS

TEACHING
Guiding the Primary Child in the Sunday School, by Emma Petty

FOR CRADLE ROLL-BEGINNER WORKERS

TEACHING
Guiding the Little Child in the Sunday School, by Elisabeth McEwen Shields

AMONG THE BRETHREN

By FLEETWOOD BALL and THE EDITOR

By FLEETWOOD BALL

A revival was begun in the First Church, Humboldt, S. R. Woodson, pastor, last Sunday. A. M. Vollmer of Dyersburg is doing the preaching, and L. H. Carter of Union University is leading the music.

Bailey Sewell has resigned the care of Calvary Church, Shawnee, Okla., to accept the call of Portland Avenue Church, Oklahoma City.

The First Church, Dallas, Texas, observed its 43rd anniversary of the beginning of G. W. Truett as pastor. Deacon Robert H. Coleman has been assistant pastor for 37 years.

W. H. Lansford, formerly pastor at Oklahoma, has accepted a call to West Memphis Church.

J. W. Neal, a great layman of Houston, Texas, went to his heavenly reward Saturday, August 31. Altogether he has given approximately \$200,000.00 to the Houston Baptist Hospital. His membership was with the Second Church, Houston.

Mississippi Baptist College for Women, Hattiesburg, Miss., voted recently to close temporarily that institution. The equipment for the school is valued at approximately \$700,000.00. The failure to provide adequate endowment is responsible for this action.

The State of South Carolina has voted against the sale of liquor in a referendum vote. J. H. Kyzar, of Laurens, S. C., believes that the legislature will enact a law in accordance with this vote.

In a revival in Mars Hill Church in Mississippi, S. G. Pope, pastor, preaching, was done by J. B. Lawrence, Secretary of the Home Mission Board. There were 35 additions, 23 by baptism. Forty years ago J. B. Lawrence was pastor there.

J. B. Stewart of Bogalusa, La., has accepted the care of the church at Henricfield, Miss.

The average attendance in Sunday school at New Albany, Miss., this summer has been 404. A beautiful new home has been finished for the pastor, J. P. Kirkland, who is happy.

L. W. Talkington, pastor of the church at Military, Miss., was assisted in a revival by E. M. Bilbo. There were 16 additions.

Perry F. Webb, pastor of the First Church, San Antonio, Texas, was recently presented

with a Studebaker automobile by the members of the church.

Jesse L. Yelvington lately assisted Roy L. Johnson in a revival with the First Church, Winnsboro, Texas. There were 32 additions.

Robert Fling of the First Church, Troup, Texas, has just completed a ten day revival at the First Church, Winona, Texas, E. B. Coon, pastor. There were 21 additions, 18 by baptism.

Miss Mary H. Clay, librarian of Mary-Hardin Baylor College, has been signally honored by the American Library Association, which asks to reprint an article by her which appeared in the October issue of *Texas Outlook*, "Looking at Our Texas Junior College Libraries."

J. D. Maddox has resigned as pastor of the First Church, Metropolis, Ill., and has accepted the pastorate of the Cadiz Church, Cadiz, Ky. He will be on the field October 1. He was pastor at Trenton about 7 years before going to Illinois.

By THE EDITOR

Rev. B. B. Powers, Mt. Juliet, writes of a great revival in the Mt. Juliet Church recently, resulting in 31 additions. Rev. L. S. Sedberry did the preaching.

First Baptist Church, Cookeville, has just closed a very successful revival. Rev. R. E. Guy did the preaching and Luther Carter led the singing. Approximately 85 people were reached in a definite way. There were 60 additions to the church.

The Candies Creek Church, Ocoee Association, Rev. Edd Gregg, pastor, held a revival August 4-18, resulting in 14 conversions and 18 additions to the church. Rev. J. B. Tallant, Chattanooga, did the preaching.

Rev. C. M. Pickler, Chattanooga, recently preached in a revival at Braggadocio, Mo., J. Seth Comper, Jr., pastor. There were 39 additions for baptism.

The First Baptist Church, Kingsport, has called Lawrence Triyette as Associational Field Worker for Holston Association and as associate pastor. He has accepted and will assume his work in the near future.

In a recent revival at Flatwoods Baptist Church, Holladay, there were 16 additions, 11 by baptism. The pastor, Rev. R. E. Pettigrew, was assisted by C. H. Franks, from West Helena, Ark.

Rev. Sam Melton, pastor of Big Springs Baptist Church, Cleveland, writes that they have just closed a very successful meeting. Rev. J. B. Tallant, Chattanooga, did the preaching. There were 57 conversions and 40 additions to the church.

Beech Bottom Church, Stockton Valley Association, has recently experienced a gracious revival. Nine were added to the church, and their first offering for missions was raised. O. G. Lawless of Byrdstown did the preaching.

Two hundred per cent increase in membership! That is the record of Santa Fe Church, Maury County, for 1940! State Missionary Boyd LeCroy led them in their recent revival which resulted in 18 additions to the nine members who remained after six years of inactivity.

