

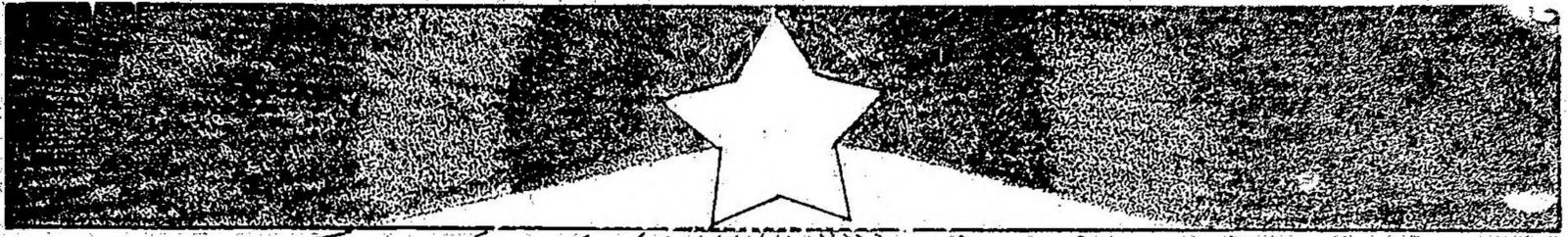
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And the angel said unto them,

Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:10-14



We Looked For Peace, **BUT...**

IT seems painfully true that, "those who neglect the past are doomed to repeat it." The fears, and frustrations, and fightings of the past continue in the present because men neglect the lesson of the past; namely this: man cannot be at peace with man till man is at peace with God. The lesson of the past is this: no new world is possible out of the old human nature. The lesson of the past is this: all human hopes will be dashed to pieces unless they are stabilized on Jesus Christ the Lord. There is no world changed for the better until people themselves are changed for the better. The problem of our world is people—people alienated from God.

Even a temporary peace and stability in our world now seems impossible though men had hoped for peace after the Second World War. And though plunged into the Korean crisis there was the hope that it would be the military action to hold the world's peace. In fact peoples are conditioned to wage war in the hope that peace will ensue. But one war breeds another, perhaps, larger war.

We have sustained sudden and serious reverses in North Korea as the Chinese Reds have broken through the United Nations' lines and have turned a hoped-for early end to the war into a conflict, which, barring diplomatic settlement, now sees no end.

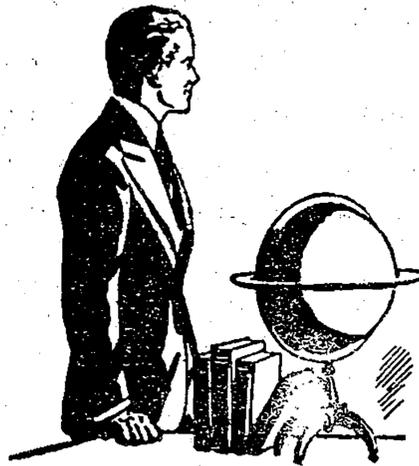
The turn of events in Korea making it "an entirely new war" enlarges the combat area and further prolongs the conflict. It will drain America still more in men, money and materiel. We approach Christmas with conditions belying the Christmas' tidings of, "Peace on earth to men of good will." We are committed to a war much larger than we foresaw, in an area where we must be handicapped with supply lines reaching half around the world, while the foe we fight is near his base. We are committed to a struggle where we may be depleting our strength in what is yet but a skirmish while the undeclared enemy conserves his strength for the battle yet to come.

All this is very sobering.

As I write this I dread what may appear in the next broadcast so ominous is this crisis. We may be in graver danger as a nation than at any time in the last six years. Communism must be met as a rising evil tide which threatens to overrun all civilization. We must meet it with *more than military might*, more than the power of man.

It is time to humbly turn to God in penitence and submission. It is time to realize that we live in a world where we alone cannot determine events as we would like. It is time to see that even though a people may desire peace, and long for peace, and seek peace in military and diplomatic terms, that there are things we of ourselves cannot control. It is time for us to put our trust where it ought to be—in God and His will and His way for us and for the nations.

Concerned as we are to win the military war and have peace with men, we must



be even more concerned for the end of men's hostilities with God, and for all men to be at peace with God. We long for military peace. We must long far more for spiritual peace. "There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked." (Isaiah 57:21)

Jeremiah voices the disappointment of the people of his day who misplaced their hopes, "*We looked for peace but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold dismay!*" (Jeremiah 8:15) Ezekiel wrote of a generation who wanted their *world outside* to be changed but would not *change within*, "Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none." (Ezekiel 7:25). Into captivity



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they were deported, and became DPs by the canal Chebar near Babylon.

Jesus wept over Jerusalem for unresponsiveness to the mercy of God extended in His Son through whom they might have had peace, "If thou hadst known in this day, even thou, the things which belong unto peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." (Luke 19:42)

Peace is a delusion, an utter impossibility, so long as the peace men want is *peace with sin* rather than *peace with God*. "The way of peace they know not; there is no fear of God before their eyes." (Romans 3:17-18) The lesson from Jeremiah's day is that men will have no peace who desire peace so as to be at ease for self-absorbed purposes. No peace was possible to them because they rejected God's word. (Jeremiah 8:9); because they dealt superficially with serious ills (Jeremiah 8:11); because they lulled themselves into a false sense of security and because they sinned without shame. (Jeremiah 8:12).

Jesus made a statement that puzzles many, "I came not to send peace, but a sword." (Matthew 10:34) Let no one seize these words as justification for war. But let none of us close our eyes to the inescapable fact of divine antagonism to evil wherever it is found and God's utter judgment upon it. The judgment of God is upon all unrighteousness and unbelief. The Lord Jesus Christ comes again as Final Judge. In Him alone is peace with God possible. The great plea is, "Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight." (II Peter 3:14)

Christian Education In America Today Is A Challenge to the Churches

Christian Education is a crucial challenge to the Churches today. Always important, Christian Education stands in strong and bold relief in these times, being at the very heart of our personal and national freedom.

As never before, we realize that freedom and life depend on what a man believes. In our own country we hear today statesmen and military leaders saying this very thing. General Hoyt Vandenburg of the United States Air Force said that we must have a strong military defense, but that our real defense is in our national righteousness. We as Christians believe that there is no righteousness within a nation or within a man as such, but that righteousness is only in obedience to Almighty God. Consequently, we believe that the only real education for life is the education by which a man comes to trust in God, and loyally to live his whole life in service to God. Whether teacher, merchant, engineer, preacher, manufacturer, bus driver, farmer, housewife, scientist, real life is in service to God Whom we know through Jesus Christ.

Another way to say this is that all of life is religious life. God who is Sovereign Creator, Governor and Redeemer, rules over all things. Our thoughts and our actions on Tuesday and Friday are judged, guided, upheld by God as surely as our thoughts and actions on Sunday. There is no division in life by which we rightly may speak of religious life on the one hand and secular life on the other. A merchant's handling of his business on Saturday is as important to God as is his prayer on Sunday. **ALL OF OUR LIVING IS IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD. LIFE HAS REAL MEANING ONLY IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOD.**

It is this realization which underlies Christian Education. This is the reason why Churches have colleges. We believe that as our children learn to earn a living, that they must learn at the same time that whatever they do has a real value and meaning just precisely as it is in obedience to God and in service to the children of God.

Unmindful of these foundation truths, some people want to know why the Church should spend a lot of time and money on colleges. Why shouldn't the State operate all the colleges? they say.

There is, you know, a serious difficulty with State-owned colleges. State-owned colleges are not simply continuations of the public schools. While a youngster is going to the public school, he is living at home and he is attending his own Sunday school and church in which he was reared. But when that youngster graduates from high school and goes on to a State-owned college, that strong home and church influence seldom is found in the State-owned college situation. Of necessity, the State-owned college itself is at best neutral toward religion. Giving the State-owned colleges full credit for their fine work in many particular areas of study, there is no way around saying with blunt frankness that many of us believe that the

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*Dr. Quillian, President of Martin College, a Methodist related school in Pulaske, Tennessee, broadcast this address over WKSJ on behalf of a Baptist school, Cumberland University. Seeing the crucial challenge to all, Dr. Quillian warns, "A failure to keep vibrantly alive our private institutions such as Cumberland University will bring a type of socialism that none of us wants—and it will be our own doing. No one can take our freedom from us if we act strongly to keep it, but we ourselves can let our freedom go."*

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State-owned colleges cannot do the job of educating as effectively as can the Church-related colleges. This is because the very heart of the matter is missing in State-owned colleges. The heart of an education that really matters is an informed and sincere commitment to Christian vocation.

Christian colleges properly take no second place in efficiency of teaching history, the sciences, and literature. To the contrary, there is ample evidence that the learning which students do in the constant consciousness that it is of God's World and God's children that they learn is learning of a higher calibre than that acquired in a less spiritually alive atmosphere.

Christian Education's crucial challenge to the Churches today is this: "Will you abandon your colleges and give over the function of higher education to the State?" The answer to this challenge has been

"Yes" too often in the past few years. Dr. W. B. Guarrant, President of Austin College, says: "Many of the Church colleges lost their 'sense of mission' in the early part of this century. Their administration became frightened at the rapid

by Dr. Joseph D. Quillian

rise of the Tax-Supported Institutions and rather frantically began to copy the curriculum emphasis of these institutions in a losing fight to hold their own students and financial support. Others relinquished their church relationship with the hope of a more general public support. Ample evidence of this is found in a study of the catalogues of these colleges. In one year alone, fifteen of the Church colleges in the South closed their doors.

