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Tithing or Tipping?

DUKE K. McCALL

Whether to tithe or to tip is the question before Southern Baptists. The Bible recognizes no portion of a man's income less than a tithe as a full recognition of Christian stewardship.

When we give less than a tithe, we have appropriated unto ourselves the right to determine the value of the Lord's services to us and the amount of our obligation to him. In other words, we offer the great God of heaven and earth a gratuity—a tip.

Thus far the cause of Christ has been advanced by our tips rather than by our tithes. In 1946, Southern Baptists contributed a total of \$118,928,192 to all our churches, institutions, and agencies. An estimate, based upon Income Tax returns, indicates that Southern Baptists as individuals received nearly five billion dollars, or that a tithe of Southern Baptists' income in 1946 would have been \$476,602,000. On this basis Southern Baptists are giving, roughly, 2 per cent instead of 10 per cent of their income to the Lord's work.

Actually multitudes of the six million Southern Baptists do give their tithes and their offerings. The need is not to ask these Christians to give more, but to ask the others to come up at least to the standard required of a Hebrew under the law.

—The Evangel, bulletin First Baptist Church,
Nashville, Tennessee.

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EDITORIAL

Secretary Rankin's Purpose

IN THE OCTOBER 23, 1947, issue of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, Executive Secretary M. Theron Rankin had an article on "Shall Southern Baptists Peg Our Program of Foreign Missions?"

We appended an editorial note indicating the view that if a change in Co-operative Program allocations was intended, the Executive Committee should have been consulted before the publicity was engaged in.

Since then, we have seen the matter in a different light.

1. The 1947-48 program of the Foreign Mission Board is already fixed by the vote of the messengers of the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention.

2. Secretary Rankin was looking forward to 1949 program of the Board and beyond, not to the present program.

3. The present arrangement will not provide sufficient funds for the Board to meet the challenge of the world, and the Board will have to freeze its program at the present level for the next eight or ten years, unless some change is made to prevent it. This would be a tragedy in the face of the world's need.

4. Dr. Rankin is raising the question, what shall be done? No recommendation for a change in allocations is offered by him, but *what shall be done?* He is not asking that Foreign Missions be helped at the expense of other causes. Please turn to column 2, page 14 in last week's paper.

5. Dr. Rankin's purpose in his article was to stimulate thought and discussion along this line to the end that the constituency might be informed and that a solution might be reached.

Therefore, his article was timely, and it is suggested that you turn to page 7 of the October 23 issue of the paper and carefully read the article again.

A Fellow Editor Dies

DR. J. M. BURNETT, 77, editor of *The Baptist Courier* (S. C.), died at his home in Greenville, S. C., October 30.

He was a native of Del Rio, Tenn., and was educated at the University of Richmond and the Southern Baptist Theological

Seminary. He was professor of Greek at Carson-Newman College from 1895 until he became president in 1908. He served in this capacity until 1917 when he became pastor at Belton, S. C. before becoming editor of *The Baptist Courier*. He was widely known for his kindly disposition and his faithful work as a religious and educational leader.

Dr. Burnett is survived by seven children: Associate Justice Hamilton S. Burnett, of the State Supreme Court; Jesse Burnett, Jr., Greenville, S. C.; Mrs. Roy Cheney, New York City; Mrs. C. D. Poole, Clayton, N. C.; Mrs. Emerson Waite, Clemson, S. C.; Mrs. Herbert Strange, Greenville, S. C.; and Miss Margaret Burnett, secretary to the president of Western College, Oxford, Ohio. He is also survived by a brother, Edmund Burnett, Washington, D. C., and three sisters: Mrs. A. R. Swann, Dandridge, Tenn.; Mrs. Kate Jarnigan, Dandridge; and Mrs. Annie Stevens, Morristown, Tenn.

Funeral services were held at Belton where he had served as pastor for 20 years. God comfort the sorrowing.

A Simpler Procedure and a Noble Spirit

LAST WEEK our readers saw Secretary Pope's front-page announcement of the Thanksgiving Offering for the Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home and of the reasons for it and of the character of it.

This new arrangement means a simplified procedure in the matter of offerings within the framework of the Co-operative Program.

There will be no Christmas Offering for the Home, hence, no conflict with the Lottie Moon Offering. There will be no Mother's Day Offering for the Home, hence, no offering for it just before the Christian Education Offering in June. Moreover, the Sunday School lessons stress offerings at the Thanksgiving season for the orphans. Therefore, these can be capitalized upon for the Home. And the number of "specials" is reduced by this arrangement.

It is a matter of lasting gratitude that Superintendent Creasman and the trustees of the Orphanage are in accord with this new arrangement. Knowing them, one would expect this to be their attitude. Theirs is a noble spirit.

Now let Tennessee Baptists match this spirit and situation with a generous Thanksgiving Offering for the Home. It can be taken on any Sunday in November the several churches may choose.

The literal rendering of Mark 10:16, dealing with Christ's blessing little children, is tender and touching: "*And folding them in his arms, he was blessing them, putting his hands upon them.*" By their ministry to the Tennessee Baptist Orphans Home, our people express this attitude.

"Come Before Winter"

"DO YOUR BEST to come before winter," Paul wrote Timothy. The biting frost was weakening the frail prisoner. "Bring the cloak when thou comest . . ." Thus from the Roman cell went forth the earnest plea from Paul.

That call is coming to us today from neighbors up and down the ravished communities of Europe. "Do your best to come before winter," they are crying.

For many, alas, it will be the winter of discontent, of disappointment, of death, unless we heed this call, for Christ's sake. Timothy responded in the long ago. Southern Baptists will respond today.—LOUIE D. NEWTON, *President Southern Baptist Convention*.

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.

Reducing Divorce Rate

New York Times

report offered five possible solutions:

1. Supplant the pagan ideal of the home by encouraging the production of motion pictures which reveal the true Christian home. We should co-operate with Mr. J. Arthur Rank of London in his worthy project of making Christian movies.

2. Train our children early in life as to the basic religious instruction and also as to ideals of a Christian home.

3. Establish marriage clinics to guide youth in the course of happy marriages. This should begin in the high school years with special emphasis and instruction in our churches.

4. Adults should teach the purpose of marriage to youth by being the kind of Christians whose example could profitably be followed. Christian parents can also help by inviting into their home youth who have not known the atmosphere of a Christian home.

5. If we as Christians hear of a marriage which is not succeeding we should do our best to help overcome the difficulties.

(The above suggestions were offered to the Ecumenical Methodist Conference recently held in Springfield, Mass.—R. B. J.)

Catholic Objective

W. O. CARVER
in *The Tie*

The Roman Church, having no physical military force or economic power for contending with communism backed by Russia's newly achieved might, and unwilling to rely on spiritual weapons in her warfare, is seeking to manipulate America into the position of carrying her cause to victory against Russia. If necessary, she expects the United States to go to war with Russia to save Europe from communism. And the Roman Church has other important reasons for wishing to win influence and control in America. If American diplomacy yields to this pressure and permits the United States to become the instrument of the Roman Church, our distinctive genius and our world mission will be lost. Our meaning in history will be lost.

(We had better see this before it is too late.—R. B. J.)

New Day for Church Music

LOREN R. WILLIAMS
in *Word And Way*

Most of us will agree that music in the majority of our churches has been a rather "drab" affair. It is a service which has, in so many instances failed to progress equally with the other services of the church, probably because all of us and especially our leaders have failed to give it proper attention and encouragement. All will agree that any part of the worship service which uses approximately one-third of that time deserves the best in those that participate and lead such an activity. In many churches you will frequently hear this appeal at the beginning of the worship services: "Those of you who are going to sing in the choir, please come and take your places while the prelude is being played," (or perhaps it is during the first hymn). We know that there would be no efficient Sunday Schools if each Sunday morning the superintendent or pastor would have to ask for volunteers to assume the

various places of leadership on that particular Sunday and those who had made no preparation would attempt to take over. Absurd as it may seem such regrettable conditions have existed in our church music for years, and such irregularities in choice and preparation have governed the selection of those who are responsible for the guidance of our church music program.

(It is absurd, isn't it?—R. B. J.)

Some Present Enemies of the Home

JOHN R. SAMPEY, JR.
in *Sunday School Builder*

The enthronement of materialism in the lives of parents and children is a subtle enemy of the home. Science has placed so many luxuries and labor-saving gadgets within our reach that much of our conversation and planning centers on these. The pursuit of worldly pleasures demands yet a larger part of the time and thought of the average home.

The abdication of parental authority preceded the entrance of materialism such as is pictured. It was a sad day when discipline vanished from the American home, the school, and the church. We moderns ridicule the discipline of our Puritan ancestors, but when our own sons were thrust suddenly into the discipline of the armed services, many of them just couldn't take it. Today they languish in mental hospitals or are moral and emotional wrecks, shielded in the very homes which failed to prepare them to meet the stern realities of life. The desertion of the family altar paved the way for the entrance of these present enemies of the home—materialism, parental irresponsibility, and paganism. God ordained the father as the spiritual head of the family. When the man in the home exercises this high privilege, there is established a bulwark against which all the enemies of the home beat in vain. God give America wisdom and faith to open its homes to the unseen Guest, who stands without and even is knocking at the door!

(Parents, repent and ask God to help you make your homes what He wants them to be.—R. B. J.)

Payday Pastor

E. V. THURMAN
in *Word And Way*

There are two types of termites that have eaten the foundation away from the structure of the Rural church. The one that we must consider first is the payday pastor who is nothing more than a termite living off of sacred money given by God's people. By the payday preacher I mean the man who has an income, who has employment, but wants some extra money and preaches at the expense of the good people until he has preached them deaf and dead and stays until the treasury is depleted, then moves on to another field to do the same. He is a robber and a thief, for he never pastors the field seldom, if ever, he calls in the homes, seldom if ever, is present for weekly prayer meeting and usually discourages Sunday evening services. Brother Pastor, we know that pastoring is a full-time job, one that could well take 24 hours a day. Certainly just two hours of service on Sunday morning is a disgrace for any man who has a church and is accepting sacred money for such. The rural churches have reaped such, those who have employment in the city and drive out on Sunday mornings for services, but God forbid that such should continue. I can state actual cases, this is not a dream.

(This is good stuff, and ought to do good.—R. B. J.)

