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The Star of Stars

WE NEED NO CALENDAR to warn us of the approach of Christmas, for the brightest day in the history of civilization proclaims itself from afar.

The first trumpetings of winter turn our thoughts to the great festival and we yield ourselves with pleasant sensations to the Christmas spirit.

The weightiest argument in favor of the authenticity of the New Testament lies in the continuity of the faith and hope inspired by the Star of stars that hung over the little town of Bethlehem in the long ago. Even the skeptic or the unbeliever, questioning or scouting the divinity of Jesus Christ, must concede that He spoke as never man spoke, and that His simple gospel revolutionized the world.

It is not more miraculous that Christ died and rose again from the dead than that his spirit is born daily into the lives of millions.

He came to serve and lift mankind. He laid hands of healing upon the world's wounds. By his example he crystallized and vitalized truths that had been only groped for in the ages before Him. He challenged hate to do its worst with love for He knew love was eternal.

To think less of ourselves and more of our neighbors, to ease the burden of a friend or stranger, to help the good cause or the discouraged comrade—in these ways we may widen and strengthen the influence of the Christmas spirit.

One phase of the work of Jesus Christ is not finished. It begins anew with every rising of the sun; and He made it your business and mine to be carried forward in his spirit.

Every generous deed is a renewal of the bond between ourselves and that power within us that makes for righteousness.

The finest gift is one that represents a sacrifice, for there, truly, the heart goes with it. We are enriched, not by what we keep but what we give. To put something in the heart as well as in the hand is to bestow a perfect gift. To rekindle in a faltering or stricken soul confidence in the eternal good. Though the instrument be only a stimulating word or the smallest gift—by such simple means we may lay up treasure in the City build-ed by no man's hand and unassailable from any shore. By so much we bear testimony to the "Light which lighteth every man that cometh into the world."—MRS. JOHN PARSONS, Elizabethton, Tenn.

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No Paper Next Week

ACCORDING TO THE CUSTOM of many years, there will be no issue of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR next week, the week in which Christmas Day occurs. The next issue will be December 30.

Over all the intervening distances, the office force of the paper join their fellow workers in the Baptist State Building in sending their very best wishes for the Christmas Season and for a Happy New Year.

God bless every one of you.

The Day of the Proof-text Is Not Gone!

A WRITER of "liberal" hue said: "Surely the day of demanding proof-texts is gone." He believed that people ought not to require scriptural quotations in support of a proposition.

But the day of the proof-text is not gone. Or if it is, it ought not to be. Or if the tendency is in that direction, the tendency should be stopped.

Along with original illustrations and comments, Jesus made abundant use of the proof-text method. His attitude was that "the scriptures cannot be broken (invalidated)," and again and again He appealed to the Scriptures in support of His teaching.

Stephen, Philip, Peter and Paul were rich in the use of Biblical material to back up what they said. Taking their cue from Jesus, they "expounded the scriptures." The method of New Testament preachers and teachers was exemplified by Paul, who "reasoned with them out of the scriptures."

Unmitigated is the conceit which asks that it can improve upon the method of Jesus and these men.

No religious proposition is really proved until it is clearly supported by the Word of God. Hence, the Biblical use of proof-texts finds abundant justification.

He who objects to the proof-text method proclaims:

1. That he has lost his taste for solid, Biblical preaching and teaching.

2. That he puts the value of human reasoning, observation and opinion above the value of the Word of God in supporting his points.

3. That he holds certain beliefs which he is unwilling to submit to the test of the Scriptures, preferring to formulate them to suit himself.

But those who join Jesus in the conviction that "Thy word is truth" like to hear propositions proved by a "Thus saith the Lord."

"God Was In Christ"

PAUL USES A GREAT WORD concerning Christ. It is humanly fathomless. That word is "God was in Christ" (II Cor. 5:19). Similar statements are: "The word was made flesh, and dwelt among us" (John 1:14) and, "God was manifest in the flesh" (I Tim. 1:16). The scriptural interpretation is that Christ in human flesh and form was *Deity incarnate*.

A brilliant and popular New York minister says that "It is no mystery to me that 'God was in Christ.' I believe that God was in my mother, the source of the loveliness found there." This is but a nice way of denying that the expression before us sets forth the idea of Christ's Deity. In this minister's view the fact that "God was in Christ" was simply in the sense that He is in good people through the impartation of His nature and spirit to them. But the Scriptures teach the reverse of this.

There are two among many other facts which show the falsity of this brilliant preacher's view.

1. "God was in Christ, *reconciling the world unto himself*." Only on the ground that Jesus was Deity incarnate could His death on the cross have redemptive or saving value and power. But since He was, and is, Deity incarnate, by His death on the cross He removed the disabilities to the salvation of mankind through a substitutionary atonement transaction. And when by faith men appropriate this redemptive work, they become personally reconciled to God and are "made the righteousness of God in him" (II Cor. 5:20, 21).

However noble Mother and anybody else may be, it can never be truthfully affirmed that their personal relationship to God lifts either of them to the status of an atoner for sin. Therefore, when it is said that "God was in Christ," it means more than the dwelling of God in noble people in the ordinary category of humanity. It means Deity in human flesh and form. "The word was God" (John 1:1), and this is the Being who was "made flesh."

2. "For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead *bodily*" (Col. 2:9). Of no one save Jesus can this be truthfully affirmed. Take the noblest man or woman in the wide world and let God's nature and spirit be imparted to them, still it cannot be said that in either "dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead *bodily*." But since this is true of Christ, then He is Deity Himself incarnate.

How did God become incarnate in Christ? Matthew tells us: "Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us" (Matt. 1:22, 23). Luke tells us: "Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the highest shall overshadow thee: therefore that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:34, 35). "The word became flesh" by the miraculous virgin birth whereby the Holy Spirit, using the virgin as the vehicle, caused Jesus to be conceived in her and born of her without a human father. "Great is the mystery of godliness, God was manifest in the flesh!"

The Christmas season comes on apace. Of all who may refer to Jesus in message, song, or pageant, only those shall truly honor Him who have this conception of Him. "That all men should honour the Son even as they honour the Father. He that honoureth not the Son honoureth not the Father which hath sent him." (John 5:23). To claim to be "exalting Jesus" when His full Deity is denied Him is pious hypocrisy, even though it be not so intended. *The honor due Jesus is that due God Himself.*

Haste, then, in thought to Bethlehem, where "in the solemn stillness of the night centuries ago" the Infinite became an Infant! Then join the angels in singing: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men!"

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.

Should Ministers Be Paid for Conducting Funerals?

The Baptist Courier

Perhaps this question may seem strange to some because it is not the general custom in this area, as it is in some others, to pay for such services. We raise the question because some people seem not to have considered it properly and some want to know what is the right thing to do in such cases. So far as we know, ministers never make a charge for such services or expect to be paid when they accept such engagements. It is simply a question to be answered by those who call on the ministers for funeral services. Our answer, in general terms, would be that no payment is in order if the family of the deceased has any pastoral claim upon the minister. That would include mainly, members of the church and their family connections and possibly a few others. But, when no such pastoral relation exists and when the minister must travel any considerable distance to render the service, he should be paid. We make this observation because many of our ministers are called upon frequently to conduct these services at great personal inconvenience, loss of time, and financial expense which they can ill afford. It is certainly no personal favor to the minister when he is called upon for such services. We know of no minister who would ever refuse to go, or even complain when he is called. Yet it seems that people might be more thoughtful and, at least, take care of the actual expenses involved.

(That's it.—R.B.J.)

Dobbs Says Church Failing Its Youth

United Evangelical Action

Gil Dobbs, America's fastest miler, declared here that the Church is failing to meet the needs of young people because too many of its traditional theories "are not working theories." The "Flying Parson," an ordained minister, was one of four Christian leaders who took part in a discussion on "Is the Church Failing Our Youth?" at the third annual Christian Youth Conference of North America. Dobbs scored the youth record of the church on five counts: (1) The Church, in expecting a pastor to be an exceptional speaker, psychologist, youth director and so on has not learned to specialize. "The Church must cease to be a one-man organization." (2) church workers must be more adequately trained. (3) The church must recognize its obligation to minister to the whole life of the individual—and not divide the life of the young person into little segments. (4) The Church failed youth by failing to maintain the principle that there can be no sound economic or material values without the foundation of spiritual values. (5) The Church is failing to give youth a clear call to Christian service.

(Wonder what "Church" he's talking about.—R.B.J.)

Return to God Urged

The New York Times

Declaring that America was a captive of materialistic forces of the present day, the Rev. Dr. Ernest R. Palen told his congregation in the Middle Collegiate Reformed Church that the outstanding need was a "return to the things of God." Dr. Palen said that we as a nation were not in political or national captivity, regardless of the threats to our liberty abroad in the world today. Criticizing those whose lives were dominated by materialistic considerations, he called for a return to God by "the tremendous group of backsliders who make up such a large percentage of society

today. We need to come to the place where we correctly evaluate the things that are material and the things that are spiritual," he declared. "We need to reemphasize the supreme importance to the things that are spiritual. We today of the Protestant Church are enjoying the fruits of sacrifice made three and four hundred years ago by our founding fathers. There is a real need today for recapturing the heroic stuff upon which our Protestant Churches were originally built."

