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"If my people shall humble themselves and pray." II Chronicles 7:14

BECAUSE OF THE FACT that civilization is probably facing the most critical hour in the history of man, we, the undersigned Southern Baptist leaders, are making the most earnest appeal of which we are capable to all Southern Baptist churches, regardless of size or location, to join together in the mightiest prayer meeting ever held by our people on New Year's Eve, December 31, 1947. The above date falls on Wednesday night, the time of our midweek prayer service; but we are urging that the service will be different from the usual prayer meetings in that:

First, no church shall be hampered with the problem of time. Begin as early as you choose and stay as late as you choose.

Second, make the service one of song, praise, testimony, and prayer.

Third, make an appeal that everyone present who will pledge to try to lead at least one lost soul to Christ during 1948 come forward and give the leader his hand as a covenant.

Fourth, the following are suggested objects of prayer:

1. Pray for a revival to come in your own heart.
2. Pray for a revival in your church.
3. Pray for a revival to come to Southern Baptists.
4. Pray for a spiritual awakening to come to this world.
5. Pray for the pastors, evangelists, religious leaders, and the missionaries, home and foreign.
6. Pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to come upon all the leaders.
7. Pray for the State-wide Evangelistic Conference.
8. Pray for the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, Tennessee, in May, 1948.
9. Pray for a burden to come to your heart for a lost world.

RECOGNITION GIVEN TO PRAYER MEETING ATTENDANCE

We are urging that the largest attendances ever present at prayer meetings among Baptists will be attained New Year's Eve. The sum total of those attending should number into the millions.

Signed:

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Chairman of the Executive Committee of Southern Baptist Convention

Tennessee Baptists Meet In Kingsport

WITH PRESIDENT RICHARD N. OWEN, Clarksville, in the chair and with Genter L. Stephens, Nashville, directing the music, with Mrs. L. P. Gregory, organist of the local church, at the instrument the 73rd annual session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention met in the First Baptist Church, Kingsport, Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 11, 1947. The large audience enthusiastically sang, "We're Marching Upward to Zion" and "Lead On, O King Eternal" and W. C. Taggart, Elizabethton, read from Isa. 53, and Matt. 28 and other scriptures and led in prayer.

In well-chosen words, L. B. Cobb, pastor of the hostess church, welcomed the body and had his fellow pastors in the city to stand in welcome. "Call on us when you need us, and when you call, call kindly."

Roy Babb, Winchester; Sterling Price, Athens; L. H. Hatcher, Knoxville; and U. W. Malcolm, Fayetteville, were appointed the Enrollment Committee. There were 470 messengers registered at the opening.

After J. S. Riser, Jr., Memphis, had led in prayer and with Second Vice-President Chesley L. Bowden, Ripley, in the chair, President Owen delivered the President's message on "Our Urgent Mission in the Present Crisis." "Our major problem is not what shall we do with the atomic bomb, but what shall we do with the power of the Gospel?" "Very much must happen in us before very much can happen through us."

Chairman Frank W. Wood, Knoxville, presented the Report of the Program Committee, and President Owen announced the appointment of committees:

Committee on Committees: L. S. Sedberry, Nashville; C. E. Wauford, Knoxville; J. S. Riser, Memphis; Alvin Hopson, Lebanon; O. D. Fleming, Sweetwater; W. R. Hamilton, Dyersburg.

Committee on Resolutions: Henry J. Stokes, Knoxville; E. Gibson Davis, Memphis; Griffin Henderson, Murfreesboro; W. R. Rigell, Johnson City; O. E. Turner, Paris.

Chairman J. Roy Bethune, Memphis, read the report of the Music Committee. Recommendations were:

1. That Sunday School and Training Union leadership in the individual churches, the associations, the regions and the State Departments promote and include courses of study for choir directors, song leaders and accompanists during study course weeks and training schools.

2. That our Tennessee Baptist colleges offer courses dealing with the fundamentals of choir leading, song leading and a workable knowledge concerning standard hymns and worthy gospel songs.

3. That the "Preachers' Schools" sponsored by our Baptist colleges be provided with helpful training in the matter of congregational singing and hymnology.

4. That our pastors and church leaders seek to discover talented Christians and urge them to consider giving their lives to full-time church music leadership.

5. It is further recommended that prayerful consideration be given by our qualified music leaders to offer their services to rural and needy city churches for at least two weeks during the year to promote better music and discover leadership, and in every way possible, aid and help needy music situations. Your committee found in the "Preachers' Schools" sponsored by our Baptist colleges, that there is a great need in these areas and a sincere hunger on the part of pastors for help.

R. Paul Caudill, Memphis, spoke briefly and forcefully on European Relief in the light of what he saw on his visit to Europe. Dr. Caudill is chairman of the Relief Committee of the Baptist World Alliance.

When "Down at the Cross" had been sung, the time for the Convention Sermon came. The appointee, Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville, delivered the message after B. Frank Collins, Goodlettsville, had led in fervent prayer. The minister spoke on "The Old Rugged Cross." "How old is 'the old rugged cross,' how rugged is 'the old rugged cross,' how cross is 'the old rugged cross?'" These questions give the course of the preacher's thought. "The cross is from everlasting." "This world needs a new conception of God." "It's one thing to wear the cross around your neck, but it's something

else to put the cross into your heart." The service closed with the solo singing of "The Old Rugged Cross" back of the rostrum by Sterling L. Price, Athens, and with prayer by the preacher. God had spoken to the hearts of His people!

TUESDAY—EVENING SESSION

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" rang throughout the auditorium as the evening session of the Convention opened. Sang "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," and James Boyd, Sparta, read I Cor. 13 and led in prayer.

The general theme of the entire Convention was "With Christ After the Lost." Appropriately, the Tuesday evening theme was "Evangelizing Through State Missions." Executive Secretary Chas. W. Pope was in charge of the program. He first introduced the new pastors and new associate pastors in the state, as follows: Lloyd L. Hickman, Pulaski, New Zion Baptist Church, Giles County; Dick Cassity, Bluff City; M. L. Ross, Woodlawn Church, Bristol; Joel H. Ponder, Mountain City; Lowell D. Milburn, Orlinda; Hugh Horne, Calvary, Kingsport; William C. Corley, Hohenwald; J. F. Brewer, First Church, Columbia; James M. Windham, First Church, Maryville; Richard Moore, associate pastor, First Church, Erwin; Robert E. Hollingsworth, Washington Ave. Church, Knoxville; J. O. Dailey, Woodbury; Leon W. Heibeck, Bell Buckle; J. C. Dance, First Church, Harrogate; Andrew Morris, Big Emory, Harriman; Morris Shiplett, associate, East Lake Church, Chattanooga; Calvin Meacham, Shirley Park Church, Frayser; Lester F. Ferguson, Baileyton; Tom Vaughn, Oak Glenn Church, Greene County; J. L. Knupp, Waynesboro; Rupert Naney, Lookout Mountain Church, Chattanooga; James E. Byler, associate pastor, First Church, Chattanooga.

Following this, Secretary Pope introduced the workers in the Baptist State Building and the various mission workers in the state and the missionary pastors. Then he spoke forcefully on "State Missions: Conserving Our Gains." "You cannot have complete religious liberty when either Communism or Catholicism reigns." "God give us men and women with conviction and the courage to stand for it." Look to yourselves that ye lose none of those things which ye have wrought." Sang, "Faith of Our Fathers."

Mrs. Thelma Proffitt, New York City, sang "My Heavenly Father Watches Over Me."

The closing address of the evening was by D. A. Ellis, Memphis, on "State Missions the Foundation of World Missions." "When a religion builds great cathedrals and grows rich while the people grow in ignorance, there's something rotten somewhere." "One

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thing which has made America great is individualism." "If you don't educate, you are going to capitulate." "Shall we go and keep on going until the gospel is preached to all the people in all the world?"

Dismissed with prayer by David Livingstone, Knoxville.

WEDNESDAY—MORNING SESSION

With Genter L. Stephens, Convention Music Director, leading, the convention sang, "Blessed Assurance" and "Standing on the Promises," with Mrs. L. P. Gregory and Mrs. Howard Clifford at the organ and piano respectively.

E. Gibson Davis, Memphis, read from Luke 16 and led in prayer.

The theme of the morning session was "Evangelizing Through Stewardship." The first report of the morning was on the Student Union, which was introduced by Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, who presented Rogers M. Smith, Nashville, State Student Union Secretary. Mr. Smith introduced Miss Marjorie Howard, Office Secretary, and Mr. Floyd H. North, Student Union Secretary for Nashville, and then spoke briefly along the line of the Student Union work.

We express our gratitude to God for his leadership, and for the eight secretaries on local campuses in the state. We call the attention of the Convention, to the fact that we greatly need secretaries to undertake work on several campuses, including East Tennessee State College, Union University, and Cumberland University and need to increase our part time work to full time work on Tennessee Tech; Middle Tennessee State College and University of Tennessee Junior College.

The program of the Baptist Student Union is the program of reaching students in college, university and professional schools for Christ, and enlisting them in the service of Christ through the work of the local Baptist church. It is a program which wins the future through capturing for Christ the leaders of tomorrow. It is a Christ-centered program, a church-centered program, and a Bible-centered program.

The report of the Committee on Religious Literature was read by Guard Green, South Pittsburg. Along with commendation of our Sunday School literature, *The Commission, Southern Baptist Home Missions*, and *Home Life*, the report stated the following, among other things, concerning BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR:

Its phenomenal strides for the last five years, growing from a circulation of 15,000 to 43,000, indicates a complete acceptance with our Baptist Zion as an invaluable asset to our denominational program. Our task is to continue to expand its circulation and to stimulate its use. Our first aim should be to get it into every Baptist home, and our second, to see that it is read with regularity and interest once it has gained entrance.

Recommendations were as follows:

Our recommendations are general and in three phases, namely: that we continue to print, circulate and encourage the use of all types of literature now being issued by Southern Baptists; that we encourage our publishers to continue their efforts to improve the quality and appeal of all present publications; and that we urge them to be alert to any possible opportunity now being neglected to meet the needs of our constituency with appropriate and effective religious literature.

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

The blessings of God have been upon Tennessee Baptists during the year 1946-47. The work of the Convention is now more varied, more extensive, and more manifold than ever before. All departments of our work have made steady and commendable progress, but some of the major aspects of our program have reached new high levels of achievement. The stabilizing process of our enlarged denominational program is an occasion for a deep sense of satisfaction and security. The Baptist message, with its emphasis upon freedom and democracy, is more urgently needed today than at any time in the last quarter of a century. The growing conflict between atheistic communism, which would destroy all forms of religion, and a totalitarian type of religion, which tends toward liberty and separation of church and state necessary to the peace of the world. The diligence of our Baptist churches, and the strength and security of our denominational institutions constitute the best guarantee that the Baptist message will continue to be heard.

This convention year has been the banner year for the Co-operative Program in Tennessee. For two years our goal has been a "Million Dollar Co-operative Program." In 1945 we gave \$933,971.03, and last year we gave \$985,468.82, which was an increase of \$51,497.79 over the preceding year, but still \$14,531.18 short of the goal. This year our goal was set at \$1,000,000.00, and this year Tennessee Baptists gave \$1,144,587.37 which is an increase of \$159,117.14 over last year's gifts through the Co-operative Program. In one year Tennessee Baptists have accomplished two notable achievements, namely, for the first time they have gone beyond the million dollar mark in their gifts through the Co-operative Program, and in their gifts of \$1,144,587.37 they have for the first time surpassed the goal they set for themselves in a given year.

This success is not only an evidence of the confidence which Tennessee

Baptists have in the Co-operative Program system, but it is also an indication of their love and loyalty to the great denominational causes fostered by the Co-operative Program. The Executive Board and the Executive Secretary hereby express to Tennessee Baptist churches, their pastors and people our deep appreciation of their generosity which made this success possible. All Baptist causes to the ends of the earth will profit by your liberality.

