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## Baptists Meet In Johnson City

### Fine Session of the State Convention

To the swelling strains of "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" and other gospel hymns, led by Prof. Sterling Lorenz Price of Carson-Newman College, with Mrs. Clarence Ring, local church organist, at the instrument, the Tennessee Baptist Convention opened its sixty-sixth session in the Central Baptist Church in historic Johnson City, Tuesday evening, November 12, 1940. The presence of the Lord could be distinctly sensed. Vice-President J. G. Hughes, Kingsport, was in the chair, and Ralph Moore, Chattanooga, led in fervent prayer. Mr. M. R. Snodderly, representing the city managers, officially welcomed the messengers and visitors and Wm. R. Rigell, pastor of the hostess church, graciously welcomed the body on behalf of the congregation.

W. C. Smedley, Chattanooga, nominated J. G. Hughes for president of the Convention and upon motion cast the unanimous ballot of the body for him. Upon the nominations of D. B. Bowers, Johnson City, and T. H. Roark, Lake City, R. W. Sellman, Chattanooga, and Roy Anderson, Seymour, were unanimously chosen as vice-presidents of the Convention and at the direction of President Hughes were conducted to the platform by these brethren. L. G. Frey, Jackson, was re-elected clerk and Noah B. Fetzer, Nashville, and John D. Freeman, Nashville, were re-elected statistical secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Following a medley of hymns on the cross effectively played as musical numbers on the marimba by Miss Martha Rigell, Johnson City, the alternate, Richard N. Owen, Clarksville, read from Matthew 17 and led in prayer. Then the appointee, Lloyd T. Householder, Lewisburg, preached the annual sermon on "Jesus Only," using Matt. 17:8 as a text. It was an excellent and forceful message, which will be published later in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. Bro. Householder dismissed the body with prayer.

Just prior to the Convention, BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR had said on its front page, "The Holy Spirit will be there." This prediction was manifestly fulfilled in this opening session of the Convention.

#### WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

"Holy, Holy, Holy" was among the songs sung by the Convention under the leadership of Prof. Price, sounding the note of the Wednesday morning session, after which Floyd Creasy, Chattanooga, led in prayer. Telegrams of greeting from the Alabama, Georgia and Mississippi Conventions were read by the secretary who, upon motion of C. O. Simpson, Trenton, was instructed to send suitable replies.

In the absence of the chairman of the committee, A. M. Vollmer, Dyersburg, the report of the Committee on Denominational Literature was read by H. L. Carter, Dickson. Among other things, the report said:

The action of the Baltimore Convention was designed to provoke concerted effort on the part of all our people to extend the circulation of our Baptist papers throughout the South. More than four million people should purchase no fewer than a half million subscriptions. Should such a goal be attained, who can estimate the possible results?

At the present time there are 403,100 Baptists in Tennessee, an estimated 100,775 Baptist families. Of this number of families 9,200 receive the State paper. This is next to the smallest ratio of any State in the Southern Baptist Convention.

The apportionment for Tennessee by 1945 on the basis of 500,000 subscriptions throughout the south is 40,735, an increase of 31,735, which would give a paper to every 2.47 families.

There is only one way humanly speaking that this goal can be reached, and that is by our churches putting the paper in their budgets, and send-

ing it to the families in their membership. Already 52 churches in Tennessee have done this, leaving 2,050 still to be reached.

A committee from the Executive Board, J. Harold Stephens, Cookeville, chairman, Ira Dance, Etowah, and C. W. Pope, Jefferson City, was read at this time, which was later adopted in connection with other recommendations of the Executive Board, as follows:

We, your committee from the Executive Board on "Tennessee Baptist Loyalty to Our State Paper," wish to offer the following recommendations in connection with the report which you have heard on Denominational Literature; that we give our wholehearted co-operation to the movement growing out of our last meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention to increase appreciation for, and circulation of, our Baptist State papers.

Tennessee Baptists have just cause to be proud of our own Baptist and Reflector, and we need make no apologies in our efforts to get the paper into more of our homes. We realize that our Editor and his immediate staff can not do all that should be done to promote greater interest in the paper. Modesty, naturally, forbids our Editor from doing and saying some things that you and I can do and say.

We wish, therefore, to further recommend that the President of this Convention appoint at least five men from this body, whose duty it shall be to prepare an article each on "Baptist Support of our Baptist Paper," and that these articles be sent as soon as possible to our Editor, Dr. O. W. Taylor, to be published from time to time during the coming year at his discretion.

After brief remarks by the editor, the main address on the report on denominational literature was delivered by Norris Gilliam, Springfield. "A new day has dawned for our papers. We have come to a new emphasis upon their vital importance to the denomination and an effort to express it in a positively beneficial way." After further discussion by S. P. DeVault, Johnson City, and A. F. Mahan, Central City, the report was adopted.

Following an impressive message in song, "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," by the Tennessee College Woman's Quartette, A. A. McClanahan, Jr., Chattanooga, read the report on the Orphans' Home. A copy of the report is not available here for notations, but with 250 children the capacity of the Home has been reached until the enlargement now in progress is completed. The enlargement of capacity and of activities will mean enlarged operating expense calling for enlarged support from our people. In several respects the Home has had the best year in its history. Following the main address by the assistant superintendent, W. C. Creasman, the report was adopted.

The Committee on Nominations, with Ira Dance, Etowah, as chairman, reported as follows:

**Committee on Committees:** A. A. McClanahan, Jr., Chattanooga; C. O. Simpson, Trenton; J. L. Trent, Kingsport; C. F. Clark, Nashville; C. E. Wright, Watertown; R. J. Bateman, Memphis; John A. Huff, Chattanooga.

**Christian Education:** V. E. Boston, Memphis; D. Chester Sparks, Hariman; W. E. Richardson, Columbia.

**Denominational Literature:** A. M. Vollmer, Dyersburg; E. B. Crain, Nashville; H. J. Beasley, Sevierville.

**Relief and Annuity Board:** Norris Gilliam, Springfield; James A. Ivey, Chattanooga.

**Missions:** John A. Huff, Chattanooga; Frank W. Wood, Knoxville; P. L. Ramsey, Covington.

**Sunday School and Laymen's Work:** Jesse Daniel, Nashville; W. C. Smedley, Chattanooga; Paul A. Wieland, Bolivar.

**Baptist Training Union and Student Union:** Henry C. Rogers, Nashville; T. T. James, Memphis; J. B. Tallant, Chattanooga.

**Memorial Service:** Howard Bennett, Carthage; Clyde Burke, Chattanooga; H. H. Stemberge, Jr., Paris.

**Program Committee:** L. S. Sedberry, Murfreesboro; W. Rufus Beckett, Nashville; Carl A. DeVane, Chattanooga; D. B. Bowers, Johnson City; Richard N. Owens, Clarksville; Tom L. Roberts, Martin.

**Hospitals:** S. R. Woodson, Humboldt; Barney Flowers, Memphis.

**Woman's Work:** Mrs. R. L. Harris, Knoxville; J. L. Sullivan, Ripley; E. W. Barnett, Nashville.

**Orphans' Home:** A. A. McClanahan, Chattanooga; H. F. Rushing, O. L. Rives, Gatlinburg.

**Co-operative Program:** Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville; H. L. Carter, Dickson; Leonard H. Stephens, Brownsville.

Jesse Daniel, State Superintendent, read extracts from the report on Sunday School and Brotherhood Work, making brief comments

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## EDITORIAL

thereon. Some of the many salient points were "Some Facts to Face" as follows:

1. **Baptist Churches.** Think of the possibilities of 2,104 Baptist Churches in Tennessee as they minister week after week to the spiritual needs of thousands of boys and girls, men and women. There are scores of places yet where Baptist churches should be organized.

2. **Sunday Schools.** Our report shows that Tennessee has 1,974 Sunday schools. At that rate there are 130 fewer Sunday schools than churches, even including all the mission schools. This should cause every associational moderator and associational Sunday school superintendent to check up on churches in the association, and wherever there is a church without a school, help bring about the organization of one.

3. **The Enrolment.** The very first step in teaching God's Word to people is to enrol them in the Sunday school. Tennessee has a Sunday school enrolment of 276,724, and 593,026 prospects (those yet to be reached) or a total of 869,750 possibilities.

4. **Gains and Losses.** The gain in Sunday school enrolment in the State in 1939 was 13,154. It is not possible to get report for 1940 just yet. But "every Sunday school should grow." Every church can know its possibilities by taking a census and checking church and Sunday school rolls. This should be done every year. This method furnishes us valuable information as well as keeps these people on our hearts. If you get the ins out after the outs, you will get the outs in Sunday school.

The following brethren then followed with forceful brief addresses: Walter Warmath, Selmer; J. R. Hodges, Sweetwater; W. P. Davis, Springfield; J. D. Brooks, Elizabethton; L. W. Hart, Mt. Pleasant; M. K. Cobble, Lake City. E. K. Wiley, State Brotherhood Secretary, spoke movingly on his work. "The church needs the men and the men need the church."

The climax of the morning was an address by Ira C. Cole, Memphis, on the report, "Uncle Sam is expanding his army. What about expanding the army of Christ?" It was a moving message. Adjourned with the benediction by C. E. Autrey, Union City.

### WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

"Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" was one of the gospel hymns which Prof. Price led the body in singing, lifting up the souls of the people. W. B. Woodall, Clarksville, led in prayer.

Henry C. Rogers, State Training Union Director, presented some of the many salient points in the report on the Baptist Training Union and Student Union. Splendid advances during the year. There are now 3,260 unions in the State as compared with 2,893 the year before. The emphasis for 1940 is threefold:

1. **Evangelism.** "It is our purpose to do everything in our power to lead all our Training Union members into active participation in revivals—church and associational—through helping with preliminary plans, taking study courses in soul winning, conducting cottage prayer meetings, holding Youth Revivals, street meetings, and by personal work."

2. **Conservation.** "We propose to put greater emphasis on the Training Union as the force in our churches for conservation of new members and all Baptist life: (1) Through assimilation of new members into church life and fellowship through training. (2) Through indoctrination. (3) Through training in stewardship and missions. (4) Through growth in grace and knowledge by enlisting all in daily Bible reading and daily prayer. (5) Through development of efficiency in church work. (6) Through training in personal witnessing to the lost."

3. **Co-ordination.** "We wish to call attention to the fact that the Training Union calendar for 1940 is co-ordinated with Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism and other denominational emphases. (1) Theme—"The New Testament Pattern of Church Membership." All the lessons and activities for the year are constructed around this theme. (2) Aim—"To lead every church member to grow as a Christian, to enter fully and joyfully into all the duties and privileges of church membership, to seek the lost for Christ, and to be true to Christ in every area and relationship of His life. (3) Scripture—"Walk as children of light . . . proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord" (Ephesians 5:8b, 10)."

Miss Roxie Jacobs, State Junior and Intermediate Leader, Nashville; Doyle Baird, B. S. U. Secretary, Vanderbilt, and Roger Smith, B. S. U. Secretary, University of Tennessee, and U. W. Malcolm, Elizabethton, Pastor-Adviser, were introduced to the body.

Joe Harting, Union University, Jackson, President State B. S. U., spoke on the enrichment of the Christian life found in the Training Union and Student Union activities. Lawrence Newman, Chattanooga, President State Training Union Convention, gave an invitation to the Silver Training Union Convention in Chattanooga. V. Floyd Starke, Elizabethton, spoke on the value of the Baptist Training Union revival in his church. L. G. Frey, Jackson, spoke on the value of the Training Union in the rural church, and James A. Ivey, Chattanooga, spoke on the Standard Training Union.

Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, presented the report on the Co-operative Program and discussed the same. "While Baptist churches are independent of each other, they are not independent of the commandment of our Lord. We find also that co-operation is the true spirit of Christianity and true Christians are co-operative." It was a forceful address. Mrs. Clarence Ring, Johnson City, impressively played an organ arrangement of "The Lily of the Valley" and A. F. Mahan, Fountain City, led in fervent prayer. God spoke to our hearts.

John A. Huff, Chattanooga, called attention to the report on missions printed in the book of reports. Excerpts from the report follow:

### State Missions:

Underlying all other phases of our denominational work is State Missions. This department is absolutely essential to the welfare of all others. To it we have committed the task of increasing the number of churches, of helping to develop and train church leaders upon whom we are dependent for the furtherance of our cause, and of enlisting the churches in support of the mighty task committed to us by the Lord Jesus through the Great Commission.

State Missions in Tennessee made possible in other days the ministry which led to the establishment of most of our great churches of today. When one thinks of such households of faith as Bellevue in Memphis, Broadway in Knoxville, Belmont Heights in Nashville and Highland Park in Chattanooga, it is difficult for him to imagine that they were established and fostered in their early years by State Missions. If one were to visit every county seat town in the State and see our Baptist work in it, he would find the fruits of State Missions before him, for, with only four or five exceptions, our work in every county seat in the State was either opened up or else has been supported by State Missions.

### Home Missions:

1. The past year has been a year of glorious achievements for Home Missions. The Lord has richly blessed our missionaries in every field. We have now 411 missionaries working in 863 mission stations. During the past year we have added 40 to our mission force, opened 93 new mission stations and acquired 14 pieces of property. During the year our missionaries have distributed 40,362 Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture and 660,847 tracts. They have preached 34,008 sermons, led over 9,000 to make profession of faith in Christ, and received into fellowship with the church 4,672.