Russian Scriptures Presented By the American Bible Society

TEN THOUSAND copies of the first Russian Bible to be published in this country, together with 5,000 Russian Testaments and Psalms, 100,000 Russian Gospels and 1,000 Greek New Testaments were presented by Daniel Burke, president of the American Bible Society to Metropolitan Gregory of Leningrad and Novgorod of the Russian Orthodox Church at the Bible House, in New York City, on Thursday, October 30. Metropolitan Gregory is on a special mission in this country and will shortly return to Russia.

These copies of the Holy Scriptures are a Christmas gift from the American Bible Society, to Patriarch Alexei of Moscow for the churches and people of Russia. Metropolitan Gregory has already cleared the important license for these Scriptures, so that it is expected they will be in Russia very shortly and will constitute a gift from the people of the United States through the American Bible Society and Patriarch Alexei of Moscow to the church and people of Russia.

All of these Russian Scriptures are in the Holy Synod Version and in the new Russian orthography. They have been set up and published in the United States by the American Bible Society in the past few years to show the good will and gratitude of millions of American Christians to the Russian people for their supreme courage and sacrifices in the great fight against military aggression. The Greek New Testaments will be distributed among the theological students.

The Holy Synod Version was first published in 1860 in St. Petersburg by the Holy Synod of the Russian Orthodox Church. In 1926 the American Bible Society paid for having a Russian Bible in the Holy Synod Version set up and printed in the Government printing office at Leningrad. This Bible was in the new orthography, but after two editions were printed the plates were lost.

The American Bible Society, however, recently set up and published in the United States several editions of the Russian Gospels and of the Russian New Testament and Psalms in the Holy Synod Version and in the new orthography. On September 13, 1946, a shipment of 5,000 Russian Testaments and Psalms, 100,000 Russian Gospels and 500 Nestle's Greek New Testaments was donated through Archbishop Alexei Sergeev of Jaroslavl and Rostov to Patriarch Alexei of Moscow.

The 10,000 Russian Bible now being donated to Patriarch Alexei of Moscow through Metropolitan Gregory are part of the first edition of the American Bible Society's new Center Reference Russian Bible just off the press. As long as the shortage of paper and binding materials caused by the war continue, the American Bible Society considers it a Christian privilege and is prepared to continue to donate such gifts of copies of the Word of God to the churches and people of Russia in Russian, Slavonic and in other languages.

Quotable Quotes

The greatest opportunity, the gravest responsibility, and the most difficult task for any Christian is leading the lost to Christ. No phase of our work should claim our thinking, praying, planning as winning the lost should claim it . . . R. C. CAMPBELL in *The Teacher*.

Baptists are a people of the Book. We have no other text; we have no other handbook; we have no other creed than that laid down in the New Testament. When we teach it and practice it we prosper. When we neglect it we fail. The more effectively it is taught, the greater is the measure of our success . . . A. V. WASHBURN in *The Sunday School Builder*.

In the Bible we see that all races of men have a common origin. Only the skins of men are of different colors. The blood of all races is the same color. The heartbeats of all are the same. The souls of men do not have colors. Every soul is precious in the sight of God . . . J. E. LAMB DIN in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

Our thanksgiving so often stops short of acknowledging gratitude

What Is An Effective Gospel Appeal?

AFTER LISTENING to a dozen or more modern evangelists from Dr. Appelman, down, I am prone to feel like many brethren, that there is an inadequacy of the Gospel appeal in our modern preaching. What is the average Gospel appeal heard in our churches today? It might be summed up as follows, "You are a sinner; God loves you; Jesus bore your sins in His own Body on the Tree; accept His atoning sacrifice by personal appropriation; believe in your heart that He died for you; look to the Crucified, and you are saved." But is this an effective Gospel appeal?

This is not harsh judgment, for the writer himself has many times been guilty of using the very same appeals, and should be the last to criticize destructively. Indeed, God may even bless such an appeal to the salvation of souls; for true conversion is a spiritual revelation, and may be granted by the Holy Spirit through the most inadequate agency. It is possible, however, that such a message, in itself, would produce counterfeit results. Its fundamental weakness lies in the fact that it leaves the needy, helpless sinner with a crucified Saviour.

But a Crucified Christ can save nobody! Crucify is only and ever the symbol of darkness and despair. Yet how often the Evangelist puts a test question to the seeking soul, as follows: "Do you believe in your heart that Jesus died for you?" "Oh, yes." "Then you are saved." But is that true? Can the belief of any Bible fact bring salvation? Such a notion may have led some merely out of one false hiding place into another. It conveys little or no ideas of the true obligation of a living faith. Of course, it is not suggested for a moment that every aspect of Gospel truth can be incorporated into one message, but the Sovereignty of Christ is surely a dominating principle which should form the background of every evangelistic appeal.

Then what is the New Testament Gospel appeal? The Gospel that the great Apostle Paul loved to call "My Gospel" was essentially the Gospel of the risen and Ascended Lord. This is abundantly clear in the great utterance of 1 Cor. 15. In a matter of 14 words, he lays the vital and all imperative foundation of Calvary's atoning sacrifice:

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; And that he was buried." (verses 3-4).

Then, in a tremendous and weighty declaration extending over 17 verses, he emphasises the glorious fact of the resurrection, pre-facing it by the plain statement of fact. "This is the Gospel." It is essentially the Gospel of the Risen Christ, and that is something more than a living Christ. He lived on earth as the Son of Man, and the rationalistic critic will thus speak of the living Christ. But the New Testament Gospel concerns and exalts the Risen Christ. Such a Gospel includes, by pre-supposition, His precious atoning death.

I am He that liveth and was dead, and am alive again for evermore."

Was not this the message of the early Church? On the negative side, the Gospel of His Sovereignty involves true repentance—an integral part of the Gospel—but frankly, does that essential find a prominent place in the normal Gospel message of today? What is true conversion but "Repentance toward God" as well as "Faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ?" Acts 20:21—JOHN H. BOWEN, *Missionary-colporteur*, Mexico.

to the ultimate Giver. May this season remind us of our dependence on God and lead us to express our thanksgiving through generosity of spirit, word, and deed . . . WILLIAM J. FALLIS in *The Teacher*.

This effort to enlist tithers can take the place of a hundred special campaigns by strengthening everything Southern Baptists are undertaking . . . DUKE K. MCCALL in *The Sunday School Builder*.

The Bible itself is the supreme drama of human life. It presents the complete picture of life from the cradle to the grave. It portrays the bad and the good. It shows the devastating effects of sin and the redeeming and creative effects of faith . . . J. E. LAMB DIN in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

Personality Plus!

By JAMES L. SULLIVAN

TODAY'S BOOKSHELVES are jammed with books, and its platforms are filled with speakers who are offering personality as the panacea for all ills, individual and social.

Thoughtless advocates are ceaselessly propounding the unlimited virtues of a pleasing personality and are recommending it as a sort of fetish in the winning of friends and in the influencing of people. They guarantee it as a sure way to fame and fortune.

I would not for a moment minimize the worth of a pleasing personality. All of us delight in meeting a person of magnetic disposition. We are impressed by the charm of the one who is attractive in appearance and impressive in manners.

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Personality, however, is not enough when taken by itself. It has worth, but it also has limitations. In spite of its virtues, something else must be added. If it is taken alone, it is not a mark of success, but it is incomplete and insufficient. Personality must be supplemented, steered, and stabilized by character if it is to be of maximum worth. Character is the necessary plus to every life.

A pleasing personality may lead one to many acquaintances, but without character it is impossible to make these acquaintances into genuine friends. People may be impressed by your personality, but but they are influenced aright by your character. Notoriety may be won by personality alone, but true fame and fortune come only when there is the plus of character.

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. Personality make the life of character more attractive. Character makes the personality more durable. While personality alone has some virtues, personality plus character is of inestimable worth.

Call to mind the words of God in 1 Samuel 16:7. The prophet Samuel was searching for King Saul's successor that he might anoint him. Committing the error that many of us make, Samuel was on the verge of selecting the new king on the basis of personality when God advised, "Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature." Recognizing this as one of man's common errors, God added by way of explanation, "For the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but God looketh on the heart." The "outward appearance" is personality—what man sees. The "heart" is character—what God knows. Of what value is personality if it is not backed by character? Of what worth is a pleasing appearance if the heart is all wrong?

David's predecessor, King Saul, had plenty of personality. He was striking to behold; yet the record of his life constitutes one of the darkest pages in history. He died a suicide, and his dynasty, crumbled with him. No dynasty, business, or individual can long thrive, or even survive, without character.

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As I stood chatting with a group of college students, one of them was impressed by the charm of a young girl, a total stranger who was passing on the campus sidewalk. The boy with eyes enlarged, chin up, and chest out beat his breast like Tarzan and said to his cronies, "Watch me turn on my charm full blast. She'll wilt like a rose." With Chesterfieldian manners he sidled up to her, extended his arm, and smilingly they walked away together. Evidently he was overawed by her attractiveness and she was impressed with his bravado, and both seemed delightful. Is that all that is necessary for success and happiness? One might jump to the conclusion that it is so.

The modern warped version is further illustrated by a cafe experience. Some girls were giddily laughing at a backwoodsman who was eating there. His conspicuous lack of manners had attracted attention. The girls were laughing hilariously, deriding him for his

poor etiquette. They did not take into account that he was a law-abiding citizen who had high moral standards in daily living. What made the situation even worse was that the girls were at the same moment silently admiring another patron sitting near by who had highly polished manners that impressed them but was a person of low moral living.

Personality is skin-deep. Character is soul-deep. Personality is like a signboard which attracts attention, but which any strong March wind may topple. Character is more like the unnoticed but sturdy concrete foundation under a skyscraper.

Personality comes more by "letting oneself go." Character comes by control and restraint.

Advocates of a good personality offer all sorts of artificial aids. How often they say, "Dress up. Clothes make the man." But may I ask, "Into what?" Wax can come as near making a Jeep into a Cadillac as polish can come making a brute into a gentleman. Shacks are not made into mansions by coats of paint.

Up-to-the-minute style and Emily Post manners, fine as they are, cannot compensate for an unclean life. If character is lacking, all is lost, be one in rags or in silk.