(When will we do it?—R.B.J.)

Northern Baptists

The Watchman-Examiner

It is apparent that if the troubled state of great areas within the Northern Convention territory is to be calmed down and restored in Christian fellowship as a basis for better co-operation, the Convention itself must return to Baptist principles and change its policy of determining the policies and interdenominational affiliations of its constituent and autonomous churches. It is a dangerous trend if we must admit that the conventions created by Baptist churches are to assume that they have power to direct the destinies of these churches. To the degree that this is done we are losing our distinctive tenets and character as Baptists and are becoming something else. Whether or not we are imitating Presbyterianism or Methodism, or some other ecclesiastical form, we are certainly yielding up that great religious freedom which characterizes an independent Baptist church.

(Has the Northern Baptist Convention ceased to be Baptist?—R.B.J.)

"Freedom to Worship Curiously"

Biblical Recorder

Professor I. Beverly Lake, of the law school of Wake Forest College, has an interesting and informative article in the summer issue, 1948, of the *University of Florida Law Review* on the subject, "Freedom to Worship Curiously." The author deals at length with the various interpretations and applications of the articles on separation of church and state found in the Constitution of the United States. He shows clearly that the Constitution does not use the phrase "separation of church and state," but forbids the establishment of a state church and the policy of making religion a test of citizenship and holding office. He shows how the recent decision in the Champaign, Illinois, case on week-day religious education goes too far in prohibiting the teaching of religion by the churches in co-operation with the public schools. The concluding paragraph in the article reads as follows:

"The Atheist, like the Christian, the Jew and the Buddhist, is entitled to protection from laws putting him in an unfavorable position because of his belief, but he is not entitled to have the courts put him in a dominant position, from which he can stop the Christian or the Jew or the Buddhist from freely exercising his belief in a manner not injurious to the Atheist. History is so crowded with evil consequences of government-favored religions and church-dominated governments that it is indeed well to be vigilant in keeping the camel's nose out of the tent, but the Champaign case seems to license the Atheist to slap the noses of some harmless and innocent camels."

(By keeping Christianity out of the schools, is the Supreme Court letting Atheism in? Isn't that unconstitutional, too?—R.B.J.)

We Are Laborers Together With God

Greetings to Tennessee Baptists:

During the Christmas season we delight to share one with the other the good things of life. I must share with you my joy and delight in being assigned to this post of service in our great state convention. My heart is made profoundly humble—I could not go up to the tent of service without the leadership of the Spirit of God or without the help of you my Baptist friends.

Our first task is to enlist the unenlisted Christians; second, altogether to win the lost to Jesus and his way of life. This program of Tennessee Baptists must be shared by a greater group of people—it is too big for a few. It is a glorious task for all. It is my hope to see our program accelerated in a spirit of Christian unity—all co-operating together, sharing one with the other in these Christian graces until every nook and corner of this state shall feel the impact of Christian living.

Let's pray for each other. Let's seek to win our men to a sense of loyalty to the church. Let's purpose together that 1949 will be the best year of our convention work for the Master. To this end we shall work together with Dr. Pope and the staff in our state office. Tennessee Baptists are on the march!

JOHN W. MCCALL, President
Tennessee Baptist Convention

A Word From The Tennessee Safety Council

FOR A MERRY Christmas, make it a safe one! This urgent plea for safety as the best way to insure holiday happiness is part of the December traffic safety program of the Tennessee Safety Council that aims at fewer traffic accidents and deaths during the holiday month.

"It is not an idle request," Tom Springfield, President of the Tennessee Safety Council said today, "for deaths from motor vehicle accidents both on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are two or three times the annual daily average.

"Traffic accidents are unusually high in December because of seasonal hazards like reduced visibility from earlier and longer periods of darkness and inadequate traction that results from bad winter weather, ice and snow.

"The National Safety Council tells us that December last year had the highest traffic death toll of any month in 1947, and the pedestrian death toll during that month was more than 58 per cent higher than the average monthly toll. Traffic took sixty-six lives in Tennessee last December and 84 Tennesseans lost their lives in December, 1946," Springfield declared.

Mr. Springfield said that one out of four adult pedestrians killed in traffic accidents had been drinking, as had one out of five drivers involved in fatal accidents.

For those who must drive in bad weather and on wet or icy pavements the Council President gave these safety tips: Be alert and drive at lower speeds. Keep a greater distance between your car and other vehicles. Get the "feel" of the road, apply your brakes gently rather than jamming them on. Use your tire chains. Keep your windshield and windows clear. And be sure that your tires, brakes, battery and lights are ready to give you safe driving.

"Playing it safe will make certain that the holly wreath in your home will not be replaced by a funeral wreath," Mr. Springfield warned.

He Filleth the Hungry Soul

From Board of Managers' Report for 1947
American Bible Society
132nd Year

THE WORLD was never so hungry.
It is hungry for daily bread.

It is hungry for clothing and shelter.

In Europe, in China, Burma and Siam, in Russia, in Africa, in Japan, people are hungry.

But they are hungry not for the bread that perishes.

They are hungry for hope.

In their hearts, if not with their lips, they are asking: "Why eat today, and again tomorrow and another tomorrow, only to die?"

Languishing nations are grateful for America's shiploads of bounty that make their ports. Yes, we must support China Relief and a European Plan; empty stomachs must be fed, naked bodies clothed, homes rebuilt.

But people want another kind of bread.

They want to know how to face tomorrow.

They want to know the way out of the labyrinth of hopelessness.

They call across the waters, "Where is the end to suffering and where is the road to healing?"

Food?—yes, but it is not enough; nor medicine, nor clothing, nor houses, nor all of these together.

Life is more than meat and the body than raiment.

Man does not live by bread alone. He really lives—although most of the world's hungry souls do not know it—by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Is there a God? Can He speak to a hungry soul? Can He speak a starving man's language?

THE BREAD OF LIFE

The answer is in God's Book. In the Book speaks One who says, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; he that believeth on me shall never thirst."

In the Book one reads, "Trust in the Lord, and do good; . . . and verily thou shalt be fed . . . Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled . . . The Lord is nigh unto all them that call upon him . . . He forgetteth not the cry of the humble . . . He heareth the cry of the afflicted."

East Tennessee Baptist Hospital

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

DEAR DR. TAYLOR:

We thought you would be interested to know how we are progressing at the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital.

At 9:15 a.m., on November 26, 1948, the Hospital opened her doors for patients. The first week, 118 patients were received. Fifteen babies have been born—5 boys and 10 girls. We have had only the highest words of praise from the patients concerning the price of rooms and the service rendered. Our greatest need is more registered nurses. We have 69 student nurses.

Floors 2, 3, and 4 are now open for patients. Floors 5, 6, and 7 will be open in the near future.

Mr. Harold Prather is our Administrator, and Miss Muriel Kragh is our Director of Nurses.—T. C. WYATT, Field Representative

Christmas and the Light of the World

W. R. CULLOM, Wake Forest, N. C.

ONE OF THE MOST important things ever said about our Lord is to be found in John 1:4: "In him was life; and the life was the light of men." In the midst of his busy life in the flesh he said, "I am the light of the world." Have men and women found him to be so? Has he brought light in the hour of darkness?

Key Words

It has now been more than fifty years since I heard the much-loved and now long lamented Dr. H. H. Harris preach in the Walnut Street Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky. His topic was, *Key Words in John's Gospel*. Those who remember Dr. Harris will agree at once that he was far removed from the mere routine preacher. He was a master in the pulpit as well as in the classroom. But he followed the routine method that morning in that he had the traditional three points in his sermon. He found three key words in John—"Light," "Life," and "Love." Each of these words was used as a division in his sermon. The sermon itself was far from routine or mere tradition. Are not these words today an accurate characterization of John's gospel? The years since that day have been marked by rapid, radical and overwhelmingly startling changes. A dependable author said some time ago that the world had undergone more changes in his lifetime than it had from the death of Socrates up to the time of his birth! Is it not fine to have a few guiding stars to which one can pin his faith and to which he can attach his life in the assurance that they will not fail? And is this not particularly true when we are dealing with the eternal verities? Have we such an anchor and such a guide in Him who called Himself the light of the world?

