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## PREACH THE PREACHING

SHORT SHORT SERMON

By JAMES RICHMOND WRIGHT  
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Text, Matt. 12:41. *"The men of Nineveh . . . repented at the preaching of Jonas."*

IN MULTIPLIED THOUSANDS of church houses, on each Sabbath day in America, regularly assemble millions of people. Many of these churches have able preachers; giants in intellectual and spiritual power. Little or no fault can be found with the music, or with other contributing factors in the order of service. And yet, from deplorable numbers of other dedicated places of meeting, large congregations will file out, after the postlude, wondering and disappointed.

What's the matter? Why should an audience of religious-minded people have no fire in their eyes; no brightness on their faces; no grip in their hand-shakes; and no joy in their voices?

Too often the worshipers must go back to their homes with nothing to remember but the contribution plates; the announcements, and the music . . . *there was no sermon.* The church had, *maybe*, a good pastor; *but no preacher.*

This tragedy results from a false notion of what is required in the preacher-making formula.

Too many enter the pulpit from choice of a career or profession, or merely to humor their ego.

To go through college, and through a seminary doesn't mean he comes out of the hopper a preacher. Before he can be a great preacher, whose message will move the multitudes, *he must go through a whale's belly!* He must be swallowed up by, churned inside of, and spewed out of the maelstrom of a *climactic experience.* Men become mighty preachers only after they have known the experience of Jonah . . . the second call of God . . . their resurrection from a whale's belly!

The preacher may preach science, culture, literature, art, social reform, and even credos of religion; but a lost world will never find God, and put on the sackcloth of repentance until some *spewed up Jonah* shall come to Nineveh; and preach the preaching. . . . "Preach unto it the preaching" that has in it the tempest of a divine presence like unto that second call of Jonah.

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## Tennessee College for Women

Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

Dear Alumna:

In assuming the presidency of Tennessee College, your alma mater, I wish to enlist in every way possible your active and enthusiastic support of the institutional program. It shall be our purpose to maintain as high an academic rating as possible and to foster and perpetuate the Christian ideals which are a part of the tradition of T. C. W. I must tell you frankly that I am not undertaking an easy task, but we shall look forward and not backward. The administration and the faculty will do their utmost to promote the college, but after all, its former students are its best sponsors. If we can only encourage the alumnae to appreciate fully their strategic position in the building program, our task will be greatly lightened.

I am sure you would like for me to be realistic regarding our critical needs. They are these: 1. *students*, 2. *money*, 3. *morale*.

1. *Students*—We need three times as many students as we now have and the securing of students under present conditions is a difficult task. Will you not, therefore, as an individual and as part of a local organization, busy yourself in an effort to send us several students from your community for the thirty-sixth annual session, which begins September 14? This is the first task for you and us.

2. *Money*—(1) To pay indebtedness. Tennessee College owes approximately \$45,000. The debt has been greatly reduced in recent years. This is not a large debt but it is a severe handicap with a limited student body and meager resources. Our obligations must be met before February, 1943, and we expect to pay off this

debt by that time. Every dollar received will be used honestly and effectively for the good of the college. (2) *Endowment*. T. C. W. has only \$1450 endowment, for investment. The best financial service the alumnae can render now is to help raise an endowment. The gift of a \$5.00 stamp album each year is equivalent to \$100 endowment, invested permanently by the college. Will you give an album now, thus helping to win the war and build T. C. W.?

3. *Morale*—Obviously, *morale* will serve both as a cause and as a result or effect in this program. With the proper enthusiasm, loyalty and effort, we should greatly increase both our student body and financial resources. Once possessed of students and money, the moral tone of the institution will have been tremendously enhanced.

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## EDITORIAL

### Where They Made Mistakes

THE ISOLATIONISTS AND PACIFISTS at any price made dreadful mistakes. The mistake of the isolationists was in their apparent inability to comprehend that the world has at last become a small place and that whatever affects one nation will in some degree affect all other nations. They either wilfully would not see it or were so limited in their comprehension as not to be able to see it and in either case, had they been followed, this nation would have been ruined.

The any-price pacifists made mistakes on two counts. First, they ought to have learned from history that the freedoms of the world have come through many centuries of struggle on the part of the people to procure their inalienable rights. There are too many instances of this fact in history to even mention them. And it is worse than silly to say that all such difficulties as have appeared in history should have been settled by arbitration. It is worse than silly to say it because there was no power on earth known among men which could lead those who exercised tyranny and oppression to arbitrate. This has been true both in church and in state. The people got their rights not because they were handed down to them but because they reached out and up and took them for themselves. That ought to be as clear as a spikestaff to every student who has even an elementary knowledge of history.

They made a mistake again in their assumption that Christianity is effective any further than it reaches and if it doesn't reach to the hearts of the dictators it certainly will not influence their lives in the least. And, as a matter of plain fact, instead of Christianity reaching the men who are now threatening the liberties of the world, those men have set out to overthrow Christianity itself. What were Christians to do under these conditions? What were Christian England and America to do? Should they be willing to let heathen China and Communist Russia defend their liberties or should they defend them themselves? Let us not then shun in the least even offensive war, for the only way on earth now for the United Nations to defend themselves is to take the offensive and defeat the Axis powers. And this they will do by the help of God.—*Alabama Baptist.*

### The Part The Rural Church Plays In Our Denomination

By PERCY RAY  
Home Mission Board Evangelist.

THE RURAL CHURCH has furnished our denomination's leadership through the years. The most of our leaders and pastors who rank the highest in the Southern Baptist Convention have been won to Christ by the efforts of the small village and rural churches. By an investigation you will find that most of the best leadership in our town and city churches were influenced to salvation by the efforts of the rural church; I mean by the leadership—people who are deacons, superintendents, teachers, officers, and best givers. Then most of our defenders of the faith and strongest contenders for the doctrine of the true Missionary Baptist Church have come from the rural churches.

It is true that our country churches haven't given much money to the denomination but on the other hand by an investigation it will be found that most of our best contributors to the denominational work were influenced to salvation by the rural churches and preachers. On the other hand I know by experience that our rural and village churches would give far more than they do if we had the proper leadership for them. The most loyal and most sacrificial givers in our denomination would be the rural people if they were properly led. They will give far more in proportion to their means than our city people.

If our denomination is to continue its growth the rural and village churches will have to continue because of two reasons. First, on account of the crowded living conditions and high expenses which cause both men and women to have to work to meet the living expense, the call and demand of social life, and places of entertainment, the city parents are bringing very few children into the world. In fact, there are not enough children born to city parents to replace the city population. On the other hand, the most parents in the rural sections have from three to fifteen children born into their homes, therefore we will have to continue to look to the rural section for the repopulation of the city. Shall we let them go into the city unsaved and find their places in the worldly amusements and sinful gathering places or shall we send them into our cities saved by His grace with a passion for lost people and a desire to continue the work of our Lord in His church?

Our government has already begun to move families back to the rural sections to feed and house them. Many of them are coming back because the mechanical age in which we live is fast putting people out of work in the industrial areas. They are having to move to the country to live. Here they can live by growing most of their own food supplies and their living expenses are so much less in every way. The country has become a different place because so many modern conveniences are easily had in the country home. As our people return to the country through the government projects and on their own accord the rural and village churches must take care of them. These people who are coming back with many who are already there are used to the dance halls, moving picture shows, parks, public gathering places, and many other places where they make social contact and are entertained while passing off their leisure hours. This presents a real problem for the rural church. We will have to meet their desire for social contact, amusements, and passing of leisure hours with a real spiritual and inviting church program. If we do this we will have to have a trained ministry. Let us pray for more of our young men who are trained to give their lives to the country church task or else our denomination is going to suffer many losses. Let us give of ourselves, money and prayers to the task of saving His church for Jesus' sake.—*Baptist Record.*

## The Associations

**S**ECRETARY FREEMAN, Superintendent Creasman and the editor from the state headquarters attended three associations the week of August 9.

HOLSTON ASSOCIATION was entertained by Pastor L. B. Cobb and the First Church, Kingsport. E. H. Brandon, moderator, D. W. Black, assistant moderator, Lawrence Trivette, clerk-treasurer, and Miss Mae Sells, assistant clerk-treasurer, were the officers chosen. S. E. Loxley preached the annual sermon, but the editor did not arrive in time to hear him. It was a good meeting of the body.

NOLACHUCKY ASSOCIATION was entertained by Pastor R. L. Murphy and Alpha Baptist Church near Morristown. This body does not elect officers until the closing session. Moderator O. D. Fleming, Clerk O. L. Wall and Treasurer E. A. Wright were in their places. For the annual sermon Eugene Roberts preached an earnest message on "Our Task for This Hour." This was the first time in three years the editor had attended Nolachucky. The body has grown and is growing in vision and service.

CHILHOWEE ASSOCIATION was entertained by Pastor James D. Lyle and Forrest Hill Baptist Church near Maryville. Its officers are not elected until the closing session. Moderator Roy Anderson, Assistant Moderator H. C. Angel, Clerk-Treasurer John Broyles and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Edna Broyles were in their places. In our judgment, Chilhowee had the best session we have attended in the nine years we have been attending, and that is saying a lot. O. O. Bishop preached the annual sermon, an earnest message on "Behold the Lamb of God." With a list of budget subscriptions from Mt. Lebanon Church, Charles Lemons, pastor, we left with 71 subscriptions to the paper, the largest list we have ever received in an association anywhere.

## Borderland Baptists

**T**HE CAUSE OF CHRIST is not suffering for lack of recruits, but for lack of consecration on the part of those who profess faith in Christ. If His cause suffers defeat, it will be at the hands of that large number of professed followers who, like the Reubenites and the Gadites, are disloyal to their brethren, indifferent to duty, unfaithful to the Lord.

To many professed believers today there are no sharply drawn lines between right and wrong. They have declared a truce, signed an armistice, and the forces that should be hostile to each other are mingling peaceably with the result that one cannot be distinguished from the other. If evil was honorable, such an attitude might be tolerable. But evil is an enemy and this attitude is intolerable.

The purpose of evil is to rob, steal, pillage, destroy. For a professed Christian to be indifferent as concerns the strife between truth and falsehood is for him to play the part of a traitor to God and to leave his fellow-believers to fight the battle that belongs to all. There are not words in the English language adequately to express the contempt Americans feel for an enemy who would sneak into this country as a saboteur to destroy property and murder women and children. But how much better is the man who professes to be a disciple of Christ and who is yet utterly indifferent to evils that stalk unrebuked about the country, destroying Christian ideals and institutions, blighting lives, and damning the souls of men!

There is no neutral ground for a Christian. One of the chief weaknesses of American Christendom, including Baptists, is that the spirit of Reuben and Gad pervades our ranks. Our next great revival tragically needs to be one of saving that great host of marginal church members and church camp followers.—S. A. Campbell in "The Grit to Grapple with Life."—*Western Recorder*.

## Hitler and The Bible

**I**N A RECENT SUNDAY SCHOOL lesson a question was asked, "Is there any Bible reference to Hitler?" There are a number of scriptures in which some of our present day interpreters of prophecy state that they are referring to Hitler. The same prophecy has been interpreted in other years and centuries to represent other men, who were the scourge of the earth. No doubt when other scourges raise up in the years to come, men will turn to the Bible and find them located there also. There is no direct reference to Hitler in the scriptures. Many are reading all kinds of interpretations into the disconnected verses of scripture about the present day situation.

Some take the book of Daniel and interpret the latter part of the 11th chapter as a direct prophecy to the war now in progress. The 42nd verse reads, "He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries; and the land of Egypt shall not escape." Whoever the antecedent of "He" is, one guess is as good as another. Egypt has been overrun many times. It has not escaped the influence of this war, nor has any other nation, and the chances are the damage will be greater in the future.

The next statement in verse 43, "But he shall have power over the treasures of gold and silver, and over all the precious things of Egypt; and all the Libyans and the Ethiopians shall be at his steps." It is not stated who this man of power is, but whoever he is and whatever nations he overruns, he will come to no good end. The 45th verse reads, "And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the sea and the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him." The thing that is important in the whole story of prophecy is not some minor action which may take place in some nation, but that God will ultimately triumph in all things and sin will come to destruction sooner or later. Sin may raise its head over many and through many persons, but God will see that its end is destruction.

The entire Bible has one note in it and that is "Victory." The ultimate victory of God is over every vestige of sin. He will secure for Himself a triumphant people to do His pleasures and be His associates throughout eternity. No person can read the Book and be a pessimist in the light of God's sure power, purpose and plan of the ages.

We will do far better in Christian service to stop speculating about a lot of uncertain events of times and places, and go to work at the business we know is ours, which is soul winning. The devil likes nothing better than to have the servants of the Lord fool away their time talking about times and seasons, while the harvest ruins in the field and the laborers sleep under the shade of the tree. Our imperative cry and call now is a heart-searching revival in our churches and the spread of a hot-hearted, earnest revival among all our church members. God will take care of Hitler in His own good time and while he is doing it, we ought to be about the business of paying the debts on the Southern Baptist Convention and winning men to Christ.—*Illinois Baptist*.

## An Explanation

**T**HE EDITOR had been so busy attending associations and had so much work piled up which had to be done before he left for another engagement that he was unable to prepare the usual editorial copy. Under these circumstances, he has drawn upon his exchanges and will let some of his fellow editors speak for him so far as the major editorial space is concerned.

## The First Face To Be Seen

Fanny Crosby, the writer of so many of our lovely hymns, was blind from infancy. Once, to a clergyman sympathizing with her, she remarked that she was not sorry: "Because you see," said she, "when I get to heaven, the first face that I shall have seen will be that of my Saviour!"—*Christian Victory*—J. I. Cossey in *Arkansas Baptist*.



# Times Call For Straight Thinking, Says Dr. Ford

By DR. W. MORRIS FORD

President Jackson, Tennessee, Exchange Club

**S**PEAKING before a recent convention of Tennessee State Exchange Clubs at Memphis on the subject "American Citizenship and National Defense," Dr. Ford spoke as follows:



DR. W. MORRIS FORD

"The lights are going out! The invading darkness has moved from Italy and Ethiopia to Spain, to China and Japan, to Germany and Russia, to England, and almost the whole of Europe; and now our lights are going out. What it all means and what to do is a puzzling, unanswered question.

"Before we are prepared to do anything we need to think straight. Crooked thinking always blows out the candles of truth. It is vital for us, as Exchangeites—as citizens of a great country, to face the past, face the present, and face the future. Let us bring

our minds to 'attention' and our hearts to 'present arms'.