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How can good homes be built on anything except good character on the part of the contracting parties? Hollywood often tries to base its marriages on personality; wives are chosen for charm and husbands are selected for handsomeness. But where in the world are divorce rates higher? No wonder! Instead of lifetime mates, many of the stars come nearer making marriages an annual affair. Security in marriage is built on character, not personality.

In every area of life character is needed. In business, social relations, schools, governments, everywhere, character is indispensable.

America spent tens of thousands of lives and multiplied millions of dollars in the recent war. We said we were building a wall of defense to protect ourselves from Japan and Germany, to safeguard our liberties; but unless we can curb the present tendencies and check the moral sag which has begun, we have made the mistake of the farmer who built a model fence and then left his gate wide open for the animals to devour his crop. Why pay so heavily for a wall of defense if we through unrighteous living allow our worst enemy, the devil, to enter a wide-open gate to devour us? He is worse than Japan, Germany, and all other enemies combined.

On the rock of character true national security is built.

Possess character! Youth, at any price possess character! Admire personality and do your utmost to develop the most magnetic temperament possible. But know full well that personality can be enhanced and made permanent by the possession of the plus—character. Strive for both unceasingly. They make perfect mates.

The source of Christian character is God. It has its foundation in Christian experience. It finds happy expression in the daily doing of his will. An individual cannot build Christian character by his own strength. It must come by God's assistance.

As Christian character comes from God, it is also kept by God's help. Man cannot be his own defender against pitfalls that would ensnare him. He must commit the keeping and care of his life to the Master, who is Keeper as well as Saviour.

Nothing will make a life more beautiful than righteousness. Nothing will mar a life's beauty like sin. Sin in its ugliness will mar and wreck. Fragrance and beauty are stolen away by transgression. Personality tends to diminish if character is lacking, to blossom if character is possessed.

The combination of personality and character presents the perfect couplet. Such is Christ's example. Such is the Christian's ideal.

The two make the perfect pattern for suburb beauty, supreme happiness, and maximum service in Christian living.—*The Baptist Student*.

Where Our Money Goes

DUKE K. MCCALL

IF BIRDS could figure percentages, this would be a bird's-eye view of what Southern Baptists do with the money they contribute to the Lord's work.

We usually show percentages by dividing up a round silver dollar which some individual is about to give. The figures given below, however, result from dividing up the \$115,000,000 all six million Southern Baptists actually gave in 1946.

1. The total amount given by all Southern Baptists to every religious purpose in 1946 represented about 2 per cent of their net income. This may be compared with the tithe, or 10 per cent of their net income, which is the Biblical standard of stewardship. It may also be compared with the 1 per cent given to benevolent causes by the average American regardless of whether he professed any faith or not. Still another comparison is with the 15 per cent the United States government uses in income tax computations as a not unreasonable amount to give.

2. Of the gifts received in the average local church 76.4 per cent was used for local expense. The remaining 23.6 per cent was used for the Co-operative Program and designated gifts to missionary and benevolent causes.

To bring this closer home compare your church with these figures:

Church Membership	Local Work	Missions and Benevolence
Under 500	81.9 per cent	18.1 per cent
501 to 1,000	75.3 per cent	24.7 per cent
1,001 to 1,500	72.8 per cent	27.2 per cent
1,501 to 2,500	69.1 per cent	30.9 per cent
Over 2,500	66.4 per cent	33.6 per cent

3. The state conventions averaged spending for state missions and benevolence 61.64 per cent of all Co-operative Program funds. This left 38.36 per cent for Southern Baptist Convention agencies. Individual states vary in the distribution of Co-operative Program funds from 50 per cent for state causes and 50 per cent to the Southern Baptist Convention causes to 75 per cent for state causes and 25 per cent to Southern Baptist Convention causes. The amount used in the states for preferred items taken out before the division of Co-operative Program funds between state and Southwide objects varies from nothing to \$100,000. No two states follow exactly the same procedure; exact information must be secured from each state secretary.

4. Of the \$10,259,000 received in 1946 by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, 36.48 per cent went for world relief and rehabilitation. Of the remainder the Foreign Mission Board received 50.97 per cent. This compares with 51.08 per cent to foreign missions in 1945 and 53.48 per cent for the first nine months of 1947.

Home missions received 21.37 per cent last year. Theological education received 19.79 per cent. Relief and Annuity Board received 7.96 per cent.

Four Decisions

Perhaps it is not a bird but an angel who watches Southern Baptists as they make the four basic decisions about the division of the Lord's money:

Decision No. 1—Shall I tithe?

Decision No. 2—How much should my church give to the Co-operative Program?

Decision No. 3—What is the relative need and basis of division between state missions and the worldwide agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention?

Decision No. 4—What table of percentage should the Southern Baptist Convention use to divide Co-operative Program receipts between foreign missions, home missions, theological education, and the other causes fostered by it?

Strangely enough, the individual decision to tithe is the determining factor in the other three decisions which we must make together.

"Fill It Up or Give It Up!"

MARJORIE E. MOORE, *Publicity Chairman Relief Committee, Foreign Mission Board, Richmond 20, Virginia*

A WAREHOUSE ten times the size of the space opened a year ago in New Orleans will soon be rented for the Southern Baptist Service Center by the Relief Committee of the Foreign Mission Board, in response to the announcement that the Baptist World Alliance adopted a plan to collect clothes for a million people by November 30.

The committee approved the rental of larger quarters with a slogan offered by one member, Dr. Clyde W. Hickerson: "Fill it up or give it up." Only by the full-time use of these facilities can the payment of the rent from relief funds be justified, in the opinion of the chairman, L. Howard Jenkins.

The Foreign Board's relief committee, in session at the home office October 10, took immediate action to enlarge the capacity of the center at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, to serve the ten Gulf Coast states for the expected total of 300,000 to 500,000 pounds of goods a month. Under the continued direction of the Rev. Clovis A. Brantley, who is available by courtesy of the Home Mission Board for part-time service in the relief effort, used clothing and bedding will be received, processed, and shipped to Baptists in Europe and Asia.

This center can provide the thousands of scantily-clad men, women, and children the clothing to survive the winter, if Southern Baptists will take the trouble to clean, mend, and ship prepaid, their extra coats, shirts, dresses, shoes, underwear, sheets, blankets, quilts, slip covers and other materials from which clothing may be made. The Church World Service Centers of New Windsor, Maryland, Webster Groves, Missouri, and Modesto, California, are prepared to receive clothing from Southern Baptists and ship them designated for Baptists overseas.

Further announcements about the relief effort will be issued after the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention's relief committee, called by the chairman, M. Theron Rankin, in Richmond, October 16.

Preaching On the Home

By JOE W. BURTON, Editor *Home Life*

NOT LONG SINCE I was in an open-air summer time revival. Thursday night of the second week had come before the meeting broke. Then God's spirit came into the people's hearts in a wonderful way. Back-slidden Christians were mellowed and repentant. Lost sinners confessed Christ as Saviour. Many came forward to the altar.

Now that great service of the revival was on Family Night. The service which made a revival of what could have been just another meeting was one in which people were brought closer to God through the ties of home. Many homes that night were dedicated to God, and then hearts were given to him.

This joyful experience leads to two comments.

First, revival preaching can well focus on Christian home life. Warm evangelistic messages can be given an added heart tug by an occasional revival sermon aimed at cultivating Christian home ties. Such a home service may be the making of a great revival.

Second, the pastor's Sunday by Sunday pulpit ministry can include a similar emphasis. Such preaching on the home will meet the needs of the people where they live.

Brethren, let's preach on Christian home life. The times demand it. The people need it.

Where Is Jesus Now and What Is He Doing?

LYN CLAYBROOK, *First Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Tenn.*

"Christ is entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb. 9:24.

"We have an advocate with the father, Jesus Christ the righteous; And He is the propitiation for our sins." I John 2:2-3.

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

"I go to prepare a place for you." John 14:2.

IN THESE WONDERFUL verses we have the answer to our question. In that answer we have the other side of the gospel; the neglected side. A careful look at it will reveal that it is too good and glorious to be overlooked. In thinking of Christ's work on our behalf, we are prone to think mainly of His work in the past, particularly of His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification. And truly these are wonderful things; things so glorious in issue and transcendent in meaning that the angels are represented as "Desiring to look into them."

These are things so amazing and so full of mystery and wonder that the prophets, in whom the Spirit of Christ testified beforehand of these things, "Enquired and searched diligently" that they might more fully understand them. I Pet.:9-11. That "He suffered for us, the just for the unjust" *we must never forget*. That "He who knew no sin" was willing "To be made sin for us" will be the marvel of all marvels, forever, to all the redeemed. But looking backward only, we see only half of the gospel; a glorious half, indeed, but only half. The purpose of this message is to focus your attention on its complement half without which we have only part of the gospel.

I. Where Is Jesus Now?

Our hearts somehow cry out for an answer to this question. We want to know where our loved ones, who depart this life, are. Nothing gives us more joy than to believe and feel that they are at rest and with the Lord.

God has not disappointed us in withholding the answer to this question. "He was taken up and a cloud received Him out of their sight." Acts 1:9. But, where did He go? Luke tells us that, "While He blessed them, He was parted from them, and carried up into heaven." Luke 24:51. The writer of the Hebrew letter tells us that "He is entered into heaven itself." 9:24. "After He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God." Heb. 10:12. Right here is something too good to miss. Death, to Paul, was "To depart and be with Christ." Phil. 1:23. If this is what death is for Christians, then they go at once to heaven for He is in heaven, at the right hand of God. No wonder Paul said that for a Christian to die "Is very far better" than for him to live.

But, holding on to our question, where is Jesus now, let us note further that "He is entered into heaven itself, there to appear in the presence of God for us." Heb. 9:24. "For us." How precious those words! His thoughts have ever been for us. "All things are for your sakes." Oh, what a wonderful lover is He? We, who are saved, are betrothed to Him in the most holy of all relations. As our spiritual bride-groom, He is thinking of us now. "In the presence of God for us." Oh, dear reader, hold on to those words until they grip you and unfold in wondrous glory to you!

