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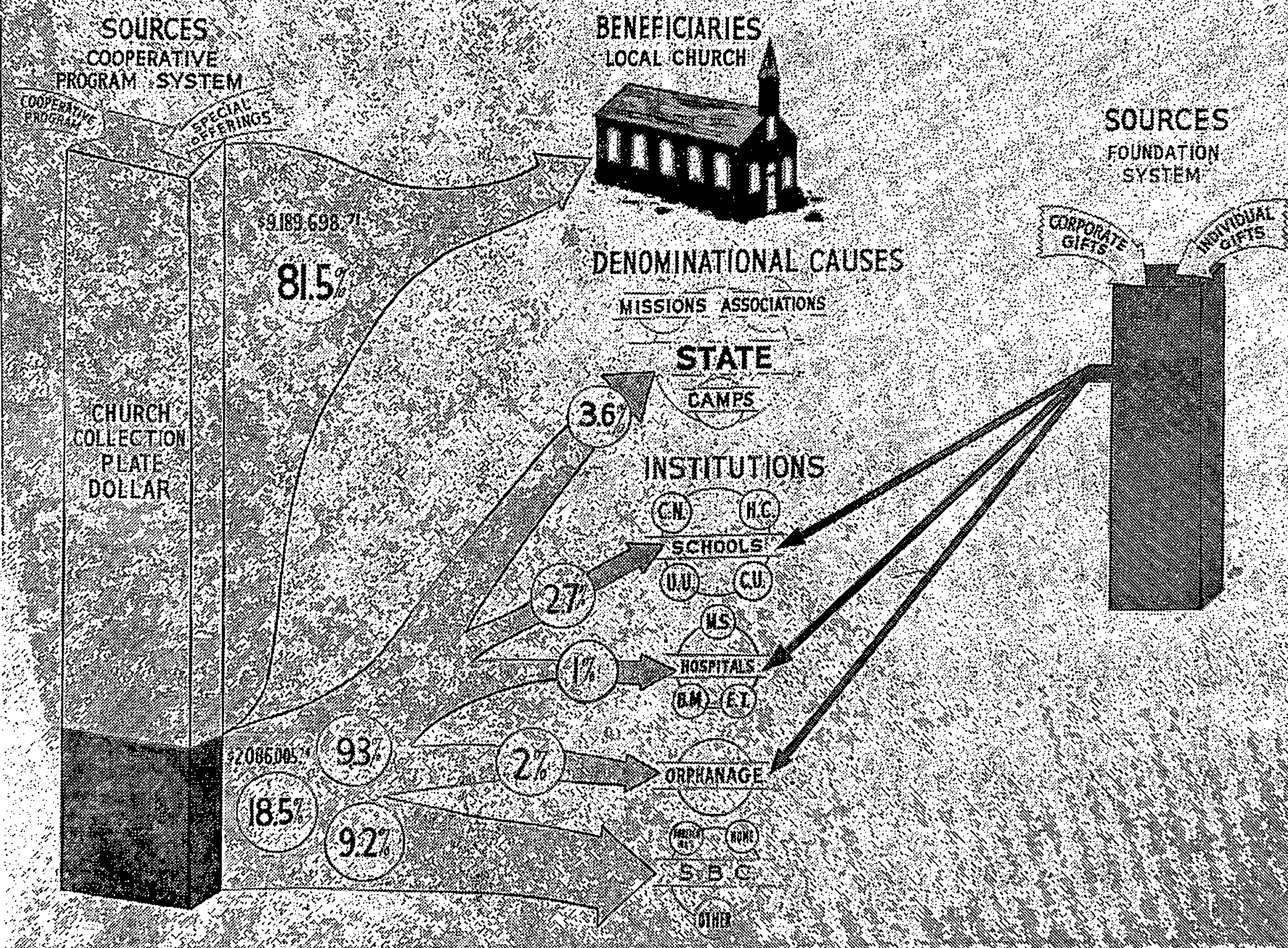
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ANNUAL INCOME OF 547,000 TENNESSEE BAPTISTS \$522,754,585.00
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TENNESSEE BAPTISTS GAVE TO ALL CAUSES \$11,275,703.95

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Below we give a comprehensive, abbreviated report of receipts for the Convention year, 1948-49. The full detailed report of both receipts and expenditures will appear in the Convention Minutes:

Cooperative Program Receipts	\$1,310,357.00
Designated Receipts	592,909.98
Foundation Receipts	223,644.60
Retirement System Receipts	94,670.11
Total Receipts	\$2,221,581.69

ANNUAL SERMON

With Alton E. Harvie, Jr., directing, the Union University Choir sang "Tell Me the Story of Jesus," "Praise Be to Thee." Miss Kathleen Conner was at the piano. George W. Schroeder, Memphis, led in prayer, after which Dr. R. E. Guy, West Jackson Church, Jackson, brought the annual sermon. He first read II Corinthians 5:1-21 and then took as his text the 20th verse, "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God." Subject: "Our Ambassadorship." Dr. Guy said: "There is in this 5th Chapter of II Corinthians five major premises. The text is the conclusion. The words 'now then' refer back to what has been said and Paul gives five reasons why we ought to take seriously our ambassadorship:

1. Heaven is a certainty for every believer in Christ (Vs. 1).
2. The judgment of God is a reality (vs. 10).
3. The terror of the Lord (vs. 11). This refers to the terrors of Calvary as they were endured by Christ as he paid the price for man's sin. It also refers to the terrors of hell for gospel rejectors.
4. The impelling motive—the love of Christ. (vs. 14).
5. The glorious message of reconciliation. (vs. 19).

"Concerning this ambassadorship, there are two things that surprise us. One is that God would beseech at all, and the second is that he should choose us to beseech. As we fulfill this ambassadorship, we must be earnest in prayer. Jesus is our ambassador at the throne of God. We are His ambassadors in this world. Do we do as good a job as He does?

"Let us not forget what our message is. It is reconciliation."

Dr. Guy's sermon was one of the best convention sermons these ears have ever heard. He made no effort to be profound, but he brought a profound message. It was expository preaching at its best, a sermon by a real scholar with a warm heart and evangelistic fervor.

The session was dismissed with prayers by Mark Harris and F. F. Brown.

TUESDAY NIGHT

"Together in Missions"

As the messengers took their seats, the Union University Choir sang six numbers: "Now Let Heaven and Earth Adore Thee," "Alleluia," "The Great Awakening," "Deep River," "Away in a Manger," and "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

The congregational singing was led by Frank Charton, Minister of Music at First Church, Chattanooga. Sam Melton, Big Springs, Cleveland, read Luke 24:44-50, commented briefly and led in prayer.

NEW PASTORS INTRODUCED

One of the highlights of the Convention each year is the introducing and welcoming of new pastors who have come into the State since the last meeting of the Convention. In a few well chosen words, Dr. C. W. Pope presented the following brethren to the audience:

Roy Lee	Trimble	Southern Seminary
Herman J. Ellis	Norris (Mission of Clinton, First)	Carson-Newman
Truman Woods	Second, Clinton	Liggett, Ky.
Harry Meadors	North, Athens	Harlan, Ky.
A. D. Foreman, Jr.	Temple, Memphis	Amarillo, Tex.
W. C. Agnew	Henning	Hickman, Ky.
William S. Garmon	Fayetteville (Concord and Kelly's Creek)	Centre, Ala.
Gaye L. McGlothlen	Immanuel, Nashville	Baptist S.S.B.

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Wayne King	Olive Hill	E. Cullan Asso., Ala.
C. L. Garrison	Lutts	Newton, Miss.
John B. Holland	Barren Plains, Robertson County	Palo Pinto C'ty, Tex.
Waif Hamilton	North, Jackson	Stamps, Ark.
Francis Marion Warden	First, Jefferson City	Union, S. C.
Dewey M. Metts, Sr.	Mallory Hghts, Memphis	Maleen, Miss.
James Coggin	Central Ave., Memphis	S'w'tern Seminary
James A. Smith	First, Jonesboro	Perryville, Ky.
W. W. Harrison	First, Carthage	Lakeview, Ga.
Leo Jenkins	Wartburg	Bell County, Ky.
A. B. Harris	Adamsville	Garden City, Ala.
Julius W. Bramlett	Forest Hill, Memphis	Houston, Tex.
George B. Hyler	Gracey Ave., Clarksville	Dalton, Ga.
Roy J. Ferguson	Grand Junction	Southwestern Seminary
William R. Woodell	Bolivar	Wynne, Ark.
Roland C. Hudlow	White Pine	Sanders, Ky.
G. Nelson Duke	Cowan	Graefenburg, Ky.
Clinton S. Wright	Andersonville	Hima, Ky.
N. W. Finley	Big Springs, Watauga Asso.	Hartwell, Ga.
Earl J. Guth	Cedar Hill	Southern Seminary
Harry W. Hargrove	Bemis	Brundidge, Ala.
W. N. Bynum	Second, Chattanooga	Evansville, Ind.

