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By ERNEST O. SELLERS

**DO WE PROPERLY** evaluate public prayer? This is a serious question. An Australian clergyman asked about his chief impression following a tour of America, replied, "the badness of your prayers."

We all must acknowledge that we give little consideration to our prayers whereas we give close attention to our sermons and, to a degree, exercise supervision of the music and other items of our worship programs.

No one, preacher or layman, can effectively pray in public unless he has learned to pray in private, and we would add, audibly. If a person who leads really knows the One being addressed, the tones of his soul will permeate his words and soon those who hear will recognize the reality of his divine fellowship, provided his listeners can hear and understand his words. For the one who leads in prayer there is need that he recognize the necessity of distinct speech, tones loud enough for all to hear and proper inflections of his voice. All who lead must remember that he is speaking for all assembled. If he mumbles, is uncertain in his thoughts or indistinct in speech, how can others have fellowship with him?

We have heard a brother called upon to lead in a "closing prayer" only to know he was praying by the hush in the room. Others catch some word of the sermon and repeat it or else say what all present know they will and always have said before. There is nothing suggestive of a benediction only a dissipation of the impression of the sermon and clear ideas of worship.

The remedy? (1) Let ministers really appreciate and properly evaluate public prayer. (2) Let them set a proper example and (3) tactfully teach others what is involved and how to deliver prayers so that all who hear may have spiritual fellowship with God as they are being led by the one who voices our praise and petitions.—N. O. Baptist Theological Seminary.



# Tennessee Baptists Meet In Chattanooga

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## EDITORIAL

### Tuesday—Afternoon Session

Ringling through the auditorium of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues" and "O Worship the King" were sung. Mr. J. Frank Cheek, Chattanooga, led, with Mrs. C. L. Bowden, Ripley, at the organ and Mrs. J. Frank Cheek at the piano. President Mark Harris, Memphis, was in the chair.

After Scripture reading from Acts 1 by J. S. Riser, Jr., Memphis, Lee Roberson, Chattanooga, led in prayer. Dr. John A. Huff, pastor of the hostess church welcomed the messengers and visitors. B. Frank Collins, Chattanooga, Frank W. Wood, Knoxville, and E. N. Delzell, Nashville, were appointed as an Enrollment Committee; C. L. Bowden, Ripley, chairman of the Program Committee, presented the program. The president appointed the following committees: Committee on Committees—H. L. Smith, Chattanooga; S. R. Woodson, Humboldt; E. R. Beucler, Pikeville; L. H. Hatcher, Knoxville; D. M. Renick, Memphis, and G. Allen West, Nashville. Committee on Resolutions—Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, L. B. Cobb, Kingsport and E. Pitt Woodruff, Memphis.

The editor introduced to the Convention the new pastors and visitors.

In the president's address, Dr. Harris stressed that "this is a day of good tidings," but many are not doing well respecting it. "We should be a positive force for the gospel of Jesus Christ." Following the address, first vice-president C. E. Wright, Clinton, called on V. Wayne Tarpley, Chattanooga, to lead in prayer after "Onward Christian Soldiers," had been vigorously sung by the audience.

Slater A. Murphy, Memphis, forcefully read the Report on the Co-operative Program and spoke on the same.

Tennessee Baptists rejoice in the fact Co-operative Program receipts for the past convention year reached an all-time high of \$985,468.82. This attainment comes not alone from good times financially but is due in large measure to the approval of Baptists of the Co-operative Program as the most efficient, fairest, workable program whereby more of our people are reached for more of the Lord's money for more of our agencies than any other program yet tried.

The closing address of the afternoon was by Dr. Chas. W. Pope, Executive Secretary, whose theme was, "Speaking of the Things Pertaining to the Kingdom of God." The address was replete with scripture and practical concepts and was a call to our people to go forward along biblical, sensible lines.

As a special item, L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, presented the report of the Committee on Camps, appointed a year ago. The report recommended that the W. M. U. be authorized to provide and equip camps by offerings and private capital so long as the Co-operative Program receipts are not interfered with and that the Convention support this work through the appointment of a standing committee. After discussion by S. P. DeVault, Johnson City, Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Nashville, Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, and L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, R. R. Denny, Chattanooga, moved that the matter be referred to a special committee to report later to the Convention.

Chesley L. Bowden, Ripley, prayed the dismissal prayer.

### Tuesday—Evening Session

The familiar and uplifting strains of "Amazing Grace," "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day," and "Nearer, My God to Thee," sounded forth and V. Wayne Tarpley, Chattanooga, read from Phil. 3 and J. Harold Stephens, Nashville, led in prayer. A deep spirit pervaded the assembly.

O. D. Fleming, Sweetwater, presented the report of the Relief and Annuity Board.

The work of the Relief and Annuity Board is growing. The Board began as an organized institution in May, 1918, with assets of \$100,000.00, a gift from the Sunday School Board; now the amount is above \$8,000,000.00. Then the work was only a mastering ideal, "to provide adequate relief to the aged and retired ministers;" now, there are more than 8,000 members in the Ministers Retirement Plan and around 12,000 cooperating churches, boards, and institutions. (For Tennessee this record is 692 in the M. R. P. and 908 churches, boards and institutions.) Another evidence of growth, probably more significant than that of finances and numbers, is its ever widening reach through new avenues of service. The latest of these is the Widows Annuity Plan. Then it was an infant institution of an embarrassed but awakened denomination; now, it is an outstanding institution of a justly proud denomination.

Dr. R. S. Jones, associate secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board, Dallas, spoke to the report.

S. R. Woodson, Humboldt, read the Report on Temperance and Social Service. The report dealt with the dangers arising from the aftermath of war, the home, the liquor traffic, race relations etc. Mr. James C. Furman, Executive Secretary of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee, was introduced and spoke to the report. It was a forceful presentation.

The choir of the First Baptist Church of Chattanooga sang in wonderful harmony and heart-moving power the "Hallelujah Chorus" from "The Messiah."

The annual sermon of the Convention was preached by Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, on "And They Remembered His Words" (Luke 24:8). It was a mighty, moving message which exalted the words of Jesus. No one quotation and no number of quotations can represent the message. It is enough to say that God spoke to the hearts of the people.

Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, prayed the closing prayer.

### Wednesday—Morning Session

The Convention opened by singing "More About Jesus" and "Rock of Ages." C. R. Widick, Morristown, read from I Cor. 1 and 2 and other scriptures and A. Hicks, Covington, led in prayer. A deep spirit pervaded the assembly.

Thomas T. Holloway, representing the American Bible Society, spoke briefly on the work of the Society. "It is a Missionary Body whose purpose is to get the Word of God to every man in his own language."



H. J. Huey, Milan, called attention to some of the salient points in the report of the Executive Board.

The gifts of our people through the Co-operative Program reached a new high level this year. In view of the fact that the Relief and Rehabilitation Campaign received major attention for four months of the year and our gifts through this channel exceeded a quarter of a million dollars, we regard the increase in Co-operative Program receipts as an occasion for thanks to God and Tennessee Baptists. Co-operative Program receipts for the year amounted to \$985,468.82 as compared with \$933,971.03 for last year, or an increase of \$51,497.79.

At the recent session of the Southern Baptist Convention a campaign was launched to raise \$3,500,000.00 to be used by our Foreign Mission Board to relieve the suffering of a starving world and rehabilitate our denominational program on foreign fields. The allocation to the different states amounted to 24% of their contributions to denominational causes for the preceding year. Since Tennessee's denominational gifts were 59% higher than two years before, our allocation for relief was correspondingly high. However, of a goal of \$319,900.00 Tennessee Baptists gave \$272,067.85.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We recommend that during the year, just begun, our Co-operative Program funds be distributed on the basis as last year, after necessary expenses have been deducted.

State	
State Missions .....	24%
Orphans' Home .....	8%
Carson-Newman .....	5%
Cumberland University .....	5%
Union University .....	5%
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy .....	2%
Ministerial Education .....	1%
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Southwide	
Foreign Missions .....	25%
Home Missions .....	11-2/3%
Relief and Annuity Board .....	5-1/6%
Southern Baptist Seminary .....	2-1/10%
Southwestern Seminary .....	2-1/10%
Baptist Bible Institute .....	2-1/10%
American Baptist Seminary .....	1/2%
Southern Baptist Hospital .....	1-1/10%
W. M. U. Training School .....	4/15%
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Total .....	50%

It is, however, recommended that any change made by the Southern Baptist Convention in the allocation of its portion of the funds shall become effective at the date determined by the said convention.

2. Whereas, on December 11, 1945 the Administrative officers and the Board of Directors of Cumberland University, located at Lebanon, Tennessee, officially tendered the control and ownership of Cumberland University to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, without cost, on the condition: (1) That the Convention operate a four year co-educational school of university rating; (2) That the Cumberland Law School be operated as a part of the university; and, (3) That within a reasonable time the endowment of the school be increased to permit membership in the Southern Association of Accredited Colleges;

And, Whereas, the Tennessee College for Women at Murfreesboro, Tennessee, had an enrollment of approximately 75 students; and since the school had practically no endowment and was being maintained by the Convention at a cost to the Convention of \$600.00 per student as compared with \$141.00 per student at Carson-Newman and Union University, the Executive Board in annual session, December 11, 1945, voted unanimously to accept the offer of Cumberland University and to recommend to the Board of Directors of Tennessee College for Women that Tennessee College for Women be disbanded and its records, scholarship funds, etc., be transferred to Cumberland University; that the new dormitory at Cumberland University be re-named, the Tennessee College Hall; that the Tennessee College library be transferred to Cumberland University; that the real estate (building and grounds) of Tennessee College for Women be set aside and classified as endowment for Cumberland, and, that the 5% allocation from Co-operative Program funds be transferred to Cumberland University; And,

Whereas, on January 10, 1946, the Board of Directors of Tennessee College for Women voted by a majority vote to accept the recommendation of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to disband the Tennessee College for Women, surrender its charter and dissolve the Corporation; And,

Whereas, the Board of Directors of Cumberland University on January 11, 1946 voted unanimously to transfer the University, its buildings, grounds, and other assets to a Board of Directors, selected by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention; And,

Whereas, the Charter of Cumberland University has been legally changed to conform to the charters of Union University and Carson-Newman College, and the deeds to the property have been legally executed, and since the university is now in full operation under the direction of a Baptist Board of Trustees, with an enrollment of 517 students, 24 of whom are ministerial students, and has an active endowment of approximately \$400,000.00; We recommend, that the Convention give full approval to the actions of its

Executive Board and to the action of the Board of Trustees of Tennessee College for Women in disbanding Tennessee College for Women and accepting and operating Cumberland University on the basis described above, and in accordance with all legal documents executed in the case.

3. We further recommend that the Convention hereby give specific instructions to the Board of Trustees of Tennessee College for Women that, at the proper time designated by the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the charter of Tennessee College for Women be surrendered and the Corporation dissolved, and that the President of the Directors of Tennessee College for Women, Dr. John L. Hill, and the Secretary, Mr. Dudley Fletcher, be authorized and directed to execute and sign necessary papers.

4. We recommend that the Convention approve the Tennessee Baptist Foundation as the proper agency for handling all properties involved in the transfer from Tennessee College for Women to Cumberland University, and for investing and administering its endowment funds.