Light Victorious Over Darkness

Many years ago I read in the *Twentieth Century New Testament* its translation of John 1:5: "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness overcame it not." I was startled for the moment, but soon found that the translation was thoroughly correct. Experience, observation and reading have assured me that the translation in question is in harmony with eternal reality. For example, when Jerusalem fell under the attack of Titus, the Roman general, it seemed to the people that the end of all things was at hand. In the midst of the persecution, John was banished to the isle of Patmos (Rev. 1:9). The book of Revelation is the answer of the Living Christ through his servant John to what seemed to God's people a darkness so dense as to preclude hope. The conflict as portrayed in this marvelous panorama was fierce and most trying, but the triumph in the end is correspondingly complete and glorious as seen in the climax of the Book of Revelation (see Chapter 19 for example). Again when the Roman Empire fell in the Fifth Century the situation with the world was once more so dark that to a superficial observer all seemed hopeless. But not so: An old proverb says the darkest hour of the night is just before daybreak. In that dark hour the risen Christ effected a double victory in Augustine of Hippo in North Africa: (1) in the conversion and complete transformation of the life of this brilliant but profligate teacher of rhetoric; (2) in the new vision and in the buoyant hope that he gave to his people in Augustine's *City of God*, a book which served somewhat in its age as the Apocalypse of John did after the fall of Jerusalem. The crumbling of the Empire and the fall of the proud city on its seven hills was no insignificant matter but the Living Christ led his people in triumph through and past it.

Shedding the Chrysalis

In personal life death is often spoken of as the hour of darkness. Would power to face this experience which Paul speaks of as "the last enemy" (1 Cor. 15:26), face it fearlessly and even triumphant-

ly, be a sufficient test in the matter in question? When the distinguished and beloved Dr. Edwin McNeill Poteat, Sr., lay in Duke Hospital in June, 1937, entering what is often spoken of as "the dark valley," I went in to see him. That hitherto handsome form of his had dwindled to skin and bone. When he saw me he burst into a laugh. The facial part of that laugh was that of a skeleton; the soul part of it was the triumph of faith in Him whom the good man had known, loved, trusted and followed through many years. It was the triumph of the Light of the world over the shadow of death. As he laughed he spoke and here is what he said, "Cullom, I'm in the process of shedding my chrysalis!"

About the same time his son, McNeill, Jr., came in to see his father. The doctor had told the father that his stay in the flesh was limited to a few hours. The father told the son what his physician had said and then said this: "Son, I have a favor to ask of you. Of course you will take my body to Greenville, S. C., and lay it near to that of your mother. I want you to stand in the pulpit of the old First Baptist Church in Greenville and preach my funeral. And listen, son, listen: I want no sob stuff at my funeral. Use as your text John 8:12: 'I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.'" "Father," said the son, "you are asking a hard thing of me, but I'll do my best." Then the father, exercising that playful humor that had been his through the 76 years of his life, said, "I promise you, son, never to ask it of you again!"

Radiant Pilgrimage

Within about a year of his death, Dr. Rufus M. Jones, of Haverford College, put out a charming little book which he called *The Luminous Trail*. The book is made up of stories of more than a dozen men and women who had known the Christ at first hand and had rejoiced in Him in many of the most trying experiences that life can bring. And so from Stephen to Paul; from Paul to Augustine of Hippo; from Augustine to John Huss; from John Huss to John Bunyan; from John Bunyan to John Wesley; from John Wesley to Martin Niemuller, the unbroken "trail" has continued. When one asks after the manner of the ancients "Watchman, what of the night?" what answer shall we give? We will confidently assert that the struggle between the light and the darkness has been a long and fierce one, but not only has the darkness not "overcome," but the resurrection of Christ is an eternal assurance that his triumph cannot fail.

It must never be forgotten, however, that the triumph of which I speak is not to come automatically. When our Lord entered our human flesh he "humbled himself" and became obedient unto death, "even the death of the Cross." His followers are urged to have the same mind in them. (Phil. 2:5-11). As we enter that season, therefore, which commemorates this entrance into our human flesh, shall we not hearken to him when he declares that those who follow him must take up their cross "daily" in doing so (Luke 9:23)? Shall we face this situation and think of it as something to be shunned and shirked? Or, shall we face it as a challenge—as an unprecedented opportunity to have the Light of the world shine in us and through us?

A dear friend wrote me about two years ago and gave a simple, unintended piece of testimony that with me can never be forgotten. He had lived in the flesh 90 years, he had served as faithfully through that long life as any man that I have ever known; he had now been totally blind for 11 years; his good wife was a shut-in with arthritis; his faithful daughter was, under God, their stay and support. In spite of all this, when he went to sign his name to my letter he did it under these final words: "Your comrade of the *radiant pilgrimage*."

The Name of Bethlehem

PLINY A. WILBY, Wichita, Kansas

O Bethlehem, thy name so dear
Proclaims the Holy Spirit near.
It tells us of the Incarnation,
Of pardon, peace and restoration.
It speaks of God who gave His Son
That souls to heaven might be won.
O Bethlehem, thy name divine
Forever calls this heart of mine,
With angel song and guiding stars
And wise men coming from afar
To Christ Child throned in lowly station
While shepherds kneel in adoration.
O Bethlehem, thy name shall be
Renowned; revered; on land and sea
And multitudes that shall be born
Shall sing thy praise each Christmas morn.
This be the prayer for each of them,
"We thank Thee, Lord, for Bethlehem."

The Survey Bulletin

By PORTER ROUTH

FACTS OF INTEREST

A two and one-half year study of the pharmacy business made by the American Council on Education makes the following as one of its conclusions: "notwithstanding the social, political and economic forces resulting in the sale of beverage alcoholic liquors in retail drug stores, such sale must be regarded as distinctly detrimental to the public standing of these stores as representing the profession of pharmacy, the primary concern of which is the preservation of private and public health."

President Truman's personal physician told a reporter last week that the fact the President is a nonsmoker adds "immeasurably" to his health.

A committee of the American Medical Association has recommended that the Indian Bureau prohibit the use of peyote, a narcotic cactus. The Indian Bureau has permitted the use of the drug on the grounds that it was part of an Indian religious ceremony. The committee at the same time recommended that the laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic drinks to Indians be abolished.

IN THE WORLD OF RELIGION

Of the 808 passengers in the second group of displaced persons coming to the United States from Europe, 118 were Greek Catholic, 108 Protestants, 262 Roman Catholics, 38 Orthodox, and 273 were Jews.

A census taken of the Greater New Orleans area indicated that 51.4 per cent were Protestants, 47.3 per cent Roman Catholic, and 1.3 per cent Jewish. The white population was 60 per cent Catholic constituency, while the Negro population was about 80 per cent Protestant. The census revealed only four atheists. Of the 182,000 who reported Protestant preference, 57,112 were members of local churches, and 124,888 were unaffiliated with a local church.

The Roman Catholic Church in the United States spent nearly \$2,000,000 last year for home missions in the U. S., according to Samuel Cardinal Stritch.

Pope Pius XII has issued a rescript making Roman Catholic marriage laws binding on persons who, although baptized as Catho-

"Yes, I Tithe"

SAYS A. W. GRAGG, partner in Bailey-Gragg Motor Co., and Mayor-elect of Brunswick, Georgia.

"It is necessary to go back a good many years to give reasons why I tithe. First, the example of my mother and father while I was a small boy. Later as I grew up I learned the eternal truths of the Bible are very plain and specific on what we should contribute; even though we humans oftentimes suggest and live by our own and different plan; there is no alternative for the Christian that will stand the test of Eternity.

"The complete teachings of the Bible, on three great phases of human conduct—physical, mental, and spiritual—cannot be violated and ignored and the penalty then escaped. Giving the tenth is an extremely important part of spiritual law and life. It is also a test of just how much we wish the full work of the kingdom carried on today.

"Baptists exhibit their concern for the kingdom as they strive toward the realization of

Every Baptist a Tither

Prayer For A Stranger

SYBIL HAMRIC HARDAWAY, Spring City, Tenn.

AT NIGHT when all the world is still,
I like to kneel and lift my eyes
To where the shadows of the hill
Seem painted on the darkening skies;
And when I've finished with my prayer
And said the thing I want to say,
I like to add some stranger's name
Who needs God in a special way.
And so I always close my prayer
By asking Him to bless the one
Who needs it most in all the world—
Some one despairing, all alone . . .
Who has no one to lift his name
Before the throne of love and grace,
Perhaps who knows not how to pray
Nor seek the kindness of His face.
I wish that when you kneel to pray
You'd close your prayer with that request
"Where two agree . . . that will I do"
Some stranger will be doubly blest—
And God, I know, will gladly lend
A listening ear and comfort send.
It may be in some far off land
Across the sea, the sands,—or more
It may be YOU who need the hand,
Or someone living right next door.
And so I pray, "Lord God of hosts,
Bless one tonight who needs it most."

lics, have been brought up as non-Catholics. Marriage of such persons, even to non-Catholics, by a non-Catholic minister, will be considered as concubinage by the Catholic Church.