2. The past year has been one of the best, financially, for many years for the Home Mission Board. Receipts were larger than for the year before. Marked progress has been made in the payment of the debt. The Board received from all sources in 1939, \$544,289.04. This is an increase over the receipts of the year before. The treasurer's report shows that \$159,585.15 was paid on the principal of the debt. A debt-paying program has been mapped out which will liquidate all the debts of the Home Mission Board by 1945, provided the receipts do not fall below the receipts of 1939. From January 1, 1940, to May 1, 1940, the Board paid \$71,822.23 on the principal of the debt.

### Foreign Missions:

The Foreign Mission Board has four hundred and fifty-five (455) missionaries, operating in thirteen (13) different countries, namely: Africa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, China, Hungary, Italy, Japan, Jugoslavia, Mexico, Palestine-Syria, Rumania, and Spain. The total number of churches are eighteen hundred and eighty-three (1883), with a membership of two hundred and thirty-six thousand, two hundred and sixty-five (236,265). The number of baptisms reported last year was 18,006.

Gifts through the Co-operative Program were \$504,750.67, and through designations \$562,853.68, making a total of \$1,067,604.35. The progress made in the debt reduction of the Foreign Mission Board is most gratifying. Seven years ago the total debt was \$1,110,000.00, while today the debt is \$245,000.00.

The closing feature of the Wednesday afternoon session was an address by Dr. Roland Q. Leavell, Superintendent of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board. "There is no national defense, no social security apart from character. When we pray, 'God Bless America,' we pray for men of great Christian character." After the fervent singing of "Rescue the Perishing," the high hour came to a close with earnest prayer by C. H. Warren, Lebanon. Surely, the Holy Spirit was there!

### WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION

After singing "Oh for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Send the Light" with Prof. Price leading, the choir of the hostess church with Mrs. W. A. Sterritt directing and Mrs. Clarence Ring at the organ, expressively sang as an anthem arrangement "Just as I Am." Prayer led by R. J. Bateman, Memphis.

R. Kelly White, Nashville, presented the report of the Executive Board. Total Co-operative Program receipts for the year are \$264,427.78. Designated gifts equal \$125,207.85 and designations reported by the agencies equal \$60,170.64.

Recommendations were adopted as follows:

1. That we continue the usual division of our Co-operative Program funds half for state causes and half for southwide causes.  
2. That all southwide funds be forwarded to the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention as early in each month as possible, and that the same be distributed according to the program adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention of 1940, subject to any changes that may be approved by the Convention of 1941.

3. That the Convention give thanks for the splendid work being done in the State by the missionaries who are employed jointly by the State Board and various association boards; and that approval be given the movement to get the churches to reduce the number of district units and to make possible the extension of this associational missionary work.

4. That the Convention approve the worthy effort being put forth in the Preachers' Schools to provide training for under-privileged pastors, and that we request churches throughout the State to look out for such men and to provide them with scholarships, thus enabling them to attend and receive the blessings which these schools provide.

5. That the Convention endorse the plan of the Southwide Committee on Evangelism and approve the formation of "Andrew Bands," and that your Board be authorized to press the organization of such bands in connection with its program of evangelism.

6. That the efforts on behalf of the debt-paying movement be continued through support of the Baptist Hundred Thousand Club; and that since they receive the State part of the funds and have been bearing the expense of promoting the club, the Convention hereby request the management of Carson-Newman College, Tennessee College, Union University, Harrison-Chilhowee Academy and the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home to work out with the Promotional Department of the Southern Baptist Convention plans for enlarging and promoting the Club movement during 1941.

7. That approval be given to the efforts of the Executive Board to furnish good doctrinal and practical tracts and other helpful literature free of charge to churches and individuals, who will use it in doing the work of the Master, and that we also express our approval of the worthiness of such literature as the basis for appeal to donors for an endowment fund with which to circulate even larger amounts of it.

8. That we express our sincere gratitude to God for His continuing favor upon our work; that our Treasurer be instructed to convey to the churches through their treasurers the hearty thanks of the Convention for their part in carrying on the Co-operative Program enterprise; and that every Baptist in the State who believes in obeying the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus be urged to unite under this program to the end that the combined strength of Tennessee Baptists may be hurled against the citadels of evil among us and thrust, along with that of all Southern Baptists, to the end of this war-torn, sin-scoured world.

9. That we look with grave concern upon the tendency of some of our people to limit their contributions to causes outside their own local fields to ten per cent of their total receipts; and that we set up as our only worthy standard the ideal of dividing all our gifts half and half between local and outside causes, urging our churches to keep the goal in mind and to strive as soon as possible to attain it.

10. That the action of the Baptist Foundation in lending its funds to the Executive Board for payment on the Baptist State Building be approved; and that we call on our people everywhere to consider the wisdom of making provision for perpetuating their ministry beyond the time of death by providing through the Foundation trusts for any of our agencies or institutions, or for all of them through the Co-operative Program channels.

11. That for 1941 we approve the following special offerings:

March—Home and Foreign Missions.  
June—Ministerial and Missionary Education.  
September and October—State Missions.  
May (Mothers' Day)—Orphans' Home.  
December—Orphans' Home.

12. That we express to God our profound gratitude for the goodness which He has manifested to us during the life of our nation; and that we call upon our people in all seriousness and earnestness to:

- a. To engage often in earnest supplication for the distressed people of this ravaged earth.
- b. To plead earnestly for the coming of a new era to our land, one that will be characterized by thrift, industry, honesty, sobriety, brotherly love and unswerving loyalty to the sacred principles of our Christian Faith.
- c. To open their hearts to the calls for help that come with ever increasing volume to us, and through sacrificial giving to overcome within ourselves the spirit of selfishness and covetousness which is behind the social upheaval now shaking the world.
- d. To make a careful study of their own immediate temporal needs with a view to discovering just how much they must have for themselves during the immediate future.
- e. To make the year just begun the most momentous one in the annals of modern Baptist people by:

- (1) Complete reconsecration of self to the will of Christ;
- (2) Unstinted loyalty and devotion to the church by every member;
- (3) Unbounded generosity—giving until genuine sacrifices shall purge and sanctify our souls.

13. That, if God in His goodness, shall spare us from the horrors of warfare, especially from those of invasion by an enemy force, we hereby pledge Him that we shall show our appreciation by increasing in every possible way our efforts to bring men everywhere to turn to Christ for spiritual life and guidance, and to hasten the day when the Gospel shall have been preached to every kindred and tongue and tribe in all the earth, that the Lord Jesus may come and put an end to the vain and diabolical scheme of wicked man for bringing about that which He alone can create, namely, the Utopia for which man has dreamed and longed since driven from Eden.

A further recommendation was by the special committee from the Executive Board concerning the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, which is published elsewhere in this issue.

The climax of the evening session was the presentation of certain aspects of the State Mission work under the direction of Secretary John D. Freeman.

New pastors who have come into the State since the last Convention were introduced by Dr. Freeman as follows: Troy N. Jones, Kingsport; E. Floyd Olive, Nashville; Sam Rhyne, Clinton; O. C. Kidd, Tullahoma; A. T. Allen, Knoxville; Wilbur McDaniel, Chattanooga; C. D. O'Neal, Oneida; James A. Park, Knoxville; Sanford E. Swann, Mine City; Russell A. Case, Johnson City. The Young Woman's Quartette of Tennessee College excellently sang "This is My Task."

In his remarks Dr. Freeman brought out that the administrative expense for all money raised during the year was only 3.1% and for all money passing through the office was only 3.6%.

Associational Missionary Boyd LeCroy, Columbia, spoke on "Restoring the Landmarks." "With God leading and Tennessee Baptists supporting, we are going on."

Special Missionary Worker Mrs. Louise Carroll, Celina, spoke on "Fruits of State Missions." "So many things are preached which are not the gospel; help us to carry the gospel."

Regional Missionary Joe Wells, Fayetteville, spoke on "What We Need." "We need some old-fashioned Christianity. We need co-operation."

The dynamic, searching, moving closing address of the evening was by C. E. Autrey, Union City, who spoke on "Outside Preaching." "Preaching tends to become anemic when confined within the walls of a church house; it grows stronger when exposed to fresh air and the sunlight."

At the close, while the heads of the people were bowed, Prof. Price dismissed the body with the hymn-prayer, "Dear Lord, Forgive." The hearts of the people had been profoundly touched and broken up. *God had spoken.*

#### THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

The strains of "O Come, All Ye Faithful" opened the session. The audience was moved by the singing of the old hymn, "Come, Ye Sinners," with Prof. Price singing the stanzas as a solo to the chorus. Mark Harris, Memphis, led in prayer. Vice-President R. W. Selman, Chattanooga, was in the chair.

Chairmen of committees to report next year were announced as follows: Noniminations, C. O. Simpson, Trenton; Christian Education, W. A. Keel, Jefferson City; Denominational Literature, John R. Chiles, Rogersville; Relief and Annuity Board, Leonard Stephens, Brownsville; Missions, J. Lacy Basham, Bristol; Hospitals, Roy O. Arbuckle, Memphis; W. M. U., Miss Margaret Bruce, Nashville; Orphans' Home, C. H. Warren, Lebanon; Co-operative Program, H. J. Huey, Milan; Sunday School, Jesse Daniel, Nashville; Baptist Training Union, Henry C. Rogers, Nashville; Memorial Service, Paul Wieland, Bolivar; Layman's Work, E. K. Wiley, McKenzie; Temperance and Social Service, H. J. Beasley, Sevierville.

The committee to write articles on the increased circulation of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in keeping with the recommendation of the committee from the Executive Board, was announced as follows: Wm. McMurry, Nashville; John R. Chiles, Rogersville; John A. Huff, Chattanooga; S. R. Woodson, Humboldt, and S. P. DeVault, Johnson City. Upon motion of Sam P. Edwards, Mountain City, arrangement was made to have the financial table in the Convention minutes show the gifts of the churches to the local causes as well as to outside causes. A telegram of appreciation from Dr. E. L. Atwood of Dunedin, Fla., was read and acknowledged with a similar telegram. Previously the Convention had done the same in the case of Dr. A. U. Boone of Memphis.

The report on Christian Education was read by V. E. Boston, Memphis. "Surely if training is important and necessary for those in every secular vocation of life, then how much more important for the man who is dealing with the lives and souls of boys and girls and men and women." With special reference to the institutions represented by them, the following speakers were heard in brief addresses:

James T. Warren, president of Carson-Newman College: "Gifts to a growing, going school are not lost."

Roy Anderson, principal of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy: "A call to preach is a call to prepare to preach."

Merrill D. Moore, president of Tennessee College: "Baptists are in the business of Christian education because our young people are worthy of the best we can do for them."

John Jeter Hurt, president of Union University: "These Baptist schools are here to stay and to stabilize the social order."

O. E. Sams, a former president of Carson-Newman College, was recognized. The choir of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, directed by Miss Margaret Mount, sang two special numbers. Students from our four schools spoke briefly and unusually effectively as follows:

Truman Boyd, Bemis: "What Harrison-Chilhowee means to me."

Gordon Clinard, Springfield: "What Union University means to me."

M. F. Pedigo, Cookeville: "What Carson-Newman College means to me."

Miss Katy Pierce, Murfreesboro: "What Tennessee College means to me."

So moving was the testimony of these young people that upon motion of John L. Dodge, Cleveland, the Executive Board was in-

structed to have the addresses printed in pamphlet form for wide distribution.

The committee on the minutes was announced by President Hughes as follows: Sam P. Edwards, Mountain City; E. Floyd Olive, Nashville; H. L. Carter, Dickson. A "Preachers' Quartette," consisting of Howard Young, Knoxville; Frank W. Wood, Knoxville; R. Lofton Hudson, Portland, and Raymond Coppenger, Butler, effectively sang "Am I a Soldier of the Cross?"

J. McKee Adams of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and T. B. Maston of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, spoke briefly emphasizing their respective institutions. W. W. Hamilton, New Orleans, president of the Baptist Institute and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, spoke with spiritual power on the theme, "God's Man." "Our seminaries, with the Baptist Bible Institute, provide Christ-centered intellectual, spiritual and practical training for God's man." Following the high tide of this morning session, the Convention adjourned with prayer by J. McKee Adams.

#### THURSDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Convention entered into its Thursday afternoon session to the strains of "Since I Have Been Redeemed" and "Have Faith in God" and E. W. Barnett, Nashville, led in prayer. A unique feature was then enjoyed when the McKinley Musical Messengers, Mr. and Mrs. H. Evan McKinley of Morristown, played numbers on the "Piccolo Cowbells" and "Musical Glasses."

S. R. Woodson presented the report of the Baptist Memorial Hospital:

Bed capacity	500
Patients cared for	16,138
Received treatment but not entered	10,000
Operations performed	10,064
Number of births	888
Value of charity service	\$ 300,000.00
Spent on new buildings in past three years	600,000.00
Value of property	3,000,000.00

All indebtedness was paid off November 1, 1940.

The Hospital offers free service to ministers and their families. A partial list of other equipment of the hospital is as follows: hotel, grill, drug store, garage, offices for doctors, etc. All of these things go together to make it one of the greatest and most complete hospitals in the South. It is the largest Baptist Hospital in the world.