Following the introduction of these men, Dr. L. S. Ewton, Nashville, led in a prayer of consecration.

Otto Whittington presented a male quartette from First Church, Chattanooga, who sang a medley of hymns and gospel songs. The personnel of the quartette was: Hubert Turner Joe Padgett, Pete Hood, and Billy Beene, with Mrs. J. M. Hagan at the piano.

J. A. Abernathy, Missionary to China, was recognized and spoke briefly on conditions in China at the present time under the Communist regime. Bro. and Mrs. Abernathy will soon enter a new field of labor at Korea.

STATE MISSION PROGRAM

The State Mission Program was presented by Dr. C. W. Pope and Bro. L. G. Frey. First, he introduced the office force and various members of the staff. Brother Frey was unable to deliver his message because "his klaxon" was out "of whack." He did, however, announce that the State-wide Evangelistic Conference would be held at the First Church, Nashville, February 6 and 7, 1950.

Dr. Pope then spoke on the subject, "We Are Able." In projecting this message he used the biggest chart ever seen at the Tennessee Baptist Convention. This chart has been copied and printed in tract form and copies are free for the asking. Also, Mr. Fred Noe has had several mats of the chart made and these are available to pastors who wish to run the chart in their own bulletins. Address your requests to Mr. Noe. The supply is limited and first come, first served.

The Male Ensemble of Union University sang "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "The Spacious Firmament on High."

COMMITTEES NAMED

At this juncture, President McCall named the following committees: *Resolutions*, J. G. Hughes, Chairman; H. J. Stokes, Jr., L. B. Cobb, A. Roy Greene, and Mrs. Joe Wells. *Committee on Committees*, Carl W. Rogers, Chairman; W. L. Stigler, R. C. Cannon, William C. Taggart, and Mrs. Frank Leavell.

DR. LAWRENCE'S MESSAGE

Dr. C. W. Pope introduced Dr. J. B. Lawrence, Executive-Secretary of the Home Mission Board, who spoke on the subject, "Together in Missions." He declared, "The United States is the greatest nation on this earth. It ought to become the religious center, just as it is the policy making center for the nation of the world. Christ's mission program gives us a world task that must be met. The strategic plan of any world task is that it must begin where its originators are. So right here is the place to begin building up churches and stimulating religion in every way possible."

Dr. Lawrence reported that there are 740 missionaries now in the field, and that the new building in Atlanta is nearing completion at a cost of \$1,000,000. The Home Mission Board's operating budget is now \$1,500,000.

D. M. Renick, Memphis, dismissed the session with prayer.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

"Together in the Lord's Business"

Vice-President Homer A. Cate, was in the chair as this session opened, and the unusually good crowd (for such an early hour) sang "Near to the Heart of God," and "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing."

Charles Ausmus, Lincoln Park Church, Knoxville, read Psalm 103:1-12 and offered prayer.

Following the singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," Dr. O. W. Taylor gave the Report on Denominational Literature. The audience was touched because of the personal word of appreciation spoken by our good editor,—appreciation to his staff, friends and the brethren for their prayers in his behalf during his recent siege of illness. Dr. Taylor looks better than he has in years and hopes to soon resume normal activities. It was because of his recent illness that this scribe was asked to report the convention this year. Following the report, Judge McCall called on J. G. Lott, Calvary Church, Memphis, to lead in prayer for Dr. Taylor.

FOUNDATION REPORT

Norris Gilliam presented the Report on Tennessee Baptist Foundation and spoke briefly. He emphasized the importance of making a will and the necessity of having the will drawn by a competent person.

There are three ways in which the Foundation can be of service to individuals wishing to leave their money in trust.

1. The Foundation will accept as an outright gift or bequest: cash, securities, or real estate.
 - (1) The donor, if he wishes, may specify any state or southwide Baptist agency or institution, including the Cooperative Program as the beneficiary.
 - (2) The donor, if he wishes, may decline to name a beneficiary and leave to the trustees of the Foundation the privilege of deciding how the income on a gift or bequest is to be expended.
 - (3) The donor, if he wishes, may do neither of the above, but leave the distribution of the income to the Convention itself.
2. The Foundation will accept a deposit of money or securities, the income from which is to be paid to the donor or some specified beneficiary for a period of time, after which it is to go to some state or southwide agency or institution, or left to be distributed by the trustees of the Foundation.
3. The building up of trusts, either individually or jointly, by the deposit of small installments, is encouraged by the Foundation. This makes possible the participation of all of our people, regardless of the size of their gifts, in the work of the Foundation.

W. M. U. REPORT

Miss Mary Northington evoked laughter when she announced that there were 800,000 more women in the United States than men, and the men better look out. After presenting her report she introduced Mrs. Sam Holloway, State President of W.M.U.; Mrs. Douglas Ginn, office secretary; Mrs. James Lee Burris, assistant office secretary; Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Southwide worker; and Miss Nellie Tallant, Young People's leader for Tennessee. Miss Tallant spoke briefly, emphasizing the work at the summer camps. There were 1384 enrolled in these camps; 58 conversions; 37 volunteered for mission service and 64 others volunteered for special service.

Miss Mary announced that the State W.M.U. Convention will be held at the First Church, Chattanooga, March 26-28, 1950. "Pastors, please don't schedule a meeting for that time. Come to the Convention," she pleaded.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

After the singing of "Jesus Paid It All," Henry J. Huey, Milan, gave the Report of the Executive Board, calling attention to its salient features. The greatest cause for rejoicing is that we baptized during the past year the largest number in our history, more than 30,000. This exceeds last year's record number by 1,008.

Dr. Huey then presented Dr. Pope who read the Recommendations, all of which were passed by unanimous vote.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That during the present Convention year the Cooperative Program funds be distributed as indicated in the following table, with the understanding that the Southern Baptist Convention's portion shall be subject to the direction of that Convention. However, the Tennessee Baptist Convention reserves the right to withhold its allocation funds from any agency, organization, or institution persons, which ceases to operate in harmony with the policies and program of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

State	
State Missions	17%
Orphans' Home	8%
Carson-Newman College	5%
Cumberland University	5%
Union University	5%
Harrison-Chilhowee Academy	2%
Ministerial Education	1%
East Tennessee Baptist Hospital	4%
Mid-State Baptist Hospital	3%
	50%

Southwide	
Foreign Missions	25%
Home Missions	8.2½%
Southern Baptist Seminary	2½%
Southwestern Seminary	2½%
New Orleans Seminary	2½%
WMU Training School	½%
American Baptist Seminary	1%
Relief and Annuity Board	6.2½%
Radio Committee	19/20%
Baptist Brotherhood	½%
Southern Baptist Hospital	1/20%
	50%

2. Since we now have three Baptist hospitals located in Tennessee in which Tennessee Baptists have invested several million dollars, and since all of these institutions are now receiving, or have received, aid from the Cooperative Program, and since a closer working agreement between these institutions could improve the efficiency and economy of the hospitals;

We recommend, that a Hospital Commission of seven members be elected, to be composed of the administrator of each hospital and four members at large, two of whom shall hold membership in the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

The purpose of this Commission shall be to study any or all matters relating to successful hospital administration and operation, and to suggest ways and means for improvement.

The relation of the Commission shall be purely advisory, and it shall have no legal power or authority over the hospitals.

The Commission shall be subject to the Tennessee Baptist Convention and its Executive Board, and its members shall be nominated by the Convention's Committee on Nominations and elected by the Convention.

3. At the Chattanooga session the Tennessee Baptist Convention authorized the construction of two camps, not to exceed \$150,000 in cost. Practically that amount has already been spent on the Linden and Carson-Springs Camps. Considerable improvement still needs to be done.

We recommend that the Executive Board be authorized to spend such funds in camp construction as are designated for that purpose, after present obligations are met.

We further recommend that the State Mission Department charge off its books as a gift to the Camps the \$41,000 for materials, plus the \$15,000 for camp site, plus general expense accounts.

4. The Christian Education offering in June was fixed as a part of the Cooperative Program system when the Cooperative Program was inaugurated in 1924. Last year, due to the work of the Education Commission and the generosity of our churches, the sum of approximately \$15,000 was received on that day. The Southern Baptist Convention has fixed June 11, 1950 as a day for a special offering to commemorate the Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Cooperative Program. If both these days are observed, it will mean two special offerings in the month of June to which our churches will be asked to contribute.

We recommend, that the two offerings be combined and taken on June 11, 1950; that the first \$16,000 received be divided between the institutions and Christian Education causes on the same basis as last year; that the remainder of the special offering be subject to the division of regular Cooperative Program funds in harmony with the Southern Baptist Convention's program for this offering.