Christendom, ecumenical review published by the American Committee for the World Council is being incorporated in *The Ecumenical Review*, new quarterly journal to be published by the World Council of Churches.

The Pastor's Prayer and Study Life

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(Delivered before the Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference.)

IF PRAYER is a high and holy hour in the life of any member of the church in general, then it becomes even more than that to the pastor of a church in particular. It is the most exacting and searching experience of one, who, having found Christ would walk in the way He marks out. Paul gave a word of exhortation to the Christians in Rome, when he said: "Ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba Father."

We are certain that ministers do not mean to do it, but unconsciously we drift into a neglect of prayer. We do not mean to do it, but we become absorbed in a lot of details that prove of little consequence in the end, and we have found that we lost the habit of daily communion with God and the study of His Word. Unless we know how to pray; unless we know something of the way to the secret of His presence; unless our hearts have throbbed out to Him the language of a child's cry, we cannot know the holy relation of Sonship and Father.

Ministers Are Busy Men

It matters little about the size of a man's field—whether we have a church with a large membership or a small one—a minister must always be busy. Many of us would say we can become too busy. Too busy to answer our mail; too busy to make pastoral calls; too busy to listen sympathetically to those who come to us for guidance; too busy to multiply ourselves through others; too busy to be pleasant, oftentimes, even to our own families. We have emphasized the details that have pressed upon us for consideration until we lose sight of the larger and more important task which is ours. We complain about the pressure under which we work until even our best friends let us alone and life becomes a burden.

An emphasis has developed in our churches—whether we like it or not—which has slowly, but surely, changed the power of being able to get the greatest things accomplished. We have used up our energy raising budgets, making quotas, outlining programs, attending conferences, organizing machinery until we have become cogs in a vast machine. We all believe in the work of administration, but there can be a great tyranny about it all. It may become a subtle and dangerous something. Size is not always significant, and bigness is not always greatness. When we are asked about the progress of our several churches we are quick to tell about the strength of numbers and thousands of dollars expended, but there is hardly ever a hint about the spiritual growth and power of our churches. We have been at the adding machines so long that we scarcely know the hall that leads to the spiritual thermometer.

Ministers Must Pray

How trite it seems to say: A minister must pray. How vital Christ deemed it that He should teach His disciples that art! You will remember that scene where He took the trusted three to the mountain. Luke said, "He went up to pray." We are not told that He went up to be transfigured (Luke 9:28-29). It is on the mountain side in prayer that the faithful minister of today, in personal contact with Christ, gets the transfigured life. There is something in the transfiguring life of prayer that takes the disfigurement out of the soul. Unless we get to the mount of prayer and away from professionalism, where the Word of Christ is crystallized before us, and where the reality of His presence and power becomes

our own, we shall never be able to go through more than the mere motions of spiritual living.

The material has its place in our pastoral office, but we must not forget the spiritual. We are hearing much about the "pastor's release" from multitudinous duties and engagements. Release will come when we begin to magnify our office. If we neglect the primary thing we need expect nothing but failure and fruitless toil along the way. Ministers are in much the same position that Martha occupied in the Bethany home, "cumbered about much serving," but Mary had chosen the better part, "sat at Jesus' feet, and heard His word," and Jesus did not take that good part away from her. We are busy serving when the better part would be to sit at His feet.

Prayer Reflects Itself in Study

Prayer in the study becomes the vehicle through which the message is made vital in the pulpit. Our contact with Christ through the written page will make us effective when we stand before our congregations. It is pretty hard to deceive the people. They will not accept a stone when they ask for bread. They are pretty quick to see whether the minister is a prophet or a time-server. They will know that that which comes from our lips was born in our hearts through prayer and meditation. Back of Simon Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost was a ten days' prayer meeting, and three years at the feet of a Teacher greater than Gamaliel.

Ministers are often accused of being lazy men. Some people think of them as being fine examples of starched and elegant leisure. A minister must do his greatest work in secret. Men see the minister only in the minor task—unless it be in the sermon, but his real work is done in solitude. The more he toils in secret the more easily he preaches. A minister's work means more than mental work for long hours—it means heart work as well. The sweat of the heart has more blood in it than the sweat of the brow.

If Bacon was right when he declared that "Reading maketh a full man," how can we over-emphasize the importance of reading and study on the part of the minister? Books to a minister are what tools are to a builder. The carpenter who is versed in the use of only one tool would hardly erect a building, but first and always the minister must be a student of the Word of God. Nothing can make up for the lack of knowledge of the Scriptures. The greatest and most acceptable preachers of the ages have been those who have been men with a thorough knowledge of the Bible.

A wise pastor will not forsake the better commentaries. They must keep their minds active—they must be creative and productive. They cannot maintain a healthful activity unless they have food, and a minister becomes effective as he keeps fellowship with great souls. Paul's request to Timothy was: "Bring me the books." Literature aids the pastor—it helps fortify him for life's problems.

"Thou must be true to thyself,
If thou the truth would teach;
It takes the overflow of heart
To give the lips full speech."

Miss Anna M. Jarvis, who started a crusade for the national observance of Mother's Day, died last week at the age of 84 in Philadelphia. She was totally blind and penniless at her death. She spent the last year of her life fighting the commercialization of Mother's Day.

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

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It is almost as much fun to wrap Christmas presents as it is to make or buy them. And it doesn't take lots of ribbon and special paper. During the war, people had to learn to use materials they had on hand, and some of the most attractive packages I have ever seen were designed then. They were individual packages, showing creative thought and careful work on the part of the givers. Some used scraps of pretty wallpaper. Others used newspapers, decorating with comic-sheet characters. Others used brown wrapping paper and colored their own designs on it. Instead of ribbon, many used colored knitting yarn.

Now that pretty paper and plenty of ribbon are back on store counters, it is easier to design attractive packages, but we may still make them individual and different. I think I shall try the "snowflake" idea which was suggested for the program booklet in last week's column. I shall wrap some of my small packages in red or green construction paper, spread a bit of paste on top of the paper, then scatter about on that, cutout bits of paper lace doilies.

Gold, red, blue, or silver stars look pretty scattered about on packages wrapped in white or blue tissue paper.

The new gummed Scotch tape trimming makes for easy package designing. This may be stuck around a package to look like ribbon, or it may be cut up to make letters to stick on the package, showing the initials or name of the person for whom the gift is intended. The card on which the tape is bought offers several suggestions for gift-wrapping designs.

Ribbons always look pretty—blue on silver, red on white, or the pretty metallic ribbon now available. But ribbons are not practical on packages which must be mailed, because they make bulkier packages and the bows often gets flat and out of shape before they reach their destination.

Bells are also impractical for packages to be mailed, but they add a definite Christmasy touch to packages to be delivered in person, or placed under the Christmas tree. It is possible to buy several tiny bells on a card at the ten-cent store. One bell placed in the center of a bow, or several tied to the ends of ribbon, make a surprising "Jingle Bells" package.

If you save your *Christmas cards* from year to year, you may pass some of these on to someone else. Not by readdressing them and sending them as a greeting, of course. But sometimes I cut out the prettiest Christmas pictures from the front of my cards. These I paste on packages as stickers. Others I use as gift tags. Still others make pretty tree decorations.

Speaking of trees . . .

I hope you will have a Christmas tree this year—even if it is a very small one. Keep it in a cool place until you get ready to decorate it. If possible, set the base of the tree in a can or bucket of water. Even after the tree is taken into the house to be decorated, it may be placed in a bucket of wet soil or sand. This will not only help to keep the tree fresh looking, but the moisture at the base of the tree will be a safety precaution against fire.

Tree, like gifts, may be as individual as the person decorating them. This year, maybe you'd like to make your decorations. Here are a few suggestions:

Paper chains.—You probably know how to make these. If not, ask Mother or your teacher.

Popcorn and cranberry chains.—Made by threading popped popcorn and raw cranberries with a large needle. The longer the chain, the easier it will loop, and the prettier it will be on the tree.

"Lux Snow" made by putting a small box of Lux flakes in two cups of cold water, beating with an egg beater until the suds are stiff and easy to apply to the tree limbs. After the Lux is spread on the tree to look like freshly fallen snow, sprinkle a bit of shiney Mica on the suds to make it glisten. A little "angel hair" stretched over the tree completes the picture which looks like a real snow scene.

Some people hang their Christmas cards on the tree as they are received. This adds color and interest.

The Christmas book about which I told you earlier this month, suggests making tree ornaments of wallpaper cleaner. The wallpaper cleaner may be used like modeling clay. A ball of it may be rolled thin with a rolling pin, then with cookie cutters or a sharp knife, it is easy to cut out stars and bells and other Christmas forms. It takes at least a day and night for the wallpaper cleaner to harden. Before the ornaments are put aside to dry, a tiny hole should be punched in each with a needle or pin, so that hairpins may be threaded through them and used as hangers.