"During the century before Christ the Roman legions had hacked the world into submission with the famous short sword. Rome, the Eternal City; Rome, the city set on seven hills chained the world and then died at the other end of the chain. Rome, the tyrant, the road-builder, the play-boy, had put away her short sword and had reached with lustful hands for the wine glass.

"The people cried for blood; they received it in unmeasured quantities. Caesar, in the year 65, gave a gladiatorial show in which three hundred pairs of slave gladiators fought to the death. The mobs tired of slaves, and wild beasts were brought in to face the sword. One show followed another so quickly that every day soon became show-day, every spectacle more gorgeous, cruel and bloody than the last; and slaves outnumbered free men three to one.

"Rome brought in gods from everywhere; she welcomed every new one without criticism—then came Christianity, uncompromising Christianity! The tolerant, idol-loving populace could not bear a God who fought sin and slavery. The Caesars rebelled. Christians now took the place of the gladiators and the beasts in the Roman Circus; they furnished the blood for the thirsty pagans.

"In the year 312 A. D., Constantine defeated Maxentius and became Emperor. While the battle raged outside the city gates the pagan citizens of Rome idly tossed their pinches of incense on the altars of their many gods and vacantly prayed that Constantine would win. The Christians, on their knees in catacombs and in hovels prayed to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Nobody heard their prayers. Nobody listened, except themselves and their one God.

"Constantine wrested the sword from pagan hands and graciously handed it to the Christian; the Christian then, with his new weapon, promptly returned to paganism. So it is always: he who is vested with great power becomes drunk with that power and sinks into moral and spiritual oblivion. Lifted to unexpected heights the Christian (the nominal Christian) brushed the dust of the catacombs from his rags and sank down into the deep folds of royal purple: and in there his Christianity was smothered!

"It was night. The date was August 24th, 410 A. D. and Rome lay locked in her death sleep. It was a sluggish sleep, the bacchanalian slumber of one who has spent himself in the passionate gratifying of lust. Her eyes were weighted with gold and her ears deafened by the din of the roaring crowd howling in glee over the bloody spectacles on the red sands of the Circus.

"She did not know that she was dying; she had long indulged in the fine art of wishful thinking and was sure that no one could have the audacity to set foot in the Eternal City. For eight centuries no one had dared attack Rome; but she should have been warned: Africa was being raided by wild desert tribes, Gaul was

overrun by Franks and Germans, Spain lay in the hands of the Vandal, and arrogant Alaric had been ravaging for years all over Italy.

"We know something of that same blindness; we should have been warned; but we indulged in wishful thinking and purred complacently, 'This could not happen to us.'

"On that fatal night while Rome slept the sleep of the drunkard, Alaric's trumpets sounded outside the gates; and the gates opened—from the inside. There were fifth columnists, traitors, in Rome! Where are they not? All gates have opened to the tyrant from the inside during these last troubled years. Traitors, biting the hand that has fed them!

"When Alaric left, Rome lay half-ruined. Forty thousand slaves followed Alaric into Rome and with eagerness they pounced upon their task masters; so Rome burned and groveled in the dust, bleeding and broken.

"Then came Attila the Hun, the 'scourge of God', ugly, squat-faced brute from a log hut in Hungary—a conqueror, a spoiler, a murdered: he died on his way out of Rome, died in awful drunkenness. Thus always the conqueror becomes his own enemy and kills himself in lust!

"Genserich the Vandal came to Rome and finished the job. Europe became a madhouse (this sounds strangely modern does it not?) and for years the Franks, Goths, Vandals, Saxons, Danes, Alemanni, Lombards and Burgundians moved to and fro looting, raping, killing, despoiling.

"The Roman and Greek gods could not halt the parade. Only one restraining hand was laid upon the plunging world: the Christian Church. Without it there would have been anarchy from the North Sea to the Bosphorus.

"Then we face the present. Add the modern trappings of civilization and we have about the same picture. Mighty Britain and mightier America have been sleeping ponderously. Under their very noses the foundations were laid for a World War. We, too, should have been warned. The rumblings of guns and planes in Ethiopia, China, Spain, and Finland should have roused us from slumber; but it was such a sweet slumber. Our eyes like those of Rome were weighted shut with gold. Gold, gold! The lust for it robbed us of the scrap-iron we need so much and sent it across to Japan. We said we were sorry for China, sorry that our scrap had to be picked out of their bodies! Now it is being picked out of ours. Our scrap built the ships we now frantically try to sink.

"We would not be a party to the League of Nations; we sat calmly by while Ethiopia was being raped; we frowned when Japan despoiled China, only frowned; we rooted for Finland against Russia and then frowned upon her and called her false. What did Rome have that we do not have?

"Our churches were half-filled nine months of the year, almost empty the other three (saloons and night clubs and brothels were filled every day). We prospered! We grew rich and lazy. While others starved we cried out against over-production and plowed under crops and burned pigs; the hungry world witnessed that and hated us for it.

"We passed the Flag by without a second glance; now we wave it madly. We could not quote the words of allegiance to that flag: now everyone knows all of it. We have been asleep—are we awake yet?

"Confession is good for the soul! What has been said is not said in condemnation of our government officials (is this not a government by the people?); I say these things against myself and against you and others. 'Awake thou that sleepest!' Is history going to repeat itself? Is the land we love, because of bacchanalian excess, going to plunge into centuries of darkness in the Roman manner? No! the restraining hand is still here. Our God is not dead; He is waiting for us to awake from our selfish sleep.

"Let us accept our share of the blame for this war. 'Whatever a man soweth, that shall he also reap' is an inexorable law. We sowed the wind and are reaping the whirlwind. Let us admit

it! When we realize how wrong we have been, we shall be in position to accomplish something worth while. When we recognize sin in ourselves, the next step is repentance; the next is to do all within our power, with God's help, to do something about it.

"Finally, we face the future. What the future holds depends upon us. What is citizenship? Is it just being born in a country? Legally, that is true. Is it the taking out of citizenship papers and living in the country so many years? Legally, yes. But it is more; it is an inner consciousness of belonging to a group with mutual privileges and responsibilities. Allegiance to God is expected because He is our creator and our sustainer, who by His grace has provided a way of salvation and of abundant life. Allegiance to country is just as natural because by it we receive countless blessings: life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness fully expressed in a thousand ways.

"The true citizen will die for his country! The true citizen will live for his country. Ah, here is the point: because we have lived for self and self alone we now must die. We have earned it; we have sowed and we are now ready for the harvest. Let us not complain because the harvest is one of 'blood, sweat and tears.'

"We have not suffered yet; we are not going to escape it! Complaints are heard on every hand because of the rubber, steel, sugar and luxury shortage. It is almost humorous. We do not know suffering! My sister knows it. For six months she, a nurse, has been a prisoner of the Japanese in Canton, China. She will be a greater woman for her suffering.

"Is it risky today to say that a short war would be disastrous for America? It is true. There are tyrants in embryo in our country. Lust for power is not all Asian and European. The same spirit which opens gates from the inside will rise up to make us the tyrant over the rest of the world.

"What then is the answer? What is the part of the true citizen? What is the best defense? We have answered already. The true citizen will face the past and learn a lesson; he will look at the present and take his share of the blame and the shame for the shambles of this world; he will turn to God in faith and will repent; he will determine in his heart to give himself and his means in an all-out effort to right the wrongs of the past.

"The true citizen will know that the word defense must be replaced by the nobler word offense. Not that he will become an oppressor, but he will be fighting for a hard-earned, blood-bought victory and a just and righteous peace. The future will be what we are willing to make it. God cannot be pushed off the stage. Men cannot drink and gamble the world into a place of peace and brotherhood. When we sow the seeds of brotherhood and love and peace, the harvest will be a world of brotherhood and love and peace; for, 'Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.'"

## Five Years' Progress of Southern Baptists 1936 - 1941

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**D**O YOU KNOW that Southern Baptists have made a great record during the past five years? They have, and here is the proof of it! And now, let us go on to still greater things!

### (1) Baptisms:

Total baptized in six years	1,377,622
Average baptisms annually	229,272
Net increase in annual baptisms during five years	17,600
Baptisms coming directly from Sunday Schools annually	137,766

### (2) Membership Gains:

Total church members in 1941	5,238,132
Total net gains in five years	848,715
Average net gains, annually	141,452
Increased net gains, annually	40,907

### (3) Sunday School Gains:

Total Sunday Schools in 1941	24,629
Net increase during five years	1,925
Average annual increase	385

### (4) Sunday School Enrollment:

Total enrolled in 1941	3,553,467
Net increase during five years	380,111
Average annual increase	76,022

### (5) Vacation Bible Schools:

Total Vacation Bible Schools, 1941	7,077
Net increase in Vacation Bible Schools in five years	5,267
Average annual increase in Vacation Bible Schools	1,053

### (6) Enrollment in Vacation Bible Schools:

Total enrolled in 1941	617,404
Net increase in Vacation Bible School enrollment, five years	403,823
Average annual net increase of enrollment	80,765

### (7) Training Union Work:

Total number of Unions and Story Hours, 1941	54,798
Net increase in B.T.U. units, five years	21,091
Annual net increase in B.T.U. units	4,218
Total members enrolled in B.T.U. and Story Hours	950,997
Net increase in B.T.U. membership	257,811
Average annual net increase in B.T.U. membership	51,562
Total Study Course awards issued, six years	1,468,593

### (8) Church Property:

Total value of all church property, 1941	\$232,944,315
Net increase of church property, five years	29,474,834
Average annual net increase	5,894,966
Total church houses in 1941	23,648
Net increase in church houses, five years	1,095
Average annual increase in church houses	219
Total pastors' homes in 1941	4,349
Net increase in pastors' homes, five years	644
Average annual increase in pastors' homes	129

### (9) Woman's Missionary Union:

Total W.M.U. organizations in 1941	41,719
Net increase in W.M.U. organizations, five years	7,491
Average annual increase W.M.U. organizations	1,498
Total W.M.U. membership enrolled, 1941	768,976
Net increase in W.M.U. membership, five years	173,124
Average annual increase in membership	34,625
W.M.U. total contributions, 1941	\$ 3,286,252
Increase over total gifts in 1936	1,120,466
Average annual increase, five years	224,093

### (10) Brotherhood Work:

This is the first tabulation yet made of the Brotherhood work. It shows the following:	
Associational Brotherhood organizations	346
Church organizations of Brotherhood work	2,735
Men enrolled in church Brotherhoods	80,512

### (11) Contributions:

Total contributions, all purposes, 1941	\$ 44,857,607
Net increase over total contributions, 1936	15,668,920
Annual average gain in total contributions	3,133,784
Contributions to local work of churches, 1941	37,035,267
Net increase contributions to local work	12,833,465
Annual average increase in contributions to local work	2,566,693
Contributions to missions and benevolences, 1941	7,822,340
Net increase in gifts to missions and benevolences	2,835,455
Annual average net increase of gifts to missions, etc.	567,091





# THE CHALLENGE OF TOMORROW

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

**T**HE LEADING EDITORIAL of the *Richmond Times-Dispatch* of August 6, was entitled "Dark Days Before Us." The gifted editor of this important daily points out six clouds on the horizon, every one of which bodes ill for the future. Mr. Dabney is tremendously disturbing when he concludes: "We are now face to face with the stark and grim possibility of defeat. More than ever there should be no flinching as we strain every fiber for the victory which must, and will, be won."

While no one of us knows the nature of the future, we can be reasonably certain about some of its aspects. Most of those who read these lines are experienced travelers. We have gone far enough along the highway of experience to be able to discern the signs of the times and to recognize that a given condition is likely to produce a certain kind of result. So we are safe in saying,

## THE WORLD OF TOMORROW WILL BE A BROKEN WORLD

Some of us were privileged to have fellowship with Dr. William Adams Brown a few weeks ago. He had recently returned from England, where he witnessed the enthronement of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He said that when he first entered London he was impressed with the apparent normalcy. Soon, however, he saw grim and widespread evidence of brokenness and blight. He mentioned especially the sight of an ancient and important church standing alone in a large area of debris. The buildings that had made this a community or several communities had been reduced to rubbish by enemy bombs.

You recall that soon after a thousand bombing planes had been used to blow Cologne to bits the Germans were promised that the same sort of treatment would be accorded every large city in their country; that not a thousand planes a night but five thousand would be used in this deadly and devastating business.

With our own eyes some of us saw, as we marched forward during the last world war, village after village in France in which there was not only not a single house standing but villages in which every wall had been leveled. We saw, creeping back to the community from which they had been driven, old people who found only the dust and debris of what was once their fireside.

Since the current conflict is on a much larger scale the ruin will be vastly more widespread. In many parts of the world millions will find their homes and churches and schools and business places heaps of ruins. Bad as this type of brokenness is, it does not compare with the human phase—the destruction of life, the bereavement of parents and wives and sweethearts, the disintegration of personality.

## A HUNGRY WORLD

That hunger and death from starvation will be the portion of multitudes of persons in several parts of the world, those who know the circumstances do not doubt. Even now we are told about students in Europe whose teeth are loose, whose eyes will not focus, whose brains cannot concentrate because they are suffering the pangs of hunger. We hear about babies whose faces look like the wrinkled faces of old men because their mothers cannot supply nourishment for them.

A veteran missionary declares: "Often the missionaries find from one to ten babies at their gate. A mother and child died of

hunger on the steps of a hospital. Chinese pastors and teachers with their wives are slowly starving that their children may have food. Refugee students are suffering from malnutrition."

Since conditions are likely to grow worse before they grow better, it is reasonable to expect that both in Europe and China an increasing number of persons will be drawn into the orbit of hunger and starvation.

During and after the last world war the several Protestant groups of the United States spent nearly \$50,000,000.00 for relief and rehabilitation in Europe alone. If we do our duty, we shall have to go far beyond that figure at the conclusion of the current conflict.

## A DISILLUSIONED WORLD

The German youth and the older persons who responded to the call of the man of Munich were seeking what most of us have found—a messiah. They were in the dust of humiliation. They had lost what to them was the most important war of all time. Their arms had been taken from them. Their colonies were gone. Their money was well-nigh worthless. They were almost without hope when the mustached corporal came claiming messianic power. Since they had all to gain and nothing to lose, they followed him. And now? Death and destruction. Tomorrow? Death and destruction and disillusionment. The Fuehrer will be added to the roster of false messiahs and many, we hope, will turn to the Prince of Peace.

As some of us traveled in the Near East and in a number of the countries of Europe just before and just after the outbreak of the current conflagration, we saw evidences of disillusionment. An Arab official was so tried by the times that he expressed the wish that a fire might come along and destroy his country to the end that his people might start all over again.