5. We recommend that Tennessee Baptist institutions be instructed to amend that paragraph in their charters which gives the Tennessee Baptist Convention the right to elect trustees and fix the term of their office, by adding the statement, "This provision cannot be changed without the prior consent of the Tennessee Baptist Convention."

6. Since the relation of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to its Executive Board and the institutions and agencies which it sponsors has been expressed by the Convention at various times over a period of 75 years, and since the record of these actions is scattered throughout the various Minutes of the Convention during this period, making a comprehensive view difficult to obtain.

We recommend, in the interest of clarity and comprehensiveness, that the Convention reaffirm its relationship to its Executive Board and its institutions and agencies in the following statement which is based upon the previous actions of the Convention at various times.

a. The authority of the Convention is supreme in all matters. Its directions to the Executive Board and to its institutions are mandatory. The actions of the Convention cannot be changed or reversed, except by a subsequent session of the Convention.

The Convention shall provide its own program for its sessions from time to time, by a Program Committee which it shall elect, or by any other manner which the Convention may determine. The procedure of the Convention sessions shall be according to accepted rules, customs, and practices of Kerfoot's parliamentary law.

b. The Executive Board shall be elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention, and the Convention only shall have authority to fill vacancies on the Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. (Page 40, Minutes 1946 Session.)

The Executive Board is the Tennessee Baptist Convention, Ad Interim (between Sessions), and "shall have charge of all the business of the Convention between session" (Page 4, First Convention Minutes of the first sessions of the Convention at its organization in Murfreesboro, April 10, 1874. Reaffirmed by the Convention. Page 39, Minutes, 1946 Session.)

The Executive Board is incorporated and is the legal agency of the Convention to transact all legal and business matters of the Convention. (Charter of the Executive Board, and Minutes, 1918 Session). The Executive Board cannot change or repeal any decision or direction of the Convention. It cannot initiate nor promote movements or actions which violate the principles, policies, or directions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. However, the Executive Board has full authority to carry out the directions and promote the program of the Convention. When its actions are in harmony with the principles, policies, program, traditions, usages, or directions of the Convention, its actions shall be legal and valid.

If vacancies occur on any of the Boards of the institutions by death, removal, or resignation, upon request, the Executive Board may make temporary appointments to fill such vacancies which shall be effective until the next session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention (page 40, 1946 Minutes.)

In cases of emergencies arising in the Convention's institutions, agencies, and causes, the Executive Board shall have power to take such action for the relief and security of these institutions, agencies, and causes, as is in harmony with the Convention's welfare, policies, usages, and traditions.

The Executive Board shall make a written report of its work to the Annual Session of the Convention, and may make such recommendations as are deemed wise.

c. The ownership of the Tennessee Baptist Convention's institutions resides in the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Convention owns and supervises the institutions (schools, hospitals, orphanages). In the case of the Baptist Memorial Hospital at Memphis the hospital is jointly owned by the Baptist State Conventions of Arkansas, Mississippi, and Tennessee. The actual operation of the institutions is in each case entrusted to a Board of Trustees. These trustees are elected by the Tennessee Baptist Convention for a term of three years. However, the Convention reserves the right to at any time declare any or all positions of trustees vacant and elect their successors (page 39, Minutes, 1946 Session). The Convention directs its Executive Board to secure a competent audit of the books of each institution (Article XI, By-Laws), and for the sake of clarity and unity to select one auditing firm to audit the books of all institutions (Page 44, Minutes, 1942 Session).

7. We recommend that the Convention direct its institutions and its Executive Board to make such charter and by-law changes as may be necessary to bring them in harmony with the directions and provisions of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

8. We recommend that the Convention accept the offer of the East Tennessee Baptist Hospital's Board of Trustees to give the hospital to the Convention, on the basis of suggestion Number 4, as outlined in the Executive Secretary's suggested possible courses of action, which reads as follows:

"The Convention could accept the offer of the hospital's Board of Trustees to give the hospital to the Convention, to be owned and operated by the Convention and subject to the same restrictions as other Tennessee Baptist Convention institutions.

Since it would be a Convention-owned and operated institution, the Convention might consider the advisability of making a loan of \$136,000 from the reserve funds of the State Mission Department, which were built up as a guarantee against the Convention's becoming involved in debt. These funds, a part of which are held

in banks as Savings deposits, could be loaned to the hospital at a low rate of interest with no loss in income from interest.

As security the hospital could give a second mortgage on its property to the State Mission Department of the Executive Board, and certain assignments of accounts receivable.

9. We recommend that the Convention approve in general the Displaced Persons Program, and direct that a Committee of five be appointed to promote the program in Tennessee; that the Committee report its findings and recommendations to the December 6 meeting of the Executive Board.

Dr. W. R. Rigell, Johnson City, moved that Henry J. Huey prepare in concise form for publication in Baptist and Reflector a clarifying report of hospital costs charged by our Tennessee Baptist hospitals. This motion was also carried by a unanimous vote.

DR. GEORGE RAGLAND'S MESSAGE

After singing, "Near the Cross," Dr. Pope introduced Dr. George Ragland, Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Lexington, Ky., who spoke on the subject, "Baptist Principles in the Life of Today."

This was by far the "tallest" message of the entire convention, at least in the opinion of this scribe. Dr. Ragland has been pastor of one Church all his ministerial life. He is a graduate of Richmond College and holds a Ph.D. degree from Johns Hopkins University. He is a great denominational statesman, perhaps the greatest in the State of Kentucky and one of the greatest in the South.

This message was published in Baptist and Reflector, and by vote of the Convention it will be published in pamphlet form. We hope every Baptist in the State will read it. It wouldn't hurt members of other faiths to read it, either.

Dr. John L. Hill dismissed the session with prayer. Though we were running far behind our time schedule there were few who left before the completion of the service.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

"Together in Christian Education"

Otto Whittington led the congregation in singing "Sweet Bye and Bye," after which the Carson-Newman Choir, under the direction of Charles H. Jones, Jr., with Lloyd T. Householder as accompanist, sang, "In Peace and Joy We Now Depart," and "Rise, Oh Rise."

Vern B. Powers, Greenbrier, conducted the Devotional reading I Corinthians 2:1-16 and offering prayer.

Rogers M. Smith, State Secretary of Student Work, presented the report on this phase of our work. He introduced Miss Marjorie Howard, office secretary; and Miss Agnes Mahoney, B.S.U. Secretary at Tennessee Tech, Cookeville; and Miss Sarah Bragg, Lebanon, a student at Tech, who spoke on, "What B.S.U. Means to Me."

The Report on Church Music was given by Roy Babb, Winchester, who spoke briefly on the importance of good music for our churches.

TEMPERANCE, SOCIAL SERVICE AND UDF

The Report on Temperance, Social Service and United Dry Forces was given by E. L. Williams, Bell Avenue Church, Knoxville. He presented Dr. F. F. Brown, Knoxville, who emphasized the need of recapturing some convictions about drinking. James C. Furman, Executive Secretary of Tennessee UDF, also spoke briefly citing the fact that there are 65 million drinkers in the U.S.A. today, an increase of 50% within nine years. He declared that statistics show that five times as much is spent for strong drink than on churches and charities. He also announced that Vernon C. White had been added to the staff of Tennessee UDF and was being well received. Dr. John L. Hill and Judge McCall gave brief impromptu speeches on the subject.

EDUCATION COMMISSION

Dr. Henry J. Stokes, Jr., First Church, Knoxville, gave the Report of the Education Commission, calling attention to the fact that this past year witnessed a marvelous increase in gifts to Christian Education on the special Sunday in June. Last year's \$15,000 was much larger than the preceding year's \$6,000 for this special offering.

The Education Commission of Tennessee Baptist Convention recommends:

1. All Baptist families consider carefully these Baptist schools before deciding where students shall study.
2. That Christian Education Day, the fourth Sunday in June, be observed each year in every church in this Convention with the offering to be taken in the Sunday school, and in the use of the provided envelopes in the church services, and that information be distributed by pastor and leaders to the end that our people shall become aware of the strategic importance of Baptist schools.
3. To magnify the ministry of our Baptist colleges, each church is requested to include in all projected Study Courses the book, "The Christian College," one of the approved Sunday School Board study books.

McDOWELL ADDRESS

Dr. Edward McDowell, Professor of New Testament at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, gave a splendid address on theological education. Using as his text, II Timothy 2:8, the speaker said: "As I see it, our men should leave our seminaries with a gospel to preach—a gospel that has been experienced in regeneration. Paul could say 'MY gospel.' A seminary education should increase rather than diminish your enthusiasm for preaching that gospel. A seminary education ought to help men to know what the gospel is. Our men ought to go out from the seminary with a passion to 'remember Jesus Christ' ever keeping Him at the center of all their thoughts."