I wish I could see your tree—and the gifts which you will wrap and place under it. Perhaps I could see them with my mind's eye, if you would write and tell me about them. Or maybe you'd even draw me a picture of them! How about it?

Happy Christmas to each of you,

Aunt Polly



1948

WISHING YOU

A CHRISTLIKE CHRISTMAS

and

AN EXHILARATING NEW YEAR

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11



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Associational Report

MISS GLADYS LONGLEY
(Made at the Convention)

"The return to the district association as the center of our Baptist life is the most significant advance that has taken place in our generation." G. S. Dobbins.

The work of the associational Sunday school officers is reflected throughout the report for the year. Without these loyal and efficient volunteer workers, the Sunday school program throughout the state would be greatly handicapped. Their position as the key workers nearest the churches makes their services invaluable.

Though for a decade associational workers have made their contribution, the future of this phase of Sunday school work is bright with promise, and opportunities for its improvement are limitless. During this year progress toward more definiteness has been made. The following are some observations that seem significant:

A. There has been less turnover in the associational organization than during any one year. Though the term of office should be determined by results it seems best for the progress of the work to select the most capable men and women and re-elect them from year to year as long as they perform their duties in the right way.

B. More emphasis is being given to training the associational officers for the places in which they are to serve. Some associations during this year provided opportunities for key workers to attend Ridgecrest and other South-wide and state promotional meetings. Others provide an associational officers clinic where Associational Sunday School Work by J. N. Barnette was taught to the workers. Others have regular meetings of the officers for training and planning.

C. The interest in a regular program of Sunday School activities in the association is increasing. The plan of having a monthly emphasis is becoming more and more popular.

D. The State and Southwide promotional programs have been well received by the associational officers. State Planning Meetings were conducted in September to launch the program for the year. Representatives from forty-two associations were present with a total attendance of 207. Already fifty associations have requested literature, indicating that they are planning to send teams to visit the churches for the church planning meetings.

If the associational Sunday school program is to continue to go forward the following must be definite objectives of this new year.

A. There must be a better understanding by pastors and church leaders of the following reasons an association should be organized for the promotion of Sunday school work:

1. The majority of Sunday school workers do not go outside the associational territory to attend meetings for the training of Sunday school workers.
2. The associational organization provides a means through which information can be disseminated to all Sunday school workers.
3. An adequate program of training, Vacation Bible Schools, enlargement, and enlistment for leadership in all the churches can be best promoted by leadership inside the association.

B. There must be willingness on the part of associational workers to give the necessary time and energy to the planning and promotion of the work. The work will go forward even as they give themselves. Surely the words of Paul, "For to their power I bear record, yea and beyond their power they were willing of themselves," should be the keynote of this year ahead.

New Office Secretary

Miss Dorothy Campbell came to the Sunday School Department as office secretary December 1, 1948. Miss Campbell was formerly employed in the Student Department at the Baptist Sunday School Board. She has served in this capacity for the last three years. Before coming to the Sunday School Board she was employed for two years at the Baptist State Board of Kentucky in Louisville.

Miss Campbell is a member of the First Baptist Church, Nashville and active in Sunday school and Training Union work.

We welcome Miss Campbell to this department and present her to the people of Tennessee as one who will be glad to assist them with all requests for Sunday school materials.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1948

1948 CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

from the
**TENNESSEE BAPTIST
TRAINING UNION DEPARTMENT**

CHARLES L. NORTON
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Training Union Report to State Convention

Leadership has often been taken to mean a magic quality with which some few are endowed and that others more numerous than these simply do not possess. On the contrary it is the many who possess these qualities of charm, poise, and friendly assurance today and those who sit back, silent and awestruck by life, are in the minority.

"Let us be up and doing
With a heart for any fate
Still achieving, still pursuing.
Learn to labor and to wait."

H. W. Longfellow

We are a world of the young, youth is in business, youth is in politics, youth is in labor, and youth is in religion. Then why is there so much pessimism and hopelessness today? Just as in every age, we are guilty of hiding our talent in a napkin and leaving it there to die. We are guilty of the sin of the withered hand and the ungirt loin. But praise be to God our Father who has taught us that Christian leadership can be developed in every surrendered life through inspiration and "perspiration." The Baptist Training Union is committed to this task of developing the individual for Christ.

During this year more people from the Story Hour to the Adult union have been enlisted in a program of individual participation in our churches than ever before. Our staff under the able and inspiring leadership of Mr. Charles Norton has redoubled its efforts at enlargement and strengthening the units already established. Miss Roxie Jacobs continues her pioneer work in remote areas, Miss Mary Anderson her fine organizational work, Miss Evelyn Willard her instruction and correspondence, and Mrs. James Burris her office work. And this is not to mention the many volunteer instructors who have done field work by teaching study courses in the churches. The trend toward central training schools is a good one. The regional rallies suggested by the geographical limitations of the state of Tennessee is proving both feasible and profitable in promoting the program.

The fact that Ridgecrest has become a leadership assembly does not make it exclusive. Rather it emphasizes the all-inclusive plan of Southern Baptists to develop each individual Baptist, who is of all people competent as a personal soul before God in matters of faith and conscience.

Training Union work is not always easy, nor are the rewards just what we expect. When we make ourselves channels for guiding others to their respective places of leadership, we sometimes bemoan the loss of such fine persons to our corner of the vineyard. In reality our only reason for being is to prepare a highway through the wilderness of immaturity for those who are seeking the city of God. To paraphrase a modern slogan: "Through these unions pass the most beautiful Christian lives in the world."

For a reward we do not always receive great numbers nor astounding statistics, but we gain new life in every union that proudly stands by to watch her children fill places of importance in the kingdom plan, whether it be Sunday school superintendent, Training Union director, W. M. U. president.

I am thinking now of two bodies of water; each is a lake. One is very large, the other hardly more than a pond in size.

People who like to fish never think of the big lake because the fish are not very good to eat, nor is it exciting to catch them. In the latter, countless hundreds fish and even swim because the water is so fresh and bracing. It is proudly called Cave Mountain Lake. The difference is not location, or feeding springs, or development. The difference lies in the outlet. The big lake has inlets, and no outlet. The little lake has many outlets and, by keeping itself small, it keeps its waters alive.

"If thou knowest the gift of God thou wouldst have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water."

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Mrs. W. F. Robinson Called Home

MRS. W. F. ROBINSON of Chattanooga was called to her heavenly home on November 30. She has served our W. M. U. for fifty years. She was president of Tabernacle Baptist Church W. M. S. for twelve years, superintendent of Ocoee W. M. U. for seventeen years, vice-president of East Tennessee W. M. U. for three years.

She was the mother of Mrs. C. D. Creasman, our former state president, of Miss Ruby Robinson and Mrs. Edward Smoot.

Rev. Charles Norton, her former pastor conducted the funeral services.

She was truly a great soul, a faithful earnest worker always placing the work of the Lord first in her life. To her loved ones we extend our sincere sympathy.

The Meaning of Christmas

BLANCHE WHITE, Va.

A beloved Woman's Missionary Union leader, speaking to the women of her Association concerning the approaching Christmas Season, exclaimed: "Do you realize what Christmas means?" I had been a Christian for many years before I really *knew* the meaning of that most wonderful of all days, that wonderful of all verses in the Bible, John 3:16. This is how I learned the meaning of Christmas, the meaning of John 3:16.

God gave us three children, two sons and a little daughter. It was His Will to take our little girl back to Himself when she was very little. But He helped us rear our sons to manhood. They were fine, clean, Christian men when World War I broke upon our country. One day I received letters from my sons, saying: "Mother, all our lives you have talked to us about the world, the world! Now we are told that we must fight to save the civilization of our world. We want to enlist." What could I write them except as I did, saying: "Your Mother is glad that you want to fight for the world. If she could, she would go, too. Since she cannot go to fight, she will promise you to sew and knit for the Red Cross, to buy Liberty Bonds and to send you away with a smile. You'll never remember your Mother's tears because you go to fight for the world."

They came home on that last furlough. We knew it was to be the last before overseas duty, but we didn't talk about it. What a happy time we had! The last morning came. We had family prayers together, as we had all through their lives; and then it was traintime. We had agreed that I would not go to the train, but would tell them goodbye at the garden gate. I went down the walk between my two fine sons, when, suddenly, the tears began to press hard against my eyeballs. I never did tell them goodbye. I whirled and went back to the house that they might not see the tears, now running down my cheeks. In my agony and need, I lifted my head toward Heaven and exclaimed: "Oh, God, did it hurt your heart like this when you sent your Son into the world? Oh, God, if you will send my boys back to me, whole and strong, I will serve you as I've never served you before." Then, as I waited, I heard God's voice, saying: "When I sent My Son into the world, I did not bargain with him. I knew that He would not come back to me until He had died on a Cross and been laid in a grave." Then, in shame, I bowed my head and prayed: "Oh, God, whether or not You send my boys back to me, I will serve You all my days as I have never served You before, because I know, now, what Christmas cost You; I know, now, the meaning of John 3:16.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son." How much do you love the Lord? How much do you love the world for whom Jesus came on that first Christmas Night? How much love will be manifested in the Christmas Gift which we hope you will place in the enclosed envelope that God's Love may be known around the world?

