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## *Can You Match It!*

By L. G. FREY

**B**ACK IN THE CUMBERLAND Mountains lives a missionary pastor whose record for the past two years should stir our hearts and challenge us to more aggressive service for our Lord.

He has the regular care of from three to four country churches, and also acts as part-time evangelist for his association. In addition to 52 special services, he preached in 24 revivals, witnessed 162 professions of faith, and baptized 35.

In these two years, he preached 608 sermons, rode 6,362 miles, walked 606 miles, and received only \$1,495.49. He has no car. His income would not maintain it if he had one. Sickness retarded his progress last year, and yet he endeavors to preach from 4 to 6 times each week-end. He is one of our United Baptist preachers, and gives himself whole-heartedly to his calling.

He has a large family, and tries to dig some of his living from the soil; but never lets his farming interfere with his preaching. Doctors tell him he must give up his preaching, but in spite of two serious operations last year, he still carries on.

Rev. Dan Lawler, pastor, Harsh Chapel Church, Nashville, has labored with him and knows him to be a choice spirit.

His name doesn't rate even back-page notice in the secular press, but I imagine it is front-page stuff in Heaven's Register.

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## EDITORIAL

### New Figures On Missionaries In Japan

A FEW WEEKS AGO, BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR published figures from another source stating that the Catholics have 1,120 missionaries in Japan and all Evangelical bodies, including Southern Baptists, put together have 220.

*The Christian Century*, which also published the original figures, or at least the approximate figures, now says that it has authoritative information that it was in error and that Catholics have 859 missionaries in Japan and that other bodies have 270, with one from the Russian Orthodox Church.

Whichever set of figures is correct, Evangelical bodies are still placed in a very bad light and this editor is still "jolted" by the figures.

### The "Plan" or The "Way" of Salvation?

A FAITHFUL Baptist minister in the state requests our opinion on whether "the plan of salvation" or "the way of salvation" is the proper expression.

The word "plan" is not in the Scriptures. The word "way" in reference to salvation is frequently found. Instances are: "The way of holiness" (Isa. 35:8); "the way that leadeth unto life" (Matt. 7:14); "I am the way" (John 14:6); "the way of peace" (Rom. 3:17); and "new and living way" (Heb. 10:20).

But the absence of the word plan means nothing if the thing meant by it is there. The expression, "the new birth," is not found in the Bible, but the fact of it is. When the Bible was written, some words and expression were not in use which are in use now.

In the sense of "method" Webster defines the words before us as follows:

1. PLAN:—"Method or scheme of action; a way proposed to carry out a design."

2. WAY:—"The means by which anything is reached or accomplished; scheme; device; plan."

Therefore, "the plan of salvation" and "the way of salvation" mean the same. Each means God's method of saving sinners.

## Southern Baptist Press Association

THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST Press Association held its midwinter meeting February 12, 13, in the Biloxi Hotel, Biloxi, Miss. Editor A. L. Goodrich, of *The Baptist Record* (Miss.), was the host and he distinguished himself by his service.

The officers were: President, O. W. Taylor, and Vice-President L. A. Myers, *Baptist New Mexican* (N.M.). In the absence of Secretary-Treasurer R. T. Skinner, *Western Recorder* (Ky.), who was kept away by the illness of his father, George Raleigh Jewel, of the *Recorder* staff, served as Secretary *pro tem*.

Looking toward the improvement of the denominational papers, three themes were on the program for discussion. These and the lecturers were as follows: 1. THE MECHANICS, Prof. E. E. Folk, of the Department of Journalism of Wake Forest College. He is the son of a former editor of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. 2. THE MESSAGE, Prof. J. R. Scales, of the Department of Journalism, Oklahoma Baptist University. 3. THE MEANS, Prof. Frank E. Burkhalter, formerly of the Department of Journalism, Baylor University. These lectures were of a high order and, together with the general discussions which followed, were distinctly helpful.

One evening preceding the lecture for that time, a fine dinner was enjoyed by the Association and its visitors. It was provided by Editor Goodrich and was served by the ladies of the First Baptist Church of Biloxi in the church basement. J. C. Hodge is pastor of the church. The courtesy of these friends was most gracious.

Under the rotation system, Vice-President Myers became president of the body at the conclusion of the last session and Secretary-Treasurer R. T. Skinner became vice-president. Editor Goodrich was elected secretary-treasurer.

Frequently the testimony was heard: "This is the best meeting of the editors I have ever attended." Hence, the members of the body are looking forward to their next gathering in Memphis in May on the occasion of the Southern Baptist Convention. Warm thanks are extended to Editor Goodrich, including the lecturers and others not named here, for a truly enjoyable and profitable meeting.

### Billions To Billions

WE ARE BECOMING so acclimatized to the post-war world that billions no longer make us dizzy. We can, however, still find plenty of cause for concern by comparing figures at this astronomical level.

*The Christian Science Monitor* suggests the following:

"In one year Americans spent \$8,700,000,000 on liquor but only \$2,500,000,000 on charity.

"In one year we spent \$6,000,000,000 on the races, but only \$2,500,000,000 on education.

"These figures, of course, fail to tell the whole story of relative values, but there is no reason to suspect they do not exemplify the ancient adage that 'where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.'—*Nashville Tennessean*, Feb. 17, 1948.

These figures jab and stab, but they do not jab and stab all Americans. There are plenty of Americans who spend nothing for liquor or on the races and they must not be included in unsavory figure. But if the sum spent on liquor and the races were divided by the number of those who spent it to ascertain the per capita and then this were compared with what they spent for charity and education, if they spent any the result ought to jab and stab them.

It is obvious that numerous Americans are bent on living like the devil. And then some of them have the effrontery to sing, "God Bless America!"

# 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.

## Distillers Turn Down Voluntary Saving

*The Christian Century*

After a 60-day shutdown ending on Christmas Day, the distillers of this country decided that they had served humanity sufficiently. So they turned down a proposal by Secretary of Agriculture Anderson that they voluntarily restrict their consumption of grain to 2,500,000 bushels a month, which is about half their normal requirement. Because of the distillers' refusal, Mr. Anderson has asked Congress to restore to President Truman the authority to regulate the use of grain which he had under the second war powers act. While we believe that the power of the executive should be kept at a minimum, it is our view that in this case the grant of power is justified, at least for a limited period. The 5,000,000 bushels of grain a month which the distillers will otherwise consume in making whisky is badly needed to keep life in as many millions of half-starved bodies abroad. The industry cannot justify its use of this precious food by claiming that it turns it into a product of the slightest value. Its product is personally and socially harmful. And the industry itself is generally characterized by the self-seeking and anti-social attitude which has now again come to the fore. This attitude, plus the world food shortage, justifies the imposition of the measure of discipline which would be involved in placing the industry in a special category to be dealt with by executive action under the direction of Congress. That body should therefore vote the powers asked by Secretary Anderson. The President, when he receives these powers, should use them to close down all distilling of beverage liquors so long as the food shortage continues. And if the industry attempts to evade the law through the black market, as its spokesmen suggest may happen, then the shutdown should be made permanent.

(Amen!—R. B. J.)

## Gossiping Is Close to the Bottom

*The Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal*

If there are degrees in sinning, if one offense is worse than another, then we must place the sin of gossiping close to the bottom of the list. Gossiping is reprehensible and deliberate. It is entirely without reason or provocation, and often is done in a way that gives its victim absolutely no opportunity to defend himself. The gossiper rarely undertakes to verify the tales he peddles, but passes them on as though he were engaged in the most innocent pastime. The gossiper doesn't take money from the cash register or rob a bank; he is an honest man. Nonetheless, he steals for he robs his victim of his most valuable possession, his reputation among his fellows.

Gossiping may not be lying in its technical sense, but, as it passes on from one gossiper to another, its accumulated exaggerations and multiplied misrepresentations bring it pretty close to the line. The gossiper doesn't kill anyone, but nevertheless he is a murderer, for he kills the good name and standing of many an innocent person.

Even if the one talked about be guilty, the Christian's attitude should be one of sympathy and helpfulness. Not so with the gossiper. Sunday morning he sings "Lift up the fallen," all the time greasing the skids so he will slide faster down the grade.

(Gossipers should be disciplined.—R. B. J.)

## When Death Comes

EDWIN T. RANDALL  
*The Christian Century*

For those who have lived and died in the Christian faith death is not the darkness of night but the dawning of a new day. Thus we are changing many of our ideas about how funerals should be conducted, asking ourselves whether or not they really serve spiritual purposes. Some of the things we do are not really honoring the dead. Making the body the center of a funeral service interferes with the Christian emphasis upon the eternal value of the soul. Parading past the corpse is a survival of paganism. Many Christians prefer to remember their loved ones' faces as they were when radiant from the spirit within. Sometimes the sight of artificially composed features serves only to confuse happy memories. In all of these things we ought to consider that which is most thoroughly Christian.

Christian consideration requires moderation of expenditure for caskets, flowers, etc. Christian sorrow is not expressed by elaborate and expensive efforts to glorify and perpetuate the body. In a hungry world Christian lives cannot be memorialized by expensive paraphernalia to be looked at, admired, and then buried in the ground. Truer memorials are created through Christian helpfulness to the living: gifts to feed the hungry, clothes for the needy, establishment of scholarships, care for orphans and aged, medical research, elimination of juvenile delinquency, missionary enterprises, the promotion of peace and the support of other Christian activities in the names of loved ones. Relatives and Christian friends will be happy to join in such living memorials as a true expression of their sympathy and love for the dead.