Executive Secretary Chas. W. Pope presented the recommendations of the Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That during the year just begun our Co-operative Program funds be distributed as follows, after necessary expenses have been deducted.

<i>State</i>	
State Missions	20%
Orphans' Home	8%
Carson-Newman College	5%
Cumberland University	5%
Union University	5%
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	2%
Ministerial Education	1%
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital	4%
	50%
<i>Southwide</i>	
Foreign Missions	23%
Home Missions	9%
Southern Baptist Theo. Seminary	2½%
Southwestern Seminary	2½%
New Orleans Seminary	2½%
WMU Training School	½%
American Baptist Seminary	1%
Relief & Annuity Board	7½%
Radio Committee	19/20%
Baptist Brotherhood	½%
Southern Baptist Hospital	1/20%
	50%

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

2. At the June session of the Executive Board the Trustees of the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital presented an application from that body requesting that the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital be received as a Tennessee Baptist institution, with the same restrictions and benefits which apply to other Tennessee institutions. The Executive Board approved the application, "subject to the approval of the State Convention."

At the time the application was presented it was expected that the hospital buildings would be nearing completion by the time of the meeting of the State Convention. A new campaign was also launched to secure the additional funds needed for the completion and equipment of the hospital. Unavoidable hindrances in construction have delayed the building program, and the building will probably not be open for service before next spring. There still remains some uncertainty as to the amount of money required to complete and equip the buildings, and there is also a question as to whether the required funds can be raised as rapidly as they are needed.

In view of the uncertainty mentioned above, we recommend that the Convention defer action upon the application mentioned above until such time as the hospital is nearer completion, but that we allocate four per cent of the Co-operative Program percentages to the operating expenses of the hospital; this allocation to be deducted from the allocations to the State Mission Department. This action, while rendering substantial aid and showing the sympathetic interest of the Convention, will leave the hospital without restraining influences in the completion of its program and the Convention free from responsibility.

3. The last session of the State Legislature passed a bill levying a tax upon churches, church organizations, and church supported schools and institutions. All churches having eight or more employees, exclusive of pastor and choir members, and all colleges, schools, and orphanages having eight or more employees, exclusive of teachers and professors, are subject to the tax. The Executive Board, the Baptist Orphanage, both Baptist hospitals, all three Baptist colleges and Harrison-Chilhowee must pay the tax. Any church which has eight employees, exclusive of pastor and choir, must pay the tax. The tax amounts to 2.7 per cent of the salaries of those to whom it applies. The entire tax must be paid by the employer. It is estimated that the tax will cost the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis an average of \$22,000.00 per year. All other institutions will pay in proportion.

Numerous efforts have been made to secure a correction of this grave mistake through conferences with the Governor, the Attorney-General, and the Commissioner. In July the Governor referred the law to the Attorney-General for a re-study, to determine whether it could be interpreted to exempt churches and their non-profit institutions. In September the Attorney-General rendered the opinion that the language of the law is clear, and that it cannot be interpreted to exempt churches and non-profit institutions. The Governor then deferred the time when collections will begin until the adjournment of the next Legislature.

Since this law is socialistic and communistic in nature, being the first time in the history of the United States that any state has levied a tax upon churches; and since by levying a tax upon voluntary church offerings and compelling their payment for government purposes, the law becomes a direct and shocking violation of the American tradition of sep-

aration of Church and State; and, since this is a vital religious principle which our forefathers purchased for us with their lives.

We recommend, that the Tennessee Baptist Convention hereby express its disapproval of the action of the Legislature and the Governor in passing a law which violates the time-honored American principle of a "free church in a free state," and which law, by its newly acquired powers over church funds, is a long step in the direction of communism, which advocates governmental control and ownership of everything; that we hereby pledge ourselves to work for the repeal of that provision of the law which levies a tax upon churches and their non-profit religious organizations; that we invite other religious bodies in Tennessee to join us in the preservation of a great religious principle which is the common heritage of all religious groups, and that the Governor be requested to call a session of the Legislature to consider repeal of this act or include it in any session which may be called.

4. Following is a communication from the Trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital to the three State Conventions, Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee, with a request it be presented to the Conventions for their consideration and action:

"We recommend in the interest of both the Hospital and the Orphanage, that all funds transferred to the Orphanage be held in trust until the three State Conventions authorize and instruct the Baptist Memorial Hospital to change its charter to legalize gifts for orphanage purposes and instruct the Trustees of the Baptist Memorial Hospital to make such donations."

Since the recommendation in its present form, if passed by the three State Conventions, would "freeze" indefinitely the funds involved by requiring that the charter of the Hospital be changed before the funds could be used; and since the change in charter, specified here, must be a change to legalize gifts of hospital funds to other institutions, which would grant unprecedented powers to a Board of Trustees; and since the exercise of such powers, if granted, could not only endanger the economic foundation of the Hospital, but violate the laws and ethics governing the use of trust funds and the income from such funds.

We recommend, that the Tennessee Baptist Convention express its disapproval of any suggested change in the charters of our Baptist institutions which would empower the trustees of such institutions to give away, transfer, or dispose of the endowment funds, or other forms of trust funds, or the income from such funds, to any agency, institution, or cause, not specified in their charters.

Additional recommendations were adopted, which will be published later.

Upon motion of Russell Bradley Jones, Chattanooga, the Executive Board was instructed to take such action as may be necessary to relieve the churches of the responsibility of collecting the Federal Withholding Income Tax from employees.

An interesting feature of the morning session was a standing vote of appreciation to various parties responsible for the acquiring camp sites in the state. Included among these were Ex-Governor and Mrs. Ben W. Hooper, who were present and were asked to stand.

Executive Secretary Norris Gilliam, of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, presented and commented upon the report of the Foundation.

There are three ways in which the Foundation can be of service to individuals wishing to leave their money in trust.

1. The Foundation will accept as an outright gift or bequest: cash, securities, or real estate.
 - (1) The donor, if he wishes, may specify any state or southwide Baptist agency or institution, including the Co-operative Program, as the beneficiary.
 - (2) The donor, if he wishes, may decline to name a beneficiary and leave to the trustees of the Foundation the privilege of deciding how the income on a gift or bequest is to be expended.
 - (3) The donor, if he wishes, may do neither of the above but leave the distribution of the income to the Convention itself.
2. The Foundation will accept a deposit of money or securities, the income from which is to be paid to the donor or some specified beneficiary for a period of time, after which it is to go to some state or southwide agency or institution or left to be distributed by the trustees of the Foundation.
3. The building up of trusts, either individually or jointly, by the deposit of small installments is encouraged by the Foundation. This makes possible the participation of all of our people, regardless of the size of their gift, in the work of the Foundation.

As of Oct. 31, 1947, the total fund balances were \$940,361.69.

The report of the Committee on the Co-operative Program was presented and commented upon by W. R. Hamilton, Dyersburg.

The Co-operative Program is becoming understood more and more by the masses of our Baptist people. They are realizing that it is both a method of collecting our tithes and offerings, and also a method of disbursing them. The Co-operative Program has received the approval of all our state organizations and agencies. Seventy-five per cent of our churches contributed through it in 1946.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. We urgently and prayerfully recommend that every church enter full length and full strength into the special tithing effort, seeking to enlist at least one-half of its members to tithe as a life principle.

2. That our churches recognize the increased giving on the part of the members as an opportunity and challenge to increase the proportion from the church through the Co-operative Program.

3. That the Every-member Canvass be put on faithful in every church and every effort be made to maintain and enlarge the number of regular, systematic, Scriptural givers.

4. That the special days as provided in the Calendar of Denominational Activities be observed for informing our people and enlisting them in all our work.

"The only way in which the world can be united is by the love of God."

Thomas T. Holloway, Texas, spoke briefly on the ministry of the American Bible Society.

In no other year except during the war has the distribution of Scripture volume by the *American Bible Society* reached the 1946 figure of 11,394,200 copies. The Society is *supplying all it can with its present resources*, but it would take \$30,000,000 to answer the accumulated world need for 60,000,000 Bibles and New Testaments without even beginning to meet the new calls which throng the Society's Secretaries. In the Society's regular budget for 1947, 79 percent of the income must be provided by living donors. It is people who love the Bible and want to share it with others who must fill the empty shelves, the empty hands, the empty hearts around the world.

After the audience had stood and sung one stanza of "We've A Story to Tell to the Nations," Mrs. William C. Taggart, Elizabethton, impressively sang "How Beautiful Upon the Mountains."

The closing address of the morning session was by Dr. F. F. Brown, Knoxville. It was a missionary message of power. "There is a divine urgency about this matter of missions." "Do we have the same passionate devotion to our program that we have to our doctrines?" "Any Baptist Church which is not missionary is an ecclesiastical contradiction." "A church is a supply station for the Kingdom of God."

God spoke to the hearts of the people! The closing prayer was by C. E. Wauford, Knoxville.

WEDNESDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION

Sang "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" and "Close to Thee" and O. E. Turner, Paris, read II Chron. 7:14 and led in prayer. The theme for the afternoon was "Evangelizing Through Benevolences."

Election of Officers

D. B. Bowers, Johnson City, nominated L. B. Cobb, Kingsport, for President of the Convention. Chas. S. Bond, Fountain City, nominated Roy Anderson, Seymour. Slater A. Murphy, Memphis, nominated Ramsey Pollard, Knoxville. For First Vice-President, Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, nominated O. E. Turner, Paris. Bob Ramsey, Cookeville, nominated J. Harold Stephens, Nashville. Tom Stringfield, Monterey, nominated, Bob Ramsey, Cookeville; Fred Tarpley, Donelson, nominated G. Allen West, Nashville, and E. C. Cox, Jefferson City, nominated A. S. Hale, Jefferson City, for Second Vice-President respectively. Upon motion of H. J. Huey, Milan, O. W. Taylor, Nashville, cast the ballot of the Convention for the re-election of L. G. Frey, Nashville, as Recording Secretary. Upon motion, the Recording Secretary cast the ballot of the body for the re-election of Chas. W. Pope and N. B. Fetzer, Nashville, as Treasurer and Statistical Secretary respectively.

Chairman B. Frank Collins, Goodlettsville, presented the report of the Committee on Temperance and Social Service.

From Poland to Pearl Harbor we pretended that war, rape of nations, famine and death, were things that came to other nations but not to us. But today we are surely cognizant of the fact that ours is a most important position in world affairs. We find ourselves having been the victors on the field of battle but two years have passed and we are still wondering who won the war. Our world today is a battle field of conflicting ideologies and if we are to contribute anything worth-while to the peace of the world, it must come from the teachings and principles of the PRINCE OF PEACE, whose we are and who we serve. We must, therefore, exert every effort to keep the torch of Christian faith burning brightly in our own ranks for the light that shines farthest away from home must shine the brightest at home.

The report having stated that "We heartily approve the work of the United Dry Forces of Tennessee," it was appropriate that remarks should be made by James C. Furman, Secretary of the United Dry Forces.

Ben W. Hooper, Kingsport, offered an amendment to the report, which was adopted and which we hope to publish later.

Miss Gertrude Hale, Elizabethton, called attention to salient points in the report of Woman's Missionary Union.

During the past year the W.M.U. through 935 Woman's Missionary Societies, 444 Young Woman's Auxiliaries, 938 Girls' Auxiliaries, 599 Royal Ambassador Chapters, and 613 Sunbeam Bands has contributed \$532,074.03 through the following offerings:

Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions . . .	\$ 58,406.35
Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions . .	32,060.35
Golden State Mission Offering	24,643.80
Co-operative Program	310,366.83

Out of a total of 3529 W.M.U. organizations 425 are A1. Out of 277 full graded Woman's Missionary Unions 18 are A1. Of 25,312 members of W.M.S. 11,540 tithe. Of 20,370 young people in the various auxiliaries 5,394 tithe.