The Crichton Memorial Church at Concord added 15 new additions to the church roll during the annual revival. The pastor, Rev. Clyde C. Bryan, led.

The Avondale Church, Chattanooga, Dr. H. G. Lindsay, pastor, has just closed a most successful two weeks' revival, Rev. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, doing the preaching and R. C. Campbell, Jr., directing the song service. There were 35 additions to the church, making 104 additions this Associational year and 543 since Dr. Lindsay became pastor. He will observe his third anniversary in November. During his pastorate at Avondale offerings have increased from \$5,000.00 to \$15,000.00 a year. The church has paid off all old indebtedness, spent several thousand dollars repairing and beautifying the church plant, bought and paid for a pastor's home that is valued at \$8,000.00 and has more than a \$2,000.00 start on a building fund. This church is a regular and consistent supporter of the Co-operative Program and has contributed an average of \$200.00 per month to Missions and Benevolences. At the close of the recent revival the church voted to employ a full time Educational Director as soon as a suitable man may be found.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, SEPT. 1, 1940

Sunday School	Training Union	Southside	85	36	Prospect	90	67
Alcoa	269	Watauga	251	127	Memphis: Bellevue	1542	597
Antioch	100	Gladeville	117	53	Boulevard	323	119
Butler	188	Hampton	369	74	First	579	97
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	67	Harriman, Trenton Street	369	89	Prescott	344	119
Chattanooga: Avondale	501	Hermitage, New Hope	369	56	Speedway Terrace	382	
First	733	Jackson: Ararat	589	56	Temple	877	299
First Bank	416	Jefferson City, First	610	202	Morristown, Bethel	87	49
South St. Elmo	103	Kingsport, First	589	248	Moshelm, Brown Springs	139	74
Church Hill, Oak Grove	60	Knoxville: Broadway	849	57	Murfreesboro, First	385	85
Cleveland, Big Springs	377	Fifth Avenue	768	133	Mount Juliet	146	52
Columbia, Second	122	First	732	82	Nashville: Grace	100	128
Concord, Crichton Memorial	78	Gayland Heights	144	107	New Tazewell	331	25
Corryville, Fairview	181	Immanuel	330	107	Paris, First	100	56
Cookeville, First	308	Lebanon	203	82	Raleigh, Ardmore	140	
Crossville, First	149	Liberty, Salem	201	21	Riceville	258	114
Dyersburg, First	410	Madisonville	134	96	Sevierville, Alder Branch	156	
Edinburgh: First	493	Maryville: Cedar Grove	134	69	Shelbyville, First	141	
Immanuel	103	First	808		Union City, First	612	254
Little Mountain	248				Walter Hill, Powell's Chapel	128	61
Siam	201				Watertown, First	180	

Five people saved at a funeral! Pastor G. C. Morris of Columbia writes of a funeral service which he recently conducted when five children of a professed atheist were led to surrender to Christ at the grave-side when their eight-year-old brother was buried.

August receipts through the Co-operative Program came very close to the "big record" of last August. The state as a whole giving \$2,000 and more above what they contributed during August, 1939. Total C. P. receipts amounted to \$26,059.85.

The New Hope Baptist Church, Bledsoe Association, Rev. Robt. Earls, pastor, has recently closed a good revival. Rev. O. F. Huckaba, their former pastor, did the preaching. There were 15 additions, 11 by baptism, 3 by letter and 1 by statement.

First Church, Alcoa, was assisted in a recent revival by Rev. Hobert M. Linkous, from Thomaston, Ga. Prof. George Freeman, of Chattanooga, led the singing. There were 75 conversions and 45 additions.

A recent revival held at Pistole Church, Union Association, Rev. Oscar T. Nelson, preaching, resulted in 30 professions and 1 addition by letter.

Evangelist T. C. Crume, Florence, Ky., has just closed a good meeting at Temple, Okla., where scores were saved. He is in a meeting now at First Church, Hollis, Okla., and goes from there to Hunter Street Church, Birmingham, Ala. From there he will come to Franklin, Tenn.

Rutledge Falls Baptist Church, at Manchester, Tenn., Rev. J. F. Rich, pastor, has recently had the greatest revival ever held at the church. There were 39 additions for baptism, 11 by letter.

The Mooresburg Baptist Church has closed a revival in which Evangelist C. L. Hammond, Knoxville, did the preaching. J. Walker Hale, Morristown, led the singing. There were 30 additions to the church, 21 by baptism and 9 by letter.

Mt. Hermon Church, Concord Association, closed a twelve days revival on August 22 in which Pastor J. O. Oglesby did the preaching. There were 5 received by baptism, 1 by letter and a number rededicated their life anew. Brother Fisher Boyce led the singing in a splendid and spiritual way. The church has named the first Sunday in October as the day to dedicate the new building and to have a home coming in connection.

First Baptist Church of DeRidder, La., recently held a gracious revival, resulting in 47 additions to the church membership, 25 of these coming for baptism and two others converted and joining other churches, making a total of 49. Rev. J. C. Robinson is the beloved and esteemed pastor and has led the church in a splendid way for four years. Prof. Ira C. Prosser of Oklahoma City led the singing.