(The statement above was recently widely distributed by the ministers, of Elgin, Illinois, in an effort to combat modern expensive and unchristian practices.—R. B. J.)

## A Talk-Back Service

*The Christian Advocate*

A novel religious service has been inaugurated in London, England, by Dr. Leslie D. Weatherhead, the famous Wesleyan preacher who occupies the pulpit of City Temple in that city. The service is divided into three sections. The first is given over strictly to devotions; the second is designated "the preaching service;" and the third is the "talk-back service," in which those who have shared in the devotional service or listened to the sermon are permitted to ask questions of the preacher. When the plan was first introduced, a congregation of almost 2,000 persons remained for the third service. Fifty questions in written form were handed to the stewards, but because of strict time limitations only seven could be answered. Some of the questions were, of course, related to general religious themes, but others were the result of actual things said or positions taken in the sermon to which the people had just listened.

In our opinion it would be an extremely wholesome situation in any congregation if there could be some opportunity provided for the people to "come back" at the preacher. Then, too, there are always those minds which are left in confusion on some points by the sermon. We are also of the opinion that such a question period would have the effect of making some preachers more careful about their statements. Any man who knows he will not be publicly disputed is in a dangerous position. He who knows he will have to answer for his assertions will take care to make them carefully.

(Brother Pastor, suppose you try this out and let me know how it works.—R. B. J.)

# A Community Enriched By A Life

**A**N ENTIRE COMMUNITY was enriched by Miss Elizabeth Collins' lifetime of dedication to the needs of the coal miners of Wise County, Virginia.

"A truly Christian character, she was mother-confessor, counselor, religious instructor, doctor, nurse and, above all, time-proved friends to thousands of miners, throughout the rough coal fields where Tennessee, Kentucky and Virginia touch, for almost half a century," John Maloney says in a tribute to Miss Collins in this week's (Feb. 14th) Saturday Evening Post. "Despite open hostility (when she first went down into Roda 43 years ago), she helped 'birth' miners' children, nursed them when they were sick, made coffins and conducted funerals for them when they died. Many times she was down to her last piece of corn bread, but she generally found some destitute miner's child with whom to share even that."

The mountain people knew Miss Collins as "Toddy," and when she died last Dec. 30th at the age of 81, "the tears of generations fell at her funeral," Mr. Maloney reports.

Toddy renounced a life of ease in Morehead City, and Wilmington, North Carolina, to share the strenuous and exhausting existence which was the lot of the underprivileged mountaineers, according to the Post article, "The Angel of Happy Hollow." The town's first religious services were conducted in the living room of the company-owned cottage the Stonega Coke and Coal Company placed at her disposal, and the first sewing class met there, the miners' wives using powder kegs for chairs and a large dry-goods box for a table.

"Through all of Wise County, where she labored longest, her word was law—whether she was dealing with the sheriff, the president of a coal company, an obstreperous youngster or parents who wouldn't co-operate with a truant officer," Mr. Maloney writes. "Yet no one back in those mountains can recall hearing her voice raised in anger against anyone. Knowledge of her disapproval was enough to stop anything, from a brawling drunk to a civic ordinance she believed detrimental to the welfare of her boys and their families.

"By the end of her first two years in Roda, Toddy knew every mining family within a radius of ten miles . . . Courting youngsters came to her for help in composing and writing love letters. Quarrels between families or individuals were brought to her for arbitration . . . All the people of Happy Hollow knew that Toddy would come to them at any hour help was needed, day or night."

Miss Collins would give away any possession she felt someone else needed more than she did, the Post author says. She explained her attitude in these words: "My faith assures me the Lord will provide. I may have been born an Episcopalian, but I'm Presbyterian enough to believe that if God wants me to have food, He'll find a way for me to have it, with a little extra, too, for my more needy neighbors."

Dr. Benjamin C. Henson, company doctor for the Roda mines, expressed the community's love for Miss Collins when he told her shortly before her death: "These people don't need stronger medicine than the faith and hope you have taught us all to have."

—*The Saturday Evening Post*, Philadelphia, Pa.

"I am convinced, after spending fourteen months in the Orient with the Army of the United States, that Christian missions is a vital need of those people in that section of the world. . . ." E. KAY BRYAN, M.D., in *The Teacher*.

## Opening Night Will Be— Brotherhood Night

LAWSON H. COOKE

The convention Committee on Order of Business has complimented the Baptist Brotherhood of the South very highly by designating the opening night of the Southern Baptist Convention—Wednesday night, May nineteenth—as "Brotherhood Night" and by giving us full direction of the program. We are not unmindful of the heavy responsibility which this places upon us.

We are now preparing one of the most spectacular, at the same time highly spiritual, presentations ever witnessed by the convention. The theme for Brotherhood Night will be "The Romance of the Cooperative Program," and not fewer than five thousand laymen are expected to attend.

Watch your state paper for further announcements.

## Until All Need Is Met

DR. LOUIE D. NEWTON, President  
Southern Baptist Convention

**S**OMEONE WAS ASKING, When will we be through with this business of relief?

I could think of but one answer, When all need is met.

As long as there is one hungry child, every parent must feel a sense of anguish.

As long as one person suffers for lack of raiment, every Christian must feel a sense of concern.

As long as one dwelling place is cold and dark, Christians will be moved with compassion. That unused candle in your attic could be lit in that faraway dark room.

Our Southern Baptist Relief Center reports a magnificent response on clothing, and now the offerings for relief on Baptist World Alliance Sunday are pouring in; but there is still great need—need for clothing and shoes, need for candles, need for money with which to buy and send food and medicine.

Nor will Southern Baptists stop giving until all need is met, for, with John Oxenham, we gratefully say:

Love ever gives . . .  
Forgives . . . outlives . . .  
And ever stands  
With open hands.  
And while it lives,  
It gives.  
For this is Love's prerogative—  
To give, and give, and give.

Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist Relief Center, 718 Richard Street, New Orleans 13, La.

## A Boy's Essay on a Mule

The mowl is a hardier bird than the guse or turkey. It has two legs to walk with, two more to kick with, and wears its wings on its head. It is stubbornly backward about going forward.

(Any resemblance to church members living or dead is purely coincidental.)

—From the *Friona Baptist Bulletin*.  
—*Baptist Standard*

# Time To Start Something

By J. C. WILLIAMSON, Chattanooga

**I**T'S TIME TO START *something*. You'd better move or someone else will. Cities have a habit of growing, and churches that have served the suburban area find they can no longer adequately minister to all the people of their territory. New rural community centers are continually developing. This shows we will never reach Tennessee by adding people to the existing churches.

It's time to start something outside our walls, and outside our present program, and move out where the people live. People who live too far from the home church are dissatisfied. They feel "left out" in its activities and management. Actually they are unintentionally discriminated against in the work because of their inaccessibility when wanted.

## AVOIDING STATIC CONDITION

When a church grows to a certain size in relation to its opportunity its size almost always becomes static and its energies are used up in maintaining its program and size. Its time for that church to start something. The church has worked hard to build its membership and its plant and pay its debt and without something big to challenge it at this period of church life it will rest on its laurels and "take it easy" as older people like to do. A loafing church is like a loafing person, soon in trouble.

My plea to the older churches is to let some of your spiritual children move out of the home church and start a home of their own in some neglected corner of your field or other needy place. A young church grows fast and easily as a child in the home does. Most of those it reaches have been passed over, or neglected by the existing churches of the territory. They will get along better, develop more talent, develop a spirit of self-dependence and interdependence with others, bring to birth more spiritual children for God, and raise them to be more useful in His work than if they were in one big church. In how many mansions have you ever seen large families raised? As a rule large churches, on a percentage basis, do not bear as many spiritual children as their younger, smaller and weaker brethren.

It's good for the home church. In our association the churches making the best baptismal record last year as to total number were those operating mission stations. In fact the nine churches operating mission stations baptized more than one third of our total of 2751 persons.

In the past ten years we have accepted into membership of the association (Ocoee) 30 churches. Even though we now have 40,152 members in 115 churches and have been doing organized work in our territory since 1835 this group of new churches, averaging four years of age, has nine percent of our present membership. They have also made an enviable record in relation to the work of the older churches. A little is given in the comparisons below:

All ass'n Baptisms, 1 to 14¼, SS Enr. 74%, B. T. U. 21%, Gift per person \$30.45.

New churches Baptisms, 1 to 9, SS Enr. 94%, B T U 33%, Gift per person \$36.38.

An arm of some church ought to reach out to every community in every association where there is need of work. When such mission has sufficient leadership developed, has shown active cooperation in denominational life, and can stand alone financially, it ought to be organized into a church and function under its own leadership. When I married my mother told me the house had never been built that was large enough for two families of kinfolk. That holds true in church life. The new work will, of necessity, be dominated by the older. When they are of age let the children

move out and establish a church home of their own. Responsibility will strengthen them. Divide your territory and multiply the places of worship until every community can be reached with the message of redeeming grace and there is a place of worship close enough for every person to talk about "my church."

No church has ever lost by such program. January 11 we organized Rutledge Memorial Baptist church in Cleveland. First Baptist church has more than \$11,000.00 invested in the project yet will present a deed to the new church. Ask pastor F. M. Dowell, Jr., if his church has lost in membership, influence or finances. No, don't ask him. Check the Tennessee minutes for a couple of years in the past. It will open your eyes.