Norris Gilliam, Springfield, read the report on the Relief and Annuity Board:

The record of the Relief and Annuity Board is one that thrills the heart of every Southern Baptist. This Board has been in operation for twenty-two years, has made steady growth during every one of these years and has made greater progress during the last year than during any previous year. It has eleven annuity plans in operation and the premiums, contributions and dues on account of these amounted, during 1939, to \$359,757.33.

The growth in financial strength demands special attention since it now totals nearly \$5,000,000. This fact is indeed gratifying when it is reported that benefits of nearly \$4,000,000 have been paid.

B. Frank Hasty of the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, Texas, spoke forcefully on the report, which was then adopted.

Then there followed appealing, moving messages as follows: "Organizations That Build for the Preaching Service"—John L. Dodge, Cleveland. "Our Main Business is the Preaching of the Gospel. All the organizations should converge toward that."

"The Kind of Preaching That Attracts"—J. C. Hughes, Kingsport. "The preaching that attracts is positive, punctual, perennial, prepared and personal."

"The Pastor Expecting His People in the Preaching Service"—Wm. McMurry, Nashville. "Pastoral expectation gives point to the preparation of the sermon and spirit to it and brings God into the pulpit."

At this juncture, "I Love to Tell the Story" was sung. Also the Tennessee College Woman's Quartette expressively sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone?"

The closing address of the afternoon was by L. S. Sedberry, Murfreesboro, who read I. Cor. 1:17-24 and spoke on the theme, "The Place of Preaching in Evangelism." "Preaching has been central in evangelism through the centuries." "People are hungry for scriptural preaching." "The preacher has a monopoly of but one thing—the gospel." It was a searching message. And when John Jeter Hurt, Jackson, had prayed the closing prayer, the people realized that God had again spoken to their hearts.

#### THURSDAY—EVENING SESSION

With Harry O. Wester of Carson-Newman College leading, the Convention sang "Jesus Doeth All Things Well" and "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Miss Martha Rigell, Johnson City, ren-

dered some hymn numbers on the marimba to convey the thought of the presence of God and O. L. Minks, McMinnville, led in prayer.

Under the head of miscellaneous business, one item was the reading by Prof. Price of some resolutions regarding Singing Conventions as conflicting with church loyalty, which had been drawn up by J. Harold Stephens, Cookeville, and adopted by Stone Association and which had been published in BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. The Convention adopted the statements as expressing its own views.

Mrs. R. L. Harris, Knoxville, presented the report on W.M.U.:

"God, make me an extraordinary Christian. Match me with this hour," was the prayer of George Whitfield. This is an hour when one cannot be little and self-centered, but it is a time when we should be extraordinary Christians with the world in our hearts.

The W.M.U. of the S.B.C. and of Tennessee have magnified their watchword for 1940, "Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." Steadfastly we have advanced in enlisting more organizations in the churches and more women and young people in organizations in order that they might through their united efforts in study, prayer and gifts, help lift this world closer to the Master.

During the past year 378 new organizations have been formed. There are now 2,985 organizations in Tennessee with a membership of 51,122.

The young people are being enlisted in missions through their mission studies and programs in Sunbeam Bands, Royal Ambassador Chapters, Girls Auxiliaries and Young Women's Auxiliaries.

The W.M.U. gave during the year \$13,054.93 to the Hundred Thousand Club, \$121,394.43 to the Co-operative Program, and \$41,845.62 to other missions.

"One not up on missions is apt to be down on them."

Mrs. Harris said: "I suspect we would all be ashamed should Jesus come. Should we not all do our full duty?" Miss Mary Northington, Corresponding Secretary-Treasurer, introduced Miss Margaret Bruce, State Young People's Leader, who spoke briefly and effectively on the missionary training of our young people.

With Prof. Price directing, the A Capella Choir of Carson-Newman College superbly rendered four numbers setting forth certain aspects of the history and ministry of Jesus.

The peak of the gracious evening session was reached when L. M. Bratcher, missionary on furlough from Brazil, spoke on "The Power for the Work," drawing on his experiences in Brazil. "Uncontrolled power is the curse of the age." "What law cannot do grace can do." "The power is always the same, but it depends on the transmission," and when A. F. Mahan, Central City, prayed the closing prayer, the people again knew that God had spoken to their hearts.

#### FRIDAY—MORNING SESSION

With the heartfelt singing of "Shall We Gather at the River?" and "It Is Well With My Soul" under the direction of Prof. Sterling Lorenz Price, the Convention opened its final session. Boyd LeCroy, Columbia, led the body to the throne of grace.

B. Frank Collins, Chattanooga, chairman of the program committee, expressed appreciation for the work of James A. Ivey, Chattanooga, for his help in planning the program and for the fine way in which President J. G. Hughes had presided over the Convention and had followed the program. Archie McMillan, Richmond, son of Missionary E. W. McMillan of China, solicited subscriptions to *The Commission*, Foreign Mission Magazine.

Howard Bennett, Carthage, H. H. Stenbridge, Paris, and Clyde Burke, Chattanooga, committee on Memorial Service, through the chairman read the list of our brethren who have passed into the Great Beyond since the last Convention: H. H. Stenbridge read appropriate selections of scripture and Sterling Price sang "I Am a Poor Wayfaring Stranger." Clyde Burke led in prayer. It was a truly impressive service.

V. Floyd Starke, Elizabethton, read the report on Temperance and Social Service. After many fine statements on various matters, the following recommendations were offered and adopted:

1. That our churches cherish with ardent devotion their God-given heritage of religious liberty and that we continue to protest against every encroachment upon this, one of our most sacred ideals.

2. That we continue our unyielding fight against the liquor traffic, using our every weapon of religious influence to bring about the defeat of this arch-enemy of mankind. That we give our co-operation to the reputable organizations now fighting the liquor traffic and that we seek to enlighten our people constantly concerning the evils of this diabolical agent of the devil.

3. That we do all within our power to discourage the patronage of news stands and book salesmen who induce our people to read the wrong kind of literature; and that we seek to lead our people to read their religious periodicals and especially to invest in Bibles and books of worthy acceptance.

4. That we as a people pledge ourselves to do all within our power to keep the Sabbath sacred for the purposes it was intended of God and that we will oppose the forces of evil that seek to commercialize and make the Lord's day a day of social pleasure.

5. That we as Christians keep constantly before our people the duties of citizenship as regards the privilege of exercising our God-given and constitutional rights at the ballot box.

6. That we pray earnestly for the cessation of war and the reign of peace on the earth and for our unfortunate brethren who are suffering as a result of world strife.

7. That we give ourselves to earnest and fervent preaching of the Gospel of Christ, as the only redemptive plan of God and the only solution for the social problems of man. When the heart of man is changed he will become adjusted in a normal manner to the social aspects of his nature.

Circuit Judge Ben S. Allen, Elizabethton, spoke to the report. "We'll never have law enforcement until the officers are themselves temperate and obedient to the law." E. A. Cox, Elizabethton, spoke briefly: "Baptists ought not to patronize beer joints nor rent property to those who deal in beer." Wm. R. Rigell requested Judge Allen to speak on jury duty, which he did. "My court is just as good as my jury." O. D. Fleming, Morristown, and John D. Freeman, Nashville, spoke briefly. Report adopted.

The report of the Committee, Time, Place and Preacher was read by Ira Dance, Etowah. Upon motion of W. M. Couch, Pinson, the recommendation regarding the time and place of meeting was amended to refer the matter to the Executive Board at its December meeting. As amended, the report was adopted. The list of nominations and committees will be published later, as there is not space in this issue.

H. H. Stembidge, Paris, presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which was adopted as follows:

Resolved:

1. That we express our gratitude to God for the many material blessings and spiritual victories which He has granted unto us during the past twelve months.

2. That as a convention and as individual churches, we lift our prayers unto God beseeching Him to favor us with His leadership in the days and months which are ahead of us.

3. That this convention instruct our President to send a wire to President Roosevelt assuring him of our prayers and requesting him to do all within his power to keep our nation at peace.

4. That our Executive Board be instructed to choose a committee which can act in conference with churches and associational boards of the affected areas of the Gilbertsville and other power dam projects in the state in bringing about the disposition of the funds derived from the sale of such property.

5. That we express our gratitude to the program committee for the high quality of the program they arranged for this convention.

6. That we express our appreciation to the Central Baptist Church of Johnson City for the use of their building with its equipment for this convention and for their numerous other courtesies; and our hearty thanks to the other Baptist churches of this city for their fine co-operation.

7. That this convention, through its secretary, express by letter to each of the following agencies our sincere thanks for the splendid coverage given this convention: The Press, The Chronicle, The Times.

8. That we thank the citizens of Johnson City for their hospitality and assure them of our delightful stay in their midst. And that we thank the other denominations of Johnson City who so kindly offered their assistance.

9. That we thank the officers of our convention for their splendid leadership and unselfish service; that the usual honorarium given the secretary, \$150, be divided as follows: \$100 for the recording secretary and \$50 for the secretary emeritus.

10. That we express our gratitude to God for the deeply spiritual and challenging convention and pledge Him our best as we return to our churches to begin another year's work.

Roy Anderson, Seymour, introduced a special resolution from the Trustees of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, which after pointing out the need for the matter resolved was as follows and which was adopted.

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, that the Tennessee Baptist Convention in annual session assembled on this November 15, 1940, hereby authorize the Trustees of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy to go afield within the boundaries of the State and solicit and secure subscriptions, pledges and notes for the purpose of improving and enlarging the facilities of the school plant in an amount of \$75,000.00, same not to interfere in any way with the Co-operative Program and provided further that no improvements or buildings are to be added or built until the cash has actually been collected and is on hand to pay for same—since the Convention has not approved the schools' going in debt for improvements and

Be it further resolved that the Convention respectfully request the pastors and church leaders to assist and co-operate in this worthy cause.

The closing address of the morning was by J. McKee Adams of the Southern Seminary at Louisville, who spoke on "Religious Liberty." "We stand for a free church in a free state." "The business of Baptists is to keep the light of truth shining." Frequent "amens" greeted the address.

After President Hughes had expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of the people, Prof. Price led in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" and Secretary John D. Freeman dismissed the congregation with fervent prayer. Thus closed what was frequently stated to be one of the best, if not the best, State Conventions ever attended. Unity prevailed, the power of God was there, the hearts of the people were touched anew and they left with the conviction, "Surely God was in this place!" and they went out to serve Him more faithfully.

## Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference

PRECEDING the Convention, as is customary each year, the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference met Tuesday afternoon, November 12, at 2 p.m. Prof. Price of Carson-Newman College, led the singing and O. D. Fleming, Morristown, conducted devotions. Richard N. Owen, Clarksville, Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, and David Livingstone, Knoxville, were elected president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer, respectively.

The program committee appointed last year, Wm. R. Rigell, Johnson City, V. E. Boston, Memphis, and David Livingstone, Knoxville, had prepared a very fine program on the general theme of "Recoveries."

C. S. Henderson, Nashville, spoke on the subject, "The Recovery of the Democratic Idea in Religion." "The democratic idea is essential since each man must have a personal experience with a personal God."

R. J. Bateman, Memphis, spoke on "The Recovery of the Seeking Note in Religion." "It is amazing how interested Jesus was in lost men; and it is shocking how little we are interested in lost men."

Prof. J. McKee Adams of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., brought the closing address on "The Recovery of the Preacher's Place as Prophet Today." "No man has a right to stand in the pulpit who does not love men. The preacher must speak out against social sins and unrighteousness and moral laxness in his day."

All the addresses were of a high order, and when the last speaker had finished his mighty message and Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, led the body in the closing prayer, all realized that God had met with His people.

## A Letter From Bro. Brading

DEAR BROTHER:

Is there any evidence at all, on the part of the leaders of their denomination, that the self-styled Christian denomination is abandoning the doctrine of Salvation by Baptism? I have heard it so intimated but have no assurance of it.

I think I am entitled to exercise a personal interest in this question for the following reason:

Alexander Campbell, the founder of that denomination, was a frequent visitor at my grandfather's house at the little settlement at Walton, Kentucky. My Mother remembered seeing him frequently, for her father was quite a devotee of the Rev. Campbell, and when my mother was converted at the age of thirteen, she followed her father and joined his church. It is to be remarked, however, that when she reached mature age, after Bible study and earnest prayer, she voluntarily joined a Baptist church and became strong and well-founded in Baptist doctrines. That was a little over a hundred years ago. My mother died forty-two years ago, and I am a youngster of eighty-three.

If there is any indication of such an abandonment as I refer to, it must be in rebuke to the spirit that actuated one of their writers fifty years ago. In the town where we lived that long ago, one of our neighbors, a leading member of the Christian Church there, loaned my wife a book put forth by their publishing house defending and glorifying their denomination. That writer undertook to show the superiority of their doctrine over that of other denominations. He took up those differences point by point and paragraph by paragraph, and ended each paragraph with this very striking statement, namely,

"They (the other denominations) may be right, they may be wrong; but we are positively right and can not possibly be wrong."

Isn't that convincing?

So I think that many of that denomination, who are Christians, would refuse to indorse such bigotry.

S. F. BRADING, 1914 Vance Avenue, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
(Real Campbellites still teach that baptism is conditional to salvation.—Ed.)



## A Crisis in Our Japanese Mission

By CHARLES E. MADDRY, *Executive-Secretary,*  
*Foreign Mission Board*

A serious crisis has developed in our Japanese Mission. For many years, the Interdenominational Missionary Council (an organization to which Southern Baptists did not belong) has been working, in season and out of season, for some form of church union. They at last have church union, but with very serious complications which they did not want.