II. What Is Jesus Doing In Heaven for Us?

He said while he was here in the flesh that "Whosoever shall confess me before men, him also will I confess before my father who is in heaven." Matt. 10:32. One thing He is doing "In the pres-

ence of God for us" is confessing us who love Him. "Father, that one is mine, and all mine are thine." All shall be forever well with those whom He confesses before the Father as His own. Then again, He is "Our advocate" before the Father when we get into trouble; and sin gets us into much trouble. But, thank God, "If any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins and not for ours only, but also for the whole world." I John 2:1-2. His precious blood, shed on Calvary's Cross, is sufficient to get all out of all the trouble of sin if they will but trust in Him; if they will but turn their case over to Him. He is the only attorney who has never lost a case. His blood avails.

Not only so, but He is securing our access to the throne of grace where we can find abundant mercy and grace to help us in every need of this life. And we are therefore admonished to "Come boldly to this throne of grace and find grace and help for all our needs." Heb. 4:16. In heaven, at the Father's right hand, He is making our eternal salvation possible; for in some way it depends upon His present intercession. "If while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of His son much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by His life." Rom. 5:10. "Therefore, He is able to save them unto the uttermost that come unto God through Him, seeing that He ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25. We are being saved by His present life.

Finally, let us note that He is also "Preparing for us" against the time of our coming. "I go to prepare a place for you" He said to His own. John 14:1. None of us can ever imagine what a wonderful home He is preparing "For them that love Him." *In all of this let us dwell on these words, "For us." "For us." "There to appear in the presence of God for us."* But the question now that will not down is this:

III. What Are We Doing Here?

While He is doing all these wonderful things for us what are we doing for Him here?

Since his every thought and desire is "For us" can we say that our thoughts are of Him and our desires toward Him? Are all things in our lives "For His sake?" "He died for all that they who live should henceforth live no longer unto themselves but unto Him who died for them and rose again." 2 Cor. 5:15. Since His love for us is so single and so steadfast and so abounding should we not have all our hearts love and affection set on Him? For it to be otherwise is for us to be guilty of spiritual infidelity toward our great Lover-Bride-Groom.

Since He is our representative before the presence of the Father, should we not yearn to rightly represent Him down here in this world? Since He offered up Himself for our sins and pleads His blood for our forgiveness, should we not offer up our lives as living sacrifices for Him?

Clothes For a Million!

THE NEED IS SO GREAT that the best efforts we can possibly make are none too good. To all our Southern friends we say, "Let's really do the job." And any clothing we get beyond the goal will be gratefully received, because there are so many who are looking to us for help.—C. OSCAR JOHNSON, *President Baptist World Alliance.*

The Bible is God's message, his love letter to all men everywhere. It explains the origin of life and is the guidebook for the journey of life. It is the only Book which gives assurance . . . J. E. LAMBDIN in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine.*

Aims and Objectives of Research In Tuberculosis

BY ESMOND R. LONG, M. D.
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RESEARCH on tuberculosis is aimed at control of the disease through prevention or cure. There is no simple shortcut, however, to these objectives. In a number of diseases, happy circumstances, through the discovery of an antitoxin or a drug with a sterilizing effect on the germ causing the disease, has enabled control of the infection. In the majority of diseases, such a shortcut has not been discovered. Among these is tuberculosis. So much research has been done upon this disease that it is unlikely that a preventive or cure will be discovered suddenly. For this reason, research is directed toward fundamental aspects of the disease that may enable control finally through long and well thought-out enterprise.

The Committee on Medical Research of the National Tuberculosis Association has long been concerned with fundamental laboratory investigations throwing light upon the intimate nature of the tubercle bacillus and the physiological processes by which it lives. At the same time, the Committee has sponsored clinical investigations which furnish better understanding of the progress and prognosis of different forms of tuberculosis and related conditions which sometimes offer difficulty in diagnosis.

These investigations are often of a highly technical nature and, because of their complexity, proceed slowly. A large group of studies sponsored for many years by the National Tuberculosis Association is concerned with chemical analyses of the different elements entering into the composition of the tubercle bacillus and the medium on which it has grown. These investigations have given us a remarkable understanding of the exact nature of the bacillus. At the same time, they have permitted the production of useful pure substances, such as the purified tuberculin now widely used in surveys of school and other large population groups. The chief reason for their continuation, however, is the hope that vulnerable points will be discovered in the life processes of the tubercle bacillus, which will enable trained investigators to suggest means of interposing obstacles either to the essential life processes of the germ or to its synthesis of new materials for its body structure. Such investigations are intimately tied with research on the manner in which such drugs as streptomycin act.

Among the clinical and epidemiological studies sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association, on the recommendation of its Committee on Medical Research, two may be cited as of unusual interest in indicating the objectives of research on these aspects of the disease.

One of these, a cooperative enterprise with the United States Public Health Service, is directed toward an exact determination of the course and prognosis of tuberculosis when it is discovered in the minimal stage. It must be assumed that, in general, advanced and fatal tuberculosis was at one time tuberculosis of minimal extent. It is well known that many cases of minimal extent heal easily and spontaneously with little care. Others progress to a fatal issue. The reason why many cases of minimal tuberculosis go on to the advanced and often hopeless state is not as clear as might be supposed. The current large study, based on many thousands of cases, is expected to yield valuable information on this most important point.

The other clinical study has to do with the course of tuberculosis in childhood. Childhood tuberculosis, fortunately, is rapidly coming under control. Yet the fact remains that many children still acquire lesions early in life. These may be a menace to future health through the establishment of latent foci which remain dormant for years and ultimately progress to disease in adult life. Exact investigation of the relation of progression of the disease in childhood to the age of the child, time of first infection, type of care given, nutritional state of the child and other factors, is yielding information which should be of great importance in determining what are the best means for protection.

In addition, the Committee on Medical Research of the National Tuberculosis Association has taken a prominent part in the promotion of the current promising investigations on streptomycin and other antibacterial drugs which may be useful in the treatment of tuberculosis. Information on this large and important subject will appear from time to time in publications of the National Tuberculosis Association.

These few examples from the long list of projects sponsored by the National Tuberculosis Association through its Committee on Medical Research serve to illustrate the breadth and scope of research and the ultimate aims. This research is financed by funds raised in the annual Christmas Seal Sale of the National Tuberculosis Association and its 3,000 affiliated associations. Through these fundamental investigations results of great practical value may be expected for the welfare of each individual who has tuberculosis or is exposed to this disease.

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Eight W. M. U. Divisional Meetings

ATTENDANCE 4,437 FROM 56 ASSOCIATIONS

The 1947 divisional meetings were held the last two weeks in October. The weather was perfect, the crowds, the best ever. Every association in the state, where there was more than one church with a WMU organization was represented, except one. The largest young people's meeting was in Bolivar. The largest day meeting was in La Follette. The offering for the George Truett Home in Nazareth, Palestine was more than \$500.00. All the people were thrilled with the messages by our missionary, Kate Ellen Gruver of Nazareth. They wanted a part in caring for her children.

In Nashville, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark Calloway, soon to sail for Japan, and in La Follette Mrs. Roy Starmer of Rumania brought inspiring messages. Love offerings were made to them, also.

There were five of us who made the "rounds." Our lovely president, Mrs. Sam Holloway, of Memphis took us in her "Buick" so we were enabled to make the meetings on time. She endeared herself to the hearts of our people as she, for the first time, met the women in the different sections. She presented in her charming way "Women and Stewardship."

Miss Bruce made us see that we must have camps for our young people. Miss Christine Little told of the books we need and sold many of them at each stop.

This scribe presented WMU plans for the remaining part of '47 and challenged the workers to make "Achievements great in '48."

Each day the afternoon message on "Opening the Windows of Heaven" was brought by a man. The following were the speakers, in Lebanon, Dr. Edwin Preston, president of Cumberland University; in Petersburg, Rev. L. G. Gatlin; in Bolivar, Dr. R. E. Guy; in Humboldt, Dr. D. L. Sturgis; in Nashville, Dr. C. W. Pope; in Madisonville and in La Follette, Dr. J. M. Wardham of Maryville; in Bristol, Dr. John D. Freeman.

We greatly appreciated the messages brought by these splendid men of God. Beautiful messages in song, helpful devotionals and heart warming welcomes were given at each place.

New presidents were elected as follows: In North Central, Mrs. J. I. Walker of Lebanon; South Central, Mrs. L. G. Gatlin of Pulaski; South Western, Mrs. E. W. Stone, Memphis and North Eastern, Mrs. Robert Bales, Sr., of Morristown.

We thank God for the ones who have served so faithfully and who planned so beautifully for these meetings. We will count on these new officers to lead us on to greater heights.

Next year the meetings will be held in Brownsville, Huntingdon, Gallatin, Columbia, Jamestown, Cleveland, Arlington, Knoxville, and Jefferson City.

Miss Bruce will report the seven young people's meetings. We were in Bristol on Halloween so no meeting was held that evening.

Our party of five wish to thank each one for being so lovely to us. We were entertained in the most hospitable homes and for every courtesy shown to us by the hostess churches we are most grateful. It is our greatest joy to visit with our Baptist friends in our beloved state.

To contact 4,437 Baptists in eight meetings was a privilege indeed. We are most grateful to the Father for keeping us from harm as we drove 1,500 miles in order to reach these eight meetings.

Young People's Sessions

The Young People's sessions at the Divisional Meetings were successful from every viewpoint. The attendance was excellent at every meeting and overflowing in some places. The associations were well represented, the food was delicious and the programs were most helpful.

A letter just received this morning brings the following statement concerning the program: "Sue was so inspired she said she wanted to be a missionary. She is only eleven years old but she told me of so many things that were said there."

The inspiration, information and enthusiasm of the divisional young people's meetings should mean much to the development of the young people of our state and the extension of His Kingdom around the world.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16

By R. PAUL CAUDILL, Pastor
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Topic: "BUILDING CHRISTIAN CHARACTER"
Scriptures: II Peter 1:5-11; Jude 17-21, 24-25

If Christian character is to be had at all, it will be built; it does not come by nature. The natural man is not Christian in character. He becomes Christian only when he comes to know Jesus Christ and begins, through faith, to move in the circle of God's will.

A PART TO PLAY

In view of the fact that the Christian has experienced a new birth, and because of the fact that God has "granted unto us His precious and exceeding great promises" the Christian has a definite part to play in the world. In 2 Peter 1:5-11, the writer sets forth this "part" in great detail. "Yea, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your virtue knowledge; and in your knowledge self-control; and in your self-control patience; and in your patience godliness; and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love."