Dr. McDowell pointed out that all our seminaries are crowded to capacity. There are 500 at New Orleans Seminary; 1364 at Southwestern; 1070 at Louisville; and 79 at the American Baptist Seminary (colored); a grand total of 3013. The total assets of these theological seminaries exceed 16 million dollars.

Occupying the platform with Dr. McDowell were representatives from all these schools. From Southwestern, Prof. Joe Davis Heacock; from New Orleans, Prof. John M. Price, Jr.; and J. Harold Stephens, a member of the Board of Trustees of American Baptist Seminary. Each was recognized for brief comment.

G. Allen West announced at this time that the enrollment had reached 718, and 610 of these had registered as messengers.

One of the most effective of all the musical numbers was a selection by the Carson-Newman ensemble. John Lynch, trumpeter, accompanied by Lloyd T. Householder, Jr. at the organ, and Charles H. Jones, Jr. at the piano, gave "The Holy City." The entire choir then gave "The 150th Psalm," and "Golden Slippers."

STATE BAPTIST CAMPS

After Howard S. Kolb, Selmer, led in prayer, V. Floyd Starke, Brainerd Church, Chattanooga, gave the Report on Camps. Bro. Starke and Carl Daw, Newport, spoke concerning this phase of our work.

The committee worked for the first year locating the camp sites, and the second year was spent in securing materials, plans, and waiting for the necessary money to be given for the program. This past year the camps have actually been under construction and we are happy to report that Camp Carson was ready for use by the WMU camps this past summer. Weather conditions hindered the construction of Linden Camp somewhat but now both camps are ready for use.

You will be interested to know that we now have facilities at each of the two camps to take care of some three hundred people at a time. Carson Springs Camp has a six room caretakers home, modern in every way, a large dining hall combination building with kitchen, offices, and storage space, and two large dormitories, one with two floors and the other with three floors. These two buildings have equipment for sleeping about three hundred people.

The Linden Camp has a modern six room caretakers house and the same dining and kitchen facilities as at Carson Springs, and one large dormitory which will accommodate almost as many people as the two dormitories combined at the other camp. Both camps have adequate water and sewage systems which have been built according to state health requirements. The kitchens at both camps have been equipped with the very best equipment.

We are especially grateful to Rev. Carl Daw of Newport, Tennessee for his splendid cooperation in helping to supervise the development of the Carson Springs Camp. His constant attentiveness to the camp there was no doubt the main reason that the camp could be used by the WMU this past summer.

On October 12, the state records show that \$97,991.05 has been contributed to the Camp Program. We have spent a little over \$100,000.00 in actual construction of the camps thus far and this amount added to the cost of materials and cost of land purchased for one of the camps makes a total of something over \$150,000.00 spent. The additional amount has been advanced by our State Mission Board from surplus funds and will be replaced as gifts are available.

Dr. John L. Hill, Nashville, spoke on "Christian Education" to the delight of all. Having devoted many years of his life to teaching, Dr. Hill understands the problems of Christian Education better perhaps than any man among us.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The auditorium was practically full when President McCall announced that the time had arrived for the election of officers for the ensuing year. He stated that it was his intention to follow the tradition of serving but one year as President and asked that nominations for a new president begin. The only race for the office was a race on the part of several brethren to have the privilege of nominating Dr. James L. Sullivan, Belmont Heights, as President. Dr. J. G. Hughes won by an eye-lash over V. Floyd Starke and received recognition from the chair. In a few well chosen words, Dr. Hughes nominated Dr. Sullivan and he was immediately elected by acclamation. There was no doubt as to whom the Convention wanted.

Carl J. Giers nominated Dr. Russell Bradley Jones, Central Church, Chattanooga, as First Vice President and he was elected unanimously.

Bob Ramsey, Cookeville, First, nominated James Canaday of Calvary Church, Jackson, as Second Vice President and he too was elected by acclamation.

W. Edwin Richardson, Lebanon, nominated L. G. Frey for the office of Recording Secretary and he was elected.

Henry J. Huey, Milan, nominated Noah B. Fetzer for the office of Statistical Secretary and he too was elected.

F. M. Dowell, Jr., Athens, First, nominated C. W. Pope as Treasurer and he was elected.

President McCall called the newly elected officers to the rostrum and presented them to the audience, after which Dr. James Sullivan gave the dismissal prayer.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

"Together in Evangelism"

Otto Whittington led the congregation in singing, "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes," "Come Thou Fount," and "Amazing Grace." The Carson-Newman Choir then sang, "Almighty God of our Fathers," "Soon I Will Be Done With de Troubles of de World," and "The Creation." This last number was quite effective. The lights were turned out and the director used a flashlight as a baton. When the choir sang, "Let There Be Light, and There Was Light" the lights came on again. This was pleasingly different and evoked much comment.

J. E. Sharpe, Bells, read Luke 14:16-23 and offered prayer.

In presenting Dr. J. G. Hughes for the Report on Radio, Judge McCall observed that his church (First, Memphis) observed its 25th year of continuous broadcasting on November 13. Dr. Hughes emphasized the tremendous importance of the small, unaffiliated radio stations. "It is becoming increasingly difficult for us to get time on the big network stations, but the smaller station offers us a golden opportunity to preach the gospel over the air," he said. He also made a strong plea for the support of the Southwide Baptist Hour program.

E. N. Delzell provided the Convention with a hearty laugh when the man he had selected to speak on the Brotherhood Report failed to show up, and escaped from dilemma by calling on President McCall to speak. "After all," said Bro. Delzell, "he's the Southwide Chairman and ought to be able to discuss

it." The Judge did. "As I see it," he said, "The next great step in our religious life will be the task of enlisting the men of our churches already on the church roll in the work of our churches."

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION

The Sunday School Report was given by W. G. Rutledge, Secretary of the Department, who introduced Miss Gladys Longley, Miss Oleta Meek, Miss Dorothy Campbell—workers in the department. Miss Longley spoke briefly on Vacation Bible School work and stated that there were over a million enrolled in these schools last summer. There were over 1900 schools in Tennessee—a nice gain over last year. Thirty-two college students from 14 colleges gave five weeks of their time this past summer to V.B.S. work with splendid results.

Bro. Rutledge presented the program of work for 1950 in a unique way. Six young ladies bearing large placards came to the rostrum and held their signs aloft while the speaker discussed the particular phase they represented. He then presented a sign which read, "Take Your Family to Sunday School."

Charles Norton gave the Report on Training Union in the form of a dialogue. In turn, Miss Doris Brown, office worker; Miss Roxie Jacobs, Miss Mary Anderson, and Genter B. Stephens were presented and asked various questions about training, sword drills, hymn festivals, better speaker tournaments, etc. The Training Union program in our State is in the best condition ever.

Thomas T. Holloway, Field Worker for the American Bible Society, spoke briefly concerning this work. Southern Baptists contributed more than \$100,000 to this cause last year.

Dr. W. F. Powell introduced Dr. and Mrs. King Vivion of Nashville. Dr. Vivion is pastor of McKendree Methodist Church.

Tennessee Baptist Education Commission

By DR. HENRY STOKES, JR., President

The major hope for the future of Baptist churches and for holding our commanding position amongst the denominations as faithful witnesses to the Truth of God is to be found in an adequately trained laity and ministry. For this service we must look to our Baptist schools and colleges that are sound in Baptist faith and have strong facilities and good equipment, such as dormitories, libraries, and class-rooms. The contributions and influences that have come from our colleges in Tennessee through their alumni have added to our Baptist strength for over one hundred years.

We are proud of Union, Cumberland and Carson-Newman. Harrison-Chilhowee Academy is performing a much needed role in Christian Education. But they are now at a period of crises. Federal aid to education is upon us. For good or ill, we are faced with the prospect of competing in educational circles with the powerful tax dollar. Baptists have never accepted tax money for churches or schools; and if we hope to survive, it is now imperative that Baptists support more generously the schools we have. The time of politely paying our respects to Christian Education with a paltry TIP, a token expression that reveals a lack of real concern for Christian Education, is past. From these schools each year there comes a throng of potential leaders in business and industry; from them will come the majority of preachers for our growing denomination; from these Baptist colleges will come the missionaries to serve in home and foreign fields. These alumni will leaven the lump of life with Christian principles. Only to the churches can they look for support.

Because we neglect to Tithe, these schools suffer and in a few years Baptists will suffer as a whole. The Baptist Foundation invites your investigation and asks that you remember the claim of Christian Education when wills are made. When we realize what wings and power we give to Evangelism and Missions when we support the fountain head, which is Christian Education, then will we bestir ourselves in this matter in Tithes, wills and concern.