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

To our pastors, to our Brotherhood leaders, and to every one who helped make 1948 one of our best years in the organization and promotion of the Brotherhood activities in Tennessee, we say "Thank You," and we invite you, and all other Tennessee Baptist men, to share in promoting our program of activities for 1949.

EVANGELISM

STEWARDSHIP, emphasizing the Cooperative Program

MAN AND BOY MOVEMENT

CHURCH AND COMMUNAL PUBLICATIONS

Let's win and enlist more men. Our Christ is looking for men who are willing to be used.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

A HAPPY NEW YEAR



AMONG THE BRETHREN

Pastor O. C. Rainwater of the Trenton Street Baptist Church, Harriman, has been in a gracious revival meeting with Pastor Hugh Ensminger and the Oneida Baptist Church; Pastor David Burris and the Oakdale Baptist Church; Pastor C. D. O'Neill and the church at Elsberry, Mo.; and Pastor Hobart Ford and the First Church, Rogersville. In November, Bro. Rainwater and the Trenton Street Baptist Church were assisted in a revival by D. D. Smothers of First Church, Fayetteville, doing the preaching and Stanley Armstrong leading the music. There were 16 additions to the church, most of them by baptism. In a December service, Mr. Ralph Patton, on behalf of the men of the church presented Bro. Rainwater with an envelope containing enough money for a two weeks' vacation.

—B&R—

Sunday evening, November 28; the Smyrna Baptist Church, Chapel Hill, ordained the following deacons: James Mealer, James King, Myles Pardee and Allen Harber. Pastor Hugh L. Myers was assisted by Missionary C. D. Tabor of New Duck River Association and J. W. Zumbro of Lewisburg.

—B&R—

Most auspiciously Rev. Cecil M. Perry, on Sunday, November 21, entered upon his pastorate of the church at Ridgecrest, N. C., succeeding Rev. Tom E. Walters, who, on the same date, began his work at Parkton, N. C. Resident Ridgecresters consider themselves fortunate in securing this good minister and man with his charming family.—HIGHT C MOORE.

Brotherhood Secretaries Meet

Sixteen of the states in the Southern Baptist Convention territory now have either a full time or part time secretary. This group held their annual meeting in Memphis on December 2-3 with representatives from fourteen states attending.

The reports from these various state secretaries indicate an increasing interest in the Brotherhood movement throughout our convention territory and that more church and associational Brotherhoods have been organized than in any preceding year. The second day was devoted to the discussing of ways and means of promoting our 1949 objectives which are: Evangelism, Stewardship, with special emphasis upon the Cooperative Program; Man and Boy Movement, Church and Denominational Publicity, and Worship Services.

At the close of the meeting, Mr. E. K. Wiley, Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Brotherhood, was re-elected president; Mr. John Farmer, Columbia, South Carolina, vice-president; and Mr. Forrest Sawyer, Carbondale, Illinois, secretary-treasurer.

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Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Farnsworth of New Orleans, La., have given \$15,000.00 cash for a faculty residence to be located on the New Orleans Baptist Seminary's new seventy-five acre campus. The home will be named "Farnsworth Residence" and has been designated for Mr. and Mrs. W. Plunkett Martin for as long as Mr. Martin is a member of the Seminary faculty. Mr. Martin is chairman of the Seminary's department of sacred music.

I had my annual visit to my home country, near Brookhaven, Miss., Thanksgiving week and while there had the very great joy of delivering the sermon in connection with the ordination of my nephew, Reese Kyzar, son of my brother Felix, to the full work of the Gospel Ministry, on Wednesday night, November 24th. Other members of the Presbytery were Pastor Brewer of the Home Church and three young Ministers from Mississippi College where Reese is now in his second year. He has accepted the Church at Dockery, Miss., for half time. This was the third such service in which I have had a part in the old Pleasant Hill Church—my first love.—J. R. KYZAR, Grandview Baptist Church, Nashville.

—B&R—

Reginald Wall, pastor of First Baptist Church, Buford, Ga., is leaving the pastorate at an early date to become an evangelist, approved by, but not employed by the Department of Evangelism of our Home Mission Board. He carries many splendid endorsements.

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Upon recommendation of the deacons, the First Baptist Church of Athens in called business session recently voted to employ Mrs. J. W. Dunlap as church secretary. F. M. Dowell, Jr., is pastor.

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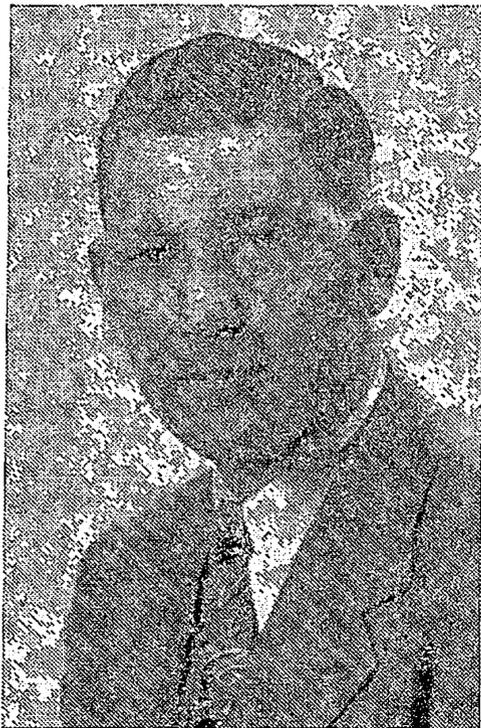
Recently, resolutions of appreciation from hundreds of churches and individuals were presented in Jackson, Miss., to Dr. D. A. (Scotchie) McCall at the annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention in recognition of his tenth anniversary as state mission secretary.

DEPARTMENTAL ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES, DEC. 5, 1948

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Ashland City	48	31	—	Ridgedale	583	180	4	Maryville, Broadway	304	150	1
Athens, Antioch	102	—	—	Signal Mountain	67	23	2	Everett Hills	243	110	4
East	242	137	2	Silverdale	136	106	3	First	659	189	2
First	454	119	1	Spring Creek	175	70	—	Maynardville	112	29	—
West End Mission	88	—	—	Church Hill, Oak Grove	153	89	—	Medina	119	106	—
North	238	55	—	Block City Mission	20	—	—	Memphis, Bellevue	1948	821	18
Charleston	60	—	—	Cleveland, Big Spring	312	198	—	Boulevard	494	279	5
Clear Water	38	55	—	First	562	210	4	Central Avenue	438	188	—
Coghill	65	44	—	South	107	75	3	Highland Heights	681	400	2
Cotton Port	76	48	3	Columbia, First	444	122	—	Hollywood	316	107	4
Eastonville	63	28	—	Godwin Chapel	16	—	—	Kennedy	92	56	—
Englewood	181	43	—	Rock Springs	67	33	—	LaBelle	526	196	6
Etowah, East	61	—	—	Second	101	54	—	Levi	247	125	2
Etowah, First	390	88	—	Cookeville, First	404	122	—	McLean	266	115	5
Etowah, North	198	30	—	Algood Mission	200	—	1	Parkway	225	112	3
Good Springs	73	60	—	Fourth Street Mission	142	56	—	Prescott Memorial	470	141	1
Idlewild	86	86	—	Steven Street	106	60	—	Shirley Park	126	81	6
Lake View	41	30	—	Covington, First	201	67	—	Temple	1221	376	2
McMahan Calvary	111	27	—	Crossville, First	236	—	2	Union Avenue	963	307	15
Mt. Harmony No. 1	99	47	—	Antioch	33	—	—	Milan, First	215	82	1
New Hope	41	—	—	Peavine	39	—	—	Oakwood	80	61	—
New Zion	68	—	—	Decatur, Goodfield	59	41	—	Milton	54	—	—
Niota, East	141	53	—	Eagleville	115	42	—	Monterey, First	237	65	—
Riceville	86	—	—	Elizabethton, Big Spring	144	137	3	Morristown, First	590	181	6
Sanford	64	86	—	First	600	107	—	Murfreesboro, First	491	79	5
Wild Wood	88	43	—	Siam	171	108	—	Walnut Street	92	44	—
Zion Hill	39	—	—	Fountain City, Central	904	240	7	Powell's Chapel	100	42	—
Bristol, Calvary	382	121	—	Hines Valley Chapel	45	—	—	Taylor's Chapel	75	21	—
Virginia Avenue	276	104	—	Gladeville	145	65	—	West View	507	110	5
Brighton	165	143	—	Grand Junction	90	79	1	Woodbury Road	83	54	—
Brownsville	207	64	—	Harriman, Trenton Street	416	116	—	Nashville, Belmont Heights	1003	294	3
Woodland	94	81	—	Walnut Hill	284	90	—	Glendale Mission	39	—	—
Carthage, First	196	37	—	Jackson, Bemis	166	79	—	Jordonia	44	—	—
Chattanooga, Apison	120	51	2	Calvary	302	128	—	Madison Street	42	32	—
Avondale	574	113	1	First	600	182	3	First	1212	—	5
Birchwood	94	30	—	North	246	139	2	Grace	841	216	8
Calvary	386	98	—	Jellico, First	269	90	—	Inglewood	683	192	3
Chamberlain Ave.	266	77	—	Kingsport, First	700	121	—	Lockeland	498	133	—
Clifton Hill	388	137	—	Lynn Garden	373	104	—	Park Avenue	583	128	—
Clifton Hill Mission	71	—	—	Mission	49	—	—	Third	230	75	—
Daisy	191	74	—	Knoxville, Bell Avenue	602	219	7	Woodmont	289	97	5
Daisy, South	98	61	—	Broadway	1221	378	2	Newport, First	271	79	1
Daytona Heights	95	55	1	Fifth Avenue	1031	282	1	Oak Ridge, Highland View	475	113	—
East Ridge	255	97	—	First	1150	—	—	Robertsville	418	103	2
Falling Water	110	53	2	Lincoln Park	603	217	—	Old Hickory, First	658	255	—
First	923	155	1	Lonsdale	402	153	—	Parsons, First	202	71	—
First, Chapel	113	—	—	McCalla Avenue	745	221	7	Rockwood, First	222	114	—
Lupton City	155	85	—	Sevier Heights	531	184	1	Whites Creek	68	60	—
McCarty	72	35	1	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	119	44	—	Rutledge, Oakland	138	59	4
Morris Hill	238	119	—	Cedar Grove	97	24	1	Sevierville, First	271	52	—
Philadelphia	151	—	—	Fairview	109	43	—	Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	—	73	3
Philippi	94	38	—	First	506	95	1	Tallahoma, First	290	74	3
Red Bank	642	154	2	Mt. Juliet, Chandler	37	21	—	Union City, First	463	133	—
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Community Chairmen of the Tennessee Alumni Campaign for Cumberland University