The past year has seen growth in the Woman's Missionary Union with 67 new Missionary Societies, 59 new Young Woman's Auxiliaries, 120 new Girls' Auxiliaries, 114 new Royal Ambassador Chapters, and 65 new Sunbeam Bands organized.

The report was spoken briefly to by Executive Secretary Mary Northington, Nashville. Mrs. Sam Holloway, new President of W. M. U. Miss Margaret Bruce, Nashville, State Young People's Leader, emphasized a slogan at the Baptist World's Alliance; "Every Baptist a Missionary," with special reference to the missionary training of our young people.

Chairman Clyde C. Bryan, Gallatin, read and commented upon the report of the Committee on Ministers Retirement.

As the name implies, the work of the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is two-fold. It provides monthly income for aged ministers or widows of ministers who are in need, and it also presents a plan by which ministers and members of our Boards and institutions can provide for retirement.

It seems that we should strive for more worthy provisions for the "relief work" of the Board. The pitiable sums given to widows and aged ministers are made even more insignificant by the rising cost of living. Our offerings for the relief work of the Board should be made more comparable to the great need.

Perhaps the latter of the two functions concerns Tennessee Baptists more than the other. The Minister's Retirement Plan for Tennessee Baptist pastors has grown in popularity since its beginning July 1, 1940. As of October 1, 1947, a total of 728 pastors and 946 churches have made application for participation in the Retirement Plan. Today 66 ministers are drawing age or disability annuities in Tennessee.

Chairman R. W. Prevost, Ooltewah, called attention to the printed report on the Orphans Home and introduced Superintendent W. C. Creasman of the Home, who spoke to the report. "Do not sin against the child."

Our Orphans' Home holds a choice place in the thought and affection of Tennessee Baptists.

The Orphanage staff has been strengthened by reorganization, and the employment of an Assistant Superintendent.

Finances for the year have been affected by the change in the special offerings which was adopted by the Convention last November. We hope to make up for the Mother's Day offering which was given up this year in a great Thanksgiving offering during November. This will require special emphasis in the churches if we are not to lose a considerable amount of money by the change.

Recommendations:

1. That the children and staff at the Orphanage to remembered in our prayers.

2. That full publicity be given the change in the offering plan, and that the churches be urged to make the Thanksgiving offering as large as possible.

The tellers announced that a count of the ballots showed the election of L. B. Cobb, Kingsport, as President of the Convention for the ensuing year, O. E. Turner, Paris, First Vice-President, and A. S. Hale, Jefferson City, Second Vice-President. These were presented to the Convention.

Chairman J. G. Hughes, Memphis, presented the report of the Committee on Hospitals.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital of Memphis is completing its thirty-fifth year of service in ministering to the physical and spiritual needs of those who come to it. During its glorious history, the institution has given \$7,364,993.77 in free service to those unable to pay regular hospital charges.

During the past year, the Baptist Memorial Hospital administered to 23,840 patients, and gave them 169,725 days of service. The hospital gave 24,182 days of free service to 2,209 patients, at a cost of \$287,440.50. There were 1,995 births and 7,914 emergency room cases which were not hospitalized.

The East Tennessee Baptist Hospital now under construction at Knoxville promises to be another one of the great Christian institutions and ministering agencies of our state.

Frank W. Wood, Knoxville, was introduced, who spoke briefly on the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital and introduced the Administrator, Mr. Harold Prather.

Stood and sang, "He Leadeth Me." Mr. Norris Shiplett, Music Director, East Lake Baptist Church, Chattanooga, sang as a solo, "How Sweet the Name."

The President of the Convention introduced "the able and dynamic Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Duke K. McCall," who then spoke a powerful message on "Laborers Together with God." "Every Baptist in a democratic body has the same authority and the same responsibility." The message challenged the mind and warmed the heart.

And when in the deep, spirit of the occasion Russell Bradley Jones, Chattanooga, prayed the closing prayer and the congregation filed out, it was again known that God had spoken to His people!

WEDNESDAY—EVENING SESSION

"Evangelization Through Organization"

The strains of "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" opened the Wednesday evening session of the Convention. "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" followed, and W. A. Boston, Union City, read from Rom. 12 and led in prayer. Vice-President Chesley L. Bowden, Ripley, was in the chair.

Chairman L. S. Sedberry, Nashville, of the Committee on Committees, presented the report of that committee, which will be published later.

D. A. Hunt, Nashville, gave the report of Committee on the Brotherhood and commented upon the same.

For seven years we have been organizing and promoting the Brotherhood movement in Tennessee which has for its purpose the enlistment, development and utilization of the spiritual manpower in and through our churches. In the beginning years of our work, we had very few active church Brotherhoods. One of the hindering causes to the progress of the Brotherhood movement had been and is even now that some of our pastors and hosts of our laymen have never fully understood what a Brotherhood is for. As they have come to understand the aims and objectives and have been made to realize that approximately one-half of the membership of our churches is unenlisted, they then see the need for the work that only a Brotherhood can perform.

Year by year we have had an increase in the number of new Brotherhoods organized. Another encouraging feature in connection with our work in the last eighteen months has been that the live and active Brotherhoods have increased their enrollment. We accept this as conclusive evidence that if we are to enlist men, it is necessary that we offer a challenging program and give them definite assignments. As the years pass by we have observed the development of our men who are actively engaged in promoting the program of their respective churches and the denomination.

Mr. E. K. Wiley, Nashville, State Brotherhood Director, also spoke briefly to the report.

O. O. Mixon, Chattanooga, presented the report on Training Union.

The growth of Training Union work in our own state reads like a fair dream, because such a short time ago it was but a dream in the minds of a few people who saw the need and now the enrollment is running close to the 100,000 mark. In the early days there was but the B.Y.P.U. and it only attempted a limited ministry which has grown now until the progressive church has a full graded Training Union that ministers to every age as well as the young people.

Our workers, we feel, are not excelled anywhere in the South, and by their interest, their training, their enthusiasm and their willingness to work are making an enviable record for the cooperative work throughout the state, and in cooperative leadership are making their imprint on the work of the whole South.

The State Training Union Director, Charles L. Norton, Nashville, with a projector was giving a most interesting presentation of certain phases of the Training Union work, when, unfortunately, some defect developed so the presentation could not be continued.

Vice-President Bowden announced that at 6:30 p.m. today the registration at the Convention was 781.

U. W. Malcolm, Fayetteville, presented the report on the Sunday School work.

While all of the figures are not available from the associations, it is safe to say that we are enrolling over 300,000 people in Sunday Schools for the calendar year 1946-47.

This program has been made possible not only by the response of our people over the state, but also by a group of loyal men and women who are serving our Associations. Associational missionaries, in every case, have been loyal to this department in the establishment of new Sunday schools. Many mission points have been reached by them which otherwise would have been entirely neglected. Also our department has enjoyed the valuable work of our two fulltime helpers in associational and elementary work.

The State Sunday School Superintendent, W. G. Rutledge, Nashville, spoke to the report briefly and presented Miss Norma Jean Williams, who moved the souls of the people as she told some of her experiences in Vacation Bible School work in Lawrence County.

The congregation stood and sang "Amazing Grace." Combined choirs from Kingsport and Elizabethton sang "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" and "The Hallelujah Chorus," a chorus which always reaches into the depths of the soul.

James L. Sullivan, Nashville, brought the closing address of the evening, speaking on the theme, "The Lad Is Here." "Show me what the youth of today is thinking and I'll show what the world will be tomorrow." "There is a lad here, may we lead him to Christ." It was a mighty and moving message.

President Richard N. Owen dismissed with prayer. "Surely the Lord was in this place!"

THURSDAY—MORNING SESSION

Theme: "Evangelizing Through Education"

Sang, "Come, Thou Almighty King," and "My Jesus, I Love Thee," and Henry J. Stokes, Jr., Knoxville, read from Eph. 2 and led in prayer.

The annual Memorial Service for the workers among us who had died during the year was in charge of J. H. Oakley, Memphis. While soft music was played, Mrs. Henry Thompson, Kingsport, Mrs. Raymond Coppenger, Lebanon, and Mrs. Claude Gilstrap, Kingsport, slowly walked to the front of the pulpit, each bearing a beautiful flower wreath. H. D. Lankford, Dover, read from John 14 and Mrs. Hugh Horne, Kingsport, sang, "Home of the Soul." Chas. W. Pope, Nashville, A. B. Coleman, Kingsport, and Mary Northington, Nashville, walked to the front of the pulpit and mentioned respectively the ministerial, the laymen and the W.M.U. workers who had fallen asleep, and then D. B. Bowers, Johnson City, led in feeling prayer. It was a most impressive service.

J. Harold Stephens, Nashville, read the report of the Committee on nominations. Nashville was selected as the place for the 1948 Convention, the hostess church and the time to be announced by the Executive Board. To preach the sermon: V Floyd Starke, Old Hickory; C. F. Clark, Nashville, alternate. The various committees, trustees, members of the Executive Board etc. it will be published later.

Henry J. Stokes, Jr., Knoxville, presented the report of the Committee on Resolutions, which will be published later.

Fred Kendall, Jackson, presented the report of the Committee on Christian Education.

Perhaps there has never been a time in the more than one hundred years of Southern Baptist History that Baptist schools have had such matchless opportunities as now. Education was given a great impetus by World War II. Unparalleled material prosperity, added to conditions created by the war, has filled our schools with students even beyond their capacity. Since the international scene is fraught with impending dangers, and since the task of world rehabilitation and recovery is so immense, the responsibility resting upon our schools is tremendous. The place of the Christian college has never been more important than now.

The Christian college has contributions of various kinds which it can make. It can help to give a more Christian atmosphere to the whole educational field. It can meet the specific need of the churches by training a Christian leadership in a Christian atmosphere. It can contribute to the Christian life of the nation by training professional leaders in fields of service who are Christian, and who have a sound Christian background. It can contribute to the direct spreading of the Gospel and fulfillment of the Great Commission by training preachers, missionaries, leaders in the field of Christian Education, and denominational leaders.

The greatest asset of any nation is not its material resources but its youth. The training of these young people is one of the greatest responsi-

bilities of society. Their education can either make them or ruin them. It is now known that an education and technical knowledge without a knowledge of God and without Christian character is a very dangerous thing.

Roy Anderson, President Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy, spoke on that institution, "We can never tell what's being planted in the hearts of our boys and girls."

President Warren F. Jones, of Union University, discussed that institution, "It's our business to educate in terms of basic principles."

President James T. Warren spoke concerning Carson-Newman College. The speaker emphasized that the schoolmen were speaking for all our educational institutions, and then in his characteristically forceful manner, he spoke on the financial aspects of our schools.

The next speaker was President Edwin S. Preston, of Cumberland University, "We're building a Christian institution, a Baptist asset."

Frank H. Leavell, Nashville, brought fraternal greetings from the Baptist Sunday School Board.

President Owen, by common consent, appointed a committee on reading and correcting the Convention Journal: W. G. Rutledge, Chas. Norton and E. K. Wiley, all of Nashville.

The closing address of the Convention was delivered by Ray S. Summers of the Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, who read Psalm 116 and spoke on "I was brought low, and the Lord helped me." "I cannot represent my Lord and carry a light cross."

After the retiring President, Richard N. Owen, had turned the gavels over to President-elect L. B. Cobb in appropriate words, the latter prayed the closing prayer.

Thus ended what was a truly great Convention, one of the best in certain respects. It was a happy combination of the instructional and the inspirational. The addresses were of a consistently high order. "The unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" prevailed. President Owen and Vice-President Chesley L. Bowden presided with ability, dignity and grace. The hostess church and its pastor and their friends entertained the body with smoothness and efficiency. The attendance was not only excellent, but the people remained at the various sessions, even to the close, in an unusually fine way.

We think that the Program Committee deserves and has general commendation for its splendid work: Frank W. Wood, Knoxville; Carl W. Rogers, Chattanooga; H. H. Boston, Martin; Raymond Rogers, Nashville; James E. Tanksley, Bartlett; and E. L. Smothers, McMinnville.