## WHERE TO START WORK

Don't ask me where you should start work. I don't know, but if I knew your territory like you ought to know it I could tell you. In our association one church went three blocks and another six blocks from their churches and have good Sunday schools among people that would not attend the large church. Two went miles away to coal mining camps and one of these churches was instrumental in getting a public school started for the children. Another "adopted" a new community that was springing up. One went "across the tracks" and has a Standard Sunday school in a mission. One went down the river where the only civilizing influence seemed to be the strong arm of the law that put fear into the hearts of the people because of the "business" of many of the men. Another went out to a needy country community and began a good work. Seventeen of our youngest churches, and several of our largest and strongest churches, were first mission Sunday schools sponsored by some church.

There is a by-product of direct mission work that cannot be covered by statistics. In many instances it will be found that only a very small portion of the church baptisms actually come from the missions but because of the activity in the mission endeavor, the increased giving for mission purposes at home, the largest number of people put to work by the church and normal result is a much enlarged church program at home and a widely increased vision, with increased gifts, to the causes dear to Baptists to the ends of the world.

## "Pius" Double Talk

**T**HE NEW REPUBLIC, January 19, 1948, cites a characteristic attitude of Catholicism in action. In Newark, N. J., Mr. John S. Herron superintendent of the city public schools, banned the *Nation* magazine from the city's four high school libraries.

This magazine had run a series of articles on the "Catholic Church in Medicine" in which the author, Paul Blanshard, gave considerable factual evidence of the dictatorship of the Catholic Church in the profession of medicine.

Mr. Herron, a catholic himself, but superintendent of public schools, refusing to give reasons for his action stated, "I don't want to discuss the articles at all. We have the right to operate the schools as we see fit and to determine what books should be in the school.

It so happens that same day from the Vatican in Rome Pius XII said that nations must guarantee "freedom of movement in the field of education of youth."

Here, again the typical catholic attitude: we demand freedom, tolerance, etc., but you let us define both freedom and tolerance.

—Social Service Commission S. B. C.,  
2825 Lexington Road, Louisville 6, Ky.

# Summary of Southern Baptist Statistics, 1947

(As reported by associational clerks)

Items	1946	1947	Gains
Associations	928	*942	14 ( 1.5%)
Churches	26,401	26,764	363 ( 1.4%)
Ministers	24,791	25,319	528 ( 2.1%)
Baptisms	253,361	285,152	31,791 (12.5%)
Church Members	6,079,305	6,270,819	191,514 ( 3.1%)
Sunday School Enrolment	3,738,924	4,004,705	265,781 ( 7.1%)
Training Union Enrolment	802,859	927,908	125,049 (15.6%)
W. M. U. Enrolment	668,262	761,907	93,645 (14.0%)
Brotherhood Enrolment	71,412	97,146	25,734 (36.0%)
**Vacation Bible Schools	13,145	16,222	3,077 (23.4%)
**B. V. S. Enrolment	1,055,678	1,328,790	273,122 (25.9%)
Gifts for Local Work	\$87,986,245	\$103,690,832	\$15,704,587 (17.8%)
Per Capita	\$14.47	\$16.53	\$2.06 (14.2%)
Gifts for Missions and Benevolences	\$27,240,704	\$28,472,014	\$1,231,310 ( 4.5%)
Per Capita	\$4.48	\$4.54	\$0.06 ( 1.3%)
Total Gifts for All Purposes	\$115,226,949	\$132,162,846	\$16,935,897 (14.7%)
Per Capita	\$18.95	\$21.07	\$2.12 (11.2%)
Value of Church Property	\$313,053,779	\$366,830,652	\$53,776,873 (17.2%)

\* Includes Mexican Convention of nine associations affiliated with S. B. C.

\*\* As reported by Vacation Bible School Department.

## The Battle For The Home

WHEN JESUS entrusted Mary to John, he was symbolically entrusting the institution of motherhood and the family to his followers. For Christians today this has many implications. They include such straightforward material benefits as family allowances, clinics, improved housing conditions, sex education and sufficient leisure. But more important than any material benefit is an attitude towards motherhood based upon the conviction that it is of divine ordinance.

The church has many battles to win, but the most decisive of all is the battle for the Christian home. It may be difficult for us to see what we can do to solve the big problems which face our civilization, but there is one thing which is in the grasp of all of us—the determination to model our family life upon the home of Nazareth.

If we can produce a noble generation of mothers, fathers, and children, we shall do more than a little to bring light to the dark places of the world and to lay the foundations of a healthier ordering of society.—MERVYN STOCKWOOD in *Whom They Pierced*.

# Evangelism Is Our Major Objective

T. L. HOLCOMB, *Executive Secretary*

JEROME O. WILLIAMS, *Educational Secretary*

Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

SOUTHERN BAPTISTS are rejoicing greatly as they receive the information of the 265,741 increase in Sunday school enrollment, the 125,049 increase in the Baptist Training Union, and the 285,157 baptisms in the churches during the past year. These all represent the largest gains ever made in any one year in the history of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We interpret the word "evangelism" to mean three things. (1) It must mean to win the individual to a personal faith in Christ and acceptance of Christ as Saviour; (2) help him grow in grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ and to become like him; (3) help him to become an efficient and effective servant for Christ. All Sunday school and Baptist Training Union workers and members engage in evangelism within this conception.

All active church members, engaged in the whole kingdom program, rejoice in the aggressive evangelistic campaign under the leadership of Dr. C. E. Matthews, and his associates, of the Home Mission Board. Under this leadership, all states are having separate meetings in the interest of evangelism with a view of a more intensive statewide evangelistic campaign during the year. We feel sure the Sunday school and Baptist Training Union workers and members of all the territory of the Southern Baptist Convention can be counted upon to co-operate in this movement to the fullest.

## Our Soldier Dead

From battle fields in foreign lands  
Where small white crosses stand  
We're bringing back our soldier dead  
To rest in native land.

No choice they had but crosses bore  
Through sorrow, pain and strife  
They gave their all and bravely died  
To guard our way of life.

With pain dimmed eyes perhaps they saw  
Another cross where Christ  
In Anguish hung so long ago  
To make the way of life.

Perhaps an angel waiting near  
Spoke softly through the gloom  
Erased the scene and let them see  
The stone roll from the tomb.

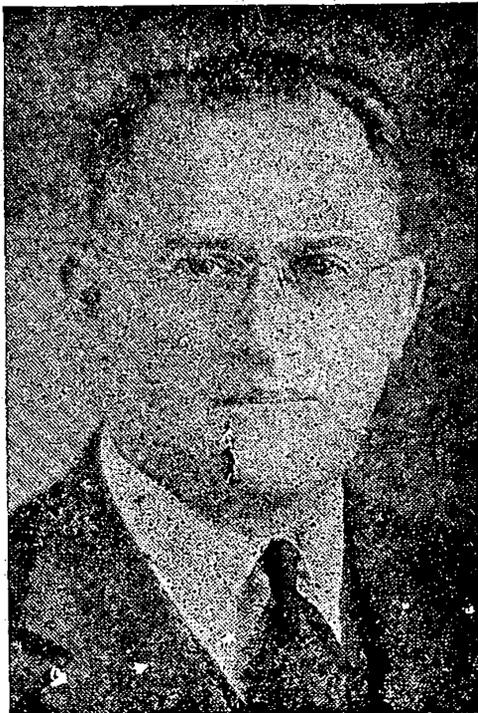
Sleep, soldier, sleep—the bugle call  
Will sound another day  
And angels come again to earth  
To roll the stone away.

(By Lottie Nelson Byrd.)

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THE QUIZ KIDS' radio program is closing this week a "Best Teacher" contest, in which students all over America have voted for their favorite school teachers, giving their reasons. Perhaps you sent in a letter-vote for your own teacher.

Tomorrow, March 5, is National Teachers' Day. I know you will try especially hard to show your teacher that you appreciate what she does to help you to learn and to become a better citizen.

As I have followed the Quiz Kids' contest, I have been wondering what differences there are in a good Sunday school teacher and a good day school teacher. Of course, the textbooks they teach are different. The main textbook of the Sunday school is the Bible. We have Sunday school quarterlies to help us to understand our Bibles.

But what about the teacher herself? What makes a good Sunday school teacher? Would you like to help me make a word picture of the kind of teacher boys and girls like to have at Sunday school? Let's have our own "Best Teacher" contest during the month of March.

Read the rules carefully. Then try to put on paper your word picture of a really good Sunday school teacher. Here are some subjects from which you may choose:

- Why I Like My Sunday School Teacher
- My Favorite Sunday School Teacher
- If I Were a Sunday School Teacher
- I Like My Sunday School Teacher Because

Be sure your word picture says what you want it to say, in the best possible way. Read the rules again to be sure that you have kept your part of them. Then send your entry to me. I am eagerly looking forward to reading it. A suitable, interesting book will be sent to the writer of the best entry in each of the groups described in rule 2. Perhaps yours will be the best word picture written by anyone in your age group. Do your best to make it so!