In years ago, Church colleges could depend on a few wealthy men to supply their endowments and to give them current support. Today the high rate of taxes makes this impossible. If Church colleges are to live today, they cannot look for \$10,000.00 from one man, but rather the Church college must look for \$1.00 each from 10,000 people. It is with this realization that Cumberland University has appealed to the Baptists of Middle Tennessee to give \$1 each or more to improve the Cumberland University facilities.

It is not putting it too strongly to say that each Baptist who fails to contribute is casting a vote for the death of Church colleges and for governmental control of all education. Let me write this on your minds in large, bold letters: *A failure to keep vibrantly alive our private institutions such as Cumberland University will bring a type of socialism that none of us wants—and it will be our own doing. No one can take our freedom from us if we act strongly to keep it, but we ourselves can let our freedom go.*

With wholehearted enthusiasm, I, as the President of a Methodist College, appeal to Baptists to support now and through the years the Baptist Cumberland University.

Let the Baptists be the Baptists and let the Methodists be the Methodists, and let us be determined and effective Christians together in the strong support of our respective Christian colleges.

Why Stand Ye Here?

Meeting in 50th anniversary gathering, Nashville association was inspired by Dr. Gaye L. McGlothlen's sermon (here given in part) October 19, at Eastland church. Dr. McGlothlen is pastor of Immanuel church where the association met 50 years ago for organization.

by Gaye L. McGlothlen

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye here gazing up into heaven?" (Acts 1: 11).

There is a certain "togetherness" in Christianity. It is expressed in the relationship between one Christian and another on a human plane. It is demonstrated in the relationship between a Christian and his heavenly Father. As Christians we are "together" with him.

In human terms this relationship is illustrated in the experience of an outstanding Baptist theologian of another century. Living in Scotland as a lad of fifteen, he went each week from the farm to the near-by town to work during the weekdays.

He returned for Saturday and Sunday to be spent with his parents at home. On one week as he left, his father asked young Alexander Maclaren to return home on Friday night instead of waiting until Saturday morning. Young Maclaren demurred since he knew that leaving the town after work on Friday would bring him to a deep ravine which separated the highway from the farm at about dusk on Friday night, and he did not relish going through the path in the dark ravine at night. But his father insisted and he finally agreed. When Friday came, with heavy heart and heavy feet he started home. And just as dusk was turning into darkness he arrived at the path which led down into the valley toward his home. As he was about to enter the path, he heard the sure steady beat of footfalls coming toward him. His heart began to miss some beats but as the steps came nearer there seemed to be a certain familiarity about them and within a few moments from out of the shadows appeared the form of his father. With no word revealing the fact that the father expected the son to be afraid, he merely greeted his child with the words, "It is so good to have you home. I just came over to the highway to walk home with you." As Maclaren tells the story later, he clasped his father's hand and without fear of wild beasts or any other force marched down into the valley in the darkness confident that because his hand was in his father's hand, there could be no danger to him. He and his father were together.

The spiritual togetherness of which I speak existed from the beginning of the Christian movement; the early disciples were with Jesus. This togetherness lasted to the end, to the ascension. It lasts to the end, to the eternity that is beyond each of us.

With mingled emotions the early dis-

ciples came to the Mount of Ascension, heard their Master speak the words of a commission and saw him disappear in the clouds of glory, and then came the voice, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye here gazing up into heaven?"

A Great Work in the Past

Those disciples undoubtedly turned their thoughts backward to the unorganized beginning of their cooperative work with the Master. Each had felt his call and had surrendered to him leaving families, business, and friendships. They had seen the Master perform miracles and had heard him speak wonderful words of life. At Cana, Jericho, and Jerusalem they had walked and talked with him.

All the while the Master was leading them into an appreciation of what he was attempting to do. An organization which he called his church was being developed, and they were working together with him in establishing it. There is no need now to get involved in any argument attempting to set a date in history when Jesus formally established his church. I like to think of this great creative act of Christ's as having taken place quietly but steadily and surely. The idea set forth by one of my teachers makes plausible sense to me as he took each of the chapters in Matthew and pointed out the in each of these twenty-eight sections of this Gospel, there was something specifically set forth showing how Jesus was using these events for teachings to establishing his church. The standards of citizenship in his Kingdom, the Sermon on the Mount, occurs early in this book. The sixteenth chapter brings us to the great confession of Peter and the affirmation of Jesus that upon men who can make such statements as these He will build his church. The book concludes with one of the most famous commissions our Lord ever gave, that which we call the Great Commission.

These disciples stood on the Mount of Ascension remembering these and other events that took place during the three and a half years preceding this episode.

Baptists of Nashville Association stand at a similar transition point in their history. In imagination may our minds turn backward fifty years ago to the date of our beginning in an organized way?

Religion was playing a vital part in the life of Nashville in 1900.

But perhaps for us the most significant event was that in this year on September 27 in the Immanuel Baptist Church the Nashville Association of Baptist Churches

was organized. T. B. Ray, the pastor, invited the brethren from the near-by churches to this organizational meeting, assuring them that their horses would be cared for. They met in the little red brick church which stood on the ground where Immanuel's educational building stands now.

Nashville with 80,865 population had only eight Baptist churches in the city. Four of these, First, Centennial, Immanuel, Howell Memorial (later Park Avenue) sent messengers to this organizational meeting as did three churches in the county, Mill Creek, Gallatin, and Dickson.

We do well this morning to remember the antecedents of our present organization.

Why stand ye here?

A Great Work for the Future

The disciples gathered there on the Mount of Ascension would leave this peak of experience to pray and to preach at Pentecost. They would go into Jerusalem, into Judea, into Samaria, and into the uttermost parts of the world. They would plant—there would be folks like Paul. They would water—there would be people like Apollos. They would see the increase result from their labors—God would still bless faithful service. They would die as martyrs to their faith. On flaming pyres in parallel columns in Rome, Christians would be burned at the stake as an emperor would ride in great sport between the columns, rejoicing in the persecution he had ordered.

Disciples of the ascended Lord would go to Rome, on into Central Europe, on to England, and from thence to America. They would come into the Colonies of Virginia, into North Carolina, and into that part of the nation which later would become Tennessee. They would carry their church with them and build buildings in which to worship.

And disciples meeting here in this annual Association likewise face an important and strategic future. Is our work done? Are there no more worlds to conquer spiritually?

Walk by Nashville's bus station at midnight and see if you can answer this question. The evidences of drunkenness and sin in this and other sections of our city answer back, there is work to be done. Go to our penal institutions, hospitals, and other social agencies and conditions revealed there indicate other work to be

done. Go into our new residential areas where thousands upon thousands of citizens are moving into their new homes and the answer comes back, more work yet to be done in the future.

Inspiration of the Present

These disciples as they stood there seeing their Lord rise to glory had gone through the dark hours of the crucifixion. They had had a sense of defeat as the One whom they had followed cried from his cross, "It is finished." They had gone through the dark hours of the entombment, discouraged and disillusioned as the Lord of their life lay still in the tomb of death.

But they likewise had gone through the bright hours of his resurrection appearances. They remembered how he had appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to Peter, to the two disciples on the Emmaus way, to the ten apostles, then to the eleven apostles, then to seven of the apostles fishing on the Sea of Galilee, then to the eleven apostles on the mountain in Galilee, to the five hundred brethren, and to James, the half-brother of the Lord. And now they were standing in an inspiring scene on the Mount of Ascension. Their feeling of defeat had been turned into promises of victory.

As Baptists of our Association gather in this annual meeting there is an inspiration. Anniversaries always have value to the discerning person. The value of a backward and a forward look is offered.

We stand here in the inspiration of our heart-warming fellowship. A fellowship created in an organization composed of sixty-five churches and 36,000 members who have given a million and a half dollars in gifts. We have the inspiration of the fellowship of a great people who have believed definite things as taught by their Lord and have stated their firm convictions of these beliefs. We have the fellowship of a great purpose, the purpose of evangelizing the lost and cultivating the saved. We have the fellowship of a great history as the spiritual forbears of our Baptist faith have labored well. We have the fellowship of a great Founder, none other than the Lord Jesus himself, the chief cornerstone of our faith and of our churches.

It is the inspiration of a call to prayer and penitence. We need to remind ourselves over and over that the words of Zechariah (4:6) still prevail, "Not by might nor by power but by my spirit, saith the Lord." There is inspiration in

the knowledge that unto us as Christians has been committed the eternal words of life, words that have the power of carrying the message of redemption to lost, blind, erring people. There is inspiration in seeing doomed sinners become crowned saints.

I recall a story concerning one of the masterpieces of sculpture created by Gutzon Borglum who was a rising young sculptor in the year 1900. A nationwide contest had been announced, stating that the best statue of Lincoln which would be created in observance of the centennial of the birth of the Great Emancipator would be awarded an appropriate prize. Borglum wanted to enter the contest but he lacked the funds to secure what he thought would be appropriate material out of which to make his statue. He happened to pass by the seafront where ships from Europe came to America and noticed some granite blocks which had been used as ballast in a ship coming from Greece. The blocks had no value to their owners and he was given permission to take one of them to the poorly equipped room which he called his studio. After laboring earnestly and well, from out of the worthless Greek granite came the now famous bust of Lincoln by Borglum. It is on display in Washington, D. C. and still brings a thrill to all who view it. The piece of art was entered in the contest and won the prize. Shortly after the decision was announced Borglum wrote a letter to President Roosevelt requesting that he might be permitted to do the work over in lasting marble. But Roosevelt replied that the creative work of the artist had all the more meaning when he learned that it had been made out of something that had been cast aside as without value.

