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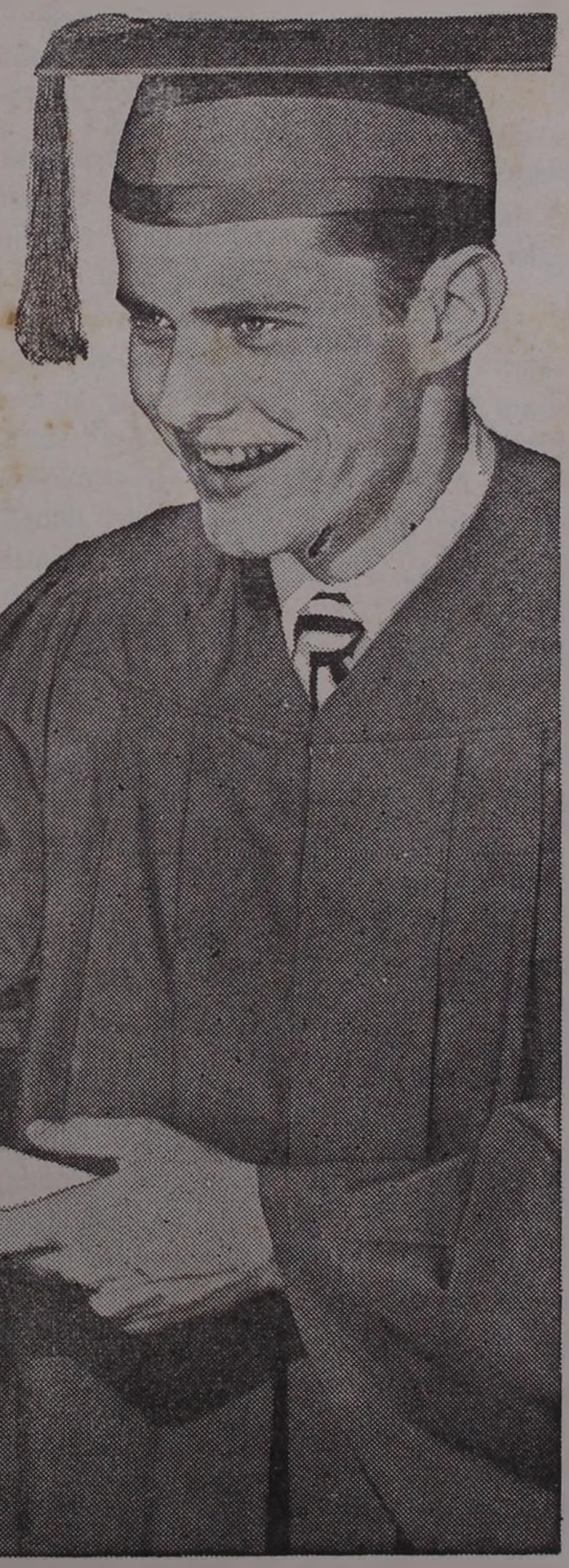

LEBANON TENN
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For the Souls of Men

With microphone strapped onto his chest
He stood up in the sound truck
Just parked at the busy corner.
"You have an appointment, friend,"
He launched his message
Clearly, appealingly.
Hurrying men and women
Hesitated at those words.
Some stopped and stood
In front of show-windows
Opposite the truck and
Edging the sidewalk
Little groups of bystanders
Collecting here and there
Began to tie knots in the lines
Of hurrying pedestrians.

Then I caught sight of a
Well-dressed businessman
On the point of pushing past
My vantage corner which
I had captured to observe
The earnest preacher in the truck.
Drawing up alongside me, he
Asked about the speaker,
"What office is he running for?"
"For the souls of men,"
I answered.
Looking somewhat startled he
Let out a surprised,
"Umph!"
His voice had a bit of alarm in it,
Something of disapproval too.
"For the souls of men?"
Here was something
Unexpected and
Disappointing.

My fellow-bystander
Would not have been surprised
Had he heard from me that
The speaker was a candidate
Haranguing the public
For an elective office.
That would have been
Quite in line with custom.
Nor would he have been disturbed
Had he been informed
That it was a solicitation
For the Red Cross, the March of Dimes,
Or some such humanitarian project.

To be sure a man ought to
Leave his job, take his stand publicly
For such causes, welfare demands
He plead with passing throngs
For their coin.
My questioner might not have
Batted an eye
Had I told him the man in the truck
Was begging the throngs to buy
Chances on a car to be raffled off
By a veteran's organization or guild,
Familiar Saturday scene in some towns.

But the sight and sound of
A man in earnest
Appealing for the souls of men,
On a busy city corner,
Well, it was just a bit disturbing
And out-of-place—
According to his slant on life.
"Why don't such people
Take their religion quietly and
Let others alone?"
That was his attitude.

"Are you a Christian, sir?"
Came the inquiry to this
Well-dressed man.
Rather offended at such
Prying into his personal affairs,
He replied,
"I'm a member of the church."

And maybe that's just
The trouble with some church members
Offended if questioned
As to being a Christian;
Startled and alarmed
If being a Christian
Involves becoming publicly concerned
At the busy corners of life
To capture men for Christ.

My fellow bystander having learned
What it was all about,
Was in a hurry to move on.
Looking at his watch, he departed
Ruing the fact he would miss
His appointment.

And there sounded out
Above the busy intersection
That insistent voice of loving concern,
"You have an appointment, friend,
An appointment you can't miss, for,
'It is appointed unto men once to die
But after this the judgment.' "

How engrossed we mortals are
With the petty round of engagements
Making up our daily routine.
So we hurry here and there,
Intent to keep Time's appointments
Yet often oblivious,
Forgetful, of that Eternal appointment—
Solemn death and inescapable
Judgment!

Then I heard that voice again
Above the traffic din
Declare how God, whose appointments
Of Death and Judgment no man can break,
Mercifully provided in Jesus Christ
Another appointment
We can make.
"For God hath not appointed us to wrath
But to obtain salvation
By our Lord Jesus Christ."

Can there be anything, then, in all
The busy schedules of our human affairs
Anything more timely, needful, sensible,
Than urging fellow men and women, to
Prepare to meet the Eternal
In his proffered mercy,
While there is yet
Time?

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Put First Things First

by J. Pope Dyer

The story is told of an incident that happened in 1912 when the noted pleasure boat, the Titanic, sank. When this giant liner sank, almost immediately after striking an iceberg, only a few of the life-boats were thrown overboard. One man, running on the deck, saw several diamonds of great value along with a few oranges. He did not choose the diamonds of great value but hurriedly reached down and picked up two oranges. They proved lifesavers in the foodless days ahead. When emergencies occur we turn to fundamentals.

Today we are face to face with a great crisis. One great writer has recently said that in this period of time three years is about the life expectancy of a person. A noted official recently remarked, "The good things are the greatest enemies of the best—the spiritual." In our sober moments of meditation we frequently ask, "Are we really living the highest type of life? Are we living in the spiritual highlands or are we living in the spiritual lowlands?"

Recently, I visited the well-known prison, Alcatraz. Isolation and firm treatment are two of the chief characteristics of this noted institution. As I observed the strict but fair methods of administration of this prison I thought over and over, why would a man engage in such low conduct as to finally reach the low place which would call for this type of incarceration? To me each face I saw only accentuated the low type of living that he must have lived. Why would anyone choose the lowest type of moral action? I did not see a smile during my visit.

In contrast I recently was in a great company of people who were doing the Lord's work. I saw a radiance of personality which indicated great happiness. Smiles were many. Handclasps were sincere and joyous. Fellowship was real and happiness seemed everywhere to abound.

I have thought of these contrasts. I have thought of a very large percentage of our population who are following the paths of low living. I am convinced that many of the people of our day are living a victoriously happy life. They know what real spiritual living is and are following Christ who is "The Way, the Truth, and the Life."

All sincere Christians are concerned with our nation at this critical time. We are interested in analysis as well as a remedy.

It is reliably reported that the citizens of our nation last year spent about: 15 billions for crime; 10 billions for liquor; 7 billions for recreation; 7 billions for automobiles; 2 billions for cosmetics; 1 billion for religion; 4 billions for public education.

Surely a people who will spend eight to ten times as much for the worldly pleasures as for the truly constructive activities of life must change their idea of values if they are to survive. We are told frankly "that we cannot serve God and mammon." What then is the program of the spiritual minority?

We must study the Word. The great need of the Christian today is to know the Bible. The Word is the Christian's greatest means to know God's will. Few are effective messengers who do not regularly read the Bible. Effective Christian service means that we will equip ourselves with the message of God. Every Christian should read the Bible once a year, memorizing great sections of it. Our usefulness as Christians is greatly reduced because of our lack of acquaintance with the teachings of the Bible. The mother wrote in a Bible, "This book will keep you from sin or sin will keep you from this book." We must pray more. We must put more faith in prayer. The lives of George Mueller, John Wesley, George W. Truett, D. L. Moody, George Bernardo and a multitude of others must be read. Prayer can make things right today in our lives and in our nation. Miracles can be seen today as in days of old if we will pray.