5. We recommend that the Convention re-affirm its position, stated when the Convention was organized in 1874, that the Executive Board is its authorized agent, "To attend to all business of the Convention during its recess (between session)," and that the Executive Board is authorized to act for the Convention in matters which may arise in the future concerning this or similar cases.

6. We recommend that the Convention instruct the Executive Secretary to express due appreciation to the former administration of Cumberland University for their generous gift of the University to the Baptists of Tennessee, and that copies be sent to the Presbyterian Board and Synod.

7. Since the charters of the various Tennessee Baptist institutions, including the Executive Board, provide that the members of the various Boards shall be elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and that the Convention shall prescribe the manner of electing and shall fix the term of office and prescribe the manner of filling vacancies, we recommend that the various board members be elected for a term of three years, as at present, but that the Convention herewith affirm its right to recall any or all of them and elect their successors at any session of the Convention.

8. We recommend that the Tennessee Baptist Foundation be instructed to promote a perpetual campaign for funds for the endowment, building, and equipment of our Tennessee Baptist schools, hospitals, and Orphanage; that all such campaigns be conducted under the direction of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation; that all funds for such campaigns be sent through the office of the Executive Board; that funds for building, enlargement, and equipment be sent by the Executive Board to the institutions; and, that endowment funds be turned over by the Executive Board to the Foundation for investment, handling, and management, unless otherwise directed by the donor.

9. We recommend that the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention be instructed to examine its charter, and direct such charter changes as may be necessary to bring it in harmony with the expressed will and program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

10. We recommend that Christian Education be given major emphasis in the Tennessee Baptist Program for the Convention year 1946-47; that the colleges, schools, and the State Mission Departments be enlisted, and that we urge our pastors and churches to co-operate in an effort to acquaint our people with our educational program and to improve and strengthen our educational institutions.

11. We recommend that the Tennessee Baptist Convention join heartily in the Southwide campaign to secure a million tithers, and that our goal be set at 70,000 for Tennessee Baptists.

12. We recommend that, in keeping with the charter provisions of our Tennessee Baptist institutions, all trustees or directors be elected by the State Convention; that, if vacancies occur on any of these Boards between the sessions of the Convention by death, removal or resignation, upon request of the institution involved, the Executive Board or its Administrative Committee, representing the Convention, shall make temporary appointments to fill such vacancies; such appointments to be effective only until the next session of the State Convention; however, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall have no authority to fill vacancies which may occur on its own Board.

13. We recommend that the amount of \$12,000.00 annually, guaranteed to Union University, Cumberland University and Carson-Newman College, from Cooperative Program funds, be increased to \$25,000 annually, since these schools are already receiving approximately \$45,000.00 annually from this source.

14. We recommend that the Convention re-affirm its long standing tradition that employees, drawing salaries from State supported or supervised institutions or Boards, be ineligible for membership on the Board of Trustees of such institution or board from which the salary is paid.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE CONVENTION YEAR, 1945-46

Since the books for the year do not close until October 31, a complete audited Treasurer's report is not available. However, the brief inclusive report given below has been checked and verified by the auditors. The complete report will be printed in the Convention Minutes.

A comparative report with last year's report is as follows:

	1944-45	1945-46	Increase
Co-operative Program .....	\$ 933,971.03	\$ 985,468.82	\$ 51,497.79
Designated (Regular) .....	391,498.54	513,968.32	122,469.82
Relief and Rehabilitation .....		272,067.85	272,067.85
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Totals .....	\$1,325,469.57	\$1,771,505.03	\$446,035.46



Executive Secretary Chas. W. Pope read and commented on the recommendations listed above and these were adopted. Certain other recommendations dealing with legal aspects of Cumberland University were adopted.

The Convention voted to discontinue the Christmas and Mother's Day offerings to the Orphan's Home in 1947 and have a Thanksgiving offering instead.

Upon motion of E. C. Sisk, Knoxville, the Convention voted to devote a page in its minutes to the life and work of the faithful missionary, Mrs. Louisa Carroll, deceased.

Sang "The Promised Land" and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" and V. Floyd Starke, Old Hickory, read the Report on Hospitals.

We, your committee on hospitals, are very happy to report that Tennessee Baptists have much to be thankful for and proud of in their hospital achievements during the past year. Our people are fast becoming hospital conscious and aware of the fact that hospitals furnish to us one of the greatest channels through which to express our Christianity. A student of the life and work of Christ finds that during his public ministry our Lord ministered to the physical, the mental and the spiritual needs of mankind. A great portion of his time was taken up in the healing of men's bodies. Therefore we are certain of the fact that we are about the Master's business when we build and maintain great hospitals within the bounds of our state for the healing of humanity's hurts.

Judge John W. McCall, Memphis, spoke to the report, as also certain other parties. V. E. Boston, Chaplain of the Hospital at Memphis, spoke briefly on the religious life of the institution.

Dr. R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, who recently toured South American mission fields, delivered an address on Foreign Missions. He sketched contemporary life in the South American republics and presented their attitude toward evangelical missionaries, which is quite different from what certain Catholic clergymen have sought to make it appear. As he described a service in one of the churches, the hearts of the audience were deeply moved.

The A Capella Choir of Cumberland University, under the direction of Genter L. Stevens, Nashville, again moved the hearts of the people by singing "Were You There?"

Dr. John W. Raley, president of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Okla., brought a special message on "Education for Citizenship in One World." As the speaker discussed the ancient question, "How shall I educate my son?", the great congregation was fed both intellectually and spiritually.

Dismissed with prayer by John A. Huff, Chattanooga.

### Wednesday—Afternoon Session

The Convention sang "Oh, How Wonderful," W. Fred Kendall of Jackson, read from the scripture and Charles Bowles, Knoxville, led in prayer.

Roy Anderson, president of Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, spoke on the work of that institution, as also Herbert Barners, Tommy Mosely and O. H. Hunter, students in the academy.

L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, presented the Report on Christian Education, which made suitable reference to Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Carson-Newman College, Cumberland University and Union University. "Christian Education in Tennessee now has the brightest outlook that it has had during the history of our Baptist work. During the past year our existing institutions for higher learning have been greatly strengthened financially and enlarged in enrollment."

The A Capella Choir of Carson-Newman College, under the direction of Mr. Young, of the Voice Department, effectively sang two special numbers. The president of the college, James T. Warren, spoke on the work of the institution, whereupon the A Capella Choir again sang.

President Edwin F. Preston of Cumberland University was introduced and spoke on that institution as a heritage and as a present and future responsibility. Dr. W. E. Richardson, head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, spoke on the school as a denominational asset. The ministerial students in the school were presented in a group to the Convention. H. C. Witherington, Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, spoke briefly. Mrs. Josephine West, Dean of Women, Mrs. J. I. Waller, Matron of the Boys Dormitory, Troy D. Woodbury, Business Manager, and Mr. Ralph Donald, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, were introduced. Mr. Genter L. Stephens led the Cumberland Choir in a special number.

President Warren F. Jones of Union University was the next speaker. Quoting an eminent sociologist, he said "Spiritually must be the integrating force of the future." Then he sketched some of the things being done by the institution. Troy Young, Alumni Secretary, was introduced. Wm. A. Keel, Head of the Department of Religion, spoke on Union from the viewpoint of the faculty. D. A. Ellis, Memphis, chairman of the Board of Trustees, spoke on Union from the viewpoint of the trustees.

Sang "There's a Land That is Fairer Than Day."

H. H. Boston, Martin, moved the adoption of the printed report on Baptist Student Union work and spoke to the same, and was then followed by Rogers M. Smith, State B. S. U. Director.

The state secretary has made a survey of the enrollment of the colleges and universities in our state. The survey is not absolutely correct, nor complete, but we have heard from twenty of our schools. In these twenty schools there are approximately 23,300 students enrolled. Of this number approximately 6,500 are Baptists. You can see from these figures that approximately one out of every four college students in our state is a Baptist student. In our three Baptist colleges, Cumberland University, Carson-Newman College, and Union University, we have 1,742 students and of this number 1,323 are Baptists. You will notice from these figures that only about one out of five of our Baptist students are enrolled in one of our Baptist schools. We have an obligation to our Baptist schools to support them and enlarge them but we trust that we will not close our eyes to the responsibility to serve our Baptist students in the schools other than the Baptist schools.

H. L. Smith, Chattanooga, presented the Report of Committee on Committees, which was adopted. The names on the Committees will be published later.

The time for the election of officers came. The following were elected: President, R. N. Owen, Clarksville; First Vice-President, H. L. Smith, Clinton; Second Vice-President, Chesley L. Bowden, Ripley; Recording Secretary, L. G. Frey; Statistical Secretary, Noah B. Fetzer; Treasurer, Chas. W. Pope.

### Wednesday—Evening Session

With a great congregation present, Mr. Cheek led in singing "Glory to His Name," "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" and other gospel hymns, climaxed with "All Hail the Power of Jesus' name." How triumphantly did the music ring out! First vice-president, C. E. Wright, Clinton, was in the chair.

After M. H. Carder, Elizabethton, had read Rom. 12, C. L. Morgan, Memphis, led in prayer.

The annual presentation of State Missions came, with Executive Secretary Chas. W. Pope in charge. The office forces and other workers in the various departments of the Baptist State Building were introduced, together with field missionaries, general missionaries and associational missionaries. Others presented were pastor-missionaries and special missionaries.

Many were moved to tears when Mrs. Chas. W. Pope, wife of the Executive Secretary, was called to the platform and introduced and designated as the party who led him to Christ when he was 23 years of age.



Field Missionary Joe Wells, in his characteristic manner, indicated some phases of the missionary's work, using as one example the work of Roy Hardesty, associational missionary in Judson Association.

Norris Gilliam, Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation presented the report on the Foundation and spoke to the same. A total of \$710,824.93 in funds is now in the Foundation emphasizing particularly the endowment of our schools and the specialized investment work of the Foundation.

A Roy Greene, Nashville, read the report of the Special Committee on Camps, which was held over till Thursday afternoon for final action.

Song "Bound for the Promised Land," and Mrs. Mark Harris, Memphis, sang as a solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus."

The closing address of the evening was by Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, President of the Southern Baptist Convention, who before he spoke introduced a special friend of his, Mr. Asa Chandler, Atlanta. Dr. Newton referred to some of his experiences on his visit to Russia and showed a golden chalice given him by the Baptists of Russia as he was leaving for the United States, and then made pertinent comments on current dominant trends in history.

L. B. Cobb, Kingsport, dismissed the audience with prayer.

### Thursday—Morning Session

With Second Vice-President F. M. Dowell, Jr., Cleveland, in the chair the Convention sang, "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and other hymns. E. L. Smothers, McMinnville, read from Phil. 2 and Walter H. Miekley, McKenzie, led in prayer.

W. E. Young, Memphis, presented the report of the Committee on Church Music and commented on the same.

In the program of church music, we consider all the people. It is well and necessary to have choirs, groups and individuals to perform—these should be Christians. However, we do well to magnify mass or congregational singing. Let all the people sing! Music tends to create a spiritual atmosphere, unite minds and prepare hearts for the reception of Scriptural truths. It provides an avenue of spiritual fellowship and service. Generally, a singing people is a happy people; a singing church a conquering church. Music, both vocal and instrumental, is vital to our work; therefore, select and use the best.