In this business of preaching, teaching, and winning to Christ we likewise are engaged in the task of taking that which has been cast aside as worthless and even as hopeless—lives of sinners doomed in sin—and see in them the marvelous miracle of re-creation take place as God re-makes a masterpiece of personality out of something that had no eternal value before.

Why do we Baptists stand here? We stand to look backward and to look forward and to receive the inspiration of the present moment. We are here to be challenged with the truth that we are builders, laborers, workers—together with God himself building upon the foundation, Christ. There is a "togetherness" in this spiritual experience and we stand here together today to face that fact anew.

World Life and Religion

RUSSIA'S ATOM BOMBS—Russia is making four atom bombs a month and will be ready for war by 1952, according to Kenneth de Courcy, editor of the London *Intelligence Digest*. This is the man who reported an atomic explosion in Russia last year just before Mr. Truman's official announcement. Where shall we hide for safety? In the Rock of Ages!

CHILDREN SMOKERS—Smoking among South Africa's children has increased so much in the last ten years that the National Council for Child Welfare is urging legislation to prohibit the sale of cigarettes and tobacco to them. This will soon be an American headache unless something stops the present trend.

MARTIN NIEMOELLER—This famous German preacher and survivor of concentration camps was recently howled down by his former congregation in Berlin when he made derogatory remarks concerning the English and the Americans. Some of the participants in a conference of the Evangelical Church of Germany consider that Pastor Niemoeller's oral and published statements on politics merit his dismissal from the post as head of the so-called Foreign Office of the Church.

THE FUTURE—Nobel prize winner Bertrand Russell, lecturing recently at Columbia University, said: "The near future must either be much better or much much worse than the past. Which it is to be will be decided by the whim of a few individuals." No, Mr. Russell, not by a few individuals. The future is still in the hands of God! Thank God!

PERSECUTED CATHOLICS—On Nov. 16th, the Pope warned Catholic Bishops that the Roman church, persecuted in many countries, should expect further attacks. Wish he would insist that the Bishops stop persecuting Baptists and others on certain mission fields that could be named.

A CHURCH GOLF COURSE—The other day a Philadelphia Presbyterian church sold its golf course and country club for \$250,000! It seems that a slot machine had slipped into the club and the locker room was housing a "nineteenth hole" without church approval. The report did not indicate just where in the Great Commission a country club and golf course were found.

REVIVAL OF RELIGION—The Associated Managing Editors' Convention in Atlanta recently agreed that there was a revival of religious interest in every section of the country. One editor's comment: "When the devil is scared, the devil a saint would be." Dr. Reinhold Niebuhr, professor in Union Theological Seminary, New York City, disagrees in an article in the *New York Times Magazine*. Says he: "The evidences of a contemporary revival of religion are not conclusive. There are certain marked tendencies in both the cultural and the popular interests of our day which would seem to prove the reality of such a revival. But it is not possible for a contemporary observer of any 'tendency,' whether in politics or religion, to offer conclusive proof of the reality of any 'movement.' From the depths of our soul, we hope that Dr. Niebuhr is wrong and the editors are right."

BROTHERHOOD OF MAN—President Truman received a scroll the other day from the United Synagogue of America praising him for his courage in "giving reality to America's faith in the fatherhood of God by establishing upon the earth the brotherhood of man." Did you have to read that sentence again? We did too. And it sounds like tommyrot to us.

PRAYER AND BOWLING—Cincinnati high school students participating in a discussion of "What is the Greatest Influence on Youth Today?" agreed that the church, synagogue, school and home exerted a broad influence on their lives. "The weight of argument, however, apparently leaned toward religion, provided it was prepared to augment its spiritual emphasis with a down-to-earth interest in youth." As one 17-year-old put it, "Prayer and bowling alleys make an excellent combination."

FREE HYMNS—Dr. L. S. Hunter, Bishop of Sheffield, England, thinks that copyrights on hymns and hymn tunes are "not merely a confounded nuisance, but a sin." He says that writers should feel bound to offer their work freely to the service of the church. Doesn't seem quite right to have to pay somebody a royalty for praising God to his tune, does it?

SEX—Dr. Alfred C. Kinsey, university professor and author of an horrible best-seller on sex behavior, recently clashed with U. S. customs officers who refused to pass a bundle of "obscene" pictures from Europe, according to United Press. The professor said that they were needed in his "work." We would say that that kind of "work" is not needed.

TELEVISION—Parents and teachers at the recent Boys' and Girls' Book Fair held in New York City complained that television was crowding books out of children's lives. Said one, "Children are in such a hurry to get everything over with, and television makes stories so much shorter than books." Said another, "I wouldn't have a television in my house." Whatever may be said for television, some of the programs are of no spiritual benefit to our youngsters. Parents, who have television sets, should get on their knees every time they turn the things on.

WOMEN AND COMMUNISM—Mrs. Eugene Meyer, wife of the chairman of the board of the *Washington Post*, speaking on Barnard College's Political Institute program on "Women in Public Life," said: "If freedom is crushed in Europe and Asia by the undeniable dynamism of the Communist enemy, all the great progress that women have made here at home and abroad will be crushed by the worst form of man-made tyranny the world has ever seen." Oh, women, flee to Christ!

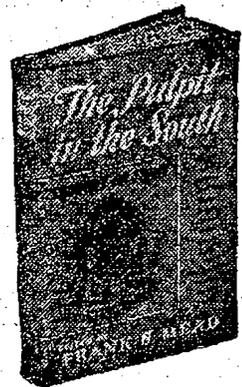
"REAL CAUSES" OF CONFLICT—Francis B. Sayre, representative on the United Nations Trusteeship Council, speaking at the annual luncheon of the Protestant Teachers Association of New York City, declared that the "real causes" of the world's current conflict are spiritual rather than political. "Therefore the genuine solution, if it is to be effective, cannot be other than a spiritual one." He then insisted that Christian principles must "undergird and shape" secular education. Of course he is right. Nothing else ever has been right.

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VICTORIOUS DAILY LIVING

One of the most important characteristics of the Christian religion is the quality of living that it furnishes for those who most closely approximate the teachings of its Founder. This is to be seen especially in their reverses, disappointments, sufferings and sorrows and how they react to the same. Nowhere did Jesus say that His followers would be spared from these, but He did promise to be with them in such experiences to guide and strengthen. "In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world" (Jn. 16:33b). He concluded the Sermon on the Mount with the story of the wise and foolish builders, suggesting that the same storms and rains would descend upon both houses and that one would stand and the other would fall because of the differences in their foundations (Mt. 7:24-27). Christians may and should reflect God's glory when they meet the storms of life in the light of the teachings of both Paul and James, from whose writings we secure our passages.

Buffeted But Buoyant (II Cor. 11:18-30)

Some people like to boast of their advantages and successes, but the Apostle boasts of his disadvantages and failures (if seen from the purely human point of view). It strikes us as a strange line of reasoning until we catch his marvelous spirit. Then we are carried along with his divinely-wrought enthusiasm, and made to rejoice in it.

Next he gives a partial list of his sufferings and privations that he had encountered in his daily living. It is a grim catalogue. Beatings, perils of various kinds, hunger, cold and nakedness are mentioned; to which is added the care of the churches in various parts of the Mediterranean world. There is no hint whatsoever of a soft or sheltered life in the description. On the contrary, everything points to a rugged type of experiences, adventurous and dangerous.

Is the great missionary and preacher, Paul, depressed and discouraged because of what he encounters? Far from it. His attitude in it all and through it all can be expressed in the little chorus, "Are we downhearted? No, no, no." Buffeted but buoyant is becoming. Kansas' state seal has the inscription, "Ad astra per aspera" (to the stars through difficulties). Faith in God generates such an attitude.

Persecuted But Perfected (II Cor. 12:8-10)

The Bible nearly always means maturity when speaking of perfection, and it is in this sense that the term is used in these notes here. We, with Paul, need to grow up and to mature. Persecutions and afflictions, of one sort or another, are God's appointed means for our spiritual maturation. When such reverses come to us and we respond to them as did our Lord we may be sure that we are arriving at some degree of maturity in the process. For it is

written even concerning Him, "For it became him . . . in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10).

The Apostle suggests that the emptying of his life of self enables the filling of it with Christ, and that such trials as he was called upon to endure had brought about such a result. This is a sound concept and should therefore be looked for by each of us today.

The Young South

When you select cards to send to your friends at Christmas time, what type cards do you look for? Of course a lot of depends upon the person to whom you will send the card. And a lot depends upon you. Some cards are just more suitable than others.

I like to feel that the cards I receive bring personal messages just for me—that they were chosen with me in mind. I like to know that the sender means what the printed message says.

Christmas cards seem a bit more important than cards for other special occasions. Christmas greetings are more than friendly personal messages. They are more than good wishes for happy times at the Christmas season. These friendly good wishes are one way we may remind ourselves and others of the happiest time of all—the time of Jesus' birth. They are really sort of thank-you's for the Saviour who was born on that first Christmas long ago.

I was glad to read recently that leading greeting card manufacturers had received many requests this year for more religious cards. In response to that request, a large per cent of this year's cards have on them Scripture verses or religious pictures.

Of course, most Young South boys and girls do not have to be reminded of the real meaning of Christmas. But perhaps through cards and gifts they can help their friends to remember, too.