DR. LEE'S SERMON

The highlight of this session was Dr. R. G. Lee's sermon, "Together in Evangelism." The crowd was large, every available seat taken and many were standing, but few were seen to leave. This scribe finds it impossible to take notes on Dr. Lee. It's just too difficult to write when your eyes are filled with tears, and there are plenty of them when R. G. Lee preaches. It will suffice to say that it was great! The audience was visibly moved as the man of God poured out his soul in a passionate plea to us to win some soul to Christ. Dr. Lee's trumpet never gives an uncertain sound, and it seemed that this message

went straight to the hearts of every listener, summoning us to battle.

Dr. L. B. Cobb, Cleveland, First, prayed the prayer of dismissal.

THURSDAY MORNING

"Together in Benevolences"

The congregation sang, "Come Thou Almighty King" after which Joe Harting, Old Hickory, First, read II Peter 5:1-11 and Psalm 126:3-6 and prayed.

The Report on Orphanages was given by W. C. Creasman, Superintendent of our home at Franklin.

The Report on Hospitals was given by G. Allen West, Nashville, who made a short talk. This report showed that Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, treated around 35,000 patients last year, rendering 173,939 days of service. It did \$289,283.07 of free service. THIS WAS MORE THAN ALL OF THE OTHER TWENTY-THREE BAPTIST HOSPITALS IN THE AREA OF THE SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION COMBINED. This hospital has 242 student nurses, and there are more young doctors receiving post-graduate medical instruction here than in any denominational hospital in the South.

Mid-State Baptist Hospital had 2,640 patients from Jan. 1-June 30. This hospital is destined to become one of our great institutions. Physical equipment has been renovated and new equipment has been added. Something more than \$117,000 is on hand for a new unit which will be built as soon as funds are available.

East Tennessee Baptist Hospital is now about a year old. For the first eight months it had 5,832 patients. Physical assets exceed \$3,000,000 and the building is one of the finest to be found anywhere. The hospital has been having a difficult time financially, but now that the Convention has taken it over its future is secure. The debt of a million dollars will be liquidated within a few years without injury to the program of the State as a whole, and this hospital will bless millions in the years to come.

RELIEF AND ANNUITY REPORT

Slater A. Murphy, Highland Heights, Memphis, gave the Report on Relief and Annuity. "Annuities are accumulating acceptably. We need to give consideration to the Widows' Supplemental Plan. We should take a fellowship offering some time during the year for relief." These three points were emphasized in a special message by Baynard F. Fox, Louisville, Ky., a field worker for the Relief and Annuity Board. Dr. C. W. Pope came to the rostrum and stated that the Tennessee Baptist Convention had already accepted the Widows' Supplemental Plan but that not enough pastors had signed up to make the plan operative.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

The Cumberland University Choir, directed by Burton Wilson, sang "The Praise We Sing to Thee," and "God Himself Is With Us." Miss Marjorie Nelson was at the piano.

The Memorial Service is always an impressive feature of the Convention and this year was not an exception. James Gregg, Calvary Church, Bristol, was in charge. Following the reading of the report, W. A. Farmer, Bradford, and James Boyd, Sparta, read the names of those Deacons and Ministers who had passed into the Great Beyond during the past year. A quartette from Cumberland University composed of Wallace McGill, James McDonald, Charles Franklin and Robert M. Startup, with Miss Nelson at the piano, sang feelingly, "Abide With Me." Dr. O. W. Taylor then led in prayer.

Speaking in place of Dr. R. Paul Caudill who missed his plane and could not be present, Charles Gage, a worker with the Displaced Persons program, spoke on Southern Baptist Relief. A committee has been appointed to work with Mr. Gage in this effort and their names will be found in the list attached to this report of the Convention.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS

Dr. James L. Sullivan, assisted by Hayward Highfill, Humboldt; James M. Windham, Maryville; and Merle Pedigo, Riverside, Nashville, gave the Report on Nominations. He said that the committee had filled 54 places and had divided the appointments fifty-fifty, 27 pastors and 27 laymen.

Dr. J. G. Hughes read the Report of the Resolutions Committee and it was accepted by a rising vote.

Carl W. Rogers, Northside Church, Chattanooga, reported for the Committee on Committees.

DR. TRIPP'S MESSAGE

Following the singing of "Legend" and "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" by the Cumberland Choir, Dr. Duke K. McCall introduced Dr. Frank Tripp, Administrator of the Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, who gave an informative message on Baptist hospitals. He expressed a conviction that it was just as much the obligation of Baptists to educate nurses as it was to train educational directors and ministers of music. This expense is now being born by the pay patient, and should be taken over by the Convention as soon as possible. Such a move would enable hospitals to do more charity work and would reduce the expense being charged patients.

Even though Dr. Tripp began his message twelve minutes after he was supposed to have been through, the audience "stayed with him" and the attendance was unusually good. He jokingly stated at the outset of his address that there were two things he would like to see happen: (1) eliminate the front seats in Baptist churches, and (2) omit the last item on a convention program.

Following this great message, Judge McCall called the new officers to the rostrum and turned over the gavel of his office to James L. Sullivan.

Dr. W. F. Powell, host pastor, dismissed the 75th session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention with prayer.

SOME OBSERVATIONS

It was a great Convention! Perhaps not the best we've had, but certainly a great one.

We pastors ought to do something to stimulate attendance at the Convention. We do not draw the large representations from our churches in the same proportion as do our neighboring states.

We came home feeling like "we'd been run through a flint mill." Perhaps this weariness was purely personal, but the number of outside activities at the Convention is becoming increasingly large. This scribe averaged about six hours of sleep each night, which is way below his average. A lady was heard to say, "I'm glad over it and also glad it's over."

If we were to choose one item for special comment, it would be the tremendous improvement made in the special music at the Convention. Your scribe attended his first Tennessee Convention in 1941. There was but one special number in the entire program. Now, the various choirs and choral groups give professional quality music. Surely, this is an omen of better days ahead for the music of our people.

Miss Ruth Widick, the pianist for the Convention, was always present and on time. She is the daughter of the late Rev. Clyde Widick whose influence will live on and on in the hearts of those who lives he blessed.

The First Church, Nashville, knows how to put out the welcome mat. They entertain the Convention without fuss or bother, and the messengers are at ease when they know the sessions will be held at this great Church. Dr. W. F. Powell is a wonderful host.

HUMOR AT THE CONVENTION

A man entered a bus and sat down by a lady. In a moment he lit a cigaret and began to puff away. The lady was annoyed.

"If you were a gentleman you wouldn't do that," she said.

"And if you were a lady you wouldn't sit there," the man replied.

"If you were my husband I would give you poison," the lady observed.

"And if you were my wife I'd take it," was the quick retort. (Judge McCall)

Carl Giers told about his first year at Carson-Newman College. He saw the colored yard man burning the grass off the lawn and accosted him with the remark, "John, didn't you know that if you do that the ground will be as black as you are?" The colored brother scratched his head and said, "Yas suh, boss, but next year it will be as green as you is."

Giers also told about a conversation he had with Fred M. Dowell, Jr. at Carson-Newman. Having never heard the expression, "I want to carry you somewhere," he asked Fred how he, a little fellow, could carry a man as big as Giers. "Why I'm big enough to swallow you," Giers said to Dowell. "Yes, but if you did you'd have more brains in your stomach than you have in your head," Fred replied.

Dr. R. G. Lee's definition for "Frog Gin": "Drink a little, sing a little, hop a little, and croak!"

"Fellows drink some of this legalized stuff and when they get home they can't tell their key hole from mammoth cave, their wife's face from a baboon, and a clothesline from a railroad track."

(R. G. Lee)

"Sermonettes are just fine for Christian-ettes."

(R. G. Lee)

"The modern world spirit says, 'The Bible is inspired only in spots' and they think they are inspired to find these spots." (J. B. Lawrence)

An old maid's last request was that there be no male pallbearers at her funeral. She reasoned that if men had never taken her out while she was living, they shouldn't have that privilege after she was dead.

(Norris Giliam)

An old maid was asked, "Are you going to get married?" Her answer, "No, but I'm awfully thankful for the rumor."

(Carl Daw)

A Quaker was interrupted in the middle of the night by an intruder. He said, "Friend, I doest thee no harm, but I am warning thee that I am about to shoot where thou standest."

(R. G. Lee)

Four Boy Scouts had failed to do a good deed and were reprimanded by the Scoutmaster. He sent them out to do a good deed and after a while they returned to report.

"I helped an old lady across the street," said John.

"And I helped John help the old lady across the street," said Henry.

"And I helped Henry help John," said Harry.

By this time the Scoutmaster sensed that something was wrong. "How did it happen that it took three of you to get an old lady across the street? It's preposterous!"

"No it isn't, sir, you see the old lady didn't want to cross the street!"

(Maxey Jarman)

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. RIVES

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For December 4, 1949

The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

TEXTS: Jeremiah 8:8-13; 23; 26-28 (Larger)—Jer. 23:16, 21-32
(Printed)—Jer. 23:28 (Golden).