We are encouraged in the place given to church music in our Baptist Seminaries, universities and colleges. We look to these institutions to set a good pattern and to furnish trained leadership. The Department of Music, Baptist Sunday School Board, is doing much to inspire our State Boards and Conventions to create and maintain like Departments. We would suggest that our own Tennessee Baptist Convention seriously consider such a Department to serve the needs of our churches.

Sterling L. Price, Athens, another member of the committee, spoke on the importance of congregational singing. "We can sing heresy as well as preach it." J. Frank Cheek, another member of the committee, spoke on the choir. "The choir is the pastor's helpmate."

Luther J. Thompson, Springfield, gave the report of the Committee on Training Union.

The Training Union serves as a conserving agency for new converts.

The Training Union trains in soul winning, stewardship, missions, worship, Bible study and prayer.

The Training Union furnishes opportunity for the discovery and development of talent.

The Training Union serves as a recruiting station for the other church activities.

The Training Union stimulates a spirit of loyalty to the church and its services.

The Training Union helps develop a symmetrical Christian life.

The Training Union sharpens the spiritual appetite and helps supply the necessary food to satisfy that appetite.

The Training Union stabilizes church membership.

Secretary Charles L. Norton, Nashville, called attention to

salient points in the report. Miss Roxie Jacobs, Junior-Intermediate Leader, spoke on the Sword Drill. Miss Ernestine Holder, Chattanooga, winner in last year's State Better Speakers Tournament, delivered her winning address, "Christ Above All" and won the hearts of the congregation.

Hugh F. Latimer, Memphis, associate secretary of the Brotherhood of the South, presented the report on the State Brotherhood and commented thereon.

Although according to reports which we have received in our office, we did not reach our goal for 1945-46 of fifty new Brotherhoods, we are grateful to God that He has led and blessed our efforts. A marked increase in attendance and manifestation of interest have been observed in all of our regional and associational meetings. That our work has grown is evidenced by the organization of more than thirty new Brotherhoods and especially by the increased enrollment of the Brotherhoods that have been operating for one, two and three years. In one association that reported two new Brotherhoods with eighty men enrolled, they reported forty-seven men added to the enrollment of the five Brotherhoods that had been organized in previous years.

W. A. Boston, Union City, brought the report on Sunday Schools.

Every effort of the Sunday school is an attempt to minister to the spiritual needs of the individual. Pastors and lay leaders alike are realizing the worth of the Sunday school as a medium through which we may reach the masses and yet by virtue of the graded organizations we are enabled to minister to the individual need of all age groups. Thus the Sunday school is designed for a ministry of enlistment and enlargement.

Let every church not only have a Sunday school but Use Its Sunday school to the fullest extent of its possibilities. Let every church use the guidance and assistance of the office of our capable Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Rutledge. Let us join hands and hearts in building better Sunday schools, bigger Sunday schools, and in organizing more Sunday schools in communities where none now exist. The total enrollment of Sunday schools in Tennessee should be enlarged to an enrollment of at least 325,000.

State Superintendent W. G. Rutledge, Nashville, spoke to the report. Workers in the department were introduced as follows: Miss Helen Helton, office secretary, Miss Annie Rogers, elementary worker, and Miss Gladys Longley, associational worker.

G. Allen West, Nashville, read the report on Denominational Literature and discussed salient points therein.

It is the purpose of this report to point out something concerning the number and value of our various periodicals and publications. Of special interest and primary concern to us is our own BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. It promotes the entire program of our great denomination both in and out of the state. Three of our Boards publish periodicals and books that have southwide interest. The Baptist Sunday School Board whose primary purpose is to dispense materials that pertain to the teaching of the Bible and related matters; the Foreign Mission Board that published THE COMMISSION, a magazine of high editorial standards and information with inspiring Foreign Mission reports; the Home Mission Board with its periodical, SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS, whose aim is to promote the interest of missions among our people in the great Southland and certain island possessions.

Chaplain John L. Dodge, of the Veterans Administration Hospital, Memphis, spoke on the importance of Baptists distributing their literature in public places and institutions and was followed by E. B. Crain, Nashville.

Chas. S. Bond, Fountain City, read and discussed the report on the Orphans Home.

Your committee is happy to report that our Orphans Home has had another year of successful service in its ministry to children. Because of its ministry to homeless children, this Institution occupies a choice place in the thought and affection of Tennessee Baptists, and has the evidences of the Lord's favor and blessings.

Superintendent W. C. Creasman of the Home also spoke to the report.

Chaplain John L. Dodge spoke on Chaplains work.

Dr. Henry J. Stokes, new pastor of the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, was presented to the body.



Mrs. J. Frank Cheek, Chattanooga, effectively sang "The Name of Jesus" as a solo.

Dr. S. L. Stealey, Louisville, Ky., presented to the Convention a gavel made of wood from one of the beech trees on the campus of the Southern Seminary, the gift of the Seminary. Dr. Stealey then spoke as the representative of our three Seminaries in the South.

Dismissed with prayer by Rev. Newman.

### Thursday—Afternoon Session

Sang "Jesus Shall Reign" and Griffin Henderson, Murfreesboro, read from Proverbs and Morris Prince, Ridgely, led in prayer.

The report of the Committee on Resolutions was adopted by standing vote.

The report on Obituaries was read by Robert Orr, Brownsville. Scripture was read from I Cor. 15 and II Tim. 4 and led in prayer and while the audience remained with bowed heads, E. E. Deusner, Lexington, sang "Good Night."

L. S. Ewton, Nashville, discussed the work of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

J. G. Hughes, Memphis, read the report of the Committee on Nominations: Time, Nov. 11-13, 1947; Place, First Baptist Church, Kingsport; Preacher, Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville; alternate, B. Frank Collins, Chattanooga. The list of Committees and boards of trustees will be published later. Some considerable discussion arose over a difference of opinion as to the nomination of the trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital whereupon the full report of the Committee was adopted.

A. Roy Greene, Nashville, presented the report of the Special Committee on Camps, as follows:

1. We recommend that the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention be directed to purchase two camp sites, the combined costs not to exceed one hundred fifty thousand dollars, and to direct a camp program for the purpose of meeting the needs of the W.M.U. and other denominational agencies.

2. That a camp committee be appointed consisting of seven members, four of whom shall be from the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and three from the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Union. This committee shall be charged with the responsibility of recommending the purchase of camp facilities, camp sites and suggesting a camp schedule, and shall be subject to the Tennessee Baptist Convention and its Executive Board.

3. That the campaign for the raising of funds for this project be directed by the promoted through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

4. That the convention recognize the urgency of immediate action and direct the appointment of this committee at this session.

G. Allen West, Nashville, moved to amend the report to provide one instead of two camps. Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, opposed the amendment. A. Roy Greene also discussed the report. The amendment was lost. Executive Secretary Chas. W. Pope made some explanatory remarks on the report, whereupon the report was adopted.

Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Nashville, State W. M. U. president, presented the Report on W. M. U. and discussed the same.

In 1888 the Baptist women of Tennessee came together as the Woman's Missionary Union, Auxiliary to the Tennessee Baptist Convention. For these fifty-eight years they have stayed together to make great progress and have worked together to win much success. There are now in the Tennessee W.M.U. 3,194 organizations with a total membership of 44,283. Last year saw 554 new organizations formed and 2,655 new members enlisted. 435 of the organizations ranked as A-1 on the Standard of Excellence and 10 churches reported all W.M.U. organizations reaching the A-1 Standard.

The closing address of the Convention was by S. F. Dowis, Atlanta, Superintendent of City Missions of the Home Mission Board, on "Missions and the Homeland." The speaker emphasized the evangelical missionary work of the board. "There are 34,000,000

unchurched people in the Home Mission field who are the responsibility of Southern Baptists."

The newly elected officers of the Convention were called to the rostrum and presented to the body. The retiring president, Mark Harris, in fitting words presented the gavel to the new president, R. N. Owen, who then prayer the closing prayer.

Thus closed a very fine session of the Convention and we heard many say it was the best Convention they ever attended. The thanks of all are due and expressed to Dr. Huff and the hostess church, with the various committees, for their gracious hospitality.

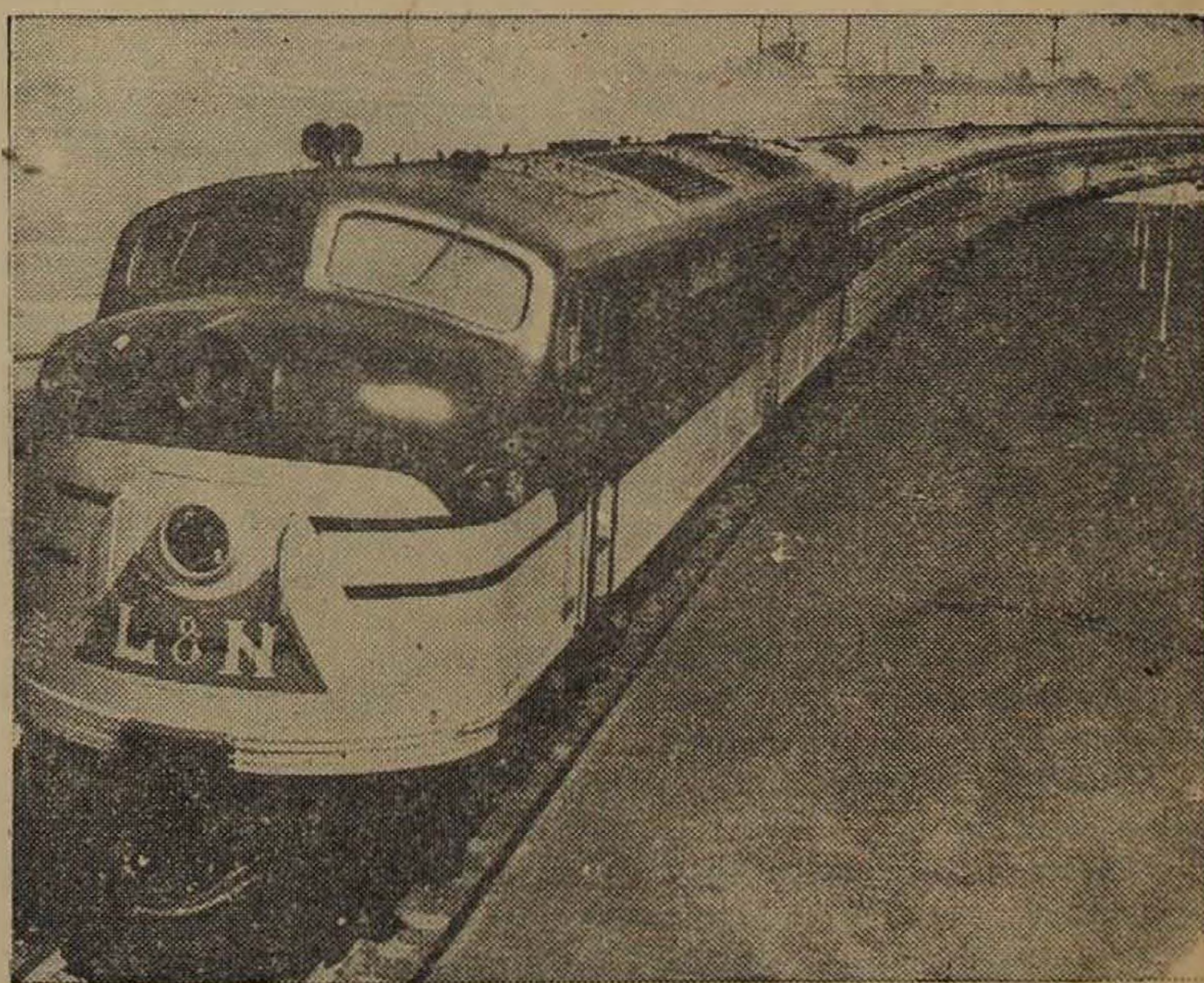
"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"

## Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood Convention

MONDAY AFTERNOON and evening preceding the State Convention, the Tennessee Baptist Convention met with President A. Roy Greene, Nashville, in charge. The editor was privileged to attend the evening session. A great congregation was on hand. Mr. Cheek led the singing, with Miss Mary Isla Crumpler at the organ and Mrs. J. Frank Cheek at the piano. Special music was furnished by the Baptist Student Union Choir and Miss Opal Rhea from the University of Chattanooga and E. L. Williams, Chattanooga, led in prayer, as also John Jeter Hurt, Jackson.