If the cards you bought do not have Bible verses, perhaps you would like to add one.

I hope you are making some of your cards. Did you save some of the prettiest cards which you received last Christmas? This year you may share them with another friend. Carefully unfold the card and cut away the inside section. On the inside of the remaining picture folder, write your very own Christmas greeting. You might use a Bible verse about the first Christmas, or a happy wish in Bible words. Here are a few which I have used. You will think of others.

The Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 1 John 4:14.

Tested But Triumphant (Jas. 1:2-4)

The Bible is filled with persons who illustrate this idea. Among them are Joseph who was sold as a slave into Egypt but became its prime-minister, David who began his military career as a fugitive fleeing from jealous Saul but became Israel's great leader and king, and the Apostle John who while imprisoned on Patmos wrote one of the greatest and most triumphant letters in all of the Bible.

The key word in this passage is translated in the King James Version as "patience" although it could just as accurately be translated as "endurance" or "steadfastness." The translations remind of the idea of strength of character without which the person is strikingly lacking. And so James says, "But let patience (steadfastness) have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing." Tested soldiers are seasoned soldiers, with combat experience, and can be counted on to stand or to advance by their commanders. And this is the fundamental meaning of triumph so far as Christian soldiers are concerned.

God . . . loved us, and sent his Son. 1 John 4:10.
Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,
. . . for unto you is born this day . . . a
Saviour which is Christ the Lord. 2:10-11.

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace,
good will toward men. Luke 2:14.

The Lord bless thee and keep thee. Numbers
6:24.

You may prefer to make your entire card. Fold a sheet of paper halfway—from top to bottom. Then fold again—left to right. You may cut from magazines or old Christmas cards appropriate pictures to paste outside, then write a message inside. Silver stars on blue paper make pretty cards. If you do not have stars, make some with tinfoil wrappers from chewing gum or candy. Or use the tinfoil to make a silver border, by placing the foil inside the folder card.

Of course, there are many other designs. You have probably thought of several since you started reading this column. If you begin right away, there will be time to make as many cards as you need. You will have fun doing it. And your friends will treasure your card for a long time. Let Christmas cards help you share the Christmas story with its message of joy and peace!

AUNT POLLY

Archie Rye Ordained

The Gum Spring church of Judson association ordained Archie Rye to the ministry on December 2. Fred W. Dies, pastor of the church, acted as moderator and led in the questioning of the candidate. Garner Swift, pastor of Immanuel church in Cumberland association, was elected clerk. The ordaining message and charge to the candidate was given by George B. Hyler of the Gracey Avenue church in Clarksville. The prayer of ordination was prayed by David Pittman of Dalton, Ga. Garner Swift presented Bro. Rye with a Bible. Others helping with the service were J. B. Suiter, Wallace Kelly, W. J. Weatherford, George L. Black, S. F. Black, and J. P. Hays.



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Christmas For the Indians

Would you like to help your missionaries to the Indians at Christmas time? In New Mexico, we were told, that it would be a great help if Christmas packages could be wrapped and on the outside, list what it contained so the missionaries would know how to distribute them. Sweet smelling soap, tooth paste, tooth brushes, washcloths, toys of any kind are greatly appreciated. By having a treat at Christmas it helps the missionaries make contacts that often result in conversions.

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My Trip Through the West

When Miss Alma Hunt asked me to represent the Southern Union in a series of W. M. U. institutes in the West, of course, I was happy over the opportunity. The State W. M. U. granted me a month's leave of absence, so on November the fourth, I left Nashville for my first engagement in New Mexico. Miss Eva Inlow, W. M. U. Secretary, had planned a state institute at Portales. All the associational officers were invited to spend the days together to study the needs of their field. The state paid for a car from each association. It was a worthwhile, busy time we spent together. Each state officer had her associational officers for conferences at stated times. I taught the W. M. U. manual to the entire group and as it was a meeting of leaders it was a most responsive group.

Thanks to Miss Inlow, the W.M.U. secretary, and Miss Bernice Elliott, the Young People's Leader, I was privileged to do some sight-seeing in their car before leaving for Arizona. We went to Carlsbad Cavern, Taos, Glorieta, the Western Assembly Ground, El Alamos, where the atom bomb is assembled, to the Indian centers in Santa Fe and Albuquerque.

One of the many joys was visiting with Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Inlow. Dr. Inlow was once pastor of Nashville, First and Bellevue, Memphis. He and Mrs. Inlow have not been well, but are able to enjoy living in sunny New Mexico.

A very busy week was spent in Arizona. I taught the manual every day in different associational meetings and spoke several nights. No time for sight-seeing, but I enjoyed the long rides over the hills and mountains and eating fresh dates and ripe olives in the hospitable homes. I did get to see Grand Canyon College at Prescott, where several Tennesseans are teaching. To prove I was busy, I was in sixty miles of Grand Canyon and did not have time to see it. Fortunately, I did see it years ago!! Every meeting was well attended. Mrs. Chas. Griffin, the new secretary, is greatly beloved and admired.

I met Tennesseans at every church. Some had been out there for years, but all gave a royal welcome to one from back home.

In California, ten days were spent riding with Mrs. W. C. Howell, the W.M.U. secretary. She is a native of Alamo, Tennessee. What a happy time we have had together.

Headquarters for California is at Fresno. On Sunday afternoon we visited a Buddhist temple in Fresno. There are a great number of Orientals in this state. In Berkeley, we visited the Baptist International House, where splendid work is done for foreigners. The Home Mission Board has bought this house with the Annie Armstrong Offering. It is serving a large number of students at University of California as well as other orientals.

(continued next week)

The Survey Bulletin

by Porter Routh

Facts of Interest

... The wholesale commodity price index (1926 equal 100) hit a record high of 171.1 on November 18, compared with 168.7 on Oct. 21, and 151.6 on Nov. 19, 1949.

... Southern agriculture took a shot in the arm and cotton prices soared above 45 cents a pound. A year ago the price was just under 30 cents a pound.

... The Interstate Commerce Commission has issued orders to railroads to drop segregation of white and Negro travelers on interstate dining cars.

... A recent survey by the *Chicago Daily News* of five public high schools in Chicago indicated that more than half of those questioned were casual drinkers, one out of five of the teen-agers had been drunk at least once.

In the World of Religion

... The Russell Sage Foundation reports that giving in the United States has increased from \$1,200,000,000 in 1929 to \$4,000,000,000 in 1949. The Foundation reports that 60 per cent of the philanthropy in the U.S. comes from those with annual incomes of less than \$3,000, while 82 per cent of the total comes from those with less than \$5,000 annual income.

... The Sage Foundation report indicates that those with net incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 give the smallest percentage of their income to their church and to charities, only 1.9 per cent on an average.

... The Foundation report reveals that the average family of four with an income of \$5,004 spent \$96.89 for contributions in 1949, while it spent \$111 for tobacco, \$218 for alcoholic beverages, and through taxes it spent \$376 for national defense, \$120 to aid European recovery through the Marshall Plan, and \$58 for social security payments to the needy, aged, dependent children and the blind.

... A recent Detroit survey indicated that only 3 per cent of the population of that city expressed no church preference, 54 per cent expressed Protestant preference, 38 per cent Roman Catholic.

Baptist High Lights

... The First Baptist Church of Savannah celebrated its 150th anniversary on Nov. 26.

... Texas Baptists will seek to win 250,000 to Christ during the next year. William Fleming was re-elected president. More than 12,000 heard Billy Graham in closing address to Convention.

... Herbert W. Ludwig, retired government employee, was elected president of the District of Columbia Baptist Convention. It was reported that the Baptist Building, which also houses the Baptist World Alliance and the Public Relations offices, would be free of debt within the next few months.

... H. C. Price was re-elected president of Oregon-Washington Baptists. C. E. Boyle was named editor of the *Pacific Coast Baptist*. Former editor Bob Hite was elected superintendent of evangelism.

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Eight group conferences were scheduled throughout the association during the week. Pastors, Sunday school superintendents, Cradle Roll and Nursery workers were present in the conferences. Churches without these departments were urged to send representatives to the meetings. The climax of the week was an association-wide banquet held at Calvary Church in Jackson. Mrs. W. L. Blankinship, who conducted the conferences during the week, was the inspirational speaker for the banquet.

It is hoped that many associations will plan a Cradle Roll-Nursery Emphasis Week.

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Sunday School Calendar—1951

- Sunday School Bible Study Week.....Jan. 1-5
- Vacation Bible School Conference.....Jan. 24-25
- Sunday School Evangelistic Week.....Feb. 4-9
- Take a CensusFeb. 4

Churches to study,

- Place of S. S. in Evangelism.....Feb. 5-9
- State Sunday School Convention (Nashville)Feb. 14-15-16
- Complete Plans for Vacation Bible SchoolMarch 12-16
- S. S., Home and Foreign Mission DayMarch 25
- Intermediate Sunday School DayApril 22
- Sunday School Summer Workers' ConferenceMay 28-31
- Associational Officers' Conference, RidgecrestMay 31-June 5
- Sunday School Conference of VolunteersJune 13-15
- Christian Education WeekJune 24
- S. S., Ridgecrest, First Week, (Tennessee Goal—400)June 14-20
- S. S., Ridgecrest, Second Week (Tennessee Goal—400)June 21-27
- S. S., Ridgecrest, Third Week (Tennessee Goal—400)June 28-July 4

- Churches select S. S. Nominating Com.July 8
- S. S. Camp., Linden (Goal—250 for wk.)July 30-Aug. 4
- S. S. Camp., Carson (Goal—250 for wk.)Aug. 6-10
- S. S. State Planning MeetingAug. 23
- Intermediate Emphasis WeekSept. 2-8
- Sunday School Regional Planning Meetings
 - North CentralSept. 3
 - South EasternSept. 4
 - NortheasternSept. 6
 - EasternSept. 7
 - South CentralSept. 10
 - CentralSept. 11
 - NorthwesternSept. 13
 - SouthwesternSept. 14
- Sunday School Promotion DaySept. 30
- State Missions in the Sunday School.....Oct. 21

Missionaries Attacked in Brazil

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Two Southern Baptist missionaries in Brazil were attacked on October 21 by a native mob and forced to flee for their lives, the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs disclosed here.