A Hungarian leader, after declaring that his country had been robbed of two-thirds of its territory by the conditions of the last peace, pointing to the flag of his country which was flying at half-mast, said, "That flag will never fly from the top of that pole until our lost territory is restored." At that moment thousands of his countrymen were marching toward the Rumanian border.

After I had gained his confidence, a gifted Italian told me that his people were tired of their burden of taxation and that they did not like the idea of being identified with Germany in its military madness.

## A DARK WORLD

In addition to devastation, death from hunger and disillusionment, ours will be a dark world. We ought to heed the plea of our African woman into whose life light had come: "Tell the young people of America that they came and awakened our sleeping souls. Tell them that we have peace and sadness because a few of us know Jesus Christ but sadness because millions of us have never heard His name." Then she continued: "Tell the young people of America to come with the light of Jesus Christ on their faces, knowing how to laugh at impossibilities in His name." While we make war multitudes of people in Africa and in other parts of the world die in darkness. God forgive us!

# A Digest of Religious Thought

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

## Ministers Back War

*The Watchman-Examiner*

ministers and Roman Catholic priests, a variety of opinion was received. Six in every ten of the ministers replying feel that the church should support the war and give full cooperation to the government in the war effort. The survey points out that the role of the church in wartime is controversial issue which has stirred up heated debate among Protestant pastors and in church conferences. The replies indicate, however, that most of the ministers feel that the present war is "a religious conflict." It is a war to preserve religious freedom. Another large group, the survey shows, feels that the church can help the war effort in somewhat more indirect fashion—that is, by giving spiritual strength to the people and maintaining morale. A much smaller group holds that the church should be the crucible in which is forged a just and lasting peace. "Finally," the survey adds, "a small number, about one in every fifty, say that the church should be loyal to the government but must oppose war as an evil." This poll reveals a vast change in conviction and opinion among ministers of Protestant churches in recent months.

*(Since this war involves the great religious principle of religious liberty it is our conviction that when the war effort does not contradict other religious principles, it should receive the hearty support of ministers. Wherever the war program violates fundamental religious principles no conscientious minister can be expected to support it; since his first allegiance is to God.—C.W.P.)*

## On The Alert

*The Christian Advocate*

ing institutions. The first line of defense runs directly through the church door! A nation that prays for the help of Almighty God in an hour of peril must present clean hands and pure hearts. The only nation God can bless is one whose cause is just. The Church must be alert against the claims of those who would ally us with injustice and make us partners in dishonor.

## An Unemployed God

*The Christian Advocate*

at work everywhere in his world. They prayed for rain, and gave God credit for it when it came. They prayed for relief from pain, and praised God when their sufferings were over. Plagues were looked upon as being "visitations of Providence" and good fortune was counted among the "mercies of God." Their children, on the other hand, familiar with the microbe origin of disease, no longer

look to God to save them from epidemics, but put their trust in the health department. Believing they live in a world of law, they seek the cause of every effect and, when they have found the cause, they proceed to control the effect. But the result is that they have suffered a serious spiritual loss because they have not thought their problem through. The whole process leaves us with an unemployed God upon our hands. If fertilizers produce crops, if sanitary measures protect us against disease, if economic planning is to guarantee us economic security, and if psychology is to explain all the phases of the human spirit, then where is there any need of God? All too long we have given God no room in our world. We have accepted his laws, and forgotten him. Now, nothing but the grace of God will be sufficient to rescue us from the pits we have dug ourselves.

*(The kind of thinking that sees the universe governed by laws is not incorrect; but it is insufficient and immature. Behind the laws stand the great Law-Giver, without whom there could be no laws. Sober, mature thinking will lead us to respect the Law-Giver even more than his laws, and to depend on Him more than his laws.—C.W.P.)*

## Baptists In Russia

*Copied, Time Magazine*

knew about its own Baptists, but the U. S. had never heard of the Russian Baptist Church, which claimed some two-thirds as many members as the Northern and Southern Baptists combined. Gaspeth the Roman Catholic *Brooklyn Tablet*: "This mass production of Baptists . . . verges on the incredible." The Russian Baptists are Biblical fundamentalists; they sprang from German Protestantism. Unlike surviving fragments of the Orthodox Church, the Baptists, a young sect, had no social standing in Tsarist Russia, are consequently not held accountable for Tsarist infamy. According to Russian Theologian George P. Fedotov, Visiting Fellow at Yale, they have made a great appeal to Communist youth, "who have a deep spiritual thirst."

## Moral Universe Works Both Ways

*The Christian Advocate*

matter how powerful it may be, for the simple reason that sin works that way. It is a part of the glory of democracy that a preacher of righteousness is allowed to summon the nation to the bar of God for judgment. That this has happened, under the democracies, even in war time with the life of the nations at stake, is proof of the fact that democracy still works. Hitler does not dare allow one pastor in all Germany to protest the sins of the state, but Britain's Archbishop of York, the head of the English Church, is one of the leading critics of the industrial and social order, and in his train there is an army of the clergy who cease not week in or week out to call the British Empire to righteousness

The time has come when the plain people must recognize the fact that righteousness, honor, justice and integrity constitute the nation's best defenses. Greed, race prejudice, hate, oppression, exploitation—these will defeat any nation, no



# The Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. RIVES, Pastor, First Baptist Church, GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE

LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 6, 1942

## The Alcohol Problem: Past and Present

LESSON AND PRINTED TEXT: Genesis 13:13; 19:23-25; Deuteronomy 32:31-33; Amos 6:1-7.

GFLDEN TEXT: "The way of the ungodly shall perish." Psalm 1:6b.

Each Sunday school lesson, both in study and presentation, should have a specific aim. It is the aim of these notes, especially with regard to this particular lesson, to make some contribution looking toward the positive indictment and active banishing of beverage alcohol from American life. It is the definite feeling of this writer that there has already gotten under way a ground swell, coming up from the great mass of people who sense the grave danger of trying to carry on a global war of Titanic proportions and do it with the use of alcohol as a beverage. The men in the armed services must be protected from its ravages. Those who produce materials for war must give of their best in brain and brawn, and must not be impeded by a product of this sort. Those who are elected to public office must agree to outlaw it or themselves be outlawed. The nation is at war, with its very destiny hanging in the balance, and this age-old curse must be put away. National prohibition, as a war-time measure, is a necessity and a major one at that. It must come and come soon for the welfare of the country is in imminent peril. If the Sunday school population of America could have some such thoughts about the matter and then bring the proper pressure to bear, there is every reason to believe that we should be well on the road to national prohibition quicker than even the most optimistic would have hoped some months ago. Out of the study of this lesson there should come discussion, agitation, organization, petition and action at the polls if necessary (for this is an important election year); until America is adequately defended from one of its most powerful and dangerous enemies. These lines are not suggested by any sort of organization or outside propaganda, political or otherwise. They express the writer's deepest convictions.

### I. BEVERAGE ALCOHOL IS A FIETH COLUMNIST.

If a thing poisons instead of feeds, if a thing destroys instead of builds, if a thing undermines instead of gives confidence, if a thing weakens instead of strengthens; then it deserves to be called a member of the "fifth column." Alcohol as a beverage does all of these and more. The designation of fifth columnist is not all too severe.

When those who are protecting our lives and liberties climb up into a tank ready for battle-contact we do not want any intoxicating drink to climb up with them. The business in hand is too nerve-wracking and too physically strenuous to permit the carrying of another "passenger." The man who steers this giant fortress at a high rate of speed must have all of his powers and faculties in order to do the job. The man who aims the powerful cannon mounted on its top must point it aright and pull the trigger at the exact split second. If their brains are befuddled with alcohol an entire army may be sacrificed or a whole front may be lost. The same can be said about a bomber or a submarine or a battleship. This is preeminently a war of machines, in which the contestants carry their forts with them, and to countenance the use of alcohol by those who man them is to invite and even to woo disaster.

A commander who doesn't see that is either busy or blind or stupid, or all three together.

Who among us wants our boys going into battle under an officer who is ever so slightly under the influence of alcohol? Who does not shudder at the prospect of a soldier or sailor or marine being the least bit "tipsy" when and if called upon to meet an enemy with a bayonet in his hand and with murder in his eye? Little imagination is necessary to visualize the veritable slaughter that would follow.

If beverage alcohol consumes sugar that is supposed to be rationed, if it burns up gasoline that is scarce, if it wears out tires that are precious, if it takes up shipping space that is critically inadequate; then what else is it if not a fifth columnist? If it causes people to buy booze rather than binds, to disintegrate and dissipate rather than unite and concentrate, then if it is not a fifth columnist what under high heaven can it be called?

### II. BEVERAGE ALCOHOL CAN AND MUST BE PROHIBITED.

A nation that accepts rationing and regulation and regimentation as war-time measures, with fortitude and cheerfulness albeit with much loss and inconvenience in many instances, will readily accept national prohibition when it is given them. The civilian population, even that part that has been influenced by the teaching that making and selling alcohol as a beverage when prohibited by law is an infringement (although it is not), will gladly do without whatever is necessary in the winning of this war. To suppose any less is to misjudge the American people as a whole. The use of alcohol as a beverage can be prohibited by law.

Those who have the least acquaintance with the military will know how easy it would be to enforce national prohibition among the officers and men of the armed services. It would require only an order from one high up enough in the line. An order is an order among the military, no quibbling and no arguing, and must and will be obeyed. This is the first lesson the new-comer into the service must and does learn. It is absurd, even a direct reflection upon the service itself, to think or speak of not being able to enact and enforce a regulation that the service deems necessary for its own well-being.

The use of alcohol as a beverage must be prohibited, at least so long as we are at war (although the arguments for peace-time are just as conclusive and convincing but perhaps slightly different). If our enemies are wise they will not try to meet us while they are under the influence of liquor. If we are wise we will not try to meet them with intoxicants in our stomachs. The events of recent months have taught us, if they have taught us any thing, that we here in America are up against something big and powerful and deadly and dangerous so far as our outward enemies are concerned. Each setback we and our allies have received has served to destroy some of our smugness and conceit as well as to nerve us for the bitterness of the conflict that lies ahead. Shall the historian of the future write that a contributing cause to the defeat of America in her war for survival during the forties was that she failed to make and keep herself sober so as to produce and fight and sustain the shocks of the mounting casualty lists? Forbid it, Almighty God! Let us arouse ourselves and act, before it is too late! Beverage alcohol must go, and go now!

## --Book Reviews--

ONE THING NEEDFUL, by J. Harold Guyne, W. B. Eerdmans Co., Grand Rapids, \$1.00.

This is a book of good sermons by the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Martin's Ferry, O. The writer sees things in the text, and in nature illustrative of the text, that make his sermons readable and helpful. Take the twelfth one on "With Christ in the School of Prayer." The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray even as John taught his disciples. "By this we know that John was a man of prayer and that he taught his disciples to pray." So we get an explanation of the power of the Forerunner as a preacher and also his deep humility before his Saviour. The outline of the teaching of Jesus about prayer: 1. Learning to pray unceasingly. All the time Christ kept himself "tuned in on heaven." "Unless we have a regular time set to pray we will very likely not pray a great deal. 2. Learn to pray intercedingly. Abraham over Sodom was an example of that; so war Nehemiah for captive Israel; so was it with the first church for Peter's release from prison; most notable of all was the long prayer of Christ. 3. Learn to pray submissively. Thus come to us out of Gethsemane. 4. Learn to pray trustingly. "Prayer is the channel—and the only channel—through which we appropriate to our lives the infinite power and limitless resources of Almighty God."—J.R.C.

"LEARN OF ME IN GENESIS," by Mrs. Jessie Harper Gay, Zondervan Co., Grand Rapids, \$1.00.

This book contains a series of 12 addresses that were first delivered by the author over Radio Station WDNC, Durham, N. C., her home town and then put into print as above. So far as its theology is concerned the teachings set forth are sound and serviceable. Some of the deductions are good as Christ in Creation, Christ our Ark, Christ our Birthright, and Christ our Heavenly Ladder. But some of her interpretations are so fanciful that a reviewer must call attention to that. For instance where Abraham served food on his lawn to the heavenly visitors she says: "In the food we have in type again the Person and work of Christ our Saviour." When Abraham was resting under the oak as these visitors drew near she gives this analogy: "Satan, the enemy of souls, tried hard to get Adam and Eve to eat of the fruit of the tree which God had forbidden and succeeded. Remember he is trying just as hard to get the human family not to partake of the fruit of Calvary." Those facts are true, but they are not taught here either in the text or the context. Correct Biblical interpretation is just as important as correct systematic theology.—J.R.C.

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# THE YOUNG SOUTH

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Dear Boys and Girls:

The words of the following poem by Grace Noll Crowell express my thoughts this week exactly:

Thank God for Youth with the strength to lift  
And the will to serve, and the heart to pray;  
Thank God for the marvelous wonder-gift  
Of Youth today.

There are paths to be straightened within our  
land;  
There are darkened ways that have need of  
light  
Thank God for the Youth of the earth who stand  
Foursquare for right.

There is need for the vision of undimmed eyes;  
There is need for hands that are clean and  
strong;  
For backs that are straight, and hearts that are  
wise;  
For lips with a song.

Thank God for Youth with its latent powers;  
Thank God for the Youth that yet may bring  
Out of these failures that have been ours  
Some better thing.

The title of this poem is "Thank God For  
Youth."

Every day I thank God for YOU.

Your friend,

*Aunt Polly*

## LESSONS IN A FARAWAY LAND

By GRACE H. PATTON

The little wrinkled Grandmother was too old to have the care of a small girl. But there was no one else to look after Mah Lin. Her father and mother were dead. She was the child of a hill tribe in faraway Burma. No one in her tribe could give her care. So it was left to Granny.

Granny had her hands full, for Mah Lin was a lively child. She did about as she pleased. But she was quick to learn. She was eager to do things. One could not help liking Mah Lin.

The little girl and her grandmother lived in a one-room house. There was not much air in the house. At night there was no fresh air at all. For Granny shut the door and one window tight. This was bad for Mah Lin's health. But she and her grandmother did not know it.

Mah Lin ate food that was not good for her. There was no one to tell her about the right kind of food. "Have some of this, child," said her grandmother. She gave her her own kind of food. This was bad for Mah Lin's health. But she and her grandmother did not know it.

Because of this, Mah Lin often had a stomach-ache. She would double up with a sharp pain. "See! I've got you!" the pain would seem to say. Mah Lin cried and was cross. But after a while, the pain went away. Then Mah Lin was a cheery child once more.