Note that the climax is reached in love which follows brotherly kindness. One might well say, indeed, that love of God, which complements God's love for man, is the soil from which all virtue springs. Yea, it is from this fountain—the fountain of love—that all noble and righteous acts of Christian character issue.

The expression "brotherly kindness" means, literally, "love of brothers for each other"; hence, "love of the brethren, love of fellow Christians" (Souter). Peter goes on to say that "if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle or unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." On the other hand, if one lacks these things, then he is "blind, seeing only what is near, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins" (2 Peter 1:8f).

The observance of Peter's injunction will make for a fruitful life: "for if you do these things, ye shall never stumble: for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Note that the believer's inheritance is here referred to as "eternal"—his kingdom is to be an eternal one. Dr. A. T. Robertson calls attention to the fact that in the Stratonicea inscription we find the words "of the eternal rule" applied to "the Lords of Rome."

But Peter has in mind the spiritual reign of God in the hearts of men while they are yet on earth as well as in heaven. He is not thinking of the rule of some civil or political overlord who represents a kingdom that perishes as the flower of the field.

A WORD OF WARNING

In Jude (17-21) we have a word of warning that the Christian should ever keep in mind: "But ye, beloved, remember ye the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ: That they said to you, In the last time there shall be mockers, walking after their own ungodly lusts. These are they who make separations, sensual, having not the spirit. But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keeping yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life."

The task for Christians of every generation is to hold in remembrance the words of warning that have been boldly spoken by men of God—men who counted it a privilege to witness, even at the cost of their lives to their love for the glorious gospel of God in Christ Jesus.

Only an unspiritual man would allow himself to be used by Satan as an instrument for making "separations" among believers. Believers are to give diligence at all times "to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:3). For, after all, there is but one body, yea, one Spirit, "even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all." (Eph. 4:4ff.)

The foundation for a stable Christian life is one's faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord. And the faith must be seasoned with prayer; it must be a prayerful faith. It is perhaps at this point that we face the weakest link in the chain of Christian experience. Christians simply do not pray enough. It is such an easy matter for one to go all day long without so much as uttering a single word of thanksgiving to the Father for his continued mercy, or without pausing for a moment of fellowship with Him from whom all our blessings flow. Many of us wait until a crisis comes, and then we suddenly become prayerful and reach for the sustaining power of our faith which has become pale and sickly through neglect.

POWER FROM ON HIGH

"Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy . . . be glory . . . for evermore" (Jude 24f.) Here we have a beautiful benediction that expresses unbounded confidence in the sustaining power of His boundless love. God is able to "guard" the believer, and to keep him from "stumbling." Moreover, He has the power to set the Christian "before the presence of his glory without blemish in exceeding joy," that is, if the Christian will only lean upon His saving grace.

The failures that mark our paths, as followers of Christ, are due to our own unwillingness to accept the promises of God, rather than to the inability of God to sustain us. He can guard us and keep us from falling only in proportion to our reliance upon Him for wisdom, grace and strength.—A. T. ROBERTSON.

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

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A Three-Way Game

Perhaps you already know how to play "That Reminds Me." One player is chosen to be *It*. He points to another player and calls out a word—any word, like "chair," "light," "love," "dark," "red," "candy." The player pointed to must begin with the word given him and in one minute name as many things as possible of which his word reminds him. Each time he must repeat, "..... reminds me of." For instance, "Candy reminds me of sugar; sugar reminds me of cake; cake reminds me of stove; stove reminds me of fire; fire reminds me of fire engines; fire engines remind me of friends," and so on. You see, the subject may get far away from the beginning word—as "chair" and "friends,"—but that's all right. The object is to see how many "reminders" each player can mention in his given time. This makes a grand family game.



Lets vary the game a little and use it in connection with our November Bible verse. Fill in the missing words of the verse here, to be sure you know it.

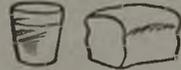


"Thou shalt rejoice in which the Lord thy God, and unto thine house" (Deut. 26:11).

We may call our new game "A Thank-You Game," and play it just as described above, except that each reminder mentioned by a player must be a "good thing" for which that player is glad or rejoices at this special Thanksgiving season. In mentioning any particular "good thing," a player may really be saying thank-you to God for that special gift.



Maybe you'd like to practice a little, before you suggest the game to your family or Sunday school class, or someone else. Look at the tiny pictures in this column. Time yourself one minute (or two or three, if you wish), and see how many good things you can name in connection with each picture. Don't forget to repeat "..... reminds me of," between each thing mentioned, as: "School reminds me of teachers; teachers remind me of books; books remind me of eyes; eyes remind me of light; light reminds me of dark; dark reminds me of stars; stars reminds me of moon"—and so on.



If there were no time limit, you could name a long, long list of good things, couldn't you? As you play the game, will you whisper a special thank-you "for every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee and unto thine house?"



Still another way to play the same game would be to name things to share. Of course, this would include more than things like food, toys, clothing, candy, and so on. Happiness may be shared; so may knowledge, or good news. Do you have two good eyes to share with someone who cannot read? or two fast feet to run errands for Mother or a neighbor? What else can you share?



Would you like to time yourself now—or ask Mother to time you—and see how long it takes you to think of ten things that you could share? Suppose we begin with something that I feel sure you have—*bread*. Here are blanks for you to fill in:

- Bread reminds me of
- reminds me of

How long did it take? (..... minutes). Now see if you can think of someone with whom you may share each of the things you wrote in the blanks. Perhaps you'd like to write that person's name in the margin, beside the gift you will share with him. When you have actually shared it, draw a circle around the gift and the name.

Speaking of sharing—I'm glad that many of you are sharing your happy times with us through your nice, newsy letters. Keep them coming! Next week we will look together at some of the new word pictures that have been made from those letters.

Love, Aunt Polly

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Thanksgiving Offering For The Orphanage

The annual authorized special offering for the Tennessee Baptist Orphanage has been changed to the Thanksgiving Season in November of each year.

This addition was approved by: W. C. Creasman, Superintendent of the Orphanage, the Orphans' Home Board, the Executive Board, and the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

REASONS FOR THE CHANGE

The Christmas offering came at the time of the Lottie Moon offering and thus divided the interests of a loyal group of supporters.

No other special offering is scheduled for the Thanksgiving season. The Thanksgiving Season is peculiarly suited to an offering for orphan children. The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board annually issued literature making an appeal for support of orphans' homes at the Thanksgiving Season.

ORPHANAGE OBJECTIVES

1. To give to destitute children the best home Tennessee Baptists will provide.
2. To provide such practical and cultural training as to fit our children for independent and respectable living when they go out from us.
3. To strive to lead each child to accept Christ as personal Saviour, and to encourage growth in Christian living and service.
4. To add such buildings and equipment as may be needed to meet an increasing demand for this type of service.
5. To support and strengthen our great Baptist Co-operative Program.
6. To seek to build, through the Baptist Foundation, an adequate endowment.

MAKE A WORTHY OFFERING

Many Sunday schools will want to designate a certain Sunday in November for an offering to the Tennessee Baptist Orphanage. Perhaps your Sunday school would like to give the entire offering of a certain Sunday. There is no better way to express our gratitude to God in this Thanksgiving Season than to support the boys and girls who are our responsibility at the orphanage.

Make all checks and money orders payable to: Treasurer, Executive Board, and mail the contribution to the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, 149 Sixth Ave., North, Nashville 3, Tennessee.

Ocoee Central Training School

The last week in October a Central Training School was held at the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga. This was the second school held this year as the associational leaders felt that the annual training effort should be moved from January to October. Next year the Statewide Sunday School Clinic is to be held in Chattanooga the first week in November.

The school was promoted effectively by our Associational Superintendent, R. C. Kerr; Superintendent of Training, Robert B. Ling; and Associational Missionary, J. C. Williamson. The following courses were offered:

Book	Teacher
<i>Outlines of Bible History</i>	Rev. A. A. McClanahan
<i>The Book We Teach</i>	Rev. C. H. Petty
<i>New Testament Studies</i>	Rev. R. W. Selman
<i>Why They Wrote the New Testament</i>	Rev. C. H. Preston
<i>Studies in Romans</i>	Rev. J. B. Hester
<i>Studies in Ephesians</i>	Rev. L. T. Merchant
<i>A Church Using Its Sunday School</i>	Rev. W. G. Rutledge
<i>Six Point Record System and Its Use</i>	Mr. Norris Shiflett
<i>Improvement of Teaching in Sunday School</i>	Rev. Reece Bayless
<i>The Baptist People—First to Twentieth Century</i>	Rev. R. R. Denny
<i>The Grace of Giving</i>	Rev. Ralph Feild
<i>The Faith We Share</i>	Rev. Grady C. Cothen
<i>Let Us Sing</i>	Rev. Sterling Price
<i>Church Library Manual</i>	Miss Laura Brumit
<i>Alcohol the Destroyer</i>	Rev. Earl Stallings
<i>Tomorrow You Lead</i>	Miss Gladys Longley

Goal Reached

At Central Baptist Church, Bearden, Tennessee they had set a goal of having as many present in Sunday school as their enrollment. This goal was reached on October 5 with ten more in Sunday school than the enrollment. We congratulate pastor L. H. Hatcher and superintendent James H. Smith.

Associational Goals For 1948

Southwestern Region

GOALS: October 1, 1947 to October 1, 1948

Association	New Unions	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	New Story Hours	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Beech River	5	2	4	1	2	200	8
Big Hatchie	5	3	2	2	2	400	18
Fayette	1	1	1	0	1	50	2
Hardeman	6	2	2	2	3	300	8
McNairy	10	2	5	1	2	325	15
Madison	10	5	3	2	5	800	15
Shelby	25	50	2	2	8	3500	52

Northwestern Region

GOALS: October 1, 1947 to October 1, 1948

Association	New Unions	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	New Story Hours	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Beulah	10	3	2	1	1	400	10
Carroll	2	1	1	1	1	150	3
Crockett	1	1	1	1	1	75	2
Dyer	2	2	1	1	1	300	18
Gibson	20	3	10	1	5	1000	25
Weakley	3	5	5	2	1	400	10
Western Dist.	9	2	5	0	3	100	6

South Central Region

GOALS: October 1, 1947 to October 1, 1948

Association	New Unions	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	New Story Hours	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Duck River	6	4	2	1	1	250	12
Giles	12	2	3	1	2	150	10
Indian Creek	5	1	1	1	1	200	71
Lawrence	2	1	1	1	1	200	10
Maury	15	20	4	2	6	300	12
New D. River	10	12	2	2	3	300	19
Wm. Carey	4	4	4	5	2	250	20

Central Region

GOALS: October 1, 1947 to October 1, 1948

Association	New Unions	Stan. Unions	New Tr. Unions	Stan. Tr. Unions	New Story Hours	Awards	Churches Reached With Study Course
Bledsoe	12	4	5	1	3	200	6
Cumberland	2	1	1	1	1	150	5
Judson	2	0	1	0	1	75	3
Nashville	25	50	4	5	10	3000	50
Robertson	2	3	1	1	1	350	10
Stewart	1	0	1	0	1	75	3

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Office Secretary



THE BROTHERHOOD of the First Baptist Church of Oak Ridge is perhaps the most cosmopolitan group in the country. Practically every state is represented in the membership of the church, and most of them in the membership of the Baptist Brotherhood.