The Committee said that, according to a report it had received from the foreign mission board of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Rev. Clem D. Hardy and Miss Dorothy Donnelly were assaulted while attending a meeting at Manaus in Amazonas Province.

The mob was believed to have been seeking Dr. Goia Martins, a native Baptist pastor, when it stormed the meeting.

First Church, Cleveland, L. B. Cobb, pastor, will dedicate Dec. 17 their new Baldwin grand piano and new Baldwin electronic organ.

First Church, Yoakum, Texas, has been led during the past year by Pastor P. O. Davidson, formerly of Tennessee, in efforts which have been blessed of the Lord with 72 additions, the construction of a Mexican mission and employment of full-time Mexican pastor, and the support of two Chinese students at Southwestern Seminary.

Ramsey Pollard, pastor of Broadway Church, Knoxville, did the preaching in a revival at the University Church, Abilene, Texas, Sterling L. Price, pastor. There were 78 additions to the church, 35 of these came by baptism. Bro. Price was formerly pastor at First Church, Athens.

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Mr. Finch attended Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, Oklahoma and the New York Institute of Photography of New York City. He is the photographer for the Baptist Sunday School Board. We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.



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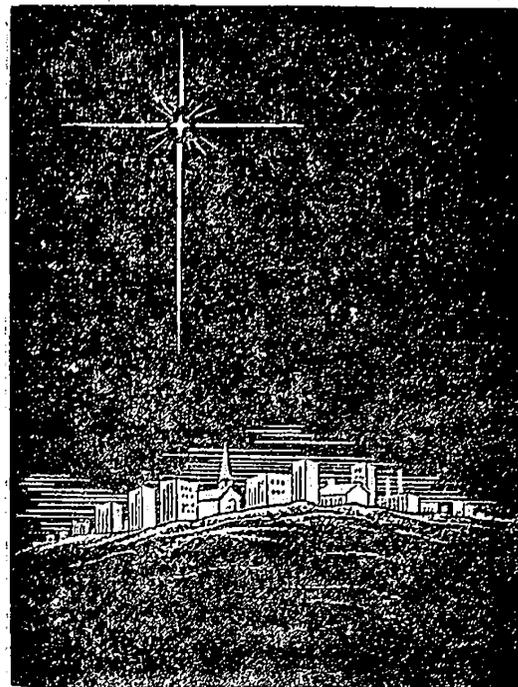
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With the pastor, set aside a week early in JANUARY, 1951, in the church calendar for the launching of the BIBLE READING CRUSADE and for BIBLE EMPHASIS WEEK, an all-church study course promoted jointly through the Training Union and the Sunday school.

Ask the pastor to appoint a committee to plan BIBLE EMPHASIS WEEK, and a committee to plan the BIBLE READING CRUSADE. Let these form a joint committee to promote the church-wide project. The plan should be fully explained in the church bulletins prior to the week. Posters and bulletin

boards should carry announcements. A mimeographed or printed leaflet giving all the facts concerning the joint endeavor might well be distributed through all the organizations. Goals by departments should be suggested in this material, both for attendance at the school and for commitment to Bible reading. It would also be well to set up goals for unions and classes. Commitment cards should be on hand before Beginning Sunday. If desired, these and Bible Readers' Guides can be obtained free by writing your state Training Union Director. Sufficient visitors should be enlisted prior to this Sunday and a lunch planned for them near the church, (each could bring a sandwich) so that the canvass can be made immediately afterward. The church calendar should be cleared for the week. All organizations, including the W.M.U. and the Brotherhood should be urged to promote this Bible emphasis. Approach this week as something important, like a revival. Expect a great week. Work for it. Great blessings will come.



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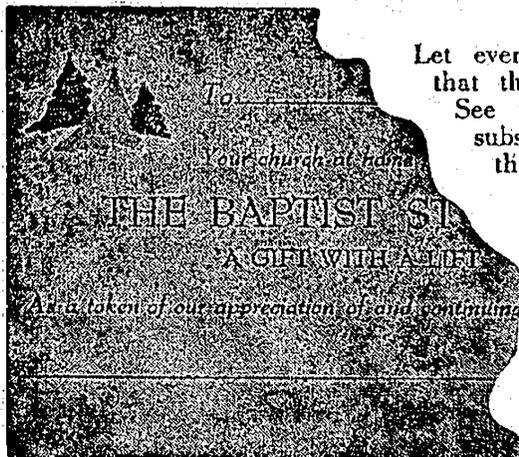
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West Tennessee NEWS

by Edwin E. Deusner

For the first time since coming back to Tennessee from Texas in 1923, Pastor J. G. Hughes, Union Avenue Church, Memphis, missed the Knoxville convention. Last year's meeting in Nashville was the 27th he had attended without an absence. We all missed his presence a great deal this year.

The annual Thanksgiving service for Shelby County Baptists was held at Union Avenue this year with Pastor D. M. Renick, LaBelle, as the preacher.

Ira Singleton, a special worker in Beulah association, and David Smith, of Jackson, supplied the First Church pulpit, at Union City, W. A. Boston, pastor, on November 5.

Miss Ruth Harris, Youth Director at First Church, Paris, O. E. Turner, pastor, and John R. Myers, Educational Director at Calvary Church, Jackson, James A. Canady, pastor, were among those from West Tennessee, who participated in the great city-wide clinic in Mobile recently.

First Church, Saltillo, in Beech River association, was organized with three members on October 15, 1947. Now, three years later, they have 36 members and have a building program underway. Lack of funds has caused the building construction to cease for the present. Pastor Elvis McCord and this heroic band of Baptists are doing a noble work.

Evangelist Homer E. Kirkpatrick, favorably known in West Tennessee, has been in some good meetings recently. He was with Prescott Memorial Church, Memphis, Charles Morgan, pastor, September 17-October 1; at Twenty-third and Broadway, Louisville, Herman E. Rowlett, pastor, from October 22-November 3; and with Central Church, Muskogee, Oklahoma, George C. Boston, pastor, November 5-19. He was with First Church, Madison, Oscar Nelson, pastor, November 26-December 10.

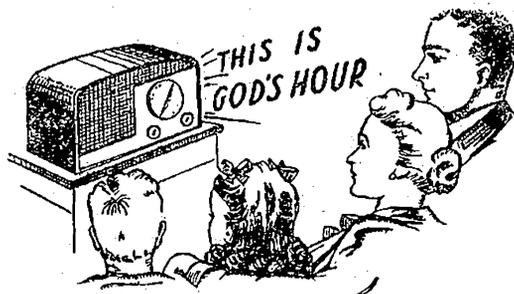
Pastor O. E. Turner observed his fifth anniversary at First Church, Paris, on November 12. During the five years there have been 421 additions; gifts for all purposes were around \$150,000 with nearly 50% of this amount going to mission causes; Sunday school attendance has increased from 300 to 574, and Training Union from 30 or 40 to something better than 100. Bro. and Mrs. Turner are greatly beloved by their people.

Pastor R. G. Lee was the recipient of numerous gifts from members of Bellevue Church on the occasion of his birthday, November 11. Included in the array were handkerchiefs, books, gold cuff links, an alarm clock, a radio, a television set, sorghum molasses and slippers.

Selmer, Howard S. Kolb, pastor, recently installed a new Wicks pipe organ with chimes. "Already, this organ has brought about a revival in our music," Bro. Kolb says.

McNairy association recently had a Simultaneous Stewardship Revival. Assisting in this effort were: John Myers, James Deming and Charles Butler, of Calvary Church, Jackson; C. C. Latta and B. J. Barnette, of West Jackson; W. F. Jones and Homer Waldrop, of First Church, Jackson; George Brown and Robert Brown, Raleigh; C. N. Paris, Sr., Adamsville; H. H. Carman, Selmer; and E. C. Sisk, Lebanon.

Russell Rogers, who has served as Weakley county associational missionary the past two years, was ordained to the gospel ministry by Oak Grove church October 15, with K. L. Moore preaching the ordination sermon after questioning led by A. B. Adams. Leading in the prayer was Pastor Fred Wood of Dresden church. The charges were given by A. W. Porter to the church and by Stephen Cobb to the candidate while the Bible was presented by Jack McClain.



At the recent meeting of Shelby County association, it was revealed that nearly all of the 96 cooperating churches were either in a building program, had just completed a building program, or were collecting funds for a future building program.

The new Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, was formally opened Sunday, November 19. In spite of the tremendous size of the building, there was an overflow crowd on hand. Twenty-two were added to the church. The following week, Pastor Slater A. Murphy led his people in a gracious revival.