There came a day when the pain was dreadful. It said, "See! I've got you!" and would not go away. Mah Lin cried and cried. Her grandmother did not know what to do.

"Send her to the Mission Hospital," said a neighbor. "They will care for her there."

Mah Lin did not want to go. But she went. She simply must get rid of that dreadful pain. Of course, Grandmother went along. She stayed in a house near the hospital. She came every day to see Mah Lin.

The doctor smiled and gave the little girl medicine. She went sound asleep. She woke up crying. The pain was better, but she was afraid. She thought, "I am very sick and I don't know anyone here." She wailed, "I want to go home!"

"You will soon be well, dear," said the doctor. "You have been eating the wrong kind of food. We will treat your poor stomach. Then we will give you good things to eat. We will teach you and Granny what food is best for a little girl."

So, day by day, Mah Lin grew stronger. Everyone was kind to her. She became very happy. She and Granny were taught about food. They were also told about keeping clean and about sleeping with fresh air. Mah Lin had a daily lesson about health.

A little girl was put in the bed next to Mah Lin. She had fallen from a tree and broken her leg. She must lie for many days on a stiff, hard frame.

Mah Lin felt sorry for the little girl. She told her stories. She sang songs to her. When Mah Lin was up, she helped to wait on the little girl.

She sat beside the child on her bed. "I'll teach you my health lessons!" she said, gleefully. So each day she told the little girl what she herself had learned. It was all new to the strange little girl.

By-and-by, Mah Lin was well enough to go home. She said goodbye to her new friends. She hated to leave the kind doctor and nurses.

"I'll eat the right things now," she told them. "Granny and I have learned such a lot! We'll do as you have taught us."

"Indeed, we will!" said dear, old Granny. And off they went together.—*Story World*.

## SOME ITINERATING INCIDENTS

By D. M. LAWTON

(Mr. Lawton, a Southern Baptist missionary of great earnestness, is located at Laichowfu, Shantung, China.)

Yee! Wo! Turn right! Turn left! I have ridden on donkeys and mules of all descriptions, colors, and temperaments. Not long ago I was riding on a big, black donkey and complimented the owner on his fine animal. He observed, "Yes, he is a good beast but he brays." As we went along on our journey I realized that the man was entirely correct. Sometimes this trait may be turned to a real advantage by a patient missionary who, on arrival at a village, is willing to wait for his donkey to speak first, and thereby attract a crowd.

Recently we walked eleven miles before being able to secure an animal. They were all busy in the ripened bean and corn fields. When we reached Pingli Tien, I sat down at a tea shop to bargain for a ride and several men came in. One man explained to another that I was preaching the "Jesus doctrine." The other replied, "Oh, nailed to the cross." That is what he knew about our Lord. We gave them tracts and spoke briefly of God's love for them in sending Jesus. Pray that they may eventually accept Him.

Then followed successful negotiations for a riding animal. A bony-backed beast and a haggard-toothed owner finally condescended to go with us. First the owner wanted—or claimed he did—five dollars, as he pointed out that it was harvest season, "and it's twenty-five li you know," he added. "No, not that far," said the old Christian who was accompanying me, "it's only eighteen." "Oh, well, it's at least twenty," was his final concession, and he went for three dollars.

On another four-day trip to the country, a Chinese evangelist and I carried our bedding, basin,

rice, wash cloth and toothbrush on the back of our bicycles. The first day we went to the sea and there preached in a newly-opened chapel. Tuesday morning, after we had both spoken, we left the pastor and a second evangelist to "carry on" and went out way to Saho (Sandy River) to visit the Christians. From there we traveled twelve li further, sleeping in the little chapel and preaching Tuesday evening, Wednesday and Thursday until four o'clock, after which we rode on home, forty li, arriving at dusk. We felt this rather strenuous trip had not been in vain for, the last day, twenty Christians re-dedicated their lives to the Master.

On another occasion, while resting at a village, a man pushing a wheelbarrow came up and stopped. Unable to afford a donkey to pull his barrow, he was using his fourteen-year-old daughter in that capacity. Three children ranging from two to five years of age were sitting bundled up in rags on one side of the wheelbarrow, balanced by the entire stock of household effects on the other side, while the mother was picking up sticks along the side of the road. The other wheelbarrows followed, the travelling homes of twelve other forlorn souls. The party had come about three hundred fifty miles in three weeks. The three men of the party were out of money, so could not travel fast on empty stomachs. The entire group looked so sad, hopeless, and friendless that I gave the children each a dime and some raw sweet potatoes. You should have seen the expression on their faces changed to one of joy, hope, and gratitude. They later informed me that many doors had been shut in their faces. I then told them of Jesus and His love and gave the men a few dollars with which to buy food.

On several occasions, we have preached to refugees as they passed our gate, and most of them are ready to hear the Word of God.

Pray for the millions of wretched refugees such as these in this distracted land, that they may turn to Christ in their extremity and find Him indeed to be "a Rock in a weary land, a Shelter in the time of storm."

## A WORTHY CASE

The first time I saw this gentle old lady she was carrying a bundle of some twenty sorghum stalks and she was so weak from illness and starvation that she fell under the weight of the load. Her land had all been drowned in the Yellow River flood and she had come our way for help. In her home they had organized a little church but it had been disbanded. Through the gifts from kind-hearted Americans this noble Christian lady was given food and shelter and medical care. Several weeks later, after she was fully recovered, her husband came with his wheelbarrow to take her back home. He wanted to know if we could not let them have a few dollars, so they could start again; and he wanted to help some poor women of their group. One, he said, had already starved to death. We were so grateful to God that, through the generosity of His people, we could help, not only these but many more.—*The Commission*.

## Answers to Last Week's Puzzle

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Christians Bend	41	
Mission	7	
Compromise	50	
Hickory Cove	7	
Fishers Creek	11	
Gill's Chapel	45	
Hawes Chapel	11	
Independence	20	
McPheeters Bend	49	
North Fork	10	
Oak Grove	40	
Piney Grove	11	
Plum Grove	8	
Price Grove	17	
Rogersville	51	
Speedwill	26	
Tunnel's Hill	37	
Lone Oak	15	
Long's Bend	28	
Morrisetts Chapel	10	
Mt. Pleasant	7	
New Hope	34	
New Salem	29	
Shady Grove	11	
Surgoinsville, First	39	
Maple Hill	16	
Pond Hill	22	
Providence	28	
Valley View	8	
Mission; McCloud	18	
Pilgrims Rest	1	
Pilgrims Rest	1—	774
<b>Indian Creek—</b>		
Savannah	10—	10
<b>Jefferson—</b>		
Northside	8—	8

## Knox—

Cedar Bluff	21	
City View	65	
Lincoln Park	3	
McCalla Avenue	1	
North	20	
Park City	8	
Grove Hill	13—	131
<b>Madison—</b>		
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Madison	34—	43
<b>McMinn—</b>		
Athens, First	2	
Etowah, First	33—	35
<b>McNairy—</b>		
Bethel	27	
Good Hope	20—	47
<b>Midland—</b>		
Bishopville	17—	17
<b>Mulberry Gap—</b>		
Kyles Ford	19—	19
<b>Nashville—</b>		
Eastland	6	
Lockeland	1	
Madison	4	
Union Hill	36—	47
<b>New River—</b>		
Oneida	45—	45
<b>Ocoee—</b>		
Highland Park	3	
Hughes Avenue	16	
Tabernacle	1	
St. Elmo, First	14	
Whiteside	30	
Barthbaugh	8	
Harrison	12	
Concord	1—	85
<b>Robertson—</b>		
Center Point	13—	13
<b>Sequatchie Valley—</b>		
Ewtonville	22—	22
<b>Shelby—</b>		
Boulevard	23	
Oakville, First	1	
Arlington, First	22—	46
<b>S. W. District—</b>		
Flat Woods	16—	16
<b>Watauga—</b>		
Pine Grove	14—	14
<b>Western District—</b>		
Paris, First	29—	29
<b>West Union—</b>		
Oak Grove	7—	7
<b>William Carey—</b>		
Fayetteville, First	2—	2
<b>Wilson—</b>		
Alexandria	16	
Cedar Creek	35	
Lebanon, First	9	
Mt. Olivet	33	
Watertown, First	50—	143
Total Awards	—	1,959

## Southwestern Regional Convention

The Annual Baptist Training Union Convention for the South Western Region met with the Forrest Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Calvin Meachem as pastor and Miss Eugenia Derryberry as director.

The convention opened with an inspiring song under the direction of Mr. Gale Dunn and Mr.

J. G. Hughes, Jr. The convention keynote, "Victory Through Christ," was the subject of an inspiring address by Dr. Morris Ford.

Speakers on the program were: Miss Katie Mae Sewell, Mrs. Stanley Armstrong, Rev. J. B. Hester, Rev. D. M. Rennick, Rev. David Cooper, Rev. Walter Warmath, Dr. Slater A. Murphy, Rev. James Shirley, Miss Roxie Jacobs, Mr. Henry C. Rogers, and Mrs. Roy Starmer. Others appearing on the afternoon program as conference leaders were: Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Baker, Mr. Doyle Baird, Mrs. Gale Dunn and Miss Mareva Chapman. Over 300 attended this enjoyable and helpful meeting.

In the absence of the president, Mr. Robert Sutherland, now in the service of Uncle Sam, Mr. Orelle Ledbetter presided over the meeting.

The following telegram was received from Mr. Sutherland:

"Best wishes for a glorious convention and a great year for the Master. Baptists youths as never before need a great program of enlistment, training and utilization in definite Christian Service such as Baptist Training Union affords. You must meet that challenge. Ezekiel 22:14A, I Chronicles 29:12B.

New officers for the incoming year were:

Pastor-Adviser, Dr. L. A. Stephens, Brownsville; President, Mr. O. T. Baker, Henderson; Junior-Intermediate Leader, Mrs. L. S. Stevens, Memphis.

Much credit is due to the church and the people of Shelby County for the splendid way in which they entertained this convention.

## Northwestern Regional Conventoin

The North Western Regional Convention met with the Central Baptist Church, Martin, Tennessee, on Tuesday, August 18, 1942. Two hundred individuals were registered during the first session.

This convention was opened with the song "Victory Through Christ," which was written especially for this convention, the words of which are:

### "VICTORY THRO' CHRIST"

Victory thro' Christ,  
Is the song we're singing today.  
Victory thro' Christ,  
For ev'ry step of the way.

In the Name above all others,  
Let us work and watch and pray.  
Victory thro' Christ,  
Is the song we're singing today.

—S. E. COX.

The devotionals were led by Rev. Hudson Hicks, McKenzie, Rev. Gordon Clinard, Jackson, and Mr. Floyd A. Thomason of Westport.

"Standard" discussions were given by Miss Maurene Smith, Rev. L. D. Eppinette, pastor of Union City First Church, Miss Roxie Jacobs, and Mr. Henry C. Rogers. In addition to the state workers, a method conference was conducted by Miss Katie Mae Sewell, Mr. Doyle Baird, Mrs. Hudson Hicks, and Mrs. Cecil Howse.

New officers elected for this convention were: Pastor-Adviser, Dr. Ira Cole, Martin; President, Mr. C. W. Watson, Union City; Junior-Intermediate Leader, Mrs. Hudson Hicks, McKenzie.

The host church entertained the convention in a very delightful and wholesome manner.

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# Baptist State Sunday School Convention

First Baptist Church, Nashville, September 29, 30 - October 1, 1942

**GENERAL THEME:** "New fronts for Christian conquests."

**SPEAKERS AND CONFERENCE LEADERS:** Some of the South's finest speakers and conference leaders have been secured.

**DISPLAY POSTERS:** Beautiful display posters giving publicity to the Convention will be sent to every Sunday school superintendent and associational officer in the state. See that this poster is put up in a conspicuous place at the church.

**SEND WORKERS:** Churches are urged to send their workers to this Convention. It would be a very fine piece of service for a church to pay the expenses of a car load of its workers to this meeting.

**BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR:** Keep your eyes on the Baptist and Reflector each week until after the Convention. Speakers, conference leaders, and parts of the program will appear each week.

**TRAINING BANQUET:** A training banquet is being planned for Wednesday evening, September 30. Those attending will need to make their reservations early. Watch this page for full particulars.

## Safeguarding Our Defenders

G. S. HOPKINS

We are passing through some of the most crucial hours of our existence as a nation. All leaders agree to this statement. This great conflict we are in will be determined more by our attitude toward the teachings of our Savior than by any other influence brought to bear upon the same. Then it behooves Christian people to use resultful methods in their Sunday Schools and organizations in reaching the largest number possible of those who can attend and then use the *Extension Department* in encouraging Bible study on the part of those who are deprived of attending. How we do thank God for the *Extension Department* that seems to have come into existence for just such time as this:

Stop and think a minute with me of these groups that cannot attend: (1) Sick; (2) old age; (3) work; (4) our young men in training; (5) our young men on the firing line; (6) our young women in government services, out of reach of a local church. Our thoughts are now absorbed in the welfare of those who are in government training or are on the firing line fighting for the finer things of life: that is freedom with all that this world implies. Our forefathers severed the ties of their old homeland and piloted their ships to an unknown wilderness, willing to risk all that they might have this God-given inward urge satisfied (freedom).

Now the call comes to defend this priceless freedom and our sons have heard the bugle call. Ready to put their lives on the altar in defense of these principles.

Now the question comes, will our churches through their organizations care for the spiritual welfare of these noble sons of ours? Every church, regardless of its size or location, should have an *Extension Department*. Likely every one of the 3,200 Baptist churches have had one or more of their young men or young women to answer their government's call. Classes will not drop their names but transfer them to the *Extension Department*. If your church hasn't such an organization, let us suggest the following:

1. Pastor and superintendent have a conference and select someone to be superintendent who is definitely interested in such and has ability.

Why not select a parent who has a son or daughter in the service?

\*2. Send order for three months' supplies to 310 Baptist Building, Dallas. These will be sent to you absolutely free.

3. Contact parents who have sons or daughters in the service and get addresses. Also watch publications for such.

4. Make poster and place names, together with kodak pictures, on it. Place in conspicuous place in the church.

5. Secure quarterly from Sunday School Board entitled "On Duty for God and Country." Send this to each of them. Order these with your other Sunday School literature.

6. *Do it now.* Send church bulletin where published.