Joining forces with their "axis" partners, Germany and Italy, the Japanese Government recently created a totalitarian state and immediately adopted a new Religious Organization Law, forcing all religious bodies and denominations into one organic church union known as "The Genuine Japanese Christian Church." Upon all the denominations working in Japan this organic church union has been imposed by the government. Bishop Abe, formerly a Methodist bishop, has been made the head of the new government-sponsored church, by the Japanese state. Bishop Abe is an ardent Shrine-Emperor worshipper. At the heart of the new church creed handed down by the State, is established the pagan cult of Shrine and Emperor worship. The new church must reflect the government's attitude and wishes with respect to policies and plans for the proposed "New Order in East Asia." The new church is to be told what it may or may not teach and practice.

Southern Baptists have now been at work in Japan for fifty years. During that time we have established a fine group of Baptist churches and developed a number of splendid institutions—schools, colleges, a theological seminary, a woman's missionary training school, a publishing house, missionary boards, a united Baptist convention, and other fine kingdom agencies.

### A FORCED MERGER

Now, all of these kingdom agencies will be taken over and administered by the new "Genuine Japanese Church." Fancy Baptist pastors being appointed to their churches by a Methodist bishop!

We do not yet know all the facts and implications of the recent developments in Japan. All mail is censored and the missionaries cannot write us fully. We are waiting for a detailed report from our secretary for the Orient, Dr. M. T. Rankin. We are going to be patient, and get all the available facts before taking any action. We sympathize deeply with our Japanese Baptists in this hour of crisis. They are genuine and true, and did not want to go into this state-dominated church; but they were helpless before the tide of hysteria sweeping over Japan. We must think of them and their sufferings in this tragic hour. They sorely need our sympathy, our patience, and our prayers.

### NO CHURCH UNION FOR SOUTHERN BAPTISTS

We want to assure our people that, whatever happens in Japan, the Foreign Mission Board is not going into any scheme or form of church union in Japan or China or anywhere else on earth. We are ready to withdraw our missionaries and close the Japanese Mission, if the facts are as reported. If our missionaries have to relinquish their official connection with the churches and schools, we sincerely hope they can remain in Japan as individuals and just live and witness for Christ, as opportunity offers. Our Japanese brethren need counsel and sympathetic guidance in this testing hour, and we hope our missionaries will be allowed by the government to remain in Japan, until this unnatural wave of war hysteria and spy scare is passed.

It will pass one day, and sanity and Christian love and good will will again prevail. Japan will yet turn to Christ. The Saviour has not left Japan to her sin and pagan madness. As long as He is

there, our place is by His side. Until our missionaries are driven out by the government, they will remain and carry on personally for Christ.

Let us pray for them.

## A Word of Warning

"Forewarned is forearmed" says an old adage. To that end Missionary Frank W. Patterson keenly alert to developments in Mexico, writes as follows:

"Moscow is also making her bid for Mexico. As you no doubt read, Trotsky was assassinated in the colony which adjoins ours. His fourth international as also the third international continue to play an active part in the labor organizations which practically control Mexican life.

"Recently I visited one of the government's largest schools for the children of the soldiers. The hallways were plastered with communist posters. There has been a vigorous poster campaign also against the Jews. I do not know what will be the outcome of all this, but I do know that if atheism in Mexico is not met with the Gospel today, we shall have a big bill to pay tomorrow."

## Adventuring for Christ

By GEORGE W. SADLER, *Secretary*  
*to Europe, Africa, and the Near East.*

In these latter days when multitudes are waiting for the government to do for them what they should be doing for themselves; when there is an unprecedented emphasis on "social security;" when the ancient dictum, "charity begins at home," is frequently heard, we would all do well to unite in the prayer: "O thou who art heroic love, keep alive in our hearts that adventurous spirit which makes men scorn the way of safety."

We should never forget that the spirit of Christianity is the spirit of recklessness; that from the beginning ours has been a costly religion; that in the very warp and woof of our Christian fabric there is a red thread which symbolizes sacrifice.

Possessed by this spirit, four of our young people are now journeying toward Africa. Appointed last April, Dr. and Mrs. Howard D. McCamey and the Rev. and Mrs. Maurice E. Brantley have been longing to set sail for the land of their hearts' desires. Effort after effort was made to secure passage for them and finally a half-open door presented itself. After cutting themselves loose from yards of red tape, they are on their circuitous way. From New York they sailed on November 1, going by way of Trinidad, Pernambuco, and Capetown. They have no assurance that they can secure passage from Capetown to Nigeria, but failing to find a ship, they are prepared to drive the 3,000 or 4,000 miles from South Africa to their field. Fortified with quinine, boiled water, mosquito nets, and an unflinching faith, they go "looking at the light that is in the face of Jesus Christ, and knowing how to laugh at impossibilities in His name."

## A Way to Help

At the Foreign Mission Board headquarters there are two very lovely articles, gifts of consecrated love. They are a string of fifty-four genuine amber beads of uniform size, and a magnificent crocheted bed spread, both of which were exhibited at the Southern Baptist Convention in Baltimore. The donor has requested that these be sold and the money turned over to Chinese Relief.

Each is available for \$25.00, though their value far exceeds that amount.

These are two "good buys" for Christmas—investments which will help to feed starving Chinese refugees.

For information, write to Miss Mary Hunter, Box 1595, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond, Virginia.

# A Digest of Religious Thought

By C. W. POPE, Contributing Editor, JEFFERSON CITY, TENNESSEE

## Are People With Convictions Dangerous?

Watchman-Examiner

The weakness of our present time is that we apparently have so little evidence of any large, intelligent, and aggressive Christian conviction.

We seem to have achieved a "delightful normality" in which the churches proceed with their programs with a minimum of trouble and sacrifice, and in which the world is passively pleased because it is left alone to sin, kill, build up its ramparts of injustice and greed, and do its work according to the architectural plans of the antichrist. We need a John the Baptist with Puritan courage who will prepare the way of the Lord. A John Knox who will chastise the hypocrisy in ruling classes. A Roger Williams loving liberty of conscience in a wilderness in contrast to patrimony of a state church in error. A D. L. Moody who believed salvation was for everybody and who carried his purpose forward against all kinds of obstacles. Surely the world's greatest need is a new group of aggressive, progressive, enlightened souls who will not be turned back from their visions, but will earnestly press forward, regardless of obstacles.

Certainly, let us have people of conviction, but see to it that those convictions are pure, intelligent, and holy. God does not send forth prophets of part truth and untruth. By all means have convictions, but build them on the foundations of the eternal Rock, which is Christ Jesus. Where that is the case, a conviction will move mountains from the pathway of Christian progress.

## Roman Catholic Challenge To Protestant Marriages

T. F. Callaway  
The Christian Index

Protestants would be insensitive if they did not resent the insolent challenge of the Roman Catholic hierarchy to the sanctity of Protestant marriages. For this reflection upon our marriages we

do not blame our Catholic friends and neighbors. They cannot help it. The entire responsibility for what to us is an un-American and un-Christian attitude of the Roman Church towards our Protestant marriages rests upon the Pope and his Cardinals in Rome.

Any one who has studied even casually the position of the Church of Rome on the subject knows that it claims a complete monopoly in the matter of Christian marriages. The Catholic Church asserts that if a Catholic and Protestant are married by a Protestant minister, that marriage becomes adulterous in the eyes of God and the Catholic party is automatically excommunicated from his church. In unparadonable arrogance, it even demands that the Protestant party sign a pre-nuptial contract promising to rear and educate all children of the marriage in the faith of the Roman Catholic Church. In the Manual of Christian Doctrine of the Catholic Church, page 498, we find: "A marriage performed between two Catholics, or between a Catholic and non-Catholic, by a civil magistrate, or Protestant minister, is henceforth null and void."

(This false conception of marriage results from two basic errors in Catholic doctrine: first, that marriage is solely a religious ordinance, and second, that the only real religion is within the Catholic Church. C. W. P.)

## The Pulpit and War

T. B. Maston  
Baptist Standard

In times of war the preacher needs wisdom to an unusual degree. If he is not careful he will encourage un-Christian attitudes on the part of his people and will largely lose his deeper spiritual ministry. Before the United States approaches any nearer to active participation in the war, all of us as preachers and workers should establish some fixed principles concerning war and the Christian's relationship to it. Do not be caught by the hysteria. Our country needs very much to have some citizens who will keep cool and calm, who will keep under proper control their emotions. Ministers, as much, if not more, than any other group should be able to keep cool. Do not major on war. The same gospel that is preached in times of peace is needed in times of war. Do not glorify war. Most preachers during the last World War made the tragic mistake of glorifying war. The pulpit was used to whip up the patriotism of the people and to encourage young men to enlist in the army. Let us all hope and pray that the Lord will save us from another such error. Do not make the program of the Kingdom of God dependent on war or its outcome. God's Kingdom is spiritual and it is not dependent on physical force for its promotion. We need to interpret for our people God's relationship to war. We should assist Christians in their attempt to apply Christian principles to the problems of war. We should preach love—not hate. In times like these we need to remember that Jesus has not repealed the Sermon on the Mount. We need to remember that after a war is over the people tend to swing back emotionally. The safest thing for us and our churches and the best thing for our people is for our preachers and teachers to continue to emphasize the great fundamentals of the faith.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

By MERRILL D. MOORE, President, Tennessee College, MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE  
**LESSON FOR DECEMBER 1, 1940**

## "Fit For The Kingdom of God"

LESSON TEXT: Luke 9. PRINTED TEXT: Luke 9:49-62.

GOLDEN TEXT: "No man, having put his hand to the plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" Luke 9:62.

In these fourteen verses we have seven examples which illustrate, either by positive or negative presentation, some of the essential qualities of those who would be His disciples.

### I. FITNESS EVIDENCED BY CHRISTLY LABOR (vv. 49, 50)

John here says, "Master, we tried to hinder a man whom we found working miracles in your name, because he was not one of us." "The man was doing the Master's work in the Master's name and with the Master's power, but did not run with the group of the twelve." This anonymous Christian disciple and wonder-worker was rebuked by the rather egotistic disciples, but he was approved by the Master. His works testified of his faith, and proved his worth as a follower of Jesus. Christian discipleship will be marked by effective, unselfish, Christlike service to those in need, and by labor done in the name of Christ. The Master's sympathies were so broad as to be a constant rebuke to the narrowness of disciples who could not see or tolerate Christian fellowship beyond their own narrow circle. Christian works prove Christian faith, and should adduce Christian charity and Christian fellowship.

### II. FITNESS REQUIRES DECISION IN FACE OF DANGER AND HOSTILITY (51-53)

Jesus "steadfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem," knowing full well that betrayal, arrest, and death awaited Him there. Personal danger was not enough to cause our Leader to delay the performance of duty even so much as a second of time.

Again, Jesus sets the example for discipleship when He faces the inhospitality and hostility of the Samaritans, who, stung by the fact that He "set His face to go to Jerusalem," would not receive Him nor dispense the ordinary courtesies of hospitality to Him. Had He been going northward and away from Jerusalem it would have been all right to them, but they could not tolerate the sight of a man who was passing by their sacred Mt. Garizim to go to the competing place of worship at Jerusalem.

### III. FITNESS DEMANDS PATIENCE IN THE FACE OF PERSECUTION (54-56)

The "Sons of Thunder," James and John, just knew that such persecution called for stern retributive measures for revenge, asked that they might "call down fire from heaven" to destroy the "despicable Samaritans." Dramatically Jesus turned round to look them in the eye. "You do not know what you say. What evil has prompted it, or of what different nature is the spirit of the new covenant. I have come into the world for the purpose of saving life, and you want to destroy! Follow me in my patience in the face of hostile hosts of persecuting people." Most of us have had to learn to temper our personal resentment when we have seriously sought to follow our Savior.

### IV. FITNESS MEANS FORSAKING COMFORTS OF HOME (57-58)

One who was in the crowd which followed, impulsively cried out that he would like to follow the Lord everywhere that He went. "You are so fine and great I would just like to be with you all the time," he thought. But his thoughts were momentary and superficial, not reflective and considerate. Not once had he thought of what would be involved in following the peripatetic Prophet. He had not realized that every living thing, from lowest to highest animal life, had some place that it could call home, some place to

rest when labor was done, except *Jesus*. And one who would follow Him would share His homelessness, and many times miss completely the comforts other men enjoyed. But fitness for discipleship necessitates a willingness to share this with Him if necessary.

### V. FITNESS INVOLVES LEAVING LOVED ONES (58-60)

When another was commanded to follow, he begged that he might go back and live with his father in his declining years, and be at home to bury him when he died, *then* he would come and follow Jesus. Several years ago in my pastorate there was a young woman who felt definitely the call to foreign missionary service, but her mother would not hear to it. Finally, in a gesture of spiritual magnanimity as she thought, the mother said to the daughter and the pastor, "I want her to stay with me until she is thirty years old. If she still feels this way, she can get her education and go as a missionary after that!"