After four fruitful years, as associate pastor of the First Church, Trenton, Russell E. Crouse has resigned to accept the pastorate of Liberty Baptist Church, Fulton, Kentucky. Bro. Crouse is a graduate of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, and an A.B. graduate of Union University. He is to do the preaching in a revival at Liberty beginning November 26, with Larry Todd, of Humboldt, as song leader.

Secretary C. E. Matthews, of the Department of Evangelism of the Home Mission Board, supplied the pulpit of Bellevue Church, Memphis, on November 26.

C. Aubrey Hearn, of the Sunday School Board, spoke at North Jackson Church, Waif Hamilton, pastor, on the night of November 19. He represented the United Dry Forces of Tennessee.

Pastor Fred M. Wood, Dresden, was the speaker at the annual banquet for Carroll-Benton association's Sunday school workers at Hotel Carroll in Huntingdon on November 27. His subject was, "The Harvest of Training Awards."

Bellevue, Memphis, lost one of its oldest members recently, when 97-year-old Mrs. Betty Lane passed away. She had been a Bellevue member 15 years.

Pastor W. F. Powell, First Church, Nashville, was the M-Night speaker for Madison association. The service was held December 5 at the First Church, Jackson, W. Fred Kendall, pastor.

Congressmen Plan Tour to Stress Christian Peace

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (RNS) — Rep. Walter H. Judd (R-Minn.), former medical missionary, and Rep. Brooks Hays (D.-Ark.), prominent Southern Baptist layman, have announced a joint speaking tour in principal cities throughout the nation to stress bi-partisan unity in seeking a just, Christian peace.

"The great challenge of our age is to lick the problem of war," they said in a joint statement. "There must be no party differences on that goal."

Dr. Judd said that "our hopes of avoiding disaster lie in mobilizing to the utmost in ideological and moral fields as well as economic and military."

Congressmen Hays said, on his part, that "Dr. Judd and I entertain differences on many issues but our commitment to the cause which brings us together for this tour is wholehearted."

"That cause is the cause of a secure peace in which all nations of the world can participate, free from the threat of aggression, free to work out their own destinies without violence."

"I hope that our presence together on a common platform will be a meaningful symbol of bi-partisanship in the building of American policies for a brave, bold effort toward peace."

WESTERN UNION

All Cooperative Program gifts received in the Southern Baptist Convention executive committee office during December, will go to Foreign Mission Advance, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, Executive Secretary, executive committee. Tennessee sent in \$30,000 November 30 to push Southern Baptist Convention gifts past the required \$6,672,500 mark. The first Cooperative Program check for \$3,218.18 to Foreign Mission Advance is en route from November gifts. Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Director of Promotion, calls attention to the significance of this event. He says, "The knowledge that all Southern Baptist Convention gifts for Cooperative Program during December will go to Foreign Mission Advance should stimulate us to make the largest Cooperative Program offerings in our history during this month. Let us advance."

ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

DECEMBER 3, 1950

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	214	76	---	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	109	32	---
Ashland City, First	32	---	---	Cedar Grove	78	40	---
East	343	157	---	Fairview	162	84	1
First	478	209	2	First	429	144	---
West End Mission	114	70	---	Rocky Grove	55	---	3
Calhoun	101	---	---	Lewisburg, First	471	175	---
Englewood	87	35	---	Lexington, First	212	54	1
Etowah, East	68	42	---	Mt. Juliet	116	39	1
Etowah, First	237	71	---	Madisonville, Chestnut	61	31	---
Good Springs	95	77	---	Maryville, Broadway	382	138	---
Lake View	84	56	---	Everett Hills	307	140	1
New Zion	49	---	---	First	804	213	---
Notis, East	134	64	1	Medina	137	106	---
Notis, First	107	41	---	Memphis, Bellevue	2422	1154	23
Riceville	81	51	---	Boulevard	746	306	1
Bemis, Herron Chapel	298	94	---	Central Avenue	739	306	5
Brighton	204	135	---	Elliston Avenue	151	73	3
Bristol, Calvary	413	160	5	Highland Heights	1047	547	16
Brownsville, First	321	88	---	Kennedy	156	93	1
Chattanooga, Avondale	471	141	1	LaBelle	619	221	5
Brainerd	409	190	---	Levi	194	144	6
Concord	227	103	---	Barton Heights	131	70	4
First	811	255	2	Sylvan Heights	221	146	3
Highland Park	2642	1060	26	Milan, First	368	75	1
Lupton City	125	120	3	Latom Chapel	75	60	---
Ridgeview	169	107	5	Millington	217	137	6
Suck Creek	35	41	---	Monterey, First	242	80	---
White Oak	256	78	1	Morrison, Wilson Chapel	52	48	---
Cleveland, Waterville	34	26	---	Morristown, First	553	137	20
Calvary	136	143	3	Buffalo Trail	66	37	---
Clinton, First	345	89	3	Murfreesboro, First	489	110	---
Columbia, First	431	146	1	Walnut St. Mission	51	---	---
Godwin Chapel	31	---	---	Barfield	81	55	---
Second	148	118	1	Mt. Herman	102	71	---
Cookeville, Steven Street	115	51	---	Powell's Chapel	82	45	---
Westview	166	95	---	Taylor's Chapel	88	28	---
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	150	123	---	Third	178	77	---
First	608	194	2	Westvue	464	177	6
Elizabethton, First	698	183	---	Nashville, Calvary	147	71	4
Immanuel	215	91	---	Duc West Miss.	64	25	---
Siam	222	149	---	Eastland	600	123	5
Fountain City, Central	909	181	2	Edgefield	459	164	1
Hines Valley Mission	52	---	---	Grace	812	312	16
Smithwood	484	178	2	Inglewood	916	207	3
Grand Junction, First	96	61	---	Lockeland	575	149	4
Harriman, Trenton Street	357	96	1	North End	202	89	---
Walnut Street	191	72	---	Park Avenue	546	175	3
Hohenwald	107	70	---	Shelby Avenue	422	132	6
Humboldt, First	480	133	---	Third	254	56	3
Jackson, Calvary	484	152	---	Westwood	101	65	1
First	773	148	24	Norris Tenn., Norris Mission	39	22	---
North	334	137	2	Oak Ridge, First	401	71	---
West	738	242	6	Glenwood	253	98	2
Jefferson City, First	622	261	---	Highland View	198	91	1
Kingsport, First	861	217	1	Robertsville	270	93	---
Lynn Garden	453	111	2	Old Hickory, First	603	237	2
Knoxville, Alice Bell	74	20	---	Philadelphia	195	41	---
Arlington	434	100	2	Rockwood, First	364	135	2
Bell Avenue	828	338	---	Oakland	107	61	---
Broadway	1225	483	3	Savannah, First	90	48	4
Calvary	298	103	---	Shelbyville, El Bethel	113	63	---
Churchwell Ave.	179	72	3	Shelbyville Mills	214	79	10
Fifth Avenue	881	183	---	Statesville, Smith Fork	77	48	---
First	965	144	5	Tullahoma, First	188	61	---
Inskip	454	150	---	Highland	93	71	---
Lincoln Park	659	186	---	Union City, First	692	148	9
Sevier Heights	530	199	1	Watertown, Round Lick	172	121	1
Lake City, First	141	39	2	Woodbury Road	67	57	---
Lawrenceburg, First	254	169	3				

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1950

Dr. J. E. Skinner Dies

Dr. J. E. Skinner, beloved former pastor in this state, died at his home in Murray, Ky., December 6, at the age of 82. He had held pastorates in Nashville, at Lockeland and Judson Memorial, and at Martin First Baptist, and in Jackson at Second, now Calvary church, besides pastorates at Tampa, Florida, and Murray, Ky.

He was the patriarch of a great family of Baptist leaders among whom are Dr. R. T. Skinner, editor of the *Western Recorder* of Louisville, the Rev. William Carey Skinner, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Clarksville, the Rev. E. M. Skinner, pastor of Central Baptist church, Phoenix, Arizona, J. Glenn Skinner, prominent layman of Belmont Heights church, Nashville. His three daughters are Mrs. Lynn Claybrook, wife of the pastor of the Oneida, Ky., Baptist church, and Misses Onnie Skinner and Marie Skinner, both of Murray, Ky. Among his grandchildren is Mrs. Roy Babb, wife of the pastor of the Winchester, Tenn., First Baptist church. A brother also survives him, the Rev. C. L. Skinner, pastor of Theo Baptist church, San Antonio, Texas; 20 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He served the cause of Christ faithfully.

In Memoriam

Summar

Death came unexpectedly to Mrs. Mina McBroom, wife of Deacon Hall Summar, bringing sadness to Powell's Chapel Church and community. Born in Woodbury, Tenn., November 22, 1878, she united with Powell's Chapel Church in 1910, and was very regular in attendance. Truly, the church came first in her life.

Eight sons, and five daughters, with several grandchildren and her husband survive. Thank God for the firm foundation on which she helped to establish her home. Five of the sons are active deacons, and all are consecrated, working Christians.

To the family we say, "Rejoice that she has heard God say, 'Enter into the joy of the Lord' and that you can meet her someday."

—MRS. R. E. DUNAWAY, clerk

Jordan

Roger Belvie Jordan, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Short Jordan, died August 23, 1950, of a motorcycle accident. He had been a true Christian and member of Powell's Chapel Church since 1948.

Services were conducted from the church by the pastor, Rev. Louis E. McCall, and Rev. Woodrow Medlock.

Besides parents and a brother, he is survived by his grandparents, Mrs. Lucy Short Jordan and Mr. and Mrs. A. A. McKee.