Mr. Greene presented his pastor, Dr. G. Allen West and then asked Judge John W. McCall of Memphis to preside over the remainder of the service. Various parties and groups were then recognized, among them Dr. Huff, pastor of the hostess church, and Mr. Hugh F. Latimer, associate secretary of the Brotherhood of the South. State Brotherhood Secretary E. K. Wiley then introduced Executive Secretary Andrew Potter of Oklahoma, who, in turn, introduced the main speaker, Hon. Robert S. Kerr, governor of Oklahoma, who spoke on "Baptist Men Meeting World Need." "The world's most urgent need is the spirit of Christ in the heart and life of men." "If we would receive blessings we must assume responsibilities."

The closing prayer was by C. W. Rogers, Chattanooga.



Exterior view of THE HUMMING BIRD, new streamline train soon to go into regular service on the L&N between Cincinnati and New Orleans. THE GEORGIAN, to be operated between St. Louis and Atlanta by the L&N and NC&StL, is identical with the Humming Bird except for the name.



# A Digest of Religious Thought

By RUSSELL BRADLEY JONES, Contributing Editor, CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

Neither the editor nor contributing editor necessarily concurs in the opinions expressed on this page unless so stated.

## A Call to the Churches

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin in  
*Union Signal*

There are signs of an awakening upon the part of the churches to their responsibility toward not only caring for and the rehabilitation of alcoholics, but also to their responsibility to deal with the traffic in intoxicating liquors. The Bishops of the Methodist Church, with a constituency of 8 million people, issued a ringing call to prayer on June 2, 1946, and it was "to be an initial step in an intensive program of education and commitment to be carried on in the months ahead." This was not an appeal for the adoption and maintenance of a standard of total abstinence on the part of the membership of the church nor for a program of rehabilitation of alcoholics. It was definitely a call for divine assistance to help the membership of the church to curtail the traffic in liquor which encourages and induces more and more people to drink. The Bishops brand the liquor traffic as a "present-day menace" and the members were asked "to seek divine guidance for the moral and political leaders of America in saving this nation from moral and spiritual degeneration" resulting from this traffic.

(Southern Baptists need to become more aggressive against liquor.—R.B.J.)

## Increasing Pressure

*Baptist Review*

There will be increasing pressure on Southern Baptists in the years immediately ahead of us to join in the "ecumenical" movement. This pressure will be exerted from sources outside the denomination, and from within, as well. The atmosphere of the religious world is full of a well-directed propaganda, and those denominations holding true to their convictions are held up to ridicule. The propaganda has as its objective the breaking down of denominational lines with a consequent watering down of distinctive principles and doctrines. Denominational divisions are commonly referred to by these propagandists as "the shame of Christendom," or in even stronger terms implying viciousness upon the part of those who refuse to join in. Under the aegis of the ecumenical movement theological seminaries in the East are to include courses in ways and means of achieving a united church where denominational lines are obliterated. This approach will bear fruit, for as the seminaries go so go the churches. To date it is probably the cleverest idea yet projected for achieving their objectives. Extent of its success will be in proportion to the number of seminaries involved.

(It is always wrong to surrender convictions. Let us be true to Christ's teaching regardless of consequences.—R.B.J.)

## Atmosphere of Worship

Walter R. Courtenay in  
*Presbyterian Outlook*

Most orders of worship are poorly equipped to lift men into the presence of God, and too many of our churches are unchurchly in their architecture, their decorations, their equipment, their housekeeping, and their conveniences. These hindrances indicate that we have not given sufficient thought to the spiritual needs of men today, or at least, to how people think, and how we can help them think creatively as Christians. We assume that sin is sin and salvation is salvation regardless of the period of history in which men live. Our children do not think as their great-

grandfathers thought, nor as their fathers. The radio, the theater, and a hundred portions of daily life, have taught people the importance of modern vocabulary and atmosphere, but in too many of our churches we ignore these matters entirely. In many of our churches our worship experience is too cold, too colorless, too formal, too much a business, or a chore. There is too much talking, too much movement, too much busyness, too much incoherence. Fewer and fewer churches train children to think of the main church as sacred soil and thus help them to think of the church as a place of special significance.

(Very few people actually worship God today, we fear.—R.B.J.)

## How Much Should Laymen Know?

J. W. Bradbury in  
*Watchman-Examiner*

The history of the churches indicates that the greatest advances were made when laymen held mighty convictions and sometime swept aside the monopoly of the clergy to proclaim the truth of God, undertaking to do it is laymen. The strength of Methodism in its earlier generations was its hosts of lay preachers, men who came out of the ranks because they were so faithfully instructed in the churches. The spiritual poverty of Methodism today, which the Methodists themselves frankly confess and are seeking to correct, is due to the present generation of lay methodism being ignorant of the vital, fundamental facts of the Christian faith. Methodist laymen over the country have had for a generation, on the whole, nothing but the "social gospel." That so-called "gospel" has not been adequate to keep sin and worldliness out of Methodist churches. Neither has this type of avoidance of Christian doctrine and emphasis upon social implications been adequate to keep Baptist churches fervent and fruitful in the salvation of souls. It still takes thirty Baptists to win one soul to Christ in a year and, in churches where Christian doctrine is tabooed, that average is more than doubled. Furthermore, for lack of real indoctrination, large numbers of those converted through the front door soon exit by the back door. What is true of the two denominations named is likewise true of all others whose leadership has assumed that their laymen are not interested in Christian indoctrination.

(Boost your Brotherhood.—R.B.J.)

## Guilty!

*Christian Advocate*

In the most significant verdict ever handed down by a court of law in all of human history, 19 German war criminals were found guilty by an international tribunal of four judges on Oct. 1. This establishes the fact that hereafter the heads of governments who lead their people in aggressive wars are to be held responsible. The sentence was passed by a competent court, after all the evidence was submitted and after the defendants had had full opportunity to be heard. Said Herman Goering, "I did not expect that they would go through all this to kill us." In that comment we get a revealing glimpse of the inability of the totalitarian mind to understand democratic justice. It was worth 10 months of time, and infinite pains, to insure that history would never reverse the verdict. International justice has taken a new direction.

(What do you think about it?—R.B.J.)



## Blind Can Now Study Sunday School Lesson and Training Union Program

By T. L. HOLCOMB, *Secretary Sunday School Board*



W. N. Fuson, a member of the Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, is shown above reading the first issue of the *BRILLE BAPTIST* as (left to right) Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary of the Sunday School Board, Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary, and Dr. Henderson Barton, Edgefield pastor, listen to the words they cannot read. Mr. Fuson has worn out five Braille Bibles in the thirty-five years he has been a Christian.

Blind members of Southern Baptist churches can now receive, without charge the *Brille Baptist*, a monthly publication prepared by the Sunday School Board, containing a condensed treatment of the Sunday School lesson and the Training Union program.

Both the Sunday school lesson and the Training Union program are taken from the Adult quarterlies. The publication also contains excerpts from the Training Union Magazine, the Sunday School Builder, The Commission, and Home Missions. The treatment of the Sunday school lesson includes the Bible printed in the quarterly.

Those receiving the publication must be able to read grade 1½ Braille. Under postal regulations, the *Brille Baptist* must be sent to the individual blind person, and cannot be mailed to the church. If there are any blind members in your church, send their names and addresses to the Sunday School Board, and the *Brille Baptist* will be sent monthly, without any charge.

In addition to this new service for sightless Baptists, the Sunday School Board also makes an annual contribution to the John Milton Society to assist in defraying the expense of Braille publications distributed to Southern Baptists.

## Department of Student Work

ROGERS M. SMITH, Secretary

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### Quotations From Goforth of China

By ROSALIND GOFORTH

"Obedience is the one qualification for Further Vision."—*G. Campbell Morgan*.

"I gave up all for Christ, and what have I found? I have found everything in Christ!"—*John Calvin*.

"We are asked to do an impossible task, but we work with Him who can do the impossible."—*Hudson Taylor*.

"Many men owe the grandeur of their lives to their tremendous difficulties."—*C. H. Spurgeon*.

"How often do we attempt work for God to the limit of our incompetency rather than to the limit of God's omnipotency."—*Hudson Taylor*.

"God's best gifts are not in things but in opportunities."

"He has no enemies, you say?  
My friend, your boast is poor:  
He who hath mingled in the fray  
Of duty, that the brave endure,  
Must have made foes. If he has none  
Small is the work that he has done.  
He has hit no traitor on the hip;  
He has cast no cup from tempted lip;  
He has never turned the wrong to right,  
He has been a coward in the fight."

"All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they reckoned on God being with them."—*Hudson Taylor*.

"Oh, friends, have great faith. Little faith will take your souls to heaven, but great faith will bring heaven to your souls."—*C. H. Spurgeon*.

"When I attempt to do what I can't do, then I do it in the power of the Spirit."—*G. Campbell-Morgan*.

"Most of the grand truths of God have to be learned by trouble; they must be burned into us by the hot iron of affliction, otherwise we shall not truly receive them."—*C. H. Spurgeon*.

"Where'er you ripened fields behold  
Waving to God their sheaves of gold,  
Be sure some corn of wheat has died,  
Some saintly soul been crucified:  
Someone has suffered, wept, and prayed,  
And fought hell's legions undismayed."  
—*A. S. Booth-Clibborn*.

"How can we save a dying world?  
That problem has been solved above:  
The key is found in Calvary,  
The only way is LOVE!"  
—*Mrs. Booth-Clibborn*.

A great "without" has been written on heathenism. Men and women are toiling without a Bible, without a Sunday, without prayer, without songs of praise. They have rulers without justice and without righteousness; homes without peace; marriage without sanctity, young men and girls without ideals and enthusiasm; little children without purity, without innocence; mothers without wisdom or self-control; poverty without relief or sympathy; sickness without skillful help or tender care; sorrow and crime without a remedy; and worst of all, death without hope.—*Mrs. Whitfield Guinness*.

(The State Secretary has just read this challenging book and recommends it very highly for students to read. These above quotations were very inspiring, hence, we pass them on to you).