The group was organized early in 1946 and the following officers were elected: Dr. Edward S. Amis, president; O. Neill Hall, secretary; T. A. Early, membership vice-president; R. H. Jenkins, activities vice-president; Mel D. King, program vice-president, and Lester A. Smith, Robert H. Rainey, T. Huntley Kent and Glen A. Harter were named as group leaders. Secretary E. K. Wiley was the guest speaker for the evening, with other visitors from neighboring churches. Dr. Amis moved from the community in September 1947 and Walter C. Rothermel was elected to succeed him as president. Glen A. Harter succeeded O. Neill Hall as secretary on Mr. Hall's leaving the community.

This new organization is fast becoming one of the most active and aggressive in the church. Among the activities of the past few months have been: sponsorship of an evangelistic enlistment campaign, a Mother's Day banquet with members' wives or others as guests, increased support and attendance at prayer meeting, and support of preparation for the Tither's Enlistment Campaign of the church and the Every Member Canvass, led by the deacons.

Plans for the future include co-operation with the Southwide Brotherhood effort to emphasize stewardship and tithing, the Man and Boy Movement, church publicity and soul winning. Laymen's Day was combined with Loyalty Day beginning the Every Member Canvass, and with Tither's Enlistment Day, with the Brotherhood lending every support to the complete church program. An active participation in the recreation program has already begun and it is expected that the men of the church may be able to assist recreation director Harold W. Sherrod to enlarge that work greatly during the coming year. Already some 25 men are enlisted in bowling teams meeting on Monday night.

Monthly meetings with fun, food, fellowship and inspiration have proven very popular and stimulating. Attendance has averaged around 40 during the year. The men of the Brotherhood are looking forward to the year ahead with the anticipation that activities and accomplishments shall surpass those of the part of a year just passed.

Those standing in the picture are: right to left—R. Hobson Shirey, Educational Director, First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge; Rev. Henry Stokes, pastor, First Baptist Church, Knoxville; Rev. W. Stuart Rule, pastor, First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge; Walter C. Rothermel, president; T. A. Early, membership vice-president; R. H. Jenkins, activities vice-president.—REV. W. STUART RULE, *Pastor*.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5, Pastor James R. Heifner and the Blountville Baptist Church, Blountville, ordained Wiley Millard and Robert LeSueur as deacons. Those taking part on the program were J. C. Blalock, pastor of Glenwood Baptist Church, Kingsport; M. L. Ross, pastor of Woodlawn, Bristol; and Garrett Graham, pastor of Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, Bristol, Va. Special music was furnished by the Calvary Baptist Church quartette, Bristol and Mrs. Robert Robert LeSueur. Three people were saved at the morning service that day.

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Recent decision of the National Broadcasting Company banning the broadcast of detective, crime, or mystery programs before 9:30 p. m., beginning January 1, 1948, is a cause of a flood of commendation from Virginians to the NBC offices in New York. John M. Tubbs, secretary of the state Baptist Training Union Exchange, has suggested this.

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Tithing works! It has already blessed many of our people and rejoiced our hearts. More are pledging to tithe, to date we have 102. Will you be next? Look at the offerings alone for four Sundays: Sept. 28 (last Sunday before started tithing) \$244.70; Oct. 5 \$412.09; Oct. 12 \$515.28; Oct. 19 \$613.65; Oct. 26 \$1,172.12.—*Bulletin*, First Baptist Church, Greeneville, Tenn.

—B&R—

Carl H. Barrett, a former pastor at Middleton in West Tennessee, has resigned the church at Lexie, Miss., to accept the call of the Calvary Baptist Church, Nashville.

The First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg recently concluded a successful revival effort led by Dr. Ira C. Cole, evangelist. Mr. Walter B. Seale, of Fort Worth, Texas, led the singing. There were 31 additions to the church, 21 by baptism. According to the Lawrenceburg pastor, James Canaday, Dr. Cole is a most effective church-building evangelist. He exalts Christ, and knows how to win men. He is engaged in full time evangelistic work, and he is also acting as supply pastor at Raleigh, Tenn. The Lawrenceburg revival was especially helpful to the spiritual life of the church.—Contributed.

—B&R—

Porter Routh, secretary of the department of survey, statistics, and information of the Baptist Sunday School Board, states that Southern Baptists reached an all-time record in the number of baptisms in their 1946-47 convention year. Reports received thus far indicate that the number will exceed 271,000. In 1946 the number was 269,155.

—B&R—

Pastor Fred Kendall of the First Baptist Church of Jackson recently assisted J. L. Sullivan and the Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, in a revival. Genter L. Stephens, minister of music and enlistment in the local church led the singing, with Mrs. George W. Card at the organ. There were 12 additions.

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There were many additions in a revival which Pastor Roy H. Hinchey and the Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, held with O. Jack Murphy, pastor of the First Baptist Church of LaFollette doing the preaching.

The Judson Memorial Baptist Church recently held a two weeks' revival with the largest crowd in seventeen years for a revival meeting. Mrs. Aaron Hancock of McAllister, Okla., led the singing. Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Minister of Education of the church, did the preaching. There were 58 additions to the church and seven other professions of faith. The Rev. Herbert B. Cross serves as pastor of the church.—MRS. MARGARET D. MARTIN, Church Secretary.

—B&R—

It was an unusual privilege for the McPheeters Bend Baptist Church of Church Hill, Tenn., to have as guest speaker on October 26, Rev. A. J. Watkins of Jefferson City, Tenn. Bro. Watkins served as pastor of this church from 1899 to 1901. Although he is past the four-score mark in years, Brother Watkins is alert and active, and his voice is clear and strong. Rev. A. Wilson Parker is pastor of the McPheeters Bend Church.—Contributed.

—B&R—

The First Baptist Church, Gallatin, has just closed a very successful revival with 20 additions to the church. Dr. J. G. Hughes, of Memphis, was the evangelist and Mr. Wallace Carrier, of Hartsville, was director of music. There were capacity crowds throughout the revival. Clyde C. Bryan, is pastor.

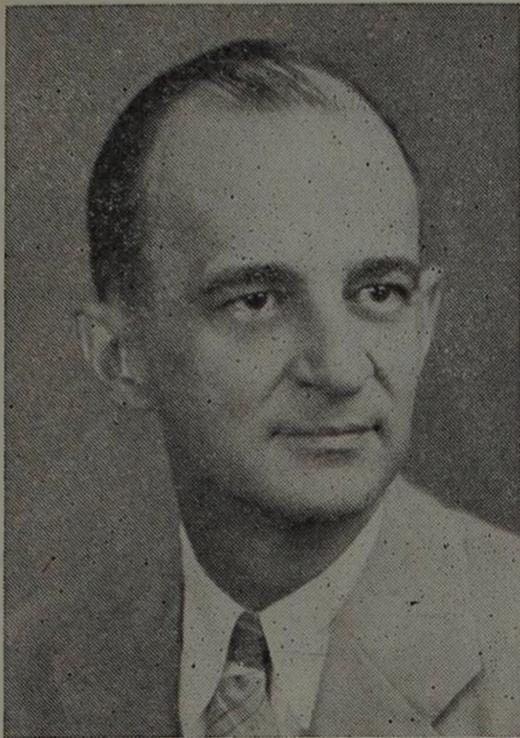
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Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, recently held a revival in which the preaching was done by the pastor, J. Earl Stallings. The music was under the direction of Jimmy Ray of Houston, Texas. There were 22 additions by letter and statement and 20 by baptism.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, NOV. 2, 1947

