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President Baptist World Alliance Extends New Year's Greetings

GREETINGS TO OUR BAPTIST BRETHREN:

From the heart of my City, Saint Louis, and from the heart of my country, but more from my own heart, I send you Christian Greetings.

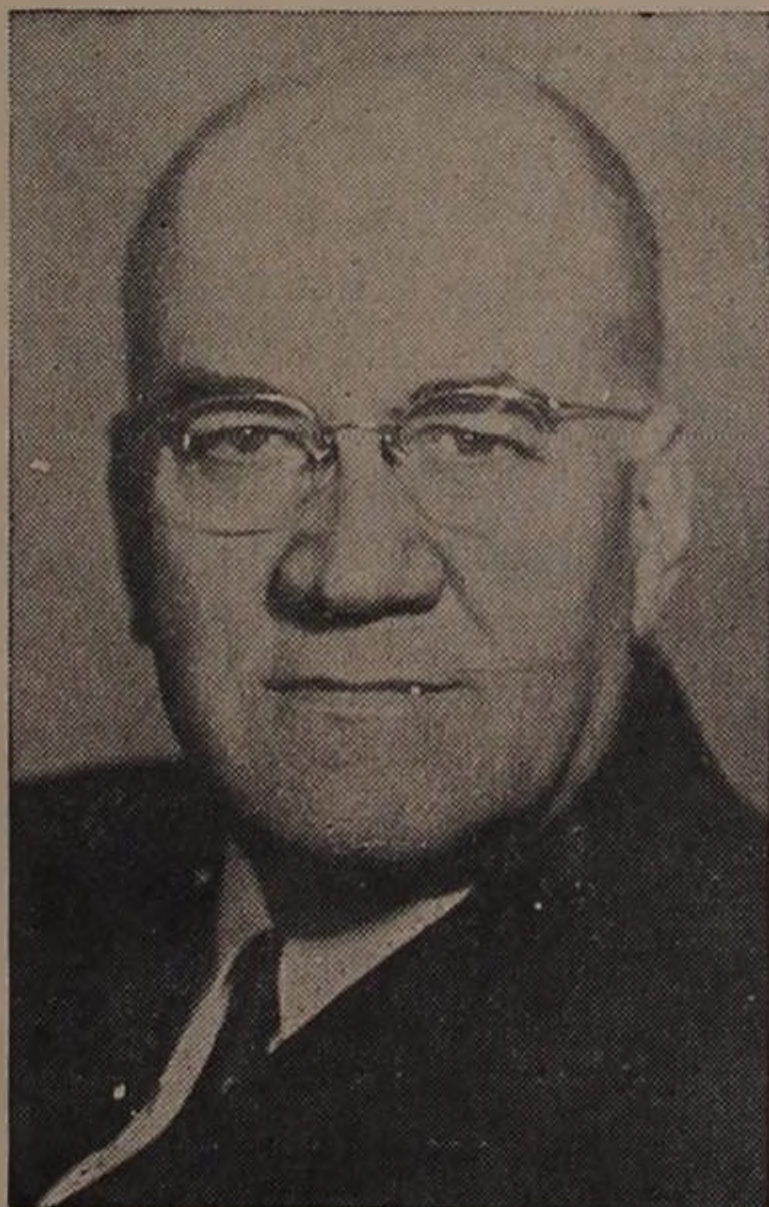
As these Greetings are read all around the world, another year will be drawing to a close, and a New Year will be dawning.

How different will be conditions in which this message will be read. With some there will be laughter and song and revelry. That a year is dying will mean little. The general attitude will be "let it die, it brought little of good anyway." To millions, the date on a calendar will have no significance. Every day is filled with sorrow, suffering and anxiety.

To all such of our Baptist family we extend our sincere love and prayers. The strong must bear the burdens of the weak and our Baptist World Alliance, from its united strength, has undertaken to provide clothing for one million people and one million dollars for food by July 1, 1948.

We realize this will not meet the tremendous need, but it will, at least, testify to our deep concern, as well as our sincere desire to share with those less fortunate.

A glance backward brings at once before us our great gathering in Copenhagen, July and August last. The honor conferred upon me carries with it a great responsibility, as



C. O. JOHNSON

well as a great opportunity. My first definite realization was and is that what needs to be done, can be done only if we are together. We cannot be in "one place," but we can be "of one mind and one accord."

Two objectives have been set before us. Each is so important that we can hardly say either should be first. They are—"Evangelism and Relief, or Relief and Evangelism." They are inseparately linked in our program ahead. Millions are hungry and dying for food, clothing and shelter. Millions also are hungry and longing for the Gospel, the Bread of Life, the Light of The World. As one of the brethren said to me, in Copenhagen, after expressing thanks for all the material aid, which had been sent to his people . . . he said, "Please do not cheat us on the Gospel."

That is the picture before us now. Food, Clothing, Shelter, Yes, but also and along with the other, the Gospel, Salvation, Hope, Peace and Life Eternal. As we enter into the New Year, my prayer will be that we may do so with courage and faith. That we may each covenant to pray at eight o'clock in the morning for each other. By so doing we will establish a round-the-world hour of prayer. Some will be praying every hour of the twenty-four.

Please do not think me too selfish if I ask that you remember me in your prayer, for I feel my own weakness and unworthiness to be your leader. All I can do is to give my best under the leadership of our Blessed Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom I call upon you to dedicate yourselves anew along with me, as you carry on into another year.

With sincere appreciation for all the followers of Christ everywhere, and especially for those of my own household of faith, my Baptist Brethren, I am,

Yours in His Service,

C. O. JOHNSON, President,
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EDITORIAL

My Pastor Jolted Me

CONTRARY TO CUSTOM, I am writing this editorial in the first person.

Not long ago, my pastor, James L. Sullivan, of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, was preaching one of his constantly stirring sermons. He jolted me! The jolt was not in *him*, but in a fact presented by him.

Dr. Sullivan referred to Gen. MacArthur's request for 1,000 missionaries for Japan and to the General's statement that Christianity now has its greatest opportunity in that land. Then he pointed out the following.

1. The Catholics have sent 1,120 missionaries to Japan.
2. All Evangelicals put together, including Southern Baptists, have sent—220!

That jolted me.

There are some Baptist churches which are as sound as a dollar on the doctrines of the Gospel, on the church and on the ordinances. But they give nothing for missions for a whole year, maybe for years. From this viewpoint, they are heterodox orthodox people.

Southern Baptists number more than 6,000,000. They have 623 foreign missionaries scattered among some 17 fields, while Catholics have 1,120 in Japan alone.

Of course, in addition Southern Baptists have their associational, state and home missionaries to brighten the picture. However, the number of these is not all in keeping with the numerical and financial strengthen of the constituency. But we are here considering only foreign missions.

Unless our Foreign Mission Board receives larger financial support, only about 80 out of a possible 125 prospective qualified missionary candidates available at the present time can be appointed and the Board cannot expand its work. And that in this time of desperate world need! Red hot preaching and teaching on missions are needed. Somebody is falling down on that noble adjective, "missionary." Foreign missions—yes, all missions—must be supported by our people in a larger way.

A prominent non-Baptist minister once described Southern Baptists as "the last refuge of New Testament orthodoxy." Surely, however, many among us are gravely heterodox on missions, though they may name themselves "Missionary Baptists." To disobey God's missionary command and hinder the Gospel is about as bad as to deny or pervert the truths of the Gospel.

With a fact, my pastor jolted me in fact! Many others need to feel the jolt.

Man Not Converted By The Life Of Man

FROM YOUTHFUL DAYS, we have often heard or read of the convert at church who was asked what part of the sermon caused his decision. And he said that nothing the preacher said or did caused the decision, but his neighbor's life.

The value of a good example is unquestionable. But there are two ideas which are to be avoided:

1. The idea that gospel preaching or instruction is secondary in importance to a good example.
2. The idea that a sinner can be converted by a good example instead of by the Gospel.

Sinners are saved "through sanctification of the Spirit, and belief of the truth" (II Thess. 2:13), which means saving truth—the Gospel. "In Christ Jesus I have begotten you through the gospel" (I Cor. 4:15). The Gospel is received in the heart and made operative by the Holy Spirit. Apart from this there is no salvation. Therefore, gospel instruction is imperative for the salvation of men (II Tim. 2:25, 26).

If a man does not know the Gospel, he may be influenced by the good life of someone to inquire for the secret thereof. The opportunity for gospel instruction is thereby provided, and this may result in conversion.

If a man is acquainted with the Gospel, the good life of someone may induce or help to induce him to receive and act upon the Gospel. The function of good influence is not to convert, but to lead to that committal to the truth as embodied in Christ which *does* convert, or rather through which *God* converts.

Simply by observing the good life, a man would never know what saving truths are nor how to appropriate them. This requires gospel instruction. The good life itself comes from the Gospel previously received and operative in the heart, and sinners are saved in the same way. Therefore, the Gospel, empowered by the Spirit, comes before the good life in importance.

The proposition still stands: "It pleased God by the foolishness of *preaching* to save them that believe." Then comes good influence to help induce men to receive and act upon the truth. Important beyond full description is this influence. But more important is the Gospel applied by the Spirit, from which both salvation and good influence spring.