RULES

"BEST SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER" WORD PICTURES

1. The contest is open to all Young South friends in Tennessee, from 6 to 20 years of age.
5. Entries will be divided into three groups:
  - (1) Those written by boys and girls 6 through 12 years of age.
  - (2) Those written by boys and girls 13 through 16 years of age.
  - (3) Those written by boys and girls 17 through 20 years of age.
3. All entries should be sent to Aunt Polly, 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, and must be postmarked not later than midnight, March 31, 1948.
4. Only one entry may be submitted by any individual, and none can be returned.
5. The composition must be written or printed plainly on one side of the paper only.
6. The composition may be in the form of an essay, a letter, or a brief statement, not less than 25 words or more than 250 words.
7. The entries will be judged on sincerity, neatness, thoughtfulness, and originality.
8. Each entry must be accompanied by the information requested on the entry blank printed in today's column. The writer's name should also appear on each page of his composition.
9. The three best entries will be printed in our Young South column during April.

ENTRY BLANK

YOUNG SOUTH "TEACHER" WORD PICTURES

Name .....

Address .....

Age ..... Date of Birth ..... School Grade .....

MONTH DAY YEAR

Name of Church .....

Are you a Christian? .....

How long have you been a member of a Sunday school? .....

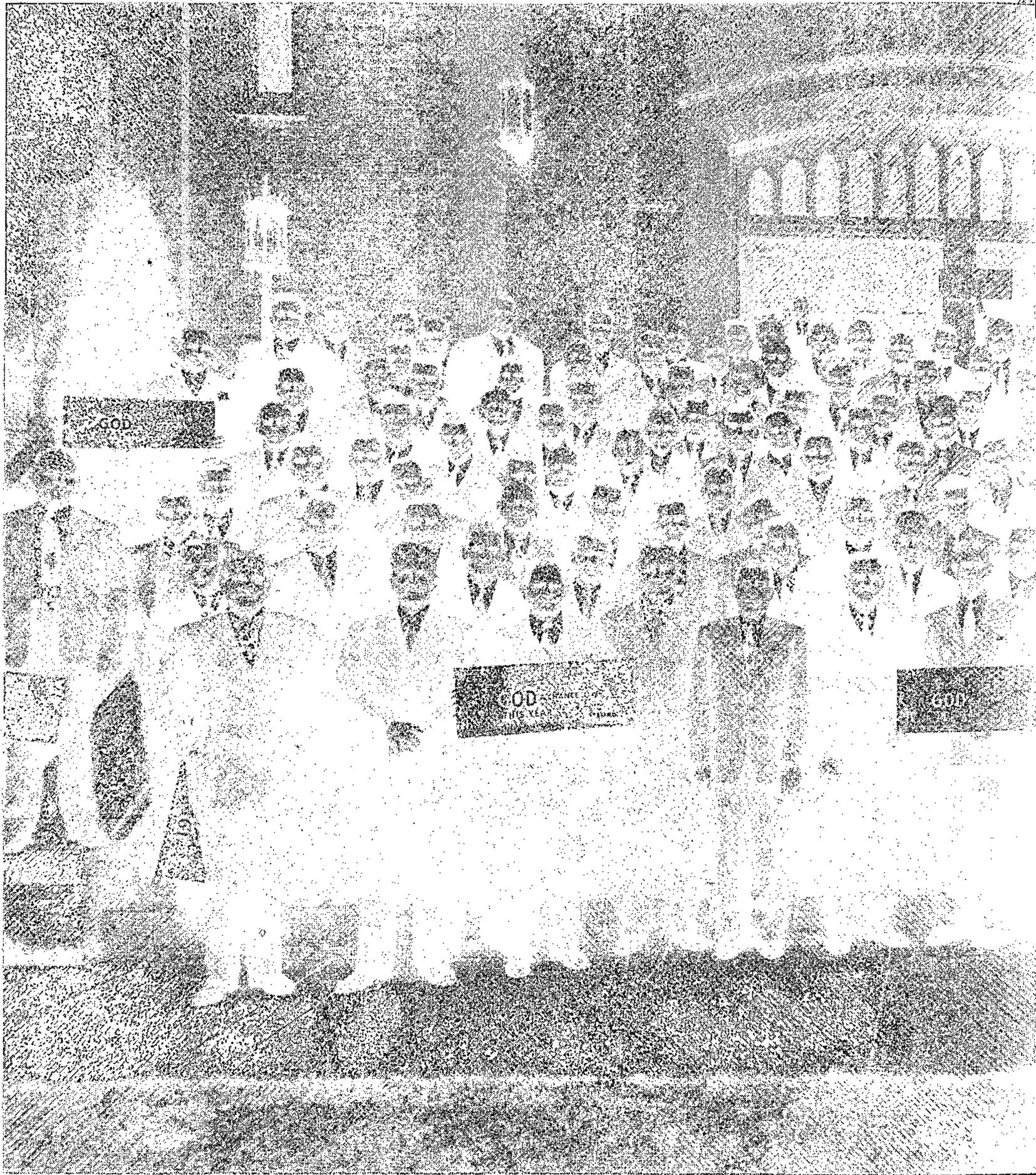
AGREEMENT

In submitting this "Best Teacher" composition, I hereby state that it is entirely my own, that I have had no help whatsoever in writing it.

Signed: .....



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### THREE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTIONS

**East Tennessee**, Broadway Baptist Church, Knoxville,  
April 19-20

**Middle Tennessee**, First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro,  
April 22-23

**West Tennessee**, First Baptist Church, Union City,  
April 26-27

The programs are planned to begin at 7:30 on the evening of the first days. Sessions will be held on the second days in afternoons and evenings. Conferences are being planned for all departments.

Watch the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for further announcements about the program and speakers.

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### More Than Four Million Enrolled In Sunday School

Recently this column carried an article saying the Southern Baptists had nearly three million enrolled in Sunday schools. The most recent statistics coming from the Statistical Department of the Sunday School Board states that Southern Baptists have enrolled in Sunday school a record high of 4,004,705. This is the first time in the history of the Sunday school work where the enrollment has gone over the four million mark. We rejoice in the fact that we can make this correction. Sunday schools will continue to grow because of emphasis placed on them by our Southern Baptist Churches.

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### The Things Which Shall Be Hereafter

**AUTHOR:** Russell Bradley Jones is pastor, Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee. In addition to his pastoral duties, he is a contributing editor of the Tennessee BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

**BOOK:** Quoting from the preface: "For many years the writer felt that he knew almost nothing about scriptural prediction. Often he was deeply embarrassed by his inability to help others in their search for truth. But the condition of ignorance with reference to so many phases of Biblical prediction became so intolerable that he determined to attempt, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to learn as much as he could about predictive Scriptures. Several years and much toil and prayer have been given to the task. Much ignorance, certainly more than the writer himself suspects, remains. But this book is the result of an honest effort to discover the truth."

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### Speakers' Tournament For 1948

- All active members of Baptist Young People's Unions, general or associational officers, Story Hour, Junior, or Intermediate leaders or sponsors, ages 17-24 inclusive, are eligible.
- Each speaker must compose his own speech. It is not permissible to use a speech composed entirely by someone else. It is permissible to quote from materials gathered from any source, but proper credit must be given for all quoted material.
- Helpful material will be found in *The Baptist Training Union Magazine* each month and in other Training Union periodicals.
- The subjects to be used are listed below:
  - "Follow Me"
  - The Cost of Following Christ
  - "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
  - How To Be Happy
  - The Adventure of Conquering Evil
  - "Let Your Light So Shine"
  - Youth and Missions
  - Making Our Homes Christian
  - Prayer—a Source of Spiritual Power
  - "Learn of Me"
  - "Are Ye Able"
  - The Contribution of Christian Education to Our Nation
  - Beverage Alcohol Weakens Character
  - Beverage Alcohol—a National Menace
  - Uniting the Nations Through Missions
  - Youth and Materialism
  - Becoming Fishers of Men
  - Adventures in Christian Living
  - Using All for Christ
  - "So Send I You"
- Each speaker will have six minutes. Each speaker will be required to hand the typed manuscript of his address to the chairman preceding the tournament.
- Speakers will be judged on content, composition, and delivery. Content will count 25 per cent, composition 25 per cent, and delivery 50 per cent.
- Each association will have its own plan for elimination tournaments leading up to the regional elimination tournament. At the Regional Convention, one will be selected to represent the region at the State Elimination which will be held July 2, First Baptist Church, Nashville. At this time one will be selected to represent the state at Ridgcrest the week of July 15-21.

# Woman's Missionary Union

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## 1947 A-Unions

THE FOLLOWING churches reported having A-1 W. M. S., Y. W. A., G. A., R. A. and Sunbeam Band (If there is an error or omission, report at once to Miss Mary Northington).

Gibson Association, Humboldt, First; Holston Association, Bristol, Virginia Avenue; Knox County Association, Mt. Olive; McMinn Association, Athens, First; Etowah, First; Nolachucky Association, Morristown, First; Shelby Association, Ardmore; Central Avenue; Highland Heights; Raleigh, Temple; Watauga Association, Elizabethton, Immanuel.

## 100% Giving To Missions

(Every resident woman member of the church giving to missions).