### VI. FITNESS DEMANDS IMMEDIATE WILLINGNESS TO FOLLOW CHRIST (61)

Still another said that he was perfectly willing to follow Him at some later date, but there were important social and business duties to be attended to before he could think of doing so. He must at least go back to his home and go through the formalities of departure from his loved ones, and doubtless attend to other matters which seemed important to him. Like so many others since his day, he said in effect, "Do not press me now, when I have a more convenient season I will come and follow." But Jesus indicated that a willingness to obey was an unqualified attitude, and if one loved enough to follow, he would be willing to follow at once. Pleas for delay are merely pious excuses.

### VII. FITNESS REQUIRES STEADFASTNESS AND SINGLENESS OF PURPOSE (61)

This would-be disciple was like so many others, who want to follow Christ, but want to maintain contact with all the past life as well. They were willing to go if they could *stay* also. But it is rather difficult to ride two horses at once, or to see through two eyes fixed on different objects at once, or to follow Christ a while, and the things of the world for another season. If one would follow, he must fix his eyes upon Jesus, and never turn back, or the row would be crooked, his life a miserable compromise with the best. Follow Christ with steadfast and single purpose. Let no things of the world succeed in turning our view from Him as our guide and goal.

Once upon a time I was planning, at the request of a publisher, to write a message to young people. The theme I chose to write on was "The Great Cost of Following Jesus," but the editor said, "No, please do not write on such a negative theme. That would be discouraging to them to become disciples of Christ." And so I wrote on another subject at the time. But I have never been able to forget that Jesus on several occasions, in the most striking language possible, said that the price of being His disciple was exceedingly high—but the rewards were correspondingly great. Nor have I been able to forget that young people are not challenged by the easy, but are called out by the difficult. The appeal to missionary service, for example, which dwells on the easy aspects of it, falls on deaf ears among virile collegians. But a stirring summons from a brave veteran of the front-line battles always rouses youth to say "Here am I, send me."

Discipleship is difficult. The demands of Christlikeness are exceedingly exacting. Let us not compromise these facts.

# The Young South

Send All Letters To

AUNT POLLY, 149 SIXTH AVENUE, NORTH, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dear Boys and Girls:

Week before last we decided to study a word each week. There are so many words that we decided the best way to do this would be to choose just one beginning with each letter of the alphabet and take them alphabetically. The first word we chose was ADMONISH. Last week we did not have space for our next word on account of giving most of our page to the scrapbook contest winners. This week we shall go ahead with our word study and we have chosen from the letter "B" the word BECAUSE.

Because we are—or because we aren't many things happen. Jesus said, "Because I live ye shall live also." Suppose that Jesus had not come to save us from sin. But "because He did come" makes that sentence very important, doesn't it? Now it is up to us whether we accept Him as our Savior or not. Either "because we accept" or "because we reject" makes us what we are. Doesn't BECAUSE under that condition practically determine our future beyond this world?

Now I know that you have heard the word BECAUSE over and over again but have you ever stopped to think about it? I have chosen this as the second word in our study of the dictionary, which says that it is the most direct and complete word for giving the reason of a thing. We use it frequently and it appears many, many times in the Bible. Let's you and I, in the future when we give a reason for a thing, have the right kind of reason. Let's "because we are what we are" make the world count for Christ.

If you would like to choose some words beginning with other letters of the alphabet for our word study won't you please do so and send them to me?

Your friend,

*Aunt Polly*

The Girl Who Said Hello

FRANCES TIBBALS

JEAN was visiting her grandfather. Grandfather lived down in the South where it is very hot, and they have no winter like ours. When Jean left her snowy home in the North, she had thought that it would be great fun to visit grandfather. But now she was not so sure. She was not having a good time. One morning while she was eating her breakfast she said:

"Grandfather, I wish I knew some little girl that I could play with. I don't know anybody here!"

"Well," said grandfather, "have you tried playing with the children in the brown house down the street?"

"I walked down there by their yard, but they just stared at me and didn't even speak to me. I guess they didn't want to play with me," said Jean.

"That was too bad," answered grandfather. "But Jean, perhaps they were shy. Maybe they were waiting for you to say hello to them first! Did you think of that? Now, after breakfast, why don't you go down and talk to them?"

"All right, grandfather. I'll try saying hello first!" Jean promised.

When she had eaten all her breakfast, Jean ran down the street to the brown house. She was all ready to call out "Hello" when she saw that there were no children in the yard. The

brown house looked as if everyone who lived there had gone away. So Jean walked on very slowly, wondering whom she could play with. Then she saw a little girl all alone in a yard across the street. Jean looked quickly to see if any cars were coming, then she ran across the street and up the path. She smiled at the little girl as she thought of what grandfather had told her.

"Hello," she said. "What's your name?"

"Helen," the little girl replied with a shy smile. "What is yours? I've never seen you before. Do you live here?"

"No, I don't live here. My name is Jean and I am visiting my grandfather. I really live up in the North, a long way from here. It is very cold up there now."

"Oh, tell me about it!" cried Helen. "Do you have snow up there?"

"Yes, lots of it right now," said Jean.

"I've never seen any snow. What does it look like?"

"You have never seen any snow!" Jean cried in surprise. "Why, I thought everyone knew about snow! It is white and soft. It looks something like white fluffy cotton. But it is cold and it melts if you hold it in your hand. Don't you ever have any snow here?"

"No," answered Helen. "It is never cold here. You see we have flowers growing now! I was just going out to pick some for mother. What were you going to do?"

"I don't know," said Jean. "I wanted someone to play with. I don't know anyone here and I was lonesome."

"Why, you know me now!" cried Helen. "That's one person! Why don't you come and pick flowers with me? Then we can play after that."

"Oh, I'd like to do that," said Jean. "Could you wait till I run back and tell grandfather?"

"Yes," said Helen. "We'll go together, because now we are friends."

As the two new friends skipped up the street together, Jean said happily to herself, "My, but I am glad I did what grandfather told me to. I'm glad I said hello!"—*Story World*.

1303 McAlphine Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

We take the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR every week. I like to read the YOUNG SOUTH page. I am 11 years of age and in the sixth grade at Dan Mills School. We started practicing basketball last week. I made the team last year and I hope I can this year. I became a Christian three years ago in a Baptist Church at Carthage, Tenn. I am now a member of the Inglewood Baptist Church. I have a mother and father and a married sister and a brother in his last year at high school and a little sister 5 years old. We are all Christians but my little sister. I hope my letter is not too long to print. I will be looking for it next week.

Lots of love,

MARY STONE.

Well, here it is, Mary. Won't you write often?

Route 5, Ripley, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl 10 years of age. My birthday is January 10. I have blue eyes and am a blonde. I am in the fifth grade at Henning Grammar School. My teacher is Miss Frances Sullivan and I like her very much. I have two sisters and one brother. They are all older than I am. I have been taking music two months and three weeks. My teacher is Miss Margaret Drake. My hobby is riding horses or mules, and since I live on a farm I have both to ride. I was told about you by a friend, who takes the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. I am a member of Elm Baptist Church, which is almost eight miles south of Ripley. The preacher of my church is Rev. E. C. Cutlip. If I have a twin, I would like for my twin to write to me.

Sincerely yours,

CORA FIELD ANTHONY.

Cora, I hope you find a twin. Could we go riding with you sometimes?



## -MY POEM-

SOME PLACE FOR YOU

There is some place for you to fill  
Some work for you to do,  
That no one can or ever will  
Do quite as well as you.  
It may be close along your way,  
Some little homely duty,  
That only waits your touch, your sway,  
To blossom into beauty.  
Or it may be the daily task  
Cheerfully seen and done,  
Will lead to greater work that asks  
For you, and you alone.  
Be brave whatever it may be.  
The little or the great  
To meet and do it perfectly.  
And you have conquered late.

—PEGGIE DOUGLASS.

Jackson, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am 10 years old. I go to West Jackson Baptist Church. Rev. R. E. Guy is my pastor. I go to West Jackson School. I am in the sixth grade and Miss Hazel Hicks is my teacher. I am sending you my poem. I hope you print it in the blank space. I am a Christian.

Your friend,

PEGGIE DOUGLASS.

Peggie, you have a good pastor. We are printing your poem. Write us again.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a little girl 9 years of age. I attend the B.Y. P.U. I went two nights and now I am vice-president. I like to go to Sunday school. I go to the Eastland Baptist Church. I am in the Junior department. I go to Bailey School. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher's name is Mrs. Lawson. My Sunday school teacher's name is Miss Nelson. I would like to have a pen pal. I read the YOUNG SOUTH page. I enjoy reading it.

Yours truly,

BETTY RUTH MILLER.

Betty, won't you write again and send us your address? If you sent it we have lost it and we are sorry.

1304 E. Douglas, Nashville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have been meaning to write you for a long time, but I kept putting it off. I finally got around to it. I am 12 years old, and am in the seventh grade at Bailey School. I go to Eastland Baptist Church and have been a member there for four years. My little brother was baptized last Sunday night, now my complete family are Christians. I wish several boys and girls would write me, as I would like a pen pal friend.

Love,

VIRGINIA PATE.

Virginia, isn't it wonderful to know that your whole family is saved? We hope you get lots of pen pals.

Mooresburg, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I read so many nice letters on your page this week I decided I would write again. Aunt Polly, I was very much pleased to find my letter on your page. I sure do appreciate your printing it very much. Aunt Polly, if not asking too much of you I sure wish when you print my letter you would place me a pen pal's name and address below my letter on your page. Aunt Polly, I am a Christian and think the best life to live is the Christian life. Aunt Polly, I hope you accomplish a great work at printing letters.

Yours truly,

VELDA GLADSON.

Velda, why don't you write to someone on our page this week? They all seem to want a pen pal.

1612 Batts Blvd., Springfield, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I thought I would write you again, as I haven't written you in a long time. I still have one pen pal, Johnnie Taylor, of Brydstown, Tenn. I am now 12 years old, am in the seventh grade and I go to the Springfield High School. We have a fine football team and everyone enters into the school spirit. I still go to Sunday school and church and enjoy it more from Sunday to Sunday. I am campaigning for "pen pals" and I wish everyone of the readers of the YOUNG SOUTH page would write to me.

Your friend in Christ,

WALLACE C. MCGILL, JR.

We are always glad to hear from you, Wallace. Give our regards to your father. We are glad to hear about your school and we hope you get lots of pen pals.

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## Sunday School Training Course News

**Sunday School Training School at Dyersburg**  
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH of Dyersburg has just closed a very successful Training School. More than 75 were enrolled, the average attendance for the week was forty-five, and thirty-five took the examination. The book studied was "The School in Which We Teach." Brother A. M. Vollmer, the pastor, and the Sunday school force are doing a great work. The average attendance for the month of October was 502.

It was the pleasure of the State Superintendent to speak at the eleven o'clock service, Sunday morning, October 27, and remain in his old home church for the week's work.

## Ocoee Associational Training School

A LARGE GROUP of interested Sunday school workers met at the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, on October 27 for an Associational Sunday School Rally. The Rev. Charles Norton, Field-worker for the Ocoee Association, spoke of the progress made in Sunday school work in that association during 1939. He reported a gain of more than 2,000 in the Sunday school enrolment during the past year and said the average attendance had been 61% of the enrolment. There were 814 baptisms reported as coming from the Sunday school and at present there are ten mission Sunday schools being conducted by the churches in that association. The Vacation Bible school enrolment totaled 5,260 with an average attendance of 4,188.

After the election of the Associational Sunday School officers for another year Dr. Austin Crouch of the Sunday School Board brought a challenging message.

Plans were also announced for the associational-wide administration school which was to begin on Monday night at the First Baptist Church, and the teachers were introduced, each making brief remarks concerning their course. The books offered and the faculty were:

Sunday School Officers and Their Work, Mr. J. P. Edmunds, Associate, Administration Department, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The True Functions of the Sunday School, B. Frank Collins, pastor of Brainerd Baptist Church.

Building a Standard Sunday School, James A. Ivey, pastor of Ridgedale Baptist Church.

A Church Using Its Sunday School, Carl A. Devane, pastor of Highland Park Church.

The Church Library Manual, Miss Marie Estes, Church Library Promotion, Sunday School Board, Nashville.

The Sunday School Secretary and the Six Point Record System, Miss Ada Williams, State Elementary Leader, Nashville.

The school proved to be a success. More than thirty churches were represented and the interest manifested by those attending was encouraging. During the week the association also voted to have the departmental books taught in a similar school the third week of October, 1941.

The associational Sunday school officers felt that as a result of the week's work the Sunday schools of Ocoee Association would make even a more rapid growth in the present Sunday school year and the effectiveness of the work would be increased.

## Yale Baptist Church Conducts Training School

DURING the week of October 20 the Yale Baptist Church, Memphis, had a very successful period of training for the Sunday school officers and teachers and other interested people in the Sunday school work. Miss Ada Williams from the state Sunday School Department taught "A Church Using Its Sunday School" to the Sunday school officers, and the Rev. Theo. James, pastor, taught "What Baptists Believe" to the young people and adults who were not serving as Sunday school officers.

A unique program was promoted during the week. Each day at noon one of the departments had a luncheon for its workers and the guest teacher. The lunch was served in the home of one of the teachers with all the departmental officers co-operating in the preparation and serving of the meal. After this period of fellowship was enjoyed, Miss Williams conducted a conference, bringing helpful suggestions to the departmental teachers and officers and answering questions about their particular problems. Goals for the following Sunday were set and a list of absentees was given each person present, visitations being made that afternoon for the department sponsoring the luncheon. As a result of the week's work, Mr. W. A. Harrell, Secretary of Church Architecture, Baptist Sunday School Board, was invited to visit the church and consult with the church officials relative to enlarging the building so the Sunday school could be more adequately housed.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT extends congratulations to the Training Union Department on its twenty-fifth birthday. It is the sincere wish of this department that the Silver Anniversary Convention may be a spiritual feast to a multitude of people and that every church in this great state of ours shall be influenced to do greater work for the Master.