Ordained To Do Nothing

WE KNOW neither the name nor the location of the church in the case. The brother whom we quote is not aware of the fact that we know about the incident. So no one can say that we are making a personal thrust.

A prominent layman brother, himself a deacon, had been invited to help ordain two men as deacons. Before the service, he asked some of the present deacons in the church what the deacons had been doing, and they didn't know. Then he asked some non-deacon members of the church with the same result.

Then this layman brother remarked: "Well, the deacons in this church have been doing nothing, and now the church wants me to help ordain two more men to help do the same!"

The majority of deacons, we are persuaded, are not in the "do nothing" class. But what the laymen said accurately describes some.

Even some preachers seem to think that they have been ordained to do nothing. The scriptural injunction is quite different.

"Stir up the gift that is within thee." "Let thy profiting appear unto all."

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.

Selfishness, Not Wealth, Is Cause Of Trouble

Under-Standing

The profit motive idea, as exemplified in "free enterprise," runs through the whole Christian philosophy of service and rewards, declared the Rev. William Ward Ayer, D.D., in a program of the Calvary Radio Ministry recently. In his address entitled "Riches coupled with Folly," Dr. Ayer presented an interpretation of the "Parable of the Rich Fool" in relation to the conflicting social and economic ideologies of modern society, pointing out that "Jesus gave some very serious warnings about the deadening effect of wealth upon human personality, but He never condemned a man simply because he had great possessions." The "rich fool" of the New Testament was so named, according to Dr. Ayer, not because of his worldly possessions, but because of his "lack of spiritual vision" which made him believe that his material wealth could contribute to his soul's welfare. Human selfishness, not wealth, is the trouble, he added. Stating that is not only the wealthy to whom the parable is directed, the speaker asserted that, compared with those in the rest of the world, everybody in America is rich, and therefore must heed the warning. "So consider this parable as applying to you—in possession of so much in this land of free enterprise, of the capitalistic system, of democracy and of evangelical godliness," Dr. Ayer told his radio audience.

The fact that Christ had much to say about money and its use and His belief that it related definitely to human personality have silenced the criticisms of those who "have favored radical and red social and economic philosophies that condemn the wealthy and falsely claim that the teachings of Christ support them," continued Dr. Ayer. "Jesus was interested in the common man not to exploit him or to make him an instrument of revolution but to uplift him and make him a child of God."

(This is not hot air from Dr. Ayer.—R. B. J.)

Are You Seeking A Pastor?

John L. White

The Baptist Courier

If your church is without a pastor, may I make a few practical suggestions as to the procedure in securing one:

1. Disregard all applications for the position.
2. Do not be overly influenced by anyone's recommendation.
3. Ascertain what type of man your church really needs in its present spiritual condition. This is far from easy but a necessary step. Ascertain also what type you desire as to his personality, his education, his ability to handle difficult situations, his preaching, his program, his theology, and his personal devotion to Jesus Christ.
4. The next step is to call the church to prayer in an effort to find the man who best fits the type desired. A pulpit committee should be appointed who would investigate and make recommendations to the church. This committee may seek the advice of the most consecrated leaders and pastors it knows concerning the findings of the type of man the church has in mind. The committee may visit various churches or invite a minister to supply. In either case the committee should investigate the prospect as to his ability to meet the agreed upon qualifications. Investigate also his record, his credit, his standing in the community, his family and his standard of living.
5. Having had him preach for you or having heard him preach, submit his name and the committee's findings to the congregation. Submit no other name until his name is brought to vote.
6. If the church is united in its conviction that the man being considered is God's choice for the place, extend to him a call. Be

much in prayer and if God leads him in the same convictions, then in this double tie you are assured that you have proceeded according to God's plan and in the spirit of true Baptist democracy with the Holy Spirit as your guide.

(Splendid!—R. B. J.)

A Plea for Intolerance

S. G. Olmstead

The Christian Advocate

The voices come from all over the land: "We must have more tolerance, more tolerance." One says: "Of course the movies portray crime and indecency and debauchery. That is part of life. They must give the public what it wants." Another cries: "Of course, the papers are filled with sordid stories of crime and corruption. These things happen and they are news. If the stories are over-colored and over-detailed, if the criminals are glamorized and their supposed sufferings wept over, it is only to make the tale more readable." Again: "It's only a political speech. No one expects a politician, in the heat of a campaign, to be honest." And still another sobs: "Yes, of course, he did kill his father because he was not allowed to take his girl-friend out nights in the family car. But remember, he's only a boy—barely 17—and his home life was not what it should have been.

No, it is not more tolerance we need. It is more intolerance of a kind. We need intolerance of filth and indecency, intolerance of immorality, intolerance of lies and of those who practice deception and misrepresentation for the money they can make out of it. Above all, we need intolerance of those among us who transgress the laws of God and man. Our fathers and grandfathers were a stiffnecked and intolerant lot. Sometimes they picked out the wrong things against which to be intolerant. Nevertheless, on the whole, they raised their children to be respectable citizens because they would not tolerate the things they believed to be wrong, even in those whom they loved. They built a great democracy because they were not complacent in the fact of indecency and dishonesty.

(This deserves a sevenfold amen!—R. B. J.)

Teaching

The Prairie Overcomer

Is it merely because the wages have been too low that there is a shortage of teachers today? That may account, in part, for the shortage. But there are other reasons. A good Saskatchewan teacher was approached by her old superintendent: "Of course, you cannot keep from school teaching; you will be taking another school now that you have returned." To which this elderly schoolmistress replied: "Not a bit of it. I can't stand it to try to teach such an undisciplined lot of youngsters, over whom we have no real authority. I like school teaching, but I am through with it forever." She has quit the profession and has taken other employment with less pay. In Oregon we heard of a certain small town where the teachers have almost given up their task. A group of boys in the grade school had decided to play truant. They were lounging about a local garage. A father passing through the grade noticed his boy in the group. In a proper way he said, "Son, you get back to school." To which the boy cursingly retorted, "Dad, you get the h--- out of here." And that soft, spineless father, blushing to the roots of his hair, obeyed the boy. But, of course, those boys were practicing Schoolmaster Neill's theories of progressive (?) education. Progressing indeed—toward perdition.

(This may be one of the reasons.—R. B. J.)

East Tennessee Baptist Camp

(Article in the Newport, Tenn., newspaper, sent at our request by Pastor Carl P. Daw, pastor of the First Baptist Church.—Editor)

THESE DONORS made possible the location of the East Tennessee Baptist Camp above Carson Springs. Left to right, Mr. and Mrs. Charles T. Rhyne, Sr., and Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Hooper. At present the East Tennessee Baptist Association is raising \$5,000 to



be supplemented by \$70,000 from the Tennessee Convention and used for erecting building. "We don't have to pay for the land but we want to raise this \$5,000 fund as a token of appreciation for the fine generous spirit shown by these people who have given their land," said A. A. Cates, member of the Executive Committee.

The mounting interest and steady contributions give good proof that the people of Newport and Cocke County are pleased with the selection of a site near Carson Springs for the East Tennessee Baptist Camp. Just one month ago a committee inspected the site and made a unanimous recommendation that the Tennessee Baptist Convention build the camp here. The camp site consists of approximately 150 acres and is a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Ben W. Hooper and Mr. and Mrs. Chas T. Rhyne, Sr. The initial expenditure on the camp development will be approximately \$75,000. The Camp Committee is now working on the selection of plans for the building. This committee consists of the following members: Rev. V. Floyd Starke, Old Hickory, Chairman; Dr. Jas L. Sullivan, Nashville; Dr. Paul Weiland, Trenton; Rev. Sterling Price, Athens; Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Mascot; Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Donelson; and Mrs. D. C. Shepherd, Memphis.

"We are pleased at the interest shown throughout the East Tennessee Baptist Association, said Rev. H. R. Click, Moderator. "Every church has been asked to participate in the present effort to raise \$5,000 which will be supplemented by \$70,000 from the Tennessee Baptist Foundation for the building of the Camp. A good response has been made and we hope to raise the \$5,000 before January 1. All contributions should be sent to Mrs. Ruby Stuart, who is clerk of the Association. At present we have approximately \$2,000."

The Executive Board of the Association has filed a petition with the Cocke County Court to place on the January docket the matter of consideration of issuing bonds to improve the Carson Springs road. This Executive Board is composed of Rev. H. R. Click, A. A. Cates, E. L. Wilson, Rev. E. J. Burgin, Rev. Tilman Holt, Mrs. Ruby Stuart and Rev. Carl P. Daw.

"We are deeply grateful for the fine support given this Camp Project," said Rev. Carl Daw. "Gifts have come from many of our business firms as well as from our Baptist people. We know that this is proof enough that the entire community is pleased with this camp and will support it with future investments. Personally, I am grateful to all who have been so cooperative in the work thus far."

The following article from the bulletin of the First Baptist Church, Newport, indicates the spirit of that church:

The Camp Program Campaign Committee calls attention to the provisions which must be met before the East Tennessee Baptist Camp can be built on the land in the Carson Springs area offered by Mr. Chas. T. Rhyne, Sr., and Mr. Ben W. Hooper.