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# The Sunday School Lesson

• LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

By R. PAUL CAUDILL, Pastor  
First Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Topic: THE GOSPEL CONFRONTING PAGANISM  
Printed Text: Acts 17:22-28a; 18:1; I Cor. 1:22-24; 3:1-3

## THE PAGAN QUEST FOR GOD

"Obviously, here at Athens," says Dr. Adams, "we may believe that the ceaseless quest of men after God came as near fulfillment as ever it could have come in such an environment." This quest engaged in varying degrees all Athens. The very stones gave evidence of it wherever one went. "Great masters, inspired by religion, followed in the wake of Phidias and Proxilos to lay on the altar of Polytheistic Athens a votive offering in sculpture, painting and architecture that has not only never been surpassed, but never equalled." Four times the narrative surveys Athens as a religious field, picturing its idols, its altars, but at no time is there even a suggestion that the Greeks were victorious in their quest.

From the very moment Paul entered Athens his sensitive soul must have been touched by the sight that met him at every turn. If he entered by way of the Peiraic gate what a panorama of idolatry was spread out before him. At the gate was the building housing the sacred vestments of Minerva, tutelary divinity, alongside an image of Minerva, Apollo, Jupiter, and Mercury together with the Muses, and near these a sanctuary of Bacchus. The place was literally alive with temples, altars and statues. And as he turned into the Agora which was still, the center of the heart throb of Athens, "the meeting-place of idleness, of conversation, and of business," the procession of the gods continued. Here he found himself in a great Valhalla where he met the deified heroes of Athens, statues of her fallen statesmen and images of her mythological creations. And "in the center of all the Altar of the Twelve Gods, which was to Athens what the Golden Milestone was to Rome."

Almost every public building was a sanctuary. The Record House, the Council House, the Theatre, the Pnyx, all these were dedicated to some heathen deity. Even such abstractions as Fame, Modesty, Energy, Persuasion, and Pity were deified and publicly honored. In whatever direction the eye of Paul turned or upon whatever his gaze rested, the idolatrous devotion of the city was ever before him. The traveller Pausanias tells us that Athens possessed more gods than all the rest of the country. "There were gods at every turn; some thirty thousand in all were worshipped in Athens." One Roman writer said, satirically, that it was easier to find a god in Athens than a man.

## A CHRISTIAN PREACHER'S RESPONSE

The emotions of Paul were deeply stirred as he beheld the staggering display of objects of worship in polytheistic Athens. Truly his spirit underwent a paroxysm. But, in it all, "the sensitive soul of the Apostle discriminated with a sweet reasonableness in detecting therein a universal seeking and searching after God." Paganism with all its superstitious veneration—the rearing of temples, the building of shrines, the sculptures of images, the altars of worship—all these were but a touching portrayal of man's restless and unceasing quest of God. Paul knew that "all these were beams in the darkness with the potentialities of a spiritual sunrise in a fuller revelation" (J. McKee Adams). For, "infidelity raises no monuments nor builds no shrines."

It was with this conviction that Paul accepted the invitation of the heathen philosophers to set forth his message. And so we follow him as he proceeds with the philosophers from the Agora to the Hill of Areas on whose summit "the most awful court of judicature had sat from time immemorial, to pass sentence on the greatest criminals, and to decide the most solemn questions connected with religion. The rock-hewn seats of the judges were in open air, and upon a platform that was reached directly from the Agora by a flight of stone steps. Ramsay says that the court met only on dark nights in order that every case might be weighed on the basis of its own merits and without opportunity for gesticulation and undue influencing of the judges.

Ramsay thinks that the Stoics and Epicureans actually arraigned Paul before the council in order to determine his standing as a philosophical and religious lecturer and to see if he was entitled to a lecturer's certificate. At any rate, Paul responded to their inquiry and seized this glorious opportunity to preach Christ.

What will be his first word to them? Certainly it was no time to "philosophize." The Christian message was at stake so far as the heathen philosophers were concerned. Will he ignore their own quest for truth? Their own aspirations, the evidence of their own longing for God? No, he will not. He will lead them from the uncertainty of their own fruitless quest for God to the certainty of the quest that is by Christ Jesus (I Cor. 1:22-24). Hear him as he speaks: "Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are very religious. For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you . . ." (Acts 17:22-31).

It was a clear, pungent, ringing message of testimony for Christ. His words were as liquid notes of fire from heaven's altar. Like the flash of a meteor he passed from the "unknown god" to the personal and spiritual creator in whom the cosmic order heads up and who is not an Olympian autocrat but a beneficent controller of men, of nations and history, being in actual contact with men in redemptive activity, and actually seeking mankind who was made to seek and find him. It was a sad picture that greeted Paul. No cheerful encore, no invitation to speak again as at Antioch. Some mocked, others shook their heads and said "Tomorrow!"

But one thing was certain. Christianity had met paganism head on. Was the meeting a failure for Christianity? Not so long as Dionsius and Damaris believed. Not so long as Paul dared to be faithful to Christ and preach the truth as he preached it here.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1946

# The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3 Tennessee

Dear "Magicians":

I should like to see your check sheets now. You are probably finding many opportunities to use the magic words *thank you* and are beginning to notice their magic effect on your helper-friends. If you missed last week's BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, look it up now and read your Young South column. You may become a magician too.

During last week we thought mostly about saying "*thank you*." Perhaps there were some people on your list of helpers, whom you could not speak your thanks to. Would you like to write a thank-you letter to some of these? If you have not had occasion to visit your doctor or dentist recently, you might use this Thanksgiving season as a special opportunity to thank him in a note for always being ready to try to help you and your loved ones when you become ill. Your pastor and Sunday school superintendent would also appreciate thank-you notes from you. Practice your magic by mail this week!

Do you know someone whose cheerful smile makes you feel better and makes your day brighter? This would be a good time to write that person and thank him for the way his smile helps you. Your magic by mail will make the smile even broader!

If you are a Christian, someone probably had a special part in helping you to understand how to be saved; probably in making your decision to trust Jesus as your personal Saviour. Does that person know that he had a share in such a wonderful service? Tell him at this Thanksgiving time. He deserves a special *thank you*!

Do you have an older friend whose patience and endurance of pain and disappointment are a constant encouragement to you? Make a special effort to tell that person of his contribution to your life. Your *thank you* will work magic for both of you.

It's easier to do some things when there is a special occasion for them. Thanksgiving time offers you an ideal opportunity to express your thanks to people who have helped you. Don't let the season pass without making the best possible use of it! You can work magic with your *thank you*!

If I could, I would write each of you, my Young South friends, a personal letter, and try to tell you how much I appreciate you. Your loyalty and cooperation encourage me. Your interest and confidence make me anxious to work harder to make your Young South column as helpful and enjoyable as possible. *Thank you*!

Many of you have written me your thanks for pen pals found through the Young South column. Here are the names of some more friends who want pen pals. Perhaps one of these will appeal to you. (The figure in parenthesis at the end of each line, indicates the age of the person).

Virginia Fann, Route 1, Murfreesboro, Tennessee (18).

Martha Ann Hunt, Atwood, Tennessee (11).

Helen Lyon, Route 2, Bluff City, Tennessee (15).

Sara Davis, Route 4, Trenton, Tennessee (8).

Marie Finley, Route 3, Goodlettsville, Tennessee (11).

Helen King, Smith's Beauty Shop, Brownsville, Tennessee (17).

Margie Agn Johnson, Fowlkes, Tennessee (9).

Faye Methvin, Leoma, Tennessee (9).

Robert M. Bogle, Route 1, Readyville, Tennessee (12).

Barbara Gean Cox, Route 2, Box 45, Lake City, Tennessee (10).

Frances Roberts, 21 East Washington St., Pulaski, Tennessee (12).

Alma Merrill, c/o F. O. Carter, Route 3, Pocahontas, Tennessee (16).

Cecelia Ann Anderson, Michigan City, Mississippi (9).

Sue Oakley, Route 1, Halls, Tennessee (13).

Ann Harden, 642 Derry Street, Shelbyville, Tennessee (14).

Bessie Duncan, Route 2, Brockett Road, Fountain City 18, Tennessee (12).

Junior Huddleston, 1806 Tenth Ave., N., Nashville 8, Tennessee (18).

Olamae Neeley, Route 1, Shelbyville, Tennessee (11).

Roy Wright, Route 2, Decatur, Tennessee (9).

Martha Virginia McGuire, Box 66, Smyrna, Tennessee (6).

Rachel Milligan, R.F.D. 5, Murfreesboro, Tennessee (11).

Sarah Jane Mayfield, Route 2, Alamo, Tennessee (10).

I hope you and your new pen pal will become the best of friends!

Love, *Aunt Polly*



## Sunday School Department

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### The Sunday School

The Sunday school is the friend of childhood; the inspiration of youth; the strength of middle life and the comfort of declining years.

The Sunday school has God's day for its time, God's house for its place, God's Book for its text and God's glory for its aim.

The Sunday school is officered and taught by Christian men and women who are freely giving their time, talents, powers, and money to the end that the lost may be saved and the saved may be strengthened.

The Sunday school builds character, instructs the mind, warms the heart, feeds ambition, encourages the faith-hearted, shields the tempted, and points the way of life for all.

The Sunday school deserves the sympathetic support, the prayerful interest, the loyal cooperation of every loving Christian, of every patriotic citizen, of every aspiring youth and every prattling child.

The Sunday school stretches out a friendly hand to one and all, old or young, and bids them enter into the Father's house and listen to the Father's voice as he speaks out of His Holy Word.—M. E. DODD.

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### We Want A Date With You

Yes, put it on your calendar—The State Sunday School Convention, February 20 and 21, 1947. The first session will begin Thursday night and the final session will be Friday night. It will be held at the First Baptist Church, Jackson, Tennessee, Dr. W. Fred Kendall, pastor.

This is the first Sunday School Conference to be held since the beginning of the war. An attractive program is being prepared. Every Sunday school should plan to send a large group of officers and teachers. More information later.

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### Introducing a New Magazine . . . "HOME LIFE"

#### A CHRISTIAN FAMILY MAGAZINE

Beginning in January, *The Better Home* and *Cradle Roll Home*, publications for the Extension and Nursery departments, will be absorbed by a new magazine, *Home Life*.

This new monthly magazine will give positive help in building a Christian home. It will be attractive in make-up and helpful in content—carrying fiction, stories of obscure homes that are successfully Christian, articles by able fathers and mothers, answers to questions on family life, letters from earnest parents, and suggestions for family worship and activities.

It is a magazine for every family. A worthy goal for every church will be to deliver *Home Life* every month to every family not ministered to by another church.

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### Branch Sunday Schools Will Reach Them

There are 26,000,000 white people within the limits of the Southern Baptist Convention who are not in any Sunday school. The way to reach them is by establishing Branch (Mission) Sunday Schools in the communities where they live. The following is the procedure for such work:

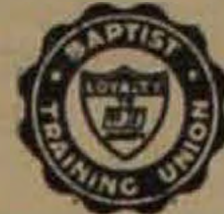
1. Survey the territory and locate a place for a Branch Sunday school.
2. Elect a capable member of the sponsoring church as superintendent of the Branch Sunday school.
3. Order from the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, 3, Tennessee, a supply of lesson literature (first quarter's supply furnished free by the Baptist Sunday School Board).
4. Overcome all difficulties and obstacles. Begin the Sunday School and continue it, even though the attendance may be small for the first few Sundays.
5. Keep the Branch Sunday school under the direction of the sponsoring church.