The offering for British Baptist Mission relief has passed the eight thousand dollar mark, being \$8,197.35 on the 30th of August. This great need should not go unheeded by any church. Surely there are hundreds of our churches that will want to have a part in it. Tennessee Baptists should give not less than \$12,500.

Horse Cave, Ky., merchants close their stores for the morning hours of Dr. John R. Sampey's revival services. Dr. Sampey every year conducts an evangelistic service "to renew my strength" reading through the book of St. John.

This series of sermons he has presented in South America, China and Africa. Twice a day, morning and night, the 76-year-old theologian who celebrated his sixtieth anniversary in the ministry two Sundays ago, brings the word of God to the scores of men, women and children who crowd to overflowing the Baptist Church.

Rev. T. N. Hale, Somerville Baptist Church, closed a week's revival September 1 at the Shady Grove Baptist Church, 6 miles north of Somerville, where he has been preaching on Sunday afternoons for the past two years. There were 9 additions by baptism and 1 by letter.

Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Atwood and Miss Eva May Atwood have left for Clearwater, Fla., where they will make an extended visit. Miss Atwood will leave soon for Edgewood Park, N. Y., where she will resume her duties as teacher at Briarcliff College.

WITH THE CHURCHES: *Chattanooga*—Avondale, Pastor Lindsay welcomed for baptism 15, by letter 3, baptized 11; First, Pastor Huff received by letter 1, baptized 3. *Cleveland*—Big Springs, Pastor Milton welcomed for baptism 4, by letter 3, baptized 33. *Elizabethton*—First, Pastor Starke received by letter 1, for baptism 2. *Johnson City*—Unaka Avenue, Pastor Bowers received for baptism 3. *Knoxville*—Broadway, Pastor Pollard received by letter 1; Fifth Avenue, Pastor Wood received 2 additions to the church; Fort Sanders, Pastor Carroll received 2 for baptism, 1 by letter; Immanuel, Pastor Pedigo baptized 2. *Memphis*—Bellevue, Pastor Lee welcomed for baptism 5, 1 by letter, baptized 6; Boulevard, Pastor Arbuckle received for baptism 4; Speedway Terrace, Pastor Harris received by letter 3, for baptism 1; Temple, Pastor Boston received by letter 3, 1 for baptism.

The Way of the Cross

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sessions, which furnishes the means for the building of the missionary highway from the church to the remotest corner of our State. Beside the total gifts of last year already mentioned, the stewardship chairman reported 7,284 tithers in missionary societies and 4,416 in young people's auxiliaries, making a total of 11,700.

"Melt your mammon down, coin him up, make God's money of him, and send him coursing."

(Pauses in reading as Missionary Education enters and places her "paving stone" on the map of Tennessee.)

Reader: The ideal of Woman's Missionary Union is the establishment of a full-graded Union, consisting of at least one Sunbeam Band, Girls' Auxiliary, Royal Ambassador Chapter, and Young Women's Auxiliary, all fostered by the Woman's Missionary Society, in every church in Tennessee. Each W. M. U. should furnish leadership and necessary supplies for each young people's organization and should seek gently to lead the youth of the churches into "paths of joyous service," for the boy and girl of today is the man and the woman of tomorrow. The future of the mission highway lies in their hands. Therefore "The Way of Missionary Education" should be made attractive to the feet of members in our 425 Y.W.A.'s, 704 G.A.'s, 513 R.A.'s, and 490 Sunbeam Bands.

"How beautiful is youth . . . how wonderfully fair! What freshness of life . . . what hopes!"

Thus we pave the way to the cross with the six Chief Aims of Woman's Missionary Union. In its shadow we find the women kneeling, for they steadfastly followed Him there. In the glory of the resurrection morning when they met the angel of the Lord and the truth of the risen Lord had been corroborated, "they departed quickly from the sepulchre . . . and did run to bring His disciples word." We can but commend their loyalty to Jesus and the quickness with which they "sped away on their mission of light." Last at the cross, first at the tomb, and fleet-footed messengers of Jesus Christ over all the highways of earth ever since! May the way to the cross be made brighter and the journey along the King's highway be made lighter for many weary travelers because members of Woman's Missionary Union are faithful in telling them the story of Jesus, thus building "a highway for our God."

(Have someone sing softly the first verse of "The Way of the Cross," and then have prayer for W.M.U. workers as mentioned on program, after which those who participated in demonstration leave platform before offering is taken. If for any reason it is not practical to have this demonstration, one woman can cull items from this material and give talk on the topic: "The Way of the Cross.")

—Adapted from Arkansas W.M.S. Program.



October is Training Month in the Sunday school! Plan now for all present and prospective officers and teachers in your Sunday school to study a good book during October. Special attention should be given to the general Administration and Department books.

Two Department books are required for the complete or Gold Seal Diploma. Where only one book is offered, workers may choose for the required credit one book from any of the seven groups in the Training Course. Write for complete list. All books 60 cents in cloth, 40 cents in paper.

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