Beulah—Mt. Pelia; New Salem.                      Concord—Milton.  
Carroll-Benton—Huntingdon.                      Duck River—Huntland.  
Clinton—Oak Ridge, Glenwood.                      Gibson—Milan.  
Hardeman—Middleburg.  
Holston—Bluff City, First; Bristol, Virginia Avenue; Greenville, First.  
Judson—Charlotte.  
Knox County—Calvary.  
Madison—Clover Creek; Henderson; Jackson, Calvary.  
McNairy, Bethel Springs.  
Nashville—Baker's Grove; Donelson; Harpeth Heights.  
New Salem—New Middleton.                      Ocoee—Signal Mountain.  
Shelby—Ardmore, Highland Heights, Raleigh, Shirley Park.  
Stewart County—Dover.  
Watauga—Elizabethton, Immanuel.  
Wilson County—Mt. Juliet.

## 100% Mission Study

(Every member of the missionary society reading a mission study book)

Beech River—Lexington, Parsons, Rocky Hill.  
Beulah—Obion.  
Big Emory—Rockwood.  
Big Hatchie—Harmony, Oak Grove.  
Bledsoe—Hartsville, Hopewell.  
Campbell—West La Follette.  
Chilhowie—Maryville, First; Piney Grove; Pleasant Grove; Stock Creek; Wildwood.  
Clinton—Andersonville; Clear Branch; Clinton, First; Lake City, Main St.; Robertsville.  
Concord—Bradley's Creek; Mt. Pleasant; Murfreesboro, First; Powells Chapel; Smyrna.  
Crockett—Bells; Maury City; Friendship.  
Cumberland—Blooming Grove; Clarksville, Second; Mt. Hermon.  
Cumberland Gap—Shawnee.  
Duck River—Decherd; Huntland; Tullahoma; Magness Memorial; Wartrace.  
Dyer—Newbern.  
East Tennessee—Forest Hill; Newport, First.  
Fayette—Rossville; Somerville.  
Gibson—Laneview; Lavinia; Milan; Oakwood.  
Hardeman—Bolivar; Ebenezer; Hickory Valley; Middleburg; Parrish Chapel.  
Holston—Bristol, Virginia Avenue; Bloomingdale; Bluff City, First; Fordtown; Glenwood; Greenville, First; Woodlawn; Pinecrest.  
Indian Creek—Green River; Olive Hill; Philadelphia; Waynesboro.  
Knox—Gillespie Avenue; Park City; Smithwood.  
Lawrence—Lawrenceburg, First; Loretta; Iron City.  
Madison—Beech Grove; Clover Creek; Jackson, Royal St., Malesus.  
McMinn—Etowah, Calvary.  
McNairy—Olive Hill.  
Nashville—Antioch; Berryville; Franklin; Una.  
New Duck River—El Bethel; North Fork.  
New Salem—Brush Creek; Carthage; New Home; New Middleton; Peyton's Creek.  
Nolachucky—Bible's Chapel.  
Northern—Clear Ford.  
Ocoee—East 26th St.; Morris Hill; Second Baptist; Signal Mountain; Silverdale; Spring Creek; Woodland Heights.  
Polk—Mt. Zion; Ocoee; Postelle.  
Robertson County—Bethel; Pleasant Hill; Williams Chapel.  
Salem—Woodbury.  
Sevier—Sevierville.  
Shelby County—Big Creek; Capleville; Collierville; Mallory Heights; Merton Avenue; Raleigh; Riverside; Seventh.  
Stewart—Nevil's Creek.  
Stone—Caney Fork, Monterey; Poplar Grove; Woodcliff.  
Tennessee Valley—Graysville.  
Watauga—Calvary, Elizabethton; Little Doe.  
Weakley County—Dresden; Gleason; Jolly Springs.  
Western District—West Paris.  
William Carey—Concord; Elora.  
Wilson County—Prosperity; Shop Springs.

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## SHELBY COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF BAPTISTS

### Raleigh Baptist Church

REV. IRA C. COLE, Pastor

It is always refreshing to find a determined co-operative group of men such as we had fellowship with at a recent meeting of the newly organized Brotherhood in the Raleigh Church. In spite of the cold weather and icy streets we had a big crowd of enthusiastic men present on Tuesday night, January 27.

The men of this Brotherhood were at that time engaged in building a balcony in their church to provide more seating capacity for the increased attendance in all of their church services. The following information given me by the Brotherhood president is proof of what can be accomplished when the membership of a church sets some worthy goals and works earnestly to attain them.

Here is the record from October, 1947 to January 27, 1948. Enrollment in Sunday school increased from 89 to 234. Training Union increased from 29 to 140. Prayer meeting increased from about 20-25 to 60. The church membership has been increased by eighty-six. Forty-six were received by letter; 36 by baptism and 4 by statement. They had over one hundred present New Year's Eve night for the prayer meeting followed by a baptismal service which began at 11:59 P. M. and ended in the New Year, 1948.

We are happy to list the names of those who have been chosen to lead in these worthwhile activities of the Brotherhood:

President..... J. R. Garrett  
Activities Vice-president..... Gene Ferguson  
Program Vice-president..... J. W. Jackson  
Membership Vice-president..... C. E. Littlefield  
Secretary-treasurer..... A. A. Ison  
Chorister..... Stanley Vasser  
Number members enrolled..... 28  
Will hold monthly meetings.

### Bellevue Baptist Church

DR. R. G. LEE, Pastor

It is our happy privilege to announce the organization of a Brotherhood in this great church. A letter from Brother O. M. Laughlin tells of the new organization with those whose names follow elected to lead in promoting the Brotherhood activities for 1948.

President..... S. E. Kidd  
Activities Vice-president..... J. R. Stagner  
Program Vice-president..... Roy Wilson  
Membership Vice-president..... Paul Moore  
Secretary-treasurer..... O. M. Laughlin  
Chorister..... E. M. Coleman  
Pianist..... Clifford Tucker

# AMONG THE BRETHREN

The Ridgeview Baptist Church of Chattanooga met on a recent Sunday afternoon for the purpose of ordaining two deacons, D. L. Davis and D. L. Mustoe.

With Rev. C. Laverne Mosher, pastor, acting as moderator and H. C. Patterson as clerk, the service was carried out as follows:

Scripture reading and prayer by John Stargel. The examination was conducted by the Rev. J. B. Tallent, former pastor of candidate D. L. Davis. The ordination sermon was preached by the Rev. W. C. Tallent, former pastor of candidate D. L. Mustoe. The ordination prayer was prayed by P. Goodner, and the charge to candidates and church was delivered by J. A. Carson.

Other members of the ordination council not previously mentioned were: H. L. Sommerhauser, V. E. Lindsey, and C. G. Orr.—MRS. D. L. MUSTOE, reporter.

—B&R—

Dr. Fred F. Brown closed Sunday night a week's meeting with the Ripley Church. Great crowds thronged the church house every service. There were several professions of faith and the church was signally blessed. Though retired he is the most active man among us. He did Ripley good.—CHESLEY L. BOWDEN.

—B&R—

R. H. Black, of Yeager, W. Va., has accepted the call to the pastorate of Oak Grove Baptist Church in Holston Association to begin work March 7. He was one time pastor of Glenwood Baptist Church, Kingsport.

—B&R—

Evangelist Bron Clifford, who last year preached in a revival in the First Baptist Church, Nashville, is with pastor E. Gibson Davis and the Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, with the music in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Dibble.

February 9-13 Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, Tennessee, observed Missionary Emphasis Week.

There were four classes of study each night for Adult and Young People, Intermediates, Juniors and Sunbeams. Bro. Harold Schaly of Brazil was the inspirational speaker each night. Three pictures of the Mission Fields were shown, Monday, Tuesday and Friday nights. The average attendance was 104 each night.

The church will observe church-wide Missionary night the third Wednesday night of each month. The first meeting was Wednesday, February 18. The W. M. U. and Auxiliaries met in their various groups. Although our church does not have an organized Brotherhood the men were in a meeting of their own.

After the various group meeting all groups came together in the main auditorium for the closing fifteen minutes of the evening's program. There were 110 in attendance.—O. C. RAINWATER, pastor.

—B&R—

Pastor Ralph E. Gwin and the Stanton Memorial Baptist Church of Miami, Fla., have been assisted in a gracious revival of eight days duration by Dr. Fred F. Brown of Knoxville, Tenn. There was a genuine, deep church revival meeting in addition to 21 who joined the church during the meeting.

—B&R—

Mr. J. Henry Burnett, secretary of Southern Baptist Convention from 1919 to 1946, has been ill with virus pneumonia since the Christmas holidays. He suffered a relapse last week and is now in Patton Memorial Hospital, Hendersonville, N. C. His many friends in many states will pray and hope for his early recovery.

Concord Baptist Church of Chattanooga met Sunday afternoon, February 8 for the purpose of ordaining four deacons, Homer Broyles, H. B. Kimbrell, Edgar Schmitt and Hugh Weaver.

The ministers of the ordaining council were: E. L. Williams, Woodland Park Baptist Church; James Catlett, Morris Hill Baptist Church; C. W. Howard, Brainerd Hills Baptist Church and C. E. Peoples, Concord Baptist Church. Deacons of the council were: V. E. Lindsey, W. D. Conner, Sr., H. C. Toomey, O. O. Mixson, J. C. Ryon, Sr., Leonard Heaton and T. J. Woffard. James Catlett gave the charge to the Deacons and the Church; C. W. Howard read the Scripture and prayed the ordination prayer and E. L. Williams brought a spiritual message. Following this part of the service was the laying on of hands by the council. Services were closed by singing "Blest Be the Tie" while the hand of Christian fellowship was given to the new deacons, pledging their co-operation and prayers.—IRA C. FRAZIER, moderator.