(1) East Tennessee Baptist Association must sponsor the raising of \$5,000;

(2) A satisfactory road must be built—the County Court has on the January Docket a petition for hearing this matter;

(3) Power lines must be extended—the Board of Utilities has agreed to do this;

(4) A telephone line must be put in—this is on the program as soon as material is available. Just now attention needs to be centered on the first item—WILL YOU GIVE LIBERALLY.

Witnessing For Christ In Mexico

JOHN HOWARD BOWEN, Oaxaca, Mexico

IT WAS Market Day in a village in Oaxaca, Indians from many tribes of the State had gathered there that day, to either buy or sell food, clothing or cattle. The market was five acres of solid color. It was a feast for the eyes. There were Indian costumes, shirts, blouses scraps, rebozos, oxen, burros, sugar cane, corn, pottery, straw hats and baskets, ox-carts which looked like Roman chariots.

Within this five acres of spectacular color and commotion, was a stand rented by two Baptist boys. Upon a blanket spread upon the ground were Bibles, Scripture portions and a record player, which was playing recorded hymns in at least six different Indian languages. This attracted a large crowd of Indians who like music, and stood amazed at this wonderful music box. They listened—

*"Pass me not O gentle Saviour,
Hear my humble cry,
While on others Thou are calling
Do not pass me by."*

Suddenly someone raised the cry, "Protestants, pagans, communists." The crowd turned into a mob, and tore the Bibles to bits and scattered the Scriptures everywhere, and made way with the record player. Another cry went up, "run the pagans out of town." The boys didn't move, if they had run, they probably been killed. They stood and doctored each others wounds. This was their first experience in witnessing for Christ in a market place. Not knowing what to do next, they knelt in prayer. After prayer they watch the Indians gather the portion and fold them up. Then came an Indian carrying the record player, and the records, with request they would play it again, they did. Some were cracked but they played—

*"My faith looks up to Thee,
O Lamb of Calvary."*

After playing all the hymn of records that remained unbroken, the boys were invited by two different Indian groups to visit their villages and bring the music box and tell them more about Jesus.

"A Christless Christmas"

JOHN A. HUFF, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

(Unavoidably delayed in publication)

GRADUALLY we are leaving Christ out of Christmas. Millions who celebrate the occasion, do so with no thought of, or reference to Him whose advent gave us Christmas. A non-Christian age has seized upon this happy occasion to capture the emotions and purse-strings of a Christian society for commercial purposes. The stage is carefully set by artists who know how to decorate the streets, show windows, display counters, and write attractive ads in the papers and on bill boards, and then to the music of Christmas Carols create an atmosphere that is conducive to buying their wares. Many places of business stock their counters with cheap merchandise and then on the rising tide of a buying hysteria, they sell at high prices. You can find a "MERRY CHRISTMAS" in attractive letters on everything from a cheap picture card to the various brands of liquors. Much of this is an insult to God, a blaspheming of the name of Christ, and a reproach upon the name of Christmas.

The time has come for Christians all over the world to rise up in their might and rescue Christmas from the clutches of a pagan commercial age and restore Christ to His rightful place in the thinking of the people. This will not be easy to do, but it can and will be done when Christians decide upon a concerted program to do it. A Christless Christmas is the result of our failure to enthrone Christ and keep Him central in our daily lives. Recognizing the need of restoring Christ to His rightful place in Christmas, and the difficulty of the task, how can we begin this program of recovery?

First of all, it is a personal matter. If we give Christ His place in our personal lives, we will not need any special days, or special occasions, or special movements to show our devotion and loyalty. We will not be induced to make gifts, send out messages, join movements and make commitments that will in any way reflect upon the name of Christ or discredit Him in the eyes of man. Our behavior

at the Christmas season in the things we do, the company we keep and the places we go can become a determining factor in restoring Christ to Christmas.

In the second place, it is a Home problem. "Santa Claus" has taken the place of Christ in our homes at Christmas. I think we should do away with the Santa Claus myth and tell our children the truth about Christ and why we give gifts at this season. How do you know but that when your child learns the myth of a Santa Claus that he will not come to suspect that the story of Christ is only a myth? Who will be to blame if this comes to pass? It would be appropriate on the eve of Christmas or on Christmas morning for the family to get together and after someone tells the story of Christmas, then exchange your gifts in His name. All of the thousands of children in America will know about Santa Claus at the Christmas season but I wonder how many will fail to hear about Christ.

Let all your festivities and merry-making be of a nature that will bring wholesome joy and profitable pleasure to all those who participate.

In the third place, it is a church problem. We should gather, by families, in the house of worship on Christmas morning and there pay homage to the Christ, not as a babe in a manger, not as one hanging upon a tree, but to the living, reigning Saviour and Lord. It should be a time of re-dedication of our lives and reconsecration of our talents to the service of our Lord. I do not object to special days and seasons like Christmas, New Years, Easter and revivals in which we show special concern, but I believe that every day we should keep Christ central in our lives. Then we can restore Him to His rightful place at Christmas and rescue this occasion from the clutches of a pagan commercial age.

"Thank You"

I REALIZE the caption sounds trite. However, no one grows weary of having said to them, "Thank You." A mere few words, or words of any quantity are always inadequate in the matter of conveying Gratitude, Thanksgiving and Best Wishes, thus this three-fold Message, which we send you to you.

On behalf of the Baptist pastors of Kingsport, and their churches, we simply say, "Thank You" for coming to our city for the recent Annual State Convention meeting.

On being elected President of the Convention, we "Thank You." We have written the Moderators of the Associations, and the Associational Field Workers of our interest and prayers for them, and their work.

Brethren O. E. Turner and Albert Hale, 1st and 2nd vice-presidents responded to our invitation to talk things over at the lunch hour, at the recent Executive Board Meeting in Nashville. We have written the presidents of the State Conventions for a meeting in May during the S.B.C., in Memphis.

With the encouragement of the victories upon Tennessee Baptists, the year ending, let us press all the work "in the power of His might."

Your Co-Laborer,

L. B. COBB, Pastor
First Baptist Church, Kingsport

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THANKS!

Rome, Nov. 26, 1947
A new Christmas is coming. I cannot help thinking of the love of God, who gave His only begotten Son the world without thinking of what that love of God, manifested to men through Jesus Christ, has worked out in the hearts of men of our own generation.
God so loved the world that He gave His Son, our Baptist brethren in the States so loved us that helped us in many ways.
I am glad, dear brethren over the Atlantic, to tell you how much your help was appreciated and useful. Many were moved by your generosity as a token of your Christian faith and gave thanks to God because of you.

Yours in His Service:

Manfred Ronchi

POSTA AEREA

When I saw and read it and from it I took your address. You have decided to write me this letter because the days ago, I was deeply surprised and much impressed, when a brother-minister and a colleague of mine brought me a package of preserved foods as a gift from the American brethren sent for the brethren of Romania. Here, therefore, by the goodness of our American brethren, I am very happy to eat food from across the ocean. May God bless them and their hearts in Christ Jesus our Lord. Love, according to His will.

THANKS!

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FUKUOKA, JAPAN

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THANKS!

The Foreign Mission Board of
the Southern Baptist Convention,
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Sirs:

Thank you for your second-hand clothes sent us today. We, who eat each share, are the faculty of the Seinan Middle School. Our school as you know has been founded by prayer of Rev. C.K. Dozier, a Southern Baptist missionary. The war crushed us both spiritually and materially into pieces and we are now striving hard for the reconstruction of our land with newly invigorated democratic spirit. We are now persuaded to do our best for the attainment of our school's mission.

We are grateful for your kindness. Please remember our school here in Japan. Your further friendly assistance will be very much appreciated by us.

THANKS!

Yours sincerely,

Ken Sangoku
Ken Sangoku
For the Seinan Middle
School faculty.

We are deeply moved by the fact that inspire of the from Germany has caused to the world you have stretched out to your brethren in need a brotherly hand and have sent your gifts as mate and -- day -- subsequent messengers of reconciliation, peace, and real Christian brotherhood. You are doing Christ's own work to those who sink in the classes of unfortunates named by Luke St. Matthew 25. Today these include indeed more than half of the German people, hungry and cold, land- and homeless, sick and prisoners. This your message of Christian love in the strongest missionary spirit that can be brought in our times to all those who have abandoned the faith of their fathers and who now, near to us, receive nevertheless the gifts of true Christian love.

We try to interpret to all the benefitted the true Christian meaning of these gifts that came from you "in the name of Christ." United with you in the service of our Lord.

George Federer

THANKS!

George Federer
Southern Baptist

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TO YOUR RELIEF COMMITTEE FOR YOU!

Fine Meeting of The Executive Board

(Since this could not be published in our Christmas issue, it appears in the present issue.—Editor)

THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the Tennessee Baptist Convention met in its December meeting in the chapel of the Baptist State Building in Nashville, Tuesday, Dec. 9, 1947. The attendance was fine and the spirit, superb. Last year's officers were re-elected: President, H. J. Huey, Milan; vice-president, V. Floyd Starke, Old Hickory; recording secretary, L. S. Sedberry, Nashville; executive secretary, Chas. W. Pope, Nashville.