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo, First	209	33	—	Silverdale	109	94	—	Medina	156	139	—
Athens, East	242	112	—	Church Hill, First	75	30	—	Antioch	149	56	—
First	416	115	1	McPheeters Bend	132	60	—	Memphis, Bellevue	2355	754	11
West End Mission	31	—	—	Cleveland, Big Spring	247	220	—	Boulevard	544	192	—
North	178	68	—	First	601	233	2	Central Avenue	513	176	—
Calhoun	102	7	—	Mission	112	67	1	Galilee	263	123	1
Charleston	27	—	—	Clinton, First	175	67	2	LaBelle	594	157	2
Clear Water	72	46	—	Columbia, First	373	119	3	Levi	164	79	—
Coghill	62	—	—	Dark's Mill Chapel	26	—	—	Lamar Heights	552	139	4
Cotton Port	133	90	—	Godwin Chapel	12	—	—	Louisiana Street	139	96	1
Eastanalle	30	25	—	Cookeville, First	393	113	—	Prescott Memorial	512	141	—
Englewood	95	42	—	Fourth Street	60	—	—	Temple	1394	341	8
Etowah, East	48	—	—	Stevens Street	102	60	—	Union Avenue	1046	231	3
Etowah, First	317	84	—	Crossville, First	199	99	1	Milan, Chapel Hill	29	26	—
Etowah, North	135	48	—	Oak Hill	76	53	2	First	299	106	—
Good Springs	57	—	—	Peavine Mission	17	—	—	Milton	42	34	—
Good Fields	77	48	—	Elizabethton, Big Spring	111	138	—	Morristown, First	413	108	1
Idlewild	75	66	—	Rio Vista Mission	35	—	—	Murfreesboro, First	389	90	3
McMahan Calvary	74	42	—	Siam	145	65	—	Walnut Street Mission	67	42	—
Mt. Harmony No. 1	64	51	—	Fountain City, Central	649	214	2	Powell's Chapel	69	62	—
New Bethel	49	36	—	Hines Valley Chapel	49	—	—	Taylor's Chapel	74	51	—
New Hope	45	19	—	Gallatin, First	241	56	2	Westvue	260	68	5
New Zion	62	—	—	Harriman, Trenton Street	375	109	—	Nashville, Belmont	708	280	—
Niota, East	145	86	—	Jackson, Bible Grove	97	74	5	Grace	720	174	5
Niota, First	120	44	—	Calvary	434	217	19	Grubbs Memorial	102	74	2
Sanford	27	26	—	First	643	161	33	Inglewood	534	244	8
Riceville	101	—	—	North Jackson	349	171	19	Lockeland	426	159	—
Wildwood	71	41	—	Royal Street	87	65	—	Mill Creek	64	54	2
Zion Hill	47	—	—	West Jackson	866	361	82	Third	172	—	—
Auburntown, Auburn	118	59	—	Jellico, First	301	126	10	Una	105	71	—
Benton	121	41	—	Jonesboro, Oak Grove	161	79	—	Woodmont	264	89	2
Bluff City	182	141	—	Kingsport, First	660	114	1	Newport, First	224	62	—
Bradford	96	45	—	Lynn Garden	257	71	—	Oak Ridge, Glenwood	162	75	1
Brighton	153	99	—	Knoxville, Broadway	748	242	14	Highland View	270	67	3
Bristol, Calvary	870	119	2	Broadway Branch	50	83	—	Robertsville	230	74	1
Virginia Avenue	250	114	1	Fifth Avenue	611	218	3	Parsons, First	254	97	—
Carthage	157	85	8	Lonsdale	245	106	1	Philadelphia	129	50	—
Chattanooga, Avondale	454	139	—	Lawrenceburg	254	122	—	Raleigh, Ardmore	228	95	—
Birchwood	57	23	—	Lebanon	423	117	—	Rockwood, First	274	135	—
Brainerd	339	139	—	Barton's Creek	73	43	—	Mission	21	—	—
Daisy	177	84	—	Cedar Grove	69	44	—	Shelbyville, First	246	70	—
East Lake	408	132	3	Lexington, First	209	64	—	Shelbyville Mills	127	70	—
Highland Park	2100	573	18	Mt. Pleasant	155	81	—	Trenton, White Hall	57	30	—
Oak Grove	198	108	—	Madison, First	380	130	2	Watertown, Round Lick	78	51	—
Ridgedale	450	205	2	Maryville, Broadway	377	175	3	Waynesboro, Philadelphia	72	74	—
Signal Mountain	42	21	—	First	491	141	—				

Makes Outstanding Record



DR. R. K. BAILEY

Dr. Robert K. Bailey, local dentist has been elected to serve his sixteenth year as Sunday School Superintendent of the First Baptist Church, Centerville.

During these years the Sunday school enrollment has more than doubled, several new classes organized, and a new building erected. The church as a whole has made progress and is looking forward to even better years in the future.

Dr. Bailey is not only active in the church, but also in civic affairs. He is also alderman in his ward.

Expression of Appreciation For P. L. Utley

Rev. P. L. Utley of Camden, Tenn., has resigned as pastor of Mt. Herman Baptist Church of Hickory Point, Tenn., to take up half time work at Birds Creek Baptist Church, in the Western District Association. He will begin his work the second Sunday in November.

Bro. Utley has served the Mt. Herman Church as pastor for the past 10 years. We, the committee, wish to express our appreciation for his wonderful service during his pastorate here. The church has made good advancement both spiritually and financially, many have been added to the church and the budget has grown considerably.

First, Bro. Utley has devoted much of his time to advance the church spiritually and to the improvement of the building.

We wish to commend Bro. Utley heartily to the Birds Creek Church, which he has accepted for half-time.

Second, That we express our deep appreciation for the fine work he has accomplished in Mt. Herman Church and at the same time pray God's Blessings on him in his new field.

(Signed)

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Home Secretary J. B. Lawrence says: "We of the Home Mission Board rejoice in the privilege of co-operating in the campaign to secure clothes for 500,000 men, women, and children in Europe this winter. Southern Baptists have no greater opportunity to serve God and humanity than to clothe these needy ones."

Sunday School Board Secretary T. L. Holcomb says: "I believe in the Southern Baptist clothing campaign because it will honor God and help suffering humanity."

Relief and Annuity Board Secretary Walter R. Alexander says: "Campaign to clothe a million suffering people constrains our common humanity at the same time challenging every Christian profession Southern Baptists make. Matthew 25:36, 40."

Ship clean, used clothing, prepaid, to the Southern Baptist Relief Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans 16, Louisiana.



R. E. GWIN

Holds Revival at Selmer

Ralph E. Gwin, a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Columbia and at the present time pastor of the Stanton Memorial Baptist Church, Miami, Fla., has just closed a deeply spiritual revival with our church. There were 18 additions.

Frequently, we hear the statement, "This is the greatest revival in the history of our church." I do not know how true this statement is in our case, but I do know that it was a revival in every sense of the word "revival." Ralph Gwin is truly a great Gospel Preacher.—WILLIAM C. SUMMAR, First Baptist Church, Selmer, Tenn.

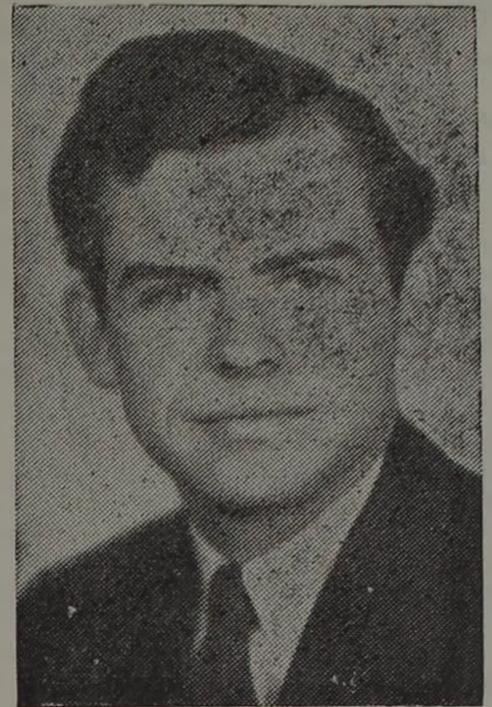
Dr. Bristow Gives C. W. S. Spanish American Uniform

New Orleans—The jacket to a uniform worn during the Spanish American War was among the articles delivered today to Church World Service by Dr. Louis J. Bristow, former Superintendent of the Southern Baptist Hospital and widely known Baptist leader.

"My wife has preserved this coat for fifty years and it is in excellent condition," Dr. Bristow states, "but I'll never again be able to wear it and I hope that it will keep some unfortunate person warm this winter."

Dr. Bristow was a lieutenant in the conflict and removed all insignia from the jacket before bringing it to the warehouse at 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans. Along with the clothing items contributed by Dr. Bristow, there were several dresses contributed by his daughter, Gwen Bristow, the author, now living in California, who sent them from that state.—CHARLES R. GAGE, Church World Service Center, 740 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, La.

Elected Chaplain By Vets



C. ROGER BELL

C. Roger Bell of Fort Worth, Texas, has been unanimously elected National Chaplain of the AMVETS, American Veterans of World War II. He is the first Protestant or Baptist Chaplain to be elected to this post. A native of Gastonia, N. C., he is a graduate of Wake Forest College and a student at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

Ordination of Deacons

The Brush Creek Baptist Church, Brush Creek, Tenn., met on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 26, 1947, for the purpose of ordaining four men, Alton Neville, Hugh M. Cass, Elmer Baker and Vinson Baker as deacons.

Ministers of the ordaining council, J. H. Ramsey, pastor New Middleton Baptist Church; Joe Harting, pastor, Carthage Baptist Church; Bob Atwood, Carthage; J. J. Thomas, Associational Missionary; J. C. Stewart, Round Lick Baptist Church, Watertown; James B. Dotson, student, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn.; H. J. Tallent, student, Cumberland University, Lebanon; V. R. Butler, pastor, Brush Creek and Round Lick Baptist Churches, and J. F. Neville, Brush Creek Baptist Church.

Also the following deacons: From New Middleton Church, J. H. Barrett, Campbell Baker, J. E. Allen, L. F. Agee, Clarence House and R. B. Wilkerson; from Carthage Church, W. H. Mathews; Hickman Church, F. E. Gwaltney, Comer Agee, J. Melvin Thomas; Rome Church, J. H. Stonecipher, J. T. Beasley, Juliers Taylor; Round Lick Church, J. D. Swan, Edan Malone, Willis Herndon; Brush Creek Church, J. M. Jennings.

Officers were elected as follows: V. R. Butler, Moderator; J. F. Neville, Clerk; J. F. Neville to examine the candidates; J. C. Stewart to deliver the message combined with the charge to the deacons and church; J. J. Thomas to lead the ordination prayer.

After the examination of the candidates, the council recommended to the church that it proceed with the ordination. The church accepted the recommendation and voted for the council to proceed with the ordination. Then Bro. J. C. Stewart delivered his message, followed by prayer, led by Bro. J. J. Thomas, after which the laying on of hands by the Presbytery.

Bro. J. H. Ramsey, pastor New Middleton Church, led the closing prayer.

V. R. BUTLER, Moderator
J. F. NEVILLE, Clerk

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25—"Justice—Man to Man" Dr. Yates

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1—"Why the Church" Dr. C. C. Warren
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Charlotte, North Carolina

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Pastor, First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia

MARCH—"Christian Citizenship"

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14—"Your Church and the Public School" Dr. McCall

21—"Equal—Under God" Dr. McCall

28—"The First Day of the Week" Dr. McCall

Laymen Did the Whole Job

BY LAWSON H. COOKE

The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal is the only denominational periodical published exclusively for the men of our churches. For this reason we endeavor to keep it masculine in its content and appeal.

The January, February, March number of the Journal is really something new under the sun. At least it is unique in the field of denominational journalism. Every word of this number, from cover to cover, was written by Southern Baptist laymen, and it was printed in the shop of a Baptist layman. It is a one-hundred-per-cent laymen production. And it has been exceedingly well done.

