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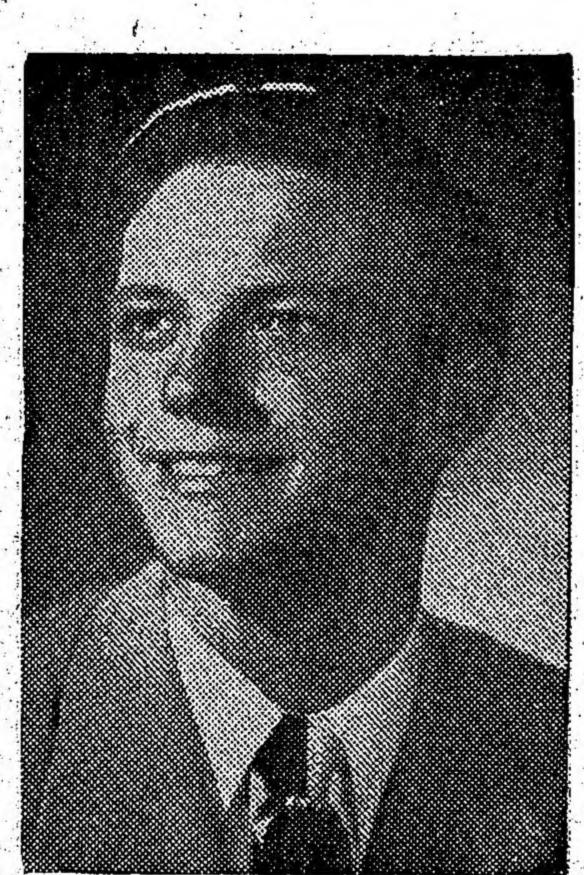
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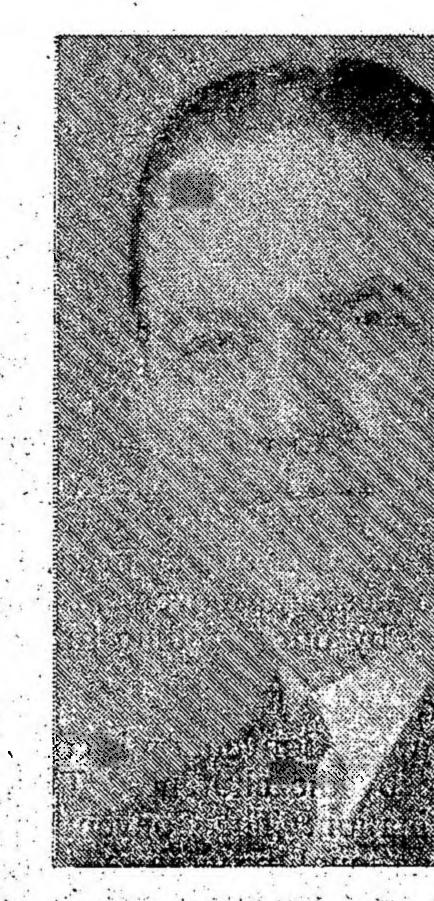


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EDITORIAL

(Editorials for this week were written by Chas. W. Pope)

Tennessee Baptist Convention

see Baptist Convention. In the Constitution, the Executive Board, and the organizational set-up they made provision for the security, the expansion, and continued soundness of our denominational life.

They did not have many churches, but in prohibiting the Convention from "interfering in the internal affairs or disputes of churches," they guaranteed the autonomy and supremacy of the churches.

They did not have many denominational institutions, but they made provisions for the ownership and control of the institutions by the Convention.

They did not have much denominational business, but in making the Executive Board the Convention Ad Interim (between sessions) they provided a method of carrying on the business of the Convention for three hundred and sixty-five days in the year, rather than three days of the Convention sessions only.

The wisdom of the forefathers lies at the base of the sound and smoothly-operating convention system of Tennessee Baptists. Because of their wise foresight and denominational soundness, the Convention seventy-five years later operates efficiently within the framework of the Constitution which they adopted. There has never been a time when the Convention and its Executive Board needed to expand and develop its work that they did not find full authority and plenty of room in the framework of the organization which they perfected. There has never been a time when the Convention needed protection against some dangerous and unsound movement that they did not find this need anticipated by our founding forefathers.

CONVENTION IS DEMOCRATIC

The Tennessee Baptist Convention is composed of messengers elected and sent up by the churches. This insures the democracy of the denomination. The Convention is the one place in our whole denominational program where every church, no matter how small, may voice its opinion and cast its ballot in directing the affairs of the denomination. This is in harmony with the democratic system of Baptist church government.

EXECUTIVE BOARD UNDER CONVENTION

The Executive Board is elected by and operates under the direction of the Convention. The Board cannot elect its own members or fill vacancies which occur. This must be done by the Convention. The Executive Board cannot change or reverse any action taken by the Convention. The Convention's directions to the Board are mandatory. However, the Convention has charged the Executive Board with "carrying on all the work of the Convention between sessions," and has given it responsibility for so doing. Time and experience have proved this one of the wisest provisions of the Convention. The Convention is in session only three days in each year. Most of the emergencies which arise will naturally come within the remainder of the year. Because the Executive Board is charged with all the business of the Convention between sessions, it has been able to protect many of our institutions from the dangers of design or mismanagement, and to provide help for them in time of need. Always such matters as affect the policy, management, and principles of the Convention in its relationship to its institutions are brought to the attention of the Convention for its action.

CONVENTION CONSIDERS MAJOR MATTERS

Because of the relationship of the Convention and the Executive Board, the Convention is able to devote the precious time of its annual sessions to the major matters of our religion which are of first importance. Details and business matters are referred to its Executive Board which, at the direction of the Convention, has been incorporated. If all business matters in detail had to be presented to the Convention for action, it would require a solid week for the Convention sessions and there would be no time for consideration of anything else. The fact that the Convention passes upon major matters and directs its Executive Board to work out the details is responsible for the harmony, fellowship, and high objectives which have characterized the sessions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. It enables the Convention to give its attention to matters of primary and major importance.

CONVENTION AND INSTITUTIONS

The relationship of the Convention to its institutions is a happy one. They are securely under the control and direction of the Convention. The schools, hospitals, and orphanages are duly chartered under the laws of Tennessee. The charter of each institution provides that the Tennessee Baptist Convention shall elect the trustees of these institutions and fix the term of office, and shall also provide for an annual audit. The Convention elects the trustees for a term of three years, but reserves the right to declare any or all positions vacant at any time and elect their successors. This provision guarantees that the institutions will always be owned and operated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Tennessee Baptists today owe a debt of gratitude to our founding forefathers who gave us a denominational organization which has been the guiding genius in the development and expansion of our great program of Kingdom work.

Faith Beyond Reason

There is no conflict between genuine faith and perfect reason. Real faith is never out of harmony with sound reason; never opposes it; never contradicts it. Reason is the function of the intellect. Faith is the function of the spirit. Reason is more human in its nature. Faith more nearly approximates the Divine. Reason employs human experience. Faith makes wide use of imagination.

Faith is beyond reason. Where perfect reason ends, perfect faith begins. Reason convinces man of the existence of God; but it never finds Him; never apprehends Him. When reason comes to the end of its efforts, faith takes up the trail which ends at the throne of God. Faith is the path-finder to God.

Only by faith can man see God; only by faith can he hear His voice. Faith is the Ear of the soul by which we hear the "Still small voice;" the Eye of the soul by which man sees the invisible. Faith is beyond reason.

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.

United In Spirit Home Missions

The denominations are not interfering with one another. They occupy the same fields, but not the same constituency. All of them working together in their own way are doing

more to evangelize the world than they could possibly do if they were united in one program. With their differences of opinion, traditions, and church organization, if they were tied up in one program together there would be bickering, dissension, misunderstanding and friction far beyond that which we have today. It would be a great thing for the proponents of church union to get it into their heads that there can be union in spirit and purpose without physical organic union. We are united in the purpose we have as Christian organizations to win the world for Christ. Let us work at this purpose each in his own way.

(That's the idea, exactly.—R. B. J.)

Science Turning Apocalyptic The Watchman-Examiner

Prophets of doom used to be heard from the pulpits; the loudest and most impressive today speak from the halls of science. Three years ago, the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural His-

tory stated five possible ways in which the world may meet its end. This portrayal of doomsday has now been revised. Of course, it is made out that it will take billions of years before the earth is reduced to a dead planet. Ten stars blow up every year and, sooner or later, the sun will follow their example, if the latest theory of probability is valid. Science marches on and in the marching, changes its mind. Even if the sun does not blow up, it is said to be certain to cool off so that it will no longer radiate light and heat. In the cooling process, life will perish in a rain of liquid air. All this forecasting of doom should bring into prominence the apocalyptic teachings of the Bible, which are far more sensible and assuring.

(And the prophecies of the Bible come true.—R. B. J.)

Anti-Communist Oath

United Evangelical Action

Communist oath.

It is interesting to note that the weight of influence of Councils of Churches across the nation has been thrown in the balances of public opinion against requiring public school teachers to take the anti-

Patriotic Americans believe their teachers in their public schools should declare themselves against all subversive ideologies which would overthrow our Constitutional government. We are fed up with innuendos and the sneers that some have aired in the classrooms against our Government. We want no more praise for Marxism and Sovietism or anything else like them in our schools. We would like a little more American flagwaving and a little more enthusiasm for the basic principles which have "made and preserved us a nation."

And when we ask our teachers to come clean for the American way of life we are a bit puzzled by the loud protests of Church Federations and Councils of Churches. We have heard all the alibis they have given and we are still puzzled. Maybe they need to take the oath.

The Size-Problem Will Be Solved

Western Recorder

Some have been greatly disturbed by the size of the Southern Baptist Convention and the difficulties experienced in entertaining it. Some remedies have been offered.

It has been so far overlooked that, for several years, flush times have put extra money into Baptist hands. Churches, not before able, have sent pastors. Pastors, not before able, have taken their wives and sometimes their children. Many have gone on their own.