In his annual report, Secretary Pope well said: "The spirit of active co-operation and good will which has characterized this Board and its members has made the rapidly multiplying and difficult work of your secretary easier to perform." "The Executive Board is the Tennessee Baptist Convention 'ad interim,' and is charged with the responsibility of transacting the business of the Convention between sessions." "The unity of our Board is reflected in the unity of our State Convention."

The refreshing spirit of unity among Tennessee Baptists has often been commented upon favorably. May no root of bitterness ever disrupt this unity!

At the outset, the report of the Secretary to the Board made the following general statement about the work for the past Convention year:

At the close of the last Convention year our Tennessee Baptist people had given, through the Co-operative Program, \$1,144,585.37. This is an increase of \$159,117.14 over last year's Co-operative Program receipts. For the first time in their history Tennessee Baptists passed the million dollar mark in Co-operative Program gifts. The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is no longer on trial, but is a fixed, established, and accepted part of our denominational program. The economic security of our Baptist institutions is inseparably linked with the measure of success of the Foundation. It deserves the whole-hearted support of Tennessee Baptists.

A summary of income and disbursements for the year is indicated below. The period covered is Nov. 1, 1946-Oct. 31, 1947.

Southwide:			
Reported	154,346.92		
Co-operative Program (half)	518,412.41		
			\$830,491.18
Statewide:			
Designations	\$270,653.74		
Reported	66,333.85		
Co-operative Program (half)	518,412.40	855,399.99	
Administrative and Promotional		107,760.56	
Cash balance, Executive Board,			
Nov. 1, 1946		9,711.68	
Total Income			\$1,803,363.41
Disbursements			
Southwide		830,491.18	
Statewide		853,840.79	
Administrative and Promotional*		107,759.83	
Cash balance, Executive Board,			
Nov. 1, 1947		11,271.61	
Total disbursements			1,803,363.41

*Note: Bank Exchange on October 1947 deposits not paid, 73c, to be added.

GENERAL SUMMARY

Administrative:	
Administrative Expense	\$ 28,449.09
Total Administrative Expense	\$28,449.09
Promotional:	
General	\$ 17,336.34
Retirement	26,023.74

Brotherhood	11,074.64
Woman's Missionary Union	18,025.81
Building Fund (Headquarters)	5,536.04

Total Promotional Expense \$77,996.57

Total Promotional and Administrative Expense	\$106,445.66
Tennessee Baptist Foundation	\$ 11,370.25

STATE MISSIONS:

Departments—	
Sunday School	\$ 23,597.15
Training Union	22,577.71
Student Union	20,301.39
Building Fund (Student Centers)	4,000.00
Total Departments	\$70,476.25

Mission Department—	
Field Missionaries	\$ 8,852.50
General Missionaries	4,989.84
Special Missionaries	10,929.00
Associational Missionaries	32,722.00
Pastor Missionaries	21,000.00
City Missionaries	16,415.20
Negro Missionaries	6,432.00

Total All Missionaries \$101,340.54

Other Budgets—	
Army Camp Work	\$ 1,200.00
Preachers' Schools	4,500.00
Ministerial Student Aid	23,000.00
Baptist & Reflector	85,000.00

Total \$113,700.00

Total State Missions	\$285,516.79
Grand Total All Budgets	\$403,332.70

The major recommendations adopted by the Board were:

1. That the Camp Committee be instructed to proceed with the development of the camps as rapidly as funds are received for that purpose.
2. That, since State Missions has assumed the responsibility of paying tuition and matriculation fees of Baptist ministerial students enrolled in Tennessee Baptist schools, our schools be requested to consider the use of such scholarships and funds, originally used for this purpose, to assist young women preparing for definite Christian service, provided such funds may be legally used for this purpose.
3. That the program for Christian Education Day in June be enlarged to include both ministerial education and the endowment campaigns of our educational institutions; that the special offerings on this day be divided on a fifty-fifty basis between ministerial education and the institutions until State Missions has received sufficient funds to finance its obligations to pay tuition and matriculation fees for ministerial students, after which State Missions will cease to share in the receipts; that funds for the institutions be divided on the basis of the endowment campaign already adopted, and that such funds be invested by the Foundation as endowment for the institutions.
4. We recommend that the Board establish a Department of Missions and Evangelism, with a head of the department to work in close harmony with the Executive Secretary in promoting a strong program of evangelism, and in directing the mission work of the Board; that the Personnel Committee be instructed to bring a nomination for this position to the Administrative Committee; and, that the Executive Secretary be instructed to poll the members of the Executive Board.

In the course of the meeting, well-merited reference was made to "the wise leadership of our Executive Secretary"—a thing which is being increasingly realized and said. And it is a distinct uplift for brethren to meet to consider and plan will pray for the Lord's work committed to them and do it in the warm ties of brotherhood. As was remarked in a group after the dismissal:

"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." (Psalm 133:1)

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN, *Executive Secretary*
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Woman's Missionary Union

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The Foreign Mission Board in its monthly meeting December 11 voted to set as a goal for 1948 the appointment of 100 new missionaries. This high mark will probably enable the Board to send out in 1948 all applicants who will be qualified for appointment. With unprecedented world mission opportunities, Southern Baptists must not fail to enter open doors which God has set before us.

From Mr. T. L. Holloway, field secretary of the American Bible Society, comes copy of a cable which General Douglas MacArthur sent November 27, 1947, to the treasurer of the American Bible Society: "Reference personal cable to Commander-in-Chief 21 November. Contribution of American Bible Society inestimable value to spiritual rehabilitation of Japan and is appreciated deeply. Demand for Bibles, Testaments, and Gospels is insatiable and beyond ability of Japanese publishers to satisfy, although proffered shipment of paper and binding material will do something to alleviate situation. Large numbers of Japanese Scriptures were lost during war and in addition there is great demand by millions of Japanese who have become interested in Christian principles following establishment of freedom of religion in Japan. Urge that American Bible Society's 1948 plans be greatly expanded and that decision to discontinue publication after that date be reconsidered. Believe strongly that discontinuance or even decrease of production will be tragic to Christian effort in Japan if effected before the Japan Bible Society can assume full responsibility for meeting the extraordinary demand now existing."

Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, writes that doors of opportunity have been opened widely to our missionaries. Kwangsi University with its student body of two thousand, welcomes the coming of the missionaries. Fourteen high schools in the city are virgin fields for missionary undertakings. In several of these already the missionaries are teaching Bible classes. In a large school conducted by the wife of an outstanding military leader, the missionaries are teaching classes in the New Testament. It was my privilege to speak to more than five hundred students of this institution. Following this service, large groups of students came to the services in the city, although it was necessary for them to walk three miles each way. On one night, one hundred came. On the second night, more than two hundred. Groups of singers from Kwangsi University provided special music for the services; and on Sunday Morning, shortly before I left for Canton, it was my privilege to speak to a large group of students at Kwangsi University.

Despite discrimination against and persecution of evangelical Christians in Spain, the tide of interest in New Testament Christianity is rising. Our leading Spanish pastor writes that on October 12, when twenty-six persons were baptized, eight others "decided for Christ." He also states that the recent offering made by members of his church for "evangelization in new areas largely surpassed our own records."

Juvenile Delinquency Community Action Plans Released

JOE W. BURTON, *Editor Home Life*

SUGGESTIONS for community action on juvenile delinquency, based on recommendations of the National Conference on Prevention and Control of Juvenile Delinquency, are now available to interested agencies and the general public, according to an announcement from the office of Attorney General Tom C. Clark.

The recommendations for local, positive action aimed at solving the problem of juvenile delinquency evolved in the three-day national conference which was attended by more than 800 representatives of religious, educational, and governmental agencies, including three Southern Baptists.

The handbook now available, which outlines step by step procedures to be employed in communities, will be of value to those who are concerned about initiating some positive course of action on juvenile delinquency in their own communities. The handbook may be obtained for ten cents from the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. It is entitled "General Recommendations for State and Community Action." Seventeen other reports of the national conference are also available, ranging in price from ten cents to twenty-five cents.

1888

SIXTY YEARS

1948

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—We rejoice in your usefulness in the Kingdom of God. Through these sixty years you have been a real helper in everything our denomination has undertaken and in all our churches have sought to do for the Lord.

MISSIONARY WORK has been extended because you have taught missions. There has been more money for missions because of your leadership, your meetings and magazines, your study and offerings. There has been more praying for missions and there have been more missionaries because of your prayers and encouragement. We will remember this trust in the years to come.

UNION IN 1888 helped women and young people to see how important is this business of missions. We are learning that it is our major task from the individual witness of each life to the world changing proclamation of the Gospel everywhere. As we seek our divinely appointed places, in high courage, to serve our generation according to the will of God, we are grateful for you.

—THE WINDOW OF THE Y.W.A.



1948

Theme: For God and Home and Every Land

Watchword: "That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow"

Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

Missionary Theme: One World—One Savior—One Task



1948 Guide Books

The new Guide Books are ready for distribution. Order from Tennessee W M U, 149 Sixth Ave., North, Nashville. Price twenty-five cents a dozen, two dollars a hundred. Year Books, fifteen cents each.



W M U Standards

Have you ordered your standards and record charts for '48? Order from Tennessee W M U; price is ten cents each.