Jeremiah Denounces False Prophets

The man who speaks for God, and this is the primary meeting and purpose of the prophet, is under obligation both to God whom he represents and the people to whom he speaks to denounce all of those who are false prophets. There were false prophets during Jeremiah's days and there are false prophets among us at present. It is indeed deplorable but it is what should be expected. The Devil in this instance, as in many others, exerts every effort to deceive; and in some cases in highly successful in causing even the Lord's people to be deceived as well as to prevent the unsaved from finding and following the way as it is in Christ.

It should be noted that all such false prophets make of religion (not genuine Christianity) a sure enough "racket." They are interested primarily in fattening their purses, and thus they think of themselves before they think of God or the people they pretend to serve. They thrive best in those localities and among those peoples where a generation or more ago there was real Christian piety but at present there is a lack of a worth-while program and little if any information about world needs and conditions with reference to religious life.

I. HOW MAY SUCH FALSE PROPHETS BE IDENTIFIED?

First, they may be identified by their failure to proclaim the whole of God's word in all of its purity as that word is found in what we know as the Holy Bible. Such men frequently begin their deadly ministry by ignoring the great fundamental doctrines as they are set forth in the Bible. Often they pose as "broad-minded" persons in this. They attempt to create the impression of their superiority both in training and culture; or if densely ignorant, their superiority in morals and spirituality. Let us beware the person who tries to impress us with superiority of any sort.

Second, they may be identified by their moral living. This is, of course, a relative thing since no man is perfect in his living. But for the person who poses as God's spokesman to live on a low moral plane is a disgrace to himself and a stumbling-block to those who look to him for spiritual guidance, to say nothing about his being the Devil's messenger rather than God's. "By their fruits ye shall know them," said Jesus. The writer had a neighbor once who claimed sinless perfection and kept the whole neighborhood awake with his prolonged prayer-meetings but who had never married the woman with whom he was living and who became the mother of a yard full of children.

II. WHY SHOULD SUCH FALSE PROPHETS BE AVOIDED?

First, they are to be avoided because they are minus their credentials as being God's representatives and spokesmen. Why should we listen to and be guided by one who in reality speaks for himself and not for God? The two indispensable marks of the true prophet of God have been indicated in the above notes, namely, a message that grows out of the whole Word of God and a life that is in keeping with the teachings of that Word. When both of these are lacking, the would-be prophet is automatically disqualified so far as our hearing and heeding him is concerned. We should not only refuse to do so ourselves but we should also dissuade others in doing so.

Second, they are to be avoided because their influence is positively pernicious and will in the end prove totally destructive. It is a case of the blind trying to lead the blind when both alike fall into the ditch. It is like the sick attempting to cure others with his same disease. It is like the ignorant attempting to teach others his ignorance. People do not tolerate this sort of practice in any other area than that of so-called religion. This is not to suggest force or violence in such prevention but rather persuasion.

When avoidance of the false prophet is advocated, we do not mean to suggest that we are to make no attempt to win such persons to Christ as personal Saviour and to lead them into the kind of life He lived while on the earth. This should be our first objective, in fact. A false prophet is just as lost and unsaved as is any other person who does not know Him in the forgiveness of sins. But we are to refuse to countenance or to have spiritual contact with any one who gives evidence of being the spurious instead of the true. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them" (Eph. 5:11).

When this year's Christmas cards were first put on sale, I spent almost a whole lunch hour looking at some of them and enjoying the different colors, designs, and messages. That was the beginning of my "Christmas spirit" this year. I went back to the office and told about some of the cards I'd seen—so many pretty ones that it would be very hard to choose the ones I wanted to send to my friends.

I spoke of making my own cards, if I could decide upon a design to use. In talking of designs, an office friend and I decided that a person sending Christmas cards should always consider at least two points: First, Christmas cards (or any other special message, for that matter) should suit the *sender's* personality. They should say what the sender himself would say in a personal message. Second, a greeting should fit the *receiver*—the person to whom it is sent. That is why many people select at least two types of cards to send to the friends on their lists.

Some friends like cards with pictures of Santa Claus, or clowns, or animals, or people doing funny things. They like and use the cheerful greeting, "Merry Christmas," or "A Joyous Christmas," or something like that. But cards like this are not always appropriate for every friend on our lists.

Many folks like more serious Christmas messages—with serious, more dignified pictures. These are often religious pictures which tell some part of the story of the first Christmas—angels, shepherds, the Baby in a Manger, the Holy Family, and so on. Or they might be pictures of a stained glass church window, or snow, or a friendly home picture.

Nearly all of us have on our lists a few people who have reason to look forward to a not-too-merry Christmas day. Some are spending their first Christmas without loved ones. Others have had misfortunes of one sort or another; some are ill or otherwise shut-in. Somehow it does not seem appropriate to wish for these folks a *merry* Christmas, or a fun-filled day. In spite of circumstances, though, we do want them to feel the inner happiness and peace of Christmas. And because of their reasons for unhappiness, these people need our Christmas good wishes and special attentions more than anybody else on our lists. Of course, it is not necessary to mention anything unpleasant, but our friends can read between the lines, if our Christmas message says simply, "Thinking of you at Christmas," or "Loving Christmas wishes," or something like that.

Pictures of the first Christmas will surely remind these friends and others of the Christ who came on that first Christmas and of the message of the angels who announced his coming, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Whether you buy your Christmas cards or make them, think of the individual to whom they will go. Make your list, then choose each card carefully.

I hope you will make some of your cards. You could use plain white paper folded to the size you wish, or correspondence cards, or even colored construction paper. On each card you might write a personal Christmas wish or greeting. Here are a few suggestions which may help you to get an idea for your design.

A print of the *Sistine Madonna*, with Luke 2:14 written beside the picture or inside the folder. (For 15 cents you can buy from your Baptist Book Store a box of fifty oval-shaped colored stickers with this picture.)

Maybe you will use some of the colored Christmas pictures from a Primary or Junior Uniform Sunday school quarterly. Again, you might choose for your message the part of Luke's Christmas story which your picture illustrates.

Silver stars on a blue background are very Christmas-y. So are blue stars on white paper. You may draw these or use stickers.

Christmas trees are good decorations for Christmas cards. You might use green construction paper and cut your card the shape of a tree and write your message on that. Or you might cut a tiny tree and paste it on white paper, or draw and color a tree on white paper. Perhaps you will color "ornaments" to put on the tree, too. Sequins glued on such a tree make pretty ornaments.

A snow man might be drawn on blue or red or green construction paper, then cotton stuck on inside the outline. A piece of colored Scotch tape or scraps of woolen thread will make a bright belt, hat, and scarf for your snow man.

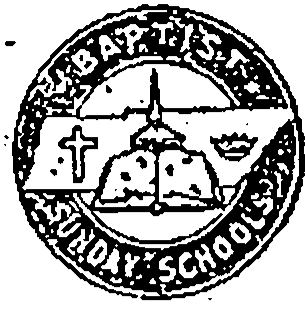
You will think of lots of other Christmas card designs. If you begin now, you will have plenty of time to work out your ideas and make each card as personal as you want it to be. It will be lots of fun and your friends will be thrilled when they receive your cards. I hope you will make one card for me—I'd love to see it.

Your friend,
AUNT POLLY

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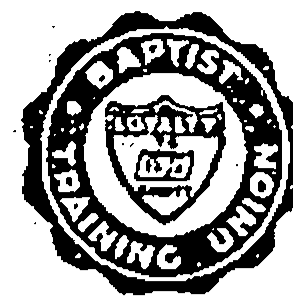


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Two Tennessee Pastors On Dallas Program



DR. R. G. LEE



DR. R. PAUL CAUDILL

Two of our pastors, Dr. R. G. Lee and Dr. R. Paul Caudill will appear on the program at the Convention-Wide Sunday School Conference December 27-30 in Dallas, Texas. Among other personalities on the program are Dr. W. A. Criswell, pastor of First Baptist Church, Dallas, Dr. T. L. Holcomb, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Baptist Sunday School Board, Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention and Dr. Frank Wood, pastor, Woodlawn Baptist Church, Birmingham, Alabama, formerly pastor of Fifth Ave. Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The theme for the convention is, "Take Your Family to Sunday School." Conferences for the departments as well as sectional interests will be presented. In addition to the usual department conferences one may attend conferences on literature, buildings, Christian homes, church music, publicity, libraries, visual aids, etc.

Plan now to go to Dallas and "Make Your Holidays Holy Days."

A CORRECTION

Through an error in posting records Speedway Terrace Baptist Church was not listed among the high twenty-five churches in training awards, in this column of November 10 issue. This church requested 207 awards which places it sixth in the state. We want to apologize to Dr. Mark Harris, pastor, to Mr. Sam T. Lowry, Sunday School superintendent, and to the good people of this church for our error.