Big Rock Baptist Church has elected S. D. Francis as Superintendent of the Ext. and Mission worker in this community and Mrs. Gener A. Adkins as Assistant Supt. Miss Bettie Jean Felner as secretary of the Ext. Dept.; Miss Mildred McGinnis to distribute tracts to the home; Mrs. Lillian Francis and husband to see and report all sick ones in the community; Reames Willson, choir director. Visiting Committee: Miss Katie Parker, Mrs. Reames Willson, Mrs. Allen McGinnis. Corresponding Secretary: Mrs. Lillian Francis. Program Committee: Mrs. Offie McGinnis, Mrs. Geneva Atkins, Mrs. C. E. Hunt, and S. D. Francis, Hugh McGinnis. Arrange for official singer.

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be given the last Friday night of each month with S. D. Francis in charge. Cottage meetings each Friday night. Prayer service each Wednesday at the church with Brother Hunt in charge.—Contributed.

Baptists Will Grow

BY JOHN D. FREEMAN

While in Erwin assisting Pastor T. C. Meador in revival services I ran across a copy of their church bulletin for August 3, of this year. In it was reproduced the quarterly report of the late A. R. Brown for the second quarter of 1896.

This report is as follows:

Received for Home Missions.....	\$10.20
Received for Foreign Missions.....	6.33
From Sunday school for colportage.....	1.46

Check to W. M. Woodcock.....	17.99
Collection for Carson-Newman.....	10.00
Collection for sexton.....	3.39
Received for ministerial relief.....	4.00
Received for pastor's salary.....	25.88

Total amount received during second quarter is \$61.26. Amount paid out, \$72.21, leaving nothing in the treasury for any purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
A. R. BROWN, Treasurer

And there was added by way of contrast the following notation: "R. D. Hall, Treasurer, gave some totals for the second quarter of 1947. Only one is mentioned here—the offerings amounted to \$8,172.54. During the year ending June 30, 1947 this church gave for outside causes more than \$10,000!

Dr. Meador, gracious, modest, faithful overseer of this good flock, is leading in a fine way and has the respect of the entire community. Ninth Street Church, a child of First, broke all previous records on the 19th of October with 256 in Sunday school and 260 in Training Union. Robert S. Dills is their energetic and beloved leader.

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The Romance of Building Churches

A Story of How a Little Effort Resulted in Isolated Christians Being Brought Into Organization of a Real Active Baptist Church

A REPORT was given recently of the beginning, growth and organization of the Baptist Church at Waimea, Island of Kauai, Hawaii, and dedication of their new church building as the result starting a Bible class previously. God blesses beginnings of such work, whether a Bible class, Sunday school, or preaching center and as a consequence often brings a church into being. This is the way work is frequently begun on foreign mission fields.

Permit me now to give another recent example of the blessed results of this kind of work. This instance shows how a church may be born simply because someone assumes initiative in gathering together scattered Christians of a given community into a group for prayer and worship.

On my return from China, a delay of a few weeks in San Francisco became necessary before steamer passage could be had to the Hawaiian Islands. During the wait fellowship was enjoyed with our old friend and China missionary colleague, Rev. J. V. Dawes.

Anxious that the delay count for the Lord, search was made for places in need of Christian work. Two impressed me most. One was a large section of the city, just below where Dr. Dawes and I were living, where no Christian work was being done. A Bible class or Sunday school there in a Christian home would probably have resulted ultimately in the building up and organization of a church group. But the most needy and also most promising of immediate results was in Marin City, a ship-building town across the San Francisco bay that had grown to a population of 5,000 during the war. It was some distance away, but could be reached by bus across the Golden Gate bridge.

In a short while a few interested Christian families were located. Only one whole family was attending worship anywhere. They made the long trip to San Francisco nearly every Sunday.

A hall for meetings had been provided by the town, where dances and other public gatherings were held. A Methodist minister had been located in Marin City by some churches in San Francisco. He was conducting Christian worship and a Sunday school in this public building, but few were attending. To the more devout the place was not fitting for Christian worship. The minister was unable to give heart-warming messages, and, it was claimed by the more earnest Christians, this was because he was a modernist. He "spied in" on his Sunday school teachers to be sure they were teaching only what he approved. He dismissed a good teacher because this man's teaching disagreed with his regarding the return of the Lord.

This minister was from one of the northern states, while most of the people were from the South. He insisted that the Church become not only inter-denominational but inter-racial. However, most of the white people did not feel at home in the church services when Negroes attended, and the colored folks would not come because they felt "out of place" and feared they were not welcome. We suggested that separate meetings be held, but the minister was unwilling. He assured us that a fixed policy had been determined upon and assumed the attitude that if the people did not attend the services as provided, it was "their own hard luck."

Against his wishes, but in compliance with the desire of the colored folks—and to the real delight of some—a cottage prayer-meeting for them was arranged. Most of these Negroes were from Louisiana and Texas, and the majority were Baptists. Among them was a young laborer who had preached some and was an "exhorter." He was

earnest, capable and teachable. On our recommendation the group asked him to become their leader. Prayermeeting, Sunday school and preaching services were arranged. Southern Baptist Sunday school literature was ordered. Some meetings were so arranged as to be held without the missionary, this to develop initiative, leadership, and dependence on the Lord and on themselves. Good gospel traits were distributed systematically.

These colored people rallied in a gratifying way, as is usually the case when someone offers help. It was not long until the attendance and offerings were more than those of the other meeting place, yet our meetings, detracted in no way from those of the other group, but rather became an example to them. Christians were strengthened and unsaved persons brought to the Lord. By the time passage could be had for my departure to the Hawaiian Islands, the group had organized themselves into the "Zion Baptist Church," were already looking for a permanent place for meetings,

and had begun a fund for purchase or erection of a church building.

A recent letter from Dr. Dawes says they have grown to a membership of more than 250. This veteran Missionary has been conducting Schools of Missions in California and elsewhere, and states that one of the largest schools was at Ran Rafael, California. "Each evening from 20 to 41 persons came to the school from the Baptist Church in Marin City, he writes. "It is now the only church in the town of 4,000 population. I am sure you will be glad to know that the church continues in such a flourishing condition and that the same young man as pastor has remained right through."

Now that the war is over and we are all interested in reconstruction and new enterprises, let us, wherever we are, look for places where Bible classes, Sunday school and preaching centers can be started for our Lord and for the saving of souls. God will certainly reward such efforts and the Holy Spirit will give increase wherever people can be gathered for prayer and wherever His Word is taught and preached. No special training is necessary; only a will to do.

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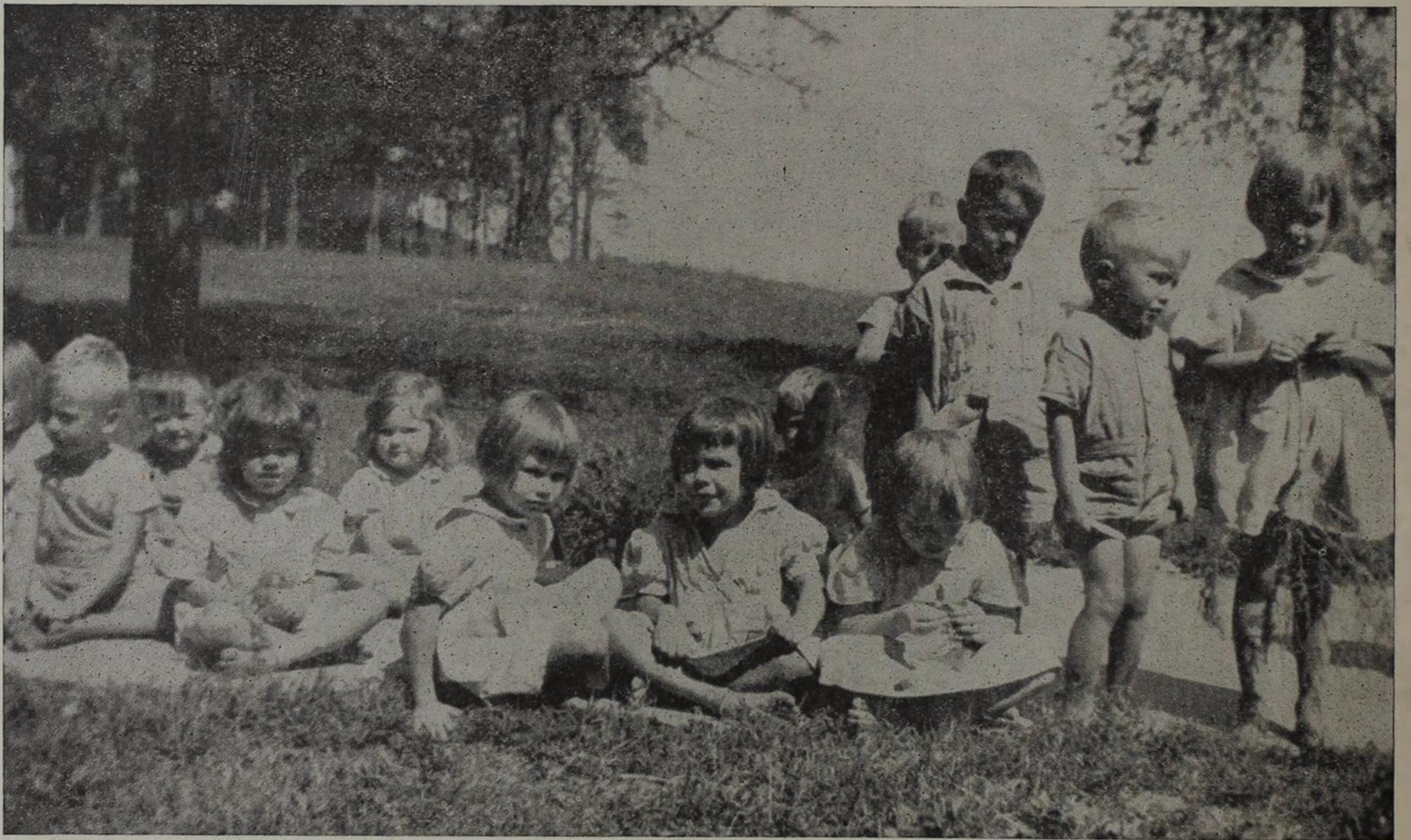
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