The New Home Mission Books

"SPIRITUAL FRONTIERS IN HOME MISSIONS" by Courts Redford, for adults, price fifty cents. A discussion of the present operations, the challenging fields, and home mission needs at this time.

"AMAZING GRACE" biography of M. N. McCall, by Louie D. Newton, for young people; price fifty cents.

"THE ICE CUTTER." Life Story of J. B. Rounds, by Phyllis Sapp, for Intermediates, price fifty cents.

"THESE WERE FIRST," by Margaret Kime Eubanks and Una Roberts Lawrence for Juniors; price thirty-five cents.

There are seven brief biographies of home missionaries: J. Lewis Shuck, Frank DiMaggio, Samuel Gorman, Kathryn Sewell, Rachel Sims, Federico Rodriguez and Lucian Smith.

"STRAWBERRY ROAD" by Margaret Hutchison, for Primaries, price fifty cents. A picture story book following a migrant child through fruit harvest.

Order from your Baptist Book Store.



Bookmarks For Bible Reading

During our Commemoration Year you say as Abraham Lincoln once said "I am profitably engaged in reading the Bible." You can say so if you will follow the urgent recommendation of the Union's 60th Anniversary Committee: "Every W M S member reading the entire Bible during our Commemoration Year." The suggested plan is that worked out by Dr. John R. Sampey. To help you we offer a set of three bookmarks and explanatory leaflet; the bookmarks are of three different colors to be quickly located, of tough paper to withstand wear, of generous size to avoid loss.

ORDER QUICKLY—Bookmarks for Sampey Plan of Bible Reading. Price 5 cents per Set from W. M. U. Literature Department, 1111 Comer Bldg., Birmingham 3, Alabama.

The Sunday School Lesson

LESSON FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 1948

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

BELIEFS THAT MATTER
John 20:30-31; Acts 16:11-15; I Tim. 4:16; I John 5:1-5

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

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In a preview study of the uniform lessons for the first quarter, 1948, Dr. Clifton J. Allen has this to say: "The lessons for this quarter constitute a topical unit. They are based upon Bible materials setting forth the basic doctrines of our Christian faith. This means, naturally, that nearly all of the Bible material is taken from the New Testament. The passages selected for each lesson are not exhaustive, but they do contain the heart of the New Testament truth bearing upon the teaching or doctrine being studied."

Our opening lesson is taken from the writings of John along with brief passages from the Acts and 1 Timothy.

THAT YE MAY BELIEVE

In the closing verses of the twentieth chapter of John, the writer sets forth his purpose in giving to the world the fourth gospel: "These things are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in His name."

"John wrote his gospel to lead people to believe in Jesus as God's Son and as Saviour. Faith in Christ as Saviour means new life. This faith produces Christian character and gives power to overcome the world."

Faith and life then are inseparable. If one believes that Jesus is Christ the Son of God, and believes with all his mind and heart, then it follows, as the day the night, that he will have life "in his name."

We need to get his point clear in our Christian thinking. We believe on Jesus to the end that we may partake of the better life. Jesus declared that he had come into the world to the end that we, his followers, might have life and have it more abundantly.

Notice that John qualifies the word "Believe." We are not merely to believe in Jesus, for instance, as a good man, or as a moral leader, or as a great teacher; we are to accept him as "The Christ." He is to be for us the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecy—the promised Messiah. The modern Jew may regard Jesus as a great man and as a peerless moral leader, but he does not accept him as the Messiah. There is the rub. Jesus is the Christ, the Messiah, and nothing short of that in the eyes of his followers will do!

OPENED BY THE LORD

Luke's account of the conversion of Lydia (Acts 16:11-15) is a gripping example of the power of God. It shows how a simple evangelistic message can make its way, under God, into the heart of a person and bring forth abundant fruit.

"And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart *the Lord opened* to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul. And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us."

Too often the Sunday school teacher, or preacher, or Christian witness, lacks assurance and confidence as he delivers his message. This lack of confidence is due to a lack of faith. Any power that the gospel may have is due not to self but to the Spirit of God, for it is the Holy Spirit that convicts the world of sin and righteousness and the judgment.

God's arm has not shortened with the passing of time; neither has his power been diminished.

BETTER TAKE HEED

"Take heed to thyself, and to thy teaching. Continue in these things; for in doing this thou shalt save both thyself and them that hear thee" (1 Tim. 4:16).

Here is an exhortation that ought to make its way like an irreversible arrow into the heart of every Sunday School teacher in the land. Think of the implications of Paul's words: "thyself"—thy teaching.

Are we as Sunday school teachers ready for our mission on Sunday morning? Have we made the careful preparation of our own hearts and lives that the Scriptures would demand and that the occasion would justify?

OVERCOMING THE WORLD

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, his enemies thought the end had come. They believed that they would hear no more of the lowly Nazarene. But they could neither destroy Him nor His message. All they did was let Him loose in the world! "And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?" (1 John 5:5).

As we witness for Christ, therefore, we take our places among those whom John would call "overcomers." It is not men of military might who overcome the world—they have no promise of ultimate victory. They who constitute the "overcomers" are those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

On this very first day of a brand new year, you are probably making some New Year's resolutions. My dictionary says to resolve means "to determine after reflection; to purpose; to decide." That makes a resolution important, doesn't it? If we "reflect" on a matter, we *think about it*. And determination is more than a vague plan. It is stronger and more definite.

We have "reflected" or thought about the old year, 1947, and have wished that some things about it had been different. Now we have a new year, and we are thinking about it—what can we do to make it a happy year? There are some things which we want to keep on doing, and others which we will try to do for the first time this year.

Here are some resolutions which other friends have made. Read them carefully. Suppose you print your initials on the blank line beside each thing that you are really determined to try to do this year.

Because I want to do my part to make 1948 a happy year, I resolve—

- _____ To be cheerful, even when it is hard.
- _____ To read my Bible every day.
- _____ To have a blessing before meals in my home.
- _____ To go to Sunday school and church as regularly as possible.
- _____ To be more patient with the smaller children in my home.
- _____ To form an "on time" habit wherever I go.
- _____ To learn my Sunday school memory work.
- _____ To prepare my school assignments the best I can.
- _____ To read at least one good book each month.
- _____ To find ways to help with the work at home, without being told.
- _____ To mind cheerfully and quickly.
- _____ To do at least one deed of kindness each day.
- _____ To improve my appearance in neatness and cleanness.
- _____ To put away my playthings when I am through with them each time.
- _____ To hang up or put away my clothes after I wear them.
- _____ To offer to accept at least one new job at home.
- _____ To make at least one new friend each month.
- _____ To answer letters promptly.
- _____ To be a friendlier person.
- _____ To say "thank you" more often.

Do you have other resolutions which you would like to add to the list? You may do so on the lines left for that purpose. Now go back and read aloud the resolutions you have checked. Think about them as you read. Be very sure that you are *determined* to try to do each thing you have checked. A resolution is really a sort of promise, isn't it—a promise to yourself and sometimes to God. And promises should be kept.

It helps me if I check myself frequently, to see whether I am remembering to keep each of my resolutions. Perhaps you'd like to make a check-chart for your own use.

Cut a sheet of paper the size of a page of the calendar in your room. On the left side of the paper write your resolutions. On the right side, draw vertical lines, making twelve columns—one for each month of the year. Write the name of the month at the top of each column.

If you will insert the list of resolutions between this month's page and next month's page of your calendar, you will be sure to see it when you tear off a calendar page at the beginning of a new month. That will remind you to check your chart. You may like to grade yourself, perhaps using the same type grading that your teacher uses at school. At the end of the year it will be interesting to see how much progress you have made.

I hope each of you checked the resolution about making a new friend each month. Your Young South column will help you to keep that resolution. From the word pictures printed in the column, you may select many good friends. And if you will write a letter giving information about yourself, we will have your word picture to share with other Young South friends. If it has been a long time since you wrote to us, your word picture in the file probably needs changing a bit. Do you have new hobbies? Have you changed schools? What interesting news do you have to share with us through the column?

Let's resolve together to make our Young South column more interesting and helpful than ever. Through the column, let's share our Happy New Year.

Love, Aunt Polly

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The Teams Are Coming

Our associational leaders are enlisting and training teams for the Church Planning Meetings to be held the last week of January and the first week of February. These teams are made up of volunteer workers who are giving their time in order to share with every church plans and suggestions for the 1948 program.

Watch for the announcement as to when your church will be visited. Every officer and teacher is urged to attend the meeting in his own church. All people who are interested in their Sunday schools should attend. Be thinking now on what your Sunday school may do to reach more people, teaching them the Bible and winning them to Christ. Get ready for great meetings in the churches.



Standard Schools—First Quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.)

School	Superintendent	Pastor
Bradford, Bradford	J. Leland Wingo	Lawrence Ray
Broadway, Maryville	W. F. Pollard	Grover W. Splawn
Brainerd Hills	Arthur E. Reno	
Camden, First	E. H. Barnes	W. Paul Hall
Grace, Nashville	H. N. Wilkinson	W. L. Stigler
Lonsdale, Chattanooga	W. S. Anderson	J. Burch Cooper
Orlinda, First	H. W. McNeeley	Lowell Milburn
Ridgedale, Chattanooga	Fred Pinegar	Earl Stallings
Rockwood, First	Lester Wyrick	Hobart B. Ford
Whiteville	W. W. Simmons	J. T. Hart
White House	Elsmer O. Lee	Howard Davis



Churches With Training First Quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.)

