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I Am In Debt!

JOHN W. McCALL

IT WAS A STARTLING experiment the day I sought to count the courtesies I hoped to extend to others without receiving any in return.

Leaving the hotel and walking a block to pick up my car at the garage in Birmingham on January 25th, 1949, I resolved to keep count that day of the kindnesses I hoped to show to others without receiving any kindness in return.

Shortly we were headed South for the sunshine of Sea Island, Georgia. Quickly we approached an intersection with many converging highways, and I did not know which way to go. The Service Station man nearby told me the way, and joyfully directed me how to avert a bad strip of road ahead—and all the while this stranger was cleaning my windshield. I didn't buy a thing; he sent me away with "Happy Motoring!"

And, I was in debt.

Passing through Columbus, Georgia, we came upon a wonderful stretch of road. Four lanes with dividing strip—I just couldn't hold that 1949 Ford down; and, while making 50 MPH, an officer came up beside me and motioned my car to one side of the road—as I asked myself—"What have I done?" The officer with all the courtesy of a gentleman said—"Our speed is 30 MPH in the City limits." Before I could answer he said, "Thank you," and pulled away. *Still I am in debt.*

Presently, the "Queen of my Heart" asked a question which startled me. The question was: "Did you put the luggage in the car at the garage?" I had to answer "No." With all the grace of one who understands she said: "That's all right, we can get along without it." *Still I am in debt!*

Coming quickly to a small town, I stopped at a telephone pay-station and the keeper gladly made change for me to use the telephone (again I am in debt). I called and told the long distance operator my trouble, and asked if she could help me. She said she would gladly try and asked for the name of the garage; that, I did not know, but told her it was in the same block as the Molton Hotel in Birmingham. Presently she said: "Here is the party who has your baggage." Again, *I am in debt.* The stranger at the garage said—"I'll ship your baggage on the afternoon express." *I am still in debt.*

That night before I laid my weary head down to rest at Waycross, Georgia, I said—"Dear Father of Life and Love, since I have been thus blessed today, so make me to be a blessing tomorrow."

Then another day passed and *still I was in debt.*

So, the Journey of Life flows on and on, day by day, and night by night we receive more than we give. But this we can do—Be Loyal to the Pastor who serves us. We can be faithful in attendance at our Church Services; we can be honest in bringing into the Church the tithe, and we can be devout in worshipping HIM "who paid it all for us."

By the way, have you read or heard Dr. C. W. Pope's Report of Progress for Tennessee Baptists during 1948?

If you had some part in that Report, it will make you happy. Read it!

Truly Baptists are on the March!

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EDITORIAL

Everybody Out of Step But Us!

THE EDITOR is sympathetic toward those Baptists who are honestly opposed to the Southern Baptist Convention system. For he was once on that side of the question until study and observation convinced him of his error.

But when certain brethren go off at a tangent and spend so much time loudly denouncing the Convention, we feel like asking:

1. Are Southern Baptists out of line with the Lord *except these brethren and their followers?*

2. Are they *that* superior to the rank and file of their brethren and sisters?

That there are faults in the convention system is granted and deplored. But we have observed that anti-convention organizations and brethren have as many as, and in some instances greater faults than, are found in convention circles when considered as a whole.

Inspirational Services at McEwen

WITH TWO ADDRESSES each evening, Pastor H. D. Hagar and the McEwen Baptist Church, McEwen, held a series of inspirational services.

The speakers were: James Binkley, former pastor and now pastor of Seventh Baptist Church, Nashville; J. T. Barbee, pastor of Harpeth Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, who spoke each night and who has held several revivals at McEwen; Harold Gregory, superintendent of City Missions, Nashville; and the editor.

The editor spoke on the final night. The music was in charge of Godfrey Greenwell, with Ila Mae Greenwell at the piano. A group of young people sang a special number. Bro. Barbee brought the closing message, and it was a good one. The weather was very inclement and it was Saturday night, but a fine crowd was in attendance, the spirit could hardly be excelled and both speakers were given responsive attention.

Just a few years ago, McEwen Baptists worshipped in a small, old frame building and were having hard sledding. Now they have a beautiful new house of worship and, through divine grace are marching confidently and unitedly onward. It lifts the soul to see what God has wrought.

Civilized By Detested Truth

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, famous English playwright and iconoclast, has published a book, *Sixteen Self Sketches*. According to an interesting review of it in the *Nashville Tennessean* of March 27, 1949, in one place he says the following:

I detest the doctrine of the Atonement, holding that ladies and gentlemen cannot as such possibly permit anyone else to expiate their sins by suffering a cruel death.

No doubt some consider this to be smart. In reality, it shows how superficial even keen worldly wisdom can be when dealing with spiritual matters.

Probably Mr. Shaw and his admirers think that his attitude toward the Atonement is thoroughly modern. But in Paul's day worldly-wise Jews and Greeks had the same attitude. Hence, the apostle could say that "we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumblingblock, and unto the Greeks foolishness." Detestation of the substitutionary Atonement is ancient.

The validity of this doctrine does not depend on whether ladies and gentlemen approve it or not. The Atonement is the act of divine love and mercy providing redemption for otherwise hopeless mankind. The responsibility of mankind is to accept it and live forever or reject it and be doomed forever. "There stands the cross!" And those with Spirit-imparted discernment find matchless harmony and integration there and come into possession of everlasting life. They find the cross to be "the power of God, and the wisdom of God."

Jesus did not die on the cross because ladies and gentlemen decided to permit Him to do it. By redemptive agreement with the Father, He voluntarily paid the humanly hopeless sin-debt of believers. "Therefore doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again." Jesus was not forced to die.

The notion that if sinners accept expiation of their sins through the cross they do not act as ladies and gentlemen is puerile. It would be tragically unbecoming for sinful human beings to allow another sinful human being to attempt expiation for them. But Jesus is the *sinless God-Man* and He can, and does, expiate sins. Is it a lack of gentility for men and women, with help from no other source available, to heed the invitation of God and receive the redemption which divine power and wisdom provide? The unlady-like women and the ungentlemanly men are those who insult God and trample upon His love and mercy and persistently reject redemption.

"Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." The only people who will be found in Heaven are those who "have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb" and who have their names "written in the Lamb's book of life." Unregenerate ladies and gentlemen and all others are doomed, if they continue to reject the cross.

After proclaiming his detestation of the Atonement, Mr. Shaw goes on to make an admission which ruins his logic. He says:

But I know as a hard fact that Methodism, which is saturated with this abhorrent superstition, changed our colliers (coal miners) . . . into comparatively civilized beings; and that any attempt to convert them to Creative Evolution would have made them more dangerous savages than ever.

Here is the admission that detested gospel truth produces a civilizing effect which liberalism cannot duplicate. The human betterment proposed by worldly wisdom is realizable only through truth which intellectual pride despises! We believe we'll stay with the old, regenerating gospel!

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.

Anglicans and the Atomic Bomb

The Watchman Examiner

Many church bodies are attempting to make declarations beyond their scope. An emphasis of this nature is the recent statement issued by the Church of England Assembly, meeting in London, England. It approved the use of the atomic bomb, but only as a "defensive necessity" against an aggressor. The endorsement of the use of the atomic bomb, even as a "defensive necessity," has the appearance of being a continuance of the strange ceremony which many state churches have practiced for years of "blessing of arms." Under the procedure, history has seen regiments kneeling to receive the blessing of the priest, their banners adorned with religious amulets, and the "christening" of battle-ships and other war monsters. When the church undertakes to decide which weapons of warfare may be endorsed and others not, she is entering a field where she has no authority nor any instruction from her Head. It is much better for us to so conduct our national affairs in justice, righteousness, peace, and faith in God that we as a nation shall merit the fulfillment of the promise. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper." The duty of the church is not the endorsement of weapons of war, no matter how important they may seem to be.

(We agree.—R.B.J.)

Bill Seeks Curb On Violence Over Radio

Arkansas Baptist

A measure designed to prohibit radio broadcasting of "deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime" has been introduced in the Wisconsin legislature in Madison. It is expected to be widely supported by church, parent, and civic groups, according to Religious News Service. Meanwhile, it was learned that several members of the legislature are preparing bills intended to limit the circulation of comic books regarded as harmful to children. The broadcasting proposal, introduced by Senator Taylor G. Brown of Oshkosh at the request of the Lutheran Ladies' Association, would amend laws covering obscene language and publicity. It would provide penalties for anyone who broadcast "any story, description or account of deeds of bloodshed, lust or crime, other than a current news event, or any program, discourse, conversation, ballad, expression or other utterance containing any obscene language description or suggestion tending to the corruption of morals." The measure would also provide that state and county probation and social welfare officers and workers make complaints against violators.

(It's past time.—R.B.J.)

One In Five Britons Goes to Church

The Christian Century

An investigation being conducted by the *British Weekly* reveals that one in five Britons goes to church regularly. The proportion of regulars to total membership is twice as big in the Free Churches as in the Church of England, and four times as big in the Roman Catholic group. The proportion of women churchgoers to men churchgoers is higher than that of men to women in the population as a whole. The study indicates that industrial areas are less religious than are rural areas, that two-fifths of the population goes to church "occasionally," and that a large body of people have only a vague allegiance to the church.

(The tragic lessons of the recent war have not been learned. We still think that we can ignore Christ and survive.—R.B.J.)

"Barbaric" Divorce Laws

The Christian Advocate

With generous permission to reprint excerpts, *The Ladies' Home Journal* sent us an advance copy of Dorothy Thompson's article, "The Barbarism of Divorce Laws." We are grateful, and we take a paragraph, not from the body of this polemic against laws requiring one of the disgruntled partners to accuse the other of shocking misconduct, but from the conclusion, which Miss Thompson seems to add as an afterthought:

Divorce is a bitter thing—often a real tragedy for at least one of the people involved, and almost always a source of misery to children, if they are involved. Many a couple, furthermore, could be kept together by proper counsel. Many a pastor and priest have reknit marriages that seemed ready to fall apart, and many a physician. Some cities have marriage counselors, sympathetic and trained psychologists who prevent divorces by leading the partners into knowledge of how to give their marriages a real chance.

Our laws may be "barbaric," but no more than our sinful disregard of good manners and good morals as we watch young people blunder into alliances without the haziest notion of what marriage means, and our hand-wringing ineptness when their romantic enthusiasm wears off.

(We still believe that Christian parents, Family Altar, Church Attendance, and Gospel witnessing could solve the problem.—R.B.J.)

Federal Aid to Education

United Evangelical Action

Roman Catholics throughout the nation favor Federal Aid. In Harrisburg, Pa., the diocesan authorities recently circulated a "model letter" which parishioners might send to their congressmen urging them to vote for the legislation. It stated that "both public and non-public schools are eligible claimants for Federal Aid" and that "the very least share of Federal assistance we Catholic parents expect . . . is essential school service such as transportation, health aids and textbooks." Thus the perennial spectre of "union of church and state" rears its ugly head again, encouraged by the Taft Bill and similar legislation. Unless the permissive clauses are eliminated every evangelical in the nation should rise up in full force to kill Federal Aid. As matters now stand in Washington we have no alternative but to oppose it to the limit.

(Wake up, and write your senators to vote against Taft Bill, S-472.—R.B.J.)

Sacrifice

The Prairie Overcomer

Few of God's people can be brought to believe that one-tenth of their net earnings belong to God, and that free-will offerings come after that. Students of the Word have estimated that the Jew of old who appreciated his privileges gave from two-fifths to three-fifths of his income. In a missionary letter from India occurs this startling sentence: "I know a few Communist young men in India who are giving fifty-five per cent and more of their incomes for the cause of Communism." Thus the Communistic plague spreads over all the globe while the Gospel chariot rolls sleepily on—or does it? Can Christ do less for the Christian than the devil is doing for his dupes? O Christian, be searched. Shall it be said of the Church "I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not."

(Are you as devoted to your Saviour as the Communist is to his cause? Face up to it.—R.B.J.)

OKLAHOMA CITY: CONVENTION CITY

OKLAHOMA CITY, scene of the Southern Baptist Convention for 1949, is a city representing almost all of the phases of colorful Oklahoma state history. Visiting Baptists will be interested in seeing everything from the oil wells drilled on the grounds of the state capitol building to the wide areas of unpretentious residences.

Oil field workers, farmers, travellers who know Europe and South America as well as the United States, people in fur coats, others in overalls—all of these mingle in the Oklahoma City shopping districts to form a true metropolis.

The city is built in the high plains country. The climate and clarity of atmosphere give an impression of a mountain slope region.

In 1910 Oklahoma City was chosen by popular vote as the capital of the 3-year-old Sooner state. The material growth of the city since then has been greater than any other United States area of a comparable size.

Although Oklahoma is well known for its stories about Indian lore and Indian ceremonies, its largest city retains no traces of Indian character today. Started as a pioneer town, Oklahoma City takes in skyscrapers, two of the nation's finest hotels, a rich oil field, a new Civic Center, packing and wholesale districts, and residential sections.

Bearing out a literal truth to the saying that a town "springs up overnight" Oklahoma City came into being between noon and sunset of April 22, 1889. For thirteen months this town of 10,000 population had no legal municipal government. However, a month after the Run, a committee of fourteen—then a mayor and council were elected.

On the whole Oklahoma City's first settlers governed themselves very well. Only once—when an enterprising citizen took possession of the only pump in town and started selling water—were federal troops called in to prevent bloodshed.

The average Oklahoman is far more literate but not half so picturesque as he is pictured by western story writers. Citizens do not habitually address each other as "pardner" and the only men that carry guns are highway patrolmen.

Oklahoma City has made great strides since those early days. Culturally, academically, economically it ranks with many older cities. The 75-piece Oklahoma Symphony Orchestra which was organized in 1938 gives monthly concerts at the Municipal auditorium. Nationally recognized contributions to art, literature, and music have been made by Oklahoma City artists, writers, and composers.

The "old" Oklahoma spirit which caused pioneer women to urge the building of churches and schools when there was hardly enough lumber to build homes, the spirit which gave courage to circuit riders, school teachers, and country pastors back in the 60's when living conditions were bad and money was scarce, that same spirit is still found among the younger generation of Oklahomans.

Oklahoma City is characterized by this spirit of youth, of optimism and of high faith in the future. It is an appropriate meeting place for the 1949 session of the Southern Baptist Convention.

ILLINOIS INVITES 1950 CONVENTION

(Contributed)

ON BEHALF of the 600 Southern Baptist Churches of Illinois, the Illinois Baptist State Association is extending an invitation to the Southern Baptist Convention to hold its 1950 session in the city of Chicago, according to an announcement by Dr. Noel M. Taylor, Executive Secretary of the State Association. Official action to this effect was taken this week by the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of the Illinois Baptist State Association meeting at the Baptist State Offices in Carbondale.

Chief among the inducements which Illinois Baptists have to offer the convention in this invitation is the fact that already the Chicago Convention Bureau and the Greater Chicago Hotel Association have given assurance of a block of 5,000 hotel rooms for the convention if it comes to Chicago.

Frank G. Powers, Assistant to the President of the Chicago Convention Bureau, has promised that the 5,000 rooms will be grouped in eight hotels, all in walking distance of each other. Four hotels will provide 3,700 of the rooms, with the Stephens furnishing 1,300 rooms; Palmer House 1,000; Morrison 800 and the Congress 600.

The first suggestion of Chicago as a meeting place for the 1950 Southern Baptist Convention came from Dr. Roy S. Hollomon, Pastor of the Exchange Avenue Baptist Church of Oklahoma City, who called attention to the tremendous problem of finding a city with hotel facilities adequate to house the ever-increasing multitudes who attend the Southern Baptist Convention.

Dr. Hollomon pointed out that for the 1949 session of the convention the hotels of Oklahoma City have made 610 rooms available. During the month of February alone, the entertainment committee received 5,250 requests for hotel accommodations, and an additional 2,000 requests are anticipated before the Convention meets. The committee in Oklahoma City is faced with the embarrassing situation of having 610 hotel rooms with which to meet 7,000 requests.

Dr. Taylor points out that Chicago is the only city in the Southern Baptist Convention which can meet such a tremendous demand for hotel accommodations. Chicago has the largest hotel in the world, the Stephens, which has promised a block of 1,300 rooms for the Convention.

Chicago is within far easier reach of the whole of the convention than is Miami, Washington, Baltimore, New Orleans or San Antonio. Being one of the great railroad centers of the world Chicago has excellent train service from all directions. Known as the air capitol of the world, Chicago is only a few hours flying time from the most distant point of the convention territory.

Illinois Baptists maintain that Chicago, a metropolis of almost five million population, the second largest city in America, is better prepared to entertain the annual gathering of Southern Baptists than any other city within the convention.

"COME WOMEN, WIDE PROCLAIM"

By MRS. J. FRANK SEILER, Elizabethton, Tenn.

SUCH A CHALLENGING command! Scarcely less urgent than the great command given by our Risen Lord to Mary Magdalene "Go tell my brethren!"

The heavenly hosts proclaimed a stupendous message—"For unto you is born this day—a Savior—Christ the Lord"—the greatest message from heaven since the promise was given to Eve in the Garden of Eden. An angelic chorus could only proclaim the giving of the Son. The seed of the woman had come, as God had promised. He had been rejected of men and crucified by cruel hands. But death was not holden of Him, and He, the Risen Lord, the Conqueror of Death, was alive—Alive for evermore!

Commissioned Believers

The Risen Lord did not commission Angels, nor men, to proclaim the greatest message that ever fell from human lips, but to Mary, a redeemed, blood-bought saint, was entrusted and committed the all important—"Go tell my brethren that they go into Galilee and there shall they see me." When the women found the stone rolled away and the body gone, the angel told them to go quickly and explain to the disciples; and bring to their remembrance His words spoken in Galilee, that the Son of Man was to be delivered into hands of sinful men and be crucified, and rise again on the third day. The women remembered, and, as they hastened to obey, the Lord Jesus showed himself unto them and commanded, "Go tell my brethren." But their message and personal testimony as eye witnesses seemed as idle tales to His disciples and followers and "they believed them not."

This is the gospel that we are to broadcast to a lost and dying world, most of whom have never even heard of the Lord Jesus. Multiplied millions will never hear and multitudes of those who do hear will never believe, but, praise His name, some will believe and accept Him and will be eternally saved.

Later He commissioned all believers—"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations—and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

Opened Eyes

When we women begin to win the lost round about us, our eyes will be opened and we will become concerned for those of our State, our Southland, and in the uttermost parts of the earth. God does not send all of us into new and worldwide fields, but he bids us to be faithful where we are—happily remembering "For Thou art with me." As we witness and pray, we will become stewards of our pocketbooks and bank accounts, and give of our means to send others to minister to those beyond our reach.

The Holy Spirit calls yielded believers to prayer and self-effacement, and to separation from the world unto the Lord Jesus Christ, and to zeal for the glory of the Lord. The Spirit reveals to us our inability and insufficiency, but at the same time, He clearly reveals the power and adequate provision that comes from Heaven. The Holy Spirit opens the mind and accompanies the Word to the hearts of the hearers. He, the Holy Spirit, convicts the sinner of sin and brings light and life to those dead in sin.

With the promise of all these enablements from the Holy Spirit to the believer and light to the unbeliever, then what is there to hinder us? Surely, many church members, we fear, must be professors and not possessors. Reports show that only three per cent of Britain's population ever enter a church, and here in America there are fully fifty million unchurched people. If we are really born-again believers, let us find the cause of our lethargy, awake from our sleep, and remove the weights that hinder us.

Faithful Witnesses

Is it lack of faith? Or, do we really believe that our loved ones, our friends and neighbors are lost in sin and doomed to eternal hell and suffering for all eternity? Do we really know there is a Savior from sin and death who is willing and eager to save sinners? How we Christians need to be burdened and heartbroken for sinners! We need to get a fresh vision of the exceeding sinfulness of sin and the holiness of a righteous and Holy God.

Let us ask Him to enlighten and awaken and burden us and send us out to persistently tell others of what He has done for us—what He means to us and can and will do for them. Faithful witness brings abundant joy to the saved—to the sick and wandering child, it brings peace and gladness; and to the unbelievers, Light and Life. Even believers are hungry—yes, starved, for real Christian fellowship and true spiritual food these days.

The Ladies Home Journal recently sponsored a survey of religious beliefs and habits, with startling results. Ninety-five per cent of those interviewed professed to believe in God; seventy-six per cent were church members. Tragedy! for it would seem that the vast majority of Americans stand without excuse before God. Believing in a supreme being is not enough—the Lord Jesus declared emphatically that the demons believe in God and tremble. God demands that all men everywhere *believe and receive* the Lord Jesus Christ.

They must believe in the vicarious substitutionary atonement—the virgin birth—His absolute Deity—the inspiration of the divine revelation in the Bible—but many professing Christians do not understand what it really means to be a *Believer*—a Christian. The report further showed that 90% prayed and 56% prayed frequently. A high percentage were perfectly satisfied with their present state, showing how little they know of the demands of a Holy God. The Lord Jesus is the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. The Word tells us that if we love Him, we will follow Him and keep his commandments.

Sacrificial Giving

In the dark days of the depression of 1932, the national income totaled 44 billion dollars. Five and three-tenths per cent of this amount was contributed to church work. In 1948, with a national income of the astronomical figure of 211 billion dollars, only 1.5% is going into the churches. Surely a harsh indictment against all of us self-satisfied ones! Believers need to give today not simply out of our abundance, but out of real sacrifice.

We feel sure our Lord is pleased that we are often classed as fanatics in our love and faithfulness to Him and in our eagerness to witness to others of Him.

Sing, Praise and Adore
Work, Teach, Pray, yet more.
Come clasping children's hands
Giving sons and daughters to many lands,
Sharing wealth to speed them on their way,
Looking for His coming every day!

EAST TENNESSEE EVANGELISTIC CONFERENCE

J. O. CARTER, *Pastor*
First Baptist Church, Greeneville, Tenn.

TENNESSEE BAPTISTS were on the "March in March for God." They began the month with the State Evangelistic Conference in Nashville, and then followed the West and East Tennessee Conferences, one at Jackson and the other at Greeneville.

The East Tennessee Conference was held on March 10 with the First Church, Greeneville. During the day some 250 or more attended. Pastors, education and music directors, Associational Missionaries, laymen and lay women came. Their hearts were blessed greatly and their souls were stirred and they went away determined to do more and a better job of soul winning.

L. G. Frey, Superintendent of Missions and Evangelism for Tennessee, had arranged the program. Every speaker and conference leader was at his best; God blessed and used them all marvelously. Norris Gilliam was superb in his conferences on visitation. During the three sessions many phases of the supreme task of evangelism were presented, including visitation and mass evangelism. Miss Lazenby of the Knoxville Book Store was present and greatly aided the work of the conference through the display and sale of good books.

The results of such a conference are hard to measure, but great good came from it as many testified. We all thanked God for what we had seen and heard and felt. Again we heard the challenge as expressed by the poet:

Rise up, O men of God!
Have done with lesser things;
Give heart, and soul, and mind and strength
To serve the King of kings.
Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where His feet have trod:
As brothers of the Son of man,
Rise up, O men of God!

The writer is convinced that this Conference was a great success from every standpoint and that many souls will be won to Christ as a result of it. Then, along with others who share the feelings of the writer, I am thoroughly persuaded that we should plan for regional conferences on evangelism early in 1950. Let's reach more and more laymen and laywomen and enlist them in this supreme business of soul-winning. For the most part our good pastors are putting their best into evangelism, but they need the help of the members of their Churches.

May we again hear our Lord and Saviour as He says "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"; "Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in"; "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you"; "Ye are my friends if ye do whatsoever I command you"; "Lift up your eyes and look unto the fields which are already white unto harvest." Then having heard these words coming from His compassionate heart that yearns over a sinful race, let us pray

Oh, for a passionate passion for souls!
Oh, for a pity that yearns!
Oh, for a love that loves unto death!
Oh, for a fire that burns!
Oh, for prevailing power in prayer
That pours itself out for the lost;
Victorious prayer in the Saviour's Name!
Oh, for a Pentecost!

"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

LIBERTY ON THE SCAFFOLD

By L. E. BARTON, Montgomery, Ala.

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC Church has organized letter-writing brigades of women who will flood congressmen with propaganda for passage of Senate Bill No. 246 which, if passed without amendment, will permit a part of the money for aid to schools to be used for parochial schools in states which use tax money for sectarian purposes.

What will Baptists and Protestants do? They will fuss and fume to themselves and to their neighbors and say nothing and write nothing to their Senators and House Members. And Congress will approve this iniquitous legislation and the people will commence pouring their taxes into sectarian schools and our government will be started on the way to union of church and state, for which the Catholics have adopted a well organized, long range, plan.

Yes, the enemy is attacking the foundations, the house is on fire, the flood is rolling in, the totalitarian Roman Catholic octopus is clutching the throat of religious freedom for a strangle hold, and Baptists and Protestants are silent or weakly protesting. Our children and grandchildren to the tenth generation will be cursed and persecuted by a state church because we did not have courage and patriotism enough to fight for and perpetuate the freedom our fathers purchased by banishment, by durance vile in prison walls, and by martyr fires of Huss and Hubmaier, and Anne Askew and others at Smithfield.

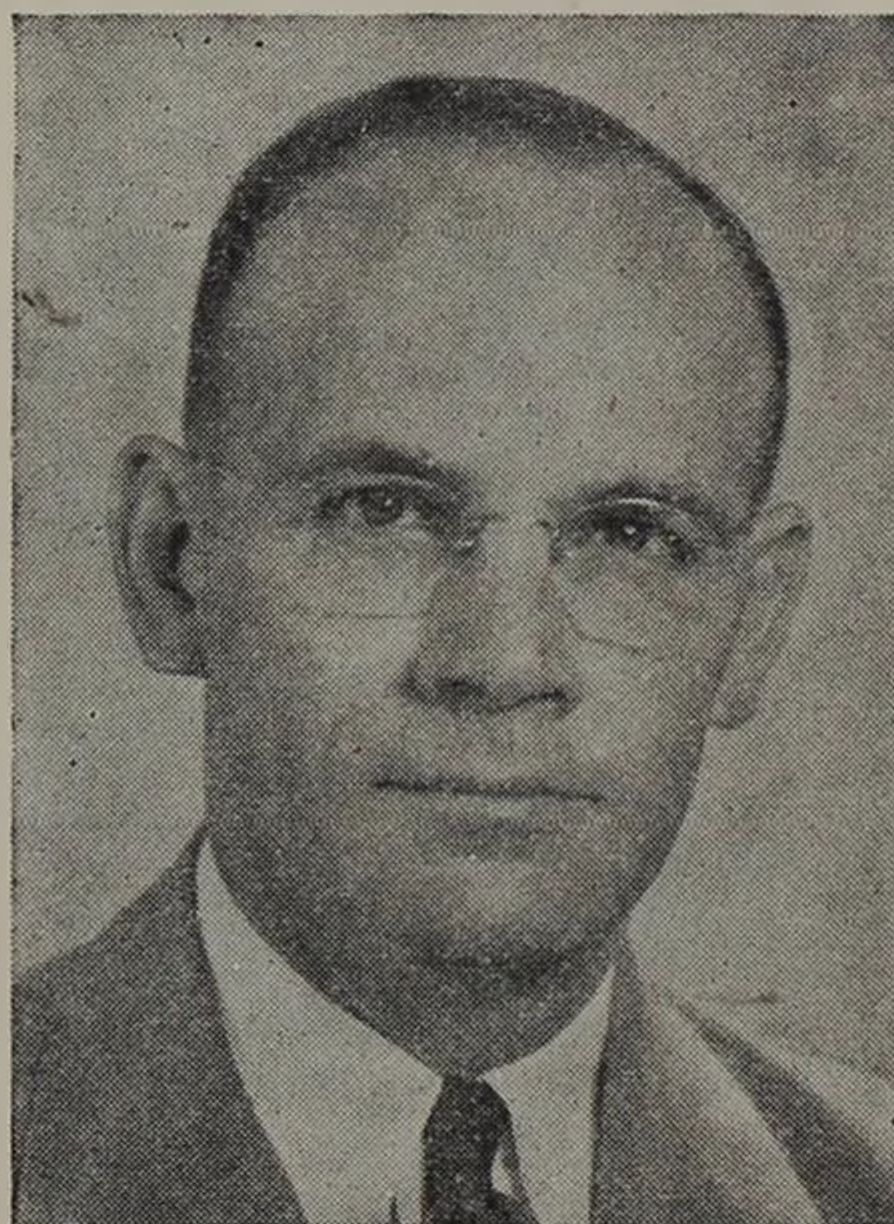
If there ever was a time that required plain talk to congressmen it is now.

Will we defend our liberties and defeat the enemy, or remain silent and suffer through the centuries?

A PASTOR SAYS!

WHEN I STUDY our records and discover that approximately 90 per cent of the baptisms through the years have been coming from the Sunday school enrolment I have renewed appreciation for the Sunday school! I know that as I use the

Sunday school organization to reach new people our church will win more people to Christ. There is a close relationship between our Sunday school enrolment gains and the number of baptisms.



"A matter of practical as well as spiritual significance is the stewardship and enlistment fruitage of Bible study. We find that the church members enrolled in our Sunday school give on an average twenty times more than the church members not enrolled. Yes sir, our church will profit greatly by increasing the Sunday school enrolment this year. Our minimum part of the 600,-

000 goal is a 15 per cent gain, and we are going as far beyond that as we can. This is basic to all our church hopes to do."

WILL YOU HELP YOUR CHURCH DO ITS PART NOW?

CONFESSION THE FIRST DUTY OF A CHRISTIAN

B. N. RAMSAY, *Pastor, First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Tenn.*

Luke 12:8, 9: *"Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God: But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the angels of God."*

CHRIST MADE this declaration immediately after a visit in the home of a wealthy Pharisee. When He came from the guest-chamber into the street, He was confronted with a vast concourse. Some had come to scorn, others to hinder, while still others had come to seek life.

Dr. John A. Broadus says that, "While the statement here is suggested by the idea of confessing Jesus when persecuted, yet the language is general, and doubtless intended to include every kind of confession during the whole course of life."

Why is it the first duty of a believer to confess Christ publicly?

I

1. *Because of what it will mean to him.* So essential is confession to the life of a Christian that Paul wrote, "That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation, (Romans 10:9, 10). He will proclaim his salvation with his mouth.

Again, confessing Christ drives out fear, and strengthens the believer in the faith. Have you read the story of how men believed on Jesus, and then because of fear, would not confess Him. John writes of these, "Nevertheless among the chief rulers also many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees, they did not confess Him, lest they should be put out of the synagogue." Their refusal to confess Christ robbed them of discipleship.

What about the unspeakable, glorious and ineffable joy that comes when we tell others what Christ has done for us? All who have witnessed bright professions of faith have sat in heavenly places and rejoiced with an everlasting joy when we have seen the fulness of peace in the face of one who stands to tell,

All my sins are gone—all because of Calvary.

Life is filled with song—all because of Calvary.

II

2. *Because of what it will mean to others.* No man lives to himself. We all cast our shadows. We live before men, and we feel this more often than we feel ourselves to live before God. One has well said, "The world is near and tangible. It receives impressions as well as gives them. It counts with quick mathematical accuracy the adherents of each cause." The lost will not escape the power of the personal testimony. It is God's method of advancing His kingdom.

While in a revival meeting last fall, I witnessed the unusual power of the Christian testimony. It was in a Swedish town in the northwest. Early in the meeting the pastor and I went to the home of one of the leading citizens of the city. We received a cool reception. But in a little while this strong man was on his knees, asking God to save him. Then he called for his son and urged him to accept Christ. That night at the church he and his son came forward, and many others. Later in the evening after the service he came for us to go to his home to pray with him for his daughter. She was gloriously saved. The news went abroad that this man and his family were now saved. Others came. God blessed in the salvation of a great number of souls.

After the meeting he took me to catch my plane. While waiting at the airport, we walked and talked about Jesus. That morning he made this confession: "You know, preacher, when I came forward to confess Christ the other night, I wondered what an old friend of mine who was a hardened sinner would think. The thought persisted in my mind . . . would he say that Archie has become a softie, and preacher, believe it or not, when I looked around, there he came confessing Christ too." Ah, I thank God for his public confession. It was the greatest single factor in making the revival a success.

One of the great educationalists of India, president of a college, was visiting America and a negro youth was shining his shoes. The negro boy looked into the handsome face of the Hindu and said simply: "You've got a Christian face. You are a Christian aren't you?" The president was taken aback somewhat, but managed to say that he was a Hindu. Then his curiosity aroused, and he asked the negro lad: "Why do you ask? Are you yourself a Christian?" And the negro boy's face began to light up with the glow of heavenly glory as he told why he was a Christian. It was so spontaneous, so simple, and yet so effective, that the great educationalist was shaken to his depths. "I have listened to many sermons and lectures in my life," said the president, "but I have never been so moved as when that negro boy shining my shoes told of what Christ meant to him. He had something that I did not have." And the great Hindu brushed away an unbidden tear as he said it.

III

3. *Because confession is the most immediate and appropriate way of saying, "Thank you Lord, for saving my Soul. Thank you Lord, for making me whole. Thank you Lord, for giving to me, thy salvation so rich and free."*

The call to the sacred duty of confessing Christ is heard in the words of the Psalmist, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good: for his mercy endureth forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy."

The ignominious death He died makes it the first duty for the redeemed to confess Christ. It was the scene of Christ hanging on the cross that caused two unidentified believers to forsake forever their secret discipleship. One was Joseph of Arimathaea, of whom Luke said, "Who also himself waited for the Kingdom of God." The other, Nicodemus to whom Jesus said, "For God so loved the world that He gave . . ." They were present when Jesus was crucified. They saw the crowd wagging their heads in scorn; they heard them saying rebukingly, "He saves others, himself He cannot save"—the most cruel verse in all literature.

In our imagination we can hear Nicodemus saying to Joseph of Arimathaea, "O Joseph, we must make known our faith in Him. Let us gather that pierced and limp body unto ourselves, and prepare Him for burial." And Joseph possibly answered, "Yes, Nicodemus, we must go now and boldly seek His body, and we shall lay it in my tomb."

Public profession blesses the heart of the believer, those about him, and it is an expression of gratitude to the Saviour. Therein lies the first and the imperative duty—but more, a glorious privilege—for all the redeemed to confess Christ before men. For these and other reasons, when we have more clear-cut, courageous confessions, we will have fewer weak and wayfaring Christians in our churches.

Southern Baptist Sunday School Leaders Launch Great Program and Pledge Loyalty and Co-operation to Evangelistic Crusade

NOTE: The South-wide Clinic meeting in Mobile, Alabama, March 10, representing State and South-wide Sunday School leaders from 20 Southern states, enthusiastically and unanimously adopted the following resolutions, introduced by Dr. T. W. Tippet of Atlanta, with reference to the crusade for Sunday School enlargement and the South-wide Evangelistic crusade.

RESOLUTION:

"WHEREAS, the Sunday School provide for the churches its greatest evangelistic field and its greatest evangelistic opportunity, and

Whereas, the statistics of Southern Baptist Convention churches reveal that more than 90 per cent of the baptisms, more or less come from the Sunday Schools, and

Whereas, the teachers and officers in the Sunday Schools represent the most gifted and talented leaders in the churches and can be trained to become great soul winners, and

Whereas, that large numbers of lost people are already enrolled in the Sunday School and multitudes more can be enrolled through Sunday School enlargement campaigns, and

Whereas, evangelism has been given great emphasis in the Sunday Schools and has been through the years a vital part of the Sunday School program, and

Whereas, the Southern Baptist Convention is launching a great simultaneous crusade in the churches in the West for 1950 and in the East in 1951; therefore,

Be it resolved:

First, That the Sunday School Clinic, meeting in Mobile, Alabama, representing Sunday School leaders from the twenty Southern states, pledge their loyalty and cooperation to the Southern Baptist Evangelistic Crusade, and that we call all Sunday School workers to pray and work for a great spiritual awakening and revival in all of our churches.

Second, That we pledge our co-operation in the great crusade of the Baptist Sunday School Board and the State Sunday School Departments, to increase the Sunday School enrollment by more than a million during the next two years, believing that this increase will greatly help in winning great multitudes to Christ.

Third, That we double our efforts to train Sunday School workers to become soul winners by teaching the study course books on evangelism in our training schools.

Fourth, That we urge the teachers in our Sunday Schools to teach the Bible with an evangelistic aim and objective, to hold personal interviews with the unsaved in their classes, to lead all pupils from the class-room into the preaching services Sunday by Sunday and to co-operate fully with the revival meetings conducted in the churches by bringing all the unsaved pupils into these services.

Fifth, That we seek, in co-operation with the evangelistic crusade, to win a million souls to Christ through the Sunday Schools."

My Church

Deep down in my heart I know that the church is of God. That in spite of human frailties she has brought blessings untold to all generations, including my own. That she has made my community and my country a better place in which to live, to work, to establish a home, and to rear my children. That I would not want to live or die in a land where no church spires point its people heavenward.

I also know that the church continues to live triumphantly even when men and nations reject her by indifference or open hostility.

In this knowledge I gladly give myself to my church and offer her my loyal support by intelligent membership, regular attendance, ardent prayer, and devoted service.—*Exchange*

THE SURVEY BULLETIN

By PORTER ROUTH

Facts of Interest

... It is estimated that 55,000 human beings are added to the earth's population each day, while approximately the same number of acres are lost through erosion.

... The liquor interests have sent petitions to 2700 retail dealers to obtain 5,000,000 signatures to be presented to the House Ways and Means Committee at "the proper moment" to seek the elimination of the \$3.00 per gallon excise tax.

... The 11,000 students at the University of Michigan have been given an opportunity to grade the faculty. The five faculty members rated "very poor" will be removed or reassigned to other work.

In the World of Religion

... The Seventh Annual Convention of the National Association of Evangelicals will be held in the Congress Hotel, April 19-22.

... The Missionary Education Movement of the U. S. and Canada, representing 30 Protestant denominations, has voted to join the National Council of Churches of Christ in America. Agencies which have expressed willingness to join include the Federal Council of Churches, the United Stewardship Council, the National Protestant Council on Higher Education, the International Council of Religious Education, and the Home Missions Council of North America. The Foreign Missions Conference of North America voted not to affiliate with the Council.

... The Missionary Education Movement reported "Home Missions and Human Rights" for the 1952-3 home mission study theme, and "Africa" as the foreign mission theme.

... Dr. Caradine R. Hooten, Oklahoma City, has been elected executive secretary of the national Methodist Board of Temperance, Washington, D. C.

... The Evangelical Lutheran Church has launched a \$2,000,000 campaign for higher education.

... The South Carolina Legislature has approved a constitutional amendment permitting divorce on grounds of adultery, desertion, cruelty, and habitual drunkenness. The state has had a prohibition against divorce since 1895.

... Dr. Robert M. Hopkins, Indianapolis, Ind., has been elected president of the Golden Rule Foundation, New York.

... Of the 68,177 small towns and villages in the U. S. with a population of 2500 or less, only 9,641 have Catholic church buildings, and only 5,326 have resident priests.

... Archbishop Moses E. Kiley of Milwaukee has barred strapless evening gowns from Roman Catholic high school proms in Milwaukee. All proms must close at 11:30, and pupils attending must be home not later than 1:30 a.m. Corsages are limited to \$1.50.

Baptist Highlights

... Dr. William J. Fallis, editorial associate in the Editorial Division of the Sunday School Board, has been elected Book Editor to succeed Dr. John L. Hill. Dr. Hill will retire as Book Editor June 1.

... Rev. John Jeffers, former Alabama Training Union secretary, has been elected as director of Adult Training Union work to succeed Dr. Clay I. Hudson. Dr. Hudson will be assigned as general field worker in the Training Union Department.

... State Baptist foundations now hold a total of \$21,047,040. Texas leads with \$15,047,040.

... The various state conventions received a total of \$26,584,363 from the churches in 1948. Of this amount \$9,277,647, or 35.3 per cent went for S. B. C. causes. Virginia led with 45.4 per cent of all receipts going for S. B. C. causes. Illinois is second with 45 per cent. The states report \$4,429,585 expended for state mission. The complete tabulation on a state basis will appear in the 1949 Handbook.

SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL MEETING OF TENNESSEE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

(Continued from last week)

Dr. Tucker Calloway of Japan told of many thrilling experiences he had had in trying to win the Japanese to the Christian faith. He said: "The Japanese have long been aware of the power of the United States, but they are just beginning to realize that this power rests on the Christian faith of the American people." He said that as a result of this knowledge the Japanese are flocking to Christian churches, and though they had but lately been our enemy, they now are our responsibility."

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Mrs. Albert Stone, President of Southwestern Division, presided over the afternoon session of the convention. "The Light of the World Is Jesus" was sung.

Miss Vaughtie B. Rowland, State missionary in Middle Tennessee, made us realize the need of making Christ known here in Tennessee as she told of the needy places without churches or any religious influence in this section of the state and of how the Mormons were establishing themselves in our very front doors claiming many of our young people as followers of that sect.

Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Mascot, proved to us that the camps are a real missionary investment and that the money invested in them will yield rich reward in the lives of the boys and girls who are privileged to attend them. She stated that many of our best workers in all fields of service fostered by our denomination are products of our camps and received their inspiration from the missionaries and other Christian workers with whom they associated in the camps.

Mrs. Aaron Hancock, greatly beloved Indian Missionary from Oklahoma, said "My people, the red-men, want to know your Jesus, too." She made a plea for more missionaries for her people.

Miss Edwina Robinson, Executive Secretary of Mississippi, told of the great needs, both physical and spiritual, that she saw on a recent trip to Europe. The people there are hungry for the gospel, she said. She told of the opening of the Baptist Seminary in Switzerland in which our young men were to be trained in all lines of Christian service, this, she said was the most encouraging advance she saw.

At the close of the afternoon session a very beautiful tea at Union University closed the day's program. Hundreds of our women availed themselves of the opportunity to visit the school and enjoyed a social hour together.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Dr. Fred Kendall, pastor-host, led the opening devotional service.

"Christ, We Do Adore Thee," was beautifully sung by the Union University choir. Miss Annie Rines, of Africa, who is studying pharmacy in Memphis, brought a graphic picture of the medical work especially with the lepers. She magnified the fact that saving the souls of the Africans was the main task. Because of English government requirements in hospital work, Annie had to take this special course in pharmacy. She sails next month for Africa.

Miss Blanche White brought a great message on "Tennessee Missionaries." After speaking on Tennesseans who had served in outstanding places in this land, she told the story of a few Tennessee missionaries who had served in foreign lands. She mentioned I. J. Roberts, one of the first missionaries to China; Dr. George W. Burton, the first medical missionary to China; J. R. Saunders, pioneer missionary to China; W. D. Powell, pioneer in Mexico; O. P. Maddox, in Brazil; Olive Edens, Africa; Basil Lee Lockett, Africa; John W. Shepard, Brazil.

The present day missionaries she mentioned were Lorene Tilford, China, and Kate Ellen Gruver, Palestine, who are today holding the torch in difficult places. She made us proud we were Tennesseans with such a heritage.

THURSDAY MORNING

The worship period Thursday morning was led by Mrs. W. C. Tyler, Blue Mountain, Mississippi. Her theme was "Making Christ Known in the Homes." She spoke of the 1200 homes represented in that group, and made the appeal to all to go home and make Christ known in the homes and in the community.

She presented Youeko Kajito, a student at Blue Mountain, born in Manila, of Japanese parentage. She testified of what the grace of God had done to make her forgive the atrocities against her own people and what He had meant to her since she became a Christian. She was in the siege of Manila and her story of the war was a vivid picture of hell on earth.

Miss Elma Bishop of Powell Station, was in charge of the Memorial Service. Special mention was made of Mrs. W. F. Robinson of Chattanooga, who had served as a State Divisional and Associational officer.

Miss Northington presented the plan of work, which was adopted.

Dr. W. F. Jones, president of Union University, spoke on "Making Christ Known through the Colleges." He said in Tennessee Baptist Colleges are making Christ known, for they hold as supreme the Christian program. Our colleges are the training grounds for carrying Christ's message to the world.

"I Walked Where Jesus Walked" was beautifully sung by Mrs. Cal Cooper. Our own Dr. C. W. Pope made us see our task in Tennessee. He brought encouraging news from the camps, saying construction had begun and we could go on with our summer plans.

Miss Blanche White brought her closing message on "She Took It Upon Herself." Her plea was for volunteers in doing the work in our own organizations. We should not have to draft people to serve as officers, but be willing to give of our best. "I must do something worthwhile with my life."

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

A short afternoon session was held when the committees reported. Next year we go to Chattanooga for March 21-23. There were 1844 who registered. The old officers were re-elected.

Mrs. W. C. Tyler brought a challenging closing message from Exodus 28:34—the golden bell and the pomegranate. The bell is to proclaim his message. We must hear the sounds of the needy world.

The pomegranate is the fruit filled with seed to make other fruit. We must be fruit bearing Christians. She also used Exodus 29:20. The blood was placed on the tip of the ear, the right thumb and the big toe of the priest. The need of today is the hearing ear that we might heed the message, the hand consecrated to His service, the foot going only where the Master would have us go.

Her message closed the meeting in a spirit of consecration, all resolving, we trust, to go home and give our best to the Master.

To Jackson, to Madison County and especially to the First Church, we will always be indebted for their untiring efforts to make our stay a happy one—and truly they succeeded. From Dr. Kendall, the gracious pastor-host to the janitor, we give our grateful thanks.

Sunday School Department

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Attention, Vacation Bible School Workers!

MANY SCHOOLS are using books bought several years ago. In order to bring your material up to date and to provide supplementary material we print below two articles.

Revision of the 1941 and the 1945 Material in Junior and Intermediate Books D.—PROGRAM 1: The book "Sammy Writes a Book" by F. W. Enete is no longer in print but may be found in many church libraries.

PROGRAM 2: Mrs. Louisa Carroll died in 1946.

PROGRAM 3: There are now twenty-one state mission boards in the Southern Baptist Convention. Kansas and California have been added since 1945. Dr. M. Theron Rankin has succeeded Dr. Maddry as the executive secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

PROGRAM 4: Dr. Charles W. Pope is the executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Substitution should be made again for the use of Dr. Rankin's name instead of Dr. Maddry's. The Southern Baptist Convention meets in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, May 17-22, 1949.

PROGRAM 5: Miss Alma Hunt is the successor to Miss Kathleen Mallory, who retired last year as the executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. George Martin of Virginia is the president of the Woman's Missionary Union.

PROGRAM 6: The Home Mission Board lends money to churches to help erect church buildings in the sums of from \$1,000 to \$25,000. Four per cent interest is charged and the money is to be repaid within ten years. In 1948, loans made and in process of being made amounted to about \$1,600,000.

PROGRAM 7: In 1948, there were 5,883 ministerial students in Southern Baptist academies, junior colleges, colleges, and universities.

PROGRAM 8: The school formerly called Baptist Bible Institute is now called the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. The American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee, is for colored students, and is owned jointly by Southern and Negro Baptists. In 1947, there were about 2,925 students in the four seminaries and in the Woman's Missionary Union Training School at Louisville, Kentucky.

PROGRAM 9: In Japan there is a Theological Seminary in Tokio, Seinan Gakuin (Southwestern Academy) for boys at Fukuoka; Seinan Jo Gakuin (Southwestern Girls' Academy) at Kokura.

The Tennessee Supplement for the Missionary Program for 1949.—PROGRAM 2: Miss Vaughtie Rowland serves in the section where Mrs. Carroll worked.

PROGRAM 4: Dr. Charles W. Pope has served as Executive Secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention for more than six years.

PROGRAM 5: Mrs. Sam Holloway is the president of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union. (You may find her picture in the Baptist and Reflector for March 24, 1949.)

PROGRAM 7: The plan used in Tennessee for aiding ministerial students who attend one of our Baptist schools is to furnish free tuition for those who live in our state. There are at present about 300 ministerial students attending Carson-Newman College, Cumberland University, Union University, and Harrison Chilhowee Academy. There are approximately 200 of those who receive aid from Tennessee Baptists.

PROGRAM 10: In Tennessee we should pray for the doctors and nurses in our three Baptist hospitals. These hospitals are the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital, Knoxville, the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, and the Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

PROGRAM 11: The State Mission Board in Tennessee has no other plan for aiding aged and disabled ministers and their widows other than what is done in cooperation with the Relief and Annuity Board. During the last convention year there were 211 people in Tennessee who received such help. The benefits amounted to \$37,677.52 for age and disability retirements, and \$19,480.48 for relief.

Announcing Christian Home Week May 1-8, 1949!
(More information will be given later)

Baptist Training Union

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Training Union Study Course Awards Issued In Tennessee During February, 1949

BEULAH		KNOX	
Macedonia	43	Arlington	1
		Beaumont Avenue	2
	43	Bell Avenue	1
BIG EMORY		Central, Fountain City	1
Kingston	45	Ebenezer	2
Trenton Street	10	Deaderick Avenue	3
Walnut Hill	9	Fifth Avenue	3
		Knoxville, First	2
	64	Fountain City, First	72
CAMPBELL		Fort Sanders	33
Jacksboro	62	Island Home	2
		John Sevier	91
	62	Lonsdale	7
CHILHOWEE		Mascot	1
Mt. Lebanon	62	Meridian Avenue	66
		Mt. Olive	1
	62	Oakwood	9
CLINTON		Riverdale	1
Highland View	9	Smithwood	8
		South, Knoxville	8
	9	Washington Pike	2
CONCORD		Belmont Heights	1
Murfreesboro, First	5	Grandview Avenue, M	1
Murfreesboro, Third	17	Northside, Fountain City	25
		Park Lane	1
	22	Central View	18
CUMBERLAND		Tennessee Avenue	2
Clarksville	16	Washington Avenue	1
			363
	16	LAWRENCE	
DUCK RIVER		Iron City	1
Tullahoma	10		
			1
	10	MADISON	
DYER		Calvary	16
Bogota M	18		16
		McMINN	
	18	Athens, East	1
FAYETTE		Athens, First	17
Somerville	66		
			17
	66	MIDLAND	
GIBSON		Riverview	26
Salem	22		
			26
	22	NEW DUCK RIVER	
HARDEMAN		North Fork	34
New Union	34	Shelbyville Mills	8
	34		42
NASHVILLE		OCOEE	
Belmont Heights	18	Brainerd	50
Bordeaux	9	Cleveland, First	30
Eastland	23	Highland Park	13
Franklin	12	St. Elmo	6
Nashville, First	72	Woodland Heights	22
Freeland	31	Ridgedale	10
Grace	22	South Daisy	28
Grandview	8		
Immanuel	11		159
Inglewood	81	PROVIDENCE	
Judson	13	Pleasant Hill	41
Madison	17		
North End	11		41
Old Hickory	50	ROBERTSON	
Shelby Avenue	18	Springfield	1
Temple	1		
			1
	397	WATAUGA	
SEQUATCHIE VALLEY		Bethany	30
Jasper	21	Doe River	17
Richard City	11	East Side	9
South Pittsburg	66	Grace	1
Kimball	4		
Martin Springs	13		57
	115		

(To be continued)

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

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Boys and girls who live in apartment houses or other city dwellings may have felt a little "left out" last week when we talked about planting gardens in our yards or on the farm. Perhaps some of these city friends wanted very much to join in our garden fun, but felt that they had no place to plant.

This week let's help these friends of ours to find a way to have some sort of garden, even if it has to be indoors.

Seeds may be started in almost anything. I read recently of a seven-year-old who planted tomato and cucumber seeds in peanut shells! Of course the plants never grew very big, but she had the fun of watching the seeds grow into real leafy tomato and cucumber plants.

Tin cans make good containers to plant seeds in. The top should be cut off smoothly. Before the dirt is put into the can, two or three little holes should be made in the bottom, to allow drainage. It helps to put in about a half-inch of gravel with dirt on top.

Other good containers are clay pots, wooden cigar boxes—even eggshells or walnut shells! No matter what you use, here are a few simple rules to keep in mind.

1. Sift the soil through a coarse strainer or a sieve. A piece of screen wire will do.
2. Be sure that containers have provision for drainage.
3. Do not pack dirt in, but pat it down enough to make it firm and even.
4. Make a trench or separate holes for seeds, following carefully the directions on seed packets. Some seeds must be planted deeper than others.
5. Sometimes plants come up too close together and must be thinned out to give plenty of room for growth. When such plants are about an inch and a half high, they may be pulled up carefully and transplanted to other containers.
6. Seeds and small plants should be watered regularly, but should not be kept too wet.
7. Plants need some sun every day. They should be kept in light places.
8. Plants will grow better if they are kept in rooms where temperature stays pretty much the same.
9. Plants need fresh, moist air to breath, just as people do.

It is not unusual to see flower window boxes in the city. Why not a vegetable-garden box? This should be about ten inches wide and eight or ten inches deep. It must be fixed in place securely, because when it is filled with dirt, it will be very heavy. Holes should be drilled in the bottom for drainage, and small stones laid over the holes to keep the soil from washing through. If the box is exposed directly to the sun or wind, plants may be protected during a part of the day by covering them with paper.

One lady whom I know had such a box outside her office window. She planted tomatoes in it one year and had enough juicy, red tomatoes to eat at several meals.

Seeds of grapefruit, oranges, or lemons may be planted indoors in pots, too. It takes about three months for them to develop into beautiful leafy plants. Of course, these may be transplanted in the yard at the proper time, and under certain conditions. Some climates are not as good for fruit plants as others, and sometimes it is difficult for such plants to grow out of their normal situations.

It doesn't matter so much *what* you plant, but that you *do* plant something.

Whether your garden is indoors or out, you might enjoy keeping some sort of record of your experiences. Perhaps you'd like to make a garden diary. Begin with the date that you plant your first seeds. Perhaps you will keep your diary in a scrapbook and include samples of your plant at different stages. There will, of course, be the seed, then (if you can spare it) a specimen of the plant after it has been planted one week or two, and so on, until the entire story of that plant has been told in word or samples. Somewhere in the book there should be pasted the packet-picture of plant. It will be fun to compare your actual plant with the picture on the seed package.

If you do not have enough plants to pull samples for your record, maybe you'll draw pictures showing the part of the plant which you can see above ground. (If you placed seeds between the blotter and glass, as suggested last week, you may get from those your picture of what is happening below the ground.)

By next week you will have been gardening long enough to have learned a lot about earth and seeds and plants. Maybe we'll play a guessing game or have a little quiz to see how much we really have learned. If you know something especially interesting which you'd like to share through the column, be sure to send it to me! It's more fun when you help to write the Young South column!

Love,
AUNT POLLY

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WITH EVERY MAIL come requests for information or literature concerning organizing Brotherhoods and invitations to come and organize Brotherhoods. For this we are truly grateful. It is a definite manifestation of more interest from the men of our churches in the Kingdom's work.

I was invited to meet with the Brotherhood of the First Baptist Church at Lewisburg on Tuesday night, March 15, and there were seventy men present and the most complete organization I have had the privilege of seeing in operation. This Brotherhood has eight general officers and sixteen committees with sixty-four men serving on these committees.

Two Associational Brotherhoods Organized

NEW SALEM ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. F. Neville, moderator of New Salem Association, called a meeting of the association at Brush Creek Church, March 20, and extended me an invitation for which I was very grateful. This association is projecting an associational organization and I am sure will organize some four or five Brotherhoods in the near future.

WILSON COUNTY ASSOCIATION

Brotherhood President A. Roy Greene visited the First Baptist Church, Watertown, Tennessee on Friday night, March 25, and helped to organize an associational Brotherhood in Wilson County Association. Ten churches were represented with their pastors present. The aim of this associational Brotherhood is to organize a Brotherhood in every church in Wilson County Association. Another meeting is planned for May 6 at Shop Springs Baptist Church at which time additional officers will be elected and installed. Officers elected at this first meeting are:

President	John Stacy Fite
Vice-President	Marvin Christian
Secretary-Treasurer	Gourley Hamilton

Four Brotherhoods Organized

SALEM ASSOCIATION

WOODBURY BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Cecil Atchley, the new pastor at Woodbury Baptist Church, is beginning his work at Woodbury in a great way. On Thursday night, March 17, at a banquet with a large group of his men present a Brotherhood was organized and immediately went into action in regard to completing some Sunday school rooms. Officers of this Brotherhood are:

President	R. H. Burke
Activities Vice-President	Marvin Brandon
Program Vice-President	James Jennings
Membership Vice-President	William Bragg
Secretary-Treasurer	Jack L. Bass
Chorister	Jack Davenport

OCOEE ASSOCIATION

BRAINERD BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. V. Floyd Starke, pastor, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, with a large group of men organized a Brotherhood on Tuesday night, March 22, with a charter membership of fifty-eight. This church is completing a building program which will make it one of the best in the state. They will begin a series of revival services the first of April with Rev. H. D. Burns of Dickson doing the preaching and Rev. Edwin E. Deusner of Lexington leading the singing. The Brotherhood Secretary tried to inspire this new Brotherhood to immediately get an evangelistic committee in action for this coming revival. Following are the officers of this Brotherhood:

President	M. F. Mulkey
Activities Vice-President	Haskell Jones
Program Vice-President	C. H. Wheeler
Membership Vice-President	Ned R. Smith
Secretary-Treasurer	C. C. Hennessee

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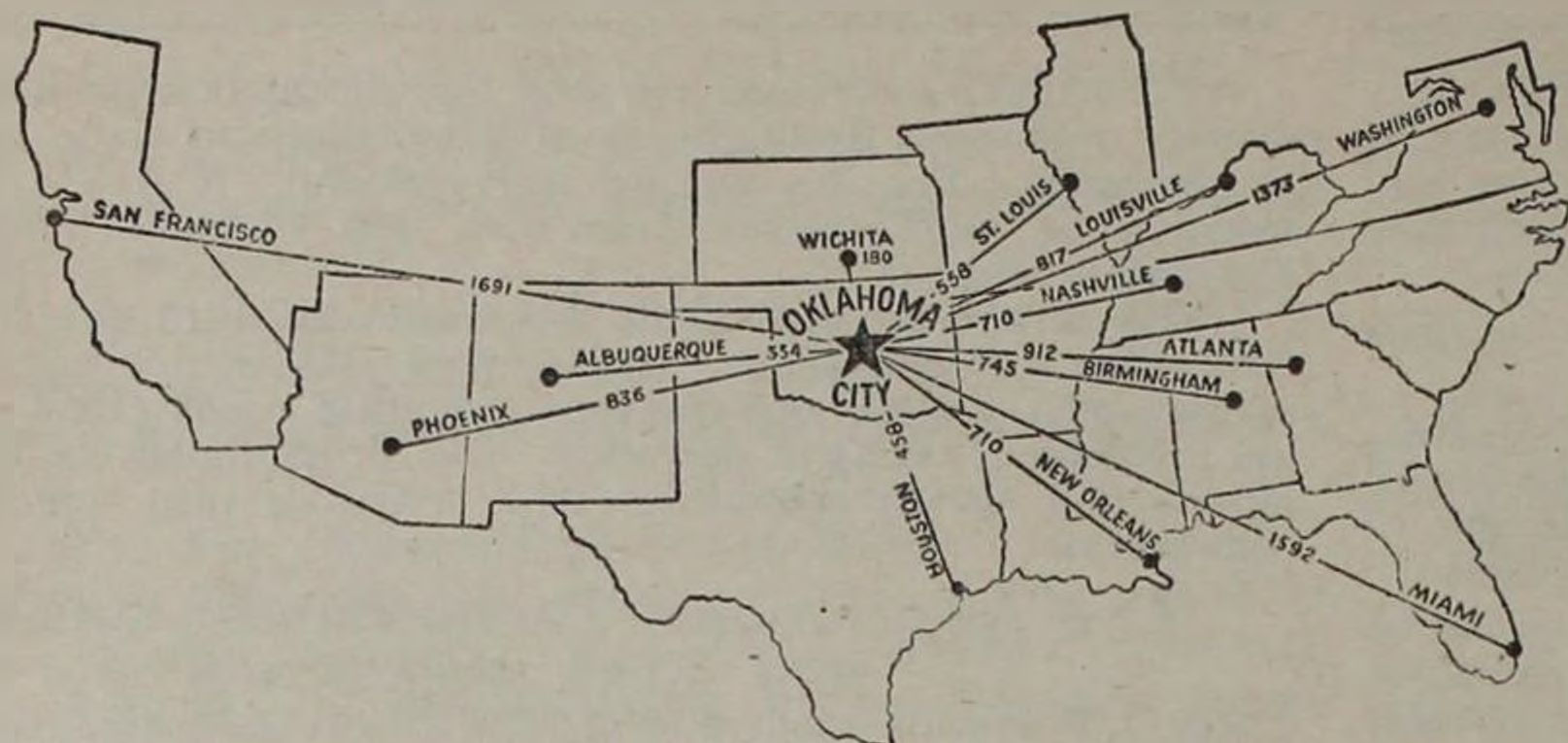
REV. E. A. RICH, Pastor

Rev. C. D. Tabor, the New Duck River Associational Missionary, has reported the organization of a Brotherhood on March 27 at Northfork Baptist Church, Shelbyville, Tennessee. Officers elected are:

President	Jeff Cates
Activities Vice-President	Clyde Robinson
Program Vice-President	Edwin Carroll
Membership Vice-President	Eston Adcock
Secretary-Treasurer	R. T. Moore
Chorister	J. F. Rich

AMONG THE BRETHREN

CONVENTION AT OKLAHOMA CITY



CONVENTION . . . Oklahoma City is the site of the 1949 meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention. The date is May 15-22. Ten thousand Baptists are expected to crowd into Oklahoma City for the Convention. Above is a map showing the distance from various points in the Southern Baptist Convention territory to Oklahoma City.

Simultaneous Revival Services

By W. PAUL HALL, Moderator

The Carroll-Benton Association has just concluded a series of Simultaneous Revival Services in fifteen of its eighteen churches. The Trace Creek Church will have its series of revival services when their pastor, Fred Evans, has moved on the field. This campaign was ably assisted by Joe Wells and L. G. Frey of the Missions and Evangelism Department. There were 62 additions to the fellowship of the churches, 37 by baptism, and 25 by transfer of letter, etc. There were 40 conversions in all. The goal of the Association was to have 1500 in Sunday School the last Sunday of the revival, and 1,458 were in Sunday School. There were four speaking engagements in the public schools.

The churches and their speakers were: At-Wood, Paul Wieland; Bruceton, Alvin Gilliland; Camden, Vern Powers and R. K. Bennett, singer; Chalk Level, Joe Wells; Enon, Leon Penick; Eva, Claude Richerson; Fairview, J. R. Hamlin; Howse, Kester Cotton; Huntingdon, Thomas Pope; McKenzie, Walter Miekley; Missionary Grove, R. E. Pettigrew; Mt. Nebo, Cleo Parish; Prospect, P. O. Davidson; Trezevant, Barney Flowers; and Union Academy, L. G. Frey.

—B&R—

East Tennessee Baptist Hospital

THE FOLLOWING is a classified report of the patients admitted during the first four months according to denominations: Nov. 26, 1948 to March 26, 1949.

Baptist	1,258
Methodists	342
Presbyterian	160
Other	133
None	81
Christian	41
Episcopalians	43
Lutheran	17
Catholic	18
Hebrew	11
Nazarene	3
Holiness	4
Mormon	1
Christian Scientist	2
Congregationalist	2

Total Admissions	2,116
Babies born	302
Twins	4 Sets

It is hoped that the pastors will call attention to this report.—T. C. Wyatt, Field Representative.

A Tribute

RECENTLY, I visited the Baptist Bible Institute of Lakeland, Fla., Dr. Leon Gambrell, servant of Christ, President. Grateful shall I ever be for what my eyes saw, my ears heard, my heart felt, my soul experienced. Standing strongly for the tenets of our Baptist faith, believing and teaching that the Bible in its entirety is unique, inspired and inerrant and infallible in the original writings as the Word of God, this Bible Institute is evangelical and evangelistic. Standing without questioning and without quavering for the faith once delivered, demanding Christian conduct on and off the campus from its scholarly faculty and students, this school, already blessed of God, is one for which Southern Baptists should be grateful. Christ centered and securely founded upon "the impregnable Rock of the Holy Scripture," this school will, like the little cloud seen by Elijah's servant from the top of Carmel, grow until it blesses multitudes—as rain blesses fields in times of drought—through those who go forth to preach the Gospel.

This school, possessing an atmosphere like the breath of heaven, affords a great opportunity for those who wish to be taught the Word of God and other truths that will make life effective. Great opportunity it affords for a wise investment of money.

Let our people open their eyes to its worth, their ears to its testimony, their hearts to love and prayer for it, their pocketbooks to supply its needs.

(Signed) Robert G. Lee

—B&R—

Coming from Chesterfield, S. C., where he had been pastor for 5 years, R. T. DeArmond became pastor of Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, on March 6. He succeeds Roy W. Hinchey, who is now pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville. A graduate of Carson-Newman College and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Mr. DeArmond has held several pastorates in East Tennessee.

—B&R—

Central Baptist Church, Chattanooga, which recently celebrated the 7th anniversary of the pastorate of Russell Bradley Jones, is putting the roof on its new Sunday school building, a structure which will be of a great help in their work.

Baptist Help to Displaced Persons

Over 1250 sponsored so far.

By ARNOLD T. OHRN

General Secretary, Baptist World Alliance

IT WILL SURELY interest our Baptist people to hear how matters are progressing.

The answer is that our program for the resettlement of Displaced Persons has started moving in real earnest. Up till March 18th, 1256 persons have been sponsored for entrance to North America; 846 of these have come or are coming to the U. S. A., and 410 to Canada.

But we still have far to go. The above number is approximately one third of that of the homeless Baptist Displaced Persons with their dependents. And would we not wish to help as many as possible of the hundreds of thousands of other D.P.s also?

Since January 1, Dr. Randolph L. Howard has been the head of our D.P. department at Baptist World Alliance Headquarters here in Washington. He is the Co-ordinator of our entire Displaced Persons work on this side of the Atlantic.

Working as our B.W.A. field representative we have Rev. Adolph Klaupiks, a Latvian D.P., who came to this country in 1947.

Three other men who give all or a great part of their time to furthering the program are important factors in our set-up.

The Baptist Union of Western Canada has engaged a recently arrived D.P., Professor Rudolph Ekstein of Latvia, now of Winnipeg, to devote himself entirely to his work. Within the Northern Baptist Convention the American Baptist Home Mission Society has assigned Rev. J. Yasamura of New York to this duty. And the World Relief Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention has in a similar way released Mr. Charles R. Gage, of the Southern Baptist Relief Center in New Orleans to the same kind of service.

All these men work in close contact with the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee.

Reports indicate that other agents than those mentioned above are approaching Baptist Churches or pastors, soliciting help for Displaced Persons. In such cases it would seem wise to contact our B.W.A. office in Washington or one of the men named above, to make sure that such persons possess the confidence of responsible Baptist organizations and are authorized to represent them.

It would be unfortunate if the help given by our churches were to be diverted into channels that cannot be recommended.

—B&R—

More than 5,000 people were expected to attend the Baptist Training Union Convention held recently in Abilene, Texas, at which President Robert G. Lee of the Southern Baptist Convention and Editor Joe Burton of *Home Life* magazine from Tennessee were to be among the speakers.

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A summary has been received indicating the fine results of the six-year pastorate of Lloyd T. Householder with Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Knoxville, and of the few weeks in which he has been pastor of Broadway Baptist Church, Maryville. Nearly 300 united with the Mt. Olive Church; approximately \$100,000 given to all causes; the indebtedness on the building paid; the Baptist and Reflector and literature used by the W. M. S. was placed in the budget; chimes were placed on the organ and amplifiers in the church tower. Two years ago the church gave him a new Dodge, and a year ago the deacons and their wives gave Bro. and Mrs. Householder a complete set of sterling silver. When he left to go to Broadway Baptist Church, the church presented them with a very beautiful silver service. Since his going to Broadway there have been 28 additions to the church.

—B&R—

Furman University was cited as one of 50 outstanding small colleges in the nation in an article prepared by James W. Hampton for the April issue of the *Good Housekeeping* magazine.

—B&R—

In the past 12 months Pastor Bertis Fair and Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Valdese, N. C., have welcomed 120 additions, 80 of them by baptism, over doubling the number of baptisms in any other church in the Catawba River Association. The church is constructing an educational building and recently placed in a new bell tower, a bell given to the church from the Southern Railway System. Mrs. Fair is president of the association W. M. U.

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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

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Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Ashland City, First	51	35		Jackson, Bemis	276	94	5
Athens, Antioch	101		6	First	805	195	2
East	350	135	10	Madison	83	66	
First	455	275	9	North	286	117	
Mission	70			West	832	352	
North	194	31		Jellico, First	273	121	
Clearwater	77	53		Kingsport, First	728	121	
Coghill	73	51		Lynn Garden	370	130	
Cotton Port	69	47		Mission	39		
Eastanalle	55	20		Knoxville, Alice Bell	78	37	
Englewood	136	31		Arlington	401	111	2
Etowah, East	60			Bell Avenue	681	288	3
Etowah, First	322	114		Broadway	1353	459	13
Etowah, North	277	84	3	Fifth Avenue	939	321	5
Good Springs	86	46	2	First	1006	184	
Idlewild	49			Lincoln Park	580	193	
Lake View	63			Lonsdale	392	169	8
McMahan Calvary	96			McCalla Avenue	802	205	1
Mt. Harmony No. 1	91			Oakwood	336	329	1
New Hope	39			Sevier Heights	463	184	
Rogers Creek	22			LaFollette, West	158	100	
Union Grove No. 2	57	30		Lebanon, Barton's Creek	132	60	
Wild Wood	62	39		Cedar Grove	129	87	
Zion Hill	33			Fairview	138	64	4
Brighton	319	214	13	First	410		
Blaine, Richland	112	62		Lenoir City, First	479	182	5
Bristol, Calvary	410	137	2	Leoma	164		
Virginia Avenue	322	125	1	Lewisburg, First	412	157	12
Castalian Springs, Corum Hill	30	14		Lexington, First	223	45	
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	84	63		McEwen	53		
Chattanooga, Avondale	558	157	9	Madison, First	363	120	1
Birchwood	82	33		Boulevard Mission	58		
Brainerd Hills	113	33	2	Maryville, Broadway	464	239	2
Calvary	398	100	2	Everett Hills	281	172	1
Candies Creek	66	40		First	765	235	3
Cedar Hill	311	64	5	Oak View	82	51	
Central			2	Medina	177	95	
Chamberlain Avenue	260	107	2	Memphis, Bellevue	2627	1003	29
Clifton Hill	333	108		Boulevard	690	267	4
Concord	257	125		Central Avenue	599	187	1
East Chattanooga	303			Highland Heights	937	447	8
Eastdale	413	124		Hollywood	408	135	1
East Lake	477	150	3	Kennedy	126	58	2
Chapel	89	36		LaBelle	681	216	1
Highland Park	3128	882	27	Leawood	248	105	3
Hughes Avenue	260	60		Levi	242	138	2
Kingwood	177	85	1	Barton Heights Mission	91	47	5
Lupton City	150	123	4	Parkway	307	145	
Morris Hill	237	129	1	Prescott Memorial	508	140	4
Parkers Gap	8			Seventh Street	514	231	4
Philadelphia	146		1	Shirley Park	189	110	
Red Bank	643	185	4	Speedway Terrace	1153	268	4
Ridgedale	601	249	6	Temple	1553	374	26
Ridgeview	138	78	2	Union Avenue	1061	306	1
St. Elmo	370	107	3	Milton	55	25	
Signal Mountain	71	36		Prosperity	159	99	
Silverdale	154	126	3	Monterey, First	273	112	
South Dalsey	96	80		Morristown, First	567	168	2
Spring Creek	194	104		Montvue	153	48	
White Oak	380	99		Murfreesboro, First	443	120	
Woodland Heights	242	76		Walnut Street Mission	55	35	
Woodland Park	1030	269	8	Powell's Chapel	115	72	
Church Hill, Oak Grove	196	129		Third	100	30	1
Cleveland, Big Spring	261	223		Westvue	585	126	3
Cedar Springs	94	70		Tucker Town Mission	10		
First	211		1	Woodbury Road	53	43	
North	186	138		Nashville, First	1226		3
South	132	107	1	Grace	776	223	4
Clinton, First	348	90		Inglewood	689	171	1
Columbia, First	366	119	3	North Edgefield	261	73	1
Cookeville, First	417	117	7	North End	156	66	1
Algood Mission	89			Park Avenue	621	163	1
Fourth Street Mission	144	79		Una	162	86	3
Steven Street	118	66	1	Woodmont	308	114	6
Corryton, Fairview	139	80	1	Woodmont Center	99	37	
Covington, First	306	117		Oak Ridge, First	478	123	3
Decatur, Goodfield	74	43		Highland View	566	149	10
Dyersburg, Hillcrest	216	81	2	Robertsville	352	96	1
Elizabethton, Big Spring	127	118		Old Hickory, First	599	277	1
First	558	111		Olive Hill	65	37	1
Oak Street	137	95	6	Parsons, First	231	66	
Siam	196	129		Philadelphia	176	30	
Fountain City, Central	909	251	4	Pigeon Forge	133	83	1
Hines Valley Chapel	53			Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	186	151	
Fowlkes	140	89		Rutledge	144	74	19
Gallatin, First	330	109		Oakland	142	62	
Gladeville	130	73		Sanford	67	60	
Goodlettsville, First	203	112		Shelbyville, First	371	104	5
Grand Junction	119	64		Shelbyville Mills	225		
Center Point	19			Somerville, First	152	97	3
Harriman, South	235	113	3	Tullahoma, First	213	66	
Trenton Street	376	100	3	Union City, First	584	131	3
				Watertown, Round Lick	106	83	

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IN MEMORIAM

Ashburn

ROBERT ASHBURN was born Dec. 22, 1873. February 5, 1949, at the age of 75 years, 1 month and 14 days, the Lord called him.

He professed faith in Christ when very young and joined the church and lived faithful to it until 18 months before his death when his health failed.

On Thursday his son was bathing him, when he looked up into his son's face and said: "Elmer, you don't need to take any pains, but I want to be bathed extra good Saturday, as maybe Sunday I'll be ready to go to church and Sunday School. Jesus is coming after me." So Jesus came after him Saturday night at 9:00 o'clock.

He leaves 3 daughters, 1 son, 3 sisters, 17 grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends to mourn his passing. His body was laid to rest in the Clarkrange Cemetery.

God bless his children and all his loved ones.—Mary C. Smith.

Larry

THERE ARE SOME Christian lives so beautiful that their memory so lingering we do not think of them as gone.

Such was the life of Mrs. Susan Emma Larry who on the morning of February 26, 1949 answered God's call to her Heavenly Home leaving behind her the loving testimony, she was right with God.



Mrs. Larry was a charter member of Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, and first president of the Missionary Society but she has gone on to a higher, richer life with loved ones who have gone on before.

The charm of her personality grew as friendship with her deepened through the years. In sincere appreciation of

her splendid Christianity and her services to the church and society be it

Resolved: That the above be adopted as an expression of our love and esteem for her; and be it further

Resolved: That we as members of the Woman's Missionary Society of Temple Baptist Church extend our sympathy to the family and friends, and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be sent to her family, a copy spread on the minutes of the W.M.S. book and published in the Baptist and Reflector.

Mrs. J. P. Smith
Mrs. C. O. Barbour, Sr.
Mrs. B. L. Robinson,
Committee

Sullivan

ASHLEY ELI SULLIVAN, a beloved and faithful member of Mt. Olivet Baptist Church, suddenly passed to his reward on Jan. 17, 1949. He was a devout Christian and a lifelong member of the Baptist Church. He served as secretary and treasurer of the Sunday School for over forty years. He was always there to help when anything was being done to improve the church in beauty or spirit. On the Sunday that he passed away he made his regular route to bring to Sunday School some children who had no way to come.

His influence and good deeds will live on in the hearts and minds of his many friends.

His funeral was conducted by Rev. Albert Jewell, who gave a most fitting tribute to a victorious Christian character. He was laid to rest in Cedar Grove Cemetery at Lebanon.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Mrs. Eva Gibson Sullivan; one daughter, Mrs. Brown Hardy; one son, Charles Sullivan; one grandson, Wayne Hardy, who has willingly accepted the secretarial position of his grandfather.

Mrs. W. H. Stephens

Sunday School Conference In Chilhowee Association

J. M. Price of Fort Worth, Texas, and W. J. Self, pastor of Cherokee Baptist Church, Macon, Ga., led our conferences and brought stirring messages to our people March 21-25.

The conferences were held with the First Baptist Church, Maryville, with an average attendance of about 225. Bro. Price used as the basis of his messages his own book *Jesus the Teacher*, and Bro. Self used as his theme "An Educational Program of a Baptist Church."

Our people were made stronger.—Chas. D. Martin.

—B&R—

On April 1, Fred M. Wood passed the oral examination leading to the degree of Doctor in Theology, majoring in Old Testament at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. His thesis has also been accepted. This completely fulfills the requirements for the degree. This degree will be formally presented at the annual commencement exercises May 6. Bro. Wood is a native of Memphis, a graduate of Union University, and was pastor for five years in Tennessee.

—B&R—

After a committee survey found approximately 150 members rarely or never attended the evening service and approximately 100 who never attended any service, Chairman C. F. Price reported the result to the First Baptist Church of South Pittsburg. Pastor Guard Green and the church began a special evangelistic crusade Sunday evening, March 20, which is intended to be permanent. The Sunday evening service will be an informal, revival type, with spirited song service led by three choirs and special numbers by a recently organized male quartette.

A communication from Mars Hill College, Mars Hill, N. C., states that John Claypool, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Claypool, members of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union of the college for 1949-1950. In a campus-wide election he was chosen business manager of the college annual, "Laurel" for next term. Not long ago he surrendered to the ministry.

—B&R—

George Allison, 99 years, 2 months and 13 days old and charter member of the First Baptist Church, Monterey, died April 3. God's grace be upon all the sorrowing.

—B&R—

On March 26 *The Sling and Stone* edited by George Ragland, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., began its 24th year of publication. It is one of Baptist and Reflector's most appreciated exchanges.