—B&R—

Rev. Samuel E. Maddox of Florence, Ala., and Brazil has accepted appointment as secretary of missionary personnel for the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention and will assume his duties at Richmond April 1. He is the son of missionaries emeritus and was born and reared in Brazil, and after education at Georgetown College and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, was himself appointed to mission work in Brazil. He succeeds J. W. Marshall, who resigned in April 1947 to become president of Wayland College at Plainview, Texas.

—B&R—

Recently the laymen of the church at Sparta voted to conduct a Laymen's Revival within a few weeks. James E. Boyd is pastor.

## DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, FEB. 22, 1948

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Athens, East	211	87	—	Algood Mission	36	—	—	Medina	90	65	—
First	416	127	—	Fourth Street	49	—	—	Memphis, Bellevue	2039	851	12
West End Mission	33	—	—	Crossville, First	190	106	1	Boulevard	400	206	—
North	125	45	—	Elizabethton, Big Spring	152	146	7	Buntyn Street	172	50	2
Calhoun	84	33	—	Rio Vista Mission	46	27	—	Central Avenue	479	168	2
Coghill	77	—	—	Fountain City, Central	714	175	4	Highland Heights	681	334	9
Etowah, East	38	—	—	Hines Valley Chapel	42	—	—	LaBelle	518	201	2
Etowah, First	228	76	—	Fowlkes	95	55	—	Louisiana Street	125	77	4
Etowah, North	125	45	—	Gallatin, First	177	70	—	McLean	270	90	—
Idlewild	49	40	—	Harriman, Trenton Street	348	112	—	Prescott Memorial	450	114	3
McMahan Calvary	66	35	—	Walnut Hill	212	93	—	Speedway Terrace	711	171	3
Niota, East	114	92	—	Jackson, Bemis	188	89	1	Temple	1243	372	7
Niota, First	83	34	—	Bible Grove	21	70	1	Union Avenue	852	231	4
Wildwood	60	40	—	Calvary	385	157	7	Milton	39	32	—
Benton	97	20	—	North	597	132	2	Monterey	129	60	—
Bluff City	244	123	—	Royal Street	206	124	1	Morristown, First	378	86	2
Bolivar, First	153	113	2	West	70	56	1	Murfreesboro, First	430	70	3
Brighton	121	92	—	Jellico, First	661	271	—	Walnut Street Mission	43	—	—
Bristol, Calvary	380	151	1	Johnson City, Sinking Creek	187	102	—	Powell's Chapel	72	36	—
Chattanooga, Avondale	465	—	—	Kingsport, First	123	64	—	Taylor's Chapel	60	37	—
Brainerd Hills	80	42	1	Lynn Garden	621	98	4	Westvue	253	97	1
Cedar Hill	250	—	—	Knoxville, Fifth Avenue	251	156	—	Tucker Town Mission	20	—	—
Concord	197	67	—	First	803	195	5	Nashville, Calvary	78	55	—
Eastdale	342	86	1	Lonsdale	952	219	—	Grace	512	189	1
First	822	169	—	New Hopewell	318	119	2	Inglewood	365	130	2
Mission	31	—	—	Sevier Heights	145	56	—	Lockeland	332	186	—
Philadelphia	196	—	8	Smithwood	415	132	2	Woodmont	167	69	3
Red Bank	526	199	2	South Knoxville	339	94	4	Oak Ridge, First	406	63	6
Ridgedale	487	182	2	Lebanon	400	71	—	Glenwood	317	74	2
Second	258	89	2	Barton's Creek	380	82	—	Highland View	380	122	6
Silverdale	145	—	2	Cedar Grove	52	30	—	Parsons, First	173	74	—
Spring Creek	153	62	1	Fairview	41	30	—	Raleigh, Ardmore	196	96	—
Woodland Park	701	228	5	Lexington, First	43	42	—	Rockwood, First	262	131	—
Church Hill, Oak Grove	121	48	—	Mt. Juliet, Chandler	150	44	—	Mission	26	—	—
Cleveland, Big Spring	231	179	1	Mt. Pleasant	28	23	—	Rutledge, Oakland	90	77	—
First	456	167	—	Maryville, Broadway	134	95	—	Union City, First	444	152	21
Rutledge Memorial	114	72	—	Everett Hills	256	164	—	Watertown, First	113	46	—
Clinton, First	269	48	—	First	204	81	1	Whitwell, First	181	25	1
Cookeville, First	843	94	3		566	158	—				

## Foreign Missions Receive More Than Half of Denomination's 1947 Receipts

Nashville, Tenn.—(BP)—Foreign missions received 51.52 per cent of all money contributed to Southern Baptist Convention causes in 1947.

An auditors' report, just completed and covering 1947 operations of the Convention's Executive Committee, revealed that a total of \$7,356,226.65 was received during the year for distribution to causes sponsored by the Convention.

A sum of \$3,789,741.09, or 51.52 per cent of the total, went to the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond for mission work overseas.

Home missions received the second largest portion—20.14 per cent. This sum, totalling \$1,431,680.07, was sent to the Home Mission Board at Atlanta for mission work in the 20-state territory of the Convention, Cuba, and Panama.

The auditors revealed that less than two-thirds of one per cent of the contributions is used for the promotional and operating expenses of the Convention and its machinery. Ninety-nine and 37/100ths per cent of the total was channeled directly to the Convention's mission, educational, and benevolent work.

Texas Baptists led other state groups in amounts contributed during the year, having sent \$983,349.20 to the Executive Committee offices. North Carolina, a historic Baptist state, was second with \$879,539.04 contributed.

Of the total received during the year, \$5,217,762.39 was for the denomination's Cooperative Program and \$2,138,464.26 was designated to special objects.

## Crossville Church, Pastor Observe Anniversary

The pastor, J. Ervin Ledbetter, and First Church of Crossville rejoice in humility for the many blessings the Lord has given during the five years of working together in the Lord's service. For Anniversary Day observance some of the highlights were given in a brief digest covering the past five years.

In these years the church membership has more than doubled. Two hundred and sixteen members were received on profession of faith and baptism. The Sunday school enrollment has doubled and the Training Union has increased more than three times the enrollment of five years ago. Other organizations of the church have grown most satisfactory in numbers and efficiency.

Church gifts for all causes have increased surprisingly with Mission gifts now twenty per cent of the Budget. A large number of Tithers has been a help in better Stewardship of giving. The church building debt was paid off the second year (\$5,817.53). A church Pastorium was purchased in 1944 for \$4,500. The church spent \$4,422.00 to finish the building and for repairs. In 1945 a church library was established and now consists of over 725 volumes. The BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR is in the church budget on the church home plan. A mission program was started in 1946 with two missions and a half time missionary pastor on the field. Last April a "celeste" pipe organ was purchased and installed. With the organ is a degan harp and a set of cathedral chimes.

About a year ago the church called an associate pastor, Rev. W. F. Wagner of Louisville Seminary. He has done special work in music and recreation. Two choirs have been organized, adult and chapel (youth). Work is being done in enlisting a junior and cherub choir.

First Church of Crossville stands fourth in membership in the association; third in giving and in Sunday school enrollment; second in

## The Baptist Hour



DR. DUKE K. MCCALL

"The Things That Are Caesar's" is the subject of The Baptist Hour for March 7, with Dr. Duke K. McCall, of Nashville, Tennessee, as speaker, it was announced today by the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, Atlanta, S. F. Lowe, director. The Baptist Hour series, "Divine Light for Daily Living," considers the broader areas of Christian citizenship during March.

Dr. McCall, who spoke on the Baptist Hour in 1946, is Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, Nashville, and will be heard each Sunday in March. His other subjects will be: "Your Church and the Public School," on March 14; "Equal—Under God," on March 21; and "The First Day of the Week," on March 29, the last program of the current series.

The Baptist Hour may be heard in our state over radio stations WCYB, Bristol; WNOX, Knoxville; and WSM, Nashville, Sunday mornings at 7:30 CST (8:30 EST). Also over WREC, Memphis, at 9:30 A. M. CST.

Vacation Bible School and Training Union enrollment last year. Two years the church led the association in the number of baptisms and two years stood second in the number of baptisms. The Lord has indeed been good to the church and poured out His wonderful blessings upon the people. The church in gratitude is thankful and inspired to do more for the Lord.

The church is now planning an educational building that will cost around \$48,000.00.—Contributed.

February 4-15 the First Baptist Church of Newport held a revival. Pastor Carl P. Daw preached the first three nights and the preacher for the remaining services was Dr. Leo Green of the Southern Baptist Seminary. The singing was led by Mr. V. C. Adcock, director of the local high school glee club. There were 34 additions, 28 of them for baptism.

—B&R—

The sympathy of the brotherhood goes out to Mrs. Edwin Bobo (Miss Annie Rogers, formerly elementary leader in the State Sunday School Department) over the death of her mother, Mrs. Ross Rogers of Paris, Tennessee, on February 16. The Lord's grace be upon all the sorrowing.

## Dr. Newton Protests Court Sentence Requiring Church Attendance

Atlanta, Ga.—(BP)—Declaring that "the state must never undertake to force men to go to church," Dr. Louie D. Newton has protested a recent sentence of the Dekalb City Court that four young men be required to attend Sunday school and church every Sunday during a two-year probationary period.