### WHY ALL THIS?

1. We need to care for their spiritual welfare and nothing compares with the regular study of God's Word.

2. The church needs to undergird the wholesome efforts of the home.

3. This is the opportunity for the church to take its rightful place through this organization.

4. The church with its organization must not falter but carry out Christ's command. At the close of World War I 1,000,000 of our boys came back and formed the American Legion. The impact of this organization helped to set the ideals that we have had for the times following. Now at the close of World War II it is likely that we will have from 6,000,000 to 10,000,000 of our boys returning. Their attitude toward Christian ideals when they come back will be determined by what the church does while they are on the battlefield.

5. It furnishes an organization that has a definite assignment. It eliminates the chance contact.

6. If each church will act at once, it will prevent a slump in Sunday School enrollment in Texas. Last year Texas had over 4,000 increase in enrollment. Let me plead with you, brother pastor and superintendent, to act at once and not allow a slump in our Lord's work.

7. Pray daily for our boys:

"Somewhere out on the ocean wide,  
Somewhere on the land or sea,  
God bless our boys, God bless our men,  
Who fight for Liberty;  
Dear Father, keep them in Thy care  
Somewhere . . . Somewhere.

Let us not fail to have a daily prayer for our boys in service, calling by name day by day those we know, those others know, and then our boys everywhere.

Should any church need help, Mrs. Carl McEachern is our state-approved worker for the Extension Department and will be glad to assist. She can be addressed in care of this office. We want 2,000 new Extension Departments organized immediately. Write this office for FREE HELPS if needed.

This article was taken from *Baptist Standard, Texas*. It is presented to you by Miss Mary Sue Barnette, Tennessee Approved Extension Department Worker. She will be glad to assist you in every way possible in organizing new Extension Departments. You may write her in care of the State Sunday School Department, 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee.

\*For supplies write the Baptist Sunday School Board, 161 Eighth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tenn.

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## Miss Ruth Walden Back in the States



MISS RUTH WALDEN

Miss Walden's many friends in Tennessee will rejoice to know that she has at last reached the states. A card received on August 18th, written in Miami, Florida, announces her arrival via the Pan American Air Lines. She writes that she is happy to be at home again, that she is well, and anxious to see her many Tennessee friends.

Miss Kersey was a passenger on this plane, also.

## B.W.C. Conference

The first southwide conference of members of Business Women's Circle was held in Ridgcrest during Foreign Mission Week.

Miss Mary Christian, the leader of Business Women's Circles of the Southern Union was in charge. On Sunday afternoon Mrs. F. W. Armstrong, our W.M.U. president, brought a most helpful message stressing our Training School and the Margaret Fund.

Monday morning at 8:45 business women of all ages gathered in the small auditorium for the first conference. Tennessee's secretary had been given the privilege of leading the first conference. The theme assigned was "Building Better Business Women's Circles." It is a thrill to lead such a group for the outstanding business women of many states responded with enthusiasm.

Miss Louise Smith, secretary of Florida, led the conference on "Interesting Missionary Programs." You will see her outline in BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. We wish we could show you her posters and programs.

Wednesday we were challenged to have real mission study by Mrs. R. S. Marshall, secretary of Alabama. Her felt-o-graph, posters and suggestions were most helpful. She emphasized the study of Latin America by having Ruth Garcia of Brazil to speak, also Mrs. Boatwright, a world traveler.

Thursday, Mrs. George McWilliams of Missouri presented Stewardship. When B.W.C.'s all learn to tithe, there will be real money in mission treasuries.

Miss Christian conducted the conference on "Community Missions" for this is what we will call Personal Service in 1943. See suggestions on this page. She is Personal Service chairman for the South. Miss Christian is to spend January in Tennessee. We are anxious for her to

contact many B.W.C.'s, also to assist in the method conferences in the associational quarterly meetings. She was secretary of the Georgia W.M.U., has taught methods in the Training School in Louisville and now is our W.M.U. field worker. She knows W.M.U. work and we want her to teach it to us. If you want her in your section write Miss Northington.

## Community Missions

(Next year personal service will be called community missions. These are suggestions given in the B.W.C. Conference at Ridgcrest. Try them.)

### B—IBLE, OUR AUTHORITY

Be a committee of one to send the Mediator to a Jew.

Beware lest you give money instead of self. Back a Negro woman in attending a Negro institute or camp.

Begin at once to be a big sister to a new convert.

Become acquainted with the problems of the Negro leaders.

Blend your efforts in a year-round Community Mission activity.

Bestow good literature freely.

Brighten the sorrowing and sick with a visit.

Bestir yourself and find a blind\* pal.

Brush up on Community Missions by studying the "Guide."

Bless by helping to establish family altars.

### W—ITNESSING, OUR BUSINESS

Welcome a foreign woman into your friendship.

Write letters to unconverted friends.

Win the business woman who works by your side.

Walk with an unconverted friend to services.

Withhold not the books which you should lend.

Work for total abstinence.

Wait not to be asked for used clothing.

Whatever can be done to clear up places of vice in your community, do it.

Why not teach a soul-winning book?

Wake up your conscience about proper Sunday observance.

### C—HRIST, OUR EXAMPLE

Cause someone to have a Bible.

Commune with the Father before you commune with the lost.

Choose evangelistic tracts your unconverted friends should read.

Conduct an occasional story hour for children.

Check the church census for unenlisted around you.

Cancel a social engagement in order to present the Savior to someone.

Call your pastor and ask for a Youth Revival.

Cooperate in extending Christian fellowship to the men in service.

Continue to tithe your time, talents and income.

Concern yourself about the needy in your community.

Care enough to take time to serve Him.

—MRS. WHITTAKER.

## Missionary Programs

**P**LAN for your programs well in advance. If effective you want them to be. Borrowing or buying the materials you need. To add interest will take time, you see. The others must know how to make their plans, too. To agree with your theme or to study; So make your plans early and share them; Avoid that last-minute rush to get ready!

**R**OYAL SERVICE, the W.M.U. magazine, Gives the basic material you need. The subject for your monthly study is there And is treated most thoroughly, indeed. There are clever suggestions on its pages, too. For you and your committee to try. Use them, adapt them to your local group—And your programs will never be dry!

**O**THER MAGAZINES that will prove helpful to you. Are numerous, and there's little to pay. There's "The Commission" and "Southern Baptist Home Missions," too, "World Comrades" and "The Window of Y.W.A." They help to inform you of God's world and its needs. Give helpful ideas and up-to-date news. So urge these magazine subscriptions for all. Show members that they'll ever gain, never lose!

**G**UEST SPEAKERS are fine, once in a while, For you surely will never forego. A contact with some missionary you'll come Or a leader you're anxious to know. But don't make a habit of this sort of thing. For it may tend to make members lazy—And our well-rounded series of programs is planned. Lest our missionary vision be hazy!

**R**OYAL SERVICE again is your faithful stand-by As you plan your devotional thought. To help in your study of God's Holy Word Each month one entire page is brought. Articles elsewhere in this magazine—And in others we've mentioned before—Will also be helpful, for their pages yield Inspiration and knowledge galore!

**A**TENTION to Season of Prayer programs Should be faithful and careful always. You can have at least three extra meetings a year, For in a year there are so many days. The material is sent from your state headquarters Well in advance, so that you can arrange Very carefully for these three meetings And fix a date no one will change.

**M**EMBERS are willing their full share to do, You'll find, if you give them a chance. If a member's expected to do her bit well, She must know of her task in advance. In discussing our present-day world and its needs, A wise member some research will manage. Also, use every one in some way at some time—All have talents you can use to advantage.

**S**UPPLICATION to God that He ever will bless Your plans as you make them each time. Is the spirit in which you should seek to serve Him, And it fosters a fellowship sublime. Seek His will as you plan for your program each month; Let Him guide you in each step you take. As you try, in this way, to make His Name known, He will bless every effort you make.

—JOE WITHAUER.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

## Tennesseans Appointed to Foreign Fields

One of the high hours at Ridgecrest during Foreign Mission Week was the time that new missionaries were appointed. From Tennessee, Genell Greer of Belmont Heights, Nashville; Cornelia Leavell of Bristol, and Mr. and Mrs. Merrell Calloway of Chattanooga. Genell was reared in Nashville, is a graduate of Carson-Newman and of our Training School in Louisville. She goes to Berkley, California, to enter the Chinese language school that has been transferred from Peking to California. Cornelia Leavell was born in China but has spent many years in Nashville. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, the W.M.U. Training School and Peabody College. She is a daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Leavell and a niece of Gov. Peay. She, too, goes to the language school in California as she wants to be ready to go back to China to teach the little children in the land she loves.

Merrell Calloway is a son of Rev. T. W. Calloway who was pastor of Tabernacle Church, Chattanooga, for many years, now pastor at St. Elmo. Merrell was an R.A. member and spoke of his activities as a boy in that organization. He and Mrs. Calloway are volunteers for Syria. They are to enter school in the East to study the language so they will be ready to start to work when the war is over.

Dr. Maddy and the Foreign Mission Board have taken the "long look" and are preparing to go in and possess the land for Christ as soon as the war is over.

## -- Book Reviews --

**THE GRIT TO GRAPPLE WITH LIFE**, by Dr. Strother A. Campbell. The Broadman Press. Price \$1.00.

Dr. Campbell brings out this fourth book of sermons after a fruitful ministry of twenty-five years. He is at present pastor of Baptist Temple, Charleston, West Virginia. He is an able writer with an unusual gift of originality. His subjects are the kind that demand immediate attention.

The present volume contains thirteen sermons on a diversity of subjects. Two sermons of the volume particularly appealed to me, namely: *Grit to Grapple with Life* and *Borderland Baptists*. The sermons all deal with the life of the Christian. —P. L. Ramsey.

**CHLORIC INTERLUDES**, by Mildred Jones Keefe. Expression Company, Boston, Massachusetts. Price \$2.75.

In the Introduction under "The Role of Poetry" an explanation for the work is given: "This crucial hour in the world's history calls upon all the resources in man for the sustaining of civilized life. . . . The Poet, with his gifts of insight and expression, uses words as his tools in the communication of thought. His place is among those who are creating the patterns of our day. . . . There is hardly a school or a college throughout the country in which something is not being done in the subject. . . . It is particularly suited to our American way of life."

The author, as assistant professor in Boston University, has arranged in thirteen sections readings for a year's cycle. The opening sections are devoted to selections from the Bible, for this "is the foundation stone upon which to construct an ethical life and society."

Much detailed work was done to make this book usable. A wide range of choice is offered through the many poems; a balance is maintained by studies in contrast, lyric, epic, dramatic; types of arrangements are used, the refrain, antiphonal, sequential, part speaking, unison, solo with accompaniment, cumulative; and the different parts indicated by special abbreviations.—T. C. Meador.

**THE ETERNAL COVENANT**, by Aletha Burgess. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids, Mich. Price \$1.00.

This story will grip your heart. Three young people, Lorena, Avis, and Grant Tinsley, find themselves thrust suddenly from a life of security out into the world upon their own when their father (though innocent) is convicted for embezzlement and placed in the state penitentiary.

Mr. Tinsley lives only a short while and dies in the prison hospital; Lorena breaks her engagement when she learns that Graham, to whom she is engaged, believes her father guilty; and she, with Avis and Grant, move to Vermont to begin life anew. However, problems await her there. And her concern over Avis and Grant adds to them. A terrible highway accident shatters Lorena's mind temporarily, and her friends fear permanently. A visit from a refugee Finnish surgeon brings a ray of hope. He performs an operation and the mind of Lorena is restored, her loved ones are brought to God, and happiness comes to all.—T. C. Meador.

**THE REAL FIFTH COLUMN**, by Dan Gilbert. The Danielle Publishers, San Diego, California.

"There is only one real fifth column in America; there is only one real enemy that could rob us of our priceless American heritage of liberty and equality. That is the subversive, Satanic influence that would cause us to turn our backs upon God, the Author of American Liberty; that would lead us to deny the Supreme Authority of the Supernatural Revelation of God over our national life and destiny."

Here is the plea that our boys and girls "must be given back their rightful heritage of a simple trust in the faith of our fathers." Many of the young now are being taught to turn their backs upon the Bible as being "unscientific." In our Constitutional democracy the individual does count. Humanity is important. Man is of real value to God. Christ died upon the cross to save immortal souls. This is in opposition to the "new scientific stand," which is set forth "to belittle and discredit the dignity and importance of man."

Here is a discussion of Americanism regarding all men as having been created free and equal, the Constitution guaranteeing equality of liberty and opportunity. But it is up to the individual to decide what he wishes for himself in this life and the next. God has a plan for each life. It is not His plan that all write great poems or great hymns, but that all walk in paths of righteousness.—T. C. Meador.

## Just for Fun

### Gathered Here and There

Mother: "Bob, stop feeding the cat birdseed! I told you to give it to the canary."  
Bob: "That's where the canary is."

You can't expect to keep ahead of your bills if you let them do all the running.

Neighbor: "She treats her husband like a Grecian god."

Visitor: "How's that?"

Neighbor: "She places a burnt offering before him at every meal."

"What's the big idea, wearing my raincoat?"

"It's raining. You wouldn't want your suit to get all wet, would you?"

Last fall the Mayor of North Adams, Massachusetts, advertised for a secretary. He said he wanted:

"A girl smart enough to be worth \$40 a week and dumb enough to work for \$18."

An Arkansas girl, visiting in North Adams, applied for the job as a joke. She was a smart girl, too.

This week the Mayor's marrying her.

—News and Observer.

A tourist, speeding along a highway at 100 miles an hour, was stopped by a patrolman.

"Was I driving too fast?" asked the tourist apologetically.

"Oh, no," replied the patrolman. "You were just flying too low."—Ex.

"You seem disappointed with your package."

"Yes, I answered an advertisement for a device to keep grocery bills down—and the firm sent me a paper weight."

Confused Passenger: "Let me off at the next stop, conductor. I thought this was a lunch wagon."

"I say," said the novice, who was being given a demonstration in a used car, "what makes it jerk so when you first put it into gear?"

"Ah," said the salesman, "that proves it to be a real car—it's anxious to start."

## NEWS!

### A New Book by B. H. Carroll

## Messages on Prayer

By B. H. CARROLL

This is the first of the unpublished manuscripts of the late great B. H. Carroll which the Baptist Sunday School Board acquired some months ago. It is scheduled for release September 1. The price is \$1.50. Reserve your copy now at your



127 Ninth Avenue, North  
Nashville, Tenn.



# AMONG THE BRETHREN

One of the remarkable developments on the part of churches is that at White Oak, Chattanooga. During the five years that W. C. Horlitz has served them as pastor 277 new members have been added, 137 by baptism and the membership has grown from 90 to 303. The old frame building has been converted into a modern house with 20 class rooms, 3 auditoriums, two rest rooms and furnace room, all now of stone and brick. Sunday school has grown from 106 to 337 in enrollment, Training Union from none to 8 unions with 127 enrolled, and contributions for all purposes have increased from \$3,549.28 to \$5,439.65, missions and benevolences from \$50.00 to \$832.46.