BY HARRY PHILLIPS

THE TENNESSEE phase of the alumni campaign for the Cumberland University Second Century Program was launched at an enthusiastic luncheon at Nashville's Maxwell House Saturday, December 4, presided over by Josh Lee of Washington, D. C., National Chairman. A guest of honor was Congressman Jere Cooper of Dyersburg, Tennessee, national president of the alumni association.

Speakers included Mrs. Lillian Paul Long of Nashville, vice president of the alumni association representing Tennessee College Alumni; John J. Hooker, chairman of law alumni; Frank G. Clement, chairman of Arts Alumni; and Ewell T. Weakley, one of the regional chairmen for West Tennessee.

The following community chairmen are leading the Tennessee alumni phase of the campaign:

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Jack Robinson Featured In National Sport Magazine

New York—(BP)—"The Rev. Jackie Robinson, Waco, Texas, Powerhouse" is the front cover slug line Sport Magazine used for the feature article of its December issue.

Subject of the article is the Olympic-famed ministerial student in Baylor University, who has won national and international basketball honors. In addition to his basketball, Robinson finds time to win high marks in his studies—including Greek—and serve as pastor of Waco's Ninth Street Baptist Church and president of the Texas Baptist Student Union.

This article is written by William T. Rives, a well-known Texas sports writer, and is illustrated with a full-color, full-page photograph of Robinson. Sports Magazine is one of the leaders in its field with a circulation of 600,000.

chester and Mrs. R. E. Carpenter of Decherd; Waverly, Reeder Parker.

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Hardships Behind Iron Curtain Described By One Who Knows

BY MR. X

Somewhere in Russian Zone of Germany—During the past harvest season many people went to the wheat fields to glean the harvested fields in order to find a few kernels of wheat. A day of back breaking effort often results in only a few pounds of wheat. People also went to the harvested potato fields, digging around in the ground for a few potatoes which the farmer might have missed. Many of these people arrive evenings. They sleep out of doors, near the fields, all night in order to be first among the seekers when dawn breaks on the eastern horizon.

Special privileges to eat at the Russian sponsored feeding centers are given only to those who work in highly productive factories and then only those are considered who pledge allegiance to Communism. People who take a stand against Communism can rot in their misery, so far as the Russians are concerned.

The issuing of ration cards is at present varied and very irregular. The reason given by the Russians for this irregularity is the need of groceries for Berlin. There seems to be an attempt on the part of the Russians to make the German population of the Russian zone believe that they (the Russians) are feeding all of Berlin Ration cards are only issued as groceries are available in the stores. Only such items appear on the ration card as are in the stores. Because of this the housewife can never know just what she might be able to buy tomorrow. The German population in the Russian zone must often do a whole month without meat or fat of any kind. In its place they sometimes get a little of a poor grade of cheese which is made from skimmed milk.

On paper they are to receive seven grams of fat a day. But the German housewife has not received these seven grams for many a day. Animal fat is something which is not even thought of these days.

Children up to one year of age receive 1/8 pint of milk a day and children between 1 and 2 years of age receive 1/4 pint of milk a day. Anyone over two years of age receives no milk at all.

Flour received is of a very poor grade. Instead of flour, ground oats is often distributed. When this is not available, seeds of various sorts are ground up to serve as a substitute. Bread contains a large amount of water in order to give it some weight and the flour used for bread is heavily mixed with oats, turnips and legume.

Eggs have not been seen by the population for months.

Each person received 140 kg. of potatoes recently for the winter months. This, in and of itself, is a reasonable ration. But it is not enough in view of the fact that there is hardly anything else to eat. Charles R. Gage, Director of Promotion, Southern Baptist Relief Center, 601 Olympia St., New Orleans, La.

Tennessee Students In Southwestern Seminary

(Contributed)

THE FOLLOWING Tennessee students are attending the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas:

Wm. H. Atchley, Alcoa; Clayton C. Baker, Jackson; Jim Faye Board, Union City; Mrs. John R. Burton, Nashville; Ralph E. Campbell, Riceville; Douglas Cookman Cather, Bristol; E. Doyle Chatham, Nashville; Gordon Clinard, Springfield; James F. Cole, Raleigh; Mrs. C. E. Compton, Jr., Kingsport; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Crocker, Bradford.

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John E. Holmes,; Henry Guy Jackson, Springfield; Dessie M. Jenkins, Chattanooga; W. H. Jenkins, Knoxville; John E. Jolly, Memphis; Kermit S. King, Chattanooga; M. Dale Larew, Knoxville; Kyle Lawrence, Memphis; Wm. H. McCammon, Jr., Knoxville; Cicero H. McClure, Chattanooga; Agnes Mahoney, Limestone; Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Norris, Doeville; Mrs. Calvin Parker, Russellville; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parrish, Knoxville; Charles E. Peterson, Erwin; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. T. Potts, Bluff City.

Marcus C. Reed, Knoxville; Percy A. Renick, Memphis; Dewey R. Roache, Harriman; Raymond Roberson, Cleveland; Evelyn Schwartz, Winchester; Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Gordon Seibold, Chattanooga; Wm. L. Selman, Chattanooga; Wm. S. Shearin, Chattanooga; Kenneth M. Startup, Donelson; Kittie Sullivan, Elizabethton; Robert S. Sutherland, Union City; Robert S. Tucker, Chattanooga; Curtis Vaughn, Memphis.

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Officers are: Vernon Dutton, Pres.; Curtis Vaughn, Vice-Pres.; Agnes Mahoney, Sec. and Treas., Norris Gilliam, Jr., Social Chairman; Sue Eidson, Reporter.

I am writing concerning the organization of a missionary Baptist Church in the Chilhowee Association on November 21, 1948, at 2:00 P. M. This church was organized in the Marble Hill community, about twelve miles from Maryville.

Visitors from neighboring churches were present to assist in the organization. C. D. Martin, field worker for Chilhowee Association, was elected by the group to serve as moderator. Leonard Whitehead, pastor of the mission, brought the devotional. Several testimonies were given as to the reasons a church should be organized there. A motion was made that the organization of the church proceed. Bro. Martin then asked that all who wished to unite with the church stand. There were nineteen who stood.

Bro. Dillard Hagan, pastor of the Friendsville Church, led the prayer of dedication. Ray Myers, pastor of the Laurel Bank Church, read the Articles of Faith. Following this, Paul Reneau, pastor of the West Maryville Church, read the church covenant. Thomas V. Wells, pastor of the Everett Hills Church, brought the message on "The Kind of People Church Members Ought To Be." An offering was taken, the first \$10.00 of which was voted to be sent to the Co-operative Program. The benediction was pronounced by

Revival First Church, Martin

The Lord gave the First Baptist Church, Martin, a gracious revival from Nov. 14-24.