## Fifth Avenue Baptist Church Banquet

MR. PHIL MAXWELL, the Educational Director of the Fifth Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, reported that a very successful Sunday School Training Banquet was held in the church Friday night, November 15.

## The Young People's, Adult, and Extension Department Standard Campaign

By WILLIAM P. PHILLIPS

THE FIRST MONTH of the first quarter of the Sunday school year has now passed. Many classes and departments have entered the Standard Campaign. While a department or class may undertake to attain the Standard of Excellence any week, month, or quarter of the year, it was felt that the first quarter, including the months of October, November, and December, was perhaps the most ideal of any period of the year.

If you have entered this campaign but have failed to send in your application indicating that fact to your state Sunday school secretary, please do so at once. If your class or department desires the wall chart and seals indicating the ten requirements your state Sunday school secretary will be glad to forward them to you

upon request without charge. Check points of Standard every Sunday and see which points you have failed to attain. Hold weekly meetings and make plans for overcoming obstacles in the way. Keep attendance records of all required meetings. Write your state Sunday school secretary for any information or help. See that your department or class makes a glorious finish Sunday, December 29. Send your application to your state Sunday school secretary properly filled in and signed. Your Standard certificate will be forwarded immediately.

There never was a more opportune time nor an undertaking more meaningful to your department or class than this Standardization Campaign which is now under way in all of the states of the Southern Baptist Convention.

## Thought for Week

Magnify training through a Sunday School Training Banquet.

## Training Course for Sunday School Workers

### LEADING TO DIPLOMA:

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or

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or

*Sunday School Officers and Their Work*,  
by Arthur Flake.

3. *Some Learning Processes*, by Leavell and  
Hill

or

*Personal Factors in Character Building*,  
by J. M. Price

or

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as listed in Group VI.

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or

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## 4,000 Baptist Training Union Members to Convene in Chattanooga Silver Anniversary Convention Meets During Thanksgiving Holidays

APPROXIMATELY 4,000 delegates from every section of Tennessee will attend the Silver Anniversary Baptist Training Union Convention to be held at the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, on November 27, 28, 29. This convention is held annually but this one is of unusual interest since 1940 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of these meetings. All former presidents and state leaders will be honor guests. Speakers from six states, District of Columbia, and China will bring messages to this meeting.

The opening session on Wednesday night, November 27, will be a Silver Anniversary Celebration. At this time recognition will be given to those who have served as officers in former years. Among those to be honored will be: State Secretaries Mr. W. D. Hudgins, Mr. J. P. Edmunds and Mr. William Hall Preston. State Convention Presidents Mr. J. E. Lambdin, Mr. Judson Stamps, Mr. F. M. Dearing, Mr. Daniel H. Driver, Mr. Sibley C. Burnett, Mr. Willett D. Anderson, Judge Cliff Davis, Mr. Monroe E. Clinton, Mr. Jesse Daniel, Mr. Gerald Webb, Mr. Everett Redd, Mr. Sam Harris, Mr. George Baird, Mr. John W. Horton, Mr. Wallace Frazier, Mr. Cecil Howse, Mr. Joseph Howren, Mr. Herman L. King, Mr. A. Donald Anthony, Mr. Lawrence Newman.

An unusual feature of this meeting will be messages from those who appeared on the convention program at its initial meeting in Chattanooga twenty-five years ago. Among these speakers are: Dr. Frank Leavell, Southern Baptist Convention Student Secretary; Dr. Austin Crouch, Executive Secretary, Executive Board of Southern Baptist Convention; Mrs. Sadie Tiller Crawley, Dean of Women, Baylor University, Waco, Texas; Mr. Arthur Flake, Memphis; Mrs. Frank Leavell, author, Nashville; Rev. Earl Robinson, pastor, North Carolina; and Mr. J. E. Lambdin, President of the First Convention and now serving as Baptist Training Union Secretary of the South.

Among others appearing on the convention program this year will be: Dr. T. W. Ayers, China; Dr. C. Roy Angell, Miami, Florida; Dr. John Buchanan, Birmingham, Alabama; Congressman Cliff Davis, Washington, D. C.; Dr. John D. Freeman, Nashville; Dr. R. E. Guy, Jackson; Miss Roxie Jacobs, Nashville; Mr. J. L. Kraft, Chicago, Illinois; Mr. E. E. Lee, Dallas, Texas; Dr. R. G. Lee, Memphis; Dr. R. Kelly White, Nashville. and Mr. Henry C. Rogers, Nashville.

Conference leaders for both methods and life problems are: Miss Thelma Arnot, Nashville; Miss Ruby Ballard, Nashville; Dr. W. A. Keel, Jefferson City; Mrs. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville; Mr. William Hall Preston, Nashville; Dr. W. R. Rigell, Johnson City; Mr. Lawrence Tri-vette, Kingsport; Rev. W. Frank Wood, Knoxville; Mrs. Stanley Armstrong, Memphis; Mr. Doyle Baird, Nashville; Mrs. John L. Dodge, Cleveland; Miss Alberta Dean, Russellville; Mrs. Ralph Norton, Chattanooga; Miss Florence Rennie, Johnson City; Miss Nelle Davidson, Jefferson City; Miss Mattie Lou Wright, Gallatin, and Miss Jodie Brown, Erwin.

The devotionals of music and art combinations will be based on the keynote of the convention, "All to Jesus I Surrender." They will be in charge of Mr. W. D. Kendall, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harwood, and Miss Julia Har-

wood, of Nashville, Tennessee. The music will be in charge of Mr. Sterling Price, Miss Evelyn Marney, Jefferson City, and Mrs. John A. Huff, Chattanooga. The A Capella Choir of Carson-Newman College; First Baptist Choir, Chattanooga, and the Kingsport Trio will give special numbers, among which will be Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus."

This convention is held under the auspices of the Baptist Training Union Department of the Tennessee Baptist Executive Board, Nashville, Mr. Henry C. Rogers, Director. Convention officers are: President, Mr. Lawrence Newman, Chattanooga; Pastor, Adviser, Dr. R. E. Guy, Jackson; Vice-President, Mr. John L. Cottrell, Elizabethton; and Secretary, Miss Ruby Ballard, Nashville.

### Bartlett Church — Shelby County

A STUDY COURSE was held at the Bartlett Baptist Church during the last week in October. Mr. W. C. Enos, leader, reports the best school in several years. There were ninety-nine enrolled, an average attendance of seventy-eight, and seventy-four taking the examination. There were four classes taught and methods were used throughout.

Those teaching were: Rev. Barney Flowers of the Eudora Baptist Church, teaching the Adults; the pastor, Rev. D. D. Smothers, teaching the Young People; Miss Lois Craig from Hollywood Church teaching the Intermediates; and Mr. H. Rankin from Highland Heights Church teaching the Juniors.—June Cherry, Church Reporter.

### Training Union Convention

HAVE YOU COMPLETED your plans to attend the Silver Anniversary meeting of the State Baptist Training Union Convention to be held in Chattanooga on November 27-28-29, 1940? The first session begins on Wednesday night the

28th at 6:45. Special hotel rates by certain hotels in Chattanooga are being given. These rates vary from 50 cents to \$1.25 per night per person. The hotels giving special rates and their rates are as follows:

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## Suggested Program for W.M.U. Quarterly Meeting

December-January, 1940-1941

### "THY WAY MADE KNOWN"

Hymn: The Woman's Hymn.

Devotional—Psalms 67.

Prayer, remembering one on the prayer calendar.

Welcome by the W.M.S. President.

Story of hymn "Jesus Saves." 1941 Year Book, page 34.

Hymn: Jesus Saves.

Thy Way Made Known Through Personal Service. Year Book, page 64.

Soul Winning Crusade to Make His Way Known. Year Book, page 65.

Prayer for more soul winners.

Hymn: Bringing in the Sheaves.

Holding High the Moral Standards in Our Community. Year Book, page 20.

Prayer, as a Power in Making His Way Known. Year Book, page 36.

The Payment of Debts Will Hasten the Message. Year Book, pages 57-59.

Offering—Announcements.

Address: An Urgent Gospel—the World's Dire Need.

### LUNCH

Hymn: The Kingdom Is Coming.

Devotional: The Way of Life. John 14:1-15.

New Plans for 1941: Changes in the Standard. Year Book, page 30; New Mission Study Plans.

Year Book, page 42; Circle Program Plans. Year Book, page 39.

Business.

Installation of Officers.

## Stewardship On the Home Stretch

By MRS. GEORGE E. HOLLIS

WE ARE NOW on the home stretch—in the last quarter of our work for 1940. There is more or less confusion as we make ready to change office, many of us, but we must not lose sight of the fact that our work for the year has not been completed until we have seen the last woman in every church and home given her the opportunity to sign a tither's card; to join the Hundred Thousand Club; to give something to missions. We must pray more, plan wiser for the remaining days and work with more zeal and faith, that all the unfinished work may be completed, all loose ends caught up, that those who come after us may follow our pattern.

There is the ten per cent increase in tithers to bring up, taking for a basis the number secured last year. There is the goal of doubling our membership in the H.T.C. which is a long way behind. Some of the counties are appointing a strong leader for this work to finish out the year with a flourish.

Perhaps we have not taken our stewardship book yet this year. If not, you will get wonderful results from studying that little book, God's Plan, by R. C. Campbell. Get the whole society together and use your best teacher for this.

Then again we may have neglected to use the Educational Plans for our Young People, and are not prepared to give that Annual Program before the church some Wednesday night or some Sunday afternoon when we have our

all-day meeting with dinner on the ground. So we must get busy in a hurry and drill the young people so that they can show to their elders just what 'faithful stewardship can mean in carrying out our Saviour's last command.

Someone recently was lamenting the fact that after all we try to do to bring out desired results, we cannot get our people to respond. And then we were reminded that right here is where the Holy Spirit must come to our aid, to work on the hearts of God's indifferent children, to stir them up in the most holy Faith, to give impetus to lives, zeal to lagging spirits, resulting in loving sacrificial service. Prayer is the key that unleashes this power, and without it our work is all in vain. We forget that we are co-laborers with God, that He is the controlling partner, and that He wants to be consulted in all matters of Kingdom work.

Associational chairmen, arise, lay aside every hindrance, get in touch with every society concerning every phase of our stewardship work. Society chairmen, instruct each circle stewardship chairman in her duties, that we may have a great ingathering of tithes and offerings for His sake. Send for the Hundred Thousand Club leaflets and the Alabaster Boxes, to be placed on every Baptist table for our thank offering at each meal, and then each month turned over to the Hundred Thousand Club treasurer. Never forget our inspiration is Romans 12:1.

## The Church and Its Responsibility Toward the W.M.U.

By DAVID T. MASHBURN

Educational Director, Central Baptist Church,  
Miami, Florida.

1. *The Missionary Society needs church recognition:* It should be given its rightful place in the church program. In so many instances the activities of a church are planned for the entire year and the women have been left to "squeeze" in their programs the best they can. When a church program is planned, EVERY organization of the church ought to be included.

2. *The church needs to be introduced to the W.M.U.:* The Missionary Society and all its auxiliaries ought to be presented regularly to the church. Seventy-five per cent of the church membership does not realize the great good, and the amount of work done by our W.M.U. We should inform them and lead them to realize the importance of this organization.

3. *The W.M.U. should be financed by the church:* Just as the Sunday School and the Training Union is placed in the church budget, so should the Missionary Society. I know of so many churches where the women are forced to "dues" their members to death to barely exist; they are also required to purchase their literature—AND YET the church has the audacity to demand that these same women bring their tithes and place in the church offering. Surely you will agree that this is not fair practice. Frankly, I believe "collections and dues" have done more to drive a large majority of our women from the Missionary Society than any other one thing. I believe in those special mission offerings our women foster, and am definitely not referring to them. I do say, however, that operating expenses of the W.M.U. should be placed in the church budget.

4. *The Missionary Society should take part in all Mission Activities:* I do not mean a major

part, but may I state an example. In the Sunday school special mission days are observed. Our women are the best informed persons in the church when it comes to missions, so why not use them to help put our special mission days across? They are already in the Sunday school and we need to make use of the valuable information they have acquired. Then, in the Training Union mission programs are presented once each month. Why not use the W.M.U. to help make these programs more interesting by again utilizing the knowledge they have of our mission fields? The W.M.U. can be used in every mission activity of the church, and will be strengthened in knowledge and number through use.

5. *More publicity should be given the Missionary Society:* I mean by this that church bulletins ought to give more room to the women's activities; the Sunday school ought to help build the W.M.U. and its auxiliaries through announcements, etc., the Training Union should be interested, and the pastor should show an enthusiastic spirit when mentioning the work of the women from the pulpit. In return the women would assist in building and boosting the other organizations.

6. *The Missionary Society should have a place to meet:* "Oh," you say, "They can meet in any room at the church." That is true, but what room? Women appreciate a nice place in which to hold their meetings. They want an attractive room, and if given one, will soon make it clean and attractive. Of course, that same room could be used on Sunday by the Bible School and Training Union, but give them something at the church they can claim as their own. In our one room churches certain days can be set aside for the women to use the building with no interference from other organizations. Let us provide a meeting place for them.