It is felt that a statement by Prof. Summers in the closing address may perhaps summarize the feelings of responsibility resting upon the messengers and visitors as they left and traveled homeward: "Every child of God should be able humbly to say each day, 'I am a better Christian today than I was yesterday.'"

"LEAD ON, O KING ETERNAL!"

Pastors' Conference

BAPTIST PASTORS' CONFERENCE of Tennessee met in the First Baptist Church of Kingsport Nov. 11, 1947 at 9:30 a.m. with Roy Arbuckle of Oak Ridge, President of the Conference, as chairman, and Genter Stephens of Nashville leading the singing. M. K. Cobble of Mascot, was appointed by the chairman as Secretary.

The following addresses were delivered—"How to Have Perennial Evangelism in Our Churches," by Walter Warmath; "Best Methods of Enlisting Our New Members in Kingdom Work," by J. G. Hughes; "Concerning Ministerial Ethics," by James Canady; "The Baptist Message to the Modern World," by Fred F. Brown.

The nominating committee composed by Hayward Highfill, James Gregg, and L. J. Thompson brought their report for the officers for the coming year, and it was unanimously accepted. The officers for the coming year thereby being elected are President, Robert L. Orr, Brownsville; Vice President, James E. Boyd, Sparta; and Secretary, M. Kenney Cobble, Mascot.—Contributed.

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.

Some Church Manners

The Christian Index

Do some of our churches, more particularly those in the cities, need an Emily Post to teach a small minority of the membership something in the way of manners? Or, is this small minority going to forever disrupt the service at its very climax? We are thinking about that dozen or so persons who consider the invitational hymn at the close of the morning service the signal for their departure. Nothing is more disgusting to those who must have their spirit of worship disrupted by these who crowd their way out of the pew. These ill-mannered ones detract from the service at its most important moment. The minister is standing at the front pleading with the Lost to acknowledge Christ as their Saviour. The great majority has joined in a prayer that this may be a great hour for Him. It is at this moment that the scattered few start working their way toward the aisle and home for an early dinner. They save themselves a half-dozen minutes but lose the very climax of the church hour. More than that, by their ill manners they partially destroy the call being made to the unsaved and the spirit of worship for the others. We have long believed that this ill-mannered minority could have better remained at home. We believe that they would or else change their custom, if they could see themselves as others see them.

(We hope this hits you hard, if you are guilty. You ought to be shot.—R. B. J.)

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Not Irreligion!

The Christian Advocate

The Christian Advocate is convinced that no wiser provision has ever been written into the Constitution of the United States than that one contained in Article I of the Bill of Rights which separated the Church and the State. There is no justification, in our opinion, for sectarianism in any form profiting from public tax funds. To permit it is to undermine a basic American principle. By similar logic, however, we are convinced that the teaching of irreligion is just as much a violation of fundamental American principles. The young doctor of philosophy who stood before his class in a tax-supported university and brazenly argued against the cause of religion was, in our opinion, as certainly out of place as a Roman Catholic priest would have been if he had invaded the university to preach the doctrines of his church, or as a Protestant preacher would have been who took advantage of his status as a member of the faculty to teach the tenets of his denomination.

(Certainly!—R. B. J.)

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Towards Centralization!

The Southern Presbyterian Journal

One of the arguments for Church Union is the resulting concentration of power and authority in a small group which will then be able to speak for Protestantism as a unit, similar to the manner of the Catholic Church. In this concentration of power lies one of its greatest dangers, and this desire for authority on the part of some ecclesiastical leader cannot be resisted too strongly. The very size of the Northern Presbyterian Church brought into being their General Council, an organization un-Presbyterian in our system of church government. World War II was fought, presumably, to destroy domination of the masses by powerful minorities. The Church should beware of any tendency in this direction. Ecclesiastical hierarchies are dangerous, whether they be Protestant or Catholic.

(This makes sense to us.—R. B. J.)

Result of Open Membership

The Watchman-Examiner

Some churches in the Northern Convention have elected a policy of open membership. This means the taking into a Baptist Church of other than baptized persons of Baptist conviction. The drift in such churches is steadily away from the Northern Convention, for as time goes on official boards of the churches have non-Baptists as members and have little appreciation of the Baptist denomination. As an illustration of this process, the ninety-year-old Richfield church, located in a Minneapolis, Minnesota, suburb, last May voted unanimously to withdraw from the Baptist denomination and to become a Congregational church. The pastor, Rev. Royal V. Bauser, points out that the church has had open membership during the past five years, with the result that its two hundred members are predominantly non-Baptist. Mr. Bauser employs another excuse which is a little farfetched when he says that the church is "out of sympathy with the fundamentalist dominated Minnesota Baptist Convention." It would not be necessary for him to take the church out of the Northern Convention on that basis only. The fact is that Baptist doctrines have not been uttered in this so-called Baptist church, as they are being steadily avoided in many other churches which follow a similar policy with regard to membership. We are quite ready to admit that if there is no further need for the Baptist conviction then the Baptists should cease to exist. But it is our belief that the Christian churches need the Baptist influence and teaching now more than ever, and that it is a disservice to the call God has given to Baptists to so conduct a Baptist church as not to stand for those tenets and principles which are our divine responsibility.

(The front door ought to be carefully guarded.—R. B. J.)

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Worldliness

Church Management

There has been a continually lowering of the walls between the church and society outside of the church. In most churches I visit smoking by the men is taken as a matter of course in the social rooms. In a few I have found women smoking without embarrassment. From the announcements I find that churches, more and more, include dancing and card playing in the church activities. This is true even in churches which have traditionally opposed these forms of recreation. Piety, in the popular sense of usage, is not common in today's Protestant churches. This tendency has been encouraged, undoubtedly, by the resurgence of life which has followed the war.

(This is a fearful situation. O Lord, send a revival!—R. B. J.)

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Gospel Broadcasting

The Calvary Pulpit

Most independent gospel broadcasting is fundamentalist in theology. While by far the majority of these are responsible, there are some who preach the gospel for personal gain and give no accounting to a reputable board of directors or to the public for the large funds received. This undermines confidence in the reputable broadcasters and in the gospel itself. Too often unfounded criticism of ministers and churches, or suggestions of unfaithfulness, or derogatory remarks are made to degrade one for the sake of exalting another.

(The South is especially afflicted by irresponsible gospel broadcasters.—R. B. J.)

Executive Committee Approves Relief Drive

SOUTHERN BAPTIST co-operation in the relief campaign of the Baptist World Alliance this fall and winter has been approved by the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, it was announced by Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary, following a telegraphic poll of the committee.

The Executive Committee action authorized the relief committee of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, Va., "to procure, administer, and distribute" the relief supplies contributed by Southern Baptists, and set as a goal clothes for a half-million people and \$500,000 for food.

Plans call for securing of the clothing goal before November 30 and the raising of the money by January 30, Dr. McCall said.

The Southern Baptist goal is one-half the over-all goal of the Baptist World Alliance, set at a special meeting in Washington, D. C., October 7. The worldwide goal of "clothes for a million people, and a million dollars for food" was recommended by Dr. R. Paul Caudill of Memphis, chairman of the Alliance relief committee.

Dr. McCall said that the gigantic campaign to relieve suffering in Europe is the direct result of European tours made by the Baptists in connection with the seventh Baptist World Congress at Copenhagen.

The resolutions adopted by the Executive Committee in its ballot asks "that every means at the disposal of the Foreign Mission Board relief committee be used in the solicitation of clothing, and that the appeal for money be carried on within provisions of the Convention's Business and Financial Plan.—*Baptist Press.*

Ten Tabloid Truths

1. When a man gets rich, God gets a partner or the man loses his soul.
2. Stewardship puts the Golden Rule in business in place of the rule of gold.
3. Not how much of my money must I give to God, but how much need I use for myself.
4. "I will place no value on anything I may have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ."
5. The Kingdom of God can never be established by raising money, but it can never be extended without raising money.
6. Give, not from the top of your purse, but from the bottom of your heart.
7. He is no fool who parts with what he cannot keep, to get what he shall not lose.
8. The unconsecrated wealth of Christians is the greatest hindrance to the church's progress.
9. Jesus teaches that a man's attitude to the kingdom of God is revealed by his attitude to his property.
10. Earning maketh an industrious man; spending, a well-furnished man; saving, a prepared man; giving, a blessed man.—Selected. *Bulletin*, First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

A church building will serve for an indefinite period of time if three things have been considered and the required conditions met. If the building has been correctly located, there is no need for the church to move and adjust. A church building should not be constructed with the idea that later it will be abandoned and relocated. Permanent building is more economical in every way . . . W. A. HARRELL in *The Sunday School Builder*.

The real reason for giving money is to bring spiritual enrichment to the donor. The New Testament plainly teaches this . . . ELLIS A. FULLER in *The Teacher*.

Department of Student Work

ROGERS M. SMITH, Secretary

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New Student Worker

MISS GWENDOLYN BOYETT was graduated from Florida State College for Women with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics in 1944. While in college Miss Boyett was a very active member of the B. S. U. and of several other organizations of lesser importance. Upon finishing college, she taught school for one year and entered the W. M. U. Training School in Louisville, Kentucky in November, 1945, where she completed a two-year course with majors in Psychology and Old Testament.



MISS BOYETT

In the summer of 1946 Miss Boyett worked with the Home Mission Board in a mission in Shreveport, Louisiana. After finishing her work in Louisville last May, she spent the summer in camps and Schools of Missions with the State W. M. U. Department of Florida. Miss Boyett came to Tennessee Tech the first of September and has done a splendid job thus far.

Elizabethton School of Business

The following students have been elected to serve on the B. S. U. council for the Elizabethton School of Business:

- President Rostand E. Smith
- First Vice-president Bill McKinney
- Second Vice-president Walter Pat Jack
- Third Vice-president Vada Gunter
- Corresponding Secretary Edith Brooks
- Recording Secretary Ruth Irvin
- Treasurer Fayita Cole
- Chorister Claude Millsaps
- Y. W. A. Representative Mary Walker
- Pianist Mary Simcox
- Pastor Adviser Rev. William C. Taggart, Jr.

Virginia B. S. U. Convention

The State Secretary had the privilege of representing the Southwide Student Department at the Virginia B. S. U. Convention October 31-November 2. This was one of eight student conventions that met on this particular week end. This convention met in the First Baptist Church of Winchester, Virginia which is about seventy miles northwest of Washington, D. C. They started off with a very lovely and bountiful banquet. The program at the banquet consisted of skits from the individual campuses which were very good.

The state B. S. U. president, Kent Kiser, from the University of Richmond, presided over most of the sessions and the song services were under the direction of W. T. Lane, also from the University of Richmond. Some of the speakers on the program were: Dr. Everett Gill, Jr., Dr. R. L. Randolph, Rev. Ben R. Bruner, Dr. Frank K. Means, Rev. Jack R. Noffsinger and Dr. E. T. Clark.

The seminars that were used were: "Lets Face the Issue—to Drink or Not to Drink"; "Individual Spiritual Development"; "Christian Courtship and Home Building"; "Open Fields in Full-time Christian Service"; "Christianity and Racism"; and "Catholicism." These seminars were well attended and were very helpful to all who took advantage of them.

The dedication service was held Saturday night under the direction of Dr. Frank K. Means, from the Foreign Mission Board. Dr. Means spoke on "The World Challenge to the Baptist World," and following this gave the students an opportunity to make any decisions they felt in their heart they should make. Between thirty and forty came forward making decisions for Christ. Among these was a young service man who came forward making a public profession of his faith in Jesus Christ. This service was truly the highlight of the convention.

It is a wonderful feeling to sit in a convention in another state and to realize that throughout the Southland Baptist young people are striving for the same goal and are seeking to do God's will to the best of their ability.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1947

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

Topic: "THE WAY OF LOVE"
Scripture: I John 2:7-11; 15-17; 3:13-18

IF I SPEAK with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love," said Paul, "I am become as sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal." (1 Cor. 13:1). Whatever else Christianity may mean for human life, it means love. It was on account of the great love of God for a lost world that He gave His only begotten Son to be our Saviour.