SINCE WE BECAME STANDARD

Our church has grown in every way. A well-rounded "Standard" program has been largely responsible for enrolment and average attendance growth of about 48%.

Emphasis on the new Standards in Departments and Classes resulted in much of the enthusiasm for training which enabled Judson to lead Tennessee Baptist churches this past year with 486 awards.

Other results of promoting the Standards have been: Increased preaching attendance; better workers meetings and the installation of the Weekly Officers and Teachers meetings; more emphasis on Bibles used and more consistent visitation and persistent soul-winning efforts and more information on and interest in denominational activities.

—As told to Oleta Meek by Dr. J. Clark Hensley

The Standard of Excellence presents a well-balanced program for the Sunday School and guarantees better work. Be wise. Standardize!

New Helps For Story Hour Leaders

by

Thelma Arnote

(Copied from publication *The Mailbag*)

Beginning with the first quarter, 1950 (The January, February, March quarter), the Baptist Sunday School Board will publish two magazines for Story Hour leaders. Succeeding *The Story Hour Leader* will be *The Nursery-Beginner Leader* and *The Primary Leader*.

The approach to content in the two magazines is much the same as was followed in each section of *The Story Hour Leader*. However, the number of extra pages has made possible detailed guidance in the development of suggested materials for Nursery, Beginner, and Primary Story Hours.

The materials offered in each magazine are built on recognition of child interests and needs and are continuous in nature—any unit of work is related to the preceding and following units.

Each magazine contains special features—inspirational articles for leadership growth and articles of informative nature for specific use in the development of particular units.

A careful use of illustration lends to each of the magazines an atmosphere of childlikeness.

All leaders and associates in Nursery and Beginner Story Hours should have *The Nursery-Beginner Leader*. All Primary leaders and associates should have *The Primary Leader*.

If your Story Hour work is not graded at the present time, a display of *The Nursery-Beginner Leader* and *The Primary Leader* will stimulate a desire to organize completely graded Story Hour departments. Order your copies of these magazines now so that your leaders may begin plans for the first quarter, 1950.

The two new magazines will be 48 pages each and the price is 25 cents each per quarter.

Here indeed is a fine opportunity to intensify the effort to provide for these groups at the Training Union hour in your church and to reach out to get these children and their parents in Training Union.

There are still hundreds and hundreds of churches that do not have Training Union provision for their Story Hour groups. You who order the literature have a wonderful opportunity to urge the creation of full Training Union work in your church.

Do this and you will see great things come to those who are thus enlisted and trained for better Christian living and service.

Of course, you know that the Sunday School Board will furnish the first quarter's literature free when a church which does not have a Training Union launches out and starts this work. Free leaflets on how to do it are also available.

*Take Your Family
To Sunday School*

"A Home May Be Made Happier"

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Woman's Missionary Union

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REPORT OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION, TO THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION

Through all the ages women who really have known the Lord Jesus Christ have had a compelling desire to tell others of His saving power. Since the days of Mary, Joanna and Suzanna, who ministered unto Jesus of their substance, missionary hearted women have prayed, given of their time, tithes and their sons and daughters that the world might know Him. Statistics show that 69% of the church members are women. They are active in every organization.

For more than one hundred years there have been missionary societies for the women, giving them the joy of laboring together and have afforded them an opportunity for world-wide witnessing.

The missionary education of the young people is a definite part of the plan of far visioned missionary hearted women. Gradually the organizations for young people have developed and made a part of the Union. Today in Tennessee there are 760 Sunbeam Bands, with an enrollment of 10,847 little children. There are 1,112 Girl's Auxiliaries with an enrollment of 15,717 made up of Junior and Intermediate girls. Believing a "good man dies when a boy goes wrong" we have 696 Royal Ambassador Chapters with 7,500 members. This number would be multiplied if the preachers and laymen would care enough to lead the boys in the only organization Baptists have for their boys. If you want missionary laymen tomorrow, start today to build boys.

The Young Woman's Auxiliary is for our young women in our churches who are surrounded with so many temptations and who need an organization to encourage them to choose the right paths of service in their social life as well as in their church activities. There are now 480 organizations for young women with 4,700 members.

We now have 1,052 churches in Tennessee with W.M.S. organizations. During the past year there have been 556 organizations formed. Our total number of organizations is 4,100. There are 316 churches with a full graded Union. There were 446 organizations that met every point on the Standard of Excellence in 1949.

Because we study the needs, we gladly give. We long for churches to attain the goal in their gifts of 50-50 by 1950. It grieves missionary hearted women when they place their tithe in the church to have a very small amount go to missions. Through our churches we gave \$416,265.16 to the Cooperative Program. Because we love Him we delight to bring our offerings. Last year we gave to the Lottie Moon Offering \$80,150.10; \$39,287.26 to Annie Armstrong Home Missions; \$27,791.02 to Golden State Missions; \$17,655.43 to the camps also \$20,000 designated in the Golden State Mission offering. Our total gifts were \$605,392.08. We have 22,210 signed tithers in our Woman's Missionary Union.

Our state convention will meet in Chattanooga March 28-30. A great program has been planned and you are invited. We beg you not to have revivals or study classes that week, so the pastors and women may gain the inspiration of this meeting.

We pledge to you our whole hearted support in church schools of missions, remembering it cannot be called a school unless books are taught. If missions is worth doing, it is worth studying. We beg each pastor to have a school for the entire church family using the graded series of mission study books.

We pledge to you our organization in your soul-winning campaign. Our Community Mission chairman has as her chief object winning of souls to Christ and to the enlisting of backsliding Baptists into service. Hixson once said, "The unused ability in our churches is the exultation of hell, surprise of heaven, the loss of man and the grief of God." Next to winning a soul to Christ is that of enlisting one into service.

During the past summer there were 58 souls won to Christ in our R A and G A camps. There were 201 who committed themselves to spiritual service—Because so many failed to contribute to our camp building fund we were compelled to wait until July 15th before Camp Carson was opened. Camp Linden was not ready for use, but Cumberland University opened their doors to us, for which we were most grateful.

If each one of us had given liberally to our camps all the organizations could have held their meetings in the camps. There were 1,328 boys and girls in our camps this past summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Northington, Executive Secretary-Treasurer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1949

Department of Student Work

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SUGGESTED STUDENT NIGHT AT CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Program A

Theme: **CHRIST ABOVE ALL**

Preclude—Christmas Carols
Call to Worship—Psalm 95:1-7a
Invocation
Choral Response..... led by a Student
"Gracious Lord, Hear Us," or "Sweet Hour of Prayer"
Hymn—"Jesus Calls Us"
Offertory
Recognition of college students and graduates
CHRIST ABOVE ALL IN COLLEGE DAYS:
1. Significant Facts About B. S. U..... Student or ex-Student
2. Some Activities of the B. S. U..... Student
3. My Church Life at College..... Student
4. My Prayermate and I..... Student
5. My Greatest Spiritual Experience at College..... Student
Special Music—"All on the Altar"
Message—"Christ Above All"—Ephesians 4:6..... Pastor
Hymn of Invitation—"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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Program B

Theme: **THAT I MAY KNOW HIM**

Prelude—"The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte
Call to Worship—Psalm 46
Invocation
Hymn—"I Know Whom I Have Believed," or "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
Scripture—Philippians 3:10-14
Prayer
THAT I MAY KNOW HIM: (Talks by students)
1. I Joined the Church at College
2. I Attended the B. S. U. Convention
3. I Found Christian Fellowship
4. I Read His Word and Prayed
Hymn—"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"
Offertory
Special Music—"I Know of a Name"..... Girl's Trio or Mixed Quartet
Message—"That the World May Know Him"..... Pastor
Hymn of Invitation—"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

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Program C

Theme: **LIVING FOR JESUS**

Prelude—"The End of a Perfect Day"
Call to Worship—"Tread Softly"—Spoken by student or sung by choir
Hymn—"O Worship the King"
Scripture—Matthew 16:24-27
Prayer
Hymn—"He Keeps Me Singing"
Offertory
Special Music—Chorus by Youth Choir
Student Presentation
(A play or tableau might easily be presented by the young people. Such a presentation is "The Challenge of the Cross" by Charles A. Marsh, or one of the plays printed by the Student Department, Nashville, Tennessee).
Hymn of Invitation—"I Surrender All"