The majority of Southern Baptist churches began as Sunday schools. Many of the Sunday schools, out of which many of these churches grew were organized by missionary-impelled pastors and compassion-driven Associational missionaries.—From *"The Sunday School Voice,"* published by the Texas Sunday School Department.

## Baptist Training Union

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3 TENN.

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MISS EVELYN WILLARD  
Office Secretary  
ORELLE LEDBETTER  
Convention President

### Report of the Associational Officers' Training Union Meeting With Associations and Goals

Of the thirty-three associations in the second week of the planning meetings twenty-four were reached.

#### NORTH CENTRAL REGION

President, ARCHIE DUNNAWAY

Association	New Unions	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	New Story Hours	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
*Concord	12	4	8	1	6	400	12
Director—Dewey Robinson							
*New Salem	10	2	4	1	3	75	6
Director—None							
Riverside	2	1	1	1	1	25	3
Director—Frank W. Smith							
*Salem	6	2	5	1	3	200	8
Director—Howard Thompson							
*Stone	3	2	2	1	3	275	5
Director—H. M. Sloan							
*Union	5	1	2	1	2	150	7
Director—J. W. Tucker							
*Wilson	5	6	5	1	4	500	15
Director—Archie King							
* Association represented, with 63 present							

#### SOUTHEASTERN REGION

President, O. O. MIXSON

Hiwassee	1	1	1	1	1	100	4
Director—None							
*McMinn	12	6	8	4	4	600	12
Director—L. E. Hudson							
*Ocoee	25	75	6	7	6	5000	75
Director—O. O. Mixson							
Polk	3	1	2	1	1	200	7
Director—Elden McNabb							
*Seq. Valley	3	1	2	1	1	150	7
Director—L. C. Hudson							
*Sweetwater	1	1	1	1	1	275	7
Director—H. H. Jacobs							
Tenn. Valley	1	1	1	1	1	150	4
Director—None							
* Associations represented, with 12 present.							

#### NORTHEASTERN REGION

President, CLARENCE CARDER

*East Tenn.	2	3	2	1	1	150	10
Director—None							
*Grainger	12	3	4	1	4	250	10
Director—Don Frazier							
*Holston	10	8	6	4	5	1600	50
Director—Harry Perry							
Holston Valley	3	1	2	1	1	200	12
Director—Scottie Price							
*Jefferson	3	16	2	2	3	500	10
Director—Jodie Lee Tate							
Mulberry Gap	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Director—None							
*Nolachucky	6	15	3	2	5	500	15
Director—Lela Maude Dean							
*Watauga	10	20	5	3	5	1500	35
Director—Arthur Franklin							
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*Clinton	10	4	6	2	3	600	26
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*Cumberland G.	5	1	4	1	2	400	20
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*Knox	40	30	10	5	10	4000	65
Director—Marcella Adams							
*Midland	10	3	3	1	10	305	13
Director—Mrs. Grace Washam							
New River	1	1	1	1	1	25	3
Director—Mrs. W. C. Bowers							
*Northern	4	3	4	3	3	150	6
Director—Mrs. J. H. Carr							
Providence	1	1	1	1	1	75	3
Director—None							
*Sevier	15	3	4	1	3	500	15
Director—Nelle Elder							
* Associations represented, with 58 present.							



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### Margie Shumate In China

Baptist Mission,  
Shiu Hing, Kwongtung, China,  
September 2, 1946

My Dear Friends:

I have been wanting to write to you for some time, but have not had an opportunity until now. I will begin with the time I left America the 13th of June and give you a brief review of my experiences since then.

We had a rather unpleasant trip across the Pacific. The SS "Marine Lynx," which was later dubbed "The Marine Jinx," was crowded. It was a Troop Ship and not designed for comfort in the first place. We went by the Northern route and nearly froze the first part of the journey, but after we reached Japanese waters and on down to Hong Kong, it was terribly hot. The service was poor. Drinking, gambling and immorality were rampant. Some of my cabin mates were among the worst.

When we would reach a port, they would dump baggage off indiscriminately, paying little attention to where it was supposed to go. Some Shanghai passengers had baggage that was carried on to Hong Kong. Some Hong Kong passengers had baggage put off at Shanghai. One of my trunks was put off at Shanghai, but the company later sent it to Hong Kong where I later received it after a lot of delay and extra expense. Another piece of baggage, the value of which was \$100, was carried I know not where, and never has been found. A lot of people lose baggage these days. We were four days in Hong Kong collecting what baggage which was not lost. The baggage of hundreds of passengers was dumped in confused piles in a go-down where we had to "fish out" that which belonged to us.

Several of my boxes of Relief Goods were broken into and some of the best things stolen. My troubles were not even over at that, for while in Hong Kong my watch was snatched from my wrist in the street in broad daylight. Also my umbrella was snatched. The thieves are so nimble that by the time you realize what has happened to you they are out of sight and there is no use to scream or make a scene. I was told that if you were not on your guard they would almost take the gold fillings out of your teeth.

But Alas! Even that was not the end of my losses, for after I came to Shiu Hing a thief got into my room and carried off my handbag and a pen and ring. The bag had several thousand dollars of Chinese money in it, but that was no great loss for Chinese currency is not worth much these days. However, I grieved a lot over my bag which was a birthday gift, and the nicest bag I ever had or ever will have. Seems as if my Guardian is not giving me much attention these days, but perhaps he wanted to teach me not to think so much of my worldly possessions as I am inclined to do. I have now lost everything that I cared most for except my typewriter and a lovely new blanket which I hope my Guardian Angel will allow me to keep. I want to say to the friends who gave the typewriter that I will be writing them soon, and I hope to write to some of the rest of you soon.

I am glad to say that we got into China with our baggage and relief goods without any trouble with the customs. I was in Hong Kong a few days, then spent nearly a month in Canton and Toi Shan so I have not been in Shiu Hing long enough to really feel settled. You would not think that I was living in a very civilized way if you were to visit me. I have no tea cups nor saucers, no table cloth, rugs or curtains, however, for Mercy's sake don't send me any package by mail, for I would have to pay five times more than they are worth, while I can buy things here for three times what they cost in America. I had a grand time distributing the relief goods that I brought. I wished that I had a million times more for many villages have been robbed and the people are destitute of clothing and bedding and almost everything else.

I was able to help only the Christians in three or four centers. I took some of the goods to Toi Shan and gave warm clothing to many who needed it, and dressed most of the poor young Baptists of Toi Shan city church up in American clothes. When ragged little Sau Keng was arrayed in a pretty little dress some American girl had sent, a smile lit up her sad little face. It was the first time I had seen her smile. She is the only survivor of a family of six. All the other members of her family perished in the famine. She is being fed now by the fund which the Virginia women raised for "my orphans." Some of the girls wore their American dresses hind part before, while others wore them over their long Chinese trousers, and to me they looked "plumb sights" but they felt very fine and very happy, so all was well. I needed a family, so I brought four Toi Shan boys home with me, ranging in age from twelve to sixteen years. Three of them are "budding preachers" and so is another boy from the Shiu Hing field, the brilliant son of a poor preacher. These five boys are unusually bright and I wanted to give them a chance in life. They were all hungry when at home, and one of them, fourteen year old Woot Hong, was begging in the streets. I also have four other boys and girls, mostly teen-age orphans, here with me, and the house is lively enough, almost too lively for the peace and comfort of a dignified lady of my advanced age.

We are having a post-war depression. The crops have been bad for several seasons and many people are slowly starving. War clouds hover over us. Business is half dead. The spiritual darkness seems as deep as ever. Piles of debris and shells of houses with gaping windows and doors remind one continually of the ravages of war. It is all very depressing, but I thank God for the privilege of being back and for this wonderful opportunity of service which has been given us. Won't you pray that we may be able to make the most of it. And pray much for the people among whom we labor.—Yours in Him, MARGIE SHUMATE.

## Brotherhood Department

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### Clarksville Brotherhood Elects Officers For Ensuing Year

On Tuesday night, November 5, 1946, with one hundred or more men present, the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church, Clarksville, enjoyed a good dinner prepared and served by the ladies of the church. This was followed by the reading of the minutes of previous meetings and a brief business session.

The report of the nominating committee was unanimously approved and the following were elected to lead in promoting the whole program of the church:

President.....Richard M. Hawkins  
Membership Vice-President.....L. J. Dawson  
Program Vice-President.....Bryant Winn  
Activity Vice-President.....Frank Goodlett  
Secretary-Treasurer.....Lester Solomon

It is understood that these newly elected officers with the pastor will meet at an early date and decide on what committees can serve the best interest of the church and the number of men that will be required for each committee. According to the regular procedure these elected officers with the pastor should appoint a chairman of each committee and with the help of the chairman select those who are to work with him.

The men in this meeting manifested a great interest in the Brotherhood and indicated a determination to become more active in helping to enlist more men in promoting the whole program of their church.

By motion the president was requested to appoint a committee to co-operate with other committees in promoting church attendance. The "See You in Church Sunday" committee is:

D. G. McKnight, Frank Goodlett, Ashley Dabbs, and E. O. Bradley.

### New Brotherhoods Organized

MAURY COUNTY ASSOCIATION

ROCK SPRINGS CHURCH

REV. CLAUD MCADAMS, *Pastor*

The following officers were elected to serve for 1946-47:

President.....Carl Pilkinton  
Membership Vice-President.....J. N. Jones  
Program Vice-President.....C. U. Baker  
Secretary-Treasurer.....James Connally

Their meetings are held the first and third Sundays in each month.

OCOEE ASSOCIATION

LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN BAPTIST CHURCH

REV. FRANK TOBEY, *Pastor*

The men of the Lookout Mountain Baptist Church meet on November 2nd for the purpose of organizing their men into the Brotherhood movement.

The following were elected to lead:

President.....H. Walter Bishop, Jr.  
Membership Vice-President.....William Harrell  
Program Vice-President.....Corbin Chapman  
Secretary.....John Groninger  
Treasurer.....William Cooper



# AMONG THE BRETHREN

Pastor Hugh Widick and the Englewood Baptist Church, Englewood, have closed a gracious revival in which there were 17 conversions, one by letter, one by restoration and a large number of rededications. Grover Splawn, pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Maryville, did the preaching and Mrs. L. B. Dickson, director of music of the First Church, Athens, led the singing.

—B&R—

Pastor Carlton S. Prickett and the Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, Ala., have been assisted in a revival by Marrill D. Moore, pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, in which there were 16 additions to the church and a large number of rededications. The two ministers were classmates in the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

—B&R—

Pastor W. A. Liverman of the Goodlettsville Baptist Church did the preaching in a revival with Pastor W. C. Adkinson and the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., resulting in 31 additions, 24 of them by baptism.

—B&R—

A recent bulletin of Trinity Baptist Church, Lake Charles, La., carried splendid tributes to E. Butler Abington upon the occasion of his first anniversary as pastor.

—B&R—

Miss Helen Holt, Student Secretary at Blue Mountain College, advises that every student in the college is a Christian.

—B&R—

The First Baptist Church of Alamo, J. Paul Palmer, pastor, has adopted a budget of \$10,101.70.