Even so, it was because of Christ's love for the sinner that He, though existing in the form of God, "counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of man; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea the death of the cross" (Phil. 2:6-8).

THE TEST OF LOVE

The manner in which we love our brothers is a test of our love for the Lord, yea, a test of our relationship with the light. "He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now" (1 John 2:9). In like manner, if one loves his brother, he "abideth in the light," and no one need have any fear of stumbling in him. There is no occasion of stumbling in love.

John is talking here about what one might call "habitual love." He has in mind the idea of love as characterizing the life of the believer in his relationship to his brother. He is not thinking so much of the occasional exception that may come in the believer's life; it is the slant, the general tendency, the habit pattern with which he is concerned. In other words, "The one who *keeps on* (or has the habit of) loving his brother, abideth in the light" (1 John 2:10).

John knew the imperfections that mark the life of every Christian. That is why he said, "And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is a propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:1f.)

One cannot hate his brother without walking "in the darkness," and when one walks in the darkness he is not able to know where he is going for the simple reason that "the darkness hath blinded his eyes" (1 John 2:11).

The Christian might as well get this straight in his thinking, and the sooner the better, for the world's sake: he cannot give harbor to hate in his heart and walk in the love way of Jesus. The two, love and hate, are as far apart as the east and the west; and never the twain shall meet!

Search as you will in the life of Jesus and you will find words of love, and love only, even for His enemies. Not once did he appear to resent, with retaliation, even the personal injuries and insults which he suffered at the hands of those who hated Him unto death. His was a deathless love.

LOVE NOT THE WORLD

The Christian is to possess a discriminating love, however; he is not to love the world or the "things that are in the world" (1 John 2:15). John goes on to say that if any man does love the world, "the love of the Father is not in him."

And there is a very good reason for this: "For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the vain glory of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:16).

God does not want his children to plant affection upon that which is unworthy and which is temporal. "And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever" (1 John 2:17).

There is nothing lasting or satisfying in the claims of the flesh. As the flower of the field withereth and fadeth away, even so does the flesh with all of its pleasures. Material things, all of them, are perishable; and they never satisfy. Jesus knew this, and that is one of the reasons why he rejected the temptation of Satan in the wilderness when Satan said, "All these things I will give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me" (Matt. 4:9).

LOVE IN DEED AND IN TRUTH

"But whoso hath this world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him?" (1 John 3:17).

Here we have a ringing challenge to translate our love for others into deeds of mercy. It is possible for one's concept of love to be noble enough, in theory, but to lack actuality. The implications of John's words are inescapable. If we who profess to know Christ as Saviour and Lord behold a brother who is actually in need of this world's goods, and we are in a position to minister to him, but fail to do so, then we are failing to live up to our calling. How, says John, doth the love of God abide in such a one?

This, for that matter, is the head and front of all our offending as Christians. We simply do not live up to the light we have. It is not that we do not know; it is rather that we do not care.

In sending out His disciples to evangelize the world Jesus expressly declared that they commanded you" (Matt. 28:20). Only upon the fulfillment of this charge were they to become heir to the promise, "and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

John reminds us of the fact that Jesus is our example. We are to love as He loved, and sacrifice for others even to the point of laying down our life, if need be: "Hereby know we love, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren" (1 John 3:16). Only by following His example can we become worthy of the calling whereby we are called "children of God."

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1947

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3 Tennessee

This picture of a happy, helpful postman would make a good starter for our three-way "Reminds Me" game, wouldn't it? If you were playing it, what would you name? Would your thank-you or sharing list read something like this:



Postman reminds me of mail;
Mail reminds me of stamps;
Stamps remind me of letters;
Letters remind me of friends;
Friends remind me of the Young South;
The Young South reminds me of word pictures;
Word pictures remind me of *you*."

God is good to give us friends—new and old. We "rejoice for every good thing" which he has given "unto us and to our house." We rejoice that so many Young South friends have shared bits of information about themselves, so that we in turn might have word pictures to share with others. Let's look together at a few new word pictures now.

The first card back of our place-marker belongs to WILLIE JO MCDANIEL, Hampton, Tennessee. Willie Jo is thirteen years old and in the seventh grade at Grammar School. She is a member of Hampton Baptist Church. Willie Jo takes piano lessons and her hobby is collecting and mounting butterflies. She also likes to ride a bicycle. Willie Jo wants pen pals, ten to thirteen years of age, and she promises to answer all letters.

MARILYN KAY OWENS, Mercer, Tennessee, is just six years old. She started to school this year, and has already learned to print well enough to write her own letter. Marilyn Kay's father is pastor of Beech Grove Baptist Church near Mercer. I'm sure she would like to have letters or cards from other six-year-olds.

SYLVIA RAY, Route 4, Milan, Tennessee, is eleven years old and goes to Chapel Hill Baptist Church at Milan. Sylvia likes to ride a bicycle and play basketball. She wants pen pals.

JOHN DOUGLAS SAVAGE, Route 2, Box 288, Stanton, Tennessee, did not give a very clear word picture in his first letter. He only told that he is fourteen years old and wants some pen pals. He promises to answer all letters. Hope we will have another letter soon from John Douglas, telling more about himself, so that we may add to his word picture.

FRANCES SMITH, 110 Church Street, Martin, Tennessee, is ten years old and in the fifth grade at school. Her favorite subject is arithmetic. Three of her interests are croquet, art, and piano. First Baptist Church at Martin, where Frances goes, had a splendid Vacation Bible School, and it was in that school that Frances was converted. No wonder she enjoyed it so! Frances would like to have pen pals nine to eleven years of age.

FLONNIE and NONNIE VANDERPOOL, Route 2, Liberty, Tennessee, are twins who have written us before. These girls are seventeen years old and very much enjoy their pen pals. They'd like to have letters from other twins, and promise to answer all letters.

Now let's go to the front of the file and look at some of the new cards that have been added recently.

BOBBYE BLANKENSHIP, Route 1, Huron, Tennessee, is a new thirteen-year-old friend whose hobbies are collecting pictures, riding a bicycle, and playing the piano. She would like pen pals with similar interests. Bobbye has been a Christian since she was ten. She is in the seventh grade at school.

PAT CROOK, Route 1, Luray, Tennessee, is eleven and in the sixth grade. She likes to play the piano and is using her talent to help with the music in her Sunday school. Pat wants pen pals, though she already has two.

There are seven more cards which we will have to save for another time. In the meantime, more new ones will be added. It's fun to keep in touch with our friends and to become better acquainted with them through letters and cards. Perhaps you will find time to write a note this week. We'll be expecting it!

Love, Aunt Polly

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New Books for Adults

Dr. William P. Phillips, superintendent of adult Sunday school work at the Baptist Sunday School Board, has written a new book *Adults In The Sunday School*. This is an excellent treatment of the adult work in our Sunday schools. Mr. Phillips uses his long experience and wide acquaintance to direct our thinking in channels that will meet the needs of adults.

The chapter divisions are as follows:

- I. A Look at our Possibilities
- II. Provision in the Sunday School
- III. Housing Adults in the Building
- IV. The Teacher
- V. The President
- VI. The Other Class Officers
- VII. The Department Superintendent
- VIII. The Other Department Officers
- IX. Adult Horizons

This book is designed to take the place of the present Administration book in Section V of the *Suggested Training Programs for Sunday School Workers*. Credit will continue to be given for a while on the old book, but we highly recommend that you get the new book for all of your training course work.

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Week of Bible Study

Superintendents and pastors are planning now for a week of special Bible Study in their churches, January 5-9. The school should be promoted not so much as a training school, but as a special week of Bible study in which every church member may be enlisted. It is recommended that the book of Ephesians be used as a basis for study. Let it be understood that this is not a training course merely for Sunday school teachers, but it is a special week for all church members enrolled by the Sunday school.

As we recognize the conditions of our time, we feel that it is urgent for our people to be called back to a study of the Bible. People coming together for five nights during this week can put in almost a third of a Sunday school year in Bible Study. Great blessings lie in store for the churches that take advantage of this Bible Study Week. Plan now for yours.

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Sunday School Training Banquet

Have you made plans for your Sunday School Training Banquet this year. Happy times are had at these occasions by our churches as they bring their workers together who have had some training. Not only is the fellowship a feature that is worthwhile, but the promotion of training among the leaders of Sunday school is worth even a great deal more. Make the Sunday school training conscience by giving recognition to those who are actually studying for better teaching. Promote training as a means of reaching more people. There are lost people everywhere around and people that need the ministry of Sunday schools.

Perhaps your association is planning a Training Banquet in which case it would be wise to have the church Training Banquet before the time of the associational banquet, in order that your people might go from yours to the associational Banquet.

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Don't Forget Orphanage Day

The last Sunday in November is designated by the State Convention as Orphanage Day. You will recall that no special offering was taken on Mother's Day. By combining both the spring and December offering in one we have an opportunity of expressing our gratitude to the Lord by helping homeless boys and girls. Be sure to include the Orphanage Day in your November program.

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Coming Events

November 24—State Planning Meeting for Associational Leaders, First Baptist Church, Knoxville.

November 25—State Planning Meeting for Associational Leaders, Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis.

November 28—State Planning Meeting for Associational Leaders, First Baptist Church, Nashville.

January 5-9—Bible Study Week.

January 21—Vacation Bible School Conference for Associational Missionaries and Association Vacation Bible School Leaders.

January 25-February 7—Church visitation by associational teams.

March 9—Simultaneous Associational Sunday School Meetings.

ASSOCIATIONAL GOALS FOR 1948

North 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
Concord	6	2	1	1	2	400	10
New Salem	4	2	1	1	2	75	5
Riverside	4	1	2	0	4	50	4
Salem	10	8	5	1	4	225	10
Stone	3	2	2	1	3	75	5
Union	5	1	2	1	2	150	7
Wilson	5	1	2	1	3	500	15

Southeastern 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
Hiawasee	1	2	1	1	1	50	2
McMinn	18	12	10	6	6	750	20
Ocoee	20	100	5	6	5	5000	80
Polk	8	4	2	2	2	150	10
Seq. Valley	5	2	3	1	5	300	10
Sweetwater	15	1	3	1	3	500	15
Tenn. Valley	2	2	1	1	1	100	5

Northeastern 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
East. Tenn.	2	3	2	1	1	150	10
Grainger	3	2	1	1	2	250	10
Holston	15	15	10	2	6	1700	50
Holston Valley	3	1	1	1	1	150	5
Jefferson	12	10	4	3	3	800	25
Mulberry Gap	4	2	4	2	1	100	5
Nolachucky	2	2	1	1	2	500	8
Watauga	10	15	5	3	5	1500	33

Eastern 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
Big Emory	18	30	3	2	4	1000	20
Campbell	5	2	6	2	2	500	12
Chilhowee	5	8	2	1	2	1000	25
Clinton	12	4	6	2	4	750	26
Cumberland G.	1	1	1	1	3	250	7
Knox	50	45	20	5	10	4500	65
Midland	3	1	1	1	2	300	8
New River	1	1	1	1	1	25	2
Northern	4	1	1	1	1	150	5
Providence	2	1	1	1	1	150	5
Sevier	15	3	5	1	4	600	20
West Union	8	0	4	0	1	200	8

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Franklin and Dorcas Fowler Write

Sunday, October 26, 1947
Off the Coast of South America

Even though we have been at sea for fifteen days and are soon to dock at Montevideo, Uruguay, it still seems hard to believe that we are actually on our way. It really seems too good to be true, that after so many years of training and waiting, we are really on a ship headed south. We continually thank the Lord that He has seen fit to call us to this work, and made it possible for us to undertake it now.