Dr. Newton, pastor of Druid Hills Baptist Church and president of the Southern Baptist Convention, made the protest in a Sunday morning sermon at the Atlanta church and said he also had protested directly to the court.

"There must be no coercion in religion, either from civil or ecclesiastical authorities, if we are to preserve inviolate the cherished principle of religious liberty and its inevitable corollary, separation of church and state," Dr. Newton told his congregation.

He referred to the court's sentence as "contrary to the clear teaching of the Bible that religion is a matter of persuasion and not of coercion.

"I am saying publicly what I have already said directly to the court," Dr. Newton declared, "that while I have the highest appreciation of the intent of the court to accomplish a good end in requiring these young men to attend Sunday school and church, I believe the end would have been more nearly achieved had the court urged such religious attitude instead of ordering it; for it occurs to me that the moment the state begins to coerce in matters of religion, it thereby begins to pull down the wall that separates church and state, and, furthermore, runs the risk of creating contempt for religion rather than an humble sense of one's need for God."

## Revival At Doyle

We have just closed one of the best revival meetings Doyle has ever had. We have had the McKinley Musical Messengers from Morristown, Tenn., helping us, and they have really done us much good. Their music can not be surpassed for a revival meeting. I have never had a man with me in a revival that preached consecrated living more than Bro. McKinley.

Our meeting extended from February 3 to February 17. Two of the worst weeks in the worst winter we have had in a long time, therefore keeping many away that would have come.

Sunday morning, February 15, Bro. McKinley preached on a separated life and called for decisions and thirty-six of our members came forward and made God a promise they would separate themselves from such worldly and sinful things as the dance, card playing, moving picture shows, tobacco and all other things that lead in the wrong direction.

We had seven people saved, and the whole church has been led to a closer walk with God. Pray for us.—BUFORD M. BULL, pastor of Doyle Baptist Church, Union Association.

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## Western District Baptist Association

March 14-19, 1948  
Fellowship Meetings

### PROGRAM

Subject, First Speakers: "Fellowship in Soul Winning."

Subject, Second Speakers: "Fellowship in World Program"

Sunday, March 14, 1948

Maplewood	9:50 a. m.	L. G. Frey
First	10:50 a. m.	L. G. Frey
Friendship	2:30 p. m.	L. G. Frey
West Paris	7:30 p. m.	L. G. Frey
North Fork	11:00 a. m.	O. E. Turner
New Bethel	2:30 p. m.	O. E. Turner
Springville	2:30 p. m.	T. W. Carl
Foundry Hill	2:30 p. m.	J. W. Outland

Monday, March 15, 1948

Spring Creek	7:30 p. m.	F. P. Sanders, L. G. Frey
Big Sandy	7:30 p. m.	P. L. Utley, T. W. Carl
Henry	7:30 p. m.	Alvin Gilliland, O. E. Turner
New Hope	7:30 p. m.	J. H. Miller, J. W. Outland

Tuesday, March 16, 1948

Bethlehem	7:30 p. m.	P. L. Utley, L. G. Frey
Cottage Grove	7:30 p. m.	J. H. Thurman, O. E. Turner
Jones' Chapel	7:30 p. m.	F. P. Sanders, T. W. Carl
Mansfield	7:30 p. m.	George Shaver, J. W. Outland

Wednesday, March 17, 1948

Spring Hill	7:30 p. m.	J. W. McMillen, L. G. Frey
High Hill	7:30 p. m.	F. P. Sanders, O. E. Turner
Mt Sinai	7:30 p. m.	George Shaver, T. W. Carl
Old Union	7:30 p. m.	J. H. Miller, J. W. Outland

Thursday, March 18, 1948

New Boston	7:30 p. m.	George Shaver, L. G. Frey
McDavid Grove	7:30 p. m.	J. H. Miller, T. W. Carl
Point Pleasant	7:30 p. m.	P. L. Utley, O. E. Turner
Oak Hill	7:30 p. m.	Frank Robbins, J. W. Outland

Friday, March 19, 1948

Ramble Creek	7:30 p. m.	J. H. Miller, L. G. Frey
Shady Grove	7:30 p. m.	J. F. Powers, O. E. Turner
Un. Friendship	7:30 p. m.	Alvin Gilliland, T. W. Carl
Bird's Creek	7:30 p. m.	J. B. McMillin, J. W. Outland

From these meetings we hope to get INFORMATION, INSPIRATION and GOOD FELLOWSHIP. Lend your support and let's work together under the leadership of the HOLY SPIRIT in winning the lost, and in so doing we will have "FELLOWSHIP IN THE GOSPEL."—J. W. WILLIAMS, Associational Missionary.



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## Editor of The Baptist Courier



SAMUEL HOVEY JONES, whose resignation as president of Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., will be effective May 15, will become editor of *The Baptist Courier* (S. C.) June 1. The editorship of the *Courier* has been vacant since the death of J. M. Burnett, October 30, 1947. Warren Mosby Seay is serving as interim editor.

## L. H. Canada Ordained

**B**RO. L. H. CANADA was ordained into the Gospel Ministry, Saturday night, November 1, at the Whitehall Baptist Church, Trenton, Tenn. Request for the ordination was made by the Bells Chapel Baptist Church, Harriman, Tenn., of which Bro. Canada is pastor.

Rev. Hubert Jones, pastor of the Whitehall Church, was Moderator for the service. After Bro. Canada had given his experience in grace and call to the ministry, Bro. Jones questioned him regarding his beliefs.

Rev. Wade Carver, pastor First Baptist Church, Parsons, brought a most inspiring ordination sermon. The ordination prayer was led by Rev. B. F. McIlwain, pastor Laneview Baptist Church, Trenton.

A charge was made to the Church and to Bro. Canada by Rev. R. E. Couse, pastor Mission Church, Trenton, after which Rev. J. D. Altom, pastor Bible Grove Baptist Church, Jackson, presented the Bible, a gift of the Church. The service was closed by a prayer led by Bro. Canada.—MRS. PAUL SISK, White Hall Church Clerk.

Long Island Baptist Church, Kingsport, has held a Sunday school study course with studies in Ephesians taught by Howard King. There were 65 enrolled, with an average attendance of 39 and 18 awards. Dana Hood is pastor.

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## Five New Missionaries Are Appointed

Appointment of five new missionaries for life-time service overseas and the appropriation of funds for new buildings in the Balkans and Hawaii highlighted the February meeting of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The Board appropriated \$15,000 for the purchase of a Baptist headquarters building in Budapest, Hungary, and smaller sums for the enlargement of the Baptist deaconess home in Budapest and the Central Baptist Church in Bucharest, Romania.

"Despite the fact that missionaries are not able to get into the Balkan area now," Dr. M. Theron Rankin, executive secretary of the Board, said in comment on the action, "we are able to give assistance to the development of evangelical Christian work in Hungary and Romania."

Hearing reports of the rapid growth of Baptist missions in Hawaii, the Board made plans to help churches of the islands build the educational plants needed for their evangelistic opportunities. A sum of \$20,000 was appropriated for one church, and each of four others is to receive \$10,000 from the Christmas offering made by the Woman's Missionary Union of the Convention in 1947. A building and loan fund of \$75,000 was established to facilitate the construction program of the Hawaiian churches.

New missionaries appointed are Rev. and Mrs. Horace E. Buddin of Seminary Hill, Texas, for Brazil; Miss Dorothy Evelyn Donnelly of Seminary Hill, Texas, for Latin America; and Rev. and Mrs. Dennis L. Payne of Howe, Texas, for Nigeria.—*Baptist Press*.

Home Mission week at Ridgcrest has been set for June 1-8.

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# SOUTHERN BAPTISTS and FOREIGN MISSIONS

M. THERON RANKIN, Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH, Editor, *The Commission*

Concerning the new day of missionary opportunity in Japan, Chaplain Peter E. Cullom writes: "It is hard to imagine any mission field where mission work could pay greater dividends. Every Sunday the Medlings, who are near us, have 150 in their home for Bible instruction. Nothing can keep them from winning souls and organizing a church. I firmly believe that 1,000 churches would spring up in Japan in a few years if we had even 200 missionaries. There may be a recession later but the Japanese people read tracts, New Testaments and other religious literature that is given them and travel long distances to hear the Word explained."

Missionary John Hughey writes from Spain: "The situation here does not improve, and I am convinced that the only way to cause it to improve is to arouse public opinion abroad. Unless the force of public opinion abroad matches the force of Catholic pressure in Spain, the cause of evangelical Christianity in Spain is in great danger." He believes that letters from the States inquiring about religious freedom in Spain might be useful.

The Foreign Mission Board accepted with regret the resignation, on account of ill health, of Miss Fannie George Hurtt of Nigeria.

With numerous appointments to Brazil and other mission fields, we still have three couples less in North Brazil than we had three years ago. Secretary Everett Gill called attention to the fact that if one hundred new missionaries are appointed this year by the Board, a considerable number will go as replacements.

Rev. W. J. Webb will become our first missionary in Guatemala after the close of the present session at the Seminary in Mexico where he has served faithfully as president.

The Brazilian Convention has approved the plan of its home mission board to open work among lepers in Belem. The First Baptist Church in Belem will ordain a young man who, with his wife, will work in the two leper colonies.