—B&R—

Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Bouldin have solved the problem of living quarters in Ashland City by purchasing for themselves and putting into condition a cottage. Their work is going along well and interest is increasing.

—B&R—

The Administrative Committee of the Executive Board will meet about the first of September to appoint a special committee to nominate a successor to Sec. Freeman. All Tennessee Baptists should be much in prayer for this committee when it is appointed, and for the entire Board when it meets to make choice for this important place in our organized life.

—B&R—

Duck River Association is trying the plan of having each day of the two-day session meet with a different church, writes Moderator T. M. Jackson of Shelbyville. The first day they will meet with Charity Church near Shelbyville, the second with New Hope near Wartrace.

—B&R—

Pastor Charles S. Bond did his preaching in a 10-day revival at First Baptist Church, Athens, in which there were 9 definite decisions for Christ, with 5 asking for baptism and church membership. Mr. Ray Ledford, deacon in the First Church, Athens, directed the music.

—B&R—

In a recent revival at Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Ripley, in which the Pastor, Norman O. Baker, was assisted by Fred M. Wood of Memphis, there were 17 additions, 16 coming for baptism.

—B&R—

Pastor E. B. Arnold did his own preaching in a two weeks meeting at Graysville Baptist Church, in which there were 3 conversions and one reclaimed. Miss Juanita Pendergrass of Dayton led the singing.

P. B. Baldridge, pastor First Baptist Church, Lanett, Ala., writes:

"This year has indeed been a good year for the First Baptist Church, Lanett, Alabama. A church indebtedness of about \$4,000.00 has been paid, the church dedicated and \$1,000.00 invested in Victory Bonds, besides gifts to all the denominational causes. Eighty-one have been added to the church membership thus far during the year. The pastor has assisted in four revival meetings in which a number have been added to the churches where these meetings have been held.

"Two of our young preacher boys will enter Southwestern Seminary in September while two others are in Howard College. One of our young preachers left college last Fall and is in the air corps.

"During the year the church has established three missions in outlying districts. On a recent Sunday the Sunday School attendance at these mission points reached 131. Rev. and Mrs. Jack Bennett have been employed to work in our missions and to do general work in connection with our church. Brother Bennett was for a time a student in Carson-Newman College. He has also had training in Moody Bible Institute. Mrs. Bennett will also do church secretarial work."

We understand that in some instances our subscribers are receiving their papers late. We ask our friends to remember that these are war times. Mails are often delayed, even first class mail, much more second-class mail. However, if any keep getting their papers late, we suggest that they write the office, and let us see if the matter can be adjusted. In the meantime let us all be patient in these stressful days.

Pastor R. L. Franklin and the Bethel Church in Clinton Association were assisted recently in a revival by Clyde Burke, pastor, First Baptist Church, Fountain City, in which there were 37 additions, 31 for baptism.

—B&R—

William Potter, minister-evangelist, writes that he has enrolled as a theological student in the Baptist Bible Institute. His address is 1236 Fourth Street, New Orleans.

—B&R—

Pastor G. L. DePriest and the Gleason Baptist Church were assisted in a revival recently by Thomas P. Haskins, assistant Baptist secretary of the State of Oklahoma. There were 15 added to the church, 11 by baptism and 4 by letter. Pastor

DePriest and the Oakhill Baptist Church, 6 miles from Paris, were recently assisted in a revival by H. D. Lankford, Henry, Tennessee, in which there were 9 additions by baptism.

—B&R—

Pastor H. J. Rushing and the Collierville Baptist Church were assisted recently in a revival by Norris Gilliam, pastor, Lockland Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, in which there were 43 additions by baptism, 33 by letter, and one by statement. Brother Hayward Highfill, pastor, Seventh Church, Memphis, conducted the singing.

—B&R—

## YOUNG MINISTERS ARE JOINING RETIREMENT PLAN

Young Baptist ministers throughout the South are recognizing the advantages of the Ministers Retirement Plan, administered by the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, and are joining in large numbers. Dr. Thos. J. Watts, Executive Secretary, reports.

During the six months ending June 30, 1942, there was an increase in the number of certificates issued of 1,507. The average age of this group was 42.1 years. Young ministers are coming to see the value of early and continuous participation in the Plan. Seasoned insurance executives have told them that no insurance company can do for them what the Ministers Retirement Plan can do, because of its contributory features. It stands to reason that payments made by both the church and the state, added to the minister's own payment, will buy more than his own payment alone would do.

For further information and application blanks, write:

JOHN D. FREEMAN, Executive Secretary,  
149 Sixth Avenue, North  
Nashville, Tennessee

—B&R—

Services were recently conducted by an Army chaplain on six Sundays during one calendar month. In crossing the Pacific Ocean during the month he led in divine services on Sunday just before crossing the 180th meridian. After crossing it, it was Sunday again, so he had the sixth Sunday. Now let the seventh day advocates tell us what their man would have done about two seventh days coming right together!

—B&R—

Dr. J. E. Hicks, pastor of First Church, Bristol, Va., has offered his resignation effective December 31st next. The church declined to accept the resignation presented some weeks ago, but Dr. Hicks insists that it be done. The end of the

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCES FOR AUGUST 16, 1942

	Sunday School	Training Union		Sunday School	Training Union		Sunday School	Training Union
Alcoa, Calvary	224	69	Counce: Bethel	109	58	Jefferson, Northside	98	30
Alexandria	197	53	Cumberland Gap: First	125	16	Liberty, Salem	108	36
Athens, First	288		Dyersburg, First	362	62	Maryville, First	445	100
Bells, Midway	69	94	Elizabethton, First	467	171	Memphis, Central Ave.	446	113
Butler, Cobbe Creek	108	33	Immanuel	79	47	Highland Heights	567	156
Chattanooga, Apison	191	48	Little Mountain	71	38	LaBelle	493	142
Birchwood	103	55	Siam	205	151	Prescott Memorial	388	110
Brainerd	307	198	Southside	92	51	Temple	1146	260
Central	238	75	Watauga	253		Mt. Pleasant, First		76
Chamberlain Avenue	261	100	Zion	79		Murfreesboro, First	353	113
Clinging Ridge	52		Erwin, Calvary	283	113	Powell's Chapel	116	42
Concord	279	122	Ninth Street	184	56	Westview	193	75
East Lake	345		Guya, Gravel Hill	158	126	Westview, James St. Mission		
East Ridge	115	43	Jackson, West Jackson	544	178	Newport	157	63
Hixson, First	118		Kenton, Macedonia	124		Old Hickory, First	613	358
Oak Grove	146	71	Kingsport, First	329	93	Philadelphia	142	64
St. Elmo	218	47	Litz Manor	45		Rockwood	166	74
South St. Elmo	90	40	Knoxville, Bell Avenue	509	163	Shelbyville, First	191	
White Oak	229	76	Broadway	858	198	Shelbyville Mills	42	16
Woodland Park	731	181	Central	574	113	Stantonville, West Shiloh	56	29
Cleveland, First	349	79	Fifth Avenue	757	151	Watertown, First	194	
Columbia: First	226	21	First	725		Whiteville	117	28

year will mark the close of ten years with them and of 47 years in the active ministry.

—B&R—

Pastor Oscar T. Nelson and the First Baptist Church, Sparta, were assisted recently in a revival by Frank W. Wood, Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville, in which there were 11 additions, 3 by letter and 8 by baptism. Brother D. W. Picklesimer from Chapel Hill led the singing.

—B&R—

Pastor Eugene B. Roberts and the Stock Creek Baptist Church were assisted recently in a revival by Brother M. K. Cobble, Elizabethton. Many lives were rededicated, souls saved, and the church strengthened. The pastor reports a fine spirit and good growth in various ways since going to the church July 1.

—B&R—

Pastor Francis R. Tallant and the West Shiloh Baptist Church, Stantonville, were assisted recently in a revival in which J. B. Tallant, Chattanooga, did the preaching. There were 18 dedications, 14 by baptism and one rededication. Pastor J. B. Tallant led the singing.

—B&R—

Chaplain William P. Davis, who recently went into the service from Lebanon Baptist Church, Barren Plains, is now with the Third Army on maneuvers in the territory of Leesville, La. He says he has no pulpit—only the trees and open spaces—but is having the joy of seeing soldiers won to Christ.

—B&R—

Pastor Paul W. Turner and the Oakwood Baptist Church near Milan had the assistance in a recent meeting of S. R. Woodson, pastor of the First Church, Humboldt. There were 24 additions by baptism and 3 by letter, with 3 other professions and 1 rededication. Bill Cloys led the singing.

—B&R—

Sunday School Superintendent W. O. Guy writes that Bradford Baptist Church, pastorless for four and one-half months, planned a revival anyway for August 23-30 and secured Ira C. Cole of the First Church, Martin, to do the preaching. Bradford has called Wade Caryer as pastor for half time and he will begin his work in September. The church also plans to pay the remainder of its building debt in October.

—B&R—

O. C. Cooper of the First Church, Cairo, Ill., recently assisted Howard S. Cobb of Jackson, Tenn., in a gracious revival at Springville. He speaks of Bro. Kolb in very high terms.

—B&R—

W. F. Carlton, pastor of Raleigh Baptist Church, has been in the following meetings up to this writing: Farnfeldt, Mo., with L. T. Bond; his own church at Raleigh with Frank Adams of Little Rock, Ark., leading the singing; Red Bank, Miss., with L. B. Kenley; Mt. Hebron, Sardin, Miss., with L. B. Kenley; Thompson Creek in Weakley Co. Association, with W. A. Butler; Fulton, Tenn., with Don Fleming. In these meetings there have been about 75 additions. Following these he went to Finley for a meeting with L. P. Fleming.

—B&R—

James A. Ivey, pastor Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, has been in a revival at Elora, a State Mission field, but we have not heard what the results were.

—B&R—

J. R. Kyzar has entered upon his sixteenth year as pastor of Grandview Baptist Church, Nashville. At the beginning of his pastorate they worshipped in a school house. Now they have a three-story Sunday School building and a basement auditorium costing about \$28,000, and it is paid for.

The church is raising a fund for the auditorium as soon as the materials can be secured. The church is also doing its part for missions. The pastor left recently to be with Joe Canzoneri in a revival at Lebanon, Ky., his pulpit being supplied on August 23 by Dr. James E. Dillard. Grandview Church uses the Church Home Plan of subscriptions to BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

—B&R—

Evangelistic Singer Carlyle Brooks of Atlanta, Ga., having concluded seventeen consecutive successful weeks in revivals, went August 23 to a revival in the First Baptist Church of Lafayette, Ga., W. E. Story, pastor.

—B&R—

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, near Murfreesboro, has closed a revival in which Pastor J. O. Oglesby was assisted by F. T. Carroll of Springfield. There were 23 additions by baptism and 4 by letter.

—B&R—

Congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Lacy Freeman of Bruceton over the birth on August 18 of a seven and one-fourth pound baby girl, Reba Joyce. The Lord guide the little daughter and the parents abundantly.

—B&R—

Recently Pastor A. T. Hayes baptized 4 into his Clinging Ridge Church near Cleveland. Coker, a son of his, who spent a night in the editor's home some eight years ago and who was commissioned a Captain last June, has been in foreign service for eight years. Coker keeps his Tennessee friends remember him in prayer.

—B&R—

Pastor Oscar Lumpkin of the Shelbyville Mills Church recently conducted a revival in Cooper Chapel Church in Salem Association in which Christians were revived. E. A. Rich is pastor.

—B&R—

Pastor Francis R. Tallant and the Centerville Church recently held a Training Union Study Course with over 60 enrolled and an average attendance of over 50. Two were converted. Edwin Oldbom taught the class.

—B&R—

"Prospect Baptist Church held their revival meeting beginning August 9th and closing August 16th with the pastor, Rev. Howard McGehee, doing the preaching and Mr. Jim Pack directing the singing. There was a great spiritual revival with 28 conversions and 28 additions to the church by baptism and 6 additions by letter."—Mildred Williams, Flintville, Tenn.

—B&R—

"The Flintville Baptist Church held their revival meeting beginning July 29th and closing August 9th, with Rev. E. R. Stiles from Texas assisting the pastor, Rev. Howard McGehee. There was a great spiritual revival with 98 conversions and 33 additions to the church by baptism, 1 by letter, and 1 by statement."—Katherine Shubert.

—B&R—

Pastor L. H. Hatcher of the Central Baptist Church of Bearden on a recent Sunday received 7 by letter and 3 for baptism and baptized 3. He was formerly pastor of Northend Church, Nashville.

—B&R—

Thursday, August 20, the First Baptist Church of Madison had a special program, named "A Love Feast for Victory," occasioned by the leaving of Pastor John D. Barbee for service in the United States Army. A star was placed on the service flag and a gift was presented to the pastor. Basket lunch was served on the lawn. Dr. J. G. Johnson, Carl Stephens, Mrs. John Cottrell, Harold Gregory, Rev. Cullen T. Carter and the pastor had parts on the program.

Everything is going along nicely in the Meridian Baptist Church, Neeuberts, Tenn., in the first year's pastorate of L. C. Rule. The church has adopted a budget and the financial condition is good.

—B&R—

Pastor Wendell Price and Taylor's Chapel Baptist Church in Concord Association were assisted in a revival by Pastor G. G. Graber of Smithwood Baptist Church, Knoxville, in which the church and community were spiritually uplifted. Two young ladies dedicated their lives for full-time missionaries, to begin at home, then after school go where the Lord leads. The church has purchased a new piano and installed it.

—B&R—

Gospel Singer Roger M. Hickman of Petersburg began a meeting on August 23 with Pastor W. A. West and the Medina Baptist Church.

—B&R—

"The pastor, Rev. Parker Harrison, and Rev. Will Smiley of Monroe Co. began a two weeks' revival at the Idlewild Church August 16. The Rev. Harrison has been pastor of the church for two years and this is his fourth revival. The church has been dedicated since he became pastor, two years ago. Rev. Harrison is a God-sent man and has meant much to the church."—Mrs. Erie Reed, Church Clerk, Idlewild, Athens, Tenn.

—B&R—

"Our meeting at Parran Chapel Baptist Church, Bolivar, Hardeman County, closed out Sunday afternoon, August 9, with a fitting service. Brother L. G. Frey did some fine preaching throughout the entire meeting, bringing clear, scriptural and heart-warming messages greatly appreciated and enjoyed by the great numbers attending.