The Calvary Baptist Church, Alexandria, Louisiana, is celebrating her silver anniversary with the coming of the Louisiana State Convention November 18-20. Dr. C. R. Shirar has been her pastor since 1938. During his pastorate 1,933 people have united with the church, and 723 by baptism.

The largest budget in the church's history, totaling over \$40,000.00 was recently underwritten. Receipts for 1946 totaled more than \$55,000.00 and \$14,000.00 of this amount were given to missions and benevolences.

—B&R—

A recent issue of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR carried a write-up and a poem concerning J. W. Marshall, Personnel Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, under the name, "Isabelle Williams Smith" of Humboldt, when it should have been "Williamson." Also the last sentence before the poem should have carried "your children, Brother Bill's children and my children," and not "my brethren."

—B&R—

With Pastor Bill Dodson preaching and Dan Carroll leading the singing, Oak Hill Baptist Church in Holston Association has recently held a fine revival in which there were 22 additions and a deepening of the spiritual life of the church.

—B&R—

Ralph DeBord of Crossville did the preaching in a gracious revival with Pastor Charleston Reed and the Clay Creek Baptist Church near Newport. There were 16 professions and six baptisms, with others to follow.

Pastor Bob Ramsey and the First Church of Cookeville have been assisted in a fine revival by L. S. Sedberry, pastor of Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville, preaching and J. Roy Bethune, assistant and director of music in McLean Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, leading the singing. There were 17 professions of faith and the whole program of the church was revived.

—B&R—

Pastor Bennie Pearson and Mallory Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, have closed a revival in which E. Pitt Woodruff, pastor of Seventh Street Baptist Church, Memphis, did the preaching and in which Steve Sturdivant led the singing. There were 13 additions for baptism, 11 by letter and 11 rededications.

—B&R—

Pastor Bunyan Smith and the Third Baptist Church, Nashville, have been assisted recently in a revival by L. S. Ewton, who retired from the active pastorate a few weeks ago. There were 12 conversions and nine additions, with others to follow, and a fine uplift of the church.

—B&R—

A former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Kingsport, now pastor of Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, J. G. Hughes, has assisted Pastor L. B. Cobb and the former church in a gracious revival.

—B&R—

October 1, H. A. Russell of Murfreesboro, began work as pastor of the Manchester Baptist Church, succeeding Buford M. Bull, now pastor at Doyle. November 3 there were three additions by letter.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCES FOR NOVEMBER 10, 1946

	Sunday School	Training Union		Sunday School	Training Union		Sunday School	Training Union
Alamo	135	45	Highland Park	2182	690	Sevier Heights	310	78
Alcoa, Calvary	222	98	Kingwood	130		Smithwood	408	111
Athens, East	247	108	Morris Hill	251	167	Lawrenceburg, First	160	122
First	436	111	Northside	532	117	Lebanon, Barton Creek	59	25
North	169	38	Oak Grove	238	97	First	357	116
West End Mission	58		Ridgedale	470	154	Lenoir City, First	410	56
Calhoun	115	16	Signal Mountain	72		Maryville, First	662	127
Charleston	42		Spring Creek	138	48	Medina	89	59
Clear Water	106	95	St. Elmo	360	100	Memphis, Bellevue	2589	2153
Coghill	94		White Oak	336	106	Boulevard	411	157
Cotton Port	83	40	Woodland Park	920	414	Highland Heights	649	275
Englewood	154	83	Cleveland, Big Spring	295	213	LaBelle	513	152
Etowah, East	47		Cedar Springs	130	86	McLean	278	116
Etowah, First	390	77	First	605	215	Mallory Heights	208	139
Etowah, North	187	36	South	128	82	Speedway Terrace	446	145
Good Hope	40	12	Columbia, First	237	43	Union Avenue	724	155
Good Spring	85	49	Goodwin Mission	9		Milan, First	304	70
McMahan Calvary	49	40	Dark's Mill Branch	15		Morristown, First	582	138
Mount Harmony No. 1	109		Covington, First	214	64	Mt. Pleasant, First	97	43
New Friendship	69	59	Crossville, First	239	80	Murfreesboro, Westvue	154	44
New Hope	27	12	Mission S. S.	59		Nashville, Grace	601	162
New Zion	94		Oak Hill	97		Grubbs Memorial	80	29
Niota	145	45	Fountain City, Central	788	197	Lockeland	318	126
Niota, East	107		Hines Valley Mission	45		Park Avenue	322	109
Old Salem	49		Harriman, Trenton Street	390	111	Seventh	113	41
Riceville	71	15	Hohenwald, First	65	49	Third	146	
Shiloh	94	51	Walnut Hill	202	89	Woodmont	194	87
Stephensville	18		Humboldt, First	347	75	New Market, Dumplin	100	87
Wildwood	75	50	Huntingdon, First	101		Oak Ridge, Glenwood	280	62
Zion Hill	35		Jackson, North	211	119	Robertsville	389	88
Bluff City, Chiquapin Grove	164	61	West Jackson	530	202	Old Hickory, First	579	164
First	196	81	Jefferson City, First	526	289	Oliver Springs, First	103	58
Bolivar, First	152	84	Piedmont	59	27	Parsons, First	142	44
Boyd Creek	76	35	Jellico, First	271	120	Portland, First	208	66
Bradford	100	38	Kingsport, Calvary	228	81	Prosperity	91	19
Brighton	105	73	Calvary Chapel (Mission)	59		Riceville, Short Creek	61	
Bristol, Calvary	322	115	First	731	132	Rockwood, First	273	128
Brownsville	227	49	Lynn Garden	314	95	Mission S. S.	25	
Chattanooga, Avondale	573	175	West View	210	140	White Creek	42	54
Baptist Tabernacle	300	65	Knoxville, Broadway	1167	342	Rogersville	451	114
Brainerd	422	163	Fifth Avenue	989	243	Rutledge, Buffalo	92	56
Chamberlain Avenue	299	89	First	961	214	Salem, Liberty	89	35
Concord	205	93	Glenwood	227	92	Sweetwater, Philadelphia	125	22
Daytona Heights	71	37	Lincoln Park	544	235	Trenton, White Hall	63	25
East Chattanooga	213	78	McCalla Avenue	715	201	Tullahoma, First	248	58
Eastdale	314	103	North Knoxville	297	123	Union City, First	513	163
East Lake	428	88	Oakwood	354	187	Watertown, Round Lick	61	21
East Ridge	152	80	Rocky Hill	153	107			



## New Pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Memphis



DR. E. GIBSON DAVIS

His family: Lovely wife (native of Cleveland, Tennessee) whose personality and life, and by education and experience, an ideal pastor's wife; two daughters, Mrs. J. N. Cox, College Park, Maryland and Mary Ellen, age 15; one son, James Evan, 21. For the present Mary Ellen is the only child who will accompany them to Memphis.

His Birth: Clymen, Indiana County, Pennsylvania.

His Education: Dennison University, Grandville, Ohio; Crozer Seminary, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

His Pastorates: Cynthiana, Kentucky; Mount Airy, North Carolina; Raleigh, North Carolina; Beckley, West Virginia; Asheville, North Carolina; Spartanburg, South Carolina.

As a Leader: Active in all community interests; in civic and fraternal organizations; in local, state and Southern Baptist activities.

Dr. Davis is listed in "Who's Who in America."—*Temple Baptist Church.*

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We have had 140 additions to the church this Associational Year, with no revivals and just meeting in the Lodge Hall Sunday morning and Sunday night. We gave \$1,732.38 to Missions this year.

I am sending you a cut of the "Chaplains Memorial Hall," our first unit of building. If you could see fit to use it in an issue of your paper, perhaps it would stimulate other Southern Baptists, who come our way from your state, to find their Church Home among Southern Baptist friends.—HOLLIS A. BURGE, Pastor.

Dr. W. Henderson Barton, pastor of Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, and his daughter, Miss Mettie Rie, a senior at Vanderbilt University, were badly hurt on October 18. They were hit by Barnum and Bailey Circus bus at 21st and West End. Dr. Barton's car was demolished. In his absence the pulpit was supplied by the following speakers: Gay L. McGlothlen, Baptist Sunday School Board, Rev. Robert Ivy, pastor's assistant and Rev. William Fallis, Baptist Sunday School Board. The editor did not learn about this until a few days ago, presumably because he was away attending associations.

—B&R—

David Livingston, pastor at Lincoln Park Baptist Church, Knoxville, will be in a ten day's revival with Dr. W. Henderson Barton and the Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville, beginning

November 17. Mr. William Hall Preston will be youth director and soloist. Mr. Preston is from the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

—B&R—

Pastor E. Pitt Woodruff and the Seventh Street Baptist Church, Memphis, have been assisted in a revival by Carl Bassett of Los Angeles, Calif., doing the preaching and Mr. Robert Ferguson leading the music. There were 103 additions, 74 of them by baptism.

—B&R—

In a revival in the Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, in which, we believe, the pastor, O. C. Rainwater, did the preaching, there were 19 additions by letter and 44 approved for baptism.

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baptized one; J. E. Ledbetter, pastor. *Fountain City*—Central, received one addition for baptism; Charles Bond, pastor. *Harriman*, Trenton Street, received three additions by baptism, baptized one; O. C. Rainwater, pastor. *Jackson*—North, received five additions by letter; Ralph Kerley, pastor. *Jefferson City*—First, received two additions for baptism; A. S. Hale, pastor. *Kingsport*—Calvary, received one addition by letter and two additions for baptism; Hugh Horne, pastor. First, received three additions by letter and eight additions for baptism; L. B. Cobb, pastor. West View, received thirteen additions for baptism. *Knoxville*—Fifth Avenue, received two additions by letter and two additions by baptism. Lincoln Park, received one addition by letter and two additions for baptism; David Livingston, pastor. McCalla Avenue, received three additions by letter and one addition by profession of faith, baptized two; C. C. Bowles, pastor. North Knoxville, received seven additions by baptism and four additions by letter; K. Wolfenbarger, pastor. Smithwood, received two additions by letter and one addition by baptism; G. G. Graber, pastor. *Lawrenceburg*—First, received eleven additions by letter, baptized nineteen; James Canaday, pastor. *Memphis*—Bellevue, received three additions by letter and two additions for baptism, baptized six. Boulevard, received one addition by statement, baptized one; C. M. Pickler, pastor. Highland Heights, received two additions by letter and baptized one; Slater Murphy, pastor. Mallory Heights, received three additions by baptism; Bennie Pearson, pastor. Speedway Terrace, received one addition for baptism. Union Avenue, received eight additions by letter and one addition for baptism,

baptized two. *Murfreesboro*, Westvue, received five additions by baptism and two additions by letter. *Nashville*—Fatherland Street, received one addition by letter and three additions by baptism; W. W. Miles, pastor. Grace, received one addition for baptism; W. L. Stigler, pastor. *Oak Ridge*—Glenwood, received two additions by letter; Roy Arbuckle, pastor. Robertsville, received one addition by profession of faith and five additions by letter. *Old Hickory*—First, baptized two; V. Floyd Starke, pastor. *Oliver Springs*—First, baptized twelve; E. M. Sherwood, pastor. *Rogersville*—First, received one addition by letter and baptized three; E. T. Moseley, pastor.

The First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Fla., has adopted a budget of \$85,000.00. Homer G. Lindsay is pastor. This church was organized February 6, 1921 with 217 members and now has a membership of 2,512.