We did not realize how much truth there was in Dr. Gill's statement that, "one of the hardest parts of putting a missionary on the field is to actually get him to that field." And we will say, at least at this stage, the hardest part of that is getting him out of the United States. Some of you know our tribulations in our attempts to get started, but for the sake of those who do not, let me briefly recount them.

We left Nashville the first of July, and pointed the nose of our dear friend, "Skitzzy," toward the "Land of the Sky." (Now "Skitzzy" was only the short way of saying her real name, Schizophrenia, which she had acquired by virtue of her split personality, i.e., she would go down hill, but not up hill. In reality she was a 1939 Ford Coupe, which had already survived at least two wrecks, and a dozen careless owners.) After two lovely weeks in North Carolina, visiting our family there, we headed "Skitzzy," with much fear and trembling, on a 2,000 mile jaunt to Kansas for a visit in the 107 degree temperature there. We returned to Ridgecrest for Foreign Mission Week. After Ridgecrest, Franklin went to New York for a five day Photography School, which proved quite profitable. While in New York he secured our Paraguayan visa, and passage for us to sail to Buenos Aires on September 26, via Moore-McCormack Lines.

After returning from New York, we drove to Nashville to get our baggage on its way. All eleven crates and eight trunks of it had been stored in the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. O. Williams all summer. (I am certain that the Lord must have a special reward for folks who help poor missionaries in this way.) We were to leave the following Monday for New York, to be there a few days before the ship sailed on September 26. On Friday Franklin felt a little peculiar, and on resorting to the thermometer, we found his fever to be setting at 103. The very next day we received a letter from the ship company telling us that the ship had been cancelled, but they would do their best to get us on one within two weeks. After a long series of telephone conversations our new sailing date was set for October 10. Franklin recovered from his five day undiagnosed illness, and we used the remainder of our time getting our baggage on its way. We sent our things from Nashville, via railroad, and we still hadn't seen them or heard tell of them when we finally left New York on October 11. We sincerely hope they will catch up with us somewhere in South America, for we have been living out of our four suitcases since July 1.

While in Nashville, we received our beautiful new Chevrolet, as a gift from Mr. Maxey Jarman. We managed to drive it some 2,000 miles before placing it on the ship for South America. It was like a dream after "Skitzzy."

We finally drove out of Nashville in our new car on the morning of September 25. We were headed for New York, but still had no hotel reservations, due to the World Series to be played at that time. En route, we stopped in Washington for a week-end visit with Franklin's cousin, Mrs. Frank Miller, and his aunt, Mrs. Milton Everett. We even got to see the President as he left the morning service of the First Baptist Church. This was a real inspiration to us, and we felt even more proud of our great nation, as we saw its leader take time out to worship his Lord on the Sabbath.

Our ship was postponed for one day, but on October 11, at 6:00 P. M., we finally and at last were on our way down the Hudson River. The S. S. Mormacsun is a C-3, large size cargo ship and carries only twelve passengers. Our cabin is quite spacious and very comfortable. Unfortunately, we sailed too late to get any pictures as we left New York. The trip down the Hudson was so smooth that Dorcas began to think that all this about rolling ships was a lot of propaganda. However, when she awakened our first morning at sea, she decided then and there that she would have traded 3,000 miles of ocean for an acre of Kansas wheat. It took her three days with a tossing stomach on a tossing ship to finally make the dining room, and even then just one good resounding kick from the heir would send her back to bed. However, since the first week she has become quite a good sailor, and wouldn't care too much if the trip were extended.

We have had no rough seas or storms, and only a few minutes of rain. The temperature has been ideal, even to wearing jackets all day as we're in the area of Rio. We have spent a good deal of our time playing chess, checkers and dominoes.

We are counting on your prayers, for they will mean so much in the future of our work. We have not tried in this letter to tell you of our plans, for in reality we have none definite enough to express, as yet. However, our next letter should find us much more organized and at least settled in one place for a little while. You cannot know how very, very happy we are, and although it was quite difficult to tell our loved ones in the States good-bye, it is all more than compensated for as we look forward to the wonderful opportunity of service that lies immediately ahead of us.

Sincerely yours,
DORCAS HAUK FOWLER
FRANKLIN T. FOWLER

The Deacon and His Daughter, Nannie

"Yes," said the deacon, "there's many a man that calls himself honest that's never so much as inquired what amount of debts Heaven's books are going to show against him. I've learned that. There were years in my life when I hardly gave a cent to the Lord without begrudging it, and I've wondered since what I'd ever have talked about if I'd gone to Heaven in those days, for I couldn't talk about anything but bargains, and money-getting here, and those wouldn't have been suitable subjects up yonder.

"I know I read once about one of the kings of England, Edward I, who had an officer called the Lord High Almoner, and one of the things that man had to do was to 'remind the king of the duty of almsgiving'. I've thought to myself many a time that it would be well for a good many folks nowadays if they had King Edward's Almoner to stir them up to give. Not to the poor only, I mean, but to all the needs of the cause of Christ. There are lots of people besides the Children of Israel that need a Moses to say to them, 'It is He that giveth thee power to get wealth.' I've allers thought that that was a grand thing in David, when he'd done such a job, getting together that pile of gold and silver for the Temple and he just turned to the Lord and said, 'All things come to Thee, and of Thine own have we given Thee.' Most men would have wanted a little credit for the pains they'd taken themselves.

"Well, in those years I was telling you about, it was dreadful how I cheated the Lord out of His due. Once in a long while I paid a little to our church, but I didn't give a cent to anything else.

"Foreign Mission Sunday was my rheumatiz day, reg'lar, and I didn't go to church. Home Mission Day was headache day with me allers, and I stayed away from meetin'. Bible Society Day I'd gen'rally a tech of neuralgy so't I didn't feel like goin' out, and I stayed at home. Every-member Canvass Day I'd begin to be afraid I was going deaf, and I oughtn't to be out in the wind, so I stayed indoors; and on Sunday for helping the Publication Society, like as not my corns were unusual troublesome, and I didn't feel able to get out.

"Wife wanted to take a religious paper once, but I wouldn't hear to't. Told her that was nonsense, I didn't believe any of the Apostles ever took religious papers. The Bible was enough for them, and it ought to be for other folks.

"And yet, I never even thought I wasn't doin' right. I'd come into it sort of gradual, and didn't think much about giving, anyhow, except as a sort of losing business.

"Well, my little girl, Nannie, was about eight years old then, and I was dreadfully proud of her, for she was a smart little thing. One Sunday night we were sitting by the fire, and Nannie'd been saying her catechism and by-and-by she got kind of quiet and sober, and all of a sudden she turned to me, and says she, "Pa, will we have to pay rent in Heaven?"

"'What?' say I, lookin' down at her, kind of astonished like.

"'Will we have to pay rent in Heaven?' says she again.

"'Why, no,' says I. 'What made you think that?'

"Well, I couldn't get out of her for a time what she did mean. Nannie didn't know much about rent, anyway, for we'd never had to pay any, livin' in our own house. But at last I found out that she'd heard some men talking about me, and one of them said, 'Well, he's bound to be awful poor in the next world, I reckon. There ain't much of his riches laid up in Heaven.' And as the only real poor folks that Nannie'd ever known were some folks down at the village that had been turned out of doors because they couldn't pay their rent, that's what put into Nannie's head that maybe I'd have to pay rent in Heaven.

"Well, wife went on and talked to Nannie, and explained to her about the 'many mansions' in our Father's house, you know, but I didn't listen much. I was mad to think that Seth Brown dared to talk about me in that way; right before Nannie, too.

"I fixed up some pretty bitter things to say to Seth the next time I met him, and I wasn't very sorry to see him the next day in his cart. I began right off. He listened to everything that I sputtered out, and then he said, 'Well, deacon, if you think the bank of Heaven's got anything in it for you, I'm glad of it; but I've never seen you makin' any deposits,' and then he drove off.

"Well, I walked over to my blackberry patch, and sat down and thought and the more I thought the worse I felt. I was angry at first, but I got cooler, and I thought of Foreign Mission Sunday and the rheumatiz, and Home Mission Sunday and the headache, and the Bible Society Day and the neuralgia, and the Every Member Canvas Day and the corns, till it just seemed to me I couldn't stand it any longer; and I knelt down there in the blackberry patch, and said, 'O Lord, I've been a stingy man if ever there was one, and if ever I do get to Heaven, I deserve to have to pay rent. Help me to give myself, and whatever I've got, back to Thee.'

"And I believe He's helped me ever since. 'Twas pretty hard at first, getting and giving. I did feel pretty sore over that first dollar I slipped into the collection plate, but I've learned better now; and I mean to keep on giving 'as unto the Lord' till I go to Jesus."—UNKNOWN.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

Call For Chaplains

The Army is requesting approximately 130 additional Reserve chaplains from Southern Baptists.

Former chaplains desiring the Reserve Chaplains Corps should apply directly to the Chief of Chaplains, 4E470 The Pentagon, Washington, D. C., and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

New applicants to the Reserve Chaplains Corps must be between the ages of 24 and 34, college and seminary degrees required. Those interested should apply to the Army Headquarters in their area, and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

The Navy is requesting 35 additional chaplains from Southern Baptists for immediate service.

Former chaplains or civilian ministers may apply for the Regular Navy.

Age limit for Regular Navy is 35 years, college and seminary degrees required. If interested, write the Navy Procurement Station in your area, and if accepted, apply to the Chaplains Commission for denominational endorsement.

The Chaplains Commission for the Southern Baptist Convention desires to maintain its full quota of well-qualified chaplains, in order that we may render a spiritual ministry to those in the Armed Forces.—*Chaplains Commission, Home Mission Board, 161 Spring St., N.W., Atlanta 3, Georgia.*

Pastor Robert C. Cannon and the Merton Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, have experienced a gracious revival with Norris Gilliam, Executive Secretary of Tennessee Baptist Foundation, preaching and Grady Kinney, choir director, leading the music. There were 76 additions, 40 by letter, 33 by baptism and 3 by statement.

—B&R—

Bob N. Ramsey, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Cookeville, has assisted Pastor Willis R. Allen and the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Shouns, in a great revival. The music was furnished by local talent. There were 60 professions, 45 for baptism and 2 by letter.

—B&R—

The Big Emory Baptist Church, Harriman, has just closed an eight day revival with Fred Layman doing the preaching. There were 7 professions of faith, 1 by letter and 1 rededication. Andrew Morris is pastor.

Complete Outfit of Clothes Is Knoxville Relief Goal

KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Emphasis on European relief among Baptists here is that "each donor give a complete outfit for one individual."

The goal was set by Henry J. Stokes, Jr., pastor of First Baptist Church of Knoxville, relief headquarters of Knox County Baptist Association.

"Let this outfit include everything from shoes to hats, with blankets if possible," Mr. Stokes said. "These clothes will bring not only warmth to the bodies of their European recipients but a new hope to their soul. These people need to know the power of Christ that leads Christians to share with them. Search your attics, basements, closets and trunks, and bring all usable clothing to the church for processing."

Ooltewah Baptist Church, Ocoee Association, closed a one-week revival Sunday night, November 9, in which the pastor, R. W. Prevost, was assisted by Pastor J. Earl Stallings of Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga doing the preaching and Harry O. Wester, educational and music director of Arlington Baptist Church of Knoxville, leading the singing. "The greatest revival that has come to this church in many years," is the way the meeting has been described by members of the church. There were 20 additions, 15 by baptism.

—B&R—

Dr. Elwin L. Skiles, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Georgetown, Ky., did the preaching in a revival at the First Baptist Church at Jackson during the week of October 27 through November 2. There were 38 additions to the church with 17 of them coming by baptism. Five of the churches in the city of Jackson were engaged in simultaneous revivals. There was a total of 114 additions during the week.

—B&R—

Pastor J. W. Bass and the Lamar Heights Baptist Church of Memphis held a very successful ten-day revival in which the preaching was done by Henry J. Huey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Milan. Morris Ungren directed the music. There were 52 additions, 26 for baptism, 24 by letter 1 by statement. One young lady dedicated her life to full-time Christian service.