Our prayers will be effective if we throw out of our lives the sins that are standing between us and God. These sins make it impossible for us to see God because we are looking in the wrong direction. God cannot hear us because we weave a wall around our own lives through sin which prevents God from hearing our prayers. We must "humble ourselves, and pray, and seek His face and turn from our evil ways" if we want to be heard. "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." We must remove all things from our lives that cause us to be unrighteous; then our prayers will be heard and answered.

We must witness for Christ. We are certain to witness one way or another—for Christ or the devil. Never before in the history of our nation has there been a greater time or need for Christians to put their spiritual houses in order. Being a Christian is the most important thing in the life of any person. We may admire leaders of finance, government, religion, business or law, but the person to be admired most is the Christian who is daily witnessing for Christ.

Those of us who are Christians must wage a vigorous campaign to sell the world on the advantages of Christianity. We have campaigns for a hundred different causes each year. Our daily campaign should emphasize the greatness and worth-whileness of Christian living and growth.

The challenge to the Christian today is the greatest of any era in world history. It requires energy, courage, faith, prayer and love. Unless the Christians can live in the highlands—as examples and leaders—our ability to win the lost to Christ will fail. We must put first things first if we are to win. That means Christ and His teachings.

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"To The Lord's Displeasure"

by Edwin Raymond Anderson

Although someone has said that "the times have changed," that is open to question upon many points, and what is more certain is the fact that the people who are living in the times have not changed. The heart is not much to the way of improvement, and what afflicted the men of olden time, will be found to afflict us as well. How good then, to be able to lean wholeheartedly upon such a great truth as, "Jesus Christ the SAME yesterday, today and forever" (Heb. 13: 8), and rejoice in a "sameness" which is divine and precious indeed!

Unchanging Need

The passing of the centuries do not change a great many things after all, and there is ever the same need of watchfulness in prayer and holy vigilance, lest errors and snares which have laid hold upon them of olden time, lay their hand upon us as well. We read in the early record of the Book of Numbers, "when the people complained, it displeased the Lord and the Lord heard it" (Numbers 11:1).

We find also that when the apostle Paul, in a much later day would lay a warning upon the hearts of the people of the Lord, that he takes up the same matter, and emphasizes it; "neither murmur ye as some of them murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer" (I Cor. 10:10). The Christian should not complain, but it is sad truth that he does indeed . . . and thus the warning, and the notation concerning the displeasure of the Lord.

His Silence

It is impossible to justify complaining in the light of Calvary, and to carry out anything to the way of murmuring when there is any thought or regard for the grace of the blessed Lord. He, of all, surely had the right to complain, seeing the great contradiction of sinners which He had to endure, and seeing also the oft fickle and foolish ways of His followers. He Who was the joy of heaven had much to complain of, in becoming the despised and rejected One of earth, Who from the very first had to face and to taste and to endure the bitterness and hatred and downright perversity and wickedness that festered in the sin-cancered hearts of men. Yet, while He was the Man of Sorrows, He was also the Lord of grace and of glory, and His silence is as precious as His spoken word, each in its proper place.

Both serve to condemn that poor spirit of complaint which all too often afflicts and affects those, His blood-bought own, who have absolutely no just grounds for it. The "fountain filled with blood," is for the washing, not alone of the sins of sinners, but also for the sins of saints . . . and perhaps complaint and murmuring would take first place.

Giants, Pygmies

The difficulty with this matter of complaining and murmuring is, that it is all too easy to justify upon the grounds of our own supposed spiritual superiority! To confuse or to mingle true Biblical holiness with the "holier than thou" attitude, brings the displeasure of the Lord, and marks one perilously close to "destroyed of the destroyer." It is not a question of our fundamentalism, or of our adherence to doctrinal truth, for some who appear as "giants" in the Word turn out as "pygmies" in the daily walk.

All too often those who preen themselves upon a "better" position "in the heavenlies," are branded as chronic complainers. While they may rightly divide the Word, they wrongly divide themselves, and eventually destroy themselves as far as fruitful Christian living and witnessing is concerned. For, when complaint fills the heart, compassion goes out, and when we murmur about ourselves, ministry for others dies in the wind.

In Calvary's Light

For after all, we are not to judge according to outward circumstances, but to judge everything in the light of Calvary and a crucified Saviour. Even if everything round and about appears to be all wrong, it is for us to be "narrow" in the particular sense of learning that things are spiritually right with our souls before the Lord. All of which brings us face to face with this primary question . . . is the Lord really real to these hearts of ours? Beyond our singing and our serving, is He the living, breathing Reality to our heart and life? For when THAT question is threshed out in secret, low upon our faces before this Lord Who has loved and suffered and bled unto cruel death for us, then we shall find that things of complaint and murmuring will take care of themselves and drop their hold upon our ways.

If we desire to be identified as "one with the Lord," then we shall have to learn to think His thoughts after Him, and to choose the things which are marked of His pleasure, and to utterly shun that which cannot stand that prime test. That is the heart of Christian living in its practical character, and there can be no fruitful progress until it is learned.

Crush Complaining

No one prospers through Christian complaining . . . save the devil; it wounds the Lord, it resists the Holy Spirit, it sows discord amongst the brethren, it puts a smirk upon the face of the ungodly, it cripples soul-winning service, it mocks the prayer life, it limits the outreach of faith, it hardens the heart . . . slowly and steadily it transforms one from a new creature in Christ into a numbing cynic, bound and blinded and burdened by his own self! A true, long, earnest, heart-warming look at Calvary will cancel and crush all complaining!

New Testament Standard For Christians

by William James Robinson

One must be normal to be morally responsible and answerable to the law for his conduct. Every organized group has certain requirements to be satisfied before membership can be secured; and certain standards of conduct must be maintained to retain membership. Every intelligent person says this is fair to all concerned.

Church Membership Has Restrictions

These are set forth clearly in the New Testament, the law that governs each church: it is all the law for a church; and will always be all the law for New Testament churches. One desiring membership should familiarize himself with the requirements it sets forth and act accordingly. It is clear that certain characters cannot meet these requirements and for their own good, and the good of the cause of Christ if any such should apply he should be rejected and tenderly and prayerfully told why. Then use every possible means to induce him to properly qualify for membership.

Requirements for Membership

"Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again" (John 3:7). "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God" (I John 5:1). "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him" (John 3:36). "And they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls" (Acts 3:41). "Therefore, if any man be in Christ he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold all things are become new" (II Cor. 5:17).

Only Children of God Are Qualified for Church Membership

"Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:26). "The Spirit beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Rom. 8:16).

True believers are sons of God. We have no record in the New Testament of even one who did not declare he was a believer before being baptized. It follows that only "children of God by faith in Jesus Christ" are to be baptized.

Rules of Conduct for the Sons of God

"We are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them (Eph. 2:10). "Even so we should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together (baptized W.J.R.) in the likeness of his death we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection" (Rom. 6:4, 5). "See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise" (Eph. 5:19). "To be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace" (Rom. 8:6).

Some Other Requirements

"Herein is my Father glorified that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples" (John 15:8). "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down and cast into the fire" (Matt. 7: 16, 19).

This is a severe test. Who can stand it? But for the measureless grace of God few, yea none, of us could; and certainly if we had to stand or fall on the basis of our "fruit bearing" who would be able to stand? It reminds me of the words of our Lord. "Not every one that saith unto me Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven" (Matt. 6:21).

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). These words include all our physical, mental and spiritual activities, even our secret impulses whether good or bad. We may keep things secret from our most intimate associates, but nothing from God. "Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him" (Col. 3:17). This requirement embraces every emotion and impulse of our being. "If any man cometh to me, and hate not his father, and his mother, and wife, and children, and brethren, and his sisters, yea, and his own life also, he cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:26-33). The Saviour meant that he must be given absolutely the chief place above all else, in our affections and loyalties.

Unflinching loyalty to Christ, perfect obedience to him, may sometimes be what men call sacrifice, but is it? "And they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41). "We must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad" (II Cor. 5:10).

Compensations Provided

God could not give a law that would approve imperfection or tolerate it, so he made provisions for us, "if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propititation for our sins" (I John 2:1, 2). Note what Jesus said concerning what men count sacrifice: "There is no man that hath left house, or parents, or brethren, or wife, or children, for the kingdom of God's sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come everlasting life" (Luke 18:29-30).

Now for Our Conclusion

But for the unspeakable love, mercy and grace of God we would be without hope and cast into hell for all eternity. In view of what God has done for us we should count as nothing all we can possibly do to show our gratitude to him. Be sure, absolutely certain, not to impose on his grace lest we hear at the last day "I never knew you, depart from me ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:23). "When ye have done all these things which are commanded you, say, 'We are unprofitable servants; we have done that which was our duty to do' " (Luke 17:10).

Thanks be unto God for the riches of his grace.

Why I Am A Missionary Baptist

by A. F. Mahan

I was the only convert in the meeting in which I was saved. My parents at the time were not Baptists. I told my father I wanted to join a Baptist church. He said why? I wanted to be baptized like my Saviour was. He offered no objections. And before I was baptized he also joined the Baptist church with me and we were baptized together. This was one of the happiest days of my life.

I soon began to feel that the Lord wanted me to preach. I began to study my Bible more earnestly. The more I read, the more reasons I found for being a Baptist. I will mention some of them: first, the position of Baptists on the "Way of Salvation." That salvation is wholly by grace. "For by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works." Eph. 2:8-10. Not only is this salvation by grace alone, but it is eternal. "He that believeth on the Son hath eternal life." John 3:16, 36. "And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish." John 10:28. Next, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, the new birth, is a must as the Saviour states it, "Ye must be born anew" (from above).

This salvation is the gift of God through faith in Jesus Christ who alone can save. Peter said, "And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved." Acts 4:12. See also Acts 10:43; 16:31; 20:21.

Next, I subscribe to the position that Baptists hold concerning a New Testament church. It originated in New Testament times, and was founded by Christ Himself during His earthly ministry. I agree with our articles of faith given in Pendleton's church manual as more nearly the New Testament teaching on these doctrines than any other denominational statements.

I can heartily agree with G. W. McDaniel's definition in his "The churches of the New Testament." "A gospel church is an organized body of baptized believers equal in rank and privileges, administering its affairs under the headship of Christ, united in the belief of what He had taught, covenanting to do what He has commanded, and cooperating with other like bodies in Kingdom movements."

But after all, it does not take a great scholar but a good translation, like the American Standard Version to know what a New Testament church is. For example I found, "Every church," Acts 14:23. "Anxiety for all the churches." II Cor. 11:28. "The church that is in their house." Col. 4:15. "The churches of Macedonia." II Cor. 8:1. "To the churches of Galatia." Gal. 1:2. But above all the use of the word by Christ in Matt. 16:18, and Matt. 18:15-17. The first could mean the church as an institution. But not necessarily. His next mention of the word in Matt. 18:17 could mean nothing but that of a local body actually transacting business.

After all, in the last book of the Bible, Christ gives us His use of the word church 21 times. There can be no doubt of His meaning here. In the second and third chapters of Revelation He repeats in all seven letters to the seven churches a sentence exactly the same in all of them. "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches." Surely Dr. W. R. White is right when he says, "There is no actual functioning universal church, whether invisible or visible in existence today."

Again I believe that Baptists are scriptural in their teaching concerning the ordinances. There are only two: baptism and the Lord's Supper. The act of baptism is immersion, the scriptural subject is a born-again believer. Baptism has no saving efficacy, but is a symbol of the burial and resurrection of Christ and also of our resurrection. I believe that a proper administrator is essential to scriptural baptism. Our Saviour surely thought it important, going sixty miles, possibly on foot to be baptized by the only one with authority from heaven to baptize. I would not want any one to baptize me who did not believe in it and had not submitted to it.

The Lord's Supper is also a church ordinance. The bread and fruit of the vine are emblems of Christ's broken body and shed blood and never become the actual body and blood of Christ by anybody's blessing. When the Lord first observed the Supper with His disciples His body was unbroken and His blood was still in His body. The design of the Supper was to show forth the Lord's death till he comes.

The Lord has placed certain restrictions about His table that His followers should observe. 1. One must be born again. 2. One must be baptized after he was saved.

Finally, I am a missionary Baptist because I accept the New Testament as God's inspired word and the authoritative guide in matters of faith and practice. Christ says, "Why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"

He says, "But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8. See also Mk. 16:15. Above all read Matt. 28:18-20 where we have our great marching orders. I must be missionary if I believe that Jesus meant all he says.

I believe the two cardinal doctrines of Baptists are the Lordship of Christ and individual responsibility to God. Rom. 14:12.

Every one of us must repent for himself, believe for himself, obey the commandments of Christ for himself. There can be no proxies in religion. I heartily believe Baptist churches should cooperate with other churches of like faith and order. Our Cooperative Program is an excellent way to do it.

Earth's Silences

by Ernest O. Sellers

Every human relationship can be expressed in silence, bliss and wretchedness, comedy or tragedy, terror, mystery; each stamps itself upon the soul and is of the Infinite.

Nothing appeals to the imagination more powerfully than the great silences of nature. Upon the highest mountain, in the deepest forest, alone upon the limitless plains or wide scope of the ocean, removed from all life, our heartbeat the only audible thing, no foot-fall, we sense

A wind that shrills by night,
In a waste land where no man comes,
Or hath come since the making of worlds.

But impressions of silence do not depend upon world travel. In our homes in the hush of night, watching by the bedside of a loved one, in the garden 'neath the fading moon, or just sitting alone, silence often impresses us with the spirit of the Infinite. All human emotions, joy, terror, astonishment, or rage, if carried to their extremities, are silent. Just as extreme vibrations produce sounds that are beyond recognition of the human ear, so the soul's internal vibrations often transcend human speech.

The silence of perfect human heart understanding has often been commented upon. Carlyle and his aged mother, sat at opposite ends of the open fireplace, in absolute silence without a passing word. Their silence needed not the "cumberous apparatus of language." But there is the silence of imperfect understanding which is not so pleasant to contemplate.

The silence that to some natures is most maddening is that of nature toward our human desires and questionings. The picture of that Englishman, face downward on the top of Mount Sinai, pleading for a new revelation, is an overdrawn one of man's ceaseless desire for an authentic voice to answer his longings and confusions.

The Scriptures teach us that "the prudent shall keep silence," and there "is a time for silence and a time to speak." By our well-doing we shall "put to silence the talk of the foolish." It is profitable for us to study the three times the audible voice of God is recorded in the New Testament. The inevitable conclusion will be that such speaking was needed but once and that so-called revelations since that time are needless and beyond confirmation. The endless stories of heavenly voices communicating with man are beyond confirmation, including spiritualistic "demonstrations," both needless and worthless. As we look up or listen we are met with silence. Science declares that no articulate voice, except that of man himself, has ever been heard.

Does that mean the suppression of faith? Not at all. It only confirms our greatest Christian doctrine, the Incarnation. The voice that first proclaimed that doctrine was that of a man. The great truths, shaped by human consciousness, came first by way of revelation; and as man has kept silence in his heart it has burned within him, he has spoken as taught by that "still small voice" which can only be heard when we "keep silence before Him."

How few of us seem to recognize the value of silence in worship? There is far too much confusion in the assembling and departure of our congregations, to permit the deep healing touch of God's spirit to rest upon our waiting, or departing, congregations. Amid today's confusions and false voices, let us be still and know God. In our silent meditations upon the abundant revelation in His word we will gain the needed strength and wisdom to go forth conquering and to conquer. In silence only can we hear His strengthening and guiding voice saying, "Lo, I am with you alway."

DP Families Exist on Starvation Budget

WASHINGTON—Hundreds of our Baptist displaced persons in Germany are living on a "dole" of about fifteen cents per day since the International Refugee Organization closed out on July 1, Dr. W. O. Lewis, Baptist World Alliance relief director in Europe, has reported to the BWA relief committee. "Out of this fifteen cents per day, these people must buy their food, pay rent, buy clothing and all the other necessities of life," Dr. Lewis said.

There are approximately 8,000 Baptists among the Volksdeutsche who have been made eligible for entry into the United States by the New Displaced Persons Law. An additional 500 Baptist displaced persons were made eligible by the same law. Dr. Lewis urged Baptists in America to make haste in sponsoring their immigration.

"Since the newly amended law will take care of only seven per cent of the Volksdeutsche in the camps, we will be lucky if we get more than seven per cent of our 8,000 folks into the U. S.," Dr. Lewis said. Biographical sketches of the eligible Volksdeutsche and displaced persons are being sent daily from the Baptist representative in Germany to the BWA office in Washington. Among the occupations listed are: textile workers, weavers, carpenters, bricklayers, printers, bakers, shoemakers, iron grinders, instrument makers, hat makers, etc.

Southern Baptists who desire to offer a job and housing to one of these families should contact the Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Office immediately. The address: 2940 Napoleon Ave., New Orleans. Proper forms and full information will be sent by return mail.

Next Sunday's Lesson

USING THE BIBLE

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TEXTS: Psalms 19:7-11; Acts 8:26-39; II Timothy 3:14-17 (Larger)—Psalms 19:7-11; Acts 8:26-35 (Printed)—Psalms 119:11 (Golden.)

The Devotional Reading suggested for this lesson is Luke 24:25-32. Among the many precious thoughts to be found in it is the one that comes from reading verse forty-five. "Then opened he (Jesus) their understanding that they might understand the Scriptures." Would that such might be our experience as we ponder this lesson.

The Psalmist, in the Golden Text, gives us the account of how the Scriptures had affected his life in: "Thy word have I laid up in my heart, that I might not sin against Thee" (RV). We, too, would be kept from sinning if we would lay up or hide in our hearts the Word of God. Without a doubt, this is one of God's purposes for us.

The Apostle Paul, in describing the armor for the Christian soldier, admonishes us to "take . . . the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God" (Eph. 6:17.) Let us seek to become expert in the use of that Sword, being reminded that it is "quick and powerful . . . piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Heb. 4:12). For a Christian without his Sword is defenseless.

I. Food for the Soul (Ps. 19:7-11).

Just as these bodies of ours must have the right kind and the right amount of food and at the proper intervals, so must our souls. They, too, cannot grow and develop unless they feed upon the Word of God. Far too many of us who call ourselves Christians suffer from spiritual malnutrition and thus are unable to do the full work of a Christian. We may even become irritable and disagreeable because of this serious deficiency. It is indeed a sad plight.

But such a plight can be easily corrected, for the Word of God is readily available for each one of us. All we have to do is to open it and read it, asking the guidance of the Holy Spirit in its interpretation and application. Marvelous results will follow. Why don't we do it?

II. Guide for the Lost (Acts 8:26-39).

Let us ever keep in mind that persons who do not know the Lord Jesus Christ in forgiveness of sins are eternally lost. When this tragic truth is brought before us by the Holy Spirit, in the light of the teachings again of the Word of God, we will conduct ourselves as did Philip in this account. We will follow His leadership in coming into contact with a person, or persons, to whom He has directed us.

Philip's contact with the Eunuch is wonderfully illuminating, as we look at it. It seems to come to a sharp focus in, "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same Scripture, and preached unto him Jesus" (v. 35). First, he began to speak ("opened his mouth"). Second, he took the passage already under consideration ("same Scripture"). Third, he pointed this lost man to the Lord ("preached unto him Jesus").

Imagine the terrific consequences, in this instance, if Philip had been ignorant of God's Word and how to use it. But he knew both and the Holy Spirit used him and this two-fold knowledge to bring salvation to a lost man. The Bible is supremely a guide-book for lost people, and Christians are to use it to show them the way to the Father's house.

III. Correction for the Life (II Tim. 3:14-17).

Mariners out on the ocean must be able to locate their ships ever so often, in order to see if they are deviating from their course. All of us, on the sea of life, must do the same thing. We ought to check our location or position quite frequently. For we may not only be off the course ourselves but in being so cause others to become so.

The Bible is the one source of such checking and correction upon our part. We read it, with an open mind and a seeking heart, and it acts like a mirror as it reflects our living. We begin to see ourselves as God sees us and we are ashamed of ourselves. Our selfishness and conceit rise to condemn us and we are driven to our knees in confessional prayer.

This should not surprise us for verse sixteen reminds us that all Scripture is God-breathed and that it is "profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." There is no doctrine so clear, no reproof so convincing, no correction so constructive, and no instruction so revealing as is to be found in the Bible, God's Holy Word given to way-faring and be-nighted men.

The Young South

Do you remember the interesting letter which Geneva Roberts wrote us last March? Perhaps you don't remember what it said, but you will recall this nice friend, especially when you read her most recent letter. It is just as interesting as the first one.

Dear Aunt Polly:

Thank you for publishing my entire letter last March. Aand thank you for the nice things you said about me. I have received letters from about fourteen people and have become very good friends with them all. It is really nice to have friends through letters.

I would like to have more pen pals from the ages of thirteen to seventeen, if there are any who are interested in writing to me. . . .

In school I have kept my record. I attended for four years without missing a day, and I hope to keep on doing this.

I have just finished reading the Young South column and found a new girl to write to. She sounds very interesting.

Thanks again for all my new pen pals. Here's hoping I receive many more letters from distant friends.

Your friend
GEVENA ROBERTS
3472 Coleman Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

If you are around fourteen years old, a sophomore in high school, and interested in finding a new friend, you may enjoy writing to EUNICE WILSON, 1224 Wildwood Road, Cleveland, Tennessee. Eunice is a member of Big Springs Baptist Church. She is very anxious for some new friends. I hope she will get them.

There was a P.S. on Eunice's letter which deserves a reply. She said: "I would like to have a picture of you, Aunt Polly. Both of my sisters have one, and they're very good."

It must have been a long time since Eunice's sisters received their Aunt Polly pictures, for there have been none since 1945! At that time we explained in the Young South column that there was a "new Aunt Polly." It doesn't seem like five years since that column was printed. I have met many new friends during the years. Many of them have kept their word pictures so complete that I actually think I might recognize them on the street if I should see them sometime!

You know, our word pictures come from letters and other communications from Young South friends. Some of you have been visiting with me through the column each week during the entire five years—that's about 250 visits. From the things I've said each week, you must have formed your own picture of me. I'd like to see it!

When you think of me, what picture comes to your mind? When you write to me, what picture do you see as you begin your letters—"Dear Aunt Polly"?

If you'll tell me about your word picture of me, I'll tell you how nearly correct you are! How about it?

Love,
AUNT POLLY

Georgia Baptists Will Vote To Raise Cooperative Program

ATLANTA, Ga.—(BP)—The Georgia Baptist Convention, meeting November 14-16, will give emphasis to the 1951 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade and a 10 per cent increase in the budget for undesignated Cooperative Program funds, according to John J. Hurt, Jr., editor, *Christian Index*.

The Executive Committee will recommend to the Convention a budget of $1,276,000 for undesignated Cooperative Program funds, an increase of $109,300. It also will recommend continuation of the 50-50 division between state and Southwide causes after deduction of promotional and administrative costs.

The Convention will receive from its Executive Committee a recommendation that the Georgia Baptist Hospital be permitted to borrow money in order that construction of the 300-bed addition may be resumed. The loan would be against pledges already received but not due.

Every Baptist a Tither

Amish Parents Jailed

LANCASTER, Pa. (RNS)—A third group of 13 Amish fathers were in Lancaster County prison in default of $2 fines for refusing to send their 14-year-old children to school.

Three Amish mothers, however, escaped jail commitment when an anonymous benefactor paid fines and costs for them. Earlier, 12 Amishmen were released when fines and costs were paid by the unknown person, who is described as "a friend of the Amish."

Thus far, a total of 34 parents have been arrested in Bart, Upper Leacock and Paradise townships of Lancaster County for keeping their children over 14 out of school since the fall term began September 5.

They have been charged with violating the state compulsory school attendance law by refusing to send to school children who have reached 14 or have completed the eighth grade. The school law requires children be kept in school until they are 17.

Irwin Moshier resigned as pastor of Ridgeview church, Chattanooga, to serve as chaplain in the U. S. Army.

Governor Listens To Street Services

PHILADELPHIA (RNS)—Local Baptists, opening their annual central city street-corner program of noon-hour evangelistic services, got an unexpected send-off.

In the congregation of spectators who paused to listen to organ music, a trumpet solo and a brief sermon was Pennsylvania's Governor James H. Duff, who was in the city to attend a political rally at a near-by hotel.

The governor, a Presbyterian elder, shook hands with several members of the committee that planned the meetings.

"This is a fine thing," he said to Dr. A. T. O. Marks, executive secretary of the Baptist Union of Philadelphia and Vicinity.

S. C. Baptists Free From Divisive Issues

GREENVILLE, S. C.—(BP)—The 130th annual session of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina will be held in Citadel Square Church, Charleston, November 14-16, according to Dr. S. H. Jones, editor, *Baptist Courier*. Dean A. E. Tibbs of Furman University will preside.

"South Carolina Baptists are not confronted with special problems and divisive issues, and they are not strong on special appeals," Jones said. "Instead, they will be giving major emphasis to the Advance Cooperative Program, as State Secretary Charles F. Sims likes to call it. The recently announced expansion plans of Furman University will spotlight attention on Christian education, and the 1951 Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade will be given attention.

Louisiana to Step Up Southwide Budget Funds

ALEXANDRIA, La.—(BP)—Louisiana Baptists will probably increase their budget 10 per cent at the annual convention here November 14-16. The convention will also likely vote to raise the Southwide participation in state Cooperative Program funds from 40 to 42.5 per cent, in line with a plan to step up participation until a 50-50 basis is reached.

Dr. J. D. Grey, New Orleans, is president of the convention.

The Pastors' and Church Conference of Polk county association elected the following officers: Hoyte Huddleston, pastor First church, Benton, moderator; Edgar Cheatham, pastor Mt. Zion and Turtletown churches, assistant moderator; I. J. Freeman, pastor Archville church, and associational missionary, secretary.

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Now in Palestine for a year of study are Dr. and Mrs. William H. Morton. Professor Morton is assistant professor of Biblical Archaeology at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

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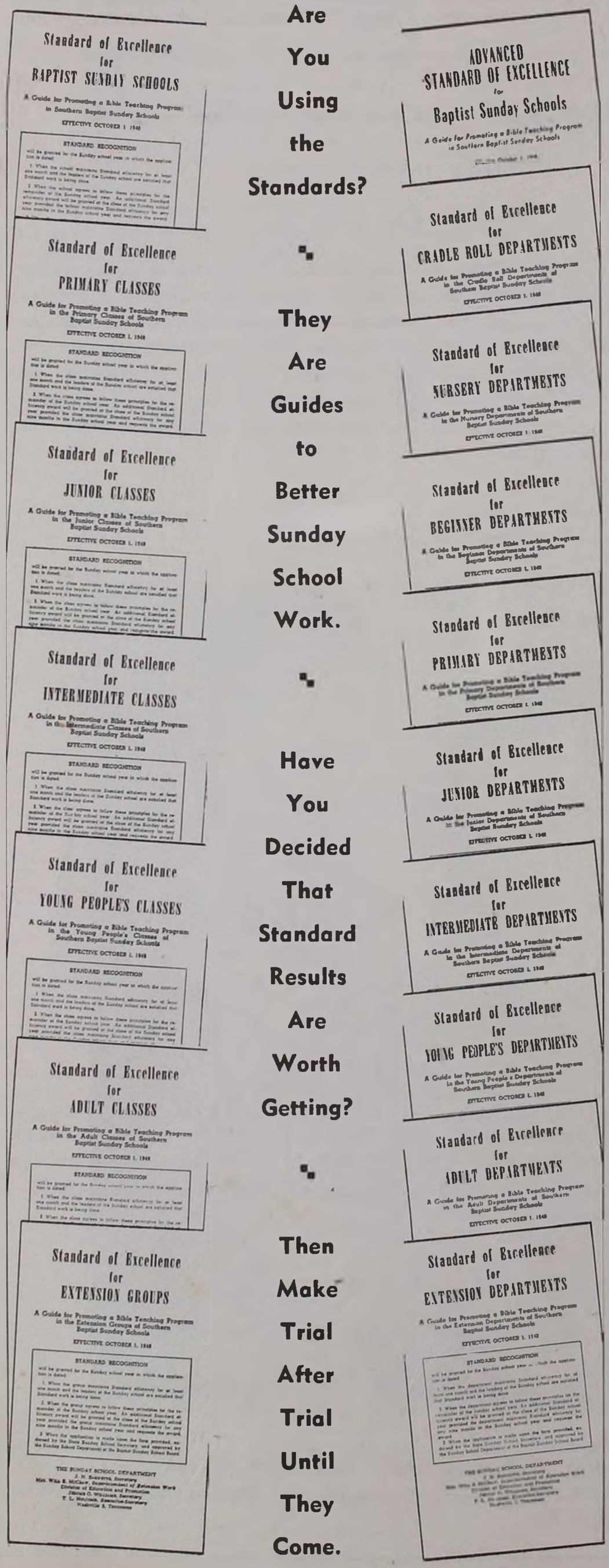

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Tennessee Planning Meeting for Associational Training Union Officers

Southwestern—October 23—Brownsville Church ..... Brownsville
Northwestern—October 24—First Church ..... Gleason
South Central—October 26—First Church ..... Lewisburg
Central—October 27—First Church ..... Clarksville
North Central—October 30—First Church ..... Cookeville
Southeastern—October 31—First Church ..... Dayton
Northeastern—November 2—First Church ..... Jonesboro
Eastern—November 3—First Church ..... Clinton

Program

PURPOSE: To Launch the Training Union Promotional Program for 1951. Promoted jointly by the state Training Union Department and the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Theme

"Choose You This Day"

Charles L. Norton, State Training Union Secretary, Presiding

6:45 WORSHIP
HYMN: "Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah"
SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24:14-26; Matthew 7:13-14; 6:24, 33.
PRAYER
HYMN: "Work for the Night Is Coming"

7:00 "A Backward Glance and a Glimpse at the Future"

8:00 HYMN: "Higher Ground"

8:05 Associational Officers and Their Work
Panel Discussion by state workers

8:45 Closing Meditation

Training Union Enlargement Revival

Dr. Clay I. Hudson, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, led the Grace Baptist Church of Nashville in an Enlargement Revival on September 24-28. He was assisted by Miss Mary Anderson, Mrs. Hattie Potts Rogers, Mrs. Versil Crenshaw, Miss Helen Conger, Miss Ione Gray, Mrs. Emmett Golden, Mrs. Doris Monroe, and Miss Mary Ann Campbell. Six new unions were formed during the week.

The attendance goal for Sunday night, October 1, was 404. All previous attendance records were broken by having 488. Dr. Hudson did a monumental work during this week of enlargement. The Training Union Director is Mr. Paul A. Roberts, and the Pastor is Dr. Leonard Stigler.

Christian Home Week

The week of August 18 was designated as "Christian Home Week" for all Training Union members of First Avenue Church, Lenoir City. Such books as *BUILDING A CHRISTIAN HOME, PLANNING A LIFE, ALCOHOL THE DESTROYER,* and *MY FAMILY AND I* were studied. The enrollment was over one hundred. The Sunday morning following the week of study, the pastor, Rev. Glenn A. Toomey, used as his subject, "Does Christ Live at Your House?" and placed special emphasis on the family altar. During the invitation more than thirty families pledged to begin family altars.

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Mrs. Archie Dunaway, Africa

Mrs. Dunaway will be our speaker for the divisional meetings from October 23 through the 27th. She is a trained nurse from Africa. She was born and reared in Nashville and is well known in Tennessee as Margaret Lanier. She will receive a cordial welcome in all of these meetings.

Banquets at the Divisional Meetings

If you have not made your reservation for the banquet in your division, please do so immediately. They will be held in the following divisions:

Northeastern Division in Johnson City, for both the business women and the young people. Send in your .75 cents to the Central Baptist Church, Johnson City. This will be on October 16 at 6:30.

There will be no banquet at the Eastern Division at Clinton.

For the B. W. C. Southeastern Division at Chattanooga, send your reservation of $.75 to Miss Louise Russell, First Baptist Church, Chattanooga and $.50 for the young people.

There will be no B.W.C. meeting in the North Central Division at Woodbury.

For the South Central meeting at Columbia, October 23rd, send your reservation of one dollar to Mrs. C. C. Whisenaut, Columbia.

For the Central Division at Clarksville send your reservation to Mrs. Ray King, 209 Castle Heights, Clarksville. If you are going to attend the young people's banquet send seventy-five cents, if you are to attend the B. W. C. banquet send one dollar. October 24 is the date.

At Milan, the North Western Division will be meeting and the business women will have a banquet. Send your reservation of one dollar to Mrs. Dewey Hancock, Milan, R. 1 October 26.

There will be no banquet in the South Western Division.

At each of these meetings there will be a missionary speaker both for the business women and the young people.

Please send in your banquet reservations IMMEDIATELY.

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We are happy to announce that the 1951 Guide Books are now available, price twenty-five cents a dozen, or two dollars per hundred. The 1951 Year Books, price fifteen cents each, are also available from this office.

Department of Student Work

ROGERS M. SMITH, Secretary

MARJORIE HOWARD, Office Secretary

A Word From Our Summer Guest

Ruschlikon, August 29, 1950

Dear Mr. Smith:

Traveling back home on "Queen Elizabeth," I received your telegram with your greetings and best wishes expressed in the name of the Tennessee B.S.U. I am very happy indeed to know that your interest and love will accompany me all my way. Knowing you and having had fellowship with you had meant so much to me.

Sitting on the top-deck of our boat and taking a sun bath I am reading the remarks of twenty-two young Europeans who visited Tennessee recently. Can I summarize my experiences in your country as they did in the theme "Hands Across the Sea"? Naturally I ask, what is the result, the outcome of my trip? Is it this that I traveled thousands of miles and through Tennessee from Johnson City to Memphis and from Martin to Chattanooga? Is it that during those seventy-five days I spent with you from Student Week at Ridgecrest through the twentieth of August I have spoken at least one hundred and two times to an average of three hundred and twenty-five people, or that about thirty-three thousand people heard my testimony? Is this the result that the students of Tennessee brought a student from Germany to a Baptist World Congress, a student who comes from a Baptist church with not more than eighty members and who five years ago didn't know anything about Baptists? Or is it this that I became acquainted with all branches of your church life and activities, that I take back to Europe a diary with a few hundred pages where I try to picture your "way of life," that I return with heavier baggage than I came over? I have had many experiences similar to those which the twenty-two boys and girls in Nashville had; I too experienced these "hands across the sea." But as a B. S. U.er—if I may—I would say "Christ makes the difference." My trip was different from theirs because it was a trip with and in the name of Jesus Christ. If I would have to express the "result" of this summer in a sentence I would say: I lived with you, I have had fellowship with you American Baptists, I lived with your students at Ridgecrest, in your dormitories, in your universities, went to your classes, had a part in your social activities, participated in your mission programs, your youth revivals, lived in your homes, I lived with your boys in R. A. Camps. I have had fellowship with you in your Sunday schools and in your Training Unions, I have had fellowship with you in your church services, in prayer. And as true experiences always do, these experiences left footprints. I am different now. The best thing I can take back is a richer heart.

You naturally think different about the result of my trip, but that is what means most to me, for what I am most grateful to all of you. This experience of fellowship and of living with you is the specific outcome of my trip, your summer mission program. This will last, and if God will, bear fruit. I feel that although my trip is over, my "mission," my task goes on. Several times I tried to express my thanks to you, but I feel that I owe you more than I can express in words of gratefulness. From now on I will express it in service, in service for Christ, wherever I can serve Him.

With these greetings to all students of the state of Tennessee, I am

Sincerely yours,

Gunter Wagner

STATE STUDENT CONVENTION
BELMONT HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE
October 20-22

"Voice" Bids Attend Church

BELZONI, Miss. (RNS)—Into the peaceful quiet of this community a touring sound-truck broadcasts an invitation every Sunday morning to attend church.

"This is the Lord's Day," the voice says. "You need Him and He needs you. If you have visitors in your home today, bring them to church. If you plan to visit today, wait until after church service."

The "voice," is sponsored by the ministers' association of Belzoni and the secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.

Formal opening services for the new building of First church, Tullahoma, were held October 1 with Pastor John W. Outland preaching at eleven o'clock and Dr. John L. Hill of Nashville in a special service in the afternoon. Open house was observed from four to six and an organ concert given by Mr. John Rovere in the evening.

Of interest to his friends in Tennessee is a letter from W. F. Carlton, formerly pastor in this state, who writes from Marked Tree, Ark., "We have been praying for 100 additions this year. Three additions yesterday carried us over the goal by one, and three months to go. We have baptized 60 this year."

Oak Grove church, Church Hill, celebated its 81st anniversary with all-day services and dinner on the ground September 10. Pastor W. H. Parrott, Coy Riddle of Sullivan Gardens church, and others shared in the program.

Dr. John Huff, former pastor of First church, Chattanooga, who has been conducting daily radio programs has discontinued his Sunday broadcasts and plans to do supply work among the churches.

Carson-Newman college's unique homecoming on October 7 was highlighted by dedication of the Chambliss Fine Arts Building in memory of Judge Chambliss, former Justice of the Tennessee Supreme Court, and by unveiling of portraits of Dr. O. E. Sams, only former president of the college now living; Mr. Henry Blanc, present president of the Board of Trustees, and Mr. D. L. Butler, vice-president of the Board of Trustees, who have generously promoted the college's building program.

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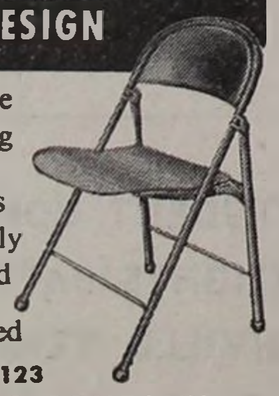

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CODY FOWLER

An alumnus of the Cumberland university law school is the new president of the American Bar Association. This is considered to be one of the highest honors that can be conferred upon an American lawyer. He is Cody Fowler of Tampa, Fla., who received his law degree from Cumberland in 1913.

The beautiful new pastor's home of First church, Etowah, was dedicated October 1. R. W. Selman, now pastor of Signal Mountain church, Chattanooga, who was pastor at Etowah when the home was under construction shared with Pastor O. Jack Murphy in the happy occasion.

Connie A. Dabney has accepted the call extended him by Brainerd church, Chattanooga, and takes up his work October 15. He has been pastor of Crawford Avenue church, Augusta, Ga., for two and a half years during which time some 500 new members were added to that church, 241 by baptism. A new educational building was erected at a cost of $140,000 and a pastor's home constructed also. Bro. Dabney concluded his ministry with the Augusta church, October 8.

Board Plans Visual Aid Production

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The Sunday School Board is making good progress in establishing and implementing the instructions from the Convention to act as central agency for the production, promotion, and distribution of visual aids for the various boards, agencies, and institutions of the Convention, according to Dr. Jerome O. Williams, secretary for the Division of Education and Promotion. The work is under direction of Mr. Earl Waldrup.

"The Convention appointed an advisory committee of five members for aiding the Sunday School Board in securing the widest possible cooperation of the agencies, boards, and institutions of the Convention and to be of any other possible help," Williams said. "This committee has been informed of each step of progress in this field and its members most heartily endorse the program in its present stage of development."

Group Opposes Vatican Envoy

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (RNS)—The General Conference of the Evangelical Congregational Church at its seventh quadrennial session here, went on record as being opposed to federal aid to parochial schools and to the appointment of an American ambassador to the Vatican.

The Conference also recommended an amendment to church discipline which would remove the eight-year limit on pastors serving one church.

Guy Woodward was ordained to the gospel ministry at Trace Creek church, Denver, September 10. Pastor Fred T. Evans questioned the candidate, Dr. C. W. Pope delivered the ordination sermon, Pastor Robert Sanders of Camden church gave the charges to candidate and church. L. H. Wanamaker, pastor of Oak Grove church, Judson association, led the ordination prayer and Fred T. Evans presented the Bible.

A valuable collection of 1,200 history books, historical biographies, and books on literature and the Bible, including an 1854 edition of the New Testament, has been given to Carson-Newman college by the widow of the late Dr. Edmund Cody Burnett, former student and professor of Greek and modern languages at the college.

With 918 students Carson-Newman college has topped all previous years' enrollments despite the loss of some forty upper-class students to the armed forces.

Twenty-seven professions of faith and sixteen additions by baptism were reported in revival services at the Allons Chapel church with Otis Mullins of Kingsport preaching. Bulie Apollos is pastor.

Pastor H. M. Linkous has resigned Olive Street church, Chattanooga, to accept the call of Green Street church, Dalton, Ga.

Thirty-two additions were received by First church, Paris, during special services led by Dr. Gaye McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel church, Nashville, September 18-24. In the Sunday morning service initiating the revival and on the following Wednesday night Pastor O. E. Turner welcomed 10 others, making a total of 42 new members.

Miss Dot Dorris, Portland, has joined the staff of the First church, Columbia, S. C., as educational secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd North of Nashville are the proud parents of twin girls born September 23. They have been named Sharon Kay and Karen Gay. Mr. North is student secretary for the schools of Nashville.

R. G. Shelton, the past 21 months Cumberland association missionary, resigned at that body's annual session October 3 and has accepted the pastorate of Providence church in Franklin association, Kentucky. He plans to resume his collegiate work at nearby Georgetown College at the next semester and then to go to Southern seminary, Louisville.

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES OCTOBER 1, 1950

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alcoa, Calvary	311	129	----
Athens, Antioch	120	44	----
East	371	196	4
First	547	240	----
West End Mission	99	71	----
Calhoun	106	25	----
Cotton Port	96	91	----
Englewood	129	40	----
Etowah, East	88	44	----
Etowah, First	389	109	1
Etowah, North	316	102	1
Good Springs	116	53	----
Lake View	114	85	----
New Hope	43	31	----
New Zion	77	54	----
Niota, East	144	78	----
Niota, First	143	52	----
Riceville	80	55	----
Union Grove No. 2	85	48	----
Auburntown, Prosperity	170	147	----
Benton, First	225	99	----
Brighton	261	162	----
Bristol, Calvary	410	134	----
Virginia Avenue	330	102	2
Chapel Hill, Smyrna	95	98	----
Charleston	57	16	----
Chattanooga, Avondale	653	174	----
Brainerd	499	222	6
Concord	281	92	----
East Lake	704	258	20
First	1173	296	5
Highland Park	3621	1050	56
Lupton City	139	119	----
Red Bank	689	231	8
Suck Creek	58	34	----
Cleveland, Big Spring	300	190	2
Watinville	49	40	----
Calvary	166	103	3
Clinton, First	479	130	----
Columbia, First	444	135	1
Godwin Chapel	26	----	----
Rock Springs	110	66	----
Second	178	109	13
Cookeville, Steven Street	138	65	2
Cowan	163	55	----
Decatur	117	64	----
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	162	112	----
First	670	166	----
Eagleville	108	73	----
Elizabethton, First	620	170	----
Oak Street	174	85	----
Siam	228	164	----
Erwin, Ninth Street	222	102	----
Mission	27	----	----
Fountain City, Smithwood	536	213	2
Fowlkes	104	85	----
Gallatin, First	370	104	----
Gladeville	152	78	----
Goodlettsville, Union Hill	166	76	----
Harriman, South	329	156	1
Trenton Street	595	135	10
Walnut Hill	266	108	----
Humboldt, Antioch	224	72	----
First	553	163	----
Huntsville, First	95	56	----
Jackson, Calvary	572	165	3
First	829	149	6
North	284	115	----
West	914	301	5
Jamestown, First	349	76	39
Jefferson City, First	575	337	4
Kingsport, First	741	186	4
Fort Robinson	108	69	----
Lynn Garden	375	150	7
Knoxville, Alice Bell	116	44	----
Bell Avenue	877	377	2
Broadway	1559	634	26
Churchwell Avenue	254	88	2
Fifth Avenue	980	301	6
First	1004	----	8
Inskip	472	154	3
Lincoln Park	713	212	----
McCalla Avenue	773	193	----
Mission	20	----	----
N. Fifth Avenue	87	35	3
Sevier Heights	604	253	1
Washington Pike	288	99	----
LaFollette, First	365	99	1
West	90	37	----
Lake City, First	157	50	1
Lawrenceburg, First	291	174	----
Lebanon, Cedar Grove	131	60	----
Fairview	133	68	----
First	538	169	----
Lenoir City, First	419	113	2
Kingston Pike Mission	21	----	----
Nelson Street Mission	28	----	----
Lewisburg, First	618	208	7
Lexington, First	266	47	----
Mt. Juliet	133	56	----
Malesus	104	62	----
Maryville, Broadway	387	214	2
First	783	233	----
Maynardville	173	27	----
Medina	194	124	----
Lathams Chapel	92	68	----
Memphis, Bellevue	2830	1021	12
Central Avenue	806	223	----
Elliston Avenue	166	83	----
LaBelle	818	275	34
Levi	292	185	----
Barton Heights	142	71	1
McLean	369	139	1
Chapel	82	43	----
Prescott Memorial	827	268	24
Southland	164	42	----
Speedway Terrace	1133	201	11
Temple	1545	356	6
Union Avenue	1202	324	6
Morristown, First	594	142	----
Buffalo Trail	89	61	----
Northside Mission	34	----	----
Murfreesboro, First	497	117	7
Walnut Street Mission	41	----	----
Mt. Herman	150	86	----
Powell's Chapel	112	77	----
Third	171	61	----
Westvue	600	152	2
Woodbury Road	97	67	----
Nashville, Calvary	156	83	----
Eastland	668	121	4
Edgefield	471	202	2
Grace	906	489	----
Grubbs Memorial	165	92	----
Inglewood	952	305	----
Madison, First	399	122	4
New Hope	143	106	----
North End	200	86	----
Park Avenue	674	180	----
Radnor	314	150	1
Saturn Drive	161	84	1
Shelby Avenue	427	132	----
Third	296	54	----
Westwood	113	55	12
Oak Ridge, First	626	105	3
Robertsville	404	88	----
Old Hickory, First	668	252	4
Rockwood, First	340	172	3
Rutledge, Oakland	110	64	----
Savannah, First	126	50	----
Shelbyville, Shelbyville Mills	216	76	4
Somerville, First	185	131	3
Statesville, Smith Fork	91	91	----
Tullahoma, First	283	78	3
Highland	107	62	2
Watertown, Round Lick	205	131	----
White Pine	190	75	1
Winchester, First	256	84	2

Book Reviews

BARNES' NOTES ON THE OLD TESTAMENT—Job—Vol. I and II. Baker Book House—336 & 339 pp. Price $3.00 per vol. Grand Rapids, Mich.

These two volumes, a part of a complete Bible Commentary, contain both illuminating translations and helpful comments on one of the most interesting books of the Old Testament.

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A GUIDE TO BIBLE STUDY—by Elizabeth C. Story. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Company, Grand Rapids 3, Mich. 48 pages. Price, paper binding $1.00, cloth binding with teachers' helps $1.50. Classification—Biblical History Outlines.

In *A Guide to Bible Study* you will find a clear, concise outline of Biblical History. This outline is divided into three section: Old Testament History, Inter-Testament History and New Testament History. In the back of the book are several maps to be used with these suggested outlines.

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E. L. Smothers

EXPLORING AFRICA—by H. C. Goerner. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tennessee. Price 60c.

The author of this book made a two-month tour of Europe and Africa in 1947. However, save for a "freshness and realism" made possible by the tour, he has made more of study and reading of other books for making of this volume than his short trip.

The term "The Dark Continent" is no longer to be applied to Africa; accurate maps are now available for almost every square mile of the country; the minority is yet in control in social and political life; Christian missions have had an opportunity to advance through political impact of Europe.

Africa was the second field chosen by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. One chapter is given to "Focus in Nigeria," where Baptists have done much of their work.

The author's conviction is that now is the time for advance in Africa, and names the reasons. Few fields are as ripe.

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The Survey Bulletin

by Porter Routh

Facts of Interest

It is estimated that the U. S. population will be 167 million by 1960 with 54.1 million 18 years of age and under. It is estimated that 8.1 billion dollars will be spent annually for recreation by 1960.

The average attendance at motion picture shows has dropped from 80,000,000 to 50,000,000 during the past four years. The figure represents total admissions, not number of patrons.

The retail price index gained 0.3 per cent for the month ending August 15. The figure was lower than the 1.4 per cent for the previous month. The index has climbed 29.8 per cent above June, 1946, the last month of price ceilings, and 75.5 per cent above August, 1939.

For the first time, the Nobel Peace prize has been awarded to a Negro. Dr. Ralph J. Bunche, mediator in Palestine for the United Nations, will receive the award December 10 in Oslo.

Per capita state taxes in the 48 U. S. states average $60.72 for 1949, a gain of $3.21 for the year.

In the World of Religion

Ruins of the city of Jericho, which was rebuilt about the time of Christ, have been uncovered by archaeologists.

Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin of Evanston, Ill., has been re-elected president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. The group went on record as opposed to a free beer ration for all service men in combat zones.

The Presbyterian Church of the USA will hold its 163rd general assembly May 24-30 in Cincinnati.

The United Nations General Assembly opened its fifth session at Flushing Meadow, N. Y., with silent prayer.

The 12 schools under the United Board for Christian Colleges in China have all been allowed to reopen this year.

A survey made by the Protestant Episcopal Church in the U. S. indicates that 26,242 Roman Catholics have been received for membership by the Episcopal church during the past 10 years.

Baptist Highlights

The nominating committee for a president for the new Southeastern Seminary to be located at Wake Forest has not yet reached any decision.

Robert Guy, manager of Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, has been elected administrator for the Baton Rouge Baptist Hospital in Louisiana. His successor at Ridgecrest has been nominated and will be announced by the Sunday School Board next week.

Ellis Evans, California Sunday school secretary, has accepted the position as Sunday school secretary in Alabama.

Rev. Harold U. Trinier has been elected editor of the *Canadian Baptist*.

Dr. John C. Ball, dean of Washington Baptist pastors, died in Washington. He was pastor-emeritus of the Metropolitan Church. He was pastor for 41 years before retiring six years ago.

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Missouri Baptists Change Place of Meeting

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(BP)—Because of limited hotel facilities it has been necessary to change the meeting place of the 1950 session of the Missouri Baptist General Association from Hannibal to the Third Baptist Church, St. Louis. The date will remain unchanged, October 24-26. The announcement was made by H. H. McGinty, editor, *Word and Way*.

"The Executive Board will recommend to the messengers of this, the 116th session, the largest Cooperative Program goal in the history of Missouri Baptists," McGinty said. "The board has agreed on a $900,000 objective, an increase of $100,000 over this year's aim. After fixed expenses have been deducted, this amount will be divided equally between state and Southwide causes, if the recommendation is adopted."

The special project for this year has been the raising of funds to construct the building for the Bible chair and student center adjacent to the campus of Missouri University of Columbia.

Preliminary reports indicate that the total number of baptisms this year will exceed last year's all-time high, a total of 16,895.

Republican Grove church, Concord association, has arranged a special program in celebration of their 150th anniversary on October 15. All former pastors are urged to attend. M. M. Ayres is pastor of this church whose history reaches back to 1800. He is a native of Wilson county and came from First church, Bridgeport, Ala., September 1.

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Middle Tennessee News

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On September 19 our Mid State Hospital took in 30 new student nurses, which makes 82 in all who are in training there. How we thank God for the ministry of the Mid State Hospital, of which institution Robert Murphy is the administrator. This hospital has been operated profitably and well since its inception as a Baptist institution.

Chestnut Grove church, Bledsoe association, has recently called Lawrence Dickey, a student in Cumberland university, to be their pastor, and Bro. Dickey has accepted the call.

Audry Minor, pastor Green Hill church, Nashville association, did the preaching in a recent revival meeting at the Chestnut Grove church which resulted in 12 decisions, 7 additions by baptism.

Thomas Redford who has served as pastor of the Fellowship church and part-time associational missionary of Riverside association, has accepted the care of the Gainsboro church, of the same association and reports that the work is moving along wonderfully along all lines. A very successful revival was recently enjoyed by the church in which the preaching was done by Sam T. Mayo and resulted in 12 decisions, 6 additions to the church, 3 rededications and 3 who professed their faith in Christ but have not united with the church.

Since W. C. Summar has been pastor of the First church, Franklin, great progress has been achieved by the church. There have been 195 additions in two years, 95 of whom have come into the church during this associational year. The Sunday school has been enlarged and improved and the Training Union has doubled both in enrollment and in average attendance. Such progress is of great encouragement and is to be commended.

Herbert C. Gabhart, pastor First church, Williamsburg, Ky., will lead the Immanuel church, Nashville, Gaye McGlothlen, pastor, in a series of services to begin October 15.

New Bethel church, New Duck River association, H. J. Tallent, pastor, had a great day of rejoicing on Sunday, September 24, when the church was dedicated free of debt. Thus we see completed a grand undertaking on the part of this fine rural, full-time church, which began by the construction of a lovely new church building including Sunday school facilities at a cost of approximately $16,000.00. Leonard Sanderson, pastor, Lewisburg church, preached the dedicatory message.

Remember Sunday, November 5, for that is "Dollar Day" in Middle Tennessee churches for Cumberland university. The goal is to raise one dollar for every member enrolled in the churches of this area. How marvelous it would be if over $100,000.00 is raised on that day for Cumberland, a worthy investment in eternity.

A successful and helpful school of missions has just been concluded in the churches of the New Salem association. The committee which so successfully planned the week's program was composed of the following: Dewey Robinson, Albert Jewel and Robert Delozier.

In a recent revival at the Longview church, New Duck River association, Pastor G. E. McArthur and church were assisted by Norman O. Baker, pastor, Cornersville church doing the preaching and John Watson, Ala., leading the singing. There were 11 additions to the church by baptism, one by letter and other professions of faith who did not unite with the church.

First church, Lewisburg, Leonard Sanderson, pastor, raised $121,591.69 during the past associational year, a year which saw their building completely remodeled, enlarged and entirely paid for. The budget for the next year adopted by the church calls for the challenging goal of $32,415.72 or an average offering of $623.36 per week.

A successful youth revival has just been held at the Grace church, Springfield, Elmer Mason, pastor. Glorious results came to the church as a result of this series of meetings.

Harold Tallent, pastor First church, Madisonville, Ky., will do the preaching in a series of revival services at the First church, Goodlettsville, B. Frank Collins, pastor, October 15-24.

In a special service on homecoming day at the Greenbrier church, Vern B. Powers, pastor, money was raised to retire the indebtedness on the church and in addition enough money was raised to construct a spire on the building and to provide other needed improvements.

F. Townley Lord to Help 1951 Crusade

LONDON, England—(BP)—Dr. F. Townley Lord, president of the Baptist World Alliance and editor of the British *Baptist Times*, will preach in the Southern Baptist Simultaneous Revival Campaign next spring, March 25-April 8. He will assist Southwide Baptist church, Birmingham, Ala., Dr. John H. Buchanan, pastor, the first week and First church, West Palm Beach, Fla., R. Kelley White, pastor, the second week.

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Foreign Mission Advance

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Cauthen Returns to Orient

Secretary Baker J. Cauthen, accompanied by his family, has returned to the Orient. They will live in Hong Kong.

Dr. Cauthen announced September 14 that missionaries are on their way to Singapore and Manila, and requests for entrance visas have been filed with the governments of Indonesia and India.

The Board still has 21 missionaries in Communist China and will continue to support Baptist institutions in China, even if all missionaries leave, as long as the money can be used for the progress of Christian work.

Sadler is Back in States

Secretary George W. Sadler has arrived after 15 months abroad while serving as acting president of the seminary in Switzerland.

Many Christian leaders of Europe attended the inauguration of Dr. Josef Nordenhaug as president of the seminary and expressed great interest in the institution and its effect on Europe.

Dr. Sadler recommended and the Board approved acceptance of a gift of 1,000 acres of land in Southern Rhodesia, giving Southern Baptists a third mission area in Africa. Mr. and Mrs. Clyde J. Dotson, who have served for 23 years as independent missionaries in the colony, were appointed under a five-year contract. Mr. Dotson was at one time a member of the Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham.

Nigerian Centennial

Secretary Rankin, who attended the Nigerian Centennial in August, was impressed by the great number of "Dr. Sadler's old boys" he met in Nigeria. It was a tribute to "the rich worth-whileness of what people accomplish through their missionary service in other lands," Dr. Rankin said.

In Latin America

The North Brazil Mission has been divided to form the Equatorial Mission, comprising the territory along the Amazon river and the northernmost states. This gives the Latin American area seven missions, plus the Spanish Publishing House at El Paso.

Appointments

Among ten missionary appointments during September were the first agricultural specialists ever sent out. Six will serve under contract rather than regular lifetime appointment.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Francis of Cadiz, Ky., go under contract to Israel to serve in an agricultural and teaching capacity with a cooperative farm near Tel Aviv. Mr. and Mrs. Horace W. Fite, Jr., of Crosbyton, Texas, go under contract to Interior Brazil to serve in the same capacity with a large ranch operated in connection with the Baptist school in Corrente. Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Fielden of Greeneville, Tenn., also go under contract to Brazil. Mr. Fielden is an airplane pilot and mechanic.

Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Watson of Troup, Texas, are regular appointees for Japan. Mr. Frank K. Edwards of Tuscumbia, Ala., will serve in Nigeria, where his wife, the former Miss Roberta Cox, has served as a medical missionary since 1946. Miss Wanda Ponder of Pauls Valley, Okla., will serve as a nurse in the hospital under construction in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Among the Missionaries

Missionaries who left the States by air late in August to enter the Spanish language school in Costa Rica are: Rev. and Mrs. W. P. Andrews, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Bryan, Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Cockburn, Rev. and Mrs. Ruben I. Franks, Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Hardy, Rev. and Mrs. L. J. Harper, Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Harris, Rev. and Mrs. William Hickman, Rev. and Mrs. Marlin R. Hicks, Rev. and Mrs. Garreth Joiner, Rev. and Mrs. J. Wilson Ross, and Rev. and Mrs. James O. Watson.

Leaving for Brazil recently were: Rev. and Mrs. Lester C. Bell, Rev. and Mrs. Charles Compton, Rev. and Mrs. Harvey O. Headrick, Rev. and Mrs. W. B. McNealy, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Tumblin.

For Ecuador: Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Crocker and Rev. and Mrs. William Haverfield. For Peru: Rev. and Mrs. Marion Oates. For Colombia: Miss Darline Elliott and Miss Lillian Williams. For Mexico: Miss Viola Campbell, Rev. Cecil W. Johnson.

For Nigeria: Dr. and Mrs. P. S. Cullen, Miss Georgia Miller, Rev. and Mrs. F. E. Runyan, Miss Florence Lide, Miss Helen Masters, Miss Mary Frances Page.

Miss Lora Clement left for Singapore.

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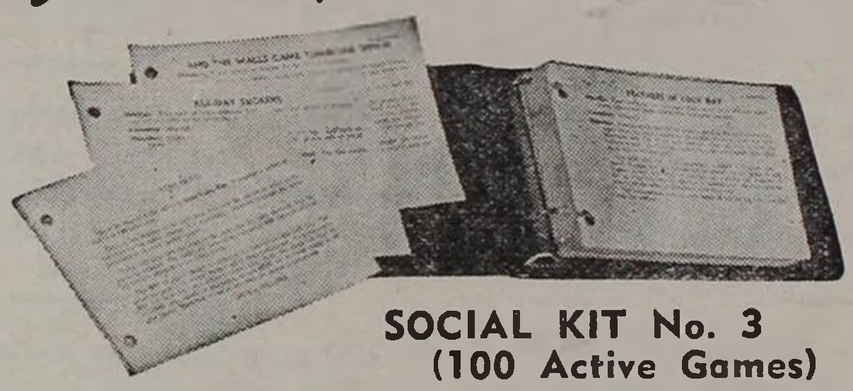

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