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## EDITORIAL

### Advance Has Begun!

THE FOREIGN MISSION BOARD of the Southern Baptist Convention met in its headquarters in Richmond, Va., March 14 and 15. Along with several other editors and several state secretaries, we attended as a guest of the Board. Russell Bradley Jones of Chattanooga, a Tennessee member of the Board, was present.

We give some of the highlights out of the many things done. Tuesday morning was devoted to the examination of 36 applicants for appointment as missionaries. Prior to this examination, the candidates had been tested as to their health, mental stability, training, standing and so on. A resume of the experience, training and ability of the candidates, together with a list of testimonies to them from different sources, had been previously sent in. Every missionary candidate must have a good report from those who know him and be certified by a Baptist church.

We sat in on the examination of that group which included applicants from Tennessee. These were: Bro. Ruben I. Franks and wife, of Sugar Tree, and Dr. and Mrs. William Skinner, of Nashville. The former will go to Chile or Venezuela and the latter to Paraguay. Dr. Skinner is a physician. He and his wife are members of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. We do not have room to list the various commendations of these candidates. But a representative one was that concerning Dr. and Mrs. Skinner, a pastoral testimony which said: "You will never have a more outstanding young couple to volunteer for the mission field. They are 'tops' in every way."

The examination tested the applicants as to their experiences of grace, their call to the mission field, their belief about Bible doctrines, their cooperative spirit and their willingness to face hardship and persecution and to make sacrifices. It was a thorough test. It was a tribute to be able to meet it. As these young people told how the Lord had saved them and called them and how they were putting themselves and their all on the altar, we wept unashamed. We were not alone in this.

Tuesday night in the beautiful chapel, the final action on the

candidates was taken. All of them passed. On this occasion, Charles E. Maddry, former secretary of the Board, delivered an address. The present secretary, M. Theron Rankin, charged the new appointees and R. Kelly White, West Palm Beach, Fla., prayed the prayer of dedication. People left this service in a subdued spirit, for God had spoken to their hearts.

Wednesday morning, our own Executive Secretary Chas. W. Pope conducted one of the best devotionals we have ever heard. Numerous items of business were transacted on this day. There was discussion from the floor. Visitors could speak if they so desired. There was no coercion and no unkind thrusts at any brother. It was a Baptist democratic meeting. Nobody had the "boss" complex and attitude, but all were brethren and servants of the Lord. Everett Gill, secretary for Latin America, Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, and Joseph Nordenhaug, editor of *The Commission*, pinch-hitting for George W. Sadler, secretary for Africa, Europe and the Near East, who could not be present, all presented informing and gripping reports. Secretary M. Theron Rankin's report was equally informing and gripping.

Southern Baptists now have 712 missionaries in 24 geographical areas, and the new appointees will raise the number to 748. Ecuador is being entered for the first time. A seminary has been established in Zurich. In Christly heroism, a lone girl, Ada Ruth Swann, is going to Mohammedan Arabia. A preaching mission with a personnel of 15 is to visit Japan sometime this year. Last year, the Board had a total income of nearly five and one-half million dollars for its far-flung work. And the mission spirit is growing. The foreign mission advance announced last year has begun! "Lead on, O King eternal!"

Wednesday morning there was shown a profoundly moving color film of medical mission work in Nigeria. At one place was shown a leprous woman who had come too late for treatment and had fallen down and died, just outside one of the hospital buildings. And a Negro Baptist preacher with his fingers off because of leprosy was reading from the Word of God. At noon that day we ate beside a Baptist preacher from Illinois at a luncheon provided by Howard L. Jenkins, president of the Foreign Mission Board. This large, strong, stalwart man said relative to the picture: "I just sat there and cried and cried." He was not alone in this. If that picture could be seen by people generally, it would profoundly move them toward missions and be a convincing polemic against racial prejudice—if the love of God was in their hearts.

"There was another important action taken by the Board in the afternoon relative to the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. But we are reserving this for later consideration. For, after all, the most important thing is the program of foreign missions itself and the advance therein which has begun. We summarize our reactions to this Richmond meeting.

1. The Foreign Mission Board is not a "boss," but only a servant.
2. It is sound in the faith.
3. It is not trying to lead Southern Baptists into the unionizing movement.
4. The brethren of the Board love the Lord and the souls of men. The headquarters personnel, the secretaries and their co-workers in the offices or elsewhere, are consecrated, faithful, loyal and efficient. We wish that every Southern Baptist could attend just such a meeting. The spirit of these workers and of the missionaries would probably shame many of us.

We thank Secretary Rankin and Mr. Jenkins and all who joined them in their graciousness for the courtesies shown on this occasion and for one of the most impressive experiences of our life.

# Deceptive and Destructive

## EFFECTS OF ALCOHOL

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Ashland, Va.

A man once attended a party—so the story goes—and partook so freely of “liquid refreshments” that he had to be carried to his home by some friends and put to bed. When they reached his home he was in an unconscious state, and his wife, alarmed, hurriedly called a doctor. When the doctor had made an examination, the anxious wife said: “Oh, doctor, what is the trouble? Is it anything serious?” The doctor assured her that there was no cause for alarm, but, in deference to her feelings, did not mention the real cause of his trouble, and only added: “He will be all right before long; but at present he’s in an artificial state.”

Very significant indeed are those words, “artificial state,” as applied to one who is more or less under the influence of intoxicants. What a wide application those words have today—from the man whose only indication of a close acquaintance with John Barleycorn is his talkativeness, to the one who is plainly drunk.

### Fools, Felons, Fiends

There’s nothing like alcohol for producing fools. A half-dozen men, intelligent and well-balanced when sober, have been known to get deep in their cups and sing over and over again the foolish ditty, “Poor Uncle Ned, with no hair on his head.” The old story of a booze-ridden man hugging a lamp-post at midnight and singing, “Sweet Adeline,” may not be an exaggeration. Is there a more disgusting sight than that of a drunken man making a fool of himself—unless it be that of a drunken woman?

The number of felons and criminals of every sort that have been sent to prison or executed for various crimes because of liquor can be estimated only by the millions. If the inmates of our prisons should make a candid confession, naming the inciting cause of the offenses that led to their imprisonment, there would be many confessions along this line: “If I had let liquor alone I would not be where I am today. I am not a man to give trouble

when sober, but I was drinking, and under some provocation, I shot a man.”

A few years ago, a man who was soon to be executed for murder, was questioned about the crime, and he replied: “They say I killed a man, and maybe I did. I was drunk and don’t know what I did.” Because men under the influence of liquor are no longer themselves, they fight or kill and are sent to prison or the electric chair. How often is it said of a drinking man that, when sober, he is a kind and considerate husband and father, but drink seems to turn him into a cruel monster.

Because alcohol impairs one’s judgment, retards quickness of reaction, lessens one’s power of restraint, and deceives one by making him believe that, after

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*We trust, that somehow, good  
will be the final goal of ills.*

—Tennyson

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drinking liquor, he is a more competent driver of a motor vehicle than ever before, thousands of serious accidents occur every day. The faculties that are the most indispensable for safe driving are the very ones that are impaired by intoxicants.

It has been discovered that under certain conditions a very small amount of alcohol may turn a man into a veritable fiend. Men have been known to commit murder in a fiendish frenzy, after having had a very small amount of alcohol. Of late more attention has been paid to this strange phenomenon connected with the use of intoxicants.

It should be noted that alcohol is mentioned as the “precipitating force” that causes one, under certain conditions, to act like a fiend. Advertisements of liquor are sometimes spoken of as glamorous, where there is an effort to make drinking scenes attractive. One definition of

“glamor” is “delusive charm or fascination.” There’s plenty of delusion and precious little charm about liquor when one thinks of how many are made fools, felons, or fiends by its use.

### What Makes An Alcoholic?

There is an impression abroad that alcoholics are *born* rather than *made*, that alcoholism is the result of a defective personality, an unstable nervous system, or weakness of some sort, over which one has little or no control. While alcoholism is often found among those who are more or less abnormal, it is not confined to that class alone. We must emphasize the fact that it is the *use* of alcohol that makes the alcoholic, and some of the most intelligent and well-balanced persons may and often do become alcoholics.

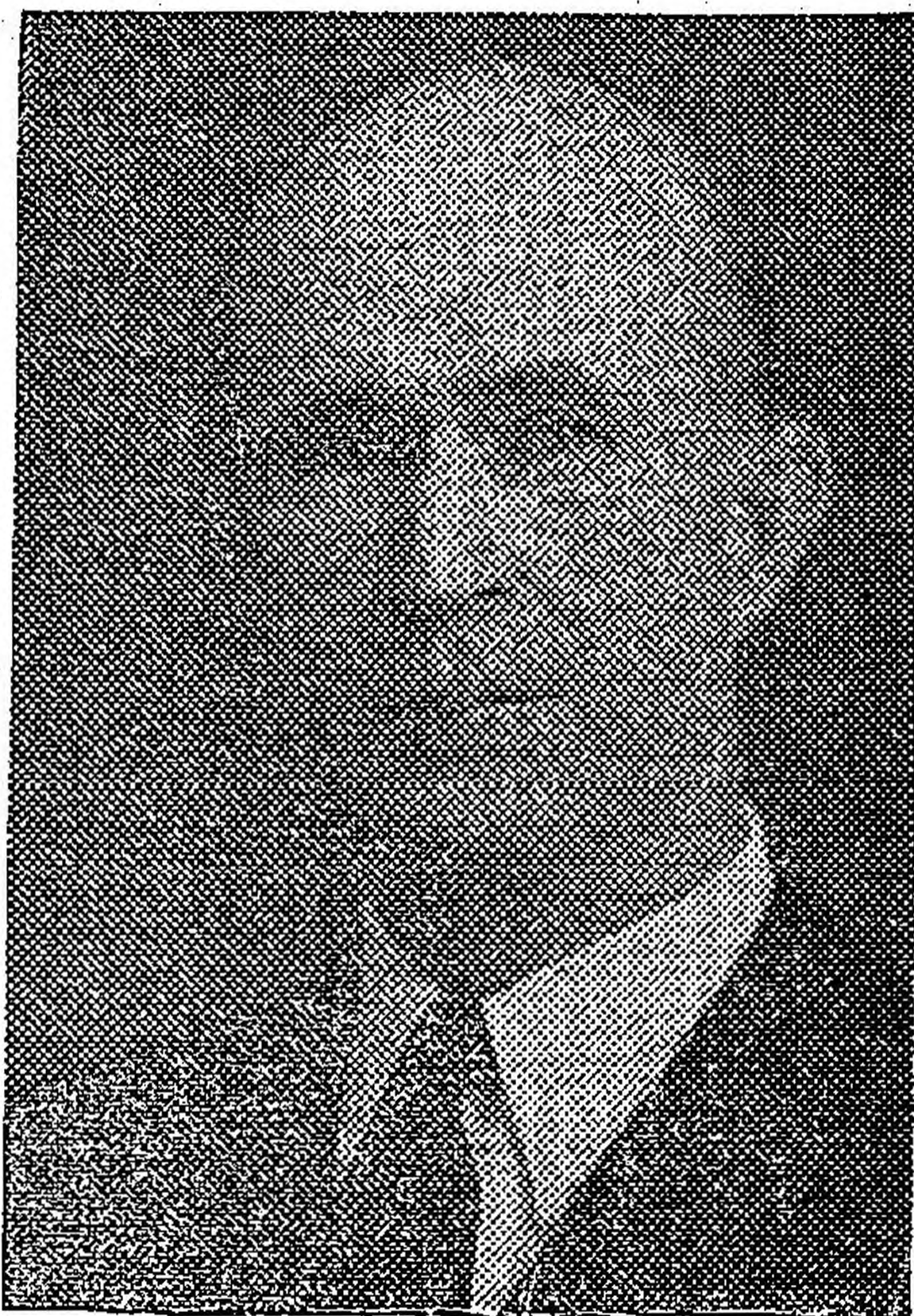
Several years ago, the American Medical Association Journal, in exposing the evils of certain patent medicines, gave this interesting incident, which is quoted by permission: “A respected clergyman fell ill and the family physician was called. After examining the patient carefully, the doctor asked for a private interview with the patient’s adult son. “I am sorry to tell you that your father undoubtedly is suffering from chronic alcoholism,” said the physician. “Chronic alcoholism! Why, that’s ridiculous! Father never drank a drop of liquor in his life, and we know all there is to know about his habits,” said his son. “Well, my boy,” said the doctor, “it’s chronic alcoholism, nevertheless, and at this present moment your father is drunk. How has his health been recently? Has he been taking any medicine?” The young man replied: “Why, for some time, six months, I should say, father has often complained of feeling unusually tired. A few months ago, a friend of his recommended—(naming a popular patent medicine) to him, assuring him that it would build him up. Since then he has taken many bottles of it, and I am quite sure he has taken nothing else.”