His homegoing should make us all realize the importance of being ready.

—MRS. R. E. DUNAWAY, clerk

It Pays To Tithe

Middle Tennessee NEWS

by Rev. Homer A. Gate

Mrs. Sam Chaffin of Lawrenceburg has done the First church, Lawrenceburg, a wonderful favor in installing the lovely Maas Chimes. Bernard Scates is the pastor of the Lawrenceburg church.

Dr. Richard N. Owen, Editor of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, supplied the pulpit of Belmont Heights church, Sunday, November 26.

Lockeland church, James M. Gregg, pastor, Nashville, has undertaken a worthy budget of \$46,800.00 for 1951. The past year has been a great one for this church. Increases have been made along all lines of work, a fine, new pastorium costing \$24,000.00 has been built, and horizons have widened for the entire church membership.

Charles L. Norton, State Training Union director, did the preaching in a series of revival services at the First church, Pulaski, J. Clark Hensley, pastor, which began November 26. Since entering their new building last July 23 the Pulaski church has averaged 100 in attendance over last year, increased from 23 to 94 teachers and officers and had a net gain of 74 new members in Sunday school since October 1. Offerings have increased \$145.00 per week over last year. The pastor began his second year at Pulaski November 1.

Dr. L. S. Ewton, beloved minister and leader in Middle Tennessee for years and formerly pastor for long pastorates at Grace Church, Nashville, and First Church, Springfield, preached his famed "Tithing sermon" to the congregation of First Church, Goodlettsville. B. Frank Collins, pastor, November 26.

E. L. Williams, pastor, Bell Avenue church, Knoxville, did the preaching and R. K. Bennett, pastor Stanton church, led the singing in a series of revival services at Magness Memorial church, McMinnville, E. L. Smothers, pastor, November 19-29.

Roy Hinchey, pastor Park Avenue church, Nashville, did the preaching and Vern Powers, pastor Greenbrier church, led the singing in a revival meeting held recently at the Riverside church, Nashville, Merle Pedigo, pastor. There were 14 decisions made during the meeting, and in addition many rededications and one surrendered to full-time religious service. The pastor says, "It was a great meeting."

First church, Clarksville, has extended the call to Paul G. Kirkland, who has for the past five years been pastor of the Clifton church, Louisville, Ky., and he has accepted and will begin his work January 1.

Paul J. Harting, for over two years pastor of First Church, Old Hickory, has been called to be pastor of First Church, Brownsville, and he has accepted the call and will begin his work there January 1. Bro. Harting has been very successful in his work at Old Hickory.

W. Woodmore Harrison, pastor, First church, Carthage, did the preaching in a revival meeting with the Fairview church, Lebanon, during November.

W. Rufus Beckett, formerly pastor at Third and Inglewood churches, Nashville, supplied the pulpit of the Third Church, Bunyan Smith, pastor, Sunday, November 12.

A very successful revival meeting was enjoyed recently by the First Church, Hartsville, Henry B. Stokes, pastor, in which the preaching was done by John Huffman, pastor, First Church, Gallatin, and the singing was led by Wallace McGill. There were 18 professions of faith and 4 to unite with the church by letter. The Hartsville Church has just let the contract for a new building for additional educational facilities and the veneering of their present building. This is an ambitious program for the church.

C. D. Tabor, associational missionary, New Duck River Association, did the preaching in a revival meeting at Big Springs mission, Shelbyville, November 26-December 3. Paul Tabor, pastor, Bell Buckle Church, led the singing. Paul is the son of C. D. Tabor. Our associational missionaries—all of them—are the unsung heroes of much of the successful work of our Convention. They do so much that we don't hear about and so much that works for the finest cooperation among the brethren of their fields toward the whole cause of Christ. Let us support our missionaries and encourage them now and then with a word of praise.

A beautiful Baldwin electronic organ has been installed in the sanctuary of the Eagleville Church, Leonard Arbuckle, pastor. The following people had a part in the purchase of the organ: Dr. H. W. Williams, San Angelo, Texas; Dr. James C. Williams, Fort Worth, Texas; Mrs. Leon Bell, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Jim Crosley, La Mesa, California; and Dr. Leslie Williams, Eagleville. This beautiful organ was dedicated Sunday, November 5.

The late R. D. Fulcher, one of Middle Tennessee's great Baptist laymen, has been honored by one of the men's Sunday school classes of Woodmont church, Nashville, which has adopted the name "Fulcher Bible class." Mr. Fulcher was a charter member and deacon of the Woodmont church. He furnished the money to purchase the lot on which the church building stands and was chairman of the building committee until his death two years ago. He was also a leader in the Southside, Belmont Heights and Immanuel churches and for ten years was a member of the Druid Hills church, Atlanta, Ga. The Belmont Heights church was organized in his home. Officers of the newly named "Fulcher Bible class" are: Robert Seay, president, Ray Whitt, Douglas Maddux and W. J. Douglas, Jr., vice-presidents, Clarence Rutledge, secretary, and Harry Phillips, teacher.

Grace Avenue Church, Clarksville, observed Pastor George Hyler's first anniversary November 5 by dedicating the church edifice, with Dr. C. W. Pope as guest speaker. During the past year the church has had 105 additions, six members surrendering to full-time Christian service, and has built a pastor's home. Bro. Hyler has been elected to lead in the simultaneous revival effort this spring in Cumberland association, of which he is assistant moderator.

During November, Third Church, Murfreesboro, Wendell W. Price, pastor, held two revivals. Immediately following the Missions revival, the church began a series of revival services with L. G. Meadows, pastor of First Church, Dadeville, Ala., doing the preaching. There were 18 additions to the church.

Membership of the church is now 232, and the Sunday school is standard. A building committee has been appointed to look after the construction of a new edifice. Third Church is three years old.

Hiram Le May, a Cumberland University student, has been called to be pastor of the Hopewell Church in Bledsoe Association and was ordained to the Ministry November 19 by the Woodmont Church of Nashville. Dr. Allen West, pastor at Woodmont, served as the moderator of the council. Dr. Joe W. Burton of the Sunday School Board, spoke on "The Minister as a Man," and Dr. Gaye McGlothlen, pastor of Immanuel Church, Nashville, spoke on "The Minister as a Prophet." Grady Randolph led the ordination prayer and Dr. West presented the Bible. Bro. Le May led the benediction.

Smith Springs church, Nashville association, on November 12 ordained as deacons F. W. Thornton, John P. Campbell, and James F. Ray. Sharing in the presbytery were pastors D. R. Roach, Eddie Holland, Dan Lawler, A. W. Bassette, together with H. C. Foster of the ordaining church, and deacons, G. B. Nipp, Rex Moody, Harry Parkes, J. O. Ellis, Ben B. Rice, E. L. Satterfield, L. W. Harrison, Roy Waldrop, Milton Jones and T. N. Burnett. City Missionary Harold Gregory preached the sermon on, "Consecrated For Service."

Short Creek Church, New Duck River Association, has recently been engaged in a series of revival meetings with Wendell Price, pastor, Third Church, Murfreesboro, doing the preaching. J. O. Oglesby is pastor of the church.

John W. Outland, pastor, First church, Tullahoma, taught the book, "Building a Standard Sunday School" to his Sunday school officers and teachers the week of November 27.

A. Roy Greene, retiring state president of the Baptist Brotherhood, was recently honored with a testimonial dinner by the Brotherhood of the Woodmont church, Nashville. Speakers for the occasion were: Don Pinson, E. N. Dellzell and E. K. Wiley. Fred S. Powell presented a Bible to Bro. Greene as a token of appreciation for his aggressive and sterling leadership as State Brotherhood president for five years.

A former associational missionary, Carmack S. Penuel, is serving beautifully as pastor of First Church, Savannah. The church is moving right along and is reporting growth in every phase of its work.



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Appeal From Rome

(Excerpts from a letter)

Oct. 25, 1950

Dear Friend:

There is still much need and hunger of body and soul in Italy. In the three years since our return, you have done much to relieve this suffering through your generous parcels of food and clothing and money which has paid for medicines, food, Bibles, and tracts. Your Italian Baptist friends appreciate this generosity . . .

THE ITALIAN BAPTIST ORPHANAGE is already filled to capacity. There are close to 100 boys and girls already living in the G. B. Taylor Boys' Dormitory and the G. B. Fraser Girls' Dormitory. . . Shoes and sweaters, used but still good, are a special need at the Orphanage just now for both boys and girls. The ages are from four to sixteen. Surely in your church or in your home there must be many pairs of worn shoes still good which could be sent in a well-packed parcel to the Baptist Orphanage, Via delle Spighe 4, Centocelle (Roma), Italy . . .

(Signed) Dewey and Alice Moore

Will His Back Break?

The first four lines of Markham's "The Man with the Hoe," came to my mind:

"Bowed by the weight of centuries he leans
Upon his hoe and gazes on the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world."

Take them out of their context and setting, as we preachers do with our texts now and then, and think of Uncle Sam as this "Man With the Hoe." Of course he isn't "bowed by the weight of centuries," nor is the "emptiness of ages in his face"—he isn't old enough. Nor does he "lean upon his hoe"—it leans heavily on him.

There is no doubt, however, but that the "burden of the world" is on his back.

But will his back break?

Some brother who can write good pieces might answer that question.