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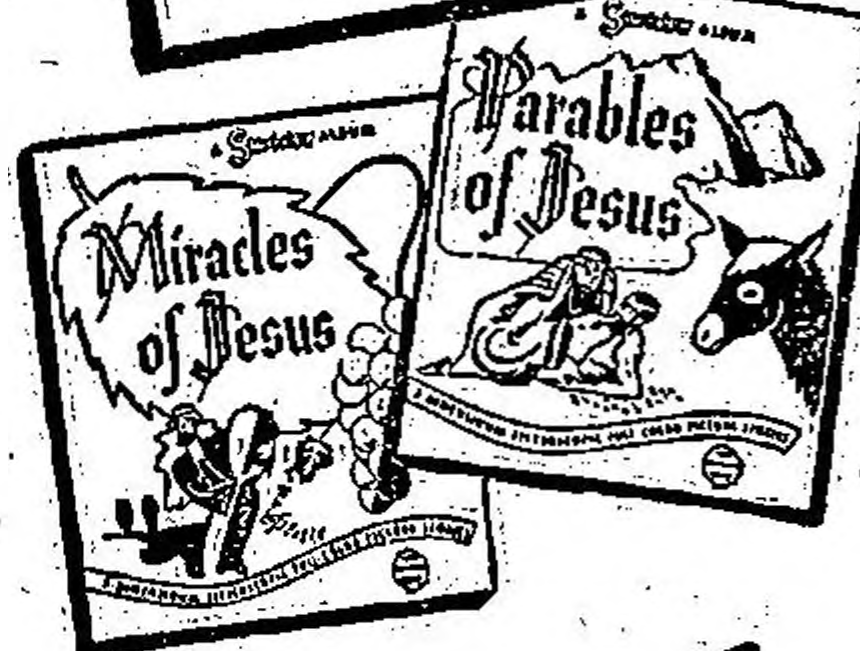
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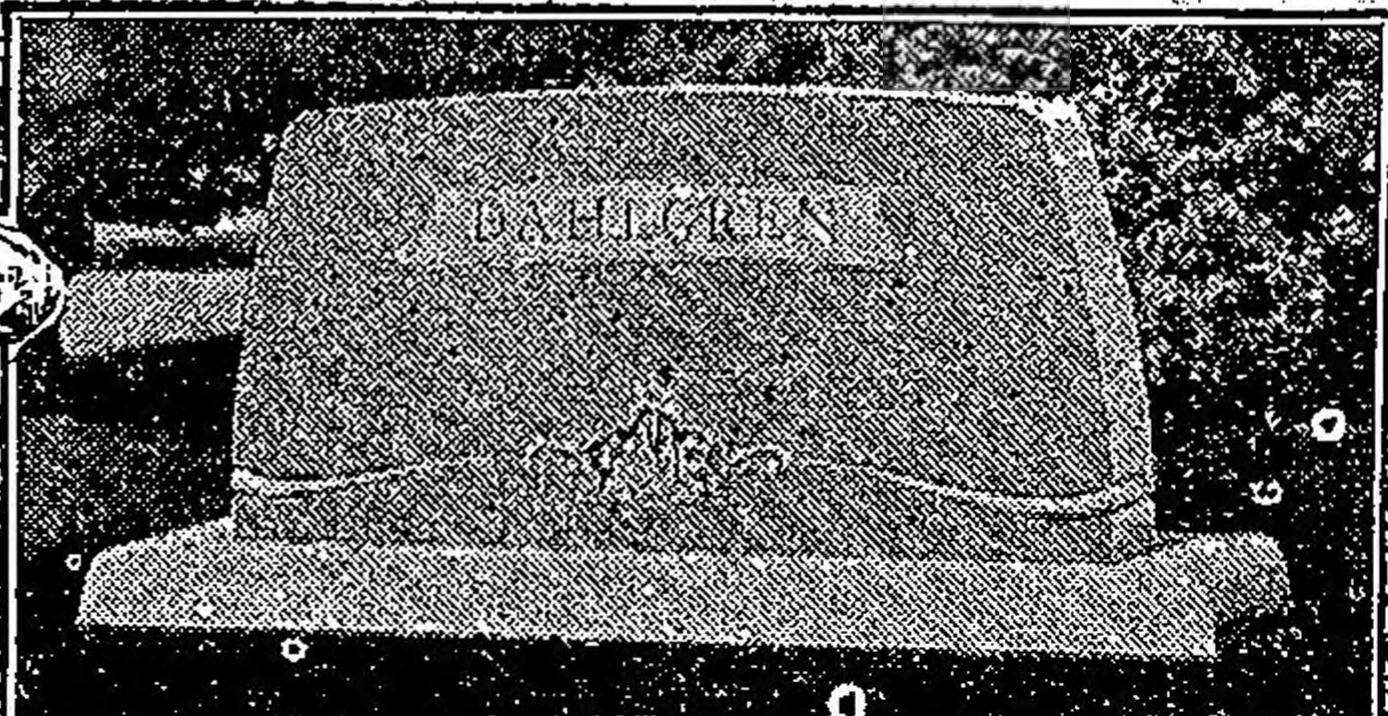
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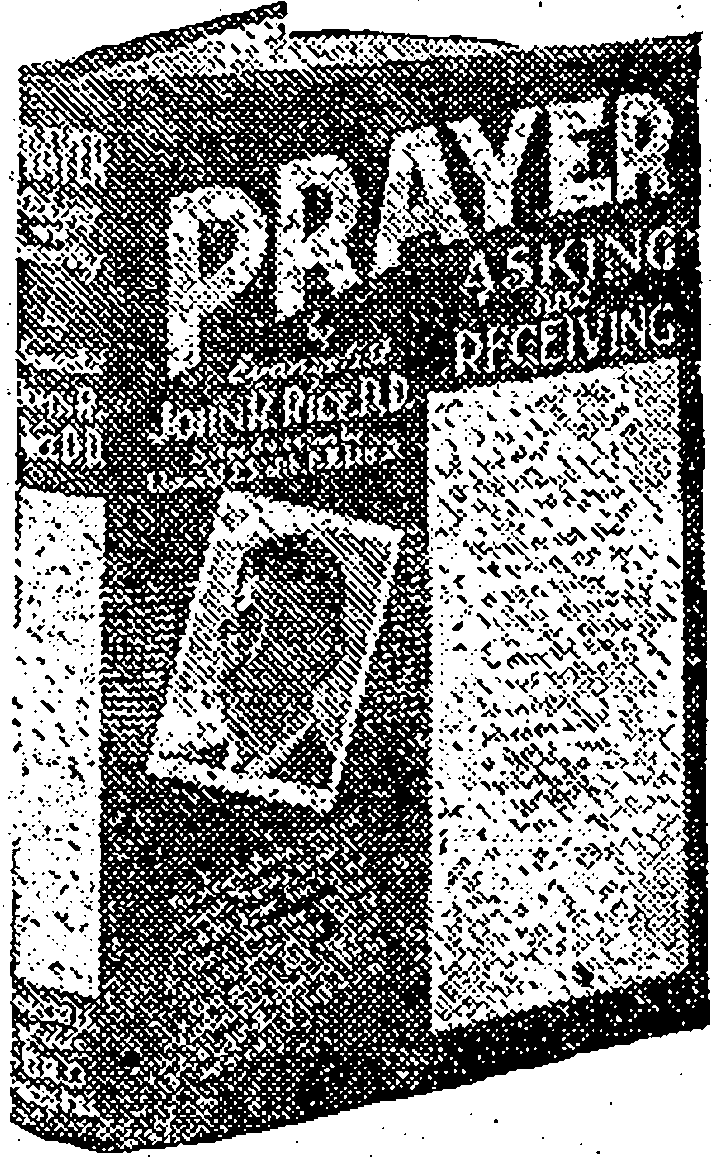
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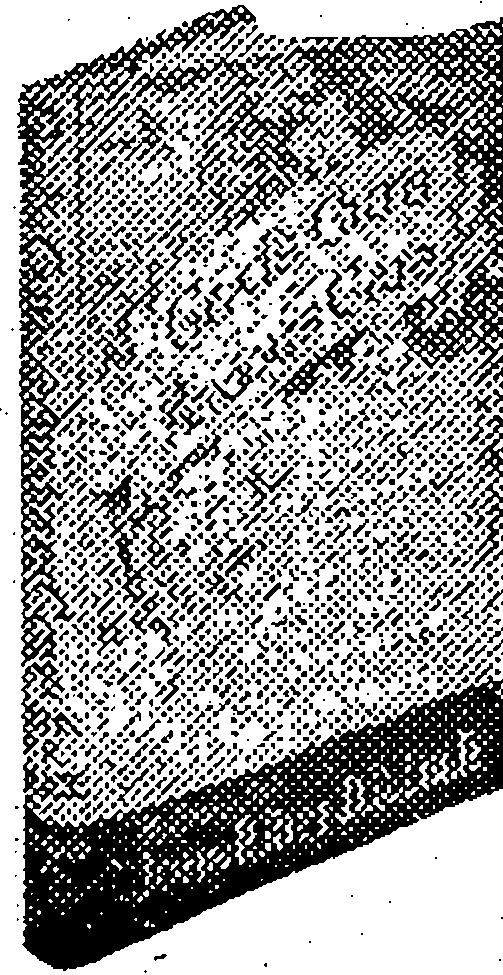
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