BEECH RIVER—		Maxwell	4
Lexington, First	1	Magness Memorial	25
Parsons	2	Palmer	23
Wildersville	2	Rutledge Falls	5
BIG EMORY—		Spring Creek	9
Crossville, First	28	Tracy City	7
Riverside	22	Tullahoma	21
Rockwood, First	20	Wartrace	14
BIG HATCHIE—		Winchester	20
Brownsville	21	EAST TENNESSEE—	
Holly Grove	13	Bethel	8
BLED SOE—		Calvary	20
Chestnut Grove	2	Del Rio	9
Portland	26	Forrest Hill	5
CHILHOWEE—		Holders Grove	12
Cedar Grove	11	Mount Zion	28
Rocky Branch	8	Newport, First	23
CLINTON—		Newport, Second	13
Andersonville	7	Pine Springs	5
Beech Grove	14	Piney Grove	2
Bethel	10	Shady Grove	7
Briceville	10	Swansylvania	9
Lake City, First	9	Union	3
Oak Ridge, First	1	West End	20
Pine Hill	1	Blacks Chapel	12
CROCKETT—		FAYETTE—	
Alamo	25	Liberty	18
DUCK RIVER—		GIBSON—	
Air View	12	Antioch	1
Cowan	30	GILES—	
Decherd	20	Pulaski	24
Huntland	8	GRAINGER—	
		Rutledge	1

(To Be Continued)

"Follow Me"

Training Union Theme for 1948

J. E. LAMBDKIN

The theme for our Training Union for 1948, "Follow Me," is a logical follow up of the great theme for 1947, "The Book of Books." The Bible is the record of God's revelation of himself to man. This revelation came to a perfect climax in Jesus Christ. Through him it is possible for man to know God in intimate personal relationship. When Jesus walked among men in Galilee and Judaea, he told them that his kingdom was at hand, and challenged them to leave all and follow him. In Jesus, God made himself real to men and showed them how they might follow him. Jesus, at the right hand of God, is humanity's representative with God, ever pleading our cause with God, and still calling upon us to follow him.

On one occasion a fond mother, whose sons were James and John, came to Jesus with a special request. It was simply that one of them would be permitted to sit on his right hand and the other on his left when he came into his kingdom. Obviously the sons were present and heard Jesus' reply: "Are ye able to drink of the cup that I shall drink of, and to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied that they were able. The later experiences of these two proved that they were able, but the steel in their souls was hardened through many fiery trials.

This question of Jesus, "Are ye able?" is one to which every follower of Christ should listen today. These are crucial days in the world's history. The world is full of sick people. They are sick physically, mentally, and spiritually. Whole nations of people are threatening the peace and welfare of all humanity because of false philosophies which sway their minds and souls. Distorted conceptions of material values have brought the whole world to the verge of physical starvation. The dark clouds of materialism, secularism, false religions, false philosophies of life, all stemming from one terrible disease called sin, hover over the world today. The swirling winds of men's ambitions and hatreds are whipping these clouds into a devastating hurricane which threatens to destroy civilization.

In the face of all this, we may well listen again to the question of Jesus, "Are ye able?"

If we understand the teachings of God's Word, we must conclude that only those who are genuine followers of the living Christ will be able to weather the storm. Only those who are saved by the grace of Christ are able. The kingdom of God is the only kingdom which will endure forever. Only those who repent of their sins and believe on the Son of God are saved by his grace.

The true followers of Christ are those who are saved by his grace. To stand true in every test, they must also be imbued with his power. The power of God, available through his Holy Spirit, is unlimited. Each follower is limited only by his unwillingness to receive that power.

Spiritual training is a means only of disciplining every life to make it a fit channel for the power of God in the world. That is what we mean when we speak of spiritual efficiency. The goal of the Training Union is spiritual efficiency for every Christian.

The Training Union will conduct again in 1948 the crusade to enlist all church members in daily Bible reading and daily prayer. Coupled with that every Training Union is urged to launch a crusade to increase attendance at the midweek prayer service in the church. We hope that every Training Union in Tennessee will enter into these two crusades.

The monthly themes in the Training Union during 1948 will be in the words of Christ, and all of them will challenge us to greater loyalty in following him. Mr. Charles Norton is leading in a great program in Tennessee. We trust that, under his leadership, many additional church members and many additional churches will enter into this great program of training.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

Brotherhood Department

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Secretary



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Office Secretary



Eastland Brotherhood, Nashville

Pictured above is a recent meeting of the Brotherhood at Eastland Church, Nashville, Tennessee. The following officers were installed: Steve E. Hood, president; Charles Duncan, activities vice-president; C. W. DePriest, program vice-president; J. C. Millwood, membership vice-president; James O. Reece, secretary; J. E. Owens, treasurer; and E. M. Cheek, chorister.

Plans for the year's activities, presented at this meeting, include a Laymen's Revival and a Brotherhood Emphasis Week. The revival will be conducted entirely by laymen with a different speaker for each service. Extensive visitation and a community wide series of cottage prayer meetings will precede the week of revival.

Brotherhood Emphasis Week will enlist many new workers as it is planned to have a layman teach every class in the Sunday school from the junior through the adult departments. A rededication service at the morning worship hour will follow a special sermon by the pastor, Dr. E. B. Crain. A layman will bring the devotional at the mid-week prayer service. Emphasis Week will continue thru the following Sunday when laymen will serve in all activities of the Training Union. A layman will also speak at the evening service and a male chorus of thirty voices will serve as the choir.

The Eastland Brotherhood is doing a fine job of supporting the full program of the church which has attributed largely to the fine spirit that exists among the brethren. The entire membership is divided among seven committees thereby giving each member an active part.

AMONG THE BRETHREN

First Baptist Church

Lenoir City, Tenn.

Dear Dr. Taylor,

I am writing at the request of many of the people of the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, who believe many of our friends will rejoice because of the blessings that have been ours. This great church has been blessed with the service of great leaders in the past, and we are thankful for all they have meant to the cause of Christ.

We observed Homecoming Day, November 2, at the close of our fall revival. Rev. Nelson Barker of Richlands, Va., was the speaker for the revival. It was the best attended meeting since I have been pastor here. We rejoiced to have a former pastor, Rev. E. A. Cox, as our speaker at the morning service for Homecoming Day. A bountiful meal was served to a great number at the noon hour. The afternoon service was given over to remarks by our visitors and a very impressive service honoring our ex-servicemen. The stars were taken from our service flags and presented to the men whose names they bore. We had only one gold star out of 138.

At the close of the evening service we had a baptismal service.

I have completed almost five years of service here. During this time the debt on the building has been paid. We installed a \$7,000 pipe organ. A total of \$25,000 has been spent on the building and in buying equipment. There is no debt on the building now.

All twelve of our deacons agreed to tithe last year and are continuing this year. For 1947 we had 140 tithers and our goal for 1948 is 350. Our budget of \$21,560 will be over subscribed by the end of the year. Thirty-five per-cent of our offerings go to the Cooperative Program. This means our gifts to the Program will be over \$7,000 this year.

That which cheers our hearts most is the number won to Christ and enlisted in worship and service. We have had 310 additions to the church since I came.

This is a delightful field in which to work. These folk have been very gracious to their pastor and his family. I believe the First Baptist Church of Lenoir City, Tennessee, has a great future.—JAMES A. PARK.

Miss Helen Gardner, director of Church Activities at Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis writes: "Each year we choose a day in which we urge the members of our church to attend all the services. This day has grown to mean much to our entire church, and we observe GO-TO-CHURCH DAY annually. This year, November 9, we set goals in Sunday school and Training Union. Our Goal for Sunday school was 3333. We had 3645 present. Our Training Union goal was 2222 and we had 2503. People were turned away from all the services and there were overflow crowds in both morning and evening worship services with people standing throughout each service. We had a marvelous offering and a number of additions to our church, several for baptism. There are other interesting and inspiring things I could tell you as a result of our GO-TO-CHURCH DAY, and we are happy over the victory that was ours and want to share it with mutual friends throughout the South."

—B&R—

C. Eldon Wright, pastor of First Baptist Church, Clinton since Oct. 1943, has resigned to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church, Watertown. He will move to the new field about January 1.

Baptist Hour



DR. KYLE M. YATES

Atlanta, December 26—"Divine Light for Daily Living" is the theme of "The Baptist Hour" for 1948, to be heard over a network of 60 stations at 8:30 Eastern Standard Time (7:30 Central Standard Time) every Sunday morning January through March. Dr. Kyle M. Yates of Houston, Texas, opens the series on January 4 with the subject, "Faith for Forty-Eight," is announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, Director. Dr. Yates, pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Houston, will also be heard on the succeeding Sundays in January on "Love—God to Man," "Repentance—Man to God," and "Justice—Man to Man."