Introducing New Pastor

I wish to introduce to the Baptists of our state, Dr. Rupert F. Naney, the new pastor of the Lookout Mountain Baptist Church, Chattanooga. Dr. Naney began his work with the Lookout Church on November 1, 1947.

Dr. Naney has been pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, for the last twenty-two years. The Olivet Church runs fifth in the state in gifts to the co-operative program. Within the last few years Dr. Naney has led this church to build one of the most modern Educational Buildings in the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new pastor of the Lookout Church has had nearly every honor Oklahoma Baptists can offer. He has been president of the Baptist General Convention and, prior to his leaving Oklahoma, was president of the Board of Trustees of Oklahoma Baptist University. He preached the annual sermon at the Baptist General Convention which met at Tulsa, November 4-6, 1947. Dr. Naney has been chairman of the two most powerful committees in the state among Baptists: The Building Committee and The Future Plans and Policies Committee.

A few years ago Dr. Naney was vice-president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As a token of their love for Dr. Naney, just prior to his leaving for Tennessee, the Olivet Church gave him a new Buick.

Dr. Naney's leadership can be trusted. He is thoroughly cooperative. He is a Christian gentleman. It is easy to love Dr. Rupert Naney.

His beautiful companion is a cultured, refined Christian who means much to a church as well as to her husband.—W. LEONARD STIGLER, Pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee.

A. T. Willis, pastor of Hillcrest Avenue Baptist Church, Dyersburg, recently assisted Pastor A. H. Simmons and the church at Martinez, Ga., in a revival in which there were 20 additions to the church and many rededications. The music was conducted by J. D. McDaniel, Claude, Texas. Bro. Simmons is a graduate of Union University and attended Southwestern Seminary.

—B&R—

Pastor H. B. Woodward, formerly pastor in Tennessee, and the First Baptist Church of Wewoka, Okla., recently held a revival in which J. Woodrow Fuller, pastor of Brownstown Baptist Church, Brownstown, Ind, did the preaching. There were 25 additions, 15 of them for baptism.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, NOV. 9, 1947

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Athens, First	407	114	--	First	732	171	6	Nashville, Grubbs Memorial	138	97	5
West End Mission	34	--	--	Knoxville, First	1,249	292	--	Harsh Chapel	135	85	--
Benton	143	83	--	Lonsdale	368	112	--	Mill Creek	74	41	--
Bradford	124	59	--	Sevier Heights	438	150	5	Park Avenue	486	65	--
Brighton	177	82	--	Lascassas, Milton	74	37	--	West Nash Mission	113	89	--
Bristol, Calvary	395	124	7	Lawrenceburg	256	121	8	Third	176	--	--
Carthage	173	32	--	Lebanon	535	117	--	Una	135	86	--
Chattanooga, East Lake	462	142	2	Barton's Creek	93	58	--	Woodmont	298	71	8
Church Hill, First	99	53	--	Cedar Grove	88	64	--	Oak Ridge, Glenwood	280	86	1
Cleveland, Big Springs	287	295	--	Lexington, First	280	58	--	Highland View	350	69	--
South Cleveland	102	74	4	Madisonville, Chestua	103	42	--	Robertsville	307	73	--
Cookeville, First	420	123	--	Memphis, Levi	169	104	4	Old Hickory	670	249	1
Fourth Street	87	--	--	Louisiana Street	158	84	--	Parsons	328	159	4
Stevens Street	105	50	--	Milton, Prosperity	146	63	--	Rockwood, First	297	129	1
Crossville, First	213	108	--	Mt. Pleasant	186	80	--	Mission	22	--	--
Harriman, Trenton Street	427	108	--	Murfreesboro, First	452	104	--	Sevierville, First	366	68	1
Walnut Hill	287	83	--	Walnut Street Mission	74	45	--	Trenton, White Hall	75	63	--
Jackson, Bemis	224	102	--	Powell's Chapel	67	60	--	Union City, First	561	149	--
Bible Grove	83	79	--	Taylor's Chapel	76	--	--	Watertown, Alexandria	158	111	--
Calvary	499	162	--	Westvue	246	86	1	Round Lick	185	48	--

First Church, Dyersburg Has Open House

The First Baptist Church of Dyersburg held open house at their mission on the Upper Finley Highway, Sunday afternoon, November 2.

The members of the mission and the mission committee were hosts to over two hundred friends from many denominations who called to see the new church, and to add words of encouragement to their efforts. W. R. Hamilton, pastor of the First Baptist Church, was present to welcome visiting pastors and others, with Mrs. Hamilton. Joe Harris of Jackson, who began a revival at the mission on Sunday night, was also present. W. E. Chadwick, from Fowlkes, a former revivalist at the mission, was present with several of his members.

A. T. Willis, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, with Mrs. Willis and children; Adrian Kolean, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, and Mrs. Kolean, and John Hardy, pastor of the First Christian Church, and Mrs. Hardy, were welcome visitors.

King Rogers, son of the late K. W. Rogers, who contributed liberally to the mission, was present. Mrs. Carrie Bell Wilson, secretary of the First Baptist Church for ten years, came from Memphis.

The new building has been named the Calvary Hill Baptist Church, and plans are going forward to organize the mission into a church. The church building is adequate in every way, having besides the auditorium, a basement and seven classrooms. Furnace heat, hardwood floors, venetian blinds and many windows make the building comfortable, useful and beautiful. The antique rostrum chairs and pulpit which were in the old church were redecorated and upholstered for the mission. Other gifts completing the furnishings include a Gulbrason spinet piano, a communion service, collecting plates, and light fixtures. Gifts which have been ordered are Church and Christian flags, dishes, and song books.

Music was furnished throughout the afternoon by Mrs. Russell Moore, Mrs. Neely Hendren, Mrs. Carrie Bell Wilson, Miss Dell Defoe, Mrs. Lawson Hughes, and Mrs. W. W. Todd.

Thirty-three Years As Pastor

Thirty-three years ago the first Sunday of November, the Rev. J. N. Bull came to be pastor of the East Chattanooga Baptist Church at the corner of Taylor and Cushman Streets, East Chattanooga, Tennessee.

During these thirty-three years he has led hundreds of people to know and accept the Lord Jesus as their Saviour and had many additions to the church.

He has rejoiced with his people in their joys, wept with them in their sorrows, visited them in their sickness and given advice to them in all of their problems, always as he did so he pointed them to the Saviour and Lord, Jesus Christ.

Rev. Bull has led the membership of the church

Notice To All Subscribers To Christian Frontiers

Dr. Das Kelley Barnett has resigned as Editor of CHRISTIAN FRONTIERS because he has accepted a position in another state. Because of his resignation, the first issue of the journal has been delayed until other arrangements can be made through the Board of Directors. We ask your indulgence until work can be resumed. You will be informed as soon as the Baptist Book Club, publisher of the journal, has acted upon the recommendations of the board. Sincerely yours, TRELA D. COLLINS, *President* and LEE C. SHEPPARD, *Chairman, Board of Directors.*

in a very successful and humble manner in many of its achievements in the work of the Lord.

At the present time the church is in the midst of a Building Fund Campaign to raise money for a new building. On the Anniversary of his thirty-third year as pastor of the Church a Special Drive was put on in Rev. Bull's honor and \$1,700.00 was given at the morning service in appreciation of his years of Faithful Service to the church and the Membership of the Church.

By his Faithful Service and his Cheerful Manner he has endeared himself to all who know him, and each one wishes for him many more years as the Pastor of the East Chattanooga Baptist Church.—R. G. LAWS, Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

Oklahoma Baptists Vote To Increase Budget 25%

TULSA, Okla. (BP)—Adoption of a unified budget of \$800,000 and a seven-year endowment program of \$3,500,000 were voted by Oklahoma Baptists in their 42nd annual convention. The unified budget goal represents

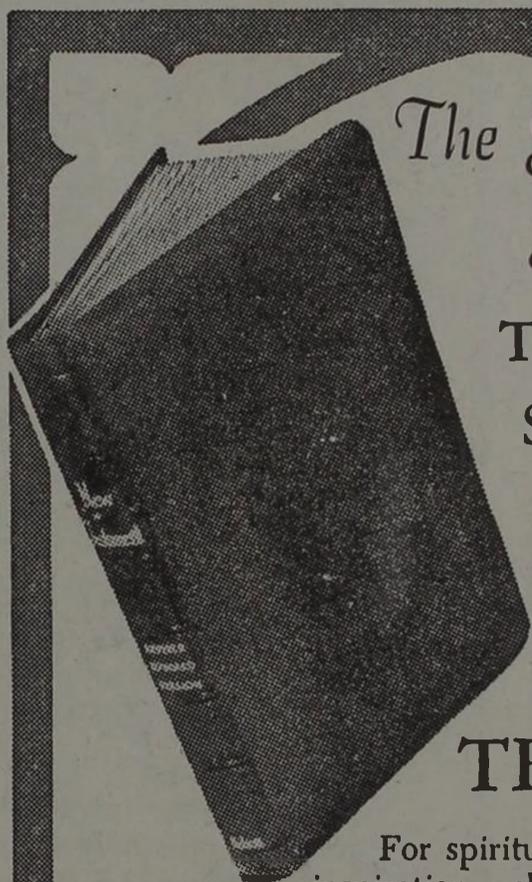
an increase of approximately 25% over last year's figure.

Dr. Harold Graves, pastor of First Baptist Church, Bartlesville, was elected president. George Boston, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Muskogee, and I. L. Yearby, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, were chosen as vice-presidents. The 1948 convention will be held Nov. 9-11, in Oklahoma City.

Keynote of the convention was struck at the Wednesday night session, when Dr. J. W. Storer, pastor of First Baptist Church, Tulsa; Ex-governor Robert S. Kerr; and Dr. Andrew Potter, state convention executive secretary, joined in presenting the record-breaking recommendations for 1948.

"You have compassed this mountain long enough," Kerr said, quoting Deuteronomy 2:3; "turn you north!"

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Resolutions Against the Unemployment Tax

The Public Well Missionary Baptist Church in its regular conference on Saturday, October 19, 1947 adopted the following resolutions;

Whereas the last Legislature of Tennessee passed a bill which has become a law imposing a tax upon churches and non-profit religious and welfare organizations.

Whereas, this tax is a direct violation of the guarantee of the Church and State, given in the Federal Constitution for which our forefathers fought, there it is resolved;

First, That the Public Well Baptist Church voices its disapproval of this law which gives the state the authority to collect taxes from churches and we pledge ourselves to use our influence to bring about the repeal of the above named law.

Second, Be it further resolved that we commend and approve the effort of our State Secretary Dr. C. W. Pope for bringing this matter to the attention of the public and for his successful efforts in causing the delay of the collection of said taxes until after the adjournment of the next Legislature.

Third, That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the minutes of this church, a copy be sent to Jim McCord, Governor of Tennessee and a copy be sent to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

Public Well Baptist Church.

(Signed, Committee:

J. O. COLDTHARP, Pastor,

C. A. TREVATHAN,

CHAS. T. MILES, Church Clerk.

We, the Resolutions Committee of Union Association of Missionary Baptist, do hereby submit the following:

Be it resolved, That we, the Missionary Baptist Church of Union Association, do hereby make known our protest to recent legislation known as the "Unemployment Tax Bill". We believe that

this law directly violates the principle of separation of Church and State.

We further believe that the Governor of Tennessee should call an extra session of the Legislature to repeal this unjust law. We further believe that this law is a direct infringement upon our religious liberty.

Be it further resolved, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Governor of the State of Tennessee, a copy sent to each Senator and

Representative of the Counties comprising Union Association, a copy sent to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, and a copy be spread on the Minutes of this Association.

Signed: Committee on Resolutions.