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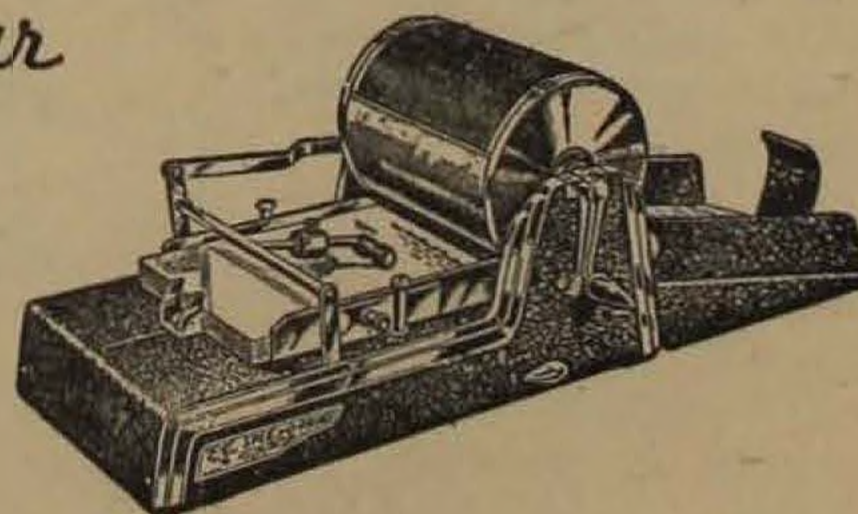
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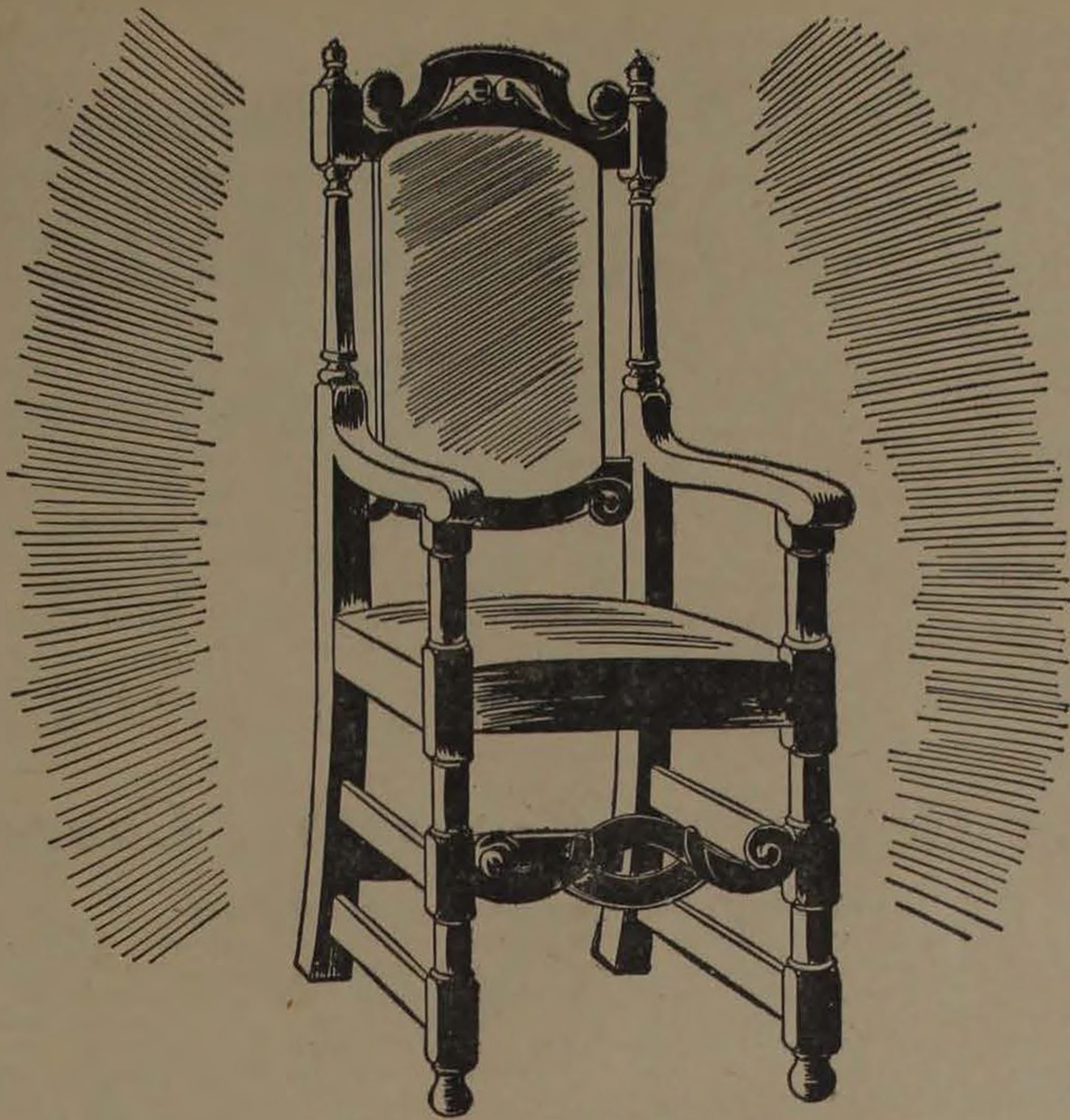
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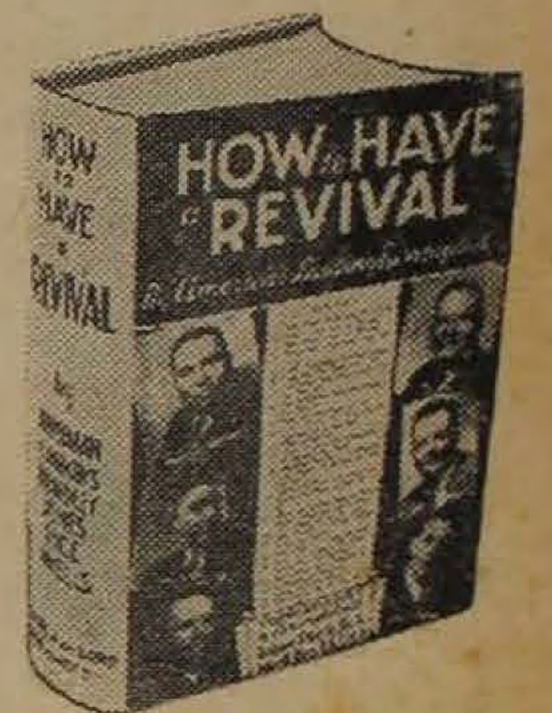
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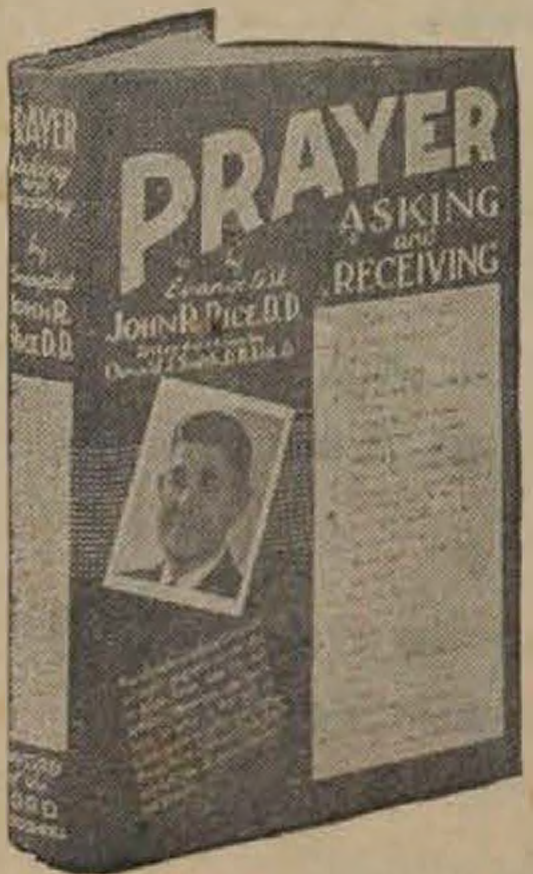
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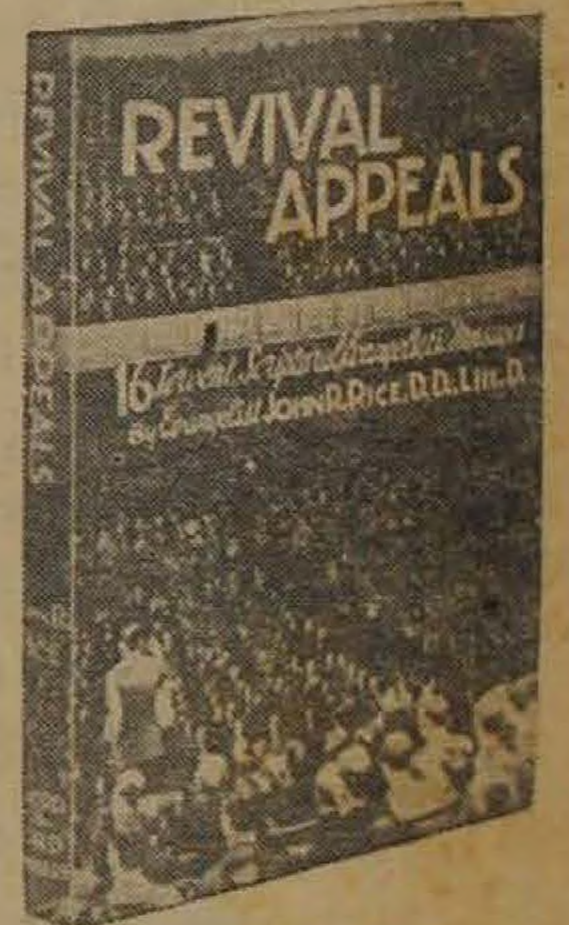
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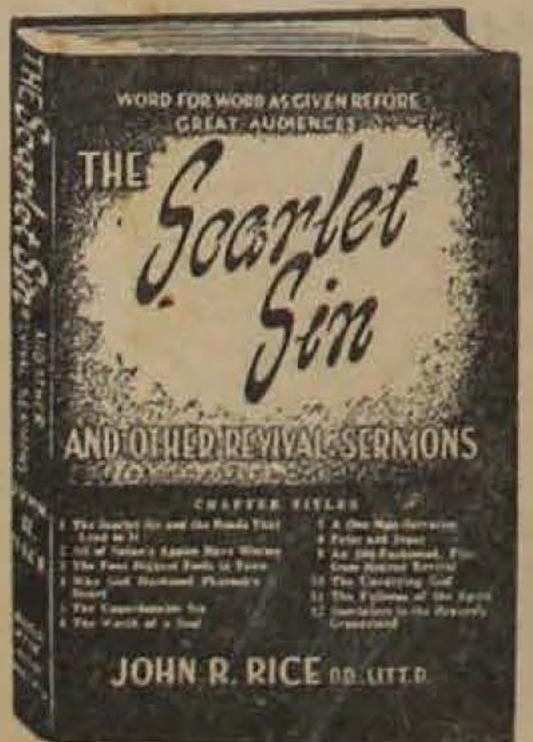
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