The five factors used of the Lord through the Spirit were: *First*, a period of preparation, through the wise planning and strong sermons of the pastor, Dr. H. H. Boston, and the three weeks' daily prayer-meeting conducted by the W. M. S.; *Second*, the strong preaching and clear teaching of God's word by Dr. Lofton Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla.; *Third*, Solo work, choir and congregational direction and other musical work of Dr. Hines Sims of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville; *Fourth*, the constant personal work of the pastor during the revival period; *Fifth*, the hunger of the church for a revival. The Lord heard the prayers and blessed the work of these earnest servants of the Kingdom.

Additions to the church were as follows: Statement 1, letter 14, baptism 20, of whom 12 were grown men and women with ages ranging from 21 to 53 years. The youngest of the twenty was eleven years. There will be others to follow.—Musa L. Hall, clerk.

Pastor E. B. Roberts and the church at Hendersonville have been assisted in a splendid revival by T. C. Meador, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Erwin, doing the preaching. The church was greatly strengthened and the people greatly blessed. There were 3 additions by baptism upon a profession of faith and 2 by letter.

J. C. Reed, pastor of the Salem Baptist Church.

The Marble Hill work was begun about nine months ago by Bro. Whitehead, who organized a Sunday School in the school building to meet on Sunday afternoon. Last June the Everett Hills Church voted to sponsor the program as a mission. During this time thirty-four members have united with our church to become members of Marble Hill at such time it should be organized. This is the third mission to be organized into a church under the leadership of the Everett Hills Church.—FLOYD CRISP, Clerk, Everett Hills Baptist Church.

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WEST OF THE RIVER

BY EDWIN E. DEUSNER, LEXINGTON, TENN.

Dr. E. P. Alldredge was the speaker at the West Tennessee Baptist Pastors' Conference at Union University on December 6. His subject was "Unionizing Southern Baptists" and the largest attendance of the year was on hand to hear him. The J. R. Graves Society of Union University was represented by a large number. Dr. Alldredge's address showed diligent research and keen insight into the problem. He announced that he was planning to write another book on the subject and this one would be entitled "While Southern Baptists Sleep." Ralph Kerley, pastor of North Jackson Church, was in charge of the meeting and introduced the speaker.

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Moscow Baptist Church in Fayette County Association is planning to dedicate their new \$22,000 building on December 19. Roswell Davis, Cordova, is the pastor.

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John W. Senterfitt, Educational Director at First Church, Jackson, has resigned effective January 1, and will accept a similar position at the First Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina. Bro. Senterfitt formerly served in this capacity at Broadway Church, Louisville, Ky., and at Lake City, Florida. He also served in the Marine Corps during the war. Norman Shands is the pastor at Spartanburg.

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S. S. Borum, Missionary for Beulah Association, is leading the church at Kenton in addition to his duties as missionary. Several new organizations have been added and the work is progressing.

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Ira Singleton was recently ordained to the ministry by Buntyn Street Church in Memphis, James Irwin, pastor, and is serving as pastor of Hathway and Cottonwood Grove churches in Beulah Association. He is a student at Union University.

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There is much rejoicing down this way over the admission of Union into full membership of the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. President Warren F. Jones is wearing a broad smile these days. The good news was flashed to the State Convention at the closing session on Dec. 2.

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Two ex-West Tennesseans got together recently when S. R. Woodson, Columbus, Mississippi, assisted J. T. Ford at the First Baptist Church, Sturgis, Ky., in a Men's Revival. The dates were Nov. 28-December 5.

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J. H. Turner, a beloved veteran of the cross, is greatly improved in health and was able to supply the pulpit at Calvary Church, Jackson, on Dec. 5. Since his retirement he has been living in Jackson and is a member of Calvary Church.

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The Adult Choir of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, will present Handel's "Messiah" on the night of Dec. 22 at 8 o'clock. Dr. Warren M. Angell, Dean of Music at Oklahoma Baptist University, will sing the tenor solos. This announcement will be of special interest to the people of Memphis and Shelby County.

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Hillcrest Church, Dyersburg, was organized May 29, 1942, with five members. They now have 415-129 having been added during the past year. A new high in Sunday school attendance was reached in November,—337. The church has had but one pastor, A. T. Willis, and has

from the beginning been full-time and self-supporting. The first story of a new Educational Building is being planned. In spite of a heavy building program, \$1,000 is being given next year to the Co-operative Program and BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR is in the budget.

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Parkway Church, Memphis, Bob G. Rochelle, pastor, is planning to begin their new \$70,000 building around the first of the year.

Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, Aubrey C. Halsell, pastor, has purchased a magnificent lot at a sum of \$47,000 and a new building is in the offing.

Parkview Church, Jackson, James A. Farrar, pastor, has much of the material for their new building purchased and on the grounds.

Boulevard Church, Memphis, C. M. Pickler, pastor, has \$41,500 on hand for building purposes and plans are being made for a much needed auditorium.

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The Baptist Churches of Memphis held a Thanksgiving service on Nov. 25 at Union Avenue Church. W. C. Furr, pastor at Whitehaven, was the speaker.

First Church, Crossville, Completes First Unit of Education Building

The new educational building of Crossville First Baptist Church is completed and was used by the Sunday school and the Training Union Departments Sunday, November 22.

This unit of the building has a complete nursery department with separate rooms for children ages 1, 2 and 3 years, a Beginner Department for the 4 and 5-year old children, an Intermediate Department, a kitchen and space for recreation and fellowship needs. The plans were drawn by Steinbaugh and Wheeler, architects of Nashville. Construction is of cinderblock and crab orchard stone to match the original building.

The addition cost about \$18,000, materials and construction. The building was erected by local contractors who helped the church to save much in construction cost. This unit will enable the church to care for an additional 200 to 300 people in the educational work of the church. The entire building is being heated with a new large Lenox warm air furnace installed. The church is proud of the growth and progress of the work that calls for greater material needs and trusts that the building shall be a great blessing to all who may enter. J. Ervin Ledbetter is pastor.

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CHRISTMAS DEDICATION

TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN B. PHELAN

Not so long ago a happy, lovable, little, brown-eyed boy lived, laughed and played as all little boys do. To him any day of celebration was one of joy—Birthdays, Valentine and Christmas were all days to remember those he loved. Even as he grew up, these were still happy days for him.

To go out and bring in his own Christmas tree was a delight. Year after year he saved each precious decoration in anticipation of using them again next year. Year went by—Graduation day 1942; Induction into U. S. Army 1943; Sailed for foreign Service 1944; Gave his life for his country 1945 at the age of twenty.

Now as Christmas Season again draws near and we hear his favorite song, "White Christmas," we want to dedicate each remaining Christmas to this fine Son's memory and every Mother's son who paid the Supreme sacrifice that we in America might continue to sing "Holy Night, All Is Calm All Is Bright" and "Peace on Earth Good Will to Men" remain in our hearts.

HIS MOM AND DAD,
CHIP AND CARRIE PHELAN,
Trenton, Tenn.

FARNOR

Robert Ephiram Farnor was called to his reward November 24 at the age of sixty-one. Those of his family who survive him are: His companion, Bertha Carter Farnor; four children, Mrs. Juanita Hall, Mrs. Ada Robertson, Mr. Paul and Wayne Farnor.

He was a member of the Coffee Ridge and Clear Branch Baptist Churches for forty-seven years. Answering the call to the Gospel Ministry about thirty-six years ago, he has served a number of country churches in this section. He took an active interest in both churches and civic life.

Coming from his family are words of tribute for the place he filled as a loving husband and a devout father. These and others will remember him for his spiritual ideals and deeds of kindness.

Realizing something of the seriousness of his condition, he had much to say of his hope for the future and had made every plan in the event his call should come. These comforting thoughts will greatly sustain the bereaved, "that ye sorrow not, even as those which have no hope." 1 Thes. 4:13.—HARRY E. GUINN.

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Welcome To Dr. Selwyn Smith

As a friend and fellow-pastor, I want to extend a cordial greeting to Dr. Selwyn Smith, new pastor of McLean Baptist Church in Memphis. He has held pastorates in some of the fine churches of the South: Florida, Kentucky, Georgia and Alabama. Always a faithful pastor, he is a gifted preacher and a loyal denominational servant. He is now serving on the Social Service Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention and has held other important posts in the Alabama Baptist Convention.

Dr. Smith has recently come to the McLean Baptist Church in Memphis. We welcome him for his vision, his interest in denominational work, his fine preaching, and his consecrated leadership. It is a joy for me to extend this personal welcome to him and to introduce him to the brethren of our state. May God's blessings be upon him and his church during the years to come.—G. ALLEN WEST, pastor, Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville.

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