REV. F. B. CLAYTON, Chairman,

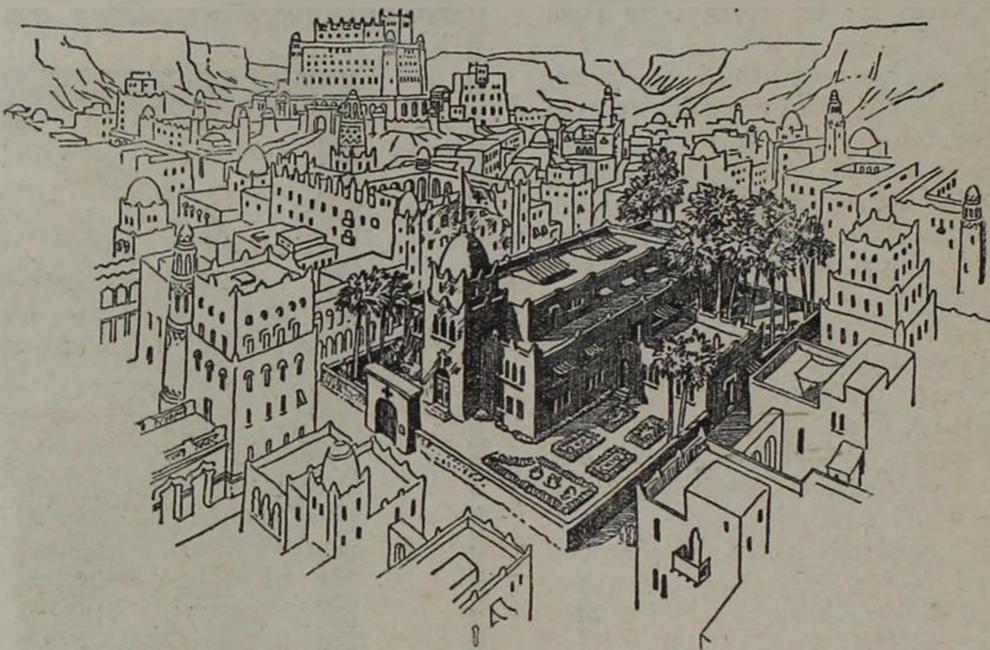
ALBERT JONES,

MRS. J. C. ROSE.

By: MRS. S. S. DIBRELL, JR., Clerk,
Union Association of Baptists.

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A Medical Ministry for Arabs in the Hadhramaut*



Healing human bodies in the name of Jesus Christ is the most powerful witness Baptists can provide the Moslem world. Few sections of the earth are so desperately in need of medical service as the Middle East. The Hadhramaut, known as "the place of death", an area as large as Virginia, North and South Carolina, has only one hospital for its ten million people. No organized Christian mission of any kind exists between Aden and Muscat, a thousand miles away. Christian doctors

and nurses and teachers are admitted gladly by the Arabian Government.

Missions volunteers now in training in the States to serve in such a center expect to receive appointment when they are ready.

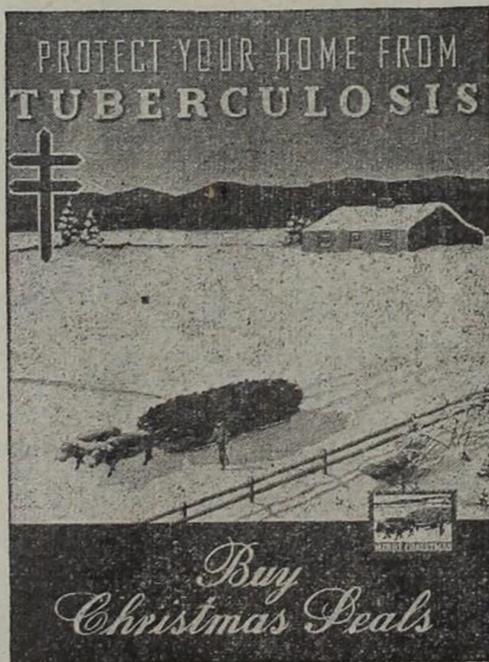
Money will make it possible. Can Southern Baptists afford, after persistent prayer for open doors, to let this vast one close?

*Pronounced "hod-thra-moot".

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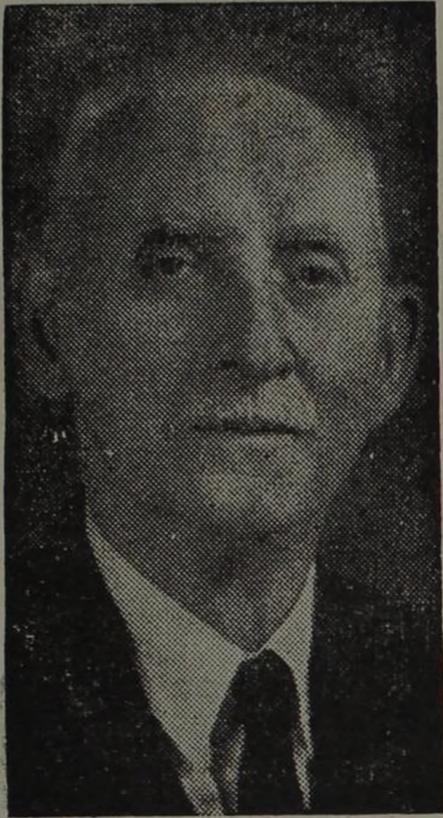
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DR. J. M. BURNETT

Funeral services for Dr. J. M. Burnett, editor of *The Baptist Courier* for the past eight years, and who died at his home in Greenville at 10:50 p. m. Thursday, October 30, were held at the First Baptist Church, Belton, Saturday, November 1, 1947 at 11:00 a. m.

The services were conducted by Dr. L. M. Lattimer, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenville, and Rev. W. L. Ball, Jr., pastor of the First Church, Belton. Interment was in the cemetery at Belton.

Dr. Burnett, who had been ill for about a month prior to his death, was a nephew of the late Dr. Z. T. Cody, who served as editor of *The Baptist Courier* for many years.

Dr. Burnett was born August 29, 1870 in Del Rio, Tenn., and served as pastor of the Belton Church for 22 years before moving to Greenville to become editor of *The Baptist Courier*.

He was educated at the University of Richmond and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served for a number of years as professor of Greek at Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., and in 1912 he was elected president of that institution.

In 1917 he resigned to enter the ministry actively, and went to the Belton Church where he remained until he was made editor of *The Baptist Courier*.

His wife, Mrs. Lucille Phillips Burnett, died two years ago last June.

Dr. Burnett is survived by the following sons and daughters: Judge Hamilton S. Burnett, Knoxville, Tenn.; Mrs. Roy Cheney, Mamaroneck, N. Y.; Mrs. Council Poole, Clayton, N. C.; Miss Margaret Burnett, Oxford, Ohio; Mrs. Emerson Waite, Clemson, S. C.; J. M. Burnett, Jr., Greenville; and Mrs. Herbert Strange, Greenville. He is also survived by one brother, Dr. Edmund C. Burnett, Washington, D. C., and three sisters, Mrs. A. R. Swann, and Mrs. Kate B. Jernigan, Dandridge, Tenn., and Mrs. Charles F. Stephens, Morristown, Tenn. Ten grandchildren also survive.—CONTRIBUTED.

Johnson Describes Needs of European Baptists

Speaking to more than 5,000 Texas Baptists in five stewardship rallies, Dr. C. Oscar Johnson, new president of the Baptist World Alliance, envisioned a worldwide relief program where "every carload of clothing will be steeped in the gospel."

"We returned from Copenhagen with the conviction that the greatest good we did was to show the Baptists of Europe they are no longer a little insignificant minority but part of a great group," Dr. Johnson declared.

"We let them know that there is a new day dawning for those overridden by states and state churches," he declared, adding, "It costs something to be a Baptist everywhere in the world except in America."

Describing the spiritual hunger of European Baptists, the World Alliance president quoted a Rumanian whose face was pinched with hunger and physical need; "We do need food and clothing and wish to thank you for what you have done, but please don't cheat us on the gospel."

Dr. J. Howard Williams addressed the rallies on objectives of a Texas stewardship program. "Our first aim is to develop stewards," he said. "We must think first not about dollars for emergencies but about Christians with New Testament consciences. We must have a great strong base from which can flow like a fountain the strength to win the world."—*Baptist Press*.

HUDSON

About 11 o'clock on the morning of September 30, 1947 the spirit of Mrs. Nettie Hudson took its flight to be with God, in that city not made with hands.

Mrs. Hudson was a faithful, loyal member of Whitwell Baptist Church. She loved God and her church with an unselfish love.

We are thankful for her Christian life, and though we shall miss her, we bow in submission to God's will, as He does all things well. Therefore, be it resolved that members of Whitwell Baptist Church extend sympathy to bereaved members of Mrs. Hudson's family, a copy of resolutions to be sent to them.

Be it further resolved that a copy be sent to BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, and a copy be placed on the permanent records of our church.

Respectfully,
MRS. E. S. CHILDERS
MRS. CLEO KING
MRS. MARGARET CANTRELL
Resolution Committee

BERRY

Bro. Husten Berry was born March 8th, 1862, died Sept. 5th, 1947, age 85 years, 5 mo., 27 days.

He was married to Martha Faubush in 1884 and raised one foster son, Walker Owens Berry of Whitesburg. He professed faith in Christ at the age of 19. After a few years he joined the Robertson Creek Baptist Church and remained a member until death. He leaves his wife and foster son, grandchildren, relatives and friends to mourn his going.

G. W. PHILLIPS
ROY GREENE
SAM PHILLIPS

BUSBY

In loving memory of our departed sister in Christ, Mrs. R. C. Busby, who was faithful to her Lord and his cause. The Lord called her home on September 16, 1947.

Therefore, be it resolved that though we sustain a great loss in her going and express our deep regret, we humbly submit ourselves to the Will of the Lord. We do not think of her as gone, she

CLOTHES for a MILLION!

"Both humane consideration and self-interest demand that we do something to relieve the suffering of the world," says L. Howard Jenkins, Richmond layman and chairman of the relief committee of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board. "Only a heart of steel could remain complacent in a time like this. As winter approaches with its bitter cold, let us examine our well-filled clothes closets and select something warm to cover the cold and ill-fed bodies of these men, women and children who are precious in Christ's sight."

Another member of the relief committee, Dr. Clyde V. Hickerson of Richmond, says, "Six million Southern Baptists have the opportunity now of helping to answer a great need with a grand response."

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, a third member and a recent visitor to Europe, says: "As one who has seen the needs abroad and the gratitude of those who have received the food and clothing we have already sent, I urge our Baptist people to give as never before lest any of our brethren suffer through our neglect."

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

still lives in our hearts and has gone to be in the Presence of God to hear his Blessed Words, "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

We thank God for her devoted service in every department of the Church and she will long be remembered for her personal service to the sick and needy of our community.

Be it resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to her husband, Mr. R. C. Busby and her family, 30 E. McKellar and that a copy be included in the minutes of our church.

Lovingly submitted by committee,
MRS. J. M. EZELL
MRS. IDA CHALFIN
MRS. T. R. WILBURN

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT BROTHER A. H. FRITZ

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to call from this life our brother, Andrew Hamilton Fritz, we, the members of Calvary Baptist Church, of Erwin, Tenn., recognize the loss of one who was respected and loved by all who knew him.

Therefore, be it resolved: That we, the members of Calvary Baptist Church shall cherish and honor the memory of one who was faithful to his Church and his Lord.

Further resolved: That we extend our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones who still remain here, also we join them in their sorrow and engage in united prayer to God for a complete family reunion on Heaven's shore.

Further resolved: That a copy of this be spread on the Church minutes, a copy presented to the family and a copy be sent to THE BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, our state paper.

"Farewell, dear brother, your work is done,
Your race is run, your labor o'er,
May you rest in peace until the roll is called,
And we meet once more on the golden shore."

Respectfully submitted,
J. F. DOUGHERTY
MRS. R. R. GRAY
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