Treasurer E. P. Buxton reports \$261,813.21 from Cooperative Program receipts during January, 1948, as compared with \$231,056.22 during January last year. Relief funds for January, 1948 were \$55,821.30, compared with \$43,948.67 in January, 1947. The total received to date through the 1947 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$1,097,048.63.

Secretary B. J. Cauthern writes from Shanghai: "With economic insecurity, civil war abounding and the multiplied problems of a war-ravished country trying to feel its way into new life, we are in the midst of a work where we are sustained only by a consciousness that this is God's work. We realistically face the fact that we must project a program of missions under just these conditions or not project any work at all. God chose his servants to come to this land knowing that these were the conditions we will have to face."

T. Neil Johnson, emeritus missionary to China, died February 9 at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. Dr. R. Aubrey Williams, for many years a faithful member of the Foreign Mission Board, died January 27.

## Family Life Conference Plans Announced

BY JOB W. BURTON, Editor, *Home Life*

THE OPENING ANNOUNCEMENT of plans for a Family Life Conference to be held in Dallas, Texas, the first week in May was carried recently by the *Baptist Standard*. The statement was made that this was the first of a series of similar conferences throughout the South and that it would set a pattern for those which are to follow.

Since any positive Christian effort to undergird family life is of great interest to all Christians, I am giving here a summary of the plans for the Dallas program as worked out with a committee from the Baptist Pastor's Conference of Dallas County, which group is sponsoring the enterprise.

First, the pastors determined to hold such a conference designed to bring a Christian emphasis to bear on the homes of the entire community. The definite emphasis, it was determined, should be on the Christian spirit in family living, for all recognized that Christianity in the home is the great need of the day.

The date for the Conference, May 2-5, was set deliberately to coincide with Christian Home Week.

The county-wide emphasis on Christian home living begins on Sunday, May 2, and will be concluded on the following Wednesday night. Every pastor in the city and county is asked to preach on the Christian home in his own pulpit on Sunday and to conduct a family dedication service in his church at the midweek prayer hour on the following Wednesday night.

Between the Sunday services and the midweek hour back in the churches, conference sessions will be held in the First Baptist Church.

The program as arranged includes conferences for church leaders designed to give them guidance in a positive home ministry; conferences for parents of three different groupings including those with small children, those with larger children, and still a third group of couples without children; group discussions on preparation for marriage for young people; discussions on social problems for high school young people, the boys and girls meeting separately.

The theme for each individual conference states the significant issue for that particular group in its family relation. Some of the subjects for adults include "At Home with Our Little Children," "The Church and Family Life," "Building a Successful Home," "Children Are an Heritage of the Lord," "At Home with Our Adolescents," "This Business of Being a Parent."

Themes for young people include "The Basis of Lasting Devotion," "A Home That Will Endure," "You and Your Temple," "You and Your Date," "You and Your Family," "You and Your Gang."

The Conference program also includes general sessions with addresses on such subjects as "Which Way in Our Homes?" "The Crisis in the Family," "Christ's Answer to Home Needs," and "Building Enduring Homes."

The desire and demand for Christian Family Life conferences in communities throughout the South will no doubt be widespread. I would suggest that pastor's conferences and the pastoral leadership in associations take up this matter and work out plans for such conferences wherever possible. A program patterned after the Dallas Conference can bring real spiritual blessings to the homes of a community.

## IN MEMORIAM

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MORTON

ON THURSDAY night, January 8, at the home of his daughter, the death angel entered and took Rev. J. W. Morton home to be with the Lord. He was 92 years old. He was one of the oldest members of Fairview church in Midland Association, having been in the ministry for nearly 50 years and pastored 21 different churches. He baptized nearly 1,200 people, and helped ordain 14 preachers. Bro. Morton had been in the organization of two associations, Grainger County and Midland.

Everyone loved Grandpaw Morton as he was better known to his many friends. His greatest joy in his last days was talking of the goodness of God and his homegoing which he had been looking forward to for sometime. He would often remark to his friends that he was just waiting for the Lord to call him home.

His funeral was conducted on Saturday afternoon, January 10, at Fairview Baptist Church by Rev. Worth Parker, Rev. Frank Garrett and Rev. C. N. Warren and the remains were laid to rest in Fairview cemetery.

This service will long be remembered by friends as one of the sweetest services experienced in some time. We all extend our sympathy to Grandma Morton and the children.

But the Lord giveth and the Lord taketh and blessed be the name of the Lord.—MRS. CHARLES DOZIER, Corryton, Tennessee.

## Baptist Bible Institute

BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE, Lakeland, Fla., is in its fifth year, with 111 students enrolled to date this session. The name has recently been changed to the Baptist Bible Institute of Florida, which name clearly defines its work. The school plans to remain a Bible institute, keeping the work on the level of those who have not had advantages of high school or college training. All Christian workers and volunteers are welcomed regardless of previous schooling. Teachers are well trained, holding standard degrees from colleges and seminaries. The school is thoroughly and unmistakably Baptist in environment and emphasis committed to the training of Baptist leaders to serve wherever God leads them, especially in village and country places. Expenses are less than one-third those of many other schools. Graduates are invited to continue their work if they desire in colleges or Southern Baptist seminaries. Inquiries will be answered promptly if addressed to Baptist Bible Institute, Post Office Box 552, Lakeland, Florida. Summer term begins May 27.—LEON M. GAMBRELL, President.

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# International Conference Against Alcoholism

**A**N ANNOUNCEMENT of interest comes from Dr. Hercod, Secretary-General of the International Bureau Against Alcoholism, Lausanne, Switzerland, to the effect that C. Aubrey Hearn, for eighteen years connected with the Baptist Sunday



C. AUBREY HEARN

School Board, Nashville, has been appointed official conductor of a party which will tour eight European nations in June and July, 1948, and for six days, will attend a series of meetings of the International Congress Against Alcoholism. These meetings will be held in Lucerne, Switzerland, July 4-9, 1948. Countries to be visited are Switzerland; Scotland; England; Luxembourg; Belgium; France; Italy; Holland.

The American party will fly from New York to Glasgow, Scotland, on June 14, and will return to the United States July 15, flying from Paris to

New York, leaving Paris on July 14 and arriving in New York City July 15.

Dr. Hercod is world-renowned in his particular field; his linguistic ability is well known throughout Europe. He speaks twenty-eight languages and owns one of the greatest libraries, if not the greatest, in the world, on the subject on beverage alcohol and alcoholism.

Mr. Hearn, conductor of the party, well known in religious circles as Associate Editor of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, also is widely known as an authority on the problems of beverage alcohol and alcoholism. Mr. Hearn is author of the book, "Alcohol the Destroyer," widely used in Baptist churches, Methodist churches, and by other denominations as a study course book. The book is said to be a scholarly presentation of the alcohol problem, from the scientific standpoint.

In Mr. Hearn's party will be the following people, prominently identified with temperance work in the United States: Rev. James C. Furman, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of United Dry Forces of Tennessee, Inc.; Dr. W. Earl Hotalen, Field Director of the National Temperance Movement, Chicago, and Mrs. Hotalen; and Rev. A. C. Lawton, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Moral and Civic Foundation. The trip has been made possible for Mr. Furman through the generosity of his friends. There will, no doubt, be other temperance leaders making the trip, and a number of people have booked passage who are not identified with temperance work.

Dr. Hotalen and Mr. Furman are to have parts on the program at Lucerne. Mr. Furman is to speak on "The Alcoholics Anonymous Organization in the United States." He is eminently qualified to speak on this subject, having first become acquainted with the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous fourteen years ago, before the organization was founded under its present name. Mr. Furman

is a close friend of the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous.

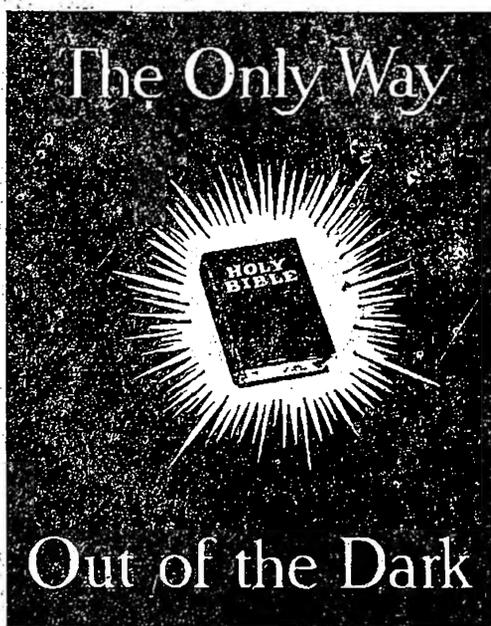
In addition to attending the meetings of the International Congress Against Alcoholism at Lucerne, the American party will have conferences



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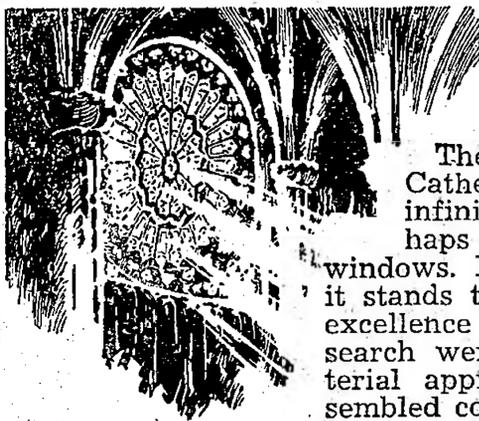
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