7. *Our church ought to appreciate the W.M.U. and show it:* About the only time some churches show appreciation to the women is when they want a "big dinner" cooked; and then how the pastor and men can brag on the women. Let's show more appreciation than this. NOW, following the six suggestions already named and listening too and granting other requests the women might make upon the church. The W.M.U. is a vital part of the church and should be recognized as such.—Florida Baptist Witness.

## Circle Meetings Program Suggestions

MRS. M. F. CHAFIN, Florida

(See "Royal Service" for program development monthly.)

GENERAL TOPIC: Behold the handmaidens of the Lord!

Devotional Theme: "O woman, great is thy faith!"

### JANUARY

TOPIC: "Neglect not the gift that is in thee."—Enslavement.

Devotional: The Woman of Canaan.—Matt. 15:21-28.

### FEBRUARY

TOPIC: Southern Baptists for a Debtless Denomination—Stewardship.

Devotional: The Widow's Mite.—Mark 12:41-44

### MARCH

TOPIC: "Go tell My brethren."—Literature.

Devotional: Mary Magdalene.—Matt. 28:1-10.

### APRIL

TOPIC: "Cuba for Christ."—Home Missions.

Devotional: Salome.—Matt. 20:20-28.

### MAY

TOPIC: "The Hope of the Future."—Young People.

Devotional: Lois and Eunice.—II Tim. 1:5.

## JUNE

TOPIC: "Helping Where Help Is Needed."—*Negroes.*

Devotional: Rhoda.—Acts 12:1-16.

## JULY

TOPIC: The Jewish Tragedy.—*A Christian Challenge.*

Devotional: Little Captive Jewess.—II Kings 5:1-15.

## AUGUST

TOPIC: Evangelizing Evangeline's Land.—*French Missions.*

Devotional: Dorcas.—Acts 9:36-42.

## SEPTEMBER

TOPIC: "His compassions fail not" for Chinese in America.

Devotional: The Sinful Woman.—Luke 7:36-50.

## OCTOBER

TOPIC: Looking unto the Hills.—*Mountain People.*

Devotional: Priscilla.—Acts 18:1-3, 24-26.

## NOVEMBER

TOPIC: "In the name of our God we will set up our banners."—*Training Schools.*

Devotional: Martha.—John 11:1-44; Luke 10:38-42.

## DECEMBER

TOPIC: The Christmas Story in Hearts Everywhere.—*Foreign Missions.*

Devotional: Mary.—Luke 1:26-38; 2:4-16.

*The Twelve Apostles* by A. Milton Smith. Published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York. 1940. 172 pp., attractively bound. Price \$1.50.

Here is a study of the character and contribution of each of the twelve apostles. There is little drawn from tradition in the portraits given. All of the Biblical sources throwing light on each have been carefully studied. Practical lessons are drawn from the lives of each of them. This book will prove to be one of the classic treatments of this subject. There is but one fly in the ointment. Judas Iscariot fell from grace! Otherwise the book is unexcelled in interest, information and accuracy.

—J. C. MILES.

## Baptist World Alliance News Letter

Sent out by

W. O. LEWIS, General Secretary  
715 Eighth Street, N. W.  
Washington, D. C.

FROM SOURCES considered to be reliable, a few bits of news have been received.

### GREAT BRITAIN

On September 10 the following cablegram was received by the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in New York and the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention in Richmond, Va.:

"Mission house wrecked by bomb today."

This cable was sent by Rev. B. Grey Griffith, Home Secretary of the Baptist Missionary Society. The building was in the East Central district of London at 19 Furnival Street. Most of the records had been removed from London before attacks on London began.

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The Baptist Times of London reported in the issue of August 22 that a Baptist Church in London had been wrecked.

### POLAND

When the Russians took possession of Eastern Poland, they closed a Baptist old people's home and an orphans' home. Some chapels were closed and several pastors were arrested. Some were removed from their fields to parts unknown. Some of those who were removed have been permitted to return. Some are still in prison. One Baptist pastor from Eastern Poland has been banished to Asiatic Russia.

### FRANCE

Four Baptist chapels were wrecked in France. Two pastors served as chaplains in the French army. One of these was captured at Dunkerque and the other in Alsace. They have both been released. Most of the Baptists of France are in the occupied zone and it is very difficult for them to communicate with their brethren in the unoccupied area.

## Southern Baptist Historical Society Bulletin

IN AUGUST the annual meeting was held at Ridgecrest. Among items of interest they stand out.

The charter of the Society, issued by the State of Kentucky, was presented, with the list of one hundred and one names of charter members.

Recognition was given to the service of Reverend John Leland, the centenary of whose death is being marked by exercises in Cheshire, Mass., and in Orange, Va. A message was sent to Cheshire where a memorial was being dedicated with exercises including parts by the Governors of Massachusetts and Connecticut. Action was taken to have the Society represented at special exercises to be held at Orange, Virginia, in 1941. It was in Virginia that Leland did his great work toward procuring

recognition of religious freedom in the fundamental documents of the United States.

It was announced that in principle agreement has been entered into for joint membership in State Societies and the Southern Society. The Executive Committee was authorized to make detailed agreements with any State body.

A gavel was presented and accepted with a vote of thanks by Mrs. Louie Latimer Owens. It was made from wood from one of the pews of the First Baptist Church building in Greenville, S. C., in which the original Southern Seminary faculty and students worshipped. The President reported a number of other gifts of materials and memorials of Baptist history during the year; but he stated that only a small beginning has been made. These materials are desired from all who can send them.

Officers were re-elected. Dr. Leo T. Crisman was elected Custodian to succeed Dr. Thomas A. Johnson, deceased; and the Secretary was instructed to send Dr. Johnson's family a message of appreciation of his fine services and sympathy in their loss. At request of Dr. J. T. Watts, Dr. J. F. Fraser was elected Vice-President for Maryland instead of Dr. Watts.

The next annual meeting will be held in Birmingham in connection with the Southern Baptist Convention in May, 1941.

## Great Day at Harrison-Chilhowee

By ROY ANDERSON, Principal.

Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy enjoyed a great day October 31. Dr. John D. Freeman brought a great message on education, and Dr. R. G. Lee brought a message to something like 600 people. We had a good attendance from every section of East Tennessee, and we appreciate the large amount of produce brought for the school.

Of the 50,000 dimes wanted, as advertised in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, we are happy to say we have received over 6,000, and they are still coming in. Yet we continue to receive applications from preachers wanting to enter school. How we would like to care for all who want to come! Finances and additional room causes us to turn them away. Pray that Baptists may see the necessity of training our ministry for efficient service.

Sunday, November 3, a number of people from Jefferson County Association came to dedicate the Jefferson County cottage, which they had recently built. The dedicatory sermon was delivered by Dr. E. C. Masden, and the dedicatory prayer was offered by the moderator, Rev. J. A. Lockhart. The school appreciates the cottage very much, and it will be occupied within the next few weeks by a young preacher and his wife.

## WHY PROCRASTINATE?

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## Book Reviews

*Did Jesus Rise From The Dead?* By Alexander Thomson. Zondervan Publishing Co., Grand Rapids. \$1.00.

Here is a very great book on the greatest of all subjects. Everybody ought to read this book and especially every preacher. The author is the pastor of Mt. Pleasant Road Baptist Church, Toronto, Canada.

He notes the fact that no one saw Jesus come up from the dead but many witnesses gave testimony that they saw him after he was risen, and were given every rightful means of assurance of his identity. He made no appearances to his enemies, and wrought no miracles after he was risen. The testimonies were by reliable people, and by those who had nothing to gain by their testimony. What they told is in a perfectly trustworthy manner, and their testimonies while not alike are interlocking and confirmatory one of the other, and of the common fact especially.

Then he takes up the witnesses each one by name and discusses their character and suitability as witnesses, first the women and then the men. Then the social position of the witnesses, their condition, their steadfastness, manner of witnessing, purpose and motives, place and time, their agreement, and before whom they gave testimony. "From a group of sad, discouraged, fearful mourners, they became a company of joyous, courageous witnesses."

Contemporary to this and confirmatory was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the invigoration of the church, great number of conversions, observance of the first day of the week, baptism setting it forth in figure, the Christian message, hope, and life.

The resurrection of Christ attested the truth of his claim to be the Son of God, the Savior of the world; able to save souls from sin, raise others from the dead, return again in triumph to the earth.

—J. R. CHILES.

# AMONG THE BRETHREN

By FLEETWOOD BALL and THE EDITOR

E. B. Arnold, who was recently licensed by the First Church, Dayton, has been called as pastor of Zion Hill Baptist Church in the Tennessee Valley Association and has accepted the call.

The following friends visited the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR office this week: T. E. Mason and Asa Emerson, Savannah; Rev. and Mrs. John Otha Black, Columbia; Miss Beatrice Adams, Baptist Orphanage, Franklin; Miss Montie Cockran, Dayton, and Mary Nunnally Lawton, Chattanooga.

The veteran deacon of the First Baptist Church, Martin, T. H. Farmer, has, with his wife, as is customary at this season, moved to his winter home at Leesburg, Florida and writes to have his address changed, saying "I don't want to miss a copy." Blessings on these faithful friends.

John Caylor, who has just completed his seventh year as pastor of Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, La., has received 2,100 new members during this period, a net increase of 1,211, bringing the present membership to 2,100. The church budget has increased from \$10,000.00 to \$30,000.00. The church will observe its Silver Anniversary in March.

In the two years' pastorate of C. E. Wright at the First Baptist Church, Watertown, sixty-six new members have been received, fine gains have been recorded in the church organizations and all departments are functioning in a splendid way.

Colvin L. Hammock, of Richmond, Va., has accepted the unanimous call of the First Church, Maryville, and will begin his duties the second week in December. He succeeds P. B. Baldridge, who resigned in the early summer to return to a former pastorate in Alabama. Tennesseans welcome Dr. and Mrs. Hammock and their fifteen-year-old son, Colvin, Jr., to the State.

L. S. Ewton, pastor, Grace Baptist Church of Nashville, has concluded a successful revival with his son Maynard in the First Baptist Church of Frederick, Okla. The church was greatly strengthened and a goodly number were born into the Kingdom.

Avondale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, has warmly welcomed their new pastor, Wilbur J. McDaniel, formerly of Fort Worth and Cleveland, Texas, and Mrs. McDaniel with the two children, Wilbur, Jr., and Lois Jane. Tennesseans welcome them to the State.

A. F. Crittendon, ex-Tennessean, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ponca City, Okla., was recently assisted in a revival by W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chickasha, Okla., but we have not been informed as to the results.

Leaving seven children, Mrs. D. C. Vaughter died November 7. She was 87 years of age and had been a faithful member of a Baptist Church for more than 75 years. God's grace be upon the sorrowing.

Under the vigorous and tactful leadership of Pastor Vernon Sisco, the Trezevant Baptist Church is moving on in a splendid way in the worship service and in the various organizational activities. The membership is growing, the church debt has been paid, a new furnace has been installed and the offerings for all causes are more than for several years.

Pastor R. A. Ellis and the First Baptist Church of Landrum, S. C., are happy over the results of a recent revival in which the pastor had the assistance of two close friends and fellow pastors, H. H. Stenbridge of First Church, Paris, Tenn., doing the preaching and Rev. W. Arnold Smith of the Avondale Estates Baptist Church of Atlanta, Ga., directing the music. There were eleven who professed faith in Christ and were received for baptism and nine who came by letter and statement.

Pastor O. C. Markham of First Baptist Church, Hickman, Ky., writes in high praise of the work of Mark Harris, pastor of Speedway Terrace Baptist Church, Memphis, who assisted him in a recent meeting. During the summer Bro. Markham assisted Beech Grove Church of the West Kentucky Association and New Hope Church of Giles County (Tennessee) Association, the latter being his home Association and the church being a former pastorate of his. One of his interesting observations during the revivals this year was the large percentage of adults who were saved.

Sunday, November 17, marked the seventh anniversary of J. G. Hughes as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kingsport. During this period total offerings of \$151,110.58 have been received, \$19,920.01 given to missions, and with a debt reduction of approximately \$24,609.80. There have been 613 additions. For the first of the seven years the offering amounted to \$17,209.05 while the last year they came to \$27,133.40.

Lawson H. Cook, of Memphis, Southwide Brotherhood Secretary, recently received a letter from which we have permission to quote as follows: "Our circulation continues to expand. Possibly the greatest increase we could have is the ..... Church of ..... which has now adopted a new budget including the state paper. I know definitely, that while other factors entered in, had it not been for the Brotherhood Convention, and the emphasis on the state paper there, we would not have that list. We are grateful to the Baptist Brotherhood for its continued support." BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR along with the other state papers appreciates the devotion of the Brotherhood forcefully led by Mr. Cook to the task of getting behind our denominational papers.