"We know our church has been definitely blessed by this meeting. The spirit of the entire congregation is much higher and the entire membership I'm sure will do much better since the meeting. We rejoice over the results."—Paul A. Wieland, Pastor.

—B&R—

"Dear Dr. Taylor:

"Just a few words in regard to our work in and around Hohenwald.

"We have been living here on this field three weeks; have had seven additions already to our church, three by letter and four by baptism.

"The Sunday School is moving along nicely, with a new superintendent, also three new teachers, a good Training Union made up of such a fine group of young people. Our Wednesday night prayer meeting has been reorganized, despite the picture show "bank night".

"We find one of the greatest opportunities for our Lord here that I know. We have been told that this is the only Baptist church in Lewis County and with Perry County, right by our side, without a Missionary Baptist church in it anywhere, if we have the right information.

"It is eighteen miles to the nearest Baptist church from here. That is the Cross Roads Church in Hickman County.

"Please join us in praying that God will send us more laborers, for truly the harvest is ripe.

"Yours in His service,

"BOYD LECROY."

—B&R—

Visitors in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR office last week were: J. B. Alexander, Petersburg; G. Maddux, Mt. Juliet; Phil. J. Walker, Poplarville, Miss.; Wayne Tarpley, Alexandria; R. W. Leonard Stafford, Jefferson City; Royester Perry, Hermitage; Roger M. Hickman, Petersburg; Joe M. Strother, Jonesboro; and W. C. Nevil, Gainsboro.



## Briefs Concerning the Brethren

### Called and Accepted

L. C. Chandler, First Church, Randleman, North Carolina.  
J. Alton Morris, Blackville Baptist Church, South Carolina.  
Clifford D. Newton, Community Church, Stowe, Vt.  
W. M. McKenzie, First Church, Grand Prairie, Texas.  
E. W. Bloomquist, Baptist Temple, Youngstown, Ohio.

### Resigned

Daniel A. Poling, Grace Baptist Temple, Philadelphia.  
J. Alton Morris, First Baptist Church, Easley, South Carolina.  
Clifford Newton, Stafford Baptist Church, Stafford, Conn.  
W. H. McKenzie, University Church, Austin, Texas.  
E. W. Bloomquist, Clarksburg Church, West Virginia.

### Ordained

Ernest P. Russell, Corinth Baptist Church, Tar River Association, N. C.  
John Richard Christian, Trenton Baptist Church, Trenton, Ky.  
Archie W. Allison, May's Lick Baptist Church, May's Lick, Ky.  
J. Daniel Luter, First Church, Oak Cliff, Dallas, Texas.  
Alvin D. Johnson, First Baptist Church, Rockville, Conn.  
Howard Ryder Foye, First Baptist Church, Middletown, Conn.  
Robert H. Ayers, First Baptist Church, Waterbury, Conn.  
Mario A. Cestaro, Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn.  
Anthony Sapienza, Calvary Baptist Church, New Haven, Conn.

### Died

Rev. Z. T. Amerson, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Texas, Ky.

WITH THE CHURCHES: *Chattanooga*—Birchwood, Pastor Pitt welcomed for baptism 7, baptized 6; Brainerd, Pastor Collins received by letter 3; Central, Pastor Jones received for baptism 1; Clinging Ridge, Pastor Hayes baptized 4; Concord, Pastor Frazier received by letter 3; East Ridge, Pastor Preston received by letter 1; Hixson First, Pastor Harris received by letter 1; Oak Grove, Pastor Donahoo welcomed for baptism 2, baptized 1; St. Elmo, Pastor Callaway baptized 1; Woodlawn Park, Pastor Williams received by letter 6, for baptism 4, baptized 4. *Cleveland*—First, Pastor Keel received by letter 2. *Counce*—Bethel, Pastor Tallant received by letter 1, professions by baptism 16. *Dandridge*—Pastor Masden received by letter 3. *Dyersburg*—First, Pastor Vollmer received by baptism 1. *Elizabethton*—First, Pastor Starke received by letter 1. *Johnson City*—Unaka Avenue, Pastor Bowers received for baptism 2. *Kingsport*—First, Pastor Cobb welcomed for baptism 1, by letter 3. *Knoxville*—Broadway, Pastor Pollard received by letter 3, baptized 4; Fifth Avenue, Pastor Wood received by letter 1, for baptism 1, baptized 4. *Memphis*—Central Avenue, Pastor Turner received by letter 4; LaBelle, Pastor Remick received by letter 3; Temple, Pastor Boston received by letter 1, for baptism 1. *Marionboro*—First, Pastor Sedberry welcomed by letter 4, by baptism 3, baptized 8. *Old Hickory*—First, Pastor Kirkland received 1 by letter. *Whiteville*—Harmony, Pastor Hester received for baptism 3.

## Fork Union Baptist Church

By ERNEST O. SELLERS

It was my privilege recently to conduct a week's services in the Fork Union Baptist Church (Va.). The church was organized in 1774 and what is the transcript of the present edifice, which for decades was the church proper, was erected in 1824. With additions and a recently erected structure by a most attractive brick colonnade, all educational building, connected with the main constitutes a commodious and modern church plant.

Three of the Southland's greatest Baptist preachers are closely related to this church. John A. Broadus, then teaching in a nearby County home, was asked one Sunday to "edify" the brethren, the pastor having failed to appear. He thus preached his first sermon in this present building. P. S. Henson, whose farm home was here, also preached his first sermon in this church, afterwards to acquire a world-wide reputation as a lecturer and preacher, particularly as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chicago. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, after retiring at Richmond, came here and established the Fork Union Military Academy, living here until his death.

The present head of the Academy, Dr. John J. Wicker, has wrought marvelously during his twelve years of service. The school has grown from around 100 boys enrolled to over 500 during the past year. We are informed that the enrollment for this fall's session is now over 200 more than at this same date one year ago. To accommodate this necessary expansion \$300,000 has been expended for new buildings without incurring any debt. Dr. J. W. Cammack, formerly president of Averett College, Danville, is doing a great work as pastor. He is greatly loved and respected throughout the Southland but especially so in Fork Union.

It has been an honor and a privilege to work with these fine folk. Some of the members I have met have had their names on the church roll for over sixty years. Many of the sons of the church are now in military service or scattered over the world. One daughter, who was a nurse in Manila, has not been heard from since the Japs captured that city. All of these can look back to this their home church and be thankful for its ministry, influence and memory. Fork Union Baptist Church has a great history. It is not living, however, in the past but "carrying on" as it has during the wars of the past 168 years and making a present day record of achievements.

### Your Goal

Make your ambition into your goal.  
Then work for it with heart and soul.  
You may not have much education or material wealth  
But you can make your goal with strength and health.  
If it's worth anything, it's worth working for.  
Make a willingness to work your guiding star.  
If the importance of work you will realize  
The accomplishment of your goal will be your prize.

### Twelve Things To Remember

The value of time.  
The success of perseverance.  
The pleasure of working.  
The dignity of simplicity.  
The worth of character.  
The power of kindness.  
The influence of example.  
The obligation of duty.  
The wisdom of economy.  
The virtue of patience.  
The improvement of talent.  
The joy of originating.

—MARSHALL FIELD.

## That Church Budget

By R. E. GUY, Pastor,

West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, Tenn.

George J. Burnette of Memphis, Tennessee, not a preacher, just a hard-headed layman, came to our church the last week of last December to lead in the "Every Member Canvass." We were not dragging. Our bills were all paid, but our gifts to missions were by no means satisfactory to the pastor, nor to the mission-minded members. Our offerings increased immediately and have remained at a surprisingly high level. We gave 50 per cent more to "Missions and Benevolence" during the first six months of 1942 than we gave for the twelve months of our last Associational year. Our budget for local work has increased in the same proportion. We have bought \$11,000.00 worth of property adjacent to our church and nearly half of that has been paid. We have been able to redecorate our building, inside and outside, and our people are in a glorious good humor about the budget.

Many of our people were tithers before Bro. Burnette came to us, but others began tithing and have kept it up. Of course some are not giving. I do not expect all of them to be generous because some of them are not saved. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

Our Lord gave to His people a world-wide program and there is great joy and rich reward in fitting into that program. We sin against our people and against the lost world and against God if we fail to enlist the saved in this great task.

If your church budget is good or bad write George J. Burnette, Memphis, Tennessee, and let him help you make it better. Yes, he will expect \$100.00 for a hard week's work or a certain per cent of the increase of your budget for one year. The first Sunday after "The Every Member Canvass" the increase in our budget was more than enough to pay that \$100.00. Bro. Burnette knows how to use "Mustard Plaster" and "Mustard Gas" if nothing else works. I commend him to any church, large or small, if it wants a "Mission Budget."

### Resolutions Upon the Death of Julian L. Woods

The Board of Deacons of Bellevue Baptist Church met in regular session Friday, July 31, 1942, with saddened hearts in the absence of our fellow honorary member, Julian L. Woods.

Brother Woods, with his happy disposition, was a great inspiration to all members of the Board and set a fine example by his regular attendance and loyal support, which won for him the love and respect of his associates.

Mindful of our great loss in his sudden passing on Wednesday night, July 29, 1942, the Board, with unanimous approval of its members, gratefully records its appreciation of his noble work and directs that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting, and that a copy be forwarded to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

It further directs that in love and sympathy to his family a copy be sent to them, as a testimonial of our sincere appreciation for his loyal services.

Signed, H. O. TOLER,  
WARREN COOPER,  
W. A. GAYLOR,  
Committee for the  
Board of Deacons.

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# YOUR LAST QUARTER HAS BEGUN

## Report of Gifts from November 1, 1941, to July 31, 1942

Below is given the list of churches, arranged by associations, and their gifts, both co-operative and designated, for the nine months ending July 31st last. It is a goodly report. Only one thing is lacking and that the names of some 400 of our missionary Baptist churches. It is the best list ever published, for it contains the names of more churches supporting the program regularly and of more regular, systematic gifts for our general work than are to be found in any previous report.

Only a little more than two months will remain when you read this list. Please study it carefully, especially your association's part of it. During the next two months a systematic effort on the part of associational officers and pastors will make it possible to include in the final report for the year practically every real missionary Baptist church in the state. Last year some five associations were 100 per cent in giving. This year it should be 25. Help make it so by beginning now and following up through October with a program of enlistment that will reach every church for an offering to Co-operative Program causes.

Be sure to check this list with the record of your church treasurer. If it does not correspond with his list, find out where the trouble lies. Remember that the only way we have of knowing what becomes of our gifts is to check the records! If there is any mistake, please write me immediately and tell me about it.—JOHN D. FREEMAN, Treasurer, 149 Sixth Ave., N., Nashville, Tenn.

### BEECH RIVER

Association	Co-operative Program	Designated
Bath Springs	\$ 5.00	\$ 2.40
Bear Creek		4.05
Chapel Hill	1.27	3.00
Corinth	5.00	2.61
Cross Roads	1.67	20.10
Darden	3.66	16.25
Decaturville	2.34	
Enville	16.00	8.21
Friendship		10.41
Jacks Creek		545.02
Judson	288.07	12.85
Lexington, First		3.00
Luray		7.80
Morris Chapel		5.00
Mr. Ararat		
New Fellowship		3.55
New Hope	316.00	99.47
Parsons		9.00
Perryville		2.50
Piney Creek	14.00	69.02
Rock Hill	45.23	6.50
Sardis	5.00	6.30
Sardis Ridge		2.25
Standing Rock		27.61
Union	8.05	8.50
Wildersville		

### BEULAH

Aldredge		2.00
Bethel	16.95	25.12
Beulah	35.15	150.68
Burnetts	16.00	
Commonwood Grove	6.30	
Fairview	2.00	18.00
Gibbs	31.95	14.59
Highway	5.95	26.85
Hornbeak		13.20
Johnsons	37.00	28.20
McConnells	19.35	13.01
Macedonia	60.31	79.82
Martin, First	1,055.00	377.28
Mr. Olive		17.60
Mr. Pelia	81.00	74.65
New Concord	5.95	8.35
New Home	66.50	15.00
New Salem	143.58	268.06
Obion	8.00	85.20
Pleasant Hill		22.52
Pleasant Hill No. 1		1.00
Reelfoot		19.20
Ridgely	184.52	231.61
Sharon		10.00
Tiptonville	25.00	28.40
Troy	25.00	14.41
Union City	2,153.56	622.90
Woodland Mills	32.30	99.08
Wynaburg	73.71	26.36

### BIG EMORY

Bear Park		24.94
Bethlehem	5.00	
Caney Ford		10.00
Cardiff	1.00	21.00
Clax Gap		6.28
Coal Hill		2.00
Crab Orchard	2.00	
Crossville	75.60	93.77
Cumb'r'd Homestead	30.00	41.17
Elizabethtown	5.00	5.00
Emory Heights		28.45
Eureka	92.00	199.88
Geo. Jones Memorial	23.83	54.71
Haileys Grove	15.00	18.10
Kingston	176.86	131.92
Liberty	47.59	13.54
Little Emory		5.00
Middle Creek	33.76	30.00
Mill	139.00	27.00
Oakdale		5.29
Oak Hill		4.80
Orchard View		48.27
Petros	9.00	18.46
Pine Orchard	18.46	18.30
Piner	3.80	77.45
Piney Grove	16.95	21.15
Pleasant Grove	19.50	58.17

### CAMPBELL COUNTY

Alder Springs		7.25
Caryville	33.50	40.89
Cedar Hill		4.85
Clinchmore	6.11	52.14
Davis Creek	1.05	1.47
Demory		4.00
Glade Springs		9.09
Indians Creek		30.75
LaFollette	165.91	123.29
Lakeview		17.62
Mortley		3.00
Gratton		12.22
Newcomb		6.62
Sugar Hollow	52	17.00
Westbourne		5.00
White Oak		

### CARROLL-BENTON

Arwood	7.50	49.00
Bruceton	87.98	91.73
Camden	68.50	237.09
Chalk Level	9.03	3.60
Concord		3.00
Enon		2.10
Eva	34.55	17.85
Fairview		4.35
Hopewell		47.44
Huntingdon		135.80
McKenzie	180.00	78.37

Association	Co-operative Program	Designated
Missiory Grove	26.85	60.10
Mt. Nebo	16.59	12.00
Prospect	78.00	270.18
Trace Creek	33.15	96.34
Trezevant	165.68	438.82
Union Academy	37.58	96.12