—CHARLES E. WAUFORD

Mob Attacks Baptist Missionaries In Brazil

"There he is! Kill him! Kill him!" Through a yelling mob and a shower of stones, Missionary Clem D. Hardy rushed to his car. Mrs. Hardy and Miss Dorothy Donnelly were waiting for him with the engine running. He reached the car uninjured, and they pulled away through the mob with rocks bouncing off the top of the car like hailstones.

The story reads like a tale of pioneer missionary days. But the incident occurred last October 21 in Manaus, state of Amazonas, Brazil. The mob mistook Mr. Hardy for Dr. Goia Martins, an ex-priest, who had aroused the wrath of Roman Catholics by a sermon broadcast.

Dr. Goia was scheduled to attend the meeting of the Amazonas Baptist Convention and speak at the evening service. While the first song was being sung, the congregation was interrupted by a shrieking mob throwing sand and rocks. The few police present were unarmed and could not quell the mob, so Missionary Hardy was asked to go for help in his car. As he left the congregation, the crowd attacked him, thinking he was Dr. Goia.

It took police a half hour to quiet the mob. A portable organ, loud speaker, light plant, and other equipment, which had been set up in the park for the meeting, suffered very little damage, although wires were cut, throwing the place into darkness. One of the pastors and some others of the group received slight injuries, but Dr. Goia escaped when one of the men slipped him out of the darkened park and to his home. Not knowing of his escape, the missionaries were concerned about him and, with the police, searched two hours before they located him and took him home with them. Police guarded the missionary home that night.

Dr. Goia preached at the First Baptist Church the following evening and afterward, slipped out the back door of the church before his enemies knew where he was. Twenty-two people made professions of faith in Christ at that service. Next day, friends in three cars guarded the Brazilian preacher until he was safely aboard the plane that took him to his home.

Protests have been lodged with the governor of the state of Amazonas and with the federal government.

Colombia to Have Hospital

Government permit for construction of a Baptist hospital in Barranquilla, Colombia, has been granted, and Missionary-Doctor Roy C. McGlamery writes that they will start laying the foundation for the building immediately. Missionary Howard Shoemake is organizing and overseeing construction work.

A wall has already been built around the hospital property and a small unit erected for the caretaker, ambulance garage, woodworking shop, and general storage. Dr. McGlamery thinks the hospital may be opened within a year. They were fortunate in having purchased steel, pipe, and electrical wire before building materials became scarce.

Miss Emily Head, R.N., was granted a visa in September and sailed early in October for Barranquilla. She will assist in medical work in Colombia.

Evangelistic Campaign in Japan

During an evangelistic campaign in progress in Japan, 7,000 people have signed cards indicating their profession of faith in Christ or expressing their interest in becoming Christians. Dr. M. Theron Rankin and Dr. Baker J. Cauthen of the Foreign Mission Board, Dr. Duke K. McCall of Nashville, and Dr. W. A. Criswell of Dallas, are assisting Japanese Baptist pastors in the crusade.

Dr. Sadamoto Kawano, who is serving as Dr. Cauthen's interpreter, reports encouraging responses in the swing around Kyushu Island. Dr. Cauthen preached four times each day for four days at Fukuoka, one of the two Baptist educational centers. Services were held for five days at Kokura, the other center. About 500 people responded to the messages at each place.

Dr. Rankin wrote: "We have an open door in Japan today such as I have never known anywhere else in the world at any time."

Preparing for Transjordan Mission

Dr. and Mrs. J. T. McRae and Nurse Ruth Swann are sailing November 15 for Beirut, Lebanon, where they will study the Arabic language in preparation for medical missionary service among the Arab people.

Until missionaries have a sufficient knowledge of the language to operate the hospital recently acquired in Transjordan, it will be maintained by its present staff. Gilead Mission Hospital is a gift to Southern Baptists from Anglican missionaries who, having received it as a gift, found it impossible to operate it themselves. Located near the village of Ajloun in the northern division of Transjordan, the hospital is in a region which has approximately 176 small, but thickly scattered villages.

Commission Carries Articles

On W. M. U. and T. U. Themes

Articles based on both the W.M.U. and Training Union study themes are carried in the January issue of *The Commission*. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, professor of missions in the Louisville seminary, has an article entitled, "The Biblical Basis of Missions," based on the W.M.U. theme. "China Tests Atheistic Materialism," by Missionary Clifton Harris of China, and "Be An Answer to Prayer," by Missionary Coleman Clarke of Japan, are based on the Training Union theme for January.

Strategic Months

December is a strategic month for the Advance Program of the Foreign Mission Board. Far under its goal of ten million dollars this year, the Cooperative Program funds must be strengthened greatly if the foreign mission program is to be increased substantially. All Cooperative Program funds above six and one-half million dollars (this figure was reached Nov. 30—*Editor*) go to foreign mission work.

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DR. J. CLYDE TURNER (left), chairman of Southern Seminary board of trustees, confers with Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, acting president of the Seminary.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—Dr. Gaines S. Dobbins, a member of the faculty of Southern Seminary since 1920, has been named acting president of the Seminary to serve until a successor is named for Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, who died October 28. Dr. Dobbins was elected to the interim position by the Board of Trustees of the Seminary at a meeting in Louisville, November 24.

Dr. Dobbins is head of the Department of Church Administration and Religious Education and is Basil Manly, professor of Church Administration. In addition to his teaching duties, he served as treasurer of the Seminary from 1933 to 1942. He is the author of about 20 books.

He will continue to teach, with some additional assistance, while acting as president. "I would not swap my teaching for any position in the world," he said. "I hope it will not be long before I am relieved of the temporary position."

Dr. Dobbins is a native of Mississippi. A printer's devil at 12, he was foreman of a weekly newspaper shop at 17 and city editor of a Hattiesburg daily paper at 19.

Before coming to the seminary faculty, Dr. Dobbins was on the editorial staff of the Sunday School Board for several years. He admits that he still has printer's ink in his blood. One of the courses he teaches is in religious journalism.

World Digest

The Economic Cooperation Administration estimates that the population of western Europe will reach 280,000,000 by 1952, 12 per cent higher than the prewar level.

Dr. Tsuneo Muramatsu, professor of Psychiatry, Nagoya University Medical School, reports a startling increase in suicides and juvenile delinquency in Japan.

Two New York exporters have sold 4,000,000 pounds of Japanese copper to China during the last year.

Baptist Appointed Point Four Administrator

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—Dr. Henry G. Bennett, president, Oklahoma A. and M. and member of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, has been appointed by President Harry Truman to direct the point four program of aid to underdeveloped areas of the world.

Bennett will be administrator of the Technical Cooperation Administration in the department of state. That agency handles point four and certain other programs, including inter-American affairs.

The White House announced the appointment shortly after Bennett had visited with Mr. Truman.

As point four head, Bennett will succeed Capus M. Waynick, ambassador to Nicaragua, who has been acting administrator since May.

Bennett, the son of a pioneer Baptist minister, is a graduate of Ouachita College, an Arkansas Baptist school. He taught public school in Oklahoma prior to his association with Southeastern State Teacher's College at Durant in 1919. In 1928, he became president of Oklahoma A. and M. He has been very active in church work and is in wide demand as a speaker for church gatherings.

A Dog's Howl or a Soul's Cry

by Andrew M. Hall

I read the other day in a current book that the people in our country in one year spent twice as much for dog food as for missions. Sixty million dollars worth of dog food may be a worthy expenditure, but it occurred to me that actually we have been twice as concerned about a dog's howl as a soul's cry.

Then, too, in Jesus' day, Fido was more economical. He ate the crumbs which fell from the tables.

"Sometimes They Almost Tell Her So!"

Pastors' wives as a group are the best educated women in the community and receive the least for their work. Four-fifths of them have attended college. One-third of them are trained teachers. One out of five was trained in the field of religious education. The average pastor's wife lives 32 years in a house she does not own and for which she does not pay rent. So she does not complain if it is inconvenient.

The kitchen sink is inadequate in one parsonage out of six. Many parsonages were built years ago. In one-third of them there is not adequate storage space.

The pastor's wife may sing in the choir, teach a class in the Sabbath school, go calling with her husband in the afternoon and sit in the front seat at the evening service. The people appreciate all she does and *sometimes almost tell her so*. But the next morning, on wash day, in 61 per cent of the parsonages she must lift the old wooden or galvanized iron tubs, because the parsonage does not have stationary tubs connected with hot and cold water.

When the old parsonage was built, clothes closets were not common in the bedrooms. But many parsonages have not yet been modernized. In 31 per cent of them the bedrooms are still without clothes closets.

The Rural Church Department at Drew Seminary, Madison, New Jersey has just completed an interdenominational study of 1171 parsonages or manses or rectories located in 47 different states. The printed report covers 112 pages, contains 70 photographs and is being distributed on a non-profit basis for 40 cents a copy.

The report lists the standard equipment a parsonage needs and indicates that which should be provided by the church and that which the pastor usually provides.

Synod Denounces Rearmament

VELBERT, Germany—(RNS)—A resolution denouncing German rearmament and urging Christians to "continue their efforts toward peace in faith" was adopted here by the Synod of the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland.

The resolution declared that rearmament would hinder Germans "in fulfilling necessary social tasks, promote the resurgence of nationalistic trends, and turn eastern and western Germany into two hostile camps, with the danger of leading to war."

"We do not believe," the resolution said, "that the German people are in a position to stand the outer and inner burdens of a rearmament or even of a new world war."

Urging church members not to allow themselves to be "misled by doubtful slogans or confused by one-sided or incomplete reporting," the resolution asserted that "neither the call to 'Save the Christian West' nor actions for world peