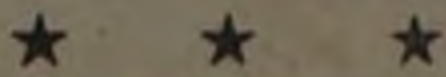


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Precious Promises

"The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing."—Psa. 34:10

*"How safe and how happy are they—
Who on the Good Shepherd rely!
He gives them their strength for the day,
Their needs He will surely supply."*

"The God of my rock; in Him will I trust: He is my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my Saviour; thou savest me from violence."—II Sam. 22:3

*"Firm as the rocks thy promise stands:
Thy mercies, countless as the sands;
Thy love, a sea immensely wide,
Thy grace, an ever-flowing tide."*

"Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them."—Heb. 7:25

*"Poor though I am, despised, forgot,
Yet God, my God, forgets me not.
And He is safe, and must succeed,
For whom the Lord vouchsafes to plead."*

"For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I've committed unto Him against that day."—II Tim. 1:12

*"Though my presence oftimes seems to be withdrawn,
Of my inward workings not a trace be shown,
Wilt thou count me present, notwithstanding all?
Still believe I'm working even in thy soul."*

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer."—II Sam. 22:2

*"Sometimes on the rock I tremble,
Faint of heart and weak of knee,
But the steadfast Rock of Ages
Never trembles under me."*

"Trust ye in the Lord forever for in the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength."—Isa. 26:4

*"When obstacles and trials seem
Like prison walls to be,
I do the little I can do
And leave the rest to Thee."*

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EDITORIAL

Taking the Long Look

(Guest Editorial by RICHARD N. OWEN, Clarksville)

Out of ancient China's wisdom comes this proverb:

"If you plant for a year, plant grain;

If you plant for ten years, plant trees;

If you plant for a hundred years, plant men."

Christian Education is concerned with fruit-bearing influences that last more than a hundred years. This month of June focuses attention on Christian Education. Tennessee Baptists agreed to the recommendation submitted by the Executive Board at the last session of the Convention "That Christian Education be given major emphasis in the Tennessee Baptist Program for the Convention year 1946-47; that the college, 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."

Our Christian schools are concerned with "planting men" in Christ and surrounding them with those nurturing factors that produce the highest values in life. We must take the long look and strengthen our Tennessee Baptist schools. This needs to be the concern of the nearly five hundred thousand members of our churches from Carter to Shelby.

As a man to move forward needs to walk on both feet so we as a people achieve progress by the left foot of evangelism and the right foot of education—an education Christ-mastered! Cyprian of Carthage used to say to his helper, "Give me the master" and his helper knowing well whom he meant by 'the master' would go to the library and bring to him one of Tertullian's treatises. And Cyprian was content with the great teacher Tertullian as his master. Today our motto must be, "Give me the Master," none other than Jesus Christ; for we must let this mind be in us which was also in Him. Now as never before life must be given to His way of thinking, His attitudes, His motives, His will.

This is the concern of Christian Education. It must be increasingly the concern of Tennessee Baptists. We have a great heritage in our Baptist schools, and a sacred trust committed to us in them. They must be strengthened now because of the part they have played in the past and because of the part they must play in tomorrow. We must deal with these schools as faithful stewards of God. He is not only the God of the past and the

Lord of the future, but He it is Who confronts us now in this present crisis asking of us not our bit but our best for His Kingdom's sake. From the past comes this plea, "As though God were entreating by us." From the future comes this promise, "Each man's work shall be made manifest: for the day will declare it." "It is required in stewards that a man be found faithful." From the present comes this assurance that man is not alone in seeking to fulfill the Divine design, "For we are God's fellow-workers."

Let's take the long look, let's plant not merely for time but for eternity!

East Tennessee Baptist Hospital To Be Given To the Tennessee Baptist Convention

CHAS. W. POPE, Executive Secretary

At the recent session of the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the Board of Trustees of the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital formally tendered that institution to the Tennessee Baptist Convention to be owned, controlled, supervised, and supported by the Convention. The Executive Board unanimously accepted the offer, subject to the approval of the State Convention at its next session.

In making this gift the Hospital Board transfers assets in excess of \$1,500,000.00, consisting of buildings now under construction and certain funds to be used in the completion of the buildings. Present plans call for the completion of the main building by the beginning of next year. The hospital, when completed, will be modern in every respect.

In making the transfer the Hospital Board agrees to such charter changes as will be necessary to bring it in harmony with the State Convention's program for the supervision and support of institutions. Among these provisions is the stipulation that, "The members of the Hospital's Board of Trustees shall be elected by the State Convention, and that the Convention shall have full authority to determine the manner of election, the term of office, and the conditions under which they will serve." The Convention shall also have authority to direct an audit of the hospital's books at such time as it deems wise.

The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has designated 4% of Co-operative Program funds to be used for operating expenses of the hospital, which is in keeping with the Convention's policy of supporting its institutions. These percentages are to be deducted from the allocations formerly made to the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis and now designated to State Missions.

Additional funds will be required to finish the building and equipment of the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, and a campaign to secure these funds from private sources is now being conducted by Dr. Norris Gilliam, Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, and Dr. F. F. Brown, formerly pastor of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville. Pastors and laymen throughout East Tennessee are urged to co-operate with these brethren in their effort to secure these much needed funds. This hospital service is desperately needed, and individuals who can make worthy contributions toward the completion and equipment of the institution can render a great service by hastening the day when this Christian hospital can begin its blessed service of healing.

In his commission to his disciples Jesus said, "And as ye go, preach—heal the sick." Matt. 10:7, 8. Our preachers today can preach but they do not have the financial means to "heal." God gave the talent to make money to others. Many Baptist men and women throughout the state have been blessed of God in the exercise of this talent. The ministry of healing is peculiarly their responsibility, because they alone have the financial means necessary to provide facilities for the ministry of healing.

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.

Careless Joiners

The Word and Way

Careless joiners have removed the premium on church membership, reduced the dignity of the church body, created occasion for unfavorable criticism on the part of the outsider, and worse still, jeopardized their chances of salvation. Careless joining means ultimately a church full of unsaved people.

Beginning some years ago with an energetic program of enlistment, we are already far enough along the road of total church membership to see the many baneful effects of an unconverted membership. Dynamic is gone from certain organizations and congregational life and spirit is deteriorating in missions, stewardship, education, discipline, and fellowship.

Spiritual power is vouchsafed only to those churches manifestly concerned with purity and with Christlike living. Church membership is "exclusive" and not "inclusive."

Some have said that the New Testament church was a repellent church. The term is not derogatory. In fact it is complimentary for it calls for men and women of character, of courage, of fortitude. It repels the worldly wise, the weak, the selfish, the licentious, and it arouses opposition from every circle of folk too weak to embrace its tenets in faith and hope and love. People didn't join the early church carelessly and such is positively forbidden today.

(When the Lord adds His converts to the local church it is well. In our enthusiasm for numbers, we sometimes assume the Lord's word and do our own adding. The result: we have many disciples while Christ has few. We had better let the Holy Spirit do the converting.—R. B. J.)

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Are We Missionary Baptists?

The Commission

We call ourselves missionary Baptists. We deny that we are anti-missionary or non-missionary in our acts and attitudes. We rejoice in our fellowship with world missionaries. Our hearts are stirred by

stories of missionary struggles and successes. Yet—

On the average we Southern Baptists gave last year to foreign missions less than 70 cents each, not including gifts for relief and rehabilitation. Only one out of ten thousand Southern white Baptists is a foreign missionary. One family out of every twenty-five Southern Baptist families receives our foreign mission magazine, *The Commission*.

We face open doors around the world. The Baptist message of soul liberty and spiritual democracy will find receptive hearts and minds in every land.

God is richly blessing the labors of our missionaries in every one of the eighteen fields which we have entered. The fields are white unto harvest. God is answering our prayers that the Lord of the harvest would thrust forth laborers into the harvest. Scores of missionary volunteers are prepared to go. Yet—

At a time when the per capita wealth of the country has reached new heights, the suggestion has been made that our world missionary budget not be increased. The reason: gifts for missions are not increasing in proportion to the blessings God has bestowed upon us, both in money and in members.

(I think I had better take this matter into the secret place and talk to the Lord about it.—R. B. J.)

Baptists Favor

Baptist Standard

This is the union desired by Baptists—not a mechanical union of heterogeneous groups without regard to Bible teachings but the spiritual unity of all, around one Lord, one faith, one Bible. To this unity Baptists are constantly calling all men. It is their task, their program, their life. They believe that the need of the world is for all Christians to leave the creeds, forms, and practices which are traceable back to men in history and return to the Christianity of the New Testament traceable only to Christ and His apostles. Their relationship to others in this matter is not that they stand against Christian union while others stand for it but that they stand for a different type of union from others. They believe the type of union they desire is sound and right and that all should accept it. When and if this is ever brought to pass history would crown such accomplishment as a mighty epoch and out of it Christianity would march "forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners."

(Amen!—R. B. J.)

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Fear in Romanism

WINIFRED M. PEARCE
in The Christian—London

Fear is the mightiest weapon of the Roman Catholic Church. It drives men into the priesthood and women to the seclusion of the convent, despite all that such a step involves. Armed with a cleverly

devised system of dread doctrines and perversions of Scripture, Papal religion gains a stranglehold upon the minds and hearts of its adherents, its avowed intent being to establish itself in a position of universal ecclesiastical and political domination. Without the superstitious fear, which it fosters from the cradle to the grave, Rome would lose much, if not all, her power, and it is the liberation from this spiritual octopus which affords such infinite joy to those who, coming to faith in an all-sufficient Saviour, escape from its paralysing clutch.

(This explains the so-called reverence and devotion of Catholics, often mistakenly admired by Protestants.—R.B.J.)

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Power of Missions

The Word and Way

It would be trite to argue about the value of missions. As of old, the Gospel takes hold of men and makes new ones. To talk against the fact is to talk against the Scriptures. We

know that when the Word of God gets into the heart, into the business, and into the work, men are given new motivation, new codes of conduct and new perspectives in life. Christ said "He that follows me has the light of life." The foolish become wise, the coward becomes brave, the indecisive becomes definite and sure. Missions, therefore, is at once the means of world uplift as Christian nations reach out into benighted lands. Differences will be dissolved, hatreds will be replaced and casts will be destroyed when the "Go Ye" of the Master, has been met.

Missions and not the military, Divine power and not atomic, Christian Education and not political chicanery are the answers to a better world.

(You said a mouthfull, brother!—R. B. J.)

A Look At the Other Side

By J. E. SKINNER, Murray, Ky.

The doctrine of stewardship is as truly a Bible doctrine as the doctrine of salvation by grace through faith, though many seem not to have found it out. Yet it is one of the oldest doctrines of the Bible, and is to be found running like a golden thread from Genesis to Revelation—holding every accountable being responsible to God for his voluntary conduct. For it is upon that principle alone that men and women are held accountable to God and rewarded according to their works whether good or bad. Therefore, to reject the principle of human stewardship under God's moral government, is not only to reject His right to protect and govern His creation, but also to reject the principle of human accountability to Him altogether. And yet that is the rebellious attitude of unregenerate human nature which, if not kept crucified, will even continue its rebellion in the life of the Christian. But alas, alas for the Christian who thus yields to the flesh!

But there is another side to this question of stewardship, not only as it relates itself to the future, but also to the time in which we now live and move and have our being in this world. We must remember that there are two parties involved in this business of stewardship, and that the Party of the first part is the Almighty Himself; and that it is only as He trusts us with the management of some portion of His possessions that we have anything at all. And if we repudiate our stewardship under Him, and thereby renounce our responsibility to Him, we likewise relinquish all claims upon His bounty, and even forfeit the right to call upon Him for His mercy and grace. This is true because "The earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein" (Ps. 24:1), and it is "He that giveth thee power to get wealth" (Deut. 8:17, 18). If we are stewards at all, we are stewards of all He commits to our hands—of life, time, possession, ability—whether much or little. He trusts His business to our management for His glory according to our ability, and enlarges the trust according to our faithfulness to Him, (1 Cor. 4: 1,2; Matt. 25: 14-29). And, dreadful as it may seem to some, for total defalcation in the management of His entrusted business, He even takes away the stewardship and commits it to others who will be faithful to Him, (Luke 19:12-26). In view of this revealed fact, are we willing to face the issue of stewardship from the other side of it—by repudiating our responsibility and forfeiting our claims upon His bounty? Or shall we accept our responsibility with gratitude and confidence, and be faithful to Him who has so graciously taken us into partnership for His own glory, and for the happiness and prosperity of His servants, (Ps. 1:1-3). Some of us have lived long enough to see this sacred principle fully demonstrated, and even both sides of it fully enacted, and also to have witnessed the teachings of the Scriptures on the doctrine of Christian stewardship fully verified in the lives of men and women.

This wonderful principle of stewardship commenced when God commissioned Adam as the federal head of the race to have "dominion over the works of His hands" (Ps. 8:6, 7; Gen. 2:15-17; Heb. 2:5-8). And we also see the other side of it working against Adam as he repudiates his accountability to God, forfeits his stewardship "over the works of His hands," and entails his sad loss upon his unregenerate progeny forever, (Rom. 5:12). Nothing remained of the original stewardship but a forfeited life, irrevocable accountability to God, and the impending judgment and punishment of all of his unregenerate descendents, (Matt. 25: 41-46). It follows, therefore, that the only stewardship that remains is a Christian stewardship; a stewardship restored by the Lord Jesus Christ to His new creation which He has brought back to God by redemption and regeneration. It is restored and conferred upon every new creature in Christ Jesus through all the ages, not as a burden, but as an exalted privilege and blessing; not under law with a penalty annexed in case of failure, but under grace with assurance of divine guidance in its performance, and with His unfailing promise of an

eternal reward for faithfulness. It is only thus that we are "stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Pet. 4:9, 10)—having been restored to the exalted privilege through "the suffering of death" by our Lord Jesus Christ, (Heb. 2:8, 9). And thus our stewardship is not only restored but expanded, to include not only the management of a portion of His temporal possessions for His glory, but also His vastly more important "purchased possessions" which He has entrusted to our care for His eternal Glory—including spiritual life with all its possibilities for Christian service.

Now, with this extended view of Christian stewardship, are we willing to face the issue involved in the other side of our restored stewardship, yield to the lust of the flesh and forfeit our claims upon His "manifold grace"? What could be more pitiable, yea more shameful than a barren Christian life?—trying to worship God with our hearts far from Him, or trying to lift our formal prayers while even our own hearts condemn us in His holy presence, or trying to witness for our Lord's saving grace with stammering words of fear while deeply conscious that nobody is likely to believe us? "In vain we tune our formal songs! In vain we strive to rise! Hosannas languish on our lips, and our devotion dies"! Yet that is exactly what follows wherever and whenever a Christian repudiates his stewardship, renounces his accountability for his use or abuse of the Lord's possessions, and thereby declares his independence of God and His government—the one and only source of supplies, both of the temporal and spiritual benefits! For after all, Christian stewardship is simply a trust from God, whether of temporal or spiritual benefits, and is in no sense an out-right gift to be used independently of His holy will. Otherwise there could be no responsibility to God for the use or abuse of any of His benefits, which would be a flat contradiction of all His teachings in His holy Word. He not only owns us by right of creation, but also by right of redemption; "for ye are not your own, but ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's" (1 Cor. 6:19, 20). And we wouldn't want it any other way if we could. When He says, "Your life is mine," we'll consecrate to His holy will and use it for His glory. When He says, "The tithe is the Lord's" (Lev. 27:30), we'll "bring it into His store house" (Mal. 3:10).

We will not "rob God" of any of His created or "purchased possessions" which He has so graciously committed to our unworthy hands, whether temporal or spiritual; nor barter them away to the service of His enemies—the world, the flesh or the devil. But in all things we will joyfully accept our stewardship at His hands and use it all for His glory.

A Time To Look Up

Text: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Luke 21:28.

"Two men looked out through prison bars;
The one saw mud, the other saw stars."

—LANGBRIDGE

They looked out from the same cell, they looked out through the same bars, but they saw entirely different things from the same outlook. One saw mud, the other, stars.

Why? Because one looked down, the other looked up. They saw what they were looking for. Which way are you looking?

Today sin and crime and depravity, fear and doubt and unbelief, lie in the miserable lowlands all around us. But above the darkness and pestilential fog shines our heavenly Father's face, and the light of truth and victory, of purity and power, streams from the eternal throne of God. Man is invited to look up, "for your redemption draweth nigh."—THE BROADCASTER.

Our Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism

By C. E. MATTHEWS

It has taken one Baptist on an average of 22 years to win another to Christ and the church throughout the history of our Convention. Surely, not anyone is satisfied with such a record. It must be evident to us all that something different in the way of a program must be adopted if we are to contribute our part to a spiritual awakening that must come to this world. To this end on May 7 the Southern Baptist Convention adopted the report of the South-wide Committee on Evangelism, as follows:

"We, your Committee on Evangelism appointed by the Southern Baptist Convention at Miami, Florida, 1946, do hereby offer the following comment on the subject of evangelism and beg to present for adoption this resolution for your consideration:

"Whereas, due to the fact that the world is facing more major problems than it has faced in the history of man, and yet the nations of the earth are probably more ready to receive the Gospel than ever before, and knowing that it is ordained of God as revealed in Christ's Commission, that evangelism is the spearhead of attack against the forces of evil in this world, and whereas we believe that the Southern Baptist Convention needs a great unifying force which will help to correlate and coordinate all of its agencies in a program of work which is our main objective, that of evangelism; therefore, we, your committee, wish to make the following recommendations.

"1. That a definite program of evangelism be emphasized and promoted as this needed unifying force.

"2. That a foundation for a program of evangelism be laid by this Convention by recommending that each state in the Convention that has already done so, take under advisement the establishing of a Department of Evangelism and the electing of a superintendent of evangelism in order that the work in this field might be properly promoted.

"3. That this Convention recommend to the states that each association have two officers: namely, an organizer and a chairman. These officers are to be elected by the Executive Board of the associations in order that the program might be perpetuated from year to year.

"4. That this Convention recommend that the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention be encouraged to use all existing and proven methods of soul-winning that God may see fit to bless and that the chief emphasis be placed on the Associational Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade.

"5. That this Convention go on record in endorsing the program of Evangelism now sponsored by the Baptist Hour under the co-leadership of the Baptist Radio Commission and the Home Mission Board. We further recommend that this Convention go on record as urging our pastors and churches of the Convention to cooperate in every way possible to the end that every lost soul we may be able to reach be given an urgent invitation to accept Christ as Savior and Lord and all Baptists be enlisted in the service of Christ in the churches.

"6. That the Southern Baptist Convention continue this committee in the study of evangelism.

"Finally, the reason for these recommendations is: (1) that we as Baptists might have a unified program of evangelism that will enable us to mobilize all of our 26,000 churches and six million Southern Baptists into a mighty concerted and correlated effort to winning a world to Christ. (2) That a unified program of evangelism will enable us to teach methods which will keep us abreast of the conditions in a changing world. With a unified program we shall be enabled to write and use literature, teach in fellowship meetings in crusades, in state-wide and south-wide Evangelistic Conferences.

Respectfully submitted:

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The adoption of this report means that now for the first time in the 102 years history of the Southern Baptist Convention we have a definite program of evangelism. It is our conviction that a denominational program of evangelism is just as essential as is a Southern Baptist program for Sunday School, Training Union, W. M. U., or any other agency.

Without a denominational program it is impossible to correlate effort among states, associations and churches, a thing that it positively essential if we are to meet present conditions in a changing world. We can now write literature, conduct evangelistic conferences, and teach evangelism that will be practical in its application, regardless of what section of the Convention we may be. This can be done in our colleges, seminaries, churches or elsewhere, with the similar effect of the teaching done by other denominational agencies.

This will enable the Department of Evangelism to pass on to all Southern Baptists any and all methods in soul winning that we discover to be helpful and practical. To this end the Department of Evangelism, under direction of the Home Mission Board, will soon have completed a book entitled, *A Southern Baptist Program of Evangelism*. This book will, we hope, have the effect on evangelism among our churches that *Building a Standard Sunday School* has had with Sunday School work in the South. Such a thing is not standardizing evangelism, but it offers direction and objectives for our work and makes possible the mobilization of our 26,000 churches and 6,000,000 Baptists into a mighty crusade in the bringing about of a spiritual awakening in a world that is facing a physical hazard the like of which we had not dreamed.

The Lord Has Need Of It

Peter lent a boat

To save Him from the press;

Martha lent her home

With busy kindness.

One man lent a colt,

Another lent a room;

Some threw down their garments

And Joseph lent a tomb.

Simon lent his strength

The cruel cross to bear;

Mary brought her spices,

His body to prepare.

What have I to lend?

No boat, no house, no lands;

Dwell, Lord, within my heart,

I put it in Thy hands.

—Christ Life

Florida Baptist Witness

"Why We Love the Bible"

By R. C. CAMPBELL, Pastor First Church, Little Rock

WE LOVE THE BIBLE because it is the foundation of our faith. "The Word of our God shall stand forever." The Bible is our basic foundation. Christianity is not built upon a sandbank. It is built upon the granite rock of God's eternal Word.

This foundation is not superficial; it is solid. It is not transitory; it is eternal. It is unshakeable. Like the Rock of Gibraltar, it has stood the tests of time and the tides of the centuries, the wars of time, the fickleness of human nature, the storms and stress of generations, the rise and fall of nations, the crumbling of empires, the tottering thrones, and the tread of dictators.

Do not molest it. This foundation is as eternal as God is eternal. "Bless the Lord of Israel from everlasting to everlasting: And let all the people say, Amen. Praise ye the Lord."

Its foundations are too deep to be shaken by any crises, catastrophes, cataclysms. We rest not upon crutches men have made. We rest securely upon God's eternal Word.

The foundation of God's Word is a basis upon which we may firmly plant our feet. On such a foundation, faith will warm with iridescent fires; the winter's bitter winds caused by sin will bedeck our midnights with stars of hope, and will ignite a blaze of light which will penetrate the darkness of death, splendor our future with glowing radiance, enrich and ennoble life with its melody of song, and guide us onward and upward in sunshine and shadows, sickness and health, hopeful days and fearful nights.

An Irishman built his fence three feet high and four feet wide. When asked why, his answer was: "So that if anyone kicks it over, it will be higher than it was in the first place." The Bible has been kicked about, but this has resulted in its rising higher and higher in the estimation of the people.

*And so, thought I, the anvil of God's Word
For ages skeptic blows have beat upon;
Yet, though the noise of falling blows was heard,
The Anvil stands unharmed—the hammers gone!*

John Wannamaker, who made vast purchases for the government and for himself, ranging high into the millions, said that the purchase of a little red-letter Bible, about eight inches long and six inches wide, at the cost of \$2.75, which he paid for in installments, was the biggest purchase he ever made. That little red-letter Bible was the foundation on which his life was built, and it made possible all the vast service that he rendered during his life. He said, "Every other investment of my life seemed to me, after mature years, only secondary."

"In this little book," said Edward to Dean Stanley, holding up his Greek Testament, "is contained all the wisdom of the world."

We love the Bible because it is the foundation of life. The Psalmist said: "For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light shall we see light."

It is said that when Columbus discovered the river Orinoco, someone said he had found an island. He replied; "No such river as that flows from an island. The mighty torrent must drain the waters of a continent." So the fountain which flows from God's Word is not finite but infinite. It springs from the depths of divine wisdom, love and grace, and is but a hint of the power and love that lies back of it.

A. McAuslane said: "If the Bible were to be as totally eclipsed as the sun has sometimes been . . . the world mind would be what Greece was when Homer sang, Demosthenese spoke, and Plato taught, ignorant of God, of the nature and destiny of man, and groping its way like a bewildered, yea, blind traveler, towards the unknown land."

We are told that England, in the days of Elizabeth, became the people of a Book, and that Book was the Bible. Its literary and

social effect was marked, but the effect of the Bible upon the character of the people at large was revolutionary. "The whole temper of the nation felt the change." One wrote: "A new conception of life, a new moral and religious pulse, spread through every class."

From this fountain has flowed all the institutions of mercy, agencies of goodwill, boards for the world's evangelization, high hopes for life, and confidence for death and eternity. It furnished the water of life for George Peabody, Florence Nightingale, John Howard. This fountain changes the thistle into a rose; deserts into flower gardens, icicles into calm south winds, poison into honey.

Dr. Hight C. Moore says: "The Bible is the Water of Life. Don't sweeten it. Don't poison it. Don't divert it. Don't try to purify it. Don't try to analyze it. Pour it out and pass it on." Well may we study its contents, practice its precepts and examples, proclaim its message, glory in its triumphs, and magnify its Master.

We love the Bible because it is the fulfillment of our hopes here and hereafter. "Now we see through a glass darkly, then face to face we shall see and know as we are known." "It doth not yet appear what we shall be."

The Bible meets every condition and need of men. Open its pages and you stand in the library of the greatest subjects, the laboratory of the most meaningful discoveries, the art gallery of the greatest heroes and heroines, the flower garden of the greatest florist, the observatory of the most discerning astronomer, the studio of the sweetest musician, the pages of the profoundest philosophy, the archives of the most treasured documents. Here you find the Christian's Magna Charta, the world's supreme personality, the emblem of the greatest glory, the message of the farthest reach, the subject of profoundest moment.

—ARKANSAS BAPTIST

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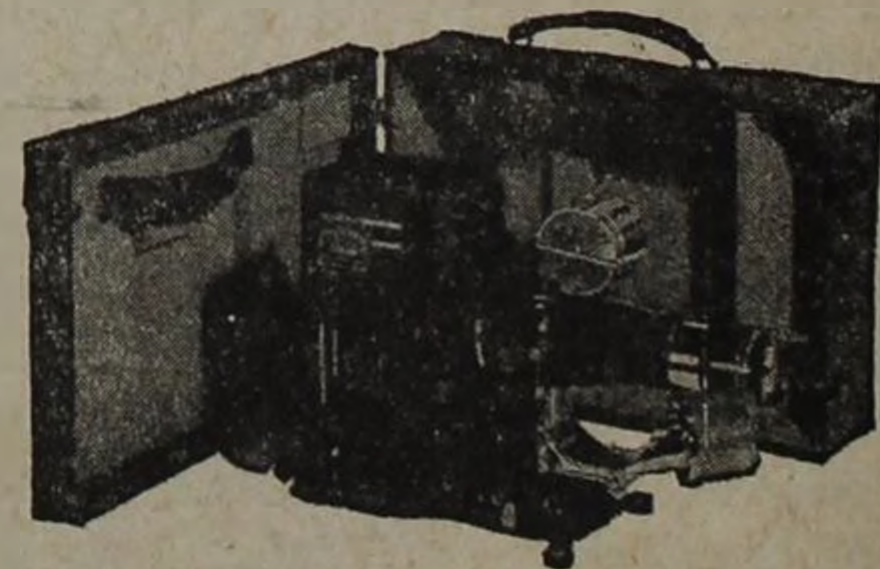
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FROM THE FIELD

BY E. N. DELZELL

For some time we have been endeavoring to reach 43,000 in our circulation. It seems that this has been the most difficult goal of all that we have tried to reach. Then in the last few days we received a list of subscribers from the church where I was baptized and first became a member, Decherd Baptist Church, Decherd, Tennessee. This list brought us to the 43,000 goal for which we are duly grateful.

Below is a list of churches according to the association which has the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR either in the budget of the church or on the church home plan. If you are a member of any one of the following churches, you are receiving the paper through your church, which is the best plan of subscription we have to offer. You will note that this list of churches vary from the largest church in the state with the largest membership to the smallest church or mission. It is interesting to note that the churches who have the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget are churches with a vision. It is either the progressive churches which have the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget or the churches who have the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget are progressive. In next month the annual associations will start meeting. It is my intention to attend as many of these associations as I can possibly reach. Those churches who do not have the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR in the budget and desire to subscribe on the club plan which is \$1.50 will please send your subscriptions to the association by someone or attend the association and I will take subscriptions on the basis of \$1.50 per year both new and renewal. If your church is not in the list below and your church is either on the church home plan or the budget plan, please notify me and will correct our records. If your church does not appear in the list below and you desire some information in regard to the budget plan or the church home plan, you may write me for this information. I shall be happy to meet with your committee or church at any time arrangements can be made.

BEECH RIVER—Chapel Hill, Decaturville, Lexington First, Parsons, Standing Rock.

BEULAH—Beulah, Macedonia, Martin First, McConnell, Mt. Olive, Mt. Pelia, Obion, Reelfoot, Ridgeley, Tiptonville, Troy, Union City, Willingham, Woodland Mills.

BIG EMORY—Bethlehem, Caney Ford, Crossville First, Mission of First Church Crossville, Eureka, Liberty, Oakdale First, Oak Hill, Rockwood First, Trenton Street, Walnut Hill, Wartburg, White's Creek.

BIG HATCHIE—Allen, Brighton, Brownsville, Covington, Keeling, Liberty, Stanton, Walnut Grove, Woodland, Zion.

BLED SOE—Gallatin First, Hartsville, Hopewell, Mitchellville, Portland.

CARROL-BENTON—Atwood, Camden, Huntingdon, Trace Creek, Trezevant.

CHILHOWEE—Alcoa, Broadway, Central Point, Everett Hill, Grandview, Harrison, Mt. Lebanon, Oak Street, Piney Grove, Pleasant Grove, Six Mile, Stock Creek, West Maryville.

CLINTON—Beech Grove, Clinton First, Glenwood, Oak Ridge First, Oliver Springs, Robertsville.

CONCORD—Barfield, Concord, Eagleville, Fellowship, Florence, Holly Grove, Lascassas, Milton, Mt. Herman, Mt. Pleasant, Murfreesboro, Powells Chapel, Republican Grove, Smyrna, Taylors Chapel, Wards Grove, Westvue.

CROCKETT COUNTY—Alamo, Barkers Chapel, Bells, Cairo, Cross Roads, Friendship, Gadsden.

CUMBERLAND—Clarksville Second, Cumberland City First, Cumberland City Second, Erin, Little Hope.

CUMBERLAND GAP—Greers Chapel.

CUMBERLAND PLATEAU—Baswell Chapel.

DUCK RIVER—Cowan, Cross Roads, Decherd, Hannah's Gap, Huntland, Magness Memorial, Manchester First, Tullahoma First, Winchester First.

DYER COUNTY—Dyersburg First, Fairview, Fowlkes, Gates, Halls, Harmony, Hillcrest, Mt. Vernon, Ro Ellen, Zion Hill.

EAST TENNESSEE—Newport First.

FAYETTE COUNTY—Oakland.

GIBSON COUNTY—Antioch, Bethpage, Bradford, Center, Chapel Hill, Dyer, Eldad, Gibson, Hickory Grove, Humboldt First, Kenton, Laneview (K), Latham, Lavinia, Medina, Milan First, New Hope, Oak Wood, Poplar Springs, Rutherford, Salem, Spring Hill, Trenton First, Walnut Grove, White Hall.

GILES COUNTY—Hannah, Minor Hill, New Hope, Pulaski, Wheelerton.

GRAINGER COUNTY—Mouth of Richland, Rutledge.

HARDEMAN COUNTY—Bolivar First, Essary Springs, Grand Junction, Hickory Valley, Middleburg, New Union, Saulsbury, Silerton, Toone, Whiteville.

HOLSTON—Baileyton, Beulah, Bluntville, Calvary, Fall Creek, Fall St. Chapel, Greenville First, Greenville Second, Gravel Hill, Holston Valley

Bristol, Jonesboro First, Jonesboro Tabernacle, Kingsport First, Kingsport L. Garden, Kingsport State Line, Kingsport, L. Manor, Long Island, Midway Mission, Oak Grove, Pine Crest, Sullivan Garden, Temple Johnson City, Virginia Avenue, Woodlawn.

HOLSTON VALLEY—Church Hill First.

INDIAN CREEK—Lutts, Savannah, Waynesboro.

JEFFERSON COUNTY—Carson-Newman, Dumplin, Flat Gap, Piedmont.

JUDSON—Charlotte, Oak Grove, Sylvia.

KNOX COUNTY—Arlington, Broadway, Calvary, Central Ft. City, Crichton Memorial, Deadrick Avenue, Fifth Avenue, First, Highland, Immanuel, Lincoln Park, Lonsdale, Lyons Creek, Mt. Harmony, Mt. Olive, Riverdale, Smithwood, Strawberry Plains.

LAWRENCE COUNTY—Lawrenceburg.

MADISON COUNTY—Ararat, Beech Grove, Beech Bluff, Bemis, Bethel, Bible Grove, Calvary, Cotton Grove, East Laurel, Friendship, Henderson, Hill Crest, Liberty Grove, Madison, Malesus, Mercer, North Jackson, Oakfield, Parkburg, Parkview, Poplar Heights, Royal Street, Unity, West Jackson, Westover.

MAURY COUNTY—Centerville, Columbia First, Columbia Second, Hohenwald, Knob Creek, Linden, Mt. Pleasant, Rock Springs.

McMINN COUNTY—Athens First, Athens North, Bethsadia, Cog Hill, Englewood, Etowah First, Manilla Chapel, McMahan Calvary, Sanford, Union Grove No. 1, Union Grove No. 2, Wildwood.

McNAIRY COUNTY—Bethel Springs, Gravel Hill, Good Hope, Ramer, Selmer.

MIDLAND—Atkin.

NASHVILLE—Antioch, Ashland City, Baker's Grove, Bordeaux, Calvary, Dickson, Fatherland, Freeland, Goodlettsville, Grace, Grandview, Green Hill, Grubbs Memorial, Harsh Chapel, Hendersonville, Inglewood, Lockeland, Madison, Mill Creek, Old Hickory, Radnor, Riverside, Rosedale, Shelby Avenue, Temple, Third, Una, Union Hill, Woodmont.

NEW DUCK RIVER—Bell Buckle, Cornersville, El-Bethel, Forster-ville, Lewisburg, North Fork, Shelbyville First, Smyrna, Union Ridge.

NEW SALEM—Brush Creek, Carthage, New Home, Rome.

NOLICHUCKY—Concord, Warrensburg.

OCOEE—Antioch, Avondale, Baptist Tabernacle, Big Springs, Brainerd, Calvary, Candies Creek, Cedar Springs, Central, Chamberlain Avenue, Chattanooga E., Cleveland Big Springs, Cleveland First, Concord, Cross Road, Daisy, Eastdale, East Lake, East Ridge, Lookout Mountain, Mile Straight, Morris Hill, Northside, Oak Grove (H), Oak Street, Parkers Gap, Red Bank, Ridge View, Signal Mountain, St. Elmo, South Cleveland, Union Fork, White Oak (B), Woodland Heights.

POLK COUNTY—Mine City, Old Ocoee.

PROVIDENCE—Baptist Tabernacle, Lenoir City First.

RIVERSIDE—Allardt, Etter, Fredonia, Jamestown, Moodyville.

ROBERTSON COUNTY—Barren Plains, Battle Creek, Greenbrier, Hopewell, Mt. Carmel, Orlinda, Pleasant Hill, Red River, Springfield First, White House.

SALEM—Auburn, Barren Fork, Burt, Cave Springs, Gath, McMinnville 2nd., Mt. Zion, Salem, Smithville.

SEQUATCHIE VALLEY—Mountain View.

SHELBY COUNTY—Arlington, Bartlett, Bellevue, Berclair, Big Creek, Brunswick, Buntyn, Calvary, Collierville, Eads, Egypt, First, Galilee, Highland Heights, LaBelle, Louisiana St., Long View, Mallory Heights, McLean Boulevard, Merton Avenue, Millington, Temple, Union Avenue, Woodstock.

SOUTHWESTERN DISTRICT—Flat Gap, Flat Woods.

STEWART COUNTY—Big Rock, Dover.

STONE—Cookeville, Gainesboro, Monterey.

SWEETWATER—Madisonville First, Oakland 1, Philadelphia.

TENNESSEE VALLEY—Dayton, Mt. Vernon, Salem, Spring City, Yellow Creek.

UNION—Doyle First, Mount Elim, Shellsford, Sparta First, Spencer.

WATAUGA—Doe River, Eliza East Side, Eliza First, Pleasant Grove, Siam.

WEAKLEY—Central Martin, Gleason First, Greenfield.

WESTERN DISTRICT—Bethlehem, Henry, Maplewood, New Boston, New Hope.

WILLIAM CAREY—Fayetteville First, Flintville, Concord, New Grove, Petersburg, Elkton.

WILSON—Alexandria, Bartons Creek, Fall Creek, Gladesville, Greenville, Hurricane, Lebanon, Mt. Juliet, Mt. Olivet, Prosperity, Round Lick, Rutland, Shop Springs, Watertown.

The Survey Bulletin

BY PORTER ROUTH

FACTS OF INTEREST

Candy consumption in 1946 in the United States dropped to 2.4 billion pounds, about 17 pounds per capita.

The number of farms in Tennessee operated by non-white farm operators dropped from 27,975 in 1940 to 27,529 in 1945. The number of non-white farm owners increased from 6,886 to 7,380.

The Twentieth Century Fund estimates that the average work week will probably drop to 41 hours in 1950 and 38 hours in 1960.

Tuition fees in the U. S. colleges and universities have increased an average of 28 per cent since 1939, according to President Truman's Commission on Higher Education.

It is estimated that 20,000,000 cars carrying 60,000,000 will take to the road this summer on vacation trips. It is estimated that U. S. tourists will spend 10 billion dollars in 1947.

IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

President Miguel Aleman has disavowed as baseless, rumors that negotiations are being made for reestablishment of relations between Mexico and the Vatican.

The Joint Religious Radio Committee of the Congregationalists, Methodists, Presbyterians USA, and United Church of Canada will hold a workshop at the University of Chicago August 4-28.

Southern Presbyterians reported a gain of 62,248 in their membership last year. They now report 613,701 members in 3,542 churches in 16 states. Per-capita giving climbed to \$42.82 last year.

The Presbyterian Church USA voted to bar women ministers in their meeting at Grand Rapids. An effort will be made to add 1,000,000 members within the next three years.

Lutherans have named Dr. Oscar Fisher Blackwelder to replace Dr. Paul Scherer as preacher on the Sunday Vespers.

The House of Representatives has failed to approve funds for the completion of the 1946 Census of Religious Bodies. The Census Bureau hopes that the Senate will add the funds necessary.

The Farm and Ranch of Dallas, Texas, is sponsoring a *Soils and Souls Sunday* on June 29. Information kits may be obtained by writing to Editor A. B. Kennerly.

The Church of England has voted to support a new version of the Bible translations for modern readers.

Dr. Charles Seymour, president of Yale, has called for a development of spiritual power to "direct the new instruments of physical power."

Back in Germany, Pastor Martin Niemoeller reported that there was now more anti-Semitism in the United States than in Germany.

BAPTIST HIGHLIGHTS

The Baptist Church at Leedey, Oklahoma, was completely demolished in the cyclone which struck that community last week. The parsonage of Pastor Ira Clinton was also destroyed, but the pastor and his family were unharmed.

William B. Lipphard, editor of *Missions*, has been elected president of The Associated Church Press, the first Baptist in this office.

Willis Howard has offered his resignation as pastor of the First Church, Oklahoma City, to accept the call of the First Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

Total receipts through the Executive Committee through May were \$3,764,826.86 as compared with \$3,464,287.88 for the same period in 1946.

Dr. J. B. Lawrence delivered the commencement address for the 23rd annual commencement of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

North Carolina Baptists have leased a property formerly used as a hospital unit near Wilmington for a summer assembly site. The site will be used in 1948.

Properties owned by Carr Collins and associates, including the Crazy Water Hotel in Mineral Wells, Texas, has been deeded to the Baptist Foundation of Texas.

Northern Baptists re-elected Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg as president, received a telegraphic rebuke from Harold Stassen for resolutions opposing Vatican representation, reported \$16,000,000 raised in their World Mission Crusade, launched a two-year "Crusade for Christ Through Evangelism," and appointed a committee of 15 to continue study plans for union with Disciples of Christ.

R. L. Whipple has been released as president of Central College, Conway, Arkansas, by the Board of Trustees after policy disagreements.

Ouachita College, Arkansas, conferred an honorary degree on John W. Snyder, secretary of the treasurer and first native of Arkansas in the presidential cabinet.

Mrs. Willa A. Townsend, wife of the secretary of the Sunday School Publishing Board of the National Baptist Convention, died in Nashville last week.

George Mason, Dallas, was elected president of the newly created organization of Foundation Secretaries formed at St. Louis.

Chairman Perry Webb has called a meeting of the Committee to study the proposed "Western Assembly" to meet in San Antonio on May 28.

The Home Mission Board will publish *The Holy Spirit in Missions*, a new book by J. B. Lawrence.

Department of Student Work

ROGERS M. SMITH, Secretary

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Congratulations To High School and College Graduates

It is with real pleasure that the Student Department congratulates the young people who have passed mile stones in their preparation for a fuller and richer life. These young people have spent many hours, days, weeks, months and years in the classrooms of their respective schools trying to get information and experience that will better prepare them for a life of genuine service. The fact that these young people have graduated does not necessarily mean that success is assured. It simply means that they are going to have to use what they have learned in these years of preparation as a foundation for a more substantial super-structure.

We trust that all of these young people will not be satisfied with what preparation they have but will go on and get as much as is necessary to really accomplish the purpose of their life. We believe that it is possible for anyone to get the training necessary, if they are willing to pay the price. Our colleges and universities are crowded and will be for many years to come but there is still room for the students who are determined to get this preparation.

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Graduates, Remember!

The circumstances amid which you live determine your reputation; the truth you believe determines your character.

Reputation is what you are supposed to be; character is what you are.

Reputation is the photograph; character is the face.

Reputation comes over one from without; character grows up from within.

Reputation is what you have when you come to a new community; character is what you have when you go away.

Your reputation is learned in an hour; your character does not come to light for a year.

Reputation is made in a moment; character is built in a lifetime.

Reputation grows like a mushroom; character grows like the oak.

Reputation goes like the mushroom; character last like eternity.

A single newspaper report gives you your reputation; a life of toil gives you your character.

If you want to get a position, you need a reputation; if you want to keep it, you need character.

Reputation makes you rich or makes you poor; character makes you happy or makes you miserable.

Reputation is what men say about you on your tombstone; character is what angels say about you before the throne of God.—WILLIAM HERSEY DAVIS in *The Baptist Student* for June.

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Mr. Webster Carroll, our Tennessee representative to the Hawaiian Islands for this summer, left San Francisco June 9 by plane. He was in company with the students from the other states who will go out to do Vacation Bible School work under the auspices of the Foreign Mission Board and their missionaries in Hawaii. We trust that you will pray for Webster and these students as they serve in this capacity during the summer months.

Watch this column for communication from Webster about his work.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JUNE 22

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

Topic: "THE FALL OF THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM"
Scripture: II Kings 25:1-12

It was a sorry picture that confronted Zedekiah when, at the age of twenty-one years, he began to reign as king of the Southern Kingdom. But the picture continued to grow worse under his reign, for we read that "he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoia-kim had done" (2 Kings 24:19).

UNPOPULAR PREACHING

It was a difficult role that Jeremiah had to play in the closing days of the Southern Kingdom. Looked upon by his fellow countrymen as a traitor to the common cause, he continued to cry out against the sins of his people and to warn them of coming events.

Jehoiakim, the king of Judah had with brazen arrogance burned the roll which contained the divine message of the prophet Jeremiah and had refused to give heed to any of the message therein. Notwithstanding the failure of the people to hear him, Jeremiah continued to cry out as God's fearless spokesman.

Eventually Irijah brought Jeremiah to the princes who in turn, because of their exceeding great wrath, "smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe. . ." (Jer. 37:15).

After remaining in the dungeon for many days, Zedekiah the king sent for him and asked him secretly if there were "any word from Jehovah." To this Jeremiah boldly replied, "There is." Then the prophet went on to tell the king that he would be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon.

It is not an easy thing for a preacher of the gospel to stand up before his people and warn them of the consequences of their sins, and to go so far as to call their attention to specific sins.

But the prophets of old were not concerned with thoughts of self. Their consuming passion was to proclaim the full counsel of God as it related to his chosen people. They placed little premium upon their own lives.

Few have the ability and the desire to hear, without resentment, the words of God's prophet when the words deal with one's personal sins.

SIN AND ITS CONSEQUENCES

The fall of the city of Jerusalem constitutes an almost unabridged commentary on sin and its consequences. For eighteen months the Babylonians had besieged the city. Conditions had grown from bad to worse. There was no food and the water supply was all but exhausted. The people grew weaker and weaker on account of disease and famine.

Finally a breach was made in the city wall and all the men of war fled by night through a secret passage "by the way of the Arabah."

The army of the Chaldeans, pursuing the king, soon overtook him in the plains of Jericho, and having scattered his army, they took him and carried him unto the king of Babylon to Riblah and "gave judgment upon him." The king's sons were slain before his eyes. Then they put out the eyes of Zedekiah, bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

Jerusalem was left a mass of smoking ruins. Buildings were demolished, palaces were burned, and homes destroyed as if they were of no value.

The pillars of brass that were in the house of the Lord were broken into pieces and the brass carried to Babylon. The precious vessels of the temple were taken away—the gold as well as the silver. The beautiful pillars of brass together with the brass of the vessels that were taken was "without weight."

For 344 years the kingdom had stood, but it was now reduced to ashes. Defeat and destruction had been the lot of the people on every side as the priceless treasures of the house of God were taken as plunder and city walls knocked down. Nebuzaradan the captain of the king's guards saw to it that the temple was completely despoiled. Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, together with the three keepers of the threshold were taken along with other prominent personages to the king of Babylon to Riblah where they were smitten and put to death in the land of Hamath. Only "the poorest of the land" were left to be vinedressers and husbandmen. The rest of the people were carried away captive by Nebuzaradan.

WHAT OF TODAY

One cannot read the story of the fall of the Southern Kingdom without asking the question, "What of Today?"

According to a recent newspaper article "whiskey, beer, and wine took \$8,700,000,000 of the national income in 1946, an average of \$89.00 for every person over eighteen years of age." These figures in comparison with the figures for 1945 show that the expenditure for whiskey has climbed 15 per cent, while that for wines has risen 48 per cent and beer 2 per cent. "In liquid terms, Americans drank 231,000,000 gallons of whiskey, 140,000,000 gallons of wine, and 79,000,000 barrels of beer." Canada also reports an all time for liquor, "\$373,000,000,000 in 1946." But the alcohol problem is only one phase of our American life that is of such grave concern to Christians.

On every side there is disregard of the marriage bond. Homes are going on the rocks for reasons that could never be justified in the sight of God. Adultery is prevalent and the Lord's Day is no longer observed as a day of rest and honor to our Saviour except by a mere remnant.

The financial needs of the churches are met by a minority of the members and many of those who claim to be followers of Christ rarely attend services at all unless it be on special occasions.

Surely, the Christian must ask, "What of today?" as he reflects upon America's woeful disregard of God.

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3 Tennessee

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS:

Last week we were looking together at the new word pictures in my card file, but had to place a marker just in front of the M's, because our column space gave out. There have been some new cards added this week, and it is a little unusual that all of these new cards belong back of the M's. Let me tell you about them.

DOROTHY MILLS, 213 Strang Street, Rockwood, Tennessee, is ten years old and in the sixth grade at school. Her letter was written on attractive stationery showing Old King Cole and his "fiddlers three." Dorothy's birthday is October 6. She has been a Christian two years and is a member of First Baptist Church. In telling of her conversion she said, "My pastor, Brother Hobart B. Ford, and my mother helped me to become a Christian." Perhaps some day someone can make a similar statement about Dorothy. It is a wonderful privilege to help a friend know what it means to trust Jesus as Saviour. Dorothy wants pen pals.

FRANCES RICHARDSON, 252 Highview Street, Jackson, Tennessee, is thirteen and has only been a Christian a few months. She goes to North Jackson Church. Frances wants many pen pals about her age and promises to write to everyone who writes her. Her hobbies are horseback riding, skating, and tennis.

JANICE ROLLINS, Medina, Tennessee, has written before, but this is the first letter received from her this year. Janice is almost nine years old and will be in the fourth grade when she goes back to school this fall. She, too, promises to answer every pen pal letter she gets. She is already corresponding with Elizabeth Ann Ingle and Dona Mae Johnson. Janice goes with her family to Latham's Chapel Baptist Church. However, she says, "We tore down our old building and started another. While they are building the new church, we have our Sunday school and preaching at Hopewell."

WANDA SUE SHAVER, Newport, Tennessee, was nine years old on May 8. She is in the fifth grade at school. She has a little four-year-old brother. Wanda Sue is a Christian and belongs to Rankin Baptist Church.

PAUL RICHARD TILLEY, Route 4, Sweetwater, Tennessee, was five years old May 6. Of course, someone had to write his letter for him, but it will not be long before he starts to school. Then he will learn to do his own letter writing. Paul Richard's brother, Billy Clyde, and his sister, Mary Ruth, have both written to Aunt Polly, but it has been a long time and we wish they had written letters to enclose with their little brother's. Their father is pastor of East Sweetwater Baptist Church.

BARBARA JOE WILLIAMS, Jamestown, Tennessee, is eleven years old. She will be in the seventh grade when school starts this fall. Jackie Lee, her sister, has three pen pals, and Barbara Joe would like to have some too. She is a member of G.A.'s, and she likes outdoor games. She is a member of First Baptist Church, Jamestown.

JOANNE WILLIAMS, 261 Highview, Jackson, Tennessee, is thirteen years old. She is a Christian and belongs to West Jackson Baptist Church. Her hobbies are "collecting dogs and things for my scrapbook." I imagine Joanne's dog collection is for her whatnot—or maybe she has several real, live dogs! I'd like to know. Joanne wants pen pals.

Each time I get a new word picture, it's like meeting a new friend. At first they are only acquaintances. But each letter after the first is like a little visit. It gives me new information and help me know my new friend better.

How about you? If it has been a long time since you visited me in a letter, won't you write to me this week? There are lots of things I'd like to know about you. Perhaps these questions will help you to write your letter.

Did you pass all your school tests and get promoted to a higher grade?

Are you having a Vacation Bible school in your church?

Do you have other special plans for vacation time?

Do you have some pen pals? If so, what are their names?

Would you like to have more pen pals?

Have you started a collection? If so, what is it?

What is your favorite game?

Have you been learning the Bible verses for each month?

Have you had some interesting experiences lately, that you would like to tell other Young South friends about?

Of course, you may think of other things to tell me in your letter. The questions are just suggestions, in case you need a little help in getting started. I'll be expecting a letter-visit from you—right away!

Love, Aunt Polly

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The Sunday School Department wishes to welcome MISS MARY ANDERSON to the State forces. Miss Anderson is to be associated with Mr. Charles L. Norton and the Training Union Department. We congratulate him on obtaining her services.

Associational Missionary Conducts Vacation Bible School

We have received a report from the Oakdale Baptist Church at which principal Rev. C. S. Little conducted a Vacation Bible School for the first time. Brother Little makes the following statement regarding the school: "Find enclosed my report of the Oakdale Vacation Bible School. This is the very first Bible School ever had in the church."

Plenty of Vacation Bible School Workers

The bulletin from the Bartlett Baptist Church, Bartlett, Tennessee, Rev. J. E. Tanksley pastor, stated that the various departments of the Vacation Bible School had the following number of workers:

- Beginner Department—4
- Primary Department—8
- Junior Department (ages 9-10)—4
- Junior Department (ages 11-12)—4
- Intermediate Department—3
- Refreshment Committee—2
- Transportation Committee—3

Because of this large number of workers it is predicted by this department that everybody will have an enjoyable experience. Get plenty of workers for your Vacation Bible School.

Knox County Reports Good Prospect for Vacation Bible Schools

Missionary Lawrence Trivette writes in *The Reminder*: "Thus far 65 churches are known to have set dates and are making plans for Vacation Bible School. Thirteen of the 25 churches which did not have a school last year are making plans. There are 12,383 children between the ages of 4-16 enrolled in Sunday school in the Association. Perhaps three times that many are living within this territory. What an opportunity to reach, teach and work with these children. Our goal for the summer is 100 schools with 8,000 boys and girls enrolled."

Bible Evangelism In the Bible School

NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM

1. Types of Evangelism

- (1) Mass or Congregational Evangelism.
 - a. Peter at Pentecost—Acts 2:14
 - b. Paul at Ephesus—Acts 19:8
- (2) Personal-Interview Evangelism.
 - a. Jesus: "The Woman at the Well"—John 4:7
 - b. Paul: "House to House"—Acts 20:20
 - c. Philip: Eunuch in Chariot—Acts 8:31

2. Factors in Evangelism

- (1) Preaching: "It pleased God by the foolishness of Preaching to save them that believe"—I Cor. 1:21
- (2) Teaching: "And thou from a child hast known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation . . ." II Tim. 3:15
- (3) Living: "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify you Father which is in Heaven" Matt. 5:16
- (4) Witnessing: "Ye are my witnesses"—Luke 24:48; Isaiah 43:10

—By DR. T. W. TIPPETT, *Georgia Baptist Sunday School News*.

Speakers For the Last Four Regional Training Union Conventions:

NORTH CENTRAL REGIONAL CONVENTION, First Church, Watertown, June 23



DR. GRIFFIN HENDERSON
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Miss Tilford Coming Home

We will be happy to welcome Miss Lorene Tilford to Tennessee when she returns from her stay in China as a missionary during the war years.

She writes, "Dr. and Mrs. Hipps, Wilma Weeks and I are scheduled to leave Shanghai on the General Gordon on June 29th. We shall stop in Kobe and Yokahama but will not be allowed ashore. We have written Edwin Dozier and hope he can come aboard and we can talk with him. We shall have eight hours in Honolulu and expect to see our missionary friends there.

China has never had a more difficult time than now. The student strikes have been worse than war. Ten years of war has been more destructive to character than to property. I know that China needs Christ more than ever."

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Suggested Program For Young People's Summer Rally

NEW TESTAMENT EVANGELISM

JULY QUARTERLY MEETING

THEME: *Shining Like the Stars*

Hymn-sing—Stepping in the Light

Send the Light

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In observance of 40th Anniversary of Y. W. A.'s four brief talks by Y. W. A.

Sing a verse of "O Zion Haste" between each talk.

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Special Music: "The Light of the World is Jesus"

Missionary Message: "Shining Like the Stars"

LUNCH

Hymn—"We've a Story to Tell to the Nations"

Scripture Reading—Six G. A. Girls reading Romans 10: 8-15 in unison.

"Dreams Do Come True"—Story of the W. M. U. Training School

Recognition Service for Royal Ambassador

Hymn—"The Kings Business"

Closing Prayer

(The full program with instructions on where to find the information has been mailed to each Associational Young People's Leader).

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A Letter of Thanks

(Lena Terry has held our Orphans Home Scholarship for two years. She is working this summer with the Home Mission Board—M. N.)

Cumberland University
Lebanon, Tennessee
May 29, 1947

Dear Members of the Tennessee W. M. U.:

As the close of another school year is drawing near, I want to express my deep gratitude for the opportunity, which you have given me to further my education. I indeed count it a privilege to attend college on the Tennessee W. M. U. Scholarship.

I have enjoyed the two years in college and have grown both mentally and spiritually. Anyone who attends a Christian college with the support of Christian friends, and a faculty of Christian teachers, such as Cumberland University has, can truly be a better person if an effort to that end is put forth.

I appreciate everything you have done for me. Best wishes for each member and the work you will do in the years to come, I am

Sincerely yours,

LENA TERRY

THURSDAY, JUNE 19, 1947

Brotherhood Department

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New Tracts On Brotherhood

We now have for distribution some new tracts that deal with the organization and every phase of Brotherhood activity. For your information and guidance we are listing these tracts and giving you a brief suggestion relative to the contents in each tract.

SOME ESSENTIALS OF A SUCCESSFUL BROTHERHOOD

If a Brotherhood is to do its best work, it must meet within its organization some definite, basic needs. This new tract answers the question, who is eligible for membership. It also calls attention to the purpose of the Brotherhood, emphasizing the importance of selecting efficient, competent and properly placed officers. This is followed by a brief word on literature.

The Brotherhood seeks to inform its members of its proposed activities through these tracts and other publications. Two other items discussed in this tract are the meetings and activity.

The next tract we list is:

BROTHERHOOD OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

This brief discussion of the officers of the church Brotherhood is given so that each elected officer may have a clear understanding of his duties. The pastor is the first officer of the Brotherhood and should always be recognized as such. This tract names the officers necessary to promote the activities of a Brotherhood and suggests some of the duties that are to be faithfully discharged by them.

In addition to the pastor, the officers necessary to organize and operate a Brotherhood are a president, activities vice-president, program vice-president, membership vice-president, chorister and secretary-treasurer. If you will secure and read this tract, you will better understand the purpose of a Brotherhood and the importance of selecting consecrated leaders.

Another important phase of the Brotherhood work is the activities led by the various committees. Therefore, we recommend for your study and approval the tract.

SUGGESTED BROTHERHOOD COMMITTEES AND ACTIVITIES

First, the Executive Committee which is one of the most important committees of the Brotherhood. This committee should plan for the effective promotion of the Brotherhood program.

Education Committee: This committee should hold regular meetings at least once each quarter.

Stewardship Committee: This committee can assist in solving the financial problems of the church. Baptists need to study and practice stewardship.

Evangelistic Committee: It can not be overemphasized that the chief task of the church is to win the lost.

Worship Committee: The worship committee of the Brotherhood can do much to strengthen the worship services of the church.

Benevolence Committee: The work of this committee will take the men of the Brotherhood into the homes of the sick, needy, and bereaved at a time when a visit from a sympathetic Christian will mean much to those in need.

Special Committees: The above paragraphs list six committees considered to be basic in the average Brotherhood. However, there will be times in the life of every Brotherhood when additional committees will be needed. When such occasions present themselves, special committees should be appointed by the president. After they have served their purpose, such committees should be dissolved. Among the committees that might be needed on special occasions would be social committee, extension committee, blood bank committee, and the Man and Boy Movement Committee. Other special committees might be effectively used in active Brotherhoods.

The men should fill the pews. The pastor should fill the pulpit.

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AMONG THE BRETHREN

Recently Barton's Creek Baptist Church, Wilson Association, studied JESUS THE TEACHER taught by the pastor, Wendell W. Price. Seals will go to a great number of the membership of the church upon the completion of this study course book. This is a great book and no better way to study it than when it is taught by the pastor to his people.

—B&R—

Bernard Scates and Bemis Baptist Church, Bemis, have been assisted in a great revival by C. M. Pickler, pastor of Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, doing the preaching and with C. P. Kidd, choir director of LaBelle Baptist Church, Memphis, leading the singing. There were 40 additions, 33 of them by baptism.

—B&R—

Dr. W. T. Conner, Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, will teach a course in the Gospel of John at the Preachers' School in Greenville, S. C., June 22-27. Dr. Connor will also have a part in the Bible Week at Ridgecrest, August 16-22.

—B&R—

Pastor J. L. Stafford and the Wartburg Baptist Church have just closed a revival in which Bro. J. H. Smothers, pastor of New Hopewell Baptist Church of Knoxville did the preaching. There were 8 professions of faith and 9 additions to the church.

—B&R—

Miss Mary Kate Holman, capable leader at the Goodwill Center, Nashville, for the past few years has gone to the First Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va., to take up her duties as Educational Director.

—B&R—

Southwestern Seminary has an enrollment of 484 in their summer school. Dr. T. B. Maston is director of the session.

Correction For 1947 Handbook

PORTER ROUTH, Editor

In the 1947 Handbook, the printers rearranged several lines in the *Financial Statement Showing Combined Assets of Agencies of The Southern Baptist Convention* which appears on Page 5. Thus, the figures presented are not correct.

A corrected sheet has been printed showing the 1946 assets correctly. IF YOU HAVE PURCHASED A 1947 HANDBOOK, WRITE TO YOUR BOOKSTORE OR TO THE DEPARTMENT OF SURVEY AND STATISTICS, SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE, AND A CORRECTED SHEET WILL BE SENT TO YOU WITHOUT COST.

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, did the preaching and Rev. J. Roy Bethune, music director of McLean Boulevard Baptist Church, Memphis, directed the music in a recent revival at the First Baptist Church, Philadelphia, Miss., Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor. There were 70 additions, 39 of them by letter and 31 upon profession of faith.

—B&R—

H. Paul Briggs, evangelist, singer and pianist, has open dates in July and November. He may be reached at 2100 N. W. 22nd Street, Oklahoma City, Okla., or at the Baptist General Convention, 223½ West First Street, Oklahoma City. (Adv.)

—B&R—

The daily Vacation Bible school at Carthage Baptist Church, Carthage, opened June 9 with 107 present. The pastor, Joe Harting, is serving as principal of the school.

The Mountain Preachers' Bible School is engaged in training preachers of very limited educational background. The work is being conducted mainly with older mountain men and is strictly missionary. The school's library is very inadequate. If any one has books of a theological nature and could spare them, they would be greatly appreciated by the school. They may be sent to Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' School, Pineville, Ky.

—B&R—

Word comes from Bro. H. L. Thornton, pastor of Columbia Street Baptist Church, Tucson, Ariz., to renew his subscription to BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. His many friends will be glad to know that his health is much improved and he is having a delightful ministry there. He is a former Tennessean.

—B&R—

Miss Thelma Brown has resigned her position with the Sales and Advertising Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, to accept the position of Associate Secretary of Promotion and Sales. She will work with the books of publishers serving the peoples of the world through the Missionary Education Movement. Her home office will be at 156 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

—B&R—

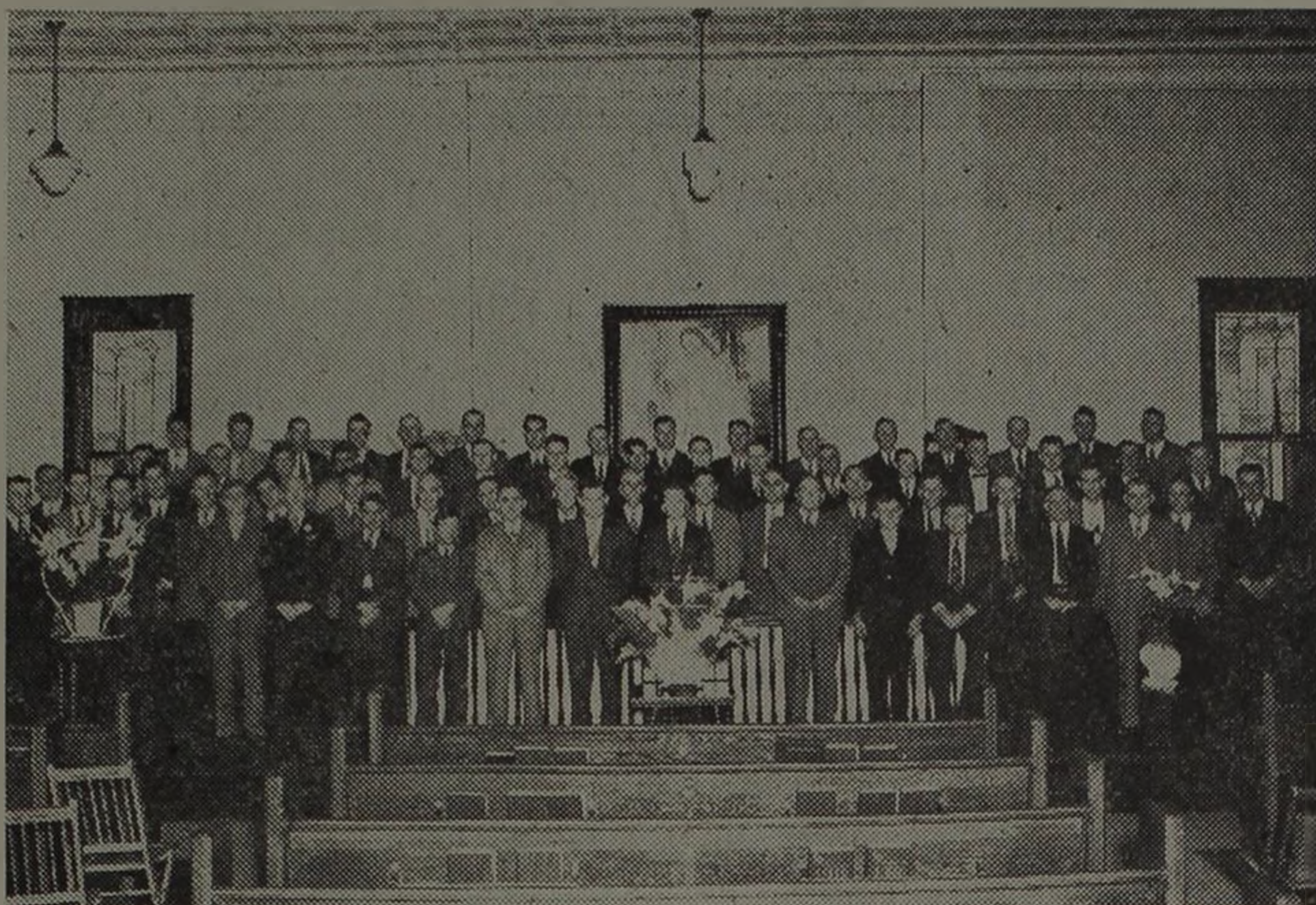
C. P. Holland is supplying the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Madisonville, during the absence of the pastor, E. J. Ingle, who is in the Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville, at this writing. The Brotherhood will pray for his speedy recovery.

—B&R—

J. Frank Cheek, director of music and finance of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, for the past 19 years has resigned, effective June 1. We do not know his immediate plans.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, JUNE 8TH.

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alcoa, Calvary	255	109	--	Hines Valley Mission	40	--	--	Milan, Chapel Hill	55	37	--
Athens, East	224	103	--	Harriman, Trenton Street	380	79	5	First	289	91	--
North	136	46	--	Walnut Hill	259	83	--	Millington	132	84	2
Calhoun	95	--	--	Hohenwald	62	61	--	Milton	72	--	--
Charleston	43	--	--	Jackson, Bemis	248	91	40	Morristown, First	522	115	2
Coghill	72	--	--	Calvary	391	129	1	Montvue	150	36	--
Cotton Port	90	46	--	First	675	96	2	Murfreesboro, First	394	77	1
Englewood	158	94	--	North Jackson	251	138	--	Walnut Street Mission	40	--	--
Etowah, East	60	--	--	Parkview	124	64	--	Powell's Chapel	145	--	--
Etowah, First	398	43	--	Jellico, First	223	83	1	Taylor's Chapel	94	--	--
Etowah, North	142	21	--	Johnson City, Unaka Avenue	--	--	3	Westvue	242	--	2
McMahan Calvary	65	47	--	Jonesboro, Oak Grove	158	32	--	Nashville, Antioch	74	32	--
Niota, East	123	68	--	Knigsport, First	612	100	5	Belmont Heights	783	203	4
Niota, First	144	55	--	Long Island	92	41	--	Grace	729	161	--
Wild Wood	119	--	--	Lynn Garden	305	124	1	Inglewood	481	115	2
Benton	133	24	--	State Line	75	25	--	Mill Creek	67	34	2
Bluff City	202	125	--	Knoxville, Fifth Avenue	892	186	2	Park Avenue	406	88	2
Brighton	169	76	--	First	812	118	--	Seventh	117	30	--
Bristol, Calvary	421	111	5	Lonsdale	416	62	--	Third	203	--	--
Virginia Avenue	309	103	--	McCalla Avenue	565	174	2	Una	97	39	--
Brownsville	286	38	--	Oakwood	157	337	3	Woodmont	211	68	1
Carthage	140	35	--	Smithwood	345	103	--	New Market, Dumplin	93	37	--
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	83	60	--	Lawrenceburg	222	102	2	Newport, First	300	57	3
Chattanooga, Highland Park	2159	687	20	Lebanon	395	89	--	Oak Ridge, First	410	53	--
Signal Mountain	61	33	--	Barton's Creek	91	35	--	Glenwood	227	--	--
Church Hill, McPheeter's Bend	152	63	6	Cedar Grove	96	47	--	Robertsville	291	41	2
Oak Grove	168	66	--	Madison, First	298	85	2	Old Hickory, First	579	212	--
Cookeville, First	376	90	--	Maryville, First	536	89	--	Oliver Springs, First	124	21	--
Steven's Street	112	68	--	Mascot, Roseberry	229	78	1	Orlinda, Pleasant Hill	93	40	--
Columbia, First	344	79	3	Medina, Antioch	118	28	--	Parsons, First	260	82	--
Dark's Mill Chapel	28	--	--	Memphis, Bellevue	2284	732	10	Portland	237	69	--
Godwin Chapel	18	--	--	Boulevard	547	163	5	Rockwood, First	292	116	--
Cleveland, Big Springs	318	188	--	Central Avenue	481	144	4	Mission	40	--	--
Cedar Springs	137	73	--	Galilee	275	113	--	Whites Creek	43	33	--
First	553	162	2	Highland Heights	895	295	11	Rutledge, Buffalo	91	36	--
First Mission	93	--	3	LaBelle	735	196	3	Selmer, First	131	70	1
New Friendship	106	80	2	Levi	145	88	--	Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	108	56	--
South Cleveland	99	62	--	Louisiana Street	157	75	5	Shop Springs	100	59	--
Crockett Mills, Barker's Chapel	49	26	--	McLean	332	106	--	Union City, First	571	127	2
Dunlap, First	104	49	--	Mallory Heights	303	136	--	Wartburg	115	--	2
Fountain City, Central	728	157	5	Seventh Street	494	113	2	Watertown, Round Lick	105	46	--
				Union Avenue	1093	217	7				



Teacher, J. A. Tinker; President, Raymond Townsend; Vice President, C. R. Carrington; C. H. Wallace, John Young, A. C. Leeper, Secretary, Connie Long. Group Captains, Burl Moore, Alma Primm, Russell Odle, Ollie Fisher,

Jim Tinker, Billie Stevens, Douglas Hays. The enrollment is 68 with an average attendance above 50% each Sunday. With men to back the program the work at this church is moving fine. Wade Carver is pastor of the church.

John J. Hurt, Jr., Elected Editor of Christian Index

John Jeter Hurt, Jr., a member of the Associated Press staff at Atlanta, Ga., was elected editor of the *Christian Index*, weekly publication of the Georgia State Baptist Convention. Mr. Hurt, son of Dr. John Jeter Hurt, long-time Baptist editor, pastor, and educator, will succeed the late Dr. O. P. Gilbert, who died April 6. He will assume his new duties early in July. He has been with the Associated Press since 1936, in Nashville, Chattanooga, Memphis, New York and Atlanta. He is married and has two children.

V. B. S. At Harmony Baptist Church

Sunday afternoon, June 1, the Vacation Bible School held its commencement exercises at the church. The school was conducted by Mrs. Grant Bradbury, Young Peoples' leader of Cumberland Association. She was assisted in the work by the pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. M. I. Crocker, Mrs. John Gower, Mrs. Edwin Elliott, and Mrs. J. L. Lawrence, Sr. There was an average of 25 in attendance and new ones every day.—MRS. J. L. LAWRENCE, SR.

On June 11, W. A. Harrell, Secretary Department of Church Architecture, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, went to Hawaii under the direction of the Foreign Mission Board and the Sunday School Board for conferences with the Hawaiian Mission regarding their several church

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"Pay Day—Someday" To Be Filmed

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, has preached the same sermon 297 times. It is "Pay Day—Someday," an extremely dramatic presentation of coming judgment. He has preached it annually for 20 years to his own congregation, and finds it in much demand on special speaking engagements over the nation. And now, to multiply its delivery still more times, plans are being made to do the sermon as sound movie.

They Start Tithing Now

Pastor George A. Hammon of the First Baptist Church, Mexico, Mo., wants his church to be first in the South. He has challenged the members to begin immediately the "prove me" tithing crusade, instead of waiting until October. The Southern Baptist Convention has set October, November, and December as "test the tithe" months.

Forty-seven students were graduated in the eighty-seventh annual Commencement exercises of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky., with Dr. W. C. Boone, executive secretary of Kentucky Baptists, delivering the address.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the executive committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, preached the baccalaureate sermon at the First Baptist Church Sunday morning, and Dr. John L. Hill, editor of the Broadman Press, spoke at the annual alumnae luncheon Saturday noon.

—B&R—

Roger M. Smith, State Student Secretary, supplied the pulpit of the Carthage Baptist Church, June 1, in the absence of the pastor, Joe Harting, who was engaged in a revival meeting at Spencer.



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News and Views from Here and There

Watertown's Loss, Auburntown's Gain



H. R. ANDERSON

H. R. Anderson, native of Louisville, Ky., entered upon his duties Wednesday night, February 15, 1944, as the new pastor of the First Baptist Church, Watertown. His resignation took effect May 31, 1947, after 40 months of faithful service.

He has preached soul stirring evangelistic and challenging messages. He has not only preached to those that came to church but he has gone out into the highways and hedges and preached and brought them into services. There have been over 200 additions to the church and five dedications for full-time religious work.

Brother Anderson is a graduate of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and attended Moody Bible Institute for three years. He is now enrolled at Cumberland University, a member of the A Capella Choir, president of the Ministerial Association and Evangelistic chairman of Wilson County Association. He served as pastor at Wickliffe, Ky., and has served as quarter time pastor, in the afternoons at Ramah for about two years. Mrs. Anderson is a native of Chicago, and is a very efficient helpmate. She served as Beginner teacher in the Sunday school, Story Hour leader and Sunbeam leader. They have two children.

We pray God's richest blessings upon them as they leave us and go to this new field.—CONTRIBUTED.

Baptist Hour via Shortwave

You can now hear the Baptist Hour via shortwave every Thursday night over station HCJB, Quito, Ecuador. Reception of this station in America is good. You will find it at 12.5 and 9.95 and 15.1 on your shortwave dial. These programs are the same heard on the regular Baptist Hour and the speakers will be as follows:

June 19.....	Dr. C. E. Matthews
June 26 and July 3...	Dr. Louie D. Newton
July 10 and 17.....	Dr. A. D. Foreman
July 24.....	Rev. Bruce H. Price
July 31.....	Dr. H. Guy Moore
August 7.....	Dr. W. S. Allen
August 14.....	Mrs. George R. Martin
August 21.....	Hon. Robert S. Kerr

Many, many people who do not hear the early Sunday morning program on the network will listen on Thursday night if pastors and others will announce the broadcasts.

Carson-Newman B. S. U. Council In Summer Work

Practically the entire membership of the B. S. U. council of Carson-Newman College is engaged in summer Christian educational work.

The president, Calvin Parker, with a team of three others including one council member, Dan Carroll, and two B. S. U. members, Harold Tester and Wyatt Parker, is conducting youth revivals throughout the state of Virginia.

Several other members of the council including Mary Nelle Morgan, Janie Sue Massie, Betty Lou Wilt, Ray Lloyd, Harriet Hale, Lester Levi and Hope Blanchard are working in Vacation Bible Schools, in church educational work and as church secretaries.

Webster Carroll, former president of the Carson-Newman B. S. U. and acting president of the state B. S. U. will have the privilege of serving in Bible Schools in Hawaii this summer.

The remaining members of the council are spending their summer at home, serving in their own churches, and they are backing with prayer those of their council who have the opportunity to go out into the fields of service.

A group of students has been prayerfully selected by the council to serve on the summer council at Carson-Newman. Miss Dorothy Moss, second vice president of the regular council is serving as president of this group.

The Carson-Newman B. S. U. council has great plans for the ensuing year, two of which are to redecorate the prayer room and to raise money to buy a piano for this room in order that it will not be necessary for students to practice in the prayer room. The council wishes the prayer room to be used exclusively for services and prayer.

The council asks for your prayers in their work and wishes the best for Christ for every other B. S. U. organization on the college campus.—BETTY ALICE COWAN, Reporter.

Western Assembly Group Receives Proposals

BY C. E. BRYANT

Three sites in the Southwest are under consideration by a special Southern Baptist Convention committee for location of a western assembly, similar to Ridgecrest in North Carolina.

The committee, of which Dr. Robert F. Webb of San Antonio is chairman, received at a special meeting here, the following offers:

1. "Valley Ranch," at Pecos, N. M.; consisting of several buildings and 1,000 acres of land. Value is estimated at \$150,000.

2. "Hollister Hill," in the Missouri Ozarks, consisting of 160 acres and several buildings, valued at approximately \$50,000.

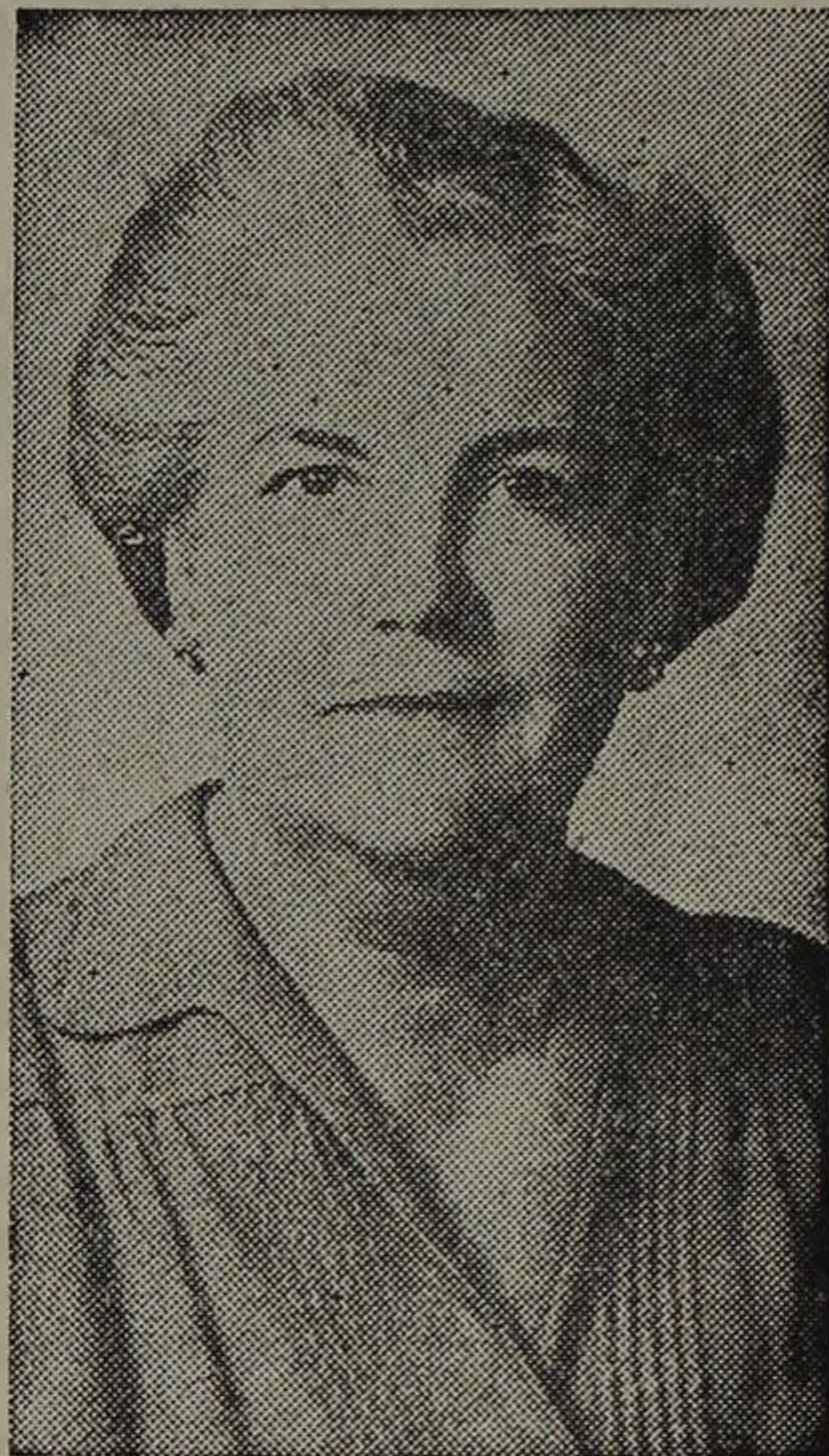
3. "Paisano Camp," near Marfa, Texas, consisting of 960 acres and 116 buildings valued at \$325,000. This proposal is accompanied by an additional offer of \$150,000 cash.

Each offer was made on behalf of the state convention group in the respective states.

The committee, consisting of one representative of each state west of the Mississippi river, voted to hold its next meeting at Valley Ranch at a time to be set by Chairman Webb after all members have personally visited and inspected each proposed site. It is likely that this meeting will be early in September.

Membership of the committee is Dr. Webb, Patrick W. Murphy, secretary, Tulsa, Okla.; Hollis A. Burge, San Diego, Calif.; C. V. Rock, Phoenix, Ariz.; Phil McGahey, Albuquerque, N. M.; T. W. Medearis, Kansas City, Mo.; H. H. McBride, Winnfield, La.; and Clyde Hart, Hot Springs, Ark.

W. M. U. Speaker On the Baptist Hour



MRS. GEORGE R. MARTIN

A special program featuring the 40th Anniversary of Young Woman's Auxiliary to Woman's Missionary Union will be aired on the Baptist Hour next Sunday morning, June 22, with Mrs. George R. Martin of Norfolk, Va., as principal speaker. Mrs. Martin is President of Woman's Missionary Union auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention, and her subject is, "The Christian Imperative."

Brief testimonies of the experience of salvation in Christ will be given by Christian young women from four nations. Miss Juliette Mather, southwide Young People's Secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, announces that hundreds of local Y. W. A. units throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory will hold radio breakfasts and listen to the broadcast in groups.

This program will originate from the auditorium on the Baptist Assembly grounds of Ridgecrest, N. C., where the annual Y. W. A. Retreat will be in session, and that Mrs. Robert Guy of Ridgecrest and Atlanta, Ga., will render a violin solo.

The Baptist Hour may be heard on Sunday morning in Tennessee over the following radio stations: WCYB, Bristol, and WNOX, Knoxville at 8:30 EST. Over WREC, Memphis at 8:30 CST and over WSM, Nashville at 7:30 CST.

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Great Statewide Evangelistic Conference

March 1 - 4, 1948

The State Executive Board at its recent meeting adopted a recommendation of the Executive Secretary, Dr. C. W. Pope, that the Executive Board promote a Statewide Evangelistic Conference early next spring, and that a committee of five be appointed to work with the Executive Secretary to arrange details of time, place, and program.

It was stressed that the date ought to be set immediately in order that we may be able to secure the most outstanding speakers and conference leaders that may be found, and in order that pastors and all concerned may put it in their calendars now, and build their programs for next year with that date before them.

The committee named is composed of James L. Sullivan, J. G. Hughes, W. Fred Kendall, Lloyd T. Householder, and Merrill D. Moore, chairman. It met in Nashville on June 5th, and after consideration of possible dates it was found impossible to determine upon a date in which there are not already significant conflicts. It was decided however that the best date is March 1-4, 1948. The Conference is to be held in Nashville, and will begin on Monday evening and close on Thursday at noon.

The Committee and Dr. Pope are at work undertaking to secure the greatest personalities among Baptists to stir our hearts and light the revival fires among us.

Pastors will want to put these dates on their

calendars marked with red, for their importance; begin making plans for revivals in their own churches following the conference. The Nashville Association, for example, has already set the dates for their Association-wide Simultaneous evangelistic campaign to begin on March 28th, and continue through April 11th. Other churches and associations have set campaigns in the spring to follow shortly after the Evangelistic Conference, and still others will want to do so.

Dr. Pope says about this Conference: "I regard the Evangelistic Conference as one of the most significant items on our calendar of denominational activities. Those held this year were fruitful of much good. Planning for the conference now should enable pastors and churches to plan their spring revival meetings at such times as they will derive the greatest benefit from the Conference. The Conference should give great impetus to our soul-winning efforts next year."—MERRILL D. MOORE, *Chairman*.

In the first year of the history of the Robertsville Baptist Church, Oak Ridge, the church has contributed \$13,473.60, which has been appropriated as follows: Local expense, \$6,844.22; Co-operative Program, \$1,986.41; building fund, \$1,742.71; Associational Missions, \$130.00 and cash on hand and in the bank \$2,236.44. This is an average of \$59.62 per member including a large number of school boys and girls who do not have any income.

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STUDENT HOME MISSIONARIES

By Courts Redford

Approximately 300 students left their homes and college campuses about June 1 to go to the various mission fields of the Home Mission Board to serve two and a half months as associate missionaries with the regular workers of the Board. Student home missionaries for the summer include 70 men and 230 women from 28 states, 61 colleges, and 5 seminaries and training schools. The average age of the men is 25, while that of women is 23.

To be eligible for appointment students must have completed the sophomore year of college work and must be at least eighteen years of age, a volunteer for special mission service, and recommended by at least three well-known religious leaders.

The students will serve in practically every type of mission work now being done by the Home Mission Board with the exception of its work in Cuba and Panama. Among the Spanish-speaking people there will be 68 student missionaries; among the Indians, 13; in the French field, 27; in city missions, 50; in Good Will Centers, 18; in rural and mountain areas, 66; in the western states, 47; 6 among the Negroes; and others among Chinese, Japanese, Italians, and in summer camps.

The 200 students used last summer visited 22,000 homes, helped in 1,268 Vacation Bible schools, taught 70,000 young people, and reported 1,849 conversions.

Through this program it is the hope of the Home Mission Board to help missionary volunteers to discover their aptitudes and interests and to find their places in life. At the same time, the help given the missionaries on the field and the results in soul-winning are stimulating and encouraging.

HOME MISSION PICTURES

Rev. R. G. Van Royen of the visual education department of the Home Mission Board announces the release of two new color motion pictures. There are now four films available for use by the churches. Two are sound; two are silent. There are also 14 sets of colored slides, some of which have been adapted for use with the current series of mission study books.

Write Visual Department, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia, for catalog.

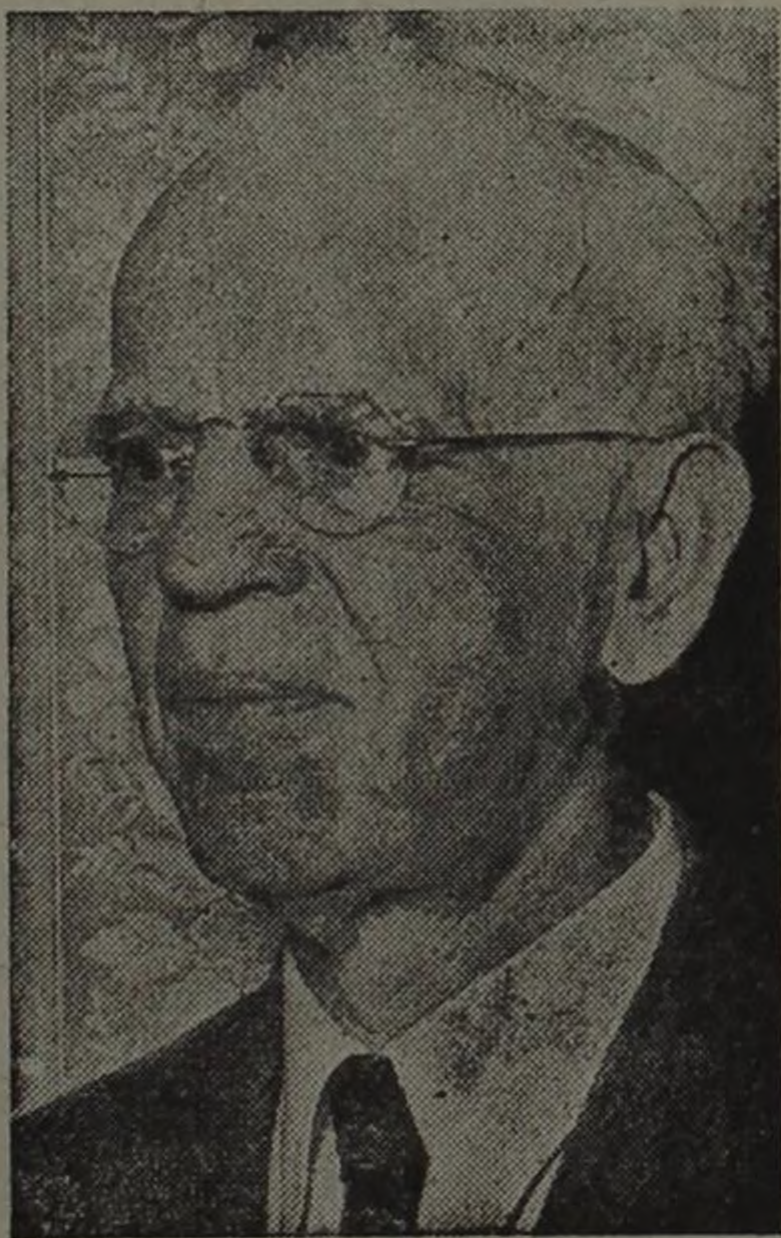
A NEW BOOK

The new book by Dr. J. B. Lawrence, *The Holy Spirit in Missions*, is now off the press and is being delivered to the book stores. Much interest has been manifested in the forthcoming publication. It is a delight to announce that the book is now ready for individual orders from the Baptist book stores.

RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE

Among the features of home mission week at Ridgecrest, July 31-August 6, is the conference on rural missions. Through the generosity of friends the Home Mission Board is able to offer to pay one cent per mile each way on the travel expense of each rural pastor and associational missionary. Men trained in various fields of rural church work will lead conferences, and there will be time for open discussion.

Write Manager Robert Guy, Ridgecrest, North Carolina, and make room reservations for this important week.



REV. EDGAR BARNETT

On Wednesday evening, May 28, the Seventh Baptist Church, Nashville, celebrated the twenty-eighth year of the pastorate of Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Barnett. The program was sponsored by the W. M. U. with Mrs. B. F. Matlock in charge of arrangements. A picnic supper was served in the basement of the church. Favorite songs of the pastor were used during the entire program. Mrs. Otto Dickerson and Mrs. Walter Webb rendered a beautiful duet and Mrs. Hardy Fields sang a solo. L. S. Ewton, a long-time friend of the pastor brought a message on the "History of the Church." Dr. Clifford Lewis presented a picture of Palestine on the screen. A potted plant beautifully and uniquely decorated with dollar bills was presented Bro. Barnett and Mrs. Barnett was given a string of pearls. Edna Mae Webb and Kent Carney presented the gifts. Mrs. Douglas Ginn and Miss Northington were special guests for the service.

"No Man Cared for My Soul"

B. F. BENNETT, *El Paso*

One day when I went into brig (jail) in quest of lost souls, I found a young man stretched out in bed with a broken jaw. He was a tough-looking fellow, with long beard and ill-kept personal appearance. In fact, he impressed me as being a tough guy, for he was cursing, raring, and taking on. I introduced myself and sought to take an interest in his case, but he still took on. He said, "I've got a broken jaw I received in a fight; I'm hurting badly, and no one cares. They haven't done a thing for me. They are just going to let me lie here and die and . . ."

I thought to myself that I had hit a hard man, and with the attitude that he had, I was just butting my head against a brick wall trying to talk to him about becoming a Christian. I started to say, "Fellow, I'll be seeing you," but the spirit of God seemed to say to keep talking, and I did. Soon his attitude began to change; he became interested in what I was saying to him. I told him that someone did care, and someone did love him, and that someone had demonstrated that love by dying on a cross for him. I led him to admit that he was a sinner, a big one at that.

He had already received two summary court martials since coming into the navy. He was now serving his second sentence—60 days in the brig, and a fine of \$80.00. A few weeks before, his 17-months-old baby was run over by a car and killed, but this had not softened him very much. As I went on telling him about Jesus, he became more interested and then when I asked him if he would like to be a Christian, he said that he would. He repented of all his sins and surrendered all to the Saviour; and as he took my hand and gave himself to Jesus, he not only received spiritual healing, but a corpsman walked in to treat his broken jaw. What a marvelous demonstration of God working things out at the right time in the right way!

As I left, I told him to just lie there and think about it. I came back in a few minutes and asked how he felt, and he said "fine"; for he couldn't say much as the tears of the joy of salvation were really flowing. After I had won him, one of our consecrated soul-winning officers went over and prayed with him and led him to learn the Word.

Shortly after, while visiting with him, he said he wanted me to read a letter from his wife. In part, she told of how she had found the Lord while he was overseas, and how she had prayed for his soul ever since. She said that the last letter she had received from him was the sweetest that she had ever had from him; and though her heart was broken over the death of their precious baby, she was so happy that her husband had found the Lord she could hardly wait until he could get home and they could build for God a Christian home and carry on the work of the dear Lord.

Just as soon as he can get home, he plans to be baptized and become a member of the church. He now says that God has called him to preach, and that as soon as he is out of the navy he is going to school to prepare for the ministry.

With God, if man is in Christ Jesus, he is a new creature; old things are passed away, and all things have become new. We had better not pass up any opportunity to witness to the saving power of Christ, for if we do, we may miss the joy of leading a soul to know him whom to know aright is life eternal.—*Baptist Standard*.

Personality and character are complementary. Trying to build the right sort of personality without Christian character is like trying to build a house without a foundation; it is like trying to fly an airplane without wings.—JAMES L. SULLIVAN in *The Baptist Student*.

— Book Reviews —

THE SUPREME BEATITUDE. By Earl V. Pierce. Published by Fleming H. Revell. \$2.00. 208 pp.

Dr. Pierce, for many years, has stood out as a "specialist" in the field of Christian Stewardship.

In this, his latest book, he discusses in the 18 chapters, the "key" suggestions on the Theme of "Giving." His treatment of the Text is arousing. His illustrations are gripping, and his reasoning is most convincing. For fresh, unique and practical material, this book would serve as a guide for a Stewardship Class, Mission Study, or a Sermon Series starter.—DR. L. B. COBB, *Pastor First Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tennessee*.

LOT'S WIFE AND THE SCIENCE OF PHYSICS. By Harry Rimmer, Sc.D. Wm. B. Eerdmans Pub. Co., 1947. 160 pp. \$2.50.

This volume was written by one who is familiar with the teaching of scientists, evolutionists and

agnostics which throw doubt on the validity of the Scriptures concerning the origin of life and the recorded miracles.

It addresses itself strongly to students, and will be a source of enlightenment to them. It deals with many questions which students frequently raise and gives an answer to many of their inquiries and refutes many of the false statements made by agnostic teachers. It will clear the mind of uncertainties thrown there by the so-called "Modern Trend" of education. It is convincing in argument, logical in reasoning, easily read, and holds the attention of the reader from the very beginning.

Here and there are flashes of wit and humor that are refreshing. A careful perusal of the entire volume prepares one to accept and appreciate to the fullest the closing paragraph:

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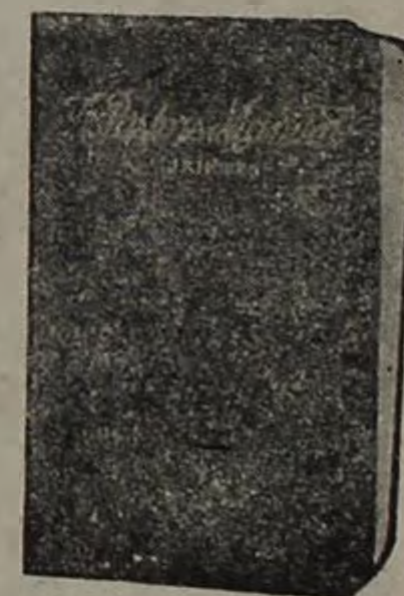
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