### CHILHOWEE

Alcoa	20.75	203.94
Armona	103.98	34.91
Beech Grove	104.00	91.00
Bethel	61.45	183.85
Boyd's Creek	60.10	70.55
Broadway	25.00	
Cades Cove		2.00
Calvary	108.00	260.55
Caylors		20.00
Cedar Grove	82.18	214.26
Centenary	6.25	6.95
Central Point	38.33	29.00
Chilhowee, First	105.56	204.82
Cold Springs		2.48
East Maryville	68.38	31.74
Ellejoy		15.00
Forest Hill		76.75
Friendship		25.44
Galilee		11.50
Gayland Heights	100.00	179.00
Grandview	14.29	17.86
Happy Valley		4.00
Hopewell		23.53
Kagleys		20.00
Liberty		5.55
Lower Chilhowee		3.20
Maryville, First	3,407.29	1,864.06
Millers		2.48
Mr. Lebanon	110.61	705.40
Mr. Olive	286.63	137.37
Mt. Zion		5.40
New Hopewell	109.73	308.29
Oak Street		21.00
Old Chilhowee		4.00
Old Piney Grove		27.00
Piney Level	11.10	48.63
Pleasant Grove	8.10	61.25
Prospect	400.33	262.91
Providence		63.57
Rocky Branch		4.00
Salem		6.18
Six Mile	10.00	22.07
Stock Creek	80.11	43.47
Union Grove	1.35	5.00
Valley Grove	52.94	89.82

### CLINTON

Andersonville	80.33	103.73
Beech Grove	92.45	18.50
Bethel	65.51	56.60
Black Oak	8.75	118.66
Blowing Springs	9.00	23.86
Briceville		18.52
Cedar Branch	7.00	34.95
Clinch River	3.00	14.50
Clinton	178.87	205.88
Clinton, Second	53.86	32.00
South Clinton	12.05	9.98
Cumb. Mountain		24.50
Dutch Valley		2.00
East Fork		18.36
Edgemoor		9.50
Farmers Grove		29.03
Fork Mountain	10.00	4.50
Frattville		.50
Friendship		2.64
Frost Bottom		3.26
Hillvale	2.58	2.50
Island Ford		73.00
Jacks Creek	177.77	73.00
Lake City	116.20	66.55
Main Street	11.33	15.00
Laurel Grove	15.00	
Longfield		1.00
Macedonia		5.66
Moran		8.00
Mountain View		6.00
New Hope		31.80
New Mtn. View		10.00
New Salem		2.46
Olive Springs	117.74	17.56
Pleasant Hill	5.85	54.58
Pleasant View	2.50	11.55
Poplar Creek		12.50
Robertsville	6.28	11.60
Union Valley		3.90
Zion	60.45	20.40

### CONCORD

Barfield	18.10	49.20
Bledley Creek	111.80	28.24
Christiana		26.00
Concord	35.20	60.83
Eagleview	25.75	127.50
Fellowship	31.59	12.75
Florence	35.00	
Holly Grove	19.86	31.89
Lanes	69.40	22.37
Milton	20.00	74.85
Mr. Hermon		29.25
Mr. Pleasant	7.75	42.02
Mr. View	8.35	29.00
Murrefreesboro, First	1,586.82	510.53
New Hope		20.10
Patterson		15.65
Powells Chapel	29.22	161.16
Republican Grove	6.00	
Smith Springs		25.00
Smryna	160.20	260.82
Taylors Chapel	30.25	15.14

### CROCKETT COUNTY

Alamo	358.32	204.82
Barkers	13.40	7.25
Bells	326.68	302.38
Cairo		5.37
Cross Roads	24.60	58.03
Friendship	114.72	221.13
Gadsden		25.00
Maury City	21.10	55.20
Midway		25.31
Providence	8.40	20.60
Walnut Hill	35.40	53.85

### CUMBERLAND

Alva	11.07	4.80
Blooming Grove	91.23	9.63
Clarksville, First	4,809.17	1,012.79
Clarksville, Second	90.08	54.96
Cross Creek	17.00	6.00
Cumberland City	36.75	101.90
Dotsenville	24.80	2.85
Erin	62.29	98.34
Harmony	26.00	34.75
Hickory Grove	4.81	20.80
Immanuel		5.00
Kenwood	5.00	5.00
Kirkwood	50.50	99.12
Little Hope	49.73	123.74
Little West Fork	20.50	28.50
Mr. Hermon	150.30	61.60
New Providence	68.46	15.00
Pleasant View		24.00
Spring Creek	225.50	218.28
Tennessee Ridge	13.60	7.00

### CUMBERLAND GAP

Big Springs		3.95
Blairs Creek		10.00
Cave Springs		4.60
Cedar Grove		6.50
Chadwells	25.00	16.00
Cumberland Gap	38.42	71.64
Gap Creek		5.25
Greens Chapel	7.50	28.50
Liberty	2.05	12.15
Little Mulberry		2.00
Mountain View	1.61	
Mount Gilead		5.67
New Salem	8.55	30.25
New Tazewell	34.81	122.05
Shawnee		10.50
Tazewell	15.13	11.00
Walnut Hill		

### CUMBERLAND PLATEAU

Boswell	95.00	36.35
Deer Lodge	9.00	
Sunbright		3.86
Wartburg	16.70	77.50

### DUCK RIVER

Altamont	8.59	4.75
Bell Buckle	28.00	34.50
Charity	6.37	
Cornersville	20.00	165.22
Cowan	33.37	64.50
Decherd	31.12	49.61
El Bethel	171.46	49.43
Estill Springs	65.00	35.95
Fosterville	24.15	31.75
Hannahs Gap	15.50	22.77
Huntland	516.18	49.44
Lewisburg		247.37
Longview		6.55
Magness Memorial	326.00	245.79
Manchester	10.00	31.32
Maxwell	2.00	16.99
Mr. Lebanon	4.20	4.30
Mr. Pleasant		3.00
New Bethel	12.00	6.81
New Hope	38.00	31.00
North Fork		10.45
Prairie Plains	10.00	13.25
Rutledge Falls		18.00
Shelbyville	361.47	202.18
Shelbyville Mills	77.98	31.75
Smryna	116.16	58.64
Tracy City	4.60	84.00
Tullahoma	380.20	254.60
Union Ridge	58.40	93.05
Warttrace	38.50	122.24
Winchester	345.27	190.70

### DYER COUNTY

Beech Grove		35.00
Bruce		3.05
Curve		10.75
Dyersburg	281.00	1,129.79
Emmaus	18.78	4.65
Enon	9.00	9.38
Fairview	9.20	16.25
Finley	1.00	7.65
Fowlkes	58.87	37.27
Gates	11.22	3.75
Halls	322.71	149.33
Harmony	12.81	29.10
Lenox	6.77	10.73
McCulloughs	18.84	7.47
Marys Chapel	5.00	
Miston	29.95	4.05
Mt. Vernon	54.00	98.05
Mr. Trazah	13.90	11.50
Newbern	187.71	137.63
Parrish Chapel	25.60	24.50









Association	Co-operative Program	Designated	Association	Co-operative Program	Designated	Association	Co-operative Program	Designated	Association	Co-operative Program	Designated
Granville	5.00	2.00	New Union	80.75	74.80	Roan Creek	6.00	6.00	Spring Hill	2.00	
Hanging Limb	1.00	6.61	Ogden		25.00	Roan Mountain	26.60	9.00	Springville		2.50
Johnsons	5.08	7.15	Pennine	5.00		Rock Springs	12.52	43.20	Union Friendship	35.00	17.50
Macedonia	8.07	94.50	Sale Creek	1.35	10.50	Shady Valley	1.73	12.80	West Paris	43.45	27.81
Mill Creek	1.10	2.52	Salem	10.00	13.75	Siam	471.59	177.11	WEST UNION		
Monterey	135.75	146.29	Smyrna	14.25	41.02	Sinking Creek	27.56	24.30	Bethlehem	5.66	5.00
Poplar Grove	6.20	20.50	Spring City	85.50	41.11	Sink Valley	2.65	2.10	Elk Fork	17.29	56.91
Poplar Springs	1.30		St. Clair	10.00	21.62	Southside	92.44	60.68	Hickory Grove	3.75	
Rocky Point	1.65	5.95	Texas Grove		.60	State Line		20.00	Hennewood		5.26
Sand Springs	4.94	7.29	Waldens Ridge	2.00	3.60	Stony Creek	4.73	23.75	Mountain View		6.00
Shady Grove	1.25		Washington		34.00	Sugar Grove	7.87	20.94	Pentecost		1.11
Smith Chapel	1.25		Wolf Creek	7.00	12.00	Union		18.00	Piney Grove	5.00	2.50
Stephens Street	10.25	3.50	Yellow Creek			Watauga	12.00	18.00	Pleasant Grove		4.10
Thorn Hill	3.60		UNION			Zion		10.00	WILLIAM CAREY		
Verble	5.00	10.76	Boling Springs	3.03	7.94	WEAKLEY COUNTY			Ardmore	90.00	83.55
West Union	2.00	5.84	Doyle	31.50	70.37	Adams Chapel	57.45	73.75	Cash Point	44.28	48.61
Wilbire	1.00	12.77	Greenwood		14.86	Beech Springs	14.15	33.55	Concord	7.61	37.85
Woodcliff			Gum Springs			Bethel	12.50	30.75	Donaldsons Grove	1.00	
SWEETWATER			Hampton Cross Roads	1.87		Bible Union	29.00	61.25	Elkton	25.08	48.12
Cane Creek		3.30	Laurel Creek	3.45	4.25	Central, Martin	24.00	2.75	Elora	43.60	24.28
Chestnut	54.33	55.27	Liberty		3.51	Corinth	7.25	5.00	Fayetteville	264.68	213.16
Christiansburg	41.48	26.44	Mt. Elim		10.00	Davis Memorial		118.00	Freedom	27.30	43.38
Citico		15.00	Pleasant Hill	4.70	17.35	Dresden	85.27	96.66	Kelleys Creek	31.00	161.71
Corinth	20.95		Shellsford	15.71	90.85	Greenfield	153.75	65.05	Kirklands	8.12	25.26
Ebenezer		1.50	Sparta	108.85	149.26	Hodges Chapel	1.80	9.70	Lexie	33.15	6.82
Fairview		5.35	Spencer	41.35	24.50	Jolly Springs	86.85	71.24	Macedonia		10.50
Glenlock		2.50	WATAUGA			Moores Chapel		2.75	Mulberry	17.35	12.65
Lakeside		5.00	Bakers Gap		10.50	Nelson Grove		4.50	New Grove	24.22	79.81
Long Ridge	2.30		Bethel	5.00	36.50	New Hope		40.90	Oak Grove		2.70
Loudon	180.29	26.12	Big Spring	40.00	4.25	New Salem	26.06	54.87	Oak Hill	77.25	15.21
Macedonia	20.62	4.61	Butler	299.77	108.67	Oak Grove	34.64	26.15	Petersburg	39.65	145.68
Madisonville	251.87	292.80	Calvary	248.61	83.50	Palmerville	54.21	42.12	Pleasant Grove		3.45
Mt. Harmony		3.35	Cardens Bluff		10.00	Public Wells	34.00	15.50	Pleasant Hill		3.58
Mt. Vernon	.45	1.50	Cedar Grove	1.10	43.15	Ralston		47.13	Prospect	34.27	29.07
Mt. Zion "L"		1.57	Cebbs Creek	13.50	20.55	Ruthville	22.45	25.20	WILSON COUNTY		
Mt. Zion "M"		6.40	Doe River	13.50	20.55	Union Grove		2.53	Alexandria	112.25	177.45
New Beethany	11.00	15.31	Doe Valley	14.35	66.07	West Union		16.75	Bartons Creek	47.35	67.19
North Creek	3.47		Dungan	5.30	11.71	WESTERN DISTRICT			Cedar Creek	2.00	23.00
Philadelphia	102.70	272.46	Dysons Grove	1.70		Bethlehem	157.60	118.92	Cedar Grove	7.40	71.85
Piney Grove		2.65	Eastside	25.00	29.14	Big Sandy	15.80	51.11	Fall Creek	6.50	66.14
Poplar Bluff	3.04	1.00	Elizabethton, First	1,816.26	919.07	Birds Creek	37.50	92.65	Greenvale		110.95
Prospect	20.00	6.15	Elk River	3.35	65.57	Cottage Grove	11.00	99.83	Hurricane	17.00	28.05
Reeds Springs		16.65	Evergreen		15.50	Friendship		15.90	LaGuarda	43.00	23.36
Rocky Springs	24.35	44.70	Fairview	71.87	87.88	Head of West Sandy		8.10	Lebanon	932.72	292.20
Shady Grove		566.50	Fish Springs		271.18	Henry	12.00	7.57	Little Cedar Lick	10.50	22.10
Sweetwater	471.60	51.32	Grace Tabernacle	228.96	7.32	High Hill	10.00	27.71	Mt. Juliet	289.22	166.18
Tellico Plains	169.00	4.00	Grindstaff		16.81	Jones Chapel		32.50	Mt. Olivet	28.40	41.55
Tewis Springs		1.62	Hampton	141.89	7.03	McCampbells		2.00	Prosperity	136.95	77.66
Union Fork Creek		1.00	Harmony	1.60	13.50	McDavids	2.50	14.00	Rocky Valley	29.00	22.10
Union Grove		31.05	Immanuel	96.42	37.49	Maplewood	20.00	62.29	Round Lick	114.90	210.79
Vonore	5.65	4.70	Little Doe	13.07	42.92	Mt. Sinai	14.04	4.50	Shop Springs	266.72	194.35
Watsons			Little Milligan		30.00	Mt. Zion		20.20	Smith Fork		11.75
TENNESSEE VALLEY			Little Mountain	2.00		New Boston		68.07	Watertown	378.95	222.32
Bethel	28.89	20.25	Midway		2.00	New Hope	22.75	18.30	WISEMAN		
Bogles	2.30		Milligan		25.00	North Fork	34.50	11.65	Lafayette	10.35	30.16
Clear Creek	18.40	22.40	Mountain City	21.87	169.95	Oak Hill		23.50	MISCELLANEOUS		
Coulterville	4.28	16.00	Pine Grove		25.83	Old Union		4.35	Hermitage	76.09	103.14
Dayton	175.41	310.77	Pleasant Grove	38.30	165.39	Point Pleasant	5.06	17.69			
Grandview	68.67	53.75	Pleasant Hill		75	Ramble Creek	25.00	14.65			
Graysville	23.22	92.07	Pleasant Home	12.00	2.75	Shady Grove	21.63				
High Point		2.10	Rittertown	3.00	6.70	Spring Creek	17.99				
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