That explained it all, for this highly recommended tonic was more than 25% alcohol. Those who use alcoholic beverages, or serve them to others, and think nothing of it, should do a little thinking about this incident, showing how a minister, all unconsciously, became an alcoholic.



*Attention:*

# TENNESSEE BAPTISTS



CHAS. W. POPE

The communication below is from the office of Dr. J. M. Dawson. The Conventions referred to in his letter are the two white Baptist Conventions, Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions, and two Negro Baptist Conventions, the National Baptist Convention and the National Baptist Convention, Inc.

Baptists and Protestants throughout the nation have vigorously protested the presence of a personal representative of the President of the United States at the Vatican. This representative has now been recalled; however, Catholics are bringing strong pressure to have an ambassador to the Vatican appointed. This would be

a much worse situation than have a temporary representative of the President at the Vatican. It could become a permanent policy.

The hour is at hand for this decision to be made. Every pastor and layman who believes in the separation of church and state should write the President of the United States and the Secretary of State, urging them not to appoint an ambassador from the United States to the headquarters of a religious organization.

CHAS. W. POPE

Executive Secretary

Tennessee Baptist Convention

## Statement Concerning an American Representative to the Vatican

The Joint Conference Committee on Public Relations, officially constituted by the Southern Baptist Convention, the Northern Baptist Convention, the National Baptist Convention, and the National Baptist Convention, Inc., representing a total constituency of sixteen million Baptists throughout the United States, in session in Washington, D. C., Tuesday, March 14, 1950, hereby *unanimously*:

(1) *Records Its Satisfaction* at the acceptance by the President of the United States of the resignation of Mr. Myron C. Taylor as his personal representative (Ambassador) to the Vatican. This terminated a relationship which in the judgment of the Committee on Public Relations has for ten years constituted a violation of the American principle of Separation of Church and State.

(2) *Respectfully Reminds the President* of the United States of his pledge

that this ambassadorship to the Pope would be terminated with the establishment of peace following the second world war. This pledge was made on two occasions to committees representing the Federal Council of Church of Christ in America with recognized Baptist leaders among those present, and by letter to the President of the Associated Church Press.

(3) *Earnestly Expresses the Hope* that, having accepted Mr. Taylor's resignation, the President will do nothing toward appointing a successor to him or toward continuing the office.

(4) *Registers to the Department of State* an intense disapproval of any proposal which might lead to the establishment of any official representative between the President or the government of the United States and the Vatican. We should deplore the divisive religious controversy which such a move would precipitate.



J. M. DAWSON



# President Truman PROVOKES PACELLI

by Louie D. Newton

Pacelli (Pope Pius XII) is thoroughly provoked with President Truman and any and all others who had anything to do with Myron C. Taylor's resignation, according to dispatch from Rome, February 24, 1950, signed by C. L. Sulzberger.

"It was made clear that the Vatican was disturbed and even affronted by the manner in which Taylor's resignation was announced. There had been no hint of its imminence the last time Taylor saw the Pope. It came as an unpleasant surprise here," writes Sulzberger. One can imagine how aggravating it must have been to Pacelli to have Taylor taken out of the picture, when he had just knelt and kissed his ring! Too bad!

But read on from Brother Sulzberger: "Verbally the Holy See has let it be known to the American Government that it would refuse to allow the embassy in Rome (meaning, obviously, the U. S. Embassy) to handle Vatican affairs as well as relations with the Italian Government. It is also now absolutely plain that it (Vatican) does not wish to see another

presidential personal envoy sent here, but might conceivably even prefer to have no formal diplomatic relationships if it cannot have a regular permanent mission accredited."

It is just too bad for Pacelli to be pestered and provoked by the President of the United States at this juncture when he is peddling indulgences to thousands of pilgrims from all over the world.

There is some indication that Pacelli may assume a more tranquil and serene mood in the dispatch from Vatican City, February 28, 1950, in which it is stated: "Pope Pius XII took a major step yesterday to facilitate acceptance of Protestants in the Roman Catholic Church. The pontifical decree was specific, however, in insisting that all such movements toward unity undertaken by the laity must be subject to ecclesiastical approval. Chief responsibility is placed upon bishops or their delegates."

Well, we'll just have to do the best we can about that.



LOUIE D. NEWTON

NOTE: Let us not be tempted into complacency about Taylor's successor by the pope's anger at President Truman's failure to confer with him before withdrawing Taylor and closing the embassy at the Vatican. Anything can happen yet. Keep your letters and telegrams going to the White House, please.

## A Statement Read to the Second Baptist Church, Montgomery, Ala.

The issue here indicated confronts Tennessee as well as Alabama and Tennessee Senators should receive letters on it from our people.—Editor.

According to Mr. Drew Pearson in the Montgomery Advertiser-Journal (Sunday, February 26) President Truman plans to send to Rome another personal representative to the Vatican. We hold such action to be unwise, unconstitutional, and an open insult to all lovers of religious liberty and all believers in the fundamental American doctrine of the Separation of Church and State.

We disapproved of Mr. Roosevelt's action when he first sent this personal representative to the Vatican and gave him ambassadorial standing. Our government was being represented by one who was received an Ambassador, who was sent without the advice and consent of the Senate."

According to the Constitution, Art.

II, Sec. II, Par. 2) "The President shall nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint Ambassadors, other public Ministers, Consuls, etc."

Mr. Taylor's appointment was made by President Roosevelt and remade by President Truman as a "personal representative" because these presidents knew that the Senate would not consent to such an outrage. However he was clandestinely given an ambassadorial standing.

The Vatican is the place where resides the head of a sect of religion. It would be just as reasonable to send a representative to the heads of Buddhism, Shintoism, Hinduism, or Mohammedanism as to relate our government to the Catholic Church in such a manner.

If our President will not listen to reason, we are calling upon our Senators to make this a Senate issue. It should be decided there whether our government should bow down before him who claims to have the right to place and displace crowns.

I want to call upon you, as a member of this church and as a lover of religious liberty and a believer in the American doctrine of Separation of Church and State to write to Senators Lister Hill and John Sparkman telling them your feelings in this matter. I have the assurance that both of these gentlemen are true to this honored doctrine of our democracy.

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The above statement was adopted as a resolution by the Montgomery Baptist Ministers' Conference at its regular meeting, February 27, 1950, expressing the unanimous views of the conference. It was sent along with the letter to the Senators.



# Strange Fires on Baptist Altars

by Walter Pope Binns

President, William Jewell College  
Liberty, Missouri

Since leaving the pastorate I have more opportunity to visit other churches. What I have observed on these visits leads me to believe that, for the most part, the pastors are preaching sound doctrine and the churches are growing in power and usefulness, but I have also witnessed a new and strange ceremony in Baptist churches—the “Dedication of Babies.”

## ORIGIN

I do not know when or whence came this ritual, but I do know that it was unknown to me until quite recent years. It is hard to realize that it is so new when I sit in the congregation and observe that the ritual is performed after a definite and exact pattern. Where did these Baptist pastors get the ceremony which they follow with such uniformity? Who wrote this new Baptist ritual and where did the unknown author get the idea?

Of course I have read in the ritual of pedo-Baptist churches the Service for the Baptism of Infants, but these Baptist pastors do not use the word “baptism” and they do not use water in their ceremony. In fact, they carefully and scrupulously avoid use of the word “baptism.” The idea seems to be to make the service look and sound just as much like a baptism of infants as possible without the use of the word or the affusion of water.

## WHY IMITATORS?

It is as if we are saying to the parents: “We cannot baptize your baby because that is contrary to Baptist teaching, but we will perform a substitute ceremony which will be exactly like a baptism with the exception of the actual use of water—and we will have to call it a ‘dedication’ instead of a baptism.”

Why do our Baptist churches have to imitate infant baptism? Are we afraid that pedo-Baptist churches will get ahead of us unless we get a ceremony to compete with their baptism of infants?

One of the distinguishing marks of the Baptists has always been their emphasis upon the competency of the individual soul to deal directly with God without the intervention of parent, priest, or sacrament. This rules out infant baptism and

all other forms of proxy religion. We do not believe in baptismal regeneration. We believe that only those should be baptized who have already exercised saving faith. Therefore we have not hitherto been ashamed that we do not baptize infants.

## INDIVIDUAL DEDICATION

Do the promoters of this new Baptist ritual contend that it is not a baptism, that it is a dedication, that it is in fact more a dedication of the parents than the babies? Of course it is not infant baptism, but it is a patent and palpable imitation of infant baptism. If it is simply a dedication, why does it just happen to be a dedication of babies? As a matter of fact, parents have no right and no power

to dedicate their babies. An individual cannot dedicate anyone except himself or herself. When the child comes to years of accountability he can dedicate himself and only himself. This is the Baptist doctrine—and the New Testament doctrine.

If this new ceremony is only the dedication of the fathers and mothers to their task as parents, why are they asked to bring their babies down to the front of the church to have the minister place his hands upon their heads exactly as is done in infant baptism? Can anyone believe that this is just a spontaneous idea entirely unrelated to infant baptism?

The truth is that the ceremony has no place in a Baptist church. We can teach the importance of home life and the moral and religious training of children, the sacredness of parenthood and its attendant obligations without this new church ritual printed in the church bulletins in imitation of infant baptism.

## The Thrill of a Lifetime

by Robert S. Denny

Never will I get over it! I was one of 70,000 who attended the Baptist World Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in 1939. Never before had I felt that I was a part of such a great cause, such a mighty moving force. I covet that experience for every person in the Southern Baptist Convention—especially our youth.

I am writing to urge the adults of our convention to encourage young people to attend the Baptist World Alliance meetings in Cleveland, Ohio, July 22-27, for these reasons:

1.) One of the main sessions—Sunday night, July 23—will be a youth service by and for young people of the Baptist World Alliance.

2.) There will be sectional meetings for young people on Monday and Tuesday afternoons at which important issues relative to the future of the youth work will be discussed, including the Alliance youth committee.

3.) Baptist youth are a part of the Baptist World Alliance. It is their meeting, too.

4.) It will be a great meeting of spiritual significance.

5.) The Congress program will be in English. Although Baptists from practically all countries of the world will be present, it is expected that most of them will be leaders in the work who speak English.

6.) It will be many years before the Baptist World Alliance meets in the United States again. The next meeting is already definitely scheduled for London in 1955.

7.) The leaders of tomorrow—the Baptist youth of today—should get the world vision which comes from attending a Baptist World Congress.

Let's go to Cleveland for the thrill of a lifetime.

Send the reservation fee of \$5 per person to Dr. D. R. Sharpe, 900 Schofield Building, Cleveland 15, Ohio. Many young people from Canada, the Northern Baptist Convention, and the Southern Baptist Convention will be staying at Hotel Allerton. Write directly to the hotel for reservations after paying the registration fee.

# Better Writers

## For Better Baptist Papers

by G. S. Dobbins

*Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky*

That the health and growth of the denomination depends in large measure on our state papers is evident to any student of our Baptist life. What circulation is to the human body, these papers are to our Baptist body. How to make them maximally valuable is an ever-present problem.

Is it enough to select an editor and turn responsibility over to him? The dictionary defines an editor as "one who superintends, revises, corrects, and prepares a newspaper for publication." The editor's first business is not to write editorials but to secure and edit materials from others. A great daily newspaper has at its masthead, "All the news that's fit to print." Obviously much that comes in to the editor of a religious paper is not, in the form in which it is received, "fit to print." Some of it may have no place in a religious journal; much of it must be virtually rewritten before it reaches the standard set by a conscientious editor.

The near-despair of the editor is the neglect or refusal of men to write who have something most worth while to say. "I can preach," runs the typical excuse, "but I just can't write." Yet the minister who reaches hundreds with his spoken word might reach multiplied thousands with his written word. The fact is that any man who preaches well can write well if he masters a few simple principles. Journalism is an art so closely related to preaching and pastoral ministries that the transfer of skills from one to the other is relatively easy.

May not the editor lay some of the blame for his difficulties on the seminaries? In every seminary heavy stress is laid on teaching students to preach, but traditionally little has been done to teach them to write for the denominational press. Growing realization of this neglect and need has led to the instituting of a course in Southern Seminary listed in the catalogue as "The Ministry of Writing." In this course some of the best books on journalism are used as texts, modern journalistic techniques are carefully studied, much practice is required in journalistic writing, and the various features of modern newspapers and magazines are thoughtfully analyzed and

evaluated. From this background the shift is made to religious journalism. The goal is the development of writers with skill and purpose whose preaching and teaching ministries will be supplemented by equally effective writing ministries.

A recent assignment in this course called for comparative study and evaluation of the papers which make up our Southern Baptist press. An objective rating scale was devised, consisting of the following tests: (1) physical appearance, (2) editorial skill, (3) reader appeal, (4) constructive purpose, (5) quality of contributed articles, (6) quantity and variety of materials, (7) amount and appropriateness of advertising. Results of the study may be thus summarized:

1. Our Baptist editors are experiencing grave difficulty in maintaining high journalistic standards for obvious economic reason—mounting costs without correspondingly increased income.

2. The trend of some of the papers seems to be too much in the direction of becoming "denominational bulletins," organs for promotion of denominational interests and institutions. "Reader appeal" was often rated low.

3. High quality of editorials often stood in strong contrast to poor quality of contributed articles. It would seem that many of those who could write best are not being induced to write.

4. Quantity and variety of high-grade contributed articles had to be rated for some of the papers as "medium to low."

5. There urgently needs to be a widespread revival of concern for our Baptist papers, expressing itself in deeper appreciation of their function, more adequate financial support, and greater willingness and ability to write for their pages.

All together, we ought to realize our sense of partnership with our Baptist editors, aiding them not only to secure more readers but to attract more and better writers. Perhaps the editors themselves could get together and devise a simple, practical "correspondence course" for many who would write if they were given incentive and even a modicum of instruction in how to do it.

## How Blind A Citizen Are You?

by W. D. Kendall

A Saturday night visit to a city jail would open your eyes to many things which are going on in your community. Recently, ten of the young men from my Sunday school class paid a visit to the Nashville city jail at 11 p.m. on Saturday. We observed some revealing things during the following hour. As a result of this visit, a total of nothing has been done to help the situation, but I am convinced that in the minds of those young men has been planted a picture of an oft-neglected phase of our civic responsibility.

When we realize that Christ loved that poor, fat, simple-minded, white woman prostitute brought in from a raid of her house, as much as he does anyone of us, we are forced to stop to consider our responsibilities. Then, there was the young man who, because of a twenty-five cent love affair, sheepishly paid fifty dollars to keep out of jail that night.

The policemen called many of the drunks by name as they were herded out of the patrol wagon and up the steps to be booked on appropriate charges. How many of their charges could be laid at our door because of neglected opportunities and responsibilities?

Approximately twenty persons, including the old, young, the black and white, were put in the jail during the hour we were there. Then the inspector invited us to go through the jail at midnight. I will not try to describe the physical inadequacy of our city jail, but will suffice it to say that it needs replacing with a better and bigger one if we plan to continue putting human beings there. We saw all the inmates, the drunks, the felony cases, being held over for federal court, and the prostitutes. Ben Hur perfume filled the air around the negro women's ward. Wise-cracking came from nearly every ward and vulgarity was common. "You don't look like a criminal" one of them said to one of our group. One of the saddest sights was to see so many white girls picked up for prostitution. Most of them appeared to be under twenty-one.

If we love people, and if we love Christ, we will do something to help such situations. May I suggest that we acquaint ourselves with the conditions in our own community and then start programs of prevention and rehabilitation. Does anyone care enough to act? Is Christ's grace sufficient?



# 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.

## Share the Pastors

### *The Presbyterian Outlook*

Let us enjoy our pastor for a season, say, of five years in the country church and possibly 10 years in the city church. The church should always come first and by limited pastorates the danger of depending too much on the pastor would be lessened. Each pastor has certain fine qualities that should be shared with more than one field. And if we get a pastor with an apparent weakness, then we can strive harder to uphold him. Certainly we do not expect to get a perfect pastor, do we?

(No comment.—R.B.J.)

## Spiritual Revival Vital

### *The Watchman-Examiner*

There was a great deal of courageous realism in a recent sermon preached by Dr. Robert J. McCracken at the Riverside Church, New York City, when he stated that the American people are being "de-christianized" to a point where the "values by which we live are as materialistic as Russia's." He warned that the main current of contemporary life was "flowing against organized Christianity." Dr. McCracken asserted that Americans often speak of Russia as atheistic. It is openly and frankly atheistic. Ought we not to ask, however, in what significant or realistic sense we can apply the name "Christian" to ourselves or to our national life? "It is true that we have not deliberately or wholly abandoned the Christian element in our tradition, but does that element count with us as it once did? Is the moral tone of the nation—its politics, its business life, its literature, its theater, its movies, its radio networks, its television stations—Christian?" America's youth, he said, "are educated in spiritually neutral schools and launched into what is increasingly a secularist society." It is true, as he further stated, that there is "no ground for supposing that Christianity is played out," but never in the history of the United States has a spiritual revival been more needed than now.

(And we had better hurry to our knees in sincere repentance.—R.B.J.)

## Baptist Institutions and Government Funds

### *The Baptist Courier*

The question will not stay down. The prospect of easy and large money for support of always-needy Baptist hospitals, schools, etc., keeps bringing it up. The question is, should Baptist institutions ever accept grants of money or buildings from the Federal government? It would seem that, for any one at all conversant with Baptist principles, the answer should be a prompt and categorical no; and that is our answer. Still it seems to be a debatable question among some Baptists. The fact that, under certain conditions, federal funds are available for Baptist institutions makes this a live issue for all Baptists.

It may be argued that receiving such funds would be in violation of the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States, and it is easy to see how it might be. We prefer, however, to leave the legal aspects of the matter to the courts and strip the question down to its simple form of religious principle. So reduced, it becomes a question of whether Baptists of our generation really accept and support their time-honored principle of separation of church and state. Have we come upon a time when some Baptists would sell this principle for a "mess of money" to support a hospital under the sentimental appeal of needed service or some less worthy appeal? If so, what is to become of Baptists?

Of all times, this is no time for Baptists to compromise on this point. When powerful forces are at work to breach the wall of separation of church and state and give sectarian schools and other institutions access to public funds, Baptists need to support their arguments with their actions by refusing, at whatever cost, to accept any such funds and by refraining from any practice that might endanger the principle of separation of church and state. The testing-time is upon us, and it seems that the issue must be fought out in America again. Surely, Baptists, of all people, must not yield in the day of testing; and their testimony will have little weight unless they "come into court with clean hands."

(Absolutely!—R.B.J.)

## Our Gift

### *Mother's Home Life*

It is always interesting to read a foreigner's views on the United States. There have been some sharply critical and bitter comments on our country since the war; therefore it was stimulating to read a thoughtful appraisal of America's situation written by a well-known Dutch journalist and author, Den Doollaard.

He said, "America today is the world's giant. Therefore its time for greatness has arrived. Ever more people (in Europe) believe that America can be something more than the world's leader in the production of cars and nylon stockings. But some of them are also secretly afraid that if America refuses to assume the moral leadership of the free world as well, it will go down into history as the country whose last and supreme gift to mankind was the atom bomb."

(A terrible possibility!—R.B.J.)

## A Good Suggestion

### *The Baptist Review*

Writing in the Quarterly Review, Dr. R. Loftin Hudson, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Okla., makes a suggestion that every church ought to heed, and that is that churches provide their pastor with an annual fund with which to subscribe to magazines and purchase books. Such an investment by churches in their pastors will bear rich returns. There are at least a dozen periodicals that every preacher ought to have in his library, but these particular magazines are expensive. In the course of a year at least a dozen books are published which every preacher should buy. A minimum of \$100 a year ought to be spent by every preacher on magazines and books. But such an amount is a large item to deduct from the average modest salary the preacher is paid.

Books and magazines are the tools of the preacher in his ministry. They are the channels through which he keeps abreast in the world of spiritual thought and action.

(Will some brother please put this in the form of a motion?—R.B.J.)



# Sunday School Lesson

By O. L. RIVES

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For April 9, 1950

# The Young South

SEND ALL LETTERS TO AUNT POLLY

149 Sixth Avenue, N.

Nashville 3, Tennessee

TEXTS: I Corinthians 15; Luke 24:1-12 (Larger)—I Cor. 15:1-8.  
20-21, 57-58 (Printed)—I Cor. 15:57 (Golden).

## The Power of the Resurrection

Professor Kenneth Scott Latourette has compared the progress of Christianity to the incoming tide of the ocean. "It has moved forward in waves. Each major wave has been followed by a major recession. But each major wave has set a new high-water mark and each major recession has been less pronounced than its predecessor." If the figure of comparison may be changed, and the church may be regarded as representing Christianity, it is in this sense that we may think of the rebirth or resurrection of the church along with the resurrection of our Lord and how that resurrection is related to us individually.

The story is told that in announcing the outcome of the battle of Waterloo by means of semaphore from the continent to England the message had been spelled out, "Wellington Defeated," when the fog settled. The anxious watchers gave way to near despair, thinking that the allied armies had been again overcome. And then the fog suddenly lifted, and the completed message read, "Wellington Defeated Napoleon;" whereupon great rejoicing took place. This is a sort of parable of what transpired in the death of our Lord, when it could be read, "Jesus Defeated"; and the terrible fog of gloom and despair settled over the world. And then the fog lifted on that first Easter and the completed message read, "Jesus Defeated Death."

### I. FACT AUTHENTICATED (I Cor. 15:1-8).

It should be borne in mind that Jesus' disciples did not expect Him to rise from the dead and that they were amazed beyond measure when they were convinced that He had actually done so. The records we have in the Gospels lead inevitably to this conclusion. This point makes it easier to answer the skeptic who tries to show that His disciples were so intent in their expectations of His resurrection that they finally imagined that they actually saw Him. This, however, contradicts the facts in the case.

Paul writes specifically that He died, that He was buried, that He rose again the third day, and that He was seen of a number of people. Five hundred disciples saw Him at once, some of which were still alive when Paul wrote the statement. He concludes by saying that he himself had seen Him. In a very definite sense, all who know Christ in the forgiveness of sins can join Paul in this testimony.

### II. FORECAST MADE (I Cor. 15:20-21).

The forecast, or prophecy, is made under the figure of the "first fruits." Just as Jesus arose from the dead and was accepted by God as a pledge of the coming harvest (Leviticus 23:10, 11) so will all who have placed their faith and trust in Him. We are inclined to regard the interval between His resurrection and our own as a long one but such is indeed not the case. At the most it is a brief one, and in the light of eternity will appear insignificant.

For hundreds of years Europe had dreamed of a new world that they believed lay to the west of their land. They hoped that such a world was a reality, they had heard vaguely about it, but that it actually existed they could not be sure. Then came Christopher Columbus who discovered it and came back home with certain proofs. Now the people of Europe knew that there was a new world. So with the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He, too, went and came back with certain proofs (His scars, for instance) of another New World.

### III. FRUITION PROMISED (I Cor. 15:57-58).

The message of the early church was one of victory over sin and death, made effective through spiritual union with Jesus Christ. Herein was the secret of its mighty power in a world filled, as is our own, with fears and uncertainties.

On the basis of the promise of fruition of man's deepest and most-abiding yearnings for ultimate permanence and security, Paul urges his readers with these words, "be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord." There we have it summed up in the word, "steadfast." What a word for such a day as is today!

THURSDAY, APRIL 6, 1950

Do you remember, a letter which someone wrote us a few weeks ago, about a little boy in Lexington, Tennessee? That little boy was Larry Patton. He has rheumatic fever and will have to stay in bed a little while. The friend who wrote the letter suggested that we might send him cheer-up messages, scrapbooks, pictures, games, puzzles, or anything to help him pass the time more happily. And you did that very thing—many of you! How do I know? Because Larry wrote this letter the first week in March:

Dear Aunt Polly:

Now that Valentine day is over and I received so many nice letters and valentines, and since I can't write each one personally, I want to thank them through the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. I received *over three hundred!*

It would take too much space to mention all who wrote or sent cards.

There are a lot of good people in the world and those who are sick find that out sooner than those who are well. My health is much improved and I'm carrying on my school work with the aid of a home teacher.

Thanks again to everyone.

Yours truly,

Larry Patton

311 Maple Street  
Lexington, Tennessee

Isn't that a nice thank-you letter? I know you are glad with me that so many Young South boys and girls responded to an opportunity to make someone else happy. And I hope you have not stopped with one valentine message to Larry. He will enjoy hearing from you often. While he is shut-in this spring, you may share your springtime fun with him through letters and cards. He would like to hear about your Nature Spy Club, about your hikes and picnics. Perhaps you Spring Spies would like to make up a nature puzzle or game to send to him.

What do you plan to do with the nature scrapbook which you are making? Perhaps you'd like to send that to Larry. Even if he gets several scrapbooks, they will be very different—because the kind of books will depend on the section from which it comes. That will give Larry a picture of springtime in many places. It will help him to see your particular outdoors through *your* eyes.

Larry would enjoy making his own scrapbook, too. How would you like to send him something to put in his book—a pressed flower, or leaf, or some other springtime discovery which is especially pretty or interesting in your section? Be sure to tell him all that you know about the nature object which you send, so that *he* will know about everything which he puts in his Young South springtime nature book. If he gets something from every section won't he have an unusual collection? Won't he have fun? And we will, too!

Right after Larry's story was told in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, I received a surprise in connection with it. One day I found in my mail a postcard from Carlsbad, New Mexico. I began reading the message and I soon spotted the name, "Larry Patton." Then I began to realize what had happened. A copy of the paper had traveled all the way to New Mexico, and some of our friends there had read the column and responded to the request in it. The card was written by a Mrs. Comer, whose real home is Murfreesboro, Tennessee. Here is what she said:

Dear Aunt Polly:

We read your column of February 2 today and we have written to Larry Patton, and hope to keep him in mind all along. My little Polly is now recovering from rheumatic fever. She is up quite a bit now and hopes to be completely well by early summer and to come to Tennessee for a visit. She took rheumatic fever in the spring of 1948 . . . so we *know!* . . . Thanks for a chance to make Larry's days pass a little faster.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Comer

We appreciate Mrs. Comer's note and her interest in Larry. I know that you, too, are glad for a chance to cheer Larry. Will you show that gladness this week by letting him hear from you?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

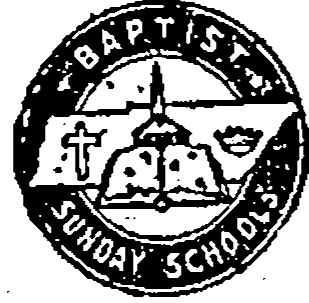


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### East Tennessee Sunday School Convention



REV. E. L. WILLIAMS

Rev. E. L. Williams, pastor of the Bell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, will bring the closing night message on the subject, "It is All for Evangelism" at the East Tennessee Sunday School Convention on April 28 at First Baptist Church, Athens, Tennessee.

The convention will begin at 7:30 P.M. on April 27. Dr. Carl Giers, pastor of First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee, will bring the address of this opening session using as his subject the Sunday school theme for the year, "Take Your Family to Sunday School." A trio from the Gillespie Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, will provide special music. Other outstanding speakers on the program are Dr. E. Gibson Davis, Kingsport, Dr. L. B. Cobb, Cleveland, Mr. Jesse Daniel, Nashville, and Dr. J. O. Williams, Nashville. Of special interest on April 28 are the departmental conferences that come at 10:25 A.M. and 7:15 P.M. The conference leaders are as follows:

General Administration	Mr. Jesse Daniel
Extension	Miss Dorothy Campbell
Adult	Mrs. R. J. Edwards
Young People	Mrs. A. B. Clark
Intermediate	Miss Gladys Longley
Junior	Mrs. Sam Duff
Primary	Mrs. J. Smith Womack
Beginner	Miss Helen Young
Nursery	Miss Laverne Ashby
Cradle Roll	Miss Oleta Meek

Every church in East Tennessee is urged to send representatives to this convention. Hotel reservations may be made at Robert E. Lee Hotel, Athens, Tennessee.

### Attention!

Hotel reservations for the Middle Tennessee Convention at Columbia, Tennessee, April 20-21 may be made at the Columbia Hotel, Wayside Inn, Harlan Tourist Home, Mrs. Cherry's Tourist Home or 20th Century Court.

### Mr. J. N. Barnette Says . . .

Tennessee Baptists are blessed to have Jesse Daniel as our State Sunday School Secretary.

Twenty-five years of successful experience have prepared Mr. Daniel for a full, well-rounded leadership. He served with the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board for five years. During this brief period he rendered most effective service.

Southern Baptists love and appreciate Mr. Daniel. While he was with the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board he was sought by the largest churches, and is loved and honored by all the churches.

## Baptist Training Union

149 SIXTH AVE., NORTH, NASHVILLE 3, TENNESSEE

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MISS ROXIE JACOBS, Int.-Jr. Ldr.  
MISS MARY ANDERSON, Assoc.



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

### William Carey Has Simultaneous Campaign

On February 26 a Simultaneous Training School Campaign was held in the William Carey Association with fifteen churches cooperating. A Training Union Rally in Fayetteville was held at the end of the week with 165 in attendance, which broke all previous records in this association.

### East Tennessee Conducts Associational School

Meeting in the First Baptist Church of Newport, the East Tennessee Association conducted an associational-wide Training School during the week of March 13-17. A fine attendance was maintained throughout the week. The Training School was under the supervision of Mr. Frank Gorman, the newly elected Associational Training Union Director. East Tennessee Association is indeed fortunate to have as their director this capable young man.

### REMEMBER!

April 30

### TRAINING UNION EMPHASIS NIGHT

Churches with 75% of their Training Union enrolment present in the unions on this night will be listed in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

### Awards Issued January, 1950—Tennessee

(Continued from last week)

<b>NASHVILLE</b>			
Berryville	18	Big Creek	3
Nashville, First	12	Boulevard	69
Grandview	5	Breedlove	3
Hendersonville	13	Brunswick	1
Joelton	34	Calvary	7
Judson Memorial	21	Capleville	1
Madison	77	Central Avenue	17
North End	25	Collierville	25
Old Hickory	17	Cordove	1
Radnor	9	Elliston Avenue	6
Una	25	Eudora	7
	256	Memphis, First	65
<b>NEW DUCK RIVER</b>		Fisherville	1
El Bethel	35	Galilee (Parkway)	32
Rover	11	Highland Heights	96
	46	Hollywood	55
<b>NORTHERN</b>		Kennedy Memorial	11
Cedar Ford	1	LaBelle	60
	1	Lamar Heights	33
<b>POLK</b>		Leawood	7
Benton Station	5	Levi	71
Blue Ridge Temple	5	Longview Heights	8
Cookson's Creek	2	Louisiana Street	4
Oak Grove	5	Malcolm Ave.	25
Ocoee (Benton)	33	Mallery Heights	21
Ocoee (Old)	8	McLean	56
Zion	2	Merton Ave.	25
Archville	7	Millington	21
	67	National Ave.	8
<b>ROBERTSON</b>		Oakville Memorial	6
Grace	22	Prescott Memorial	21
	22	Raleigh	1
<b>SALEM</b>		Riverside	39
Auburn	57	Seventh St.	41
	57	Southland	6
<b>SEQUATCHIE VALLEY</b>		Speedway Terrace	7
Sequatchie	9	Sylvan Heights	11
	9	Temple	37
<b>SEVIER</b>		Trinity	20
Alder Branch	7	Union Ave.	59
	7	Whitehaven	7
<b>SHELBY COUNTY</b>		Woodstock	7
Ardmore	3	Park Ave. (M)	21
Bartlett	48	Poplar Ave.	21
Bellevue	134	Shirley Park	7
Berclair	30	Oak Park (M)	15
		Beverly Hills (M)	6
		Whitten Memorial	6
		Barton Hts. (M)	6
		Lucy, First	1
		Mt. Pisgah	6
		McLean Chapel	8
		Speedway Chapel	4

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## Woman's Missionary Union

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### Tennessee W. M. U. Plan of Work—1950

(Continued from last week)

#### V. MISSION STUDY

1. That we urge every society to study the *W.M.U. Manual* this year and adapt and apply the Manual's suggestions to meet their own problems and needs.
2. That point eight on the Standard of Excellence be given special attention—two mission study classes; one-third the membership of the society completing the study of a book; two-thirds of the membership reading one missionary book during the year.
3. That the mission study chairman keep an accurate record of the women completing each class, and the number reading a missionary book during the year.
4. That each associational mission study chairman feel the definite responsibility for promoting mission study among the young people giving special emphasis to books for the young people being placed in church libraries.
5. That we continue to cooperate in the promotion of Schools of Missions in the churches and in the associations.
6. That each association secure teachers to prepare to teach certain books for the women and young people.
7. That we promote institutes for training Mission Study teachers for all W.M.U. organizations.
8. That the recommended book list "The World in Books" as well as information given in *Royal Service* and *BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR* on new books be used by the mission study teachers.
9. That we make an earnest effort to double the number of Missionary Round-tables in the state next year.

#### VI. MISSIONARY EDUCATION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

We Recommend:

1. That each W.M.S. elect a capable, consecrated young people's leader to direct the activities of all young people's organizations in the church. She will be responsible for the quarterly report of the young people's organizations in addition to her other duties.
2. That reviewing councils be appointed in each W.M.S. to pass the members of the G.A.'s and R.A.'s on their forward steps and ranking system.
3. That the W. M. S. of the church put in the church libraries or some convenient place, books and other additional helps for working on forward steps and ranks, such as, Southern Baptist Convention Minutes, Biographies of missionaries, etc.
4. That the church be urged to provide the *World Comrades*, *Window of Y.W.A.*, and *Ambassador Life* for each young person in mission organizations through the church budget.
5. That special effort be made to organize new groups in your church and the churches where there are none.

#### R.A.'s

1. That every R.A. chapter be urged to fulfill the requirements for an R.A. charter and to apply for the same at the state office.
2. That every church and association send R.A. workers to the State Counselors' camp June 10-11 at Camp Carson Springs. State and Southwide leaders will lead in conferences.
3. That churches and associations use our New State R.A. Worker and encourage R.A. work. Contact through state office.
4. That all work for R.A. Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary be sent to state R.A. leader, state office, at least three weeks before recognition service.

#### CAMPS

That all young people be encouraged to attend the camp this summer. Each child must advance one step or rank before returning to camp until they become Queens and Ambassadors. They may attend one year without having reached any step or rank.

There is a definite trend toward a great Nation-wide Revival. We could go back through history and sight a number of such revivals but it is not these revivals of the past that we are concerned but the revival of the present. We have heard a lot of preachers and laymen pray for God to send a great revival and now that the time seems right that God should send a great revival. Are His people ready for it? From observation and reading of articles published in different magazines and denominational papers, we see the youth of our land leading in this great movement.

I want to take this opportunity to challenge men to answer the call of God while it is yet time; for it may be later than we think. We have received numerous reports and request for Laymen's Revivals and we hope that these revivals will be what the term implies. A reviving of the layman in order that they may be able and willing to assist in this great Evangelistic Crusade for Christ in this great so-called Christian nation of ours. Our Brotherhoods can with their prayers and support help bring this great revival about.

#### Cooperative Program Silver Anniversary

We want to ask that all of our Brotherhoods have a program during the month of May on the Cooperative Program. Since Sunday, June 11, will be Cooperative Program day, it will certainly be fitting that all of our Brotherhoods emphasize this date with a program some time just preceding this Sunday. You may obtain literature from which to prepare this program from our Southwide offices and State offices upon request without cost.

#### New Brotherhood Are Reported As Follows:

CARROLL-BENTON ASSOCIATION  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CAMDEN  
REV. ROBERT G. SANDERS, PASTOR

President	Edward Watson
Activities V. P.	W. D. Williams
Program V. P.	T. M. Williams
Membership V. P.	Hayte Furr
Secretary-Treasurer	C. M. Stringaw
Chorister	C. C. Utly

GILES ASSOCIATION  
NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH  
REV. R. M. STEELMAN, PASTOR

President	Ernest Prosser
Activities V. P.	Raymond Collins
Program V. P.	Edward Thompson
Membership V. P.	Solon Daughtry
Secretary-Treasurer	Raymond Rose
Chorister	Ormand Cook

RIVERSIDE ASSOCIATION  
PLATEAU BAPTIST CHURCH  
REV. J. E. PARROT, PASTOR

President	Harry Pugh
Program V. P.	Sam Keys
Secretary-Treasurer	Marvin Pugh
Chorister	B. Green

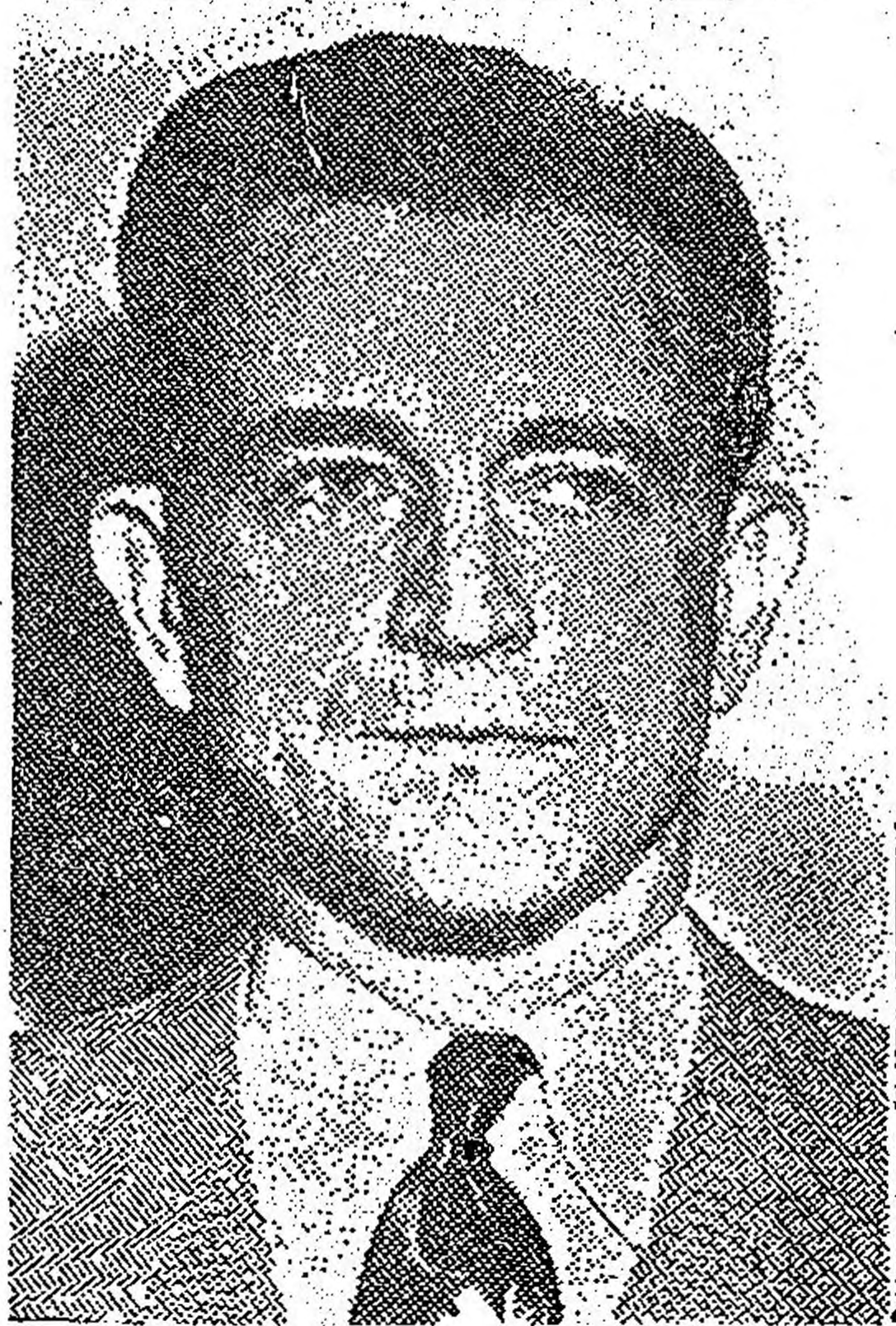
LAWRENCE ASSOCIATION  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
REV. B. SCATES, PASTOR

President	Lawrence Spinner
Activities V. P.	Ray Hollis
Program V. P.	H. C. Edward
Membership V. P.	Lloyd Evans
Secretary-Treasurer	Oscar Lambert
Chorister	David Kennedy



# AMONG THE BRETHREN

## Grogan Called to Greeneville



W. M. GROGAN

First Baptist Church, Greeneville, has called William M. Grogan as pastor. He attended Mars Hill College and Wake Forest College, both of North Carolina. At present he is a candidate for a doctors degree at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Bro. Grogan served as associate pastor at Broadway Church, Knoxville, and Central Baptist Church, Fountain City. He also served the Alcoa and Madisonville churches.

A Training Union study course was held recently at Fowlkes Baptist Church, W. E. Chadwick, pastor. Mrs. Minnie Erwin, director of the Training Union, led in planning the school. Visiting teachers were W. C. Skinner, pastor of Friendship Baptist Church; Joe Harris, pastor of Calvary Hill Baptist Church, Dyersburg; and Mrs. C. C. Newbern.

—B&R—

With Chas. Bond, pastor of Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, doing the preaching, the Rogersville Baptist Church held a recent revival in which there were 14 additions, 11 of them by baptism. Hobart Ford is pastor.

## EAST TEXAS BAPTIST COLLEGE

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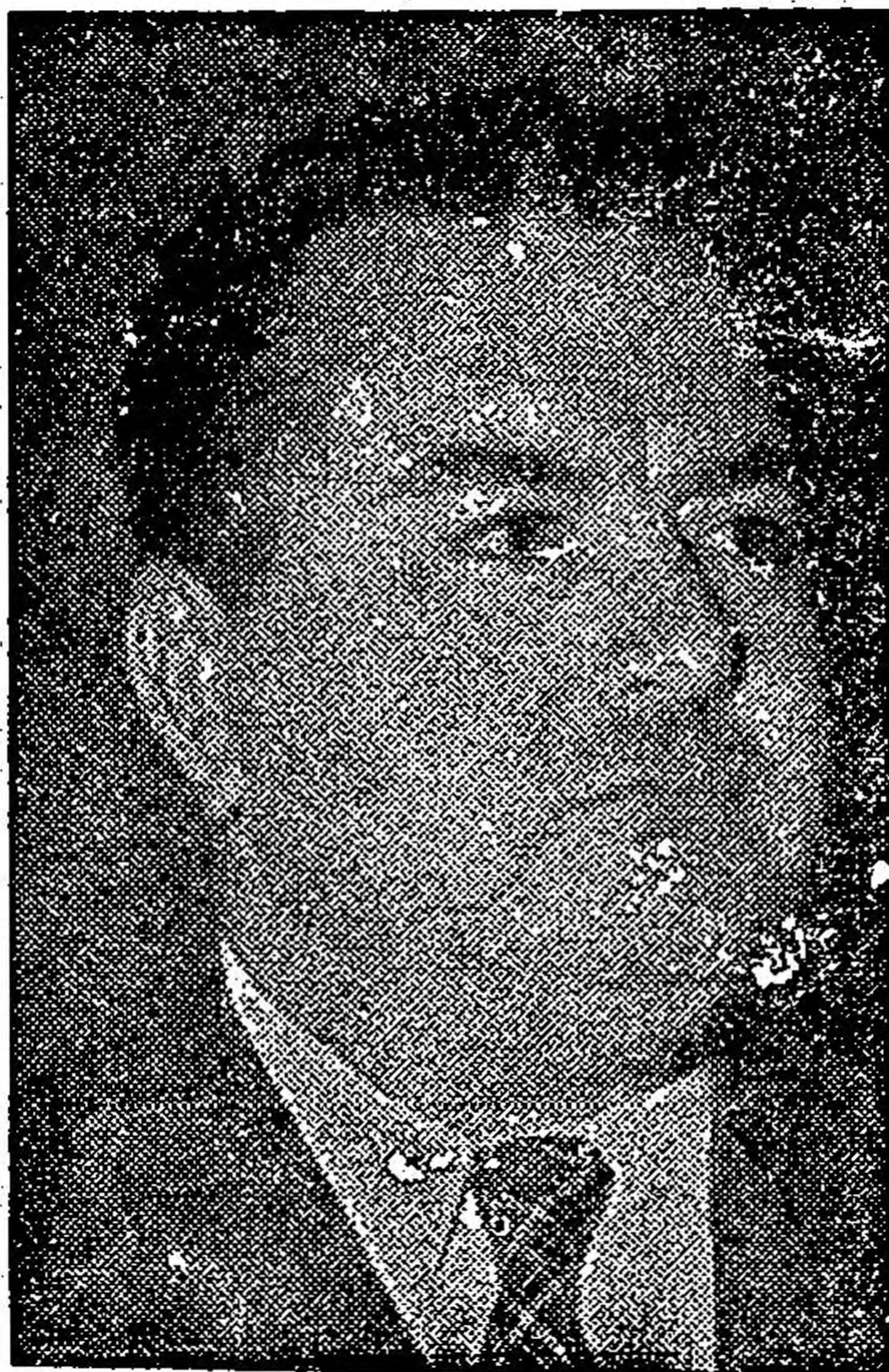
Summer Session: June 5-July 14  
July 17-August 25

Regular Session: September 11

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Information on Request  
H. D. BRUCE, President

## Cumberland Graduate Writes Book



OSCAR O'NEIL LEE

An East Tennessee law graduate of Cumberland University, Oscar O'Neil Lee of Newport, has written a law text book and dedicated half of the royalties to the endowment of the Green Chair of Law at his Alma Mater. The new book is *Lee's Tennessee Evidence*, a 500 page Tennessee reference book on one of the most important subjects in the field of law.

The following Tennesseans are expected to be graduated in May by the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas:

Mrs. Clark Rowland, Maryville; Kittie Sullivan, Cleveland; E. Doyle Chatam, Nashville; Jim Faye Board, Union City; Norris Gilliam, Jr., Goodlettsville; Mrs. Frances Williams Mitchell, Franklin; Robert H. Wilson, Martin; Nelson L. Gentry, Jackson; Doyle Williams Dodson, Jr., Knoxville; T. Gordon Seibold, Chattanooga; Robert S. Tucker, Jr., Chattanooga; and Ruben I. Franks, Sugar Tree.

—B&R—

Mt. Hermon Baptist Church, Hickory Point, held a laymen's revival March 12-19. The following laymen did the preaching: L. W. Hutchison, C. A. Stewart, E. C. Felts, William Swaffer, and Howard Jeannette.

Fred W. Dies of Nashville is pastor.

—B&R—

The Nashville Banner, evening daily newspaper, Nashville, has invited Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, to write a weekly column. He has accepted the invitation.

—B&R—

Floyd Morrell, E. G. Brown, Jr., and Niles Wheelock were ordained as deacons by Harmony Baptist Church, Jonesboro, March 12.

## New Pastor at Murfreesboro



ROBERT L. PALMER

First Baptist Church, Murfreesboro, has called Robert L. Palmer of Baldwyn, Miss., as pastor.

A native of Blue Mountain, Miss., and a long-time resident of Memphis, Bro. Palmer comes to Murfreesboro from First Baptist Church, Baldwyn, Miss., where he held a similar position.

Earl Ogg has resigned as pastor of First Baptist Church, Andrews, N. C., to accept the call of Calvary Baptist Church, Bristol. He began his new duties on March 5.

—B&R—

Grubbs Memorial Baptist Church, Nashville, has called as pastor Chas. Julian, Jr., pastor of Joelton Baptist Church, and it is expected that he will be on the field around May 15.

—B&R—

A happily successful "Red, Red Rose Sweetheart Banquet" was given by the Baptist Student Union of the First Baptist Church, Cookeville, Bob N. Ramsey, pastor, with seventy-seven young people attending. Dr. Howard Colson, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, gave an inspiring message on, "The Heart Makes the Difference." The Cookeville Church is making rapid strides along all phases of church life.

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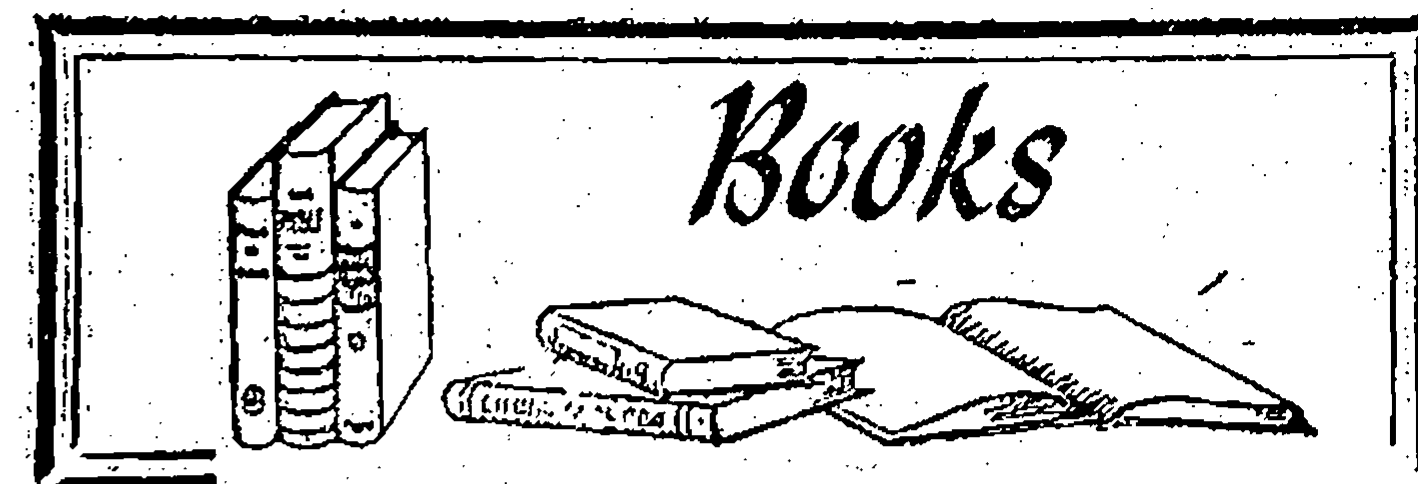
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## ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES MARCH 26, 1950

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	303	51	5	Lincoln Park	661	242	4
Allons Chapel	106			Lonsdale	415	197	3
Ashland City, First	40	20		N. Fifth Avenue	88	44	
Athens, Antioch	138	41		Sevier Heights	594	282	5
East	440	192	2	Washington Pike	266	74	9
First	620	269	13	Lake City, First	225	47	
West End Mission	100	54		Lawrenceburg, First	265	161	2
Calhoun	117	30		Lebanon, Barton's Creek	129	58	
Coghill	80	74		Cedar Grove	100	68	
Cotton Port	80	60		Fairview	122	48	
Eastanalle	62	17		First	490	140	3
Englewood	141	40		West End	72	35	
Etowah, East	116	54		Lenoir City, First	416	124	2
Etowah, North	385	111		Lexington, First	249	34	
Good Springs	70	63		McEwen	72	36	
Idlewild	99	72		Mt. Juliet	110	61	
McMahan Calvary	95	71		Madisonville, Chestnut	91	29	
New Hope	36	35		Maryville, Broadway	400	195	1
Rodgers Creek	29	25		Everett Hills	347	176	1
Union Grove No. 2	68	44		First	800	286	6
Auburntown, Prosperity	152	110		Maynardville	134	18	2
Bluff City, First	207	57		Medina	153	102	
Brighton	230	166	1	Lathams Chapel	78	62	
Bristol, Calvary	402	144		Memphis, Bellevue	2763	936	90
Brush Creek	87	37		Boulevard	809	240	26
Carthage, First	181	56		Central Avenue	776	207	26
Centerville	97	72		Elliston Avenue	149	63	1
Mission	15			Highland Heights	1124	457	73
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	90	58		LaBelle	742	232	25
Chattanooga, Avondale	655	158	3	Leawood	322	67	8
Brainerd	475	193		Mission	20		
Cedar Hill	269	52		Levi	262	160	5
Clifton Hill	365	97	2	Barton Heights	156	50	10
Missions	63			Mallory Heights	269	109	14
Concord	282	108		Merton Avenue	323	72	3
East Lake	550	138	3	Parkway	464	162	22
East Ridge	323	162	2	Prescott Memorial	677	223	5
First	1022	202	4	Speedway Terrace	840	157	5
Chapel	99	28		Sylvan Heights	268	126	30
Highland Park	3806	882	32	Temple	1542	341	25
Lupton City	119	101		Union Avenue	1121	253	10
Oak Grove	251	94	1	Milan, First	419	78	
Philadelphia	155			Millington	250	101	11
Ridgedale	743			Milton	60	25	
St. Elmo	397	129		Monterey, First	332	102	
Signal Mountain	87	28	3	Morristown, First	631	106	
Suck Creek	52	24		Mt. Zion	66		
White Oak	378	73	2	Murfreesboro, First	437	90	
Church Hill, First	175	74	1	Walnut Street Mission	76		
Oak Grove	226	113		Mt. Herman	118	96	
Cleveland, Calvary	165	105		Powell's Chapel	104	70	
Rutledge Memorial	183	46	7	Third	141	57	
Four Point Chapel	13	10		Westvue	562	143	5
Clinton, First	496	115	4	Woodbury Road	82	52	
Norris	75	34		Nashville, Belmont Heights	1033	296	11
Columbia, First	415	102		Glendale	68		
Godwin Chapel	26			Jordonia	50		
Rock Springs	95	70	4	Madison Street Mission	51	15	
Second	127	74		Bordeaux	94	33	
Cookeville, First	607	97	33	Calvary	180	82	1
Algood Mission	72			Eastland	603	114	6
Fourth Street Mission	167	66	1	Edgefield	408	152	6
Steven Street	121	54	1	Grace	975	236	5
Cornersville, First	89	37	5	Madison, First	413	130	2
Crossville, First	200	81	1	North End	187	73	
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	212	173	5	Third	267	75	
First	620	118		Woodmont	363	114	6
Eagleville	140	64		Woodmont Center	166	64	
Elizabethton, First	579	143	4	Newport, First	304	69	1
Oak Street	145	93		Oak Ridge, First	617	132	1
Siam	237	121		Highland View	428	151	
Fountain City, Central	1021	243		Robertsville	420	104	9
Hines Valley Mission	60			Old Hickory, First	718	290	3
Smithwood	529	195	2	Olive Hill	186	37	
Fowlkes	123	93		Paris, First	527	66	1
Gladeville	153	51		Philadelphia	191	19	
Grand Junction, First	128	78		Pigeon Forge	142	65	
Center Point	16			Ramer, Gravel Hill	209	141	2
Greenbrier	231	90	5	Rogersville	385	104	
Hampton, Union	237	157	21	Missions	305	84	
Harriman, South	276	157		Hennard's Chapel	136	136	
Walnut Street	291	124		Persia	60		
Humboldt, Antioch	187	71		Providence	40		
First	545	122	3	Tunnell's Hill	60	58	
Jackson, First	774	136	1	Rutledge, Oakland	103	37	
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West	823	282		Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	204	85	22
Jonesboro, First	280	114		Somerville, First	163	98	1
Kingsport, First	797	186	5	Harmony	53		
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## JUNIOR DEPARTMENT WORKERS



One of the most efficient and effective departments in the State is the Junior department of the Grace Baptist Church, Nashville. Mr. Howard Hooper is superintendent. The three associate superintendents are: Mrs. Buford Crecelius, Mrs. David Bridges, and Mrs. Sam Baker. This department has 32 teachers and officers with 24 classes. The average attendance at their weekly meetings is 22. They

have had as high as 30 at the monthly workers' council. The first two Sundays in March their attendance was 167 and 166, respectively. Their goal is to average 165 for the month. The enrolment is 188.

The secret of the success of this department is cooperation.

The above picture was taken after a country ham dinner Mr. Hooper gave his workers.

On Sunday, March 19 and March 26, L. S. Ewton, Nashville, supplied the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Clanton, Ala., where his son-in-law, J. Gilbert Hutchinson is pastor. Pastor and Mrs. Hutchinson were away assisting in an associational wide Sunday school enlargement campaign in Spartanburg, S. C. On Sunday, March 26, Dr. Hutchinson supplied the pulpit of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla.

J. S. Riser, Jr., and the Webb Baptist Church, Webb, Miss., have been assisted in a revival by James L. Sullivan, pastor of Belmont Heights Baptist Church, Nashville. The people were revived, several were received for baptism and by letter and the music director surrendered for special Christian service. Bro. Riser was formerly pastor of Central Avenue Baptist Church, Memphis, for six and one-half years.

—B&R—

C. H. Warren, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Carbondale, Ill., and a former pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lebanon, Tenn., has announced his resignation, effective April 1, for the sake of a smaller and lighter work. He might possibly retire from the active pastor, but would like to continue to be used. Among the results in his pastorate at Carbondale are 775 additions to the church.

—B&R—

H. D. Hagar has resigned as pastor of McEwen Baptist Church, effective March 31. He will probably do supply work for the time being.

## Quarles to Lead Mississippi Baptists

The new Mississippi state secretary, Dr. Chester Quarles, will assume office April 12.

Dr. Quarles, a native of Gulfport, is well known in Mississippi, having served as pastor at Leland before going to his present Alabama pastorate. He is now president of the Alabama State Mission Board and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

—B&R—

John Jeter Hurt, Sr., of Atlanta, has been serving as interim pastor of the Southside Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Fla. During the recent simultaneous revival meetings in that city he did his own preaching. There were 62 additions, 40 of them coming by baptism.

In the bitter cold one Sunday morning recently, the building of the historic Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Lewisburg, Tenn., Route 1, was totally lost by fire. There was only \$1,500 insurance, which will barely lay the foundation for a new building, it is said. Most of the members are country people and are sorely pressed to build. But they must have a building in order that the church may adequately carry on for the Lord. The pastor is J. W. Higgins, Elkton, Tenn., and the treasurer is James Batton, Lewisburg, Tenn., Route 1.

—B&R—

Assistant Pastor Haven C. Lowe and the Central Baptist Church, Johnson City, have been assisted in a revival by Alfred Carpenter, Director of the Chaplains' Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention. Among the results were 44 professions of faith and 40 additions, 37 of them for baptism. The pastor, Wm. R. Rigell, who was seriously injured in a car wreck in January, is resting and recuperating at St. Augustine, Fla.

—B&R—

Pastor James M. Gregg of Lockeland Baptist Church, Nashville, did the preaching in a revival in that church, with William Malone leading the singing. A great spiritual uplift came to the church and there were 58 conversions and 62 additions, 50 by baptism.

—B&R—

Holston Valley Association of Baptists are at this writing (March 27) engaged in a simultaneous revival campaign, with 38 churches and mission points holding meetings.

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"While in London during the past summer, I had a conversation with my good friend, Dr. T. G. Dunning, in which he told me that he would be in the United States for a brief visit to Southern Baptist territory following the Cleveland meeting. You, of course, are familiar with the shortage of funds in England, and the limitation placed upon those who travel out of England. He is hoping to help finance his way by some engagements here in America. He has time free from the first of August through the ninth. Since he is the youth leader of Great Britain, I feel that perhaps some churches would like to have him visit and tell the situation among Baptists in Europe. Any of those who might be interested I shall be happy to contact if they will write me at the Nashville office."—William Hall Preston, 161 Eighth Ave., North, Nashville 3, Tenn.

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# MIDDLE TENNESSEE NEWS

By HOMER A. CAITE, Shelbyville, Tennessee

Swan Haworth, pastor, First Baptist Church, Vicksburg, Miss., will be the visiting preacher in a series of revival services at the First Baptist Church, Columbia, James F. Brewer, pastor, beginning Sunday, April 2, to culminate on Easter Sunday, April 9.

Layman Fred Powell of the Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville, addressed the Men's Brotherhood of First Baptist Church, Columbia, at their most recent meeting.

A splendid Brotherhood revival meeting has just concluded at First Baptist Church, Goodlettsville, B. Frank Collins, pastor, in which the laymen did everything. There were several additions to the church as the result of this work of the men of the church.

First Baptist Church, Franklin, W. C. Summar, pastor, authorized a building committee composed of G. A. Allen, Sr., R. E. Grimsley, and Dudley Casey, Sr., to secure architectural drawings for enlarging the educational facilities of the church. Mr. Joe Williams was elected chairman of the finance committee for the project.

Robert S. Denny, Nashville, supplied the pulpit of the Third Baptist Church, Nashville, Bunyan Smith, pastor, March 19.

Nashville Association of Baptists conducted a week's Training School at First Baptist Church, Nashville, March 20-24. James F. Brewer, Columbia, was inspirational speaker during the week, except Monday night when Paul Joe Harting, Old Hickory, was inspirational speaker.

Cowan Baptist Church, Duck River Association, G. Nelson Duke, pastor, has just concluded a very successful series of revival services in which the preaching was done by W. C. Kirk, pastor, Edgefield Baptist Church, Nashville. A fine number of decisions were made, all Sunday school records were broken and the church was genuinely revived. The Cowan Church has qualified for the Standard of Excellence award for 1949-1950.

First Baptist Church, Sparta, James F. Boyd, pastor, is making great progress toward paying off the indebtedness on their pastorium. \$2,000.00 was raised in one week recently. The church plans and hopes to be out of debt by Thanksgiving day, 1950.

A most significant step was made at one o'clock Saturday, March 25, on the grounds of the Mid-State Baptist Hospital, Nashville, when ground was broken for the new hundred-bed addition to the existing facilities within a few days. This was truly a historic event. Those participating on the program were: Jack C. Massey, Dr. G. Allen West, Dr. T. Graham Hall, Dr. George Carpenter, Dr. Cleo Miller, Rev. Luther Joe Thompson, Maxey Jarman, Dr. Duke K. McCall. The address was given by Dr. James L. Sullivan, the ground-breaking, by Dr. C. W. Pope, with the benediction being given by Rev. W. L. Stigler.

Gaye McGlothlen, pastor, Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville, was the visiting evangelist in a series of revival services at First Baptist Church, Meridian, Miss., Norman W. Cox, pastor, March 27-April 2.

Springfield Baptist Church has voted a fund raising campaign to raise \$45,000.00 in cash and \$50,000.00 in pledges with which to start as soon as possible in the construction of their building. Luther Joe Thompson is the pastor. The Spring revival at Springfield began March 26.

A new Royal Ambassador Chapter was organized at the Winchester Baptist Church, Roy W. Babb, pastor, Sunday afternoon, March 12. Mr. Hugh M. Vineyard is the counselor. The church at Winchester also voted at the March business meeting to begin regular, church-directed visitation with the entire church participating.

The Century Sunday school class of First Baptist Church, Franklin, W. C. Summar, pastor, has indeed set a good example by buying the paint and painting one of the large recreational rooms at the Baptist Orphanage. Mr. Melvin Sellers is the teacher of the class.

J. Harold Stephens, pastor, Inglewood Baptist Church, Nashville, did the preaching recently in a revival meeting at Kennedy Memorial Baptist Church, Memphis. A gracious meeting was reported. Albert McClellan, publicity director, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, filled the pulpit of the Inglewood Church, March 19.

Greenbrier Baptist Church, Vern B. Powers, pastor, has reduced their church debt again—by \$2,000.00 this time. On Jan. 1 the debt stood at \$4,000.00 by March 12, it stood at \$2,000.00. Greenbrier's spring revival begins April 2, with Rev. Howard Thompson, pastor, North Springfield Baptist Church, leading the singing.

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## Evangelistic Conference Held at Jonesboro

The East Tennessee Evangelistic Conference met with the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, Friday, March 3, James A. Smith, host pastor. The music was under the direction of Jack Perkins, Knoxville.

Conferences were led by L. G. Frey, superintendent of Missions and Evangelism, and Norris Gilliam, secretary of Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

The evening session was a mass evangelistic meeting presided over by Bro. Smith. Music was led by Calvary Baptist Church choir, Erwin. E. L. Williams of Bell Avenue Baptist Church, Knoxville, brought the message. Upon the invitation of Bro. Williams several people rededicated their lives to soul-winning.

Between the afternoon and evening sessions a number of people did personal visitation in the interest of winning the lost to Christ in Jonesboro. Several have united with the churches as a result of the visits made that afternoon.

"It was a real pleasure for our church to be the host to the East Tennessee Baptist Evangelistic Conference. We were blessed by it," says James A. Smith.

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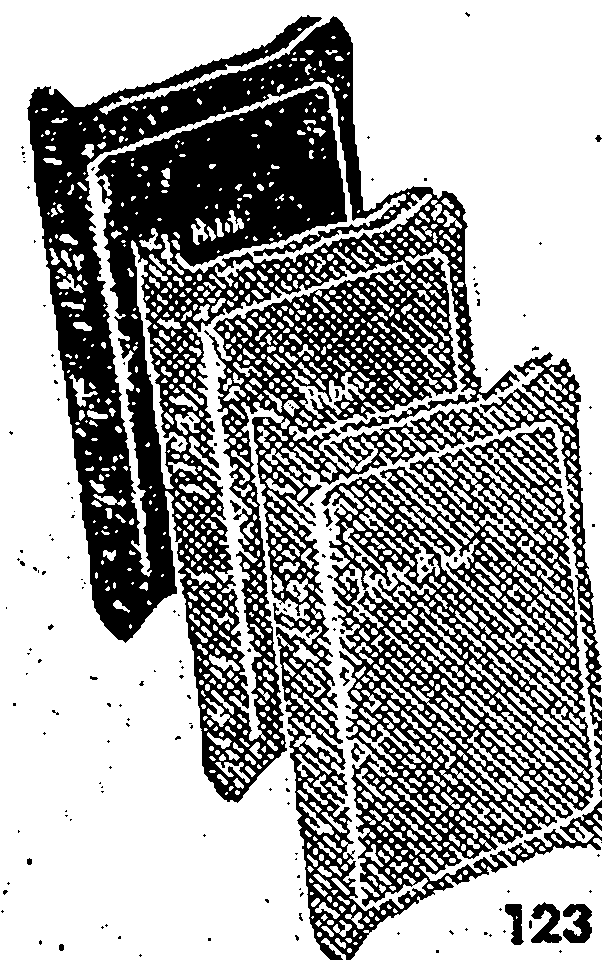
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## Condensed Report: Mid State Baptist Hospital

The Mid State Baptist Hospital operated at full capacity throughout the year of 1949. A total of 6,186 people were admitted to receive some type of care not counting out-patient admissions.

The Administrative Department has continued to make improvements since last August. An accounting machine for improving the quality and accuracy of keeping the accounts receivable has been purchased. An outstanding job has been accomplished in collections this past year. Almost 98% of all past due accounts have been collected both for 1948 and 1949.

Student nurses have increased from 23 (June, 1948) to 57 at the present time. The physical plant of the Nursing Department has been greatly improved and increased to three times its size during the past year.

Early last year the remodeling of the Nurses' residence on the hospital lawn was completed. In late August an additional house at 2111 State Street was purchased and equipped for housing student nurses. Recently, another house was purchased at 2109 State Street, and remodeling and equipping this home will begin around the first of May, to be ready for incoming students in September.

During the year scholarships for four pre-clinical students were received from The Friendly Men's Bible Class, First Baptist Church, Nashville, through the efforts of Mr. Hardin Conn; Mr. and Mrs. George B. Graves; Dr. C. N. Gessler; and the Protestant Mid-State Baptist Hospital Alumnae Association.

For the coming year the Brotherhood of the Woodmont and Belmont Heights Baptist Churches and the Business Woman's Circle of the Inglewood Baptist Church have voted to donate funds toward the establishment of a Student Loan Fund beginning September, 1950.

At the annual inspection of the hospital and nurses' residence in early February by the Executive Secretary of the Committee of Nursing Education and Nursing Practice the program instituted for the training of students was approved.

In the Surgical Department many improvements have been made. A considerable number of new instruments and equipment have been added to the department. Sterilizing equipment, operating tables, a complete Urology Department, three new gas machines and a new orthopedic table were purchased. A capable operating room supervisor has been employed, and a male technician was added to the Urology Department. Two nurse anesthetists

were added to the Anesthesia Department. There was an increase of approximately 500 operations in 1949 over 1948.

Since January of 1949, the Dietary Department has been re-equipped with modern equipment and completely renovated. An addition of approximately 120 square feet of floor space was added to the Department.

In the Obstetrical Department new equipment was also added. The bed rooms have been replaced with modern maple furniture, and new equipment has been added in the delivery rooms. A new nursery has been rebuilt and equipped in four units, a general nursery, a workroom and gowning room, a premature nursery, and formula room.

Redecoration of the fourth floor in the west building has been completed, and the same is being done on the third floor. A contract has been let for the outside painting of the buildings at a cost of \$5,000.00

During the year the hospital had an inspection by the Council on Medical Education of the American Medical Association for the purpose of getting approval for the training of surgical residents. Since that inspection, approval has been received for a one-year surgical residency. A medical library was established as an adjunct to the teaching program, containing 44 current scientific journals and a new stock of basic reference books, dealing with the different specialities of medicine.



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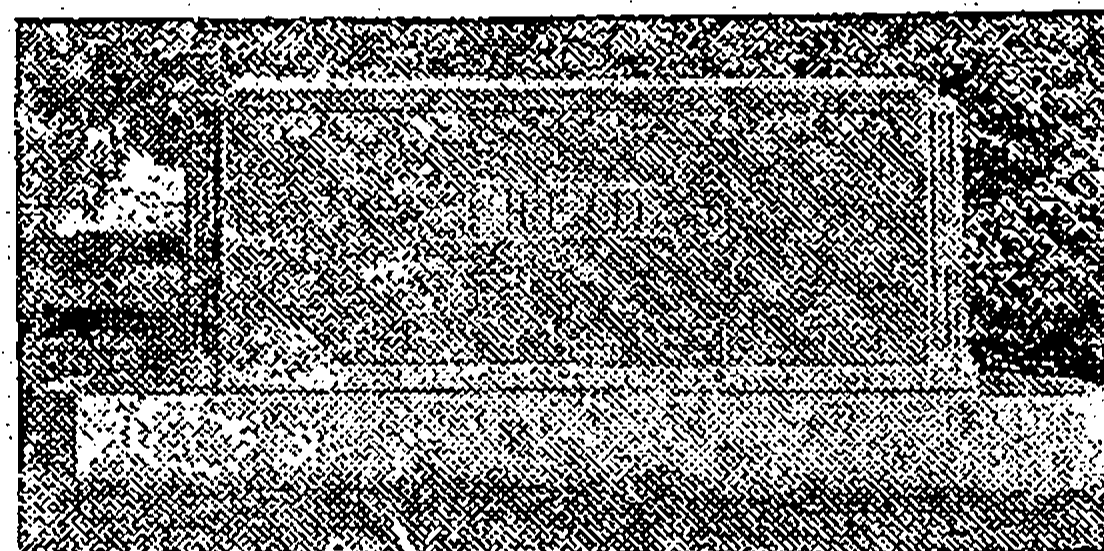
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