Other speakers in the series will be Dr. Casper C. Warren, Charlotte, N. C.; Professor Charles Wellborn, Waco, Texas; and Dr. Ted F. Adams, Richmond, Va., who will be heard in February; and Dr. Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tenn., who speaks in March.

A feature of each program of "The Baptist Hour," according to the Atlanta announcement, will be a favorite hymn, selected by a poll now being conducted in the churches and among interested listeners.

These programs can be heard in our state over radio stations WSM, Nashville, WCYB, Bristol, and WNOX, Knoxville. WREC, Memphis carries the program at 8:30 A.M., CST.

The First Baptist Church at Scottsville, Ky., has recently enjoyed a gracious revival in which the preaching was done by Evangelist Ira C. Cole of Memphis, and the music and children's work was led by Rev. R. K. Bennett of Stanton. "I have never had two more satisfactory helpers in all my ministry than these brethren, both of whom were my college mates at Union University," writes Pastor H. L. Carter. "Our church has been greatly helped, and the visible results thus far are 11 for baptism and 1 by letter. A number of others made profession, but have not yet united with the church."

Calvary Church, Bristol, Ordains Minister

On Sunday afternoon, December 14, 2:30 o'clock, Bro. Tyler Augustus LeRoy, was ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry by the Calvary Baptist Church, Bristol. Bro. LeRoy was recently called as pastor of the newly organized High Point Baptist Church, near Meadowview, Va. The Ordination Committee of Lebanon Baptist Association examined the candidate on Sunday afternoon December 7, and recommended him for ordination after questioning him in connection with his conversion, call to the ministry, his faith, and beliefs.

There were 10 Baptist Churches of Holston Association of Baptists, of Tennessee and the Lebanon Baptist Association of Virginia represented with 26 pastors and deacons from these churches forming the Council. In the organization of the Council, Rev. J. R. Heifner, Pastor, Blountville Baptist Church was elected as Moderator and Mr. Robert Hutchens, Calvary Baptist Church, as clerk. Rev. Calvin Bailey, Pastor, Holston Valley Baptist Church, conducted the Devotional; James M. Gregg, Pastor, Calvary Baptist Church, preached the sermon, using the theme, "Magnifying The Ministry." Text: Romans 11:13, "I magnify mine office." Rev. A. R. Baumgardner, Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church led the ordination prayer. Rev. M. L. Ross, Pastor, Woodlawn Baptist Church, presented the Bible; Rev. Garrett R. Graham, Pastor, Euclid Avenue Baptist Church, gave the charge to the candidate; and Rev. Joe F. Hodgson, Missionary, Lebanon Baptist Association, gave the charge to the church.

Bro. LeRoy is a member of Calvary Baptist Church and served in World War II. He is a most promising young preacher.

—JAMES M. GREGG.

Ordination of Deacons

The Salem Baptist Church at Liberty, proceeded to ordain 5 newly elected additional deacons on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 14. The presbytery consisted of Pastor Howard D. Thompson, Rev. J. H. Shannon of Shop Springs, Rev. J. J. Thomas of Alexandria, and Rev. W. W. Rhody of Liberty; and visiting and local deacons.

The Council was organized by electing Pastor Thompson, Moderator; and O. Y. Givan, as Clerk. After a couple of songs, and prayer the deacons-elect were called to the front: They were: Willie B. Fite, Edward L. Jennings, Robert Schroeder, T. Seldon Givan, and George W. Griffith. Examination of Candidates—by Pastor Thompson; Charge to Candidates—by Rev. Rhody. Charge to the Church, by Rev. Thomas. Ordination Sermon—by Rev. Shannon. Ordination Prayer—by Bro. Rhody. Laying on of hands—by the Presbytery. The 5 new Deacons were extended the right hand of fellowship by the congregation. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Willie B. Fite.—C. Y. GIVAN, Clerk.

The brotherhood will be glad to know that F. M. Dowell, Sr., of Knoxville has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to preach again in supply work. He has retired from the active pastorate. Also Mrs. Dowell after having had her hip fractured and having a second operation was able to return to her home on December 8 after five weeks as a patient. Bro. and Mrs. Dowell are the parents of F. M. Dowell, Jr., pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland. The Lord's blessings be continued upon these friends.

W. M. U. Organized After 128 Years



TOMMY MOSLEY

Dec. 6, 1947, under the sponsorship of the W.M.U. the 20th Birthday of Rev. Tommy Mosley, Pastor of Bradley's Creek Baptist Church, was celebrated with a Surprise Supper at the church with 65 people present. Bro. Mosley is a graduate of Harrison Chilhowee Baptist Academy, Seymour, Tennessee. He is now a Freshman at Cumberland University. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mosley of Murfreesboro. He was licensed and ordained at Westvue Church, Murfreesboro, June 6, 1946 under the Pastorate of Bro. Woodrow Medlock.

Bradley Creek Church was organized in 1819, one hundred and twenty-eight years ago. We have had full time preaching since 1945. Our present membership is 205, 97 enrolled in Sunday school; we had 83 enrolled in Vacation Bible School. We have the Junior and Senior Union with the Story Hour and W.M.U. Organizations.

Our Board of Deacons includes John Leeman, Ellis Craddock, Delime Dunaway, Stacy Dillon, Andrew Wrather, and on Nov. 2, three young deacons were ordained, Thomas Lee Craddock, Clifford Givens, and Raymond Tarpley. Our retired deacons are Mr. Tommy Rhodes, and Mr. Jim Craddock.—(Contributed).

Pastor Roy E. Harlan and the Hebron Baptist Church, Detroit, Mich., were recently assisted in a revival by Francis R. Tallant, pastor of First Baptist Church, Jellico. There were 17 additions, 14 by baptism and 3 by letter. There were 4 rededications. Hebron church is affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention and is largely composed of people from the South, especially people from Tennessee and Kentucky.

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While Pastor O. D. Fleming was at Hot Springs, Ark., recently the following men supplied the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, Sweetwater; Wendel Price, student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; E. C. Masden, professor at Carson-Newman College and J. K. Haynes, Knoxville.

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This picture is the entire membership of the W.M.U. of Bradley's Creek Baptist Church in the Concord Association, located four miles North of Lascassas, Tennessee. Those standing in the picture are, left to right: Miss Lillian Leeman, 2nd vice-president; Mrs. Wilson Rhodes, stewardship; Mrs. Winnel Givens, Mrs. Andrew Wrather, recording & corresponding sec.; Mrs. Granville Reed, treasurer; Mrs. Herbert Givens, asst. treasurer; Mrs. Loftin Rhodes, prayer chairman; Mrs. Sam Arnold, Mrs. Ruel McKnight, Mrs. Johnnie Leyhew, Mrs. Clifford Givens, 1st vice-president.


Seated, left to right are: Mrs. Stacy Dillon, Mrs. Herman Weatherly, Mrs. Raymond Tarpley and son Bradford, Mrs. Irvin Givens, publicity;

and son Terry, Mrs. Dayton Lester, president; Mrs. Howard Harris, Community Mission; Mrs. Grover Davenport. Holding our Banner for attendance at our first quarterly meeting at Christiana with 16 out of 18 members present Oct. 17, 1947, is Mary Lynne Givens and Sharon Lester.

Attendance at monthly meetings has been excellent with only one absentee since we organized Sept. 10, 1947 with nine charter members. We are grateful to Miss Drucilla King, President of Milton W.M.U. who assisted in our Organization. All 18 members receive the Royal Service each month.

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Bolivar Church Ordains Ministers and Deacons

The Bolivar Baptist Church was called in conference on Sunday night, Nov. 30, 1947 for the ordination services of C. W. Hood and Billy Foote to the Gospel Ministry and the ordination of three deacons: J. T. McClendon, Jr., Russell Kirksey and Hall Brooks.

The Presbytery was composed of Rev. W. A. West of Medina; Rev. J. T. Carter of Bethel Springs; Rev. Clyde Cobb of Whiteville and Rev. Allie Baker of Bolivar. The visiting deacons were: Roy Lasiter and Carmor Gilbert of Medina. Deacons of Bolivar Church were: J. D. Meeks, Guy Johnson, W. T. Shearin, C. W. Vaughan, Z. F. Dorris, W. W. Cox, B. E. Hines, G. W. Ragon, Alvis Owens and J. W. Lax.

Pastor D. P. McFarland was elected moderator of the presbytery and questioned the candidates, C. W. Hood and Billy Foote. Then came the questioning of the candidates for deacons: Hall Brooks, Russell Kirksey and J. T. McClendon, Jr.

The ordination sermon was preached by Bro. West on "Preach the Word" (2 Tim. 4:2).

The ordination prayer was offered by Bro. Baker followed by the laying on of hands of the presbytery.

The charge to the deacons was delivered by Bro. Cobb, the associational missionary.

The charge to the Church was delivered by Bro. Carter.

C. W. Hood led in prayer which concluded a most impressive service.—D. P. MCFARLAND, Moderator, EDGAR GALLOWAY, Clerk.

Miss Frances Spears, Mrs. W. D. Morrow, Mrs. L. H. Johnson, Mrs. A. F. Bible and Mrs. Dee Fry presented the First Baptist Church of Greenville with a set of Deagan Chimes as a memorial to their parents, Mr and Mrs. J. R. Spears. Bro. Spears served as deacon of the church for many years and also taught the Men's Bible Class. These chimes will be installed in the new church building and suitable dedicatory services will be held in 1948.

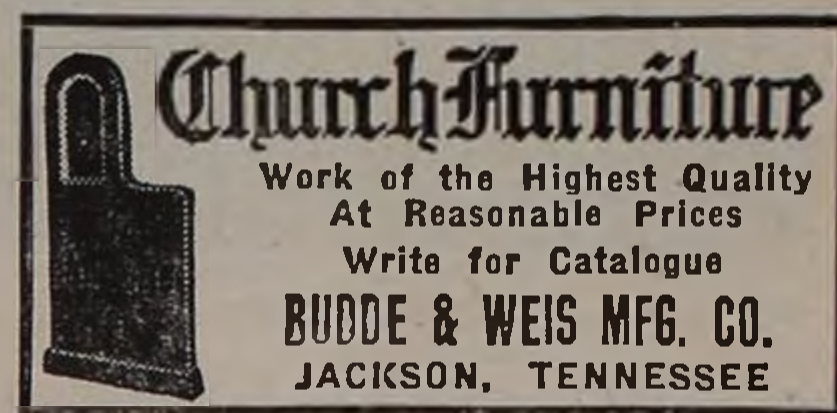
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Merrill D. Moore, pastor of the Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, was elected director of promotion and associate secretary of the Execu-

tive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention at a recent meeting of the Executive Committee at Nashville. As director of promotion he would succeed James E. Dillard, who has resigned that position. Dr. Moore's decision has not yet been made known.

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The First Baptist Church of Jellico completed its Fall Revival with 30 decisions, 20 conversions, 5 by letter, 1 by statement and 4 rededications. This was a great help in strengthening the church. James A. Ivey, pastor of First Baptist Church, Americus, Ga., did the preaching. C. P. Kidd, LaBelle Baptist Church, Memphis, led the singing in a fine way. Francis R. Tallant is the pastor.



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Organization of the First Baptist Church

SCOTTS HILL, TENNESSEE

On November 23, 1947, at 2:30 P. M. a group of Baptists of Scotts Hill assembled at the Scotts Hill school house for the purpose of organizing a New Testament Church. Pastors and members of other neighboring churches were invited and came to sit in council with these brethren and sisters.

Wade L. Carver, pastor of First Church, Parsons, was chosen as moderator of the council and of the organization meeting. Ralph Kerley of Jackson was chosen as clerk. The devotional services were conducted by Millard Evans.

Bro. Carver then called for statement from the group as to the desire and need of a Baptist church at Scotts Hill. J. E. Holland responded and gave ample reasons for organizing a church.

Then motion was made that the church covenant as read and appeared in the special prepared paper for said new church be adopted. The Articles of Faith accepted by Missionary Baptists were read by Bro. Carver and adopted by the group.

Then after the organization was declared duly constituted, the new church was asked to decide on a name. Motion was made by J. E. Holland that the church be named the First Baptist Church of Scotts Hill, Tennessee.

Mrs. Marjorie Brasher was elected as church clerk of the new organization. Miss Mable Grice was chosen as treasurer. The church then elected J. E. Holland as Sunday school superintendent. Supt. Holland then presented Mrs. Marjorie Brasher, Mrs. Ruby Holland and the pastor to be chosen as teachers in the Sunday school.

The invitation was extended to others to unite with the new church. Motion was made and carried that they be recognized as charter members of the church. Mrs. Will Buck came on promise of a letter from Judson Baptist Church. This brought the membership to eight.

The hand of fellowship was extended to the new church by representatives from the neighboring churches.

WADE L. CARVER, Moderator,
RALPH KERLY, Clerk.

(The church in a business meeting November 30, 1947, called Bro. Elvis McCord of Jackson as their pastor, and he plans to move on the field at an early date.

Resolutions of Appreciation

Reform, Alabama, Dec. 14, 1947

The Reform First Baptist Church takes this means of expressing her regret in the loss of Bro. B. A. Wilson, a most capable and efficient pastor. However, we realize our loss will be your gain. We recommend Bro. Wilson to you as a most worthy Christian gentleman, a very capable leader for all that is high and noble, and a most noble character builder for any community by example and precept. Our prayers go with Bro. Wilson and his fine family for his success as pastor and leader of the Holly Wood Baptist Church of Chelsia, Oakwood St., Memphis 8, Tenn.

The Reform First Baptist Church, in conference assembled, passed the following resolutions:

One copy to The Holly Wood Baptist Church, Oakwood St., Chelsea, Memphis 8, Tenn.

It is further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the Clerk of the above named church, and one copy also be mailed to the Tennessee Baptist paper, BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, Nashville, Tennessee.

Board of Deacons, Reform Baptist Church:

(Signed): L. H. ELLIS, Chairman
PAUL SHELTON, Treas.
WILLARD SUMNER
J. L. WEST
L. J. HOWELL
GENE KEALHOFER, Clerk

The Second Baptist Church of Chattanooga (formerly the Baptist Tabernacle) has just completed a Recreational Hall which is to be used for recreational purposes only. The building is constructed of concrete blocks with a concrete floor and equipped with flood lights. The church has a recreational committee in charge of this building and all the activities. This committee is composed of the heads of the departments and

a deacon as the chairman. They are located in the manufacturing section of the city and there is very little provision for supervised recreation. Clarence H. Petty is pastor.

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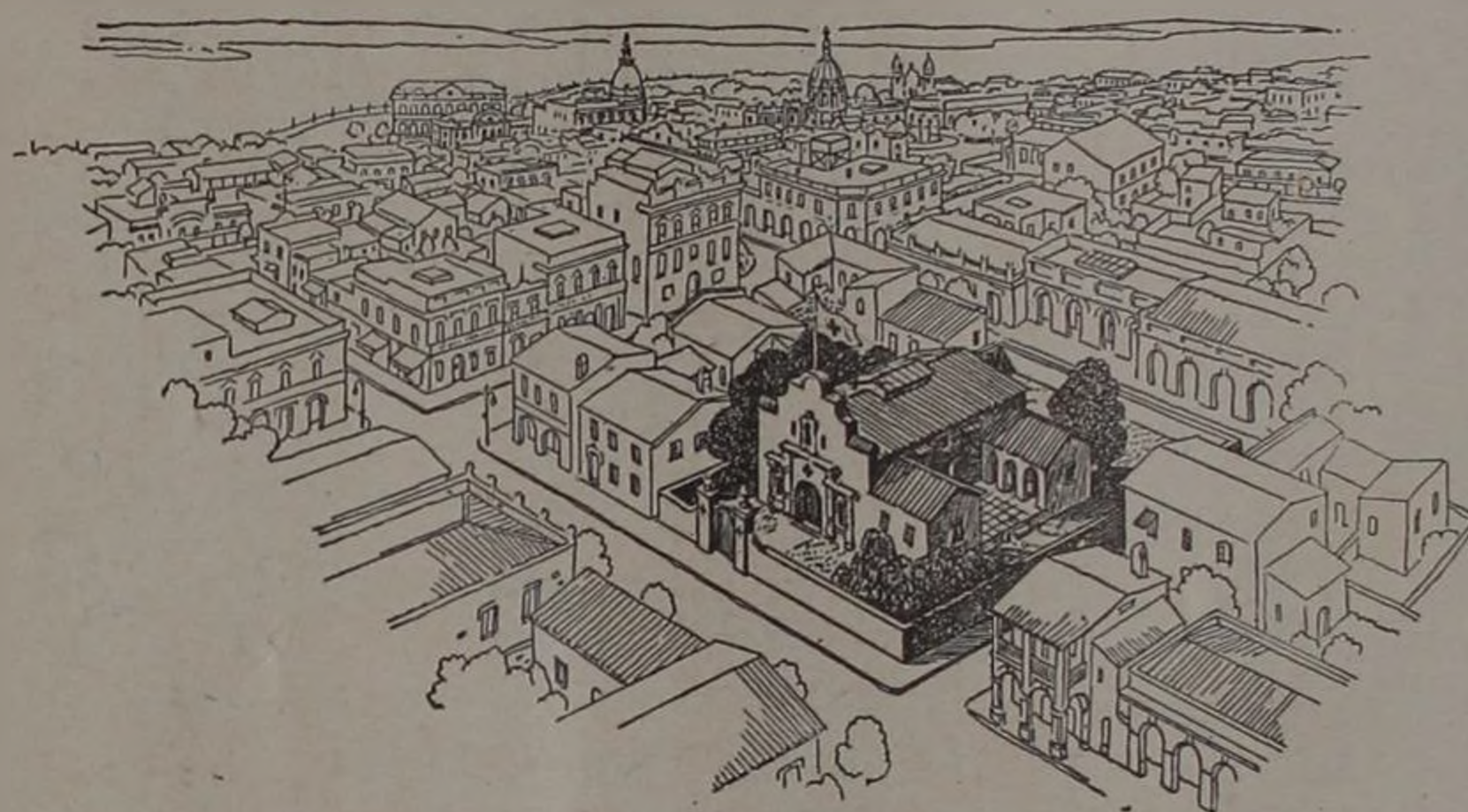
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