Many of us remember this has happened before. Though Baptists were not then so many, the general pattern of the problem was the same. With the recession, slight or otherwise, now coming on, there will be a slacking off in Convention attendance. It usually happens that people give up their religious visiting first. The religious money is frequently the first to give out. Too bad, but it's true.

If the past repeats itself, as it ordinarily does, by the time the next Convention rolls around there will be a number indisposed to go. The growth of the Baptist constituency will ultimately demand more solution than this, but the situation is not such to warrant destructive haste.

(Possibly so.—R. B. J.)

Too Sick To Say "No"

The Union Signal

A layman sees alcoholism as a disease only in cases where the vocal chords are unable to pronounce the word "no" instead of "yes." Charles Johnson Post of Bayside, New York, in a letter to New York

Times, May 19, points out, "In order to take a drink I had in the first place and off my own bat to say 'yes' either to myself or to a friend." Mr. Post says he is willing to take the verdict of medical science on such diseases as typhoid, cholera, and cancer about which he knows nothing, but, he maintains, alcoholism is "an occurrance that lies like an open book before any layman." He is inclined to regard the "frantic effort to have alcoholism classed as a disease instead of a nuisance" as kindly propaganda for the American Association of Distillers.

Mr. Post's letter concludes facetiously: "I believe that the doctors are in error in regarding alcoholism as a matter of metabolic defects or digestive disease unless, of course, metabolism affects the vocal chords in the way that is so characteristic of alcoholics. Possibly, I suggest, some treatment whereby the vocal chords could be flexed until the syllable 'no' could be articulated with at least the same ease as 'yes' might be a medical channel well worth exploring."

We agree with Mr. Post that alcoholism is an occurrence that lies like an open book before any layman. If it is a disease, it is the only disastrous disease to which victims deliberately expose themselves.

(Don't let this stuff about drunkenness being a disease fool you.—R. B. J.)

Busy Laymen Charles J. Tuck in The Presbyterian Outlook

Too many outstanding leaders of the church are so busy running the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Masonic lodge and the political set-up that they have no

time to teach a Sunday school class.

(Ouch!-R. B. J.)

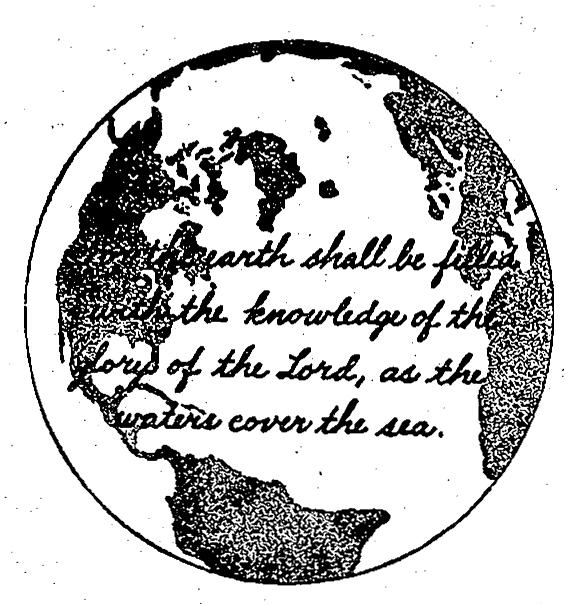
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Faith For Daily Living

R. L. Holmes, Lafayette, La.

Faith is not merely a concept to be formulated; it is a vital power by which to live. The man whose faith is purely academic, has nothing by which to live. Our discipleship must be brought up to the standard of our theology. That means that we must take Christ seriously and pattern our lives after his. We must take him and his teaching seriously, or the alternative may be catastrophe.

"WHY CALL YE ME LORD . . .?"



When Jesus walked this earth in the days of his flesh, he heard the fulsome praise of men. His answer was an interrogation: "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things I say?" Again he said, "In vain do men worship me with their lips, but their heart is far from me." The world is threatened with grave perils. The flood-tide of communism has swept over many nations. The end is not yet. The canker of cor-

ruption which eats the heart out of nations, always follows the failure of faith to function in the vital areas of life. How the communists like to belabor us because of corrupt politics, racial prejudice, tyranny of landlordism, ad infinitum. They know all our failings by rote. They do not point out any of their own failings! However, many of the things which they discover wrong with the western world, can be admitted as true. Alas! We who are Christians have not taken the reins and our conviction in hand to direct them with serious purpose.

". . . AND LIVE LIKE PAGANS"

What good does it do to say you believe in the Christian teaching, if you live like a pagan? What merit is it to say you believe in missions, even though you should make a fine art of the study of racial and cultural backgrounds, if you do nothing to bring those nations the knowledge of the living God.

Academic faith will fail to produce the type of character which alone can match this desperate age. When the children of Israel were disturbed at the prospect of Moses going away, he reassured them that God would raise up another leader like unto himself. Among the people of the earth there are many whose hearts God has touched. On such the ends of the age converge. They must be that saving remnant who without fear or favor, will dare to live for Christ and, if necessary, die for him also.

BEYOND THE ACADEMIC

The problems of this age call for something beyond the academic. This world order will not be thoroughly Christianized, but the reign of God does exist in obedient lives. Even in those times when truth seemed to be crushed to earth, it always rose again in new and commanding vitality, a directive force for the new age. When Rome fell under the invasion of barbarism, Augustine wrote, "The City of God." It is in such times that the trial of faith is more precious than silver and gold.

Philosophers of ancient Greece knew about the atom. They have told with great accuracy the story of its mysterious power. But it remained for this day and age to develop it. Six thousand scientists at the direction of President Roosevelt and with unlimited capital, set to work to make theory into practice. They did not discard their theories. The validity of those theories were tested and proved. They put their theories together and made them work. We hope that the problems of cancer and tuberculosis will be solved in like manner.

VALIDITY TEST OF FAITH

The Christian faith has been tested in its validity and does work. It must be made to work in a more comprehensive fashion to point pagans to God. Steinmetz used to say the great pioneering of scientists in the physical realm, must be followed by a new age of pioneering in the spiritual realm. Men of prayer and faith can and should venture in the great spiritual challenge of this era.

Baptists have not reached their present position in the world by acquiescing to the evils of the world. Our preachers and evangelists fought such iniquities as the liquor traffic, white slavery, gambling, and every form of corruption. They championed great unpopular causes and gained the ear of the common man because of their interest in humanity. But their greatest witness was to the sovereignty and holiness of God.

Every preacher was literally a champion for God. Every man and woman transfigured by the power of the things they believed, took it into social, economic, political, and religious life. Nothing could escape its beneficent presence. Like the healing shadow of the apostle, it affected all who came in contact with it.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM HIGHER RIGHT NOT TO DESIGNATE

The voluntary principle of uncoerced wills in matters of faith and practice applies to church finance. Baptist church members cannot be assessed for any amount. They are taught the New Testament plan and the only appeal is to an enlightened conscience. Experience of the churches, however, reveals a woeful lack of enlightened and aroused consciences on Christian stewardship.

Baptist churches that grow and accomplish much have some sort of financial system and encourage giving each Sunday by all members. Each member reserves the right to give undesignatedly to the church financial system, or designate to one or more items of that treasury as he chooses.

One who designates says by his action that he knows perfectly well the needs of all Baptist causes. This course would appear presumptuous, for only a comparatively few Baptists are that well informed.

Designated giving without full information usually results in one cause being abundantly financed to the embarrassment and detriment of another. Christian giving should be based upon facts; not fancy. Churches in conference decide always where their money goes. When they fail in this respect, they cease to be Baptist.

To give through the Cooperative Program—which means undesignatedly—is to exercise the Christian's higher right. As God's fellow-laborers, we can pool our financial strength through the church's treasury for all Baptist causes. Then every gift, large or small, goes to help in everything Baptists are engaged in the world over.

The Cooperative Program dollar is divided on a percentage basis according to the relative needs of all the causes. These percentages are voted on each year, and can be changed by majority vote of the messengers to the State Convention. Tennessee for 25 years has divided on a 50-50 basis between State and Southwide work.

Some uninformed people have imagined that a huge portion of the Cooperative money is consumed by operating expenses. To them, giving through the Cooperative Program is like pouring money into a rathole. The facts, however, tell an entirely different story. Last year it cost 1.48%, or a bit less than one and one-half cents of each dollar, for administrative expense.

All designated money must reach its destination intact, or in full, so that its transportation cost must be taken from the undesignated, or Cooperative funds. By nature of the case, designated gifts must hitchhike to where they are going. Most people who designate money do not know this fact.—L. G. FREY

THE EDUCATED HEART

By VERNON BRITT RICHARDSON

There is a neat saying that "the heart of education is the education of the heart." For an epigram, that has an unusual amount of truth in it. It emphasizes the importance of training the affections, of nurturing attitudes, of cultivating the person. It reminds us that factual knowledge, grand as it is, is not a match for the needs of our day.

Our generation is the best informed that ever lived although not necessarily the wisest. We have accumulated knowledge at so rapid a pace that even the most learned specialist can scarcely keep abreast of developments in his own narrowing field.

And yet, we all realize that the trouble spots of the world, those areas of human affairs that cry out for solution and understanding, are in the broad expanses of the human heart. That is where our problems center: In the affections, the emotions, the loyalties, the hates, the prejudices, the loves of mankind. There are the tension points in the world. The areas of conflict are in the affairs of the heart. How to get along with people who are different from us; how to learn how to like and to want what is good for us; how to give beneficent direction to the fruits of knowledge. Are not these the basic issues of our time?

When Charles A. Beard died last fall, many competent observers hailed him as the Dean of American Historians, if not the most eminent among them. I know not what religious convictions he held but in 1941 when Dr. Ralph Sockman was preparing to give the Lyman Beecher Lectures on Preaching at Yale University, he wrote to his former teacher, the distinguished historian, and asked him what lessons he had learned from his lifelong study and teaching of history.

Professor Beard was not a theologian, nor a poet, nor a philosopher, but his answer revealed a rich blending of theology, poetry, and philosophy. For in summing up the lessons he had learned from a half century in the school of life, he set down four statements:

- 1. The mills of the Gods grind slowly but they grind exceedingly fine.
- 2. Those whom the Gods are about to destroy they first make mad.
 - 3. When it gets dark enough you can see stars.
 - 4. The bee fertilizes the flower that it robs.

Four convictions "distilled from long experience as a student of life." The slow but inevitable working of divine justice; the suicidal futility of anger, unreasonableness, intemperance; the confidence that there is behind the darkness, light, and the fertilization of life through sharing.

I know not what content Mr. Beard might have poured into those observations, but I do know that they are principles written large across the face of time. They are the markers along God's way, the way wherein you and I must walk toward fresh horizons and a new day.

"THE MILLS OF THE GODS GRIND SLOWLY ..."

That first statement speaks of the justice set down at the heart of the universe. It is a phrase that occurs over and over again in slightly varying forms in the world's great literature from the time of the ancient Greeks on down.

It is not surprising that a candid observer should discover the law of justice in life and place it first among unchanging principles to which men must adapt. In the long upward sweep of the years "time is surely on the side of love over hate, honesty over greed, right over wrong. In the far view, only "what is excellent is permanent."

But you and I need not base our convictions on what has been called "a discoverable average" in history; a kind of batting average in which goodness obtains a high record over a long season. Years before the scientific study of history, Jesus Christ revealed the holiness of God, the integrity of the Almighty who cannot be outdone and who will not deny him-

self. He will not call drifting sands a good foundation on which to build a life.

"WHOM THE GODS ARE ABOUT TO DESTROY . . ."

Those whom the Gods are about to destroy they first make mad; mad with power, with greed, lust, intemperance, pride. The beginning of the end.

In Philadelphia, in John Wanamaker's store there is a vast painting called: "The Conquerors." There in splendor and fine array is an imposing cavalry, men whom the world once called great. Alexander, Hannibal, the Caesars, Napoleon and a host of others march many abreast across a highway cushioned with the bodies of their fellowmen. As you stand and look, you are fortified with the remembrance of this second law of life. Nameless thousands have mocked the decencies of mankind and dragged their own lives and those of others through a mire of reckless indulgence. Cynics "who know the price of everything and the value of nothing."

Why has this occurred with such regularity in every era? It is because men and women have refused to offer the prayer of the Psalmist "Teach me Thy way O Lord; I will walk in Thy truth." They have preferred to walk in "truth" of their own devising.

But those who in every age have dared to be humble, teachable, reverent, open-hearted, have more than once stood amid the ruins of pomp and power and pondered the wisdom of God's way.

A hunter in a dense forest called a few paces ahead to his guide saying: "I don't see the path. Where is it?" The guide turned and replied with a smile: "I am the Path. Follow me."

You will not find a path through life, a highway freshly hewn. Things are far more interesting than that. Though there is no path, there is a Person you may safely follow. He is the way, the truth, and the life.

"A BUDDING MORROW IN THE MIDNIGHT"

In the fulness of time, there came through the darkness of man's groping more light, not for his eyes alone but for his mind and heart. "In Him was life and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness and the darkness overcame it not."

Nineteen centuries have come and gone and the radiance of Christ has never dimmed. The blacker the night, the brighter His star.

Never lose the confidence that behind this world, no matter how dark it may get, there is the light of purpose, of mind friendly to man. We have here not merely the stern rigidities of iron law; we have as well an ample grace of life that pours out in abundance beyond our deserving a ministry of beauty and blessing. Our universe as Jesus says, is kin not only to mathematics but to music. Science can foretell the time of the setting sun, but who can foretell its array of color? That is part of the grace of life, God flinging in a surplus, going the second mile, beyond the expected.

"THE BEE AND THE FLOWER-SHARING"

Now this last word speaks of the wisdom that completes the educated heart: the nourishing of life through sharing. The bee takes from the flower the honey by which it lives but leaves with the flower the fertilization by which it lives and multiplies.

God's creatures are dependent upon one another for the fulfillment of their own lives. How slowly the human race has learned that lesson. How urgent is the need to take it to heart now. We are mutually dependent. Sharing is the law of life.

Honorable men throughout the nations are desperately seeking ways to undergird their nearness with neighborliness, with the common principles of friendship, of live and let live. Apart from that spirit, we see no future worth having. But whatever structure men rear politically to achieve their aims must be grounded upon the character of individuals who embody good-will. The world you want must begin in you.

—Religious Herald

SCANT SALVATION

By B. A. Miley

One is familiar with the expression "saved by the skin of the teeth." This expression means a scant salvation or one that is scarcely saved. Paul wrote to the church at Corinth and spoke of a man's salvation as being sure yet tried as by fire. The thought Paul advanced was that God did His part well but man failed to build from the resources God planted in him.

God honors His work, for it is a complete and perfect work, but he cannot reward man for trifling and incomplete and insincere work. Therefore, it is possible for a man to have all his works burned in the trying day as wood, hay and stubble burn.

After a man honors the resources that God places within, then his work is like gold and silver and precious stones. They will withstand the testing fire and man will be rewarded for them. There is such a thing as a man having scant salvation.

GOD DIRECTS PERSONALITIES

This scant salvation is revealed by one who has a vague conception of God. It is hard to conceive God as personal and active through personality. It is hard to recognize God, whom we cannot see, as Director in the affairs of men and movements. But we should hold the conception that God is personal and deals with us as truly as any earthly acquaintance.

God can be experienced. He MUST be in the beginning of salvation and HE SHOULD be experienced daily in life's activities after salvation. There is much difference between formal instruction and religious experience. Formal instruction can do with only the head of man while a vital religious experience has to do with the heart of man. Any service held within the church, or organizations of the church, should have for its goal an experience instead of formal instruction.

HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLS

When one has scant salvation he gives no further thought to growth and becomes stagnant. A man, who long since had left the community where he made profession of faith, said that he was satisfied with his church membership. He had not been to the church where his membership is for years. Neither had he been taking part in the church where he resided. He made no preparation for further growth and that which he did, proved that his salvation was scant and meager.

When God saves an individual it is His purpose to indwell the person through the Holy Spirit. The housing shortage affected God long before man was keenly conscious of the problem. The indwelling God should never be assigned to one bare room of life, or to one small apartment in life, but should have the range of all life. It is irreverence toward God to deny Him this range.

SCANT SALVATION UNSATISFACTORY

One with scant salvation has little hope for others. One with abundant salvation, that is salvation of God's part and man's cooperation, desires to see goodness worked out in others. This gives an attitude of confidence and hope in fellowmen. Should one be apart from God and see only the evil dealings of men he will not continue to hope that God works to goodness in others.

Scant salvation pays little attention to personal purity. It is like stones in a building which are covered by moss growth until finally the stone is marred and unsightly by the coating.

In a life where no personal purity exists, one sin after another corrupts life, and one corruption after another coats life, until life is not beautiful in purity. One has social collisions. These social collisions can bend and mar life as cars are deformed by collisions. If one does not repair the bend in life after the social collision he will never maintain the personal purity necessary for the carrying on of God's work effectively.

SHORT CUTS

This is an age of shortcuts. We Americans are given to "cutting corners." Our motto is "Get there." Our chief object is the terminus.

Haste is our distinguishing characteristic. Impatience is our besetting sin. We are eager to reach the prizes of life and have no patience with the slow method of former days. Our whole system of life is impregnated with this spirit of hurry. Elevators that stop at every floor are unthinkable to those whose offices are on the higher stories. They demand express cars which shoot past the lower floors with rocket-like velocity.

We cannot wait for eggs to hatch by nature's method-but hurry them up with incubators. We cannot wait for cream to "rise," but use a separator. We are taking short cuts in education.

Perfection requires time. A mushroom will mature in a night, a cucumber in a few days, but an oak requires a century. Too many of our young people are taking the short cut through school. They want to get into their life work and are slighting the preparation. Archimedes said that if he had a point in space upon which to place a fulcrum and a lever long enough he could lift the earth. In doing this it would be very important to reach the point mentioned but what would be the use of getting there without a lever.

One will move nothing by simply arriving at the point of power. A great many young people arrive without the lever. When this is true, their presence only demonstrates their importance.

A few years ago the world was astonished at the skill displayed by a celebrated archaeologist in designating the exact place where the ruins of the temple and royal palace and other buildings of ancient Troy would be found. When asked the secret he said that for fifty years he had been preparing for those few months of excavations, and that when his workmen commenced to dig, he knew exactly where each ruin would be found.

Probably none of us will excavate ancient cities, but will devote ourselves to some work as a life calling, and success will depend upon the preparation which we bring to the effort. An ounce of intelligent effort is worth a pound of unprepared labor.

Time spent in sharpening one's axe is better than hacking and hewing with a dull one. It is certainly worth while to take aim before shooting. Nine-tenths of efficiency is preparedness.

—The United Presbyterian

W.M.U. Divisional Meetings

October 17, 7:00 P.M. Northeastern Division, Rogersville, B W C and Young People

October 18, 10:00 A.M. All day, Rogersville

October 18, 7:30 P.M. Eastern Division, B W C and Young People, Maryville, First

October 19, 10:00 A.M. All day Maryville, First

October 20, 10:00 A.M. All day, Southeastern Division, South Pittsburg

October 21, 10:00 A.M. All day, Northcentral Division, Cookeville

October 21, 7:00 P.M. Young People and B W C's, Cookeville

October 24, 6:00 P.M. B W C and Young People, Southcentral, Shelby-ville

October 25, All day, Shelbyville, First

October 25, 6:00 P.M. Young People Central Division, McEwen

October 25, 7:00 P.M. B W C, McEwen

October 26, 10:00 A.M. All day, McEwen

October 26, 7:00 P.M. Northwestern Division, Dresden, Young People and B W C's

October 27, 10:00 A.M. Northwestern Division, Dresden

October 28, 10:00 A.M. Southwestern Division, Temple Church, Memphis

October 28, 7:30 P.M. Southwestern Division, Temple Church, Memphis B W C's

October 29, 10:00 A.M. All day meeting divisional young people, Camp Linden

LOOK UP ... And Be Lifted Up

By Jimmy Potts

Did you ever lie on your back in the grass and look up at the soft blue spaciousness of the heavens, brilliant in the radiance of the hot summer sun?

Did you ever look up into the sky at night and see the myriads of stars twinkling on the black velvet of the night?

Did you ever look up at a gray, wet sky and know that behind all that gray wetness was the sun, and the same clear sky that you see when there are no clouds?

GOD IS THERE

Looking up makes you feel better, doesn't it? You know heaven is up there somewhere, and God. You know there is life up there, not darkness and oblivion. Sometimes you wonder just how far up the sky is, and where it stops, if it does. Then sometimes you look at the sky without thinking about it, and absorb its calm into your mind and soul.

Looking up is good for you. You can see so much more looking up than you can looking down, or even straight ahead. When you look down, all you see is the ground, and very little of it. There is much more to be seen looking straight ahead, of course, but something always blocks your view. But when you look up, you see endless miles of space, the sky, clouds, bright sunlight, stars, and the pale glowing moon.

Right now you can look up at the highest things of life. You don't have to look down, so don't. All you see is the ground, where everyone walks and spits and throws his trash. You see gutters and sewers, drunks and dope-fiends, thieves and cheats, liars and hyprocrites who have either fallen into the gutter from lack of strength or have been thrown there by the rest of humanity who refuse to be polluted by such filth.

LOOKING DOWN

Of course, when you look down, you see also bare patches of dirt, grassy meadows, and ever beautiful flowers. You see those wonderful people who work on farms, build houses and the care of them, or work in mills and factories. These are the lucky ones. They are good.

But when you look down there is Hell. You can't help seeing those who are always trying to get something for nothing by betting, gambling and stealing. You see those who are always trying to have a good time without working or earning anything to pay for it. Sooner or later, they too will find their place in the gutter.

LOOKING AHEAD

When you look ahead, you miss most of that filth and absolute trash. Instead, you see houses and trees, people and entertainment. You see theaters and churches, hospitals and mortuaries, saloons, dress shops, pool rooms and grocery stores. You see more pleasure seekers, but these can earn enough to pay for their pleasures. They go to the movies and ball games, and travel a little. They go to church on Sunday morning and ride around on Sunday afternoon. They work in stores and business firms, schools and hospitals. They read the latest best-sellers, a magazine or two, and of course, the newspapers. They listen to the comedians on the radio, and like popular music. One opera or symphony a year is plenty for them. They dance and smoke, drink a little more, and enjoy themselves—or think they do.

They are in a rut.

They have no real purpose in life.

They work to eat and sleep. Work to enjoy themselves. No one is much better or worse for having known them, unless he follows their example. They don't slow down the earth as do those in the gutters. They just hang on.

LOOKING UP

Look up!

Look up and see those who make the world go round. See the sky full of sunshine and clouds, moonlight and stars. Look up and see the GREAT men and women of the earth. See those who OWN the stores, farms, and factories. See those who direct the erection of buildings and dams. See those who have devoted their lives to helping others to become better people. See the great educators, missionaries, doctors, and preachers. See the leaders in government and the greatest men of sports. See those who have read and are reading the best in literature, who only listen to the best of music, who seek only the best of entertainment, and who engage in only the cleanest of sports. They haven't time to waste on anything else. See those who get pleasure from their work, who have little time of their own, and see what little time they have wisely.

Look up and see success.

Look up and see greatness.

LOOK UP FOR OPPORTUNITY

Look up and find the place you should fill. Everyone has a place at the top; those who look up find their place and fill it. They don't just exist.

You have such little time to look anywhere that you shouldn't waste it looking down and seeing and tasting the filth and mediocrity that are present. You shouldn't waste your time just looking ahead, with little purpose in life, just trying to be happy, just living.

Look up, up! Only then will you get all you can out of life! Only then will you give all you should to life.

You have so little time to live your life. Don't waste your life doing something that doesn't do you nor anyone else any good. Find what you want to do and do it.

Look up and see success.

Look up and see greatness!

Be somebody, not anybody. Look up and live!

START NOW

If you haven't already, start right now. Find your place and fill it. If you can't be a leader in something you are interested in, help the leaders.

Study hard! Work hard! Play hard! Don't waste the most valuable years of your life just existing. Do everything you can while you can.

Look up! Find the best in life and live it!

JIMMY POTTS is a member of First Baptist Church, Morristown, and a freshman at Carson-Newman College. This article is reproduced from the pages of the ORANGE AND BLUE because of its inspirational value to both students in school and students in life.

SUCCESS NOTES . . . for boys

Once upon a time someone made a survey of successful men to learn what kind of boys they had been. These men were known, not for their money-making, but for worth-while achievements in science, education, art, engineering, and so on. Most of them started life as poor boys and only a small percentage of them were sons of wealthy men.

Do you know, NOT A SINGLE LAZY BOY was found in the group—not one! Thomas A. Edison was not a lazy boy; Abraham Lincoln was not a lazy boy. The man who discovered electricity was not a lazy boy, neither was the man who became a great preacher, or president of the railroad. It is the up-and-doing boy of today who becomes the great man of tomorrow.—V.B.

Happiness grows at our own firesides and is not to be picked in stranger's gardens.—Douglas Jerrold.

Preserve... THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE

By Frank E. Burkhalter

America did not become the great, free, prosperous, and happy nation that she is by accident, luck, or the partiality of heaven. Neither will such factors retain for her these attributes and privileges in the future.

The fundamental truths upon which our republic was founded, if given proper nurture and propagation, will enable both our form of government and way of life to endure for the long future.

Our pioneers were possessed by an abiding conviction that man is the masterpiece of God's creation. But they were equally persuaded that man can attain God's ideal for his highest development and happiness only if he is free to think for himself, read a free, untrammeled press, exercise freedom of speech, vote his honest convictions on all public issues at a free ballot box, worship God according to the dictates of his own conscience, and works hard for the development of the talents and resources and the improvement of the opportunities with which Providence has provided him.

However, many of the priceless heritages that our country has conferred upon us are in imminent danger of being snatched from us by strong, sinister tendencies that have originated in our own soil.

Dangerous Tendencies

Consider a few of the more immediate and dangerous of these tendencies:

- 1. Pressure groups from state, county, and city governments, and almost every form of business, industry, and trade, seeking to wrest special and unwarranted favors for themselves from the federal government.
- 2. Sponsorship of countless measures by senators and representatives which are designed more to feather their own nests than promote a better life for all.
- 3. Constant mounting of public expenditures to where it now requires the labor of 81 days out of a working year of approximately 235 days, to pay one's federal, state, county, and city taxes.
- 4. Growth of the payroll of the federal government to where one person out of every seven is either an employee or a pensioner. The number of these beneficiaries is already sufficient to swing the result in any presidential election.
- 5. Continued concentration of vast authority in the hands of the president, thus destroying the three-way balance in authority set up by the Constitution. If this is continued, an overly ambitious chief executive might easily seize the government and make himself America's first dictator.
- 6. Efforts of the federal government to lay controlling hands on our public school system in the guise of aid to education.
- 7. Disposition of Congress and some state legislatures to set aside the constitutional provision for complete separation of church and state by the appropriation of public funds for the support of church-related schools, hospitals, and other institutions. This lays a possible predicate for the ultimate establishment of a state church, the historical enemy of freedom, in countless instances, in other countries.
- 8. Prevalence of crime in this country to where one major crime is committed every 19 seconds. This record—the worst in the world—costs taxpayers four and two-thirds times what we invest in every form of education, public and private. We are not free with such a vast army of criminals roaming rampant over the country.