WITH THE CHURCHES: Chattanooga—Alton Park, Pastor Smith baptized 7; First, Pastor Huff received by letter 1, for baptism 3. Northside, Pastor Selman received by letter 4; Rossville Tabernacle, Pastor Tallant received for baptism 2; Silverdale, Pastor Anderson received by letter 2, for baptism 2; White Oak received by letter 1; South St. Elmo, Pastor Ziegler baptized 7. Daisy—Pastor Black received by letter 1. Hixson—First, Pastor Harris baptized 3. Kingsport—First, Pastor Hughes received by letter 1, for baptism 2. Knoxville—Bell Avenue, Pastor Allen received by letter 6, baptized 30; Broadway, Pastor Pollard received by statement 2, confession 1, baptized 18; Ft. Sanders, Pastor Carroll received by letter 5, for baptism 6. Memphis—Bellevue, Pastor Lee welcomed by letter 5, for baptism 2, baptized 3; Speedway Terrace, Pastor Harris received by letter 1; Temple, Pastor Boston received by letter 13, for baptism 2. Murfreesboro—First, Pastor Sedberry received by letter 1, baptized 4. Nashville Inglewood, Pastor Beckett received by letter 2. Paris—First, Pastor Stenbridge received by letter 1, by baptism 1.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE, NOV. 10, 1940

	Sunday School	Training Union					
Alamo	176	44	Daisy	169	50	First	964
Athens, First	368	82	Dyersburg, First	387	140	Gayland Heights	131
Butler	194	98	Dover Baptist	42	30	Immanuel	257
Caryville	156	92	Elizabethton: Eastside	108	75	Lincoln Park	450
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	61	53	First	471	245	South	97
Chattanooga: Alton Park	221		Immanuel	98	61	Lenoir City: First	332
Daisy	172	115	Little Mountain	91	32	Pleasant Hill	173
East Lake	169	50	Roan Mt. Church	83	169	Madisonville	163
East Ridge	300	41	Siam	182	47	Maryville, First	559
Edgewood	154	51	Southside	136	120	Milan, First	704
First	759	204	Watauga	256	78	Memphis: Bellevue	1683
Highland Park	454	115	Erwin, Calvary	285	77	First	656
Macedonia	69	35	First	385	50	Prescott	830
Northside	430	102	Hixson: First	132	141	Speedway Terrace	423
Red Bank	406	115	Mission	48	177	Temple	1021
Ridgedale	586	173	Murfreesboro, First	491	28	Union Avenue	820
Rossville Tabernacle	246	71	Fountain City, Central	544	82	Nashville, Inglewood	320
South St. Elmo	98	77	Grand Junction	89	67	New Tazewell	94
White Oak	159	54	Harriman: South	175	78	Paris, First	122
Woodland Park	675	134	Trenton Street	414	125	Puryear, Friendship	111
Cleveland: Big Springs	281	49	Hermitage, New Hope	678	58	Raleigh, Ardmore	33
South Cleveland	113	30	Jackson, First	61	138	Shelbyville, First	468
Columbia: First	278	69	Jefferson City Buffalo Grove	61	214	Townsend, Bethel	116
Second	106		Kingsport, First	550	105	Union City, First	604
			Knoxville: Bell Avenue	550	278	Walter Hill, Powell's Chapel	127
			Deaderick Avenue	932		Watertown, First	186
			Broadway			Winchester, First	83

## Briefs Concerning the Brethren

### Called and Accepted

W. C. Boone, Crescent Hill Church, Louisville, Ky.  
 Al. G. Escott, Bailey Hill Church, Fort Smith, Ark.  
 J. G. Newton, Bethel Baptist Church, Sumter, S. C.  
 W. P. Hall, Mount Bethel & Starr Churches, Saluda Association, S. C.  
 J. H. Webb, Beach Street Church, Texarkana, Texas.  
 L. L. Jessup, Second Church, Shelby, N. C.  
 Carl J. Ackerman, First Baptist Church, Ironwood, Mich.  
 Nelson Barker, Richland Baptist Church, Richland, Va.  
 M. E. Fairchild, Menard Church, Texas.  
 Elmer D. Holt, First Baptist Church, Throckmorton, Texas.

### Resigned

R. L. Ross, Jr., Mt. Olive Church, La.  
 P. E. Cullom, Clintwood, Va.  
 E. A. Autrey, Oil City, La.  
 Nelson T. Barker, St. Paul, Va.  
 C. L. Hammock, Venable Street Church, Richmond, Va.  
 W. P. Hall, First Baptist Church, Biltmore, N. C.  
 J. H. Webb, First Baptist Church, Columbia, S. C.  
 John W. Hughston, Aulander Church, S. C.  
 L. L. Jessup, Ivy Memorial Church, Newport News, Va.

### Ordained

L. L. Gilliam, Fellowship Baptist Church, Witcherville, Ark.

## Ought This Be Done?

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

OUIGHT the Baptist paper be in the Baptist home? That is the big question facing us right now. It is not, primarily, a question of money. It is a question of conviction regarding the worth of the denominational paper as an agency of information, enlistment, indoctrination and inspiration, the final effect of which will be to unify our people.

Do we believe in the mission of the denominational paper? Do we believe that we must have a medium of propaganda for our united and co-operative effort in trying to further the Kingdom of God? Do we believe that we must have a medium of indoctrination and inspiration, reaching the homes of our people every week?

I do. I believe our Georgia paper ought to be in the homes of my people. Our deacons and finance committeemen believe it ought to be in the homes of our people. Our teachers and leaders believe it ought to be in the homes of our people. And because we thus believe, the paper is in our church budget—has been for 21 years.

I repeat, the first question in this thrilling suggestion of increasing the circulation of our 18 Southern Baptist State Papers to 500,000 by the Centennial of the Convention in 1945, is the question of whether we really believe it ought to be done. That point settled, there will be little difficulty about the details.

## TO ORGANISTS AND CHOIRMASTERS . . .

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Rev. John N. Irwin

WHEREAS, On the 17th day of March, 1939, the Rev. John N. Irwin, former pastor, evangelist and colporteur, was summoned from this mortal life to join the realm of illustrious hosts in the presence of The Lord, and;

WHEREAS, his passing has marked the close of a life well spent in the service of his community, his county, his state and his God, and;

WHEREAS, his magnanimous character and great intellect has marked him as one of the best loved characters in the communities where he has lived and labored, and a worthy benefactor in the cause of humanity.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That we, the members of the Executive Committee of the Indian Creek Missionary Baptist Association signify our solemn reverence for his achievements, his inspiring example of leadership for the cause of Christ. The death of John N. Irwin takes from his community an outstanding figure and leaves a gap which will be almost impossible to fill. He sought above all else to transmit his dreams into blessings for mankind. His dominant characteristic was a passionate sense of justice and living up to that he stuck to his principles with a tenacity that no intimidation could relax.

Hospitality was one of his most sacred words, and nothing could abash him more than the fear of being lacking in it. His tenderness was deep and sensitive, and he was generous with something more than the love of giving. He had a desire to lift up all humanity, particularly those in need and his generosity found expressions in all the gay grace of life.

In the great human relations of son, husband, and father, he carried himself with the honor of the love of a mighty heart. He was truly the friend of the cause of Christ and mankind.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread on the minutes of the Indian Creek Missionary Baptist Association, and that a copy be furnished the family of the said Rev. John N. Irwin.

CHAS. H. PRATER, Chairman,  
 Executive Committee.  
 W. P. OLD, Secretary,  
 Executive Committee.

(It was only recently that we received this tribute to this faithful soldier of Jesus Christ.—Editor.)

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## The Old, Old Story

National Tuberculosis Association  
50 West 50th Street  
New York, N. Y.

THERE IS ONE LETTER that most of us accept as a tradition of Christmas. It is the letter that brings us our Christmas Seals. Year after year, we receive that letter. We send our money. We do this because we know that something worthwhile is being done with our money.

Few of us, though, take an active interest in how our money is spent to combat one of our most dreadful enemies—tuberculosis. The horror of tuberculosis is fading gradually. That is enough for most of us. We read each year of the declining death rate. Perhaps, we even know the fact that the death rate from tuberculosis among people of all ages has been cut three-fourths since 1907, the first year of the Seal Sale.

We have forgotten the despair that once struck us whenever we heard the verdict—consumption. We know now that tuberculosis, if discovered in time, can be cured. We know that the X-ray can find early tuberculosis in time to cure it.

This year, as in other years recently, the tuberculosis associations are asking us to do one more thing in addition to giving our dollars. Their request is reasonable. Their having to make such a request is ironical. They are forced to ask us to drop our attitude of complacency toward tuberculosis. Great though the victories of the past are, tuberculosis is not under control in this country. It is our lives and our children's lives the tuberculosis associations are fighting for.

More persons between the ages of 15 and 45 are killed by tuberculosis than by any other disease. And these are the young, active, productive years of life.

Sixty-four thousand persons died of tuberculosis last year. That means that the disease killed 175 persons a day, or one person every eight minutes.

So the eradication of tuberculosis cannot yet

be taken complacently. It can be eradicated. It will be eradicated—if we continue to regard the disease as a deadly enemy that can be forced out of this country through the combined efforts of scientists, medical men, health departments, tuberculosis associations and every single individual in this country.

We are fairly warned this year that if our own money must be used to fight our own indifference and complacency toward a deadly enemy of ours, as well as used to fight the enemy itself, complete victory will be delayed interminably.

We must restore meaning to Christmas Seals. We must consider them as the symbols of the financial power that is imperative to free ourselves and our children from a deadly scourge that, as yet, we have not conquered.

## An Appeal for the Indians

By THELMA BROWN

BY now I suspect you've checked through your last year's wardrobe, figured on what you can salvage from the left-overs, and have definitely decided that there are certain garments that just simply won't do any more. Maybe they don't do for town, school, business, or church, but they would be most acceptable to people who need them for covering from the cold rather than for appearance.

A recent letter from Brother Pryor, our Home Missionary to the Navajo Indians, reminds us that winter is approaching on that cold plateau desert, and that thousands of poverty-stricken Indians will be in dire need of clothing, food and medical supplies this winter.

Since you have been interested before I'm sure you will want to know his plans and needs. I'll quote from his letter:

"We are now planning for our Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas tree here at our home for our Navajo people. It would do your heart good to compare the attendance today with our first Thanksgiving Dinner and Christmas program for them five years ago. The attendance has more than trebled, their Christian attitude has marvelously changed toward the occasions, and dozens have found Christ who otherwise would have never heard. Believing it was only a scheme to take advantage of them in some way, at first very few attended these services. Now they are inquiring months in advance when the next 'chenologe'-dinner will be. Also they are asking when the 'Great Spirit'-Christ is going to have another birthday. Another encouraging thing has taken place in the last few years through our visitation on the reservation and these special occasions. At first the children would run and hide when they saw us coming and the adults would not talk to us as we endeavored to tell them about the loving Christ. Now the children run to meet us as far as they can see us and the majority of the adults realize we are their best earthly friends and will co-operate with us in every way possible.

"Experience has taught us that through these special occasions we have an opportunity to reach many with the gospel that otherwise would be impossible. The many agents of the devil poison their minds against the Christian missionaries and often tell them that this food will gradually kill them if they eat it. They come through curiosity and because they are hungry. They hear the Gospel, enjoy the food, experience a Christian atmosphere and are convinced that there is something to the 'Jesus Way.' Certainly many do not accept the first time, even as others do not, but the seed is sown and later through personal contact in the hogan many are converted. But we have had conversions each year at both the Thanksgiving and Christmas services.

"Naturally there is going to be quite a bit of expense attached to services of this nature

and each occasion will be a success or failure in comparison with the co-operation we receive from His friends. It is humanly impossible for us to finance either occasion from our limited salary. Neither service will be elaborate but we will expect from 250 to 350 at each service and all must receive something or they will go away disappointed and heartbroken. The Thanksgiving Dinner will likely consist of beans, beef stew, bread, coffee and some kind of cookie. This will be the only time during the year when many will get enough to eat and likely many will hear the gospel for the first time. At Christmas, in addition to our regular religious service, we plan a tree for them when all children below the age of 12 will receive a toy of some nature and all in attendance will get some fruit. Our greatest need is the prayers of His friends that God's will may be done through us and many lost Navajos won to a saving knowledge of Christ, the Christians strengthened and Christ glorified.

"As in the past, many will be in need of clothing and medical attention. By this time the winter weather will be rapidly approaching and the majority will be suffering from the cold wind. The day following each of these occasions we plan to go out on the reservation to minister to those who were sick or otherwise afflicted and unable to attend."

I'm sure you will give Brother Pryor's message as wide publicity as possible so that all who can may share in having some part in this worthy work. Especially do I hope there will be plenty of clothing for children. What a pity that here in our own Southland little children freeze and starve to death each winter! Address all packages to:

Rev. Roger Pryor  
Baptist Indian Mission  
Farmington, New Mexico

If you already have made other plans for these two special dates, a box at any other time between now and next Spring would be equally appreciated. There is a daily demand for urgent help. I know, for I've been there and seen the utterly tragic condition of these people.

## Book Reviews

*Pay-Day Some Day* by C. B. Hedstrom. Published by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Mich., 1940. 137 pages. Price \$1.00.

This book contains a series of heart-gripping messages by an unusual layman. Mr. Hedstrom is a business man, chairman of the Chicago Christian Business Men's Committee, not only a successful business man but also a successful lay evangelist. He is of Swedish descent, knows the hardships of an immigrant boy's life, and of salvation through Christ and success in this land of the free. He makes a mighty plea for the old time faith and condemns in no uncertain terms the religious "racketeering" of the self-called professional evangelists, faith-healers and the like. You will like this book because it is human, it warms your heart, because it stays by the truth; and because it has a message for you today.

—J. C. MILES.

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