—B&R—

Due to a lack of space, Baptist and Reflector can not publish some commendatory resolutions which it has received, which are as follows:

1. Resolutions by Knox County Baptist Pastors' Conference concerning the going of Lloyd T. Householder of Mt. Olive Baptist Church of Knoxville to the Broadway Baptist Church of Maryville signed by Charles S. Bond, Shields Webb, Freeman Baker and C. A. McKenzie secretary.

2. Resolutions by the Resolution Committee of Carroll-Benton Association signed by Thomas W. Pope, chairman, concerning the going of Moderator Paul W. Hall from Camden Baptist Church to the pastorate of the Loudon Baptist Church.

—B&R—

The Southern Baptist College News of Walnut Ridge, Ark., J. I. Cossey, editor condenses from the *Southwide Baptist Digest* an article by Floyd H. North, Nashville B. S. U. Secretary, entitled "Men Without Chests." Some weeks ago Baptist and Reflector also published this excellent article by Mr. North.

—B&R—

Byron Wilkinson did the preaching and William Carey Ballback, student at the Southern Seminary, led the singing in a youth revival April 3-10 at the First Baptist Church, Maryville. James M. Windham is pastor.

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Additions during December, 1948	15,064.11
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WEST OF THE RIVER

BY EDWIN E. DEUSNER, LEXINGTON, TENNESSEE

The First Baptist Church of Lawrenceburg has extended a unanimous call to Bernard Scates, Pastor at Bemis. Lawrenceburg has been without a pastor since the coming of James Canaday to Calvary Church, Jackson.

Medina Baptist Church has called Pastor Clyde Burke of Mt. Pleasant to be their pastor. We are happy to have him in our section of the State.

After four years of service at First Church, Dyersburg, Pastor William B. Hamilton has resigned to accept the First Baptist Church, Sarasota, Fla., We are sorry to lose him from our State. He has rendered a valuable service as a member of the Board of Directors of Tennessee Baptist Press, Inc.

Speaking at the West Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference on April 4 were Henry J. Huey, Milan; Chesley L. Bowden, Ripley; Fred Kendall, Jackson; and Bernard Scates, Bemis. The topic was "Evangelism." The meeting was held at Union University.

W. R. Woodell is now on the field at Bolivar, coming to our State from Arkansas. A chaplain of World War II, he is married and has two small children.

W. F. Powell, Nashville, was the preacher in a Revival at Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, from March 27 through April 6. E. Gibson Davis is Temple's pastor.

Vance Havner has been engaged to conduct a revival next fall at Union Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, J. G. Hughes, Pastor. He has been booked for more than two years.

H. D. Burns of Dickson is doing the preaching and your scribe is leading the singing for a revival at Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, April 4-14. V. Floyd Starke is the pastor. All three of us are former pastors at Carthage, Tenn.

A Training Union Revival was held at Bellevue Church, Memphis, March 27-April 3. Pastor R. G. Lee was assisted by a faculty composed of O. K. Radford, William J. Fallis, Miss Roxie Jacobs, Ernest Guy, Mrs. Versil Crenshaw, Mrs. Paul Myers, Mrs. Elmo Cox, Mrs. Emmett Golden, Mrs. J. H. Perdue and Mrs. Jessie Meeks.

Roy Harwood was ordained to the Ministry in a special service at Temple Church, Memphis, on March 20.

First Church, Jackson, is hearing two series of messages by Pastor W. Fred Kendall. Each Sunday night he is speaking on "The Ten Commandments" and on "The Cross of Christ" at the Mid-week hour. There are ten messages in each series.

Wynnborg Baptist Church in Beulah Association baptized 7 at the First Baptist Church, Tiptonville, on March 20. Pastor Gordon L. DePriest and his people are looking forward to their revival under the leadership of Ira Cole, Raleigh.

There were 23 additions and many re-consecrations at the First Church, Union City, W. A. Boston, Pastor, during their revival. Art Wright, an Oklahoma layman, was the speaker, and W. Plunkett Martin of New Orleans was the singer.

The Glee Club of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, was presented in a concert at First Church, Paris, on Wednesday night, March 30. They were enroute home from a tour in Texas. Miss Martha Ann Giles, one of our Lexington girls, is a member of this group.

Central Avenue Church, Memphis, J. S. Riser, Jr., Pastor, recently lent its baptistry to Poplar Avenue Church and Beverly Hills Mission for an impressive baptismal service. By stressing the tithe as a minimum of Christian giving, Pastor Riser is seeing his Church make strides in the payment of their building debt.

L. Sale-Harrison, world traveler and distinguished expert on International affairs, of Seattle, Washington, gave a series of Bible lectures at Bellevue Church, Memphis, March 6-8. In former years he was pastor of the Baptist Tabernacle, Sydney, Australia.

Henry J. Huey has been preaching in a Revival at the First Church, Minden, La.

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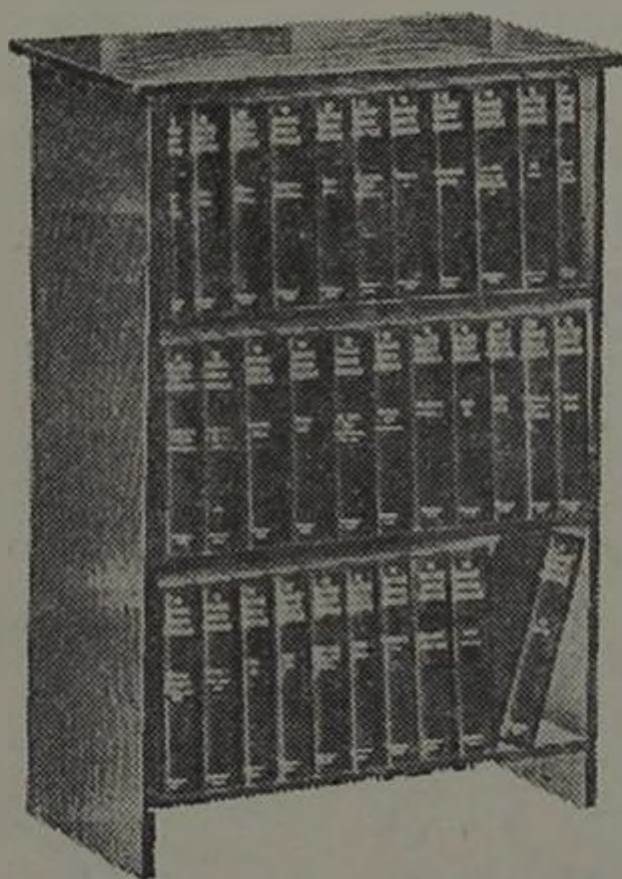
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BOOK REVIEWS

THE ATOMIC AGE AND THE WORD OF GOD by Wilbur M. Smith; Publishers, W. A. Wilde Co., Boston, Price \$3.00.

The book consists of 18 chapters, five appendices, one of which furnishes a complete table of "The Chemical Elements Arranged in Chronological Order of Their Discovery, with remarks as to the original discovery and original source and derivation of name or symbol." This table is very valuable to one who wants to refresh his mind on Chemistry. There are, in addition, two indexes, one to the Scriptures used in the book, and the other an index of subjects. The arrangement is complete.

Since space will not permit too detailed an account of the book we shall give the chapter titles and they will speak for themselves. "The Atomic Age"; "The Atomic Bomb Demands Biblical Phases"; "The Concept of Atoms among Ancient Greek Philosophers"; "The Attitude of the Church Fathers to the Conception of Atoms"; "Atom Across the Ages"; "The Structure of the Atom and the Meaning of Nuclear Fission"; "The Prediction of the Apostle Peter Regarding the Final Dissolution of the Heavens and the Earth"; "A Suvey of the Interpretation and Use of St. Peter's Description of the Final Conflagration"; "Ouranos: Uranus: Uranium"; "One World"; "A World Dictator"; "The Prince and Power of the Air"; "Wars and Rumors of Wars"; "In Caves and Rocks of the Mountains"; "Men's Hearts Failing Them for Fear"; "Sodom and Gomorrah"; "The Punishment of Eternal Fire"; "The Need for a Regenerated Humanity and the Only Hope of such a Transformation"; "The Time Is Short."

As to the subject matter of the book these chapter headings tell the story. One can see at a glance that the author is endeavoring to show his readers that the Atomic Age was predicted in God's Holy Word, and though awful in its immediate effects it need not plunge the intelligent Christian into despair. For

God's Word has not only predicted the curse of this world, but also the salvation of His saints.

The author has given the best statement of the Atomic Age that we have read, and as to his ability to relate it to the Bible we have not seen his equal.

We highly recommend it to anyone interested in the conflicts of this present age.—J. L. Robertson

THE BIBLE, THE BOOK OF GOD AND OF MAN, by James A. Montgomery. Ventnor Publishers, Inc. Ventnor, N. J. Price \$2.75.

The book consists of 108 pages of good readable print, seven short chapters, Bibliography, and some special notes.

In chapter "one" the author gives a general survey of the content of the Bible, especially helpful to those who have not had courses in the mechanical structure of the Bible. In chapter "two"—The Revelation of God in History—the historic element stands out and we are made to see that the Bible is a book that records a continuous relationship between God and man. In Chapter "three"—The Bible: A Book of Humanity—falls the main emphasis of the book. Though the Divine element is not denied to the Bible the emphasis is on the human element. Our greatest fear in recommending the book is that to the inexperienced reader the human element may be made to weigh too heavily.

The other chapters, "four and five," of the book deal with particular men and women of the Old and New Testaments and the Apocrypha. We might wonder why the author would include Apocryphal men and women in the category of Bible characters even though there might be allusion to them in Apocryphal writings.

Chapter "six"—The Ego of the Psalms—is a very instructive chapter in which living men are seen crying out to God for refuge and help. In the words of the author: "The personal experiences suffered by these saints, from which

they implore refuge in God, make the Psalter a most human book." This is a very instructive chapter on the Psalms.

The closing chapter—"The Revelation of God in Nature" shows how God has spoken to man through Nature. One is reminded of Psalm 8 and Romans 1.

On the whole it is a very instructive book, throwing much light on the human element in the Bible. Any student of the Bible will profit by reading it.—J. L. Robertson

GREAT MISSIONARIES TO THE ORIENT, by J. Theodore Mueller. Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. Price \$1.50.

This little book of 131 pages is packed full of geography, description, biography, and devotion to duty and consecration to God. The first three chapters are a geographic description of Japan, the Land of the Rising Sun; Formosa, the beautiful island of Taiwan; and Korea, the Land of the Morning Calm. In these chapters we get a look at each country and its people, a bird's-eye-view of the native religion, and then what has been done for these peoples through Christianity.

Then follows a short, descriptive biography of each of eleven missionaries, dating from 1549 to 1916, and includes Catholics, and several Protestant denominations, chief among which are Methodists and Presbyterians.

The last eight chapters deal with native workers who have done much to spread Christianity among these Orientals.

As one reads of the devotion, consecration, and suffering of these brave souls, both men and women, who dared all for Christ, we are humiliated that we have not done more ourselves.

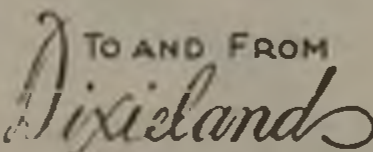
This book shows us what other denominations are doing in these countries. But not one word is said about what Baptists are doing! Hence it should be a challenge to us.—Mrs. J. L. Robertson.

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