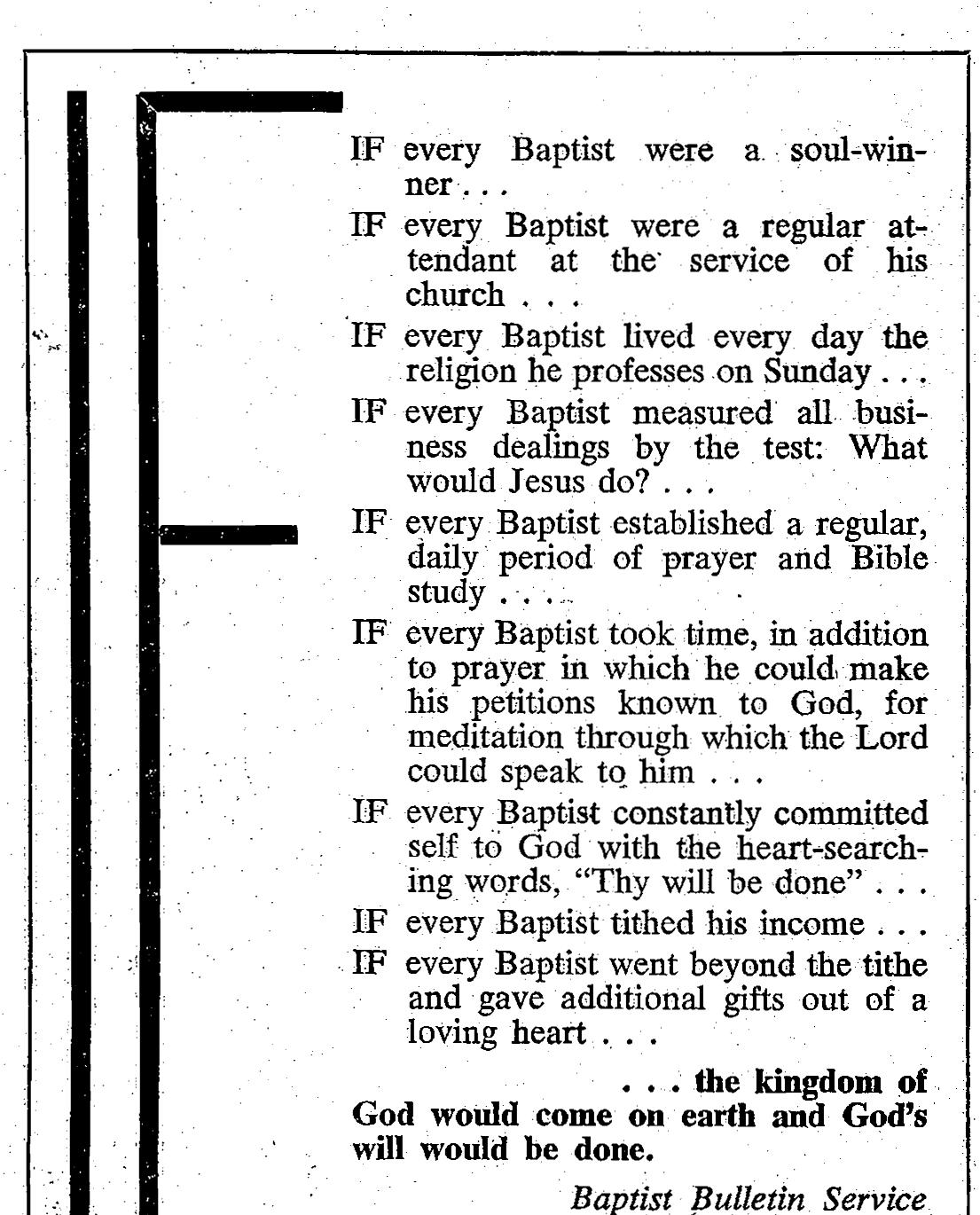
Curb the Tendencies

But how shall we curb these tendencies?

1. Somehow we must lead our people to rely more on their own efforts and less upon the government and social agencies for their support.

- 2. Find some means of enabling government supplicants to see that hand-outs made to them must be paid for by increased taxes, and frequently entail additional governmental control over the affairs of all the people. Excessive taxation is one of the most ominous enemies that freedom knows.
- 3. Inform ourselves fully upon all public issues and candidates for office so that we can choose intelligently those servants who will work solely for the public welfare.
- 4. Keep ourselves fully apprised of what is going on in Congress and the state legislatures and, through the diligent exercise of the right of petition, demand that no laws be passed which transgress any of our inherent constitutional rights and natural interests.
- 5. Obey all the laws ourselves and see to it that all the constitutional rights of all citizens, regardless of their color, creed, or economic status, are guaranteed to them, as well as ourselves, by the state and society.
- 6. Fight with all our might the further invasion of this country at the hands of communism and all other subversive doctrines.
- 7. Acknowledge God in our minds and hearts always, and pray that he will so guide those whom we have entrusted with the leadership of the nation that the United States will continue to be an example of freedom and justice, and an inspiration to all other peoples of the world.
- 8. Implore God's Spirit to so permeate the minds and hearts of the people of this and other lands that jealousy, hatred, and greed may be effectively rebuked, and that all the families of mankind may soon be ready to "beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks," and will never need to "learn war any more."

In the words of Herbert Hoover, let's "Think it over."



Sunday School Lesson =

By O. L. Rives

Professor of Religious Education, Carson-Newman College Lessons based on International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lesson for Christian Teaching, copyrighted by International Council of Religious

For October 16, 1949

TEXTS: Isaiah 1:21-28; 10; 13; 19:19-25; 31 (Larger)—Isa. 1:21-28; , 19:19-25 (Printed)—Isa. 45:22 (Golden).

GOD AND THE NATIONS

We live in a day when men who are not particularly religious, that is not Christian, are saying over and over again that one of our greatest needs is to be able to get along with other people. It is trite, but nevertheless absolutely true, to be reminded that it is either one world or none. Nations must be able to adjust their differences or there will be no nations left because there will be no people to make up the nations. This has been said so often and by so many who are qualified to speak from a scientific point of view, that the terrible possibility of humanity's self-destruction seems to be losing some of the force it possessed four years ago. But the tragic possibility, not to say probability, still remains.

God, in His wisdom and benevolence, has long since provided a means and a method whereby peace and harmony can be achieved and maintained among the nations. The passages selected for this lesson's study are among many of like nature found elsewhere in the Scriptures. From all of them we are able to state, with positive assurance, the following: which is as true today as it was during the days of Isaiah.

I. GOD'S LAW IS TO BE THE SOLE BASIS OF JUSTICE BETWEEN THE NATIONS.

This is true because justice apart from that law can, at best, be only an approximation; it is relative and never absolute. Thus men ultimately become dis-satisfied to the extent of disturbance and even revolution. They go to war among themselves and seek to destroy one another. They manufacture excuses for their wars with almost as much cleverness and ingenuity as they manufacture their munitions. They are able, with modern propaganda devices and techniques, to make the people of their own nation whole-heartedly go to war against the people of another nation on the basis of what history often proves to be the flimsiest excuses. But the real reason for war is injustice of some sort.

If nations, all nations, could be brought to an acceptance and practice of God's law there could be no wars. If even the so-called Christian nations would accept and practice that law in their relations with other nations like they do in their relations with individuals and as individuals; the world would be nearer peace than it now is. If stealing, for instance, is unjust as between individuals (and it is) it is also unjust as between nations.

God's law is perfect since it grows out of His nature which is holy. Men who live according to that perfect law have, no desire to harm their fellows. All schemes and systems and leagues (and the world has seen many of them) that ignore or go counter to that law have ended in dismal failure. It is safe to prophesy like failure for others.

II. GOD'S SON IS TO BE THE SOLE HOPE FOR LIFE BETWEEN THE NATIONS.

"In Him was life; and the life was the light of men" (John 1:4). We become so accustomed to seeing the application of this teaching to individual men that we are prone to forget that it can also be applied to men as they exist in groups. Let us hasten to observe just here, however, that there can be no spiritual life within the group or as between the groups except that it exists inside the individuals that make up the group or groups. And this is another way of saying that peace and harmony between nations rests on a solid basis only if and when the individuals of the nations have the Lord Jesus Christ as a living person within their hearts and lives, having experienced His saving grace and knowing something of His lordship in their living.

"His name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end" (Isa. 9:6b. 7a). The Prophet here announces a sublime word of hope. It is God's message to a weary and distracted and disturbed world. The time will come when we shall have peace, lasting peace, but only upon the basis of men's acceptance of Jesus as Saviour and following Him as Lord and Master. There is no other basis of hope for such a peace. To imagine so is to be tragically disappointed and disillusioned in the end. Let us remember this always.

Do we as Baptists actually believe this? We say we do, but do we? Our deeds belie our words, judging from the records of our gifts to mission causes both at home and abroad (to go no further than a study of the records of our giving). Such records shame us.

When our nation is at war, we offer our all for the preparation of our liberties: treasure, talent, convenience, even life itself. When our Lord and the ongoing of His great cause call for these, how do we respond? How do we, indeed?

The Young South-

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

I suppose you had Promotion Day in your Sunday school and that you are having fun in your new class or department. A step-up in Sunday school is like a promotion in day school, isn't it? It is a sign of growth. It is also an opportunity to learn new things and make new friends. When you write to me again, be sure to tell me some of your new experiences in Sunday school, in day school, and at home!

It has been a long time since I had any new information to add to the Young South word picture of Ida Belle Farmer, Rural Route 2, Clarksville, Tennessee. Ida Belle is an old friend and we like to keep her word picture up-to-date. Her card in the file now shows that she is eighteen years old and is a Senior at Clarksville High School. The big news in Ida Belle's most recent letter was about a revival just completed in Little Hope Baptist Church, where she is a member. Brother L. G. Frey did the preaching and there were several conversions and additions to the church.

Ida Belle would like to have some pen pals who are her age. Judging from my own experience with her, I think she would be a grand pen pal. She likes to write letters and she always remember to include interesting news. If you are around eighteen and want a pen pal, why don't you write to Ida Belle?

Or, if you are a little younger—around fifteen—maybe you'd like to begin corresponding with Ida Belle's sister, Joyce Farmer. Joyce was fifteen years old on April 12. She is a sophomore in high school. She is a Christian and belongs to Little Hope Baptist Church. Her hobbies are writing and embroidering. Joyce enjoys her church work and has several special jobs there—including being treasurer of her Training Union.

We have a brand new word picture this week—and that means a brand new friend. She is Marilyn Kay Owens, Route 1, Box 11, Covington, Tennessee. Marilyn Kay is eight years old and in the third



grade at school. Her hobbies are many—riding a bicycle, playing the piano, playing with dolls, and working in flowers. She goes to church at Charleston and Smyrna where her father is pastor. She is a member of the Charleston Baptist Church. Already she probably has many oppor-

tunities to use two of her hobbies at church—piano-playing and flowers. Good music and pretty flowers add much to a church service, and they are truly love gifts from the ones who can give them.

Marilyn Kay wants pen pals her age. I know she'd especially enjoy corresponding with someone who also likes to ride a bicycle, play with dolls, play the piano, or work in flowers. That gives you a lot of interesting things to write about, doesn't it? Why don't you write to Marilyn Kay today?

It's been two years since we began our word picture of Nannelle Stevenson, 802 Mississippi Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Now Nannelle is thirteen years old and in the eighth grade at Northside Junior. High School. Her brother and sister are married now and, she says, "That leaves me behind by myself." Of course, what she means is that she will be the only child at home now. Won't she be a busy girl, trying to make up to her mother and her doctor-dad all the fun they miss since two of the children have moved away? One of her jobs is to keep them from being too lonesome!

Nannelle goes to Northside Baptist Church and is active in Sunday school, Training Union, and Intermediate G.A.'s. She wants some pen pals and promises to answer every letter which she receives.

How about your word pictures? Is it up-to-date? Do you want some more pen pals? Do the friends whose word pictures are in today's column sound like they are interested in the same things you like? If so, why don't you sit down right now and write them a note introducing yourself? Or, if none of today's pictures shows a person your age or with your special interests, how about writing your introductory letter to the Young South column? That will give us an opportunity to "touch up" your word picture—and it will give several hundred boys and girls an opportunity to meet you and choose you as a pen pal.

This is an especially good time to begin a new pen-pal correspondence. You know, winter days will be here soon and there'll be lots of cold evenings when you will be glad for a letter-visit with a Young South friend. Besides, next week (October 16-22) is National Letter Writing Week—and that's a perfect time to write your first letter to a new friend.

It's a perfect time to write to me, too. In fact, today's a perfect time for that. You see, if you mail a letter to me today, I will probably receive it on Monday—and that will start my Letter Writing Week off just right! How about it?

Love,

Sunday School Department -

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

W. G. RUTLEDGE Superintendent MISS GLADYS LONGLEY Associate



MISS OLETA MEEK Elementary Worker MISS DOROTHY CAMPBELL Office Secretary

State Missions in the Sunday School October 23

Teaching Necessary

The Sunday school is committed to a program of teaching people. The Bible is the textbook. In addition to teaching we are obligated to keep our people informed as to the worldwide program of missions fostered by Southern Baptists. State Mission Day is one of the special days approved by the convention for emphasis on the mission program. Our people will not continue to give to state missions unless we teach them about the activities of the great program.

Giving Imperative

Every Sunday school should take a special offering for state missions on October 23 or on the nearest date convenient to the church. This offering is an opportunity for people to express their willingness to support the state mission activities. Make a generous offering and send it to Dr. C. W. Pope, executive secretary.

Special Stewardship Lesson for Use in the Sunday Schools

At the suggestion of the Promotion Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention the Sunday School Board has prepared and issued a special stewardship lesson to be used in the fall in connection with the Every Member Canvass.

The lesson is prepared by Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of Texas. The title is "God, Man, and Money." This pamphlet will be helpful to all pastors and superintendents in getting ready for the Every Member Canvass.

It is available from the Sunday School Board at 1c per copy in quantities of fifty or more. This timely and valuable aid in the teaching of stewardship should be used in all of our Sunday schools. Order your supply immediately.

Thirty Babies Enrolled at Orlinda

The Sunday school of the Orlinda Baptist Church has recently enrolled so many additional babies that we requested Pastor Lowell D. Milburn to send us a statement as to how it was done. We give below a portion of his letter:

"In regard to enrolling the babies in the Cradle Roll of our Sunday School. We were carrying twenty babies on our Cradle Roll, but I knew a new enrolment had not been made this year. We had lost our leader and had a hard time finding one who would do the needed work. As pastor I was concerned about it. Everyone said that the enrolment was wrong anyway, because there just were not any babies in our community. There could not be over ten at the most. This is not a large community. But I got busy, ordered some enrolment cards, some birthday cards, and some certificates from the Book Store. Then I started visiting. I enrolled thirty babies in the Cradle Roll which are not in our Sunday School Nursery Class. This increased our enrolment to nearly one-third of our fifteen per cent goal for gain this year."

Congratulations to Bro. Milburn and his fine people!

Central Better Bible Teaching Conference at Morristown

Under the direction of Missionary Herman King and Pastor Hudson Hicks our department assisted Nolachucky Association in having a Central Better Bible Teaching Conference. The following classes were offered:

Beginner-Mrs. Jesse Meek Primary—Mrs. J. Smith Womack Junior—Miss Marcella Adams Young People—Mrs. A. B. Clark

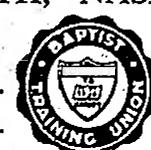
Adult—Mrs. L. G. Frey

Pastors and Superintendents-Mr. W. G. Rutledge The school was well attended. The pupils were unusually well distributed in the classes. This association plans to make training a major annual effort.

Baptist Training Union —

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

CHARLES L. NORTON, Director MISS ROXIE JACOBS, Int.-Jr. Ldr. MISS MARY ANDERSON, Assoc.



MISS DORIS BROWN Office Secretary O. O. MIXSON Convention President

OUR NEW OFFICE SECRETARY

We are happy to present to Tennessee Baptists Miss Doris Brown as our Office Secretary. Miss Brown came to the Training Union



Doris Brown

Department the first of September from the Sunday School Board. She comes well prepared for her task. She has been in Training Union work ever since she was a Junior and is familiar with all the work promoted by the State Training Union Department.

She served as Church Secretary in the First Southern Baptist Church of Modesto, California, and worked as W.M.U. Young People's Secretary in Central Valley Association in California. During the summer of 1947 under the Home Mission Board she was a summer worker in Oregon and Washington.

_To many in Tennessee, Miss Brown is already known having spent the first ten years of her life in Etowah, Tennessee. From Etowah the family went to Louisville, Kentucky and sometime later Miss Brown entered Georgetown College. She is anxious to be of service to the folks of Tennessee.

Regional Officers' Planning Meetings

Region

Date

Place

Southwestern October 17 First Baptist Church, Bolivar Associations: Beech River, Big Hatchie, Fayette, Hardeman, McNairy, Madison, Shelby

Northwestern October 18 First Baptist Church, Greenfield Associations: Beulah, Carroll, Crockett, Dyer, Gibson, Weakley, Western District

South Central October 20 First Baptist Church, Lawrenceburg Associations: Duck River, Giles, Indian Creek, Lawrence, Maury, New Duck River, William Carey

Central October 21 First Baptist Church, Clarksville Associations: Bledsoe, Cumberland, Judson, Nashville, Robertson, Stewart

North Central October 24 First Baptist Church, Cookeville Associations: Concord, New Salem, Riverside, Salem, Stone, Union, Wilson

October 25 Southeastern First Baptist Church, Athens Associations: Hiwassee, McMinn, Ocoec, Polk, Sequatchie Valley, Sweetwater, Tennessee

Northeastern October 27 First Baptist Church, Greeneville Associations: East Tennessee, Grainger, Holston, Holston Valley, Jefferson, Mulberry Gap, Nolachucky, Watauga

Eastern

October 28

First Baptist Church, Oak Ridge

Associations: Big Emory, Campbell, Chilhowee, Clinton, Cumberland Gap, Knox, Midland, New River, Northern, Providence, Sevier, West Union

All meetings will begin at 6:45 P.M.

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

-Woman's Missionary Union -

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

MRS. SAM HOLLOWAY
President

MISS NELLIE TALLANT Young People's Secretary



MISS MARY NORTHINGTON Executive Secretary-Treasurer MRS. DOUGLAS GINNO Office Secretary

P.M., and ending with the

Southwestern in Memphis at

the Temple Baptist Church,

will speak to the business

all the women during the day.

She is a Tennessee girl, served

in Japan as a Red Cross worker,

has visited a large number of

our home mission fields, and

will bring an inspiring message

meeting at Southeastern Divi-

sion at South Pittsburg. There

will be no B. W. C. supper at

Northeastern, North Central,

Central, or Northwestern Divi

sion, but there will be an inter-

esting meeting at seven o'clock.

for the Southcentral Division

at Shelbyville, October 24th,

send one dollar to Mrs. C. C.

Bryant, Shelbyville for a reser-

vation. The dinner will be

served at the American Legion

Center at six o'clock. Send

reservation immediately. Last

If you are to attend the one

There will be no evening

in our divisional meetings.

Miss Sliger

and to

October 28th.

women at night

Miss Regina Sliger

Field Worker for Home Mission Board

Miss Regina Sliger will be the chief speaker for the B W C's in the divisional meetings. Beginning in Northeastern Division Oct. 17 at 7:00



REGINA SLIGER

year there was an overflow crowd.

Come and hear Miss Regina Sliger and Miss Cornelia Leavell of China!

Miss Cornelia Leavell

We are happy to have Miss Cornelia Leavell, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. George Leavell as our foreign missionary for our divisional meetings. Cornelia was born in China and has served as a missionary in Hawaii during the war and afterwards in China.

She will bring a message each day to the women and in the evening she will show pictures of China to the young people. She is a trained kindergarten teacher and she knows how to interest the young people.

The adults will enjoy hearing this lovely young woman telling of our work in Hawaii and China. We claim Cornelia as she is a neice of Governor Austin Peay and her mother lived in Tennessee many years. Attend your meetings!



CORNELIA LEAVELL

(See page 6 for Schedule of Divisional Meetings)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13, 1949

-Brotherhood Department—

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

E. N. DELZELL Secretary



BERNICE BROWN
Office Secretary

GREAT BROTHERHOOD RALLY

The Shelby County Baptist Brotherhood has made arrangements with Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, President of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to speak at this great rally.

Time: October 28th, 1949 at 6:30 P.M.

Place: Gayoso Hotel

Who: All Baptist Men are cordially invited

Cost: \$1.75 per plate

Six hundred and fifty tickets are available. Two hundred and ten tickets were sold on September 9th. Order your tickets immediately and insist on your men hearing Dr. Ellis Fuller on this date.

New Brotherhood Organized

Ball Camp Baptist Church, Knox County, reports the following officers:

Pastor Rev. Harold Ford

President W. F. Sharp

Membership Vice-president Fred McPeak

Program Vice-president A. J. Bryant

Activities Vice-president J. J. Martin

Chorister Herman Coldiron

Organist Lloyd Cardwell

Alexandria Baptist Church, Wilson County, has the following officers:

M. M. Youngblood

Secretary-Treasurer Judson Gilbert

President Olie Hays
Activities Vice-President Hubert Turner
Program Vice-President Marvin Christian
Membership Vice-President James Jennings

Secretary-Treasurer W. R. Curtis

Chorister Albert Davenport

State Baptist Brotherhood meeting afternoon and evening Monday, November 14th. We should have a thousand men from all over the State at this meeting.

AMONG THE BRETHREN-

Parents or Pastors

If you have sons or daughters, or church members, attending school in Boston, Massachusetts, you can favor them greatly by sending their names and addresses to Rev. T. Eugene West, Dudley Street Baptist Church, Boston 19, Mass. Dr. West, a Southerner well-known to many throughout the South and now pastor in Boston, desires to extend special courtesies to Southern students now in Boston. At his request this note is sent by the Student Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee, Frank H. Leavell, Secretary.

Philip B. Harris assumed his duties as Assistant Professor of Adolescent Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, September 1. Mr. Harris has, since 1943, been superintendent of Young People's Work in the division of education and promotion of the Sunday School Board, Nashville.

—B&R—

A total of 2863 Southern Baptist churches have been organized since 1940, according to Porter Routh, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics, and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Of these, 933 are located in the city, 295 in the town, 462 in villages, and 1173 in the open country.

—B&R—

Enrollment at Southwestern Seminary has reached the 1364 mark this semester, according to Miss Katie Reed, registrar. This is the record enrollment for any single semester.

The meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held at First Baptist Church, Nashville, November 15, 16, and 17. Make your plans to attend.

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James L. Sullivan will assist Pastor Frank B.

Kellogg and the Una Baptist Church, Nashville

Association, in a revival October 9-15.

—B&R—

Late registration at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary brought the total enrollment of full time Christian students to 499.

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In a regular Sunday morning service, September 11, Pastor R. B. Owens and Charleston Church, Big Hatchie Association, welcomed 17 additions to the church. Since Bro. Owens became pastor of the church in July, there have been 34 additions.

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Gene Cullum supplied the pulpit of Central Baptist Church, Knoxville, on September 25. Bro. Cullum is a student at Southern Seminary.

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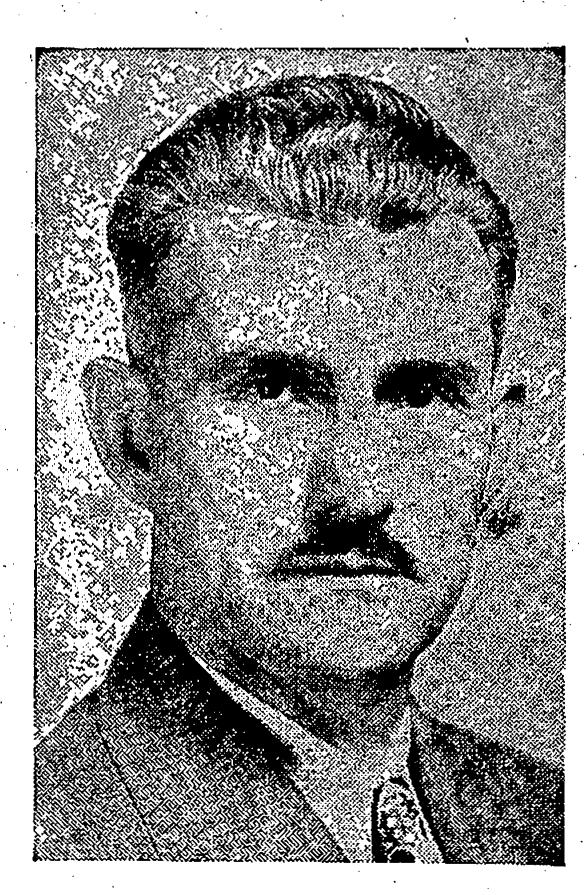
Missionary W. F. Wright of Jamestown has recovered nicely from a very serious illness and operation and is now back with his people.

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Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Aldridge of Pineville, Ky. announce the birth of twin sons, John Dennis and David Merrill. Bro. Aldridge, a teacher at Clear Creek Preachers School, was formerly a missionary in Grundy County. Mrs. Aldridge is the former Kathleen Deakins of Chattanooga.



Herron Chapel Pastor



Harry W. Hargrove began his work as Pastor of the Herron Chapel Baptist Church, Bemis, October 2. He succeeds Bernard Scates who is now Pastor at First Church, Lawrence-burg.

Bro. Hargrove is a native of Farmington, Ky. and was educated at Union University, graduating with the class of 1933,—A.B. degree cum laude.

He was pastor at Hickman and Paducah before entering the army in 1940 as a Chaplain. He served with distinction in the 81st Wildcat Division and was cited for meritorious service. Following his army career he served as Pastor of Salem Baptist Church, Brundidge, Ala.

His wife is the former Miss Edna Eastham of Mercer, Tenn. The Hargroves have two sons.

The Nashville Baptist Pastors' Conference has appointed a Hospitality Committee to offer its services to those attending the Tennessee Baptist Convention at Nashville, Nov. 15-17 who may not wish to stay in hotels.

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October 30—Which Way Are You Headed? These messages will be delivered by Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis.

Pastor O. C. Rainwater and the Trenton Street Church, Harriman, were recently assisted in a revival by J. Howard Young, pastor of Arlington Church, Knoxville. Orville I. Wilson, minister of music and education, of Trenton Street Church, directed the music.

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There has been a change in the place of meeting for the Knox County Baptist Association. The first day session and the evening session will be held at the First Church, Knoxville. The second day session will be held at South Knoxville Church. The date of the meeting is October 11-12.

R. C. Campbell, popular preacher and author, has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Little Rock, Ark. The church elected him pastor emeritus and voted to pay his moving expenses to Shelby, N. C. He will continue to be active in writing, evangelistic, denominational, and supply work.

Dr. Leon W. Sloan of New Orleans, La., pastor of First Church, Ripley, 1898-1901, is seriously ill. Mrs. Sloan passed away in August.

Paul Turner, pastor of First Church, Clinton, assisted Pastor James W. Cox and the Memorial Baptist Church, Frankfort, Ky., in a two-week evangelistic meeting. There were 21 additions, 15 of whom came for baptism. The music was under the direction of Kenneth Keeton, student at Georgetown College.

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John L. Hill will head the sponsoring committee for the Baptist phase of the Cumberland University Second Century Program. The treasurer of the campaign is Chief Justice A. B. Neil, an alumnus of Cumberland University and former dean of the Cumberland Law School.

The Baptist phase of the campaign has been launched and will include all Baptist Associations and Churches in Middle Tennessee.

Other members of the Baptist sponsoring committee are W. L. Baker, Donelson; James Brewer, Columbia; H. D. Burns, Dickson; Homer A. Cate, Shelbyville; Griffin Henderson, Murfreesboro; Alvin H. Hopson, Lebanon; H. D. Lankford, Dover; Gaye L. McGlothlen, Nashville; Richard Owen, Clarksville; W. F. Powell, Nashville; Bob N. Ramsey, Cookeville; Leonard Sanderson, Lewisburg; E. L. Smothers, McMinnville; W. Leonard Stigler, Nashville; Luther Joe Thompson, Springfield; and G. Allen West, Nashville.

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Selsus E. Tull of Pine Bluff, Ark., has been selected by the Board of Trustees of the West Kentucky Baptist Memorial Hospital located at Paducah, Ky. to take up the leadership of their building movement while Dr. A. M. Parrish is disabled because of ill health. Dr. Tull is a former pastor of First Church, Paducah.

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Mrs. Chesley L. Bowden, organist at First Church, Ripley, is the new dean of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. Mrs. Bowden is one of West Tennessee's noted musicians.

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES OCTOBER 2, 1949

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Good Springs		65	A	Washington Pike
Idlewild	56	53	*.	LaFollette, West
McMahan Calvary		31 68		Lawrenceburg, First
New Zion	96	****		Lebanon, Barton's Creek
Rodgers Creek Union Grove		60	, , , ,	Fairview
West View		59		First
Bright on	227	126	*****	Lewisburg, First
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Virginia Avenue		107		Madisonville, Chestua
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Brush Creek		21		First Maynardville
Centerville, First		60	*****	Medina
Chattanooga, Avondale		176		Memphis Rellevie
Birchwood	83	53		Memphis, Bellevue Boulevard
Brainerd	446	164,		Central Avenue
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Sunday Training Addi-

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That we thank God for his almost seven years of faithful ministry. During this period there were one hundred and twenty three additions to the church, and offerings amounting to approximately \$33,500.00.

That we recognize the sterling qualities of Mrs. Wilson, who is capable in all departments of church activity.

That we commend them to the Bordeaux Baptist Church of Nashville.

That a copy of these resolutions be incorporated in our minutes, a copy be given Bro. and Mrs. Wilson, a copy be sent to the Bordeaux Church, and a copy be published in Baptist and Reflector.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. J. Mooney
Mrs. C. H. Bassham
Mrs. W. C. Kimbrough

Highland View Church, Oak Ridge, a little more than two years old, has over 400 members, most of whom Pastor J. R. Black has baptized. The average Sunday school attendance is well over 400 and Training Union around 125, with a group of 150 attending the mid-week prayer service.

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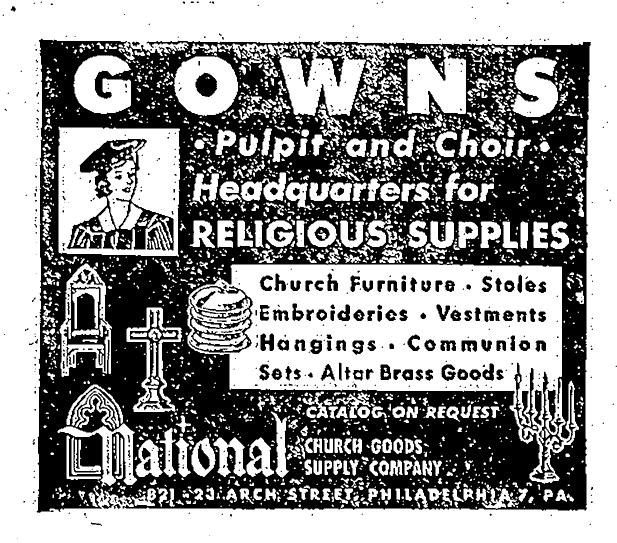
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WEST TENNESSEE NEWS

By Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tennessee

H. B. Donnell of Ripley did the preaching in a Revival with Pastor L. P. Fleming and Friendship Baptist Church, Madison Association, in which there were 24 additions.

Pastor H. H. Boston, Martin, did the preaching in a Revival at Woodland Mills recently, and more recently he has been at Liberty Church, near Fulton, Ky., in a meeting.

Pastor Selwyn Smith, McLean Church, Memphis, did the preaching in a Revival at Bartlett, J. E. Tanksley, Pastor, September 4-11. Pastor Tanksley had made good preparation for the effort and there were 18 additions to the Church.

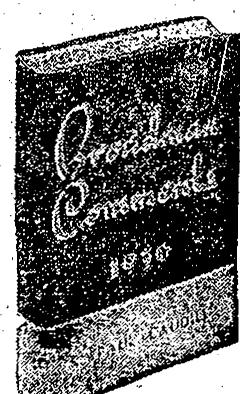
Dr. Smith did the preaching in a Revival at Takoma Park Church, Washington, D. C., beginning September 25. This meeting was one of several in the Simultaneous Evangelistic Campaign under the leadership of C. E. Matthews. Herbert W. Baucom, a Seminary classmate of Dr. Smith, is the Pastor at Takoma Park.

Pastor Drew P. McFarland and the First Church, Covington, made extensive plans for their Revival which began October 2. Former pastor, Preston Ramsey of Somerset, Ky., did the preaching, and Carlos Gruber led the singing.

Pastor P. E. Claybrook recently received seven new members at two regular services at West Shiloh Church, Stantonville, and two young men of the Church have been licensed to preach. Dr. J. G. Hughes conducted a prayer service for this Church on Sept. 16.

Luther Joe Thompson, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church did the preaching in a recent revival at First Church, Humboldt, Hayward Highfield, pastor. The music was under the leadership of Edd. F. Vallowe, pastor of Walnut Valley Church, Hot Springs, Ark. There were 18 professions of faith, 11 additions by letter, 5 young people surrendered their lives for definite Christian service, and some 15 others rededicated their lives.

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BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE— On the Job in Europe

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

Here in the heart of London, at the European headquarters of the Baptist World Alliance, there labors a quiet, graying man, Dr. Walter O. Lewis. More than any other person, he carries in his heart and on his shoulders the work of the Alliance in this hungry postwar Europe.

Modest as a Quaker, Dr. Lewis never uses the pronoun "I." This Missouri man who belongs to the whole Baptist world says "we." And no one is better known nor more beloved in Baptist councils of Europe than Walter O. Lewis.

As I write these words, sitting at his desk, he has just left for Zurich, Switzerland, to take part in the opening of the Baptist Theological Seminary there. Then to Germany. And to France. Wherever the growing needs of Baptist work call him.

"Our task consists mostly of three R's," Dr. Lewis told me. "Relief, reconstruction, and refugees."

As to relief: The Baptist World Alliance man is the co-ordinator of relief in Europe. Funds that come in, principally from America, are feeding more than 1,000 men, women, and children a day. Greatest share of this is in Germany. Usual plan is to open a relier center in a Baptist chapel. Hundreds crowd in, expecially the aged and the young, suffering from malnutrition. For several days they are fed, and given medicines and clothing. Then others are admitted. Thousands have been saved from starvation, and trom tuberculosis. The task is growing some lighter, but must go on for years.

Reconstruction means rehabilitation of Baptist churches and institutions. At least 100 Baptist church buildings were destroyed in Germany alone by the war. About 100 more in other countries. It will take at least two generations to restore them—if there is no more war! Dr. Lewis advocates a program whereby Baptists of the world, working through our Alliance, can underwrite specific projects, such as rebuilding one church in Munich, one in Stuttgart, and so on.

The Baptist Seminary at Hamburg, reconstructed largely through Baptist money flowing through the Alliance, opened again last autumn. At Kassel, a Baptist publishing house is being rebuilt.

Refugees? What a heart-breaking problem! First, there are the displaced persons, who fear to go back to Communist-dominated countries. There are many Baptists among them. Some are being sent to America.

"But we Baptists have not given them sufficient attention," says Lewis. "We must urge Congress to admit more of them, and we must find work and homes for them."

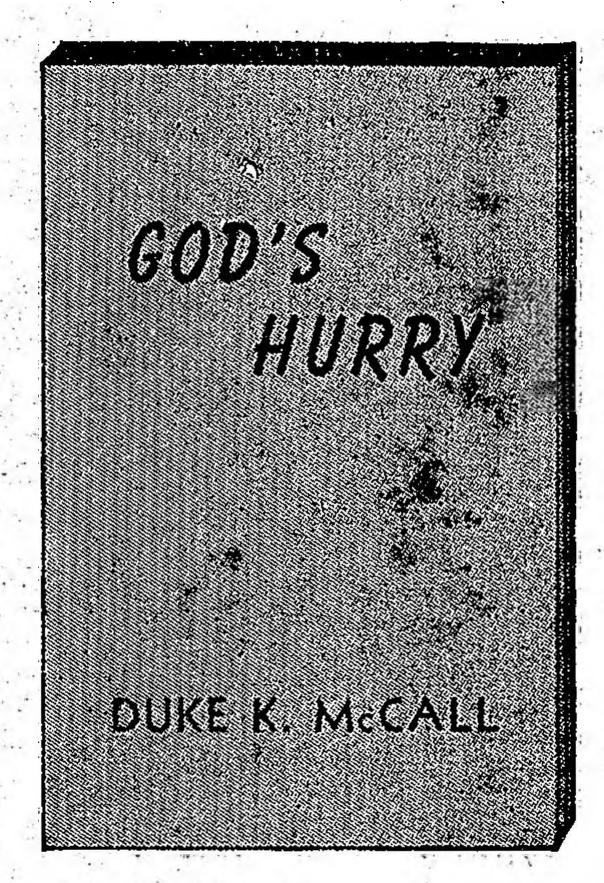
Then there are the millions of persons of many nationalities, called "ethnic" Germans, who were uprooted from their homes and dragged over into Germany. This mad act of racial vengeance, sponsored by Soviet Russia and approved by the U.-S. Government through the tragic Potsdam agreement, constitutes a crime against humanity which challenges the healing ministry of Baptists and other Christians everywhere. The Alliance has begun several projects looking toward alleviating the wretched conditions of these people.

Thus our Baptist World Alliance strengthens the ties of our fellowship across the obsolete boundaries of the nations.

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EUROPEAN SEMINARY

The Baptist Theological Seminary in Zurich, Switzerland, opened its first session with an inauguration and dedication program, September 4 and 5.

Presented on the program were Dr. Arnold T. Ohrn and Dr. W. O. Lewis of the Baptist World Alliance; Dr. Johannes Norgaard of the Baptist Seminary in Denmark; Rev. E. Pfister of the Salem Baptist Church in Zurich, president of the Baptist Convention of Germanspeaking Switzerland; Dr. Jesse D. Franks of the Southern Baptist Relief Committee; Dr. Edwin A. Bell of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society; and Dr. George W. Sadler of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

The first session began with a capacity enrolment of 25 students, who came from ten countries: Germany, France, U.S.A., Belgium, Holland, Austria, Norway, Denmark, Finland and Italy. The five seminary teachers are of four different nationalities: English, American, Swiss and Hungarian. All instruction is given in English.

The four-year course of study includes subjects designed to prepare students for the Christian ministry. In addition, a preparatory department is provided in the seminary for those students who have not completed their general education.

Members of the seminary faculty are: Dr. Arthur B. Crabtree, Dr. John Allen Moore, Dr. John D. W. Watts, Dr. Claus Meister, and Dr. Alexander Haraszti. Members of the staff are: Dr. Sadler, president; Dr. Franks, administration secretary and chairman of public relations; Miss Heidy Scherrer, dietician and house mother; and Miss Eunice Parker, president's secretary.

NEW MISSIONARIES

Mr. and Mrs. James Lee Garrett of Georgia were appointed missionaries to Latin America, and Mr. and Mrs. James Avery Clarke of

Mississippi were approved as contract workers for Nigeria at the September meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

Through oversight, our list of April appointees failed to include Rev. and Mrs. Marion D. Oates, who are now in language school at Medellin, Colombia, preparing for work in Chile.

HAWAII

Missionary Victor Koon, pastor of the Olivet Baptist Church, Honolulu, was elected field secretary of the Hawaiian Baptist Mission at the September 8 meeting of the Foreign Mission Board.

Secretary M. Theron Rankin, who returned from the Hawaiian Islands on September 5, recommended the election of a field secretary after a two weeks' survey of the mission work there. Although the Hawaiian work has been, for convenience, classified as a part of the Orient area, its administration has been handled by the executive secretary of the Board during the residence of Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, Secretary for the Orient, in China.

Unusually rapid expansion of Baptist work in the Islands makes necessary a representative there to act for the Board. Mr. Koon's missionary status will remain unchanged, although his new duties will make it necessary for him to resign his pastoral work. Southern Baptists have 37 missionaries in Hawaii, most of them under appointment only a few years. There are seven regularly organized churches with 1,242 members, 24 Sunday schools with 2,500 pupils; 16 outstations; 38 young people's organizations with about 900 members. Work was begun there in 1940.

A new Hawaiian Baptist academy is opening this fall. The building for the academy and many of the new church buildings on the Islands have been made possible by funds given by Woman's Missionary Union of the South.

MISSIONARY JOHN LAKE

Dr. John Lake, founder of the leper colony on Tai Kam Island, off the coast of south China, died August 28 at Kansas City, Missouri. Born in South Carolina in 1870, he was appointed missionary for South China in 1903 and served there until his retirement in 1939. He had preached in every state in the United States and in about thirty other countries.

The leper colony was established in the early 1920's. Work was disrupted by the late war, but has been re-established under the direction of Missionary Rex Ray. John Lake, Incorporated, an American organization, raised for the colony an endowment fund of \$81,356.56, which is being held in trust by the Foreign Mission Board. The property includes twelve dormitories, the hospital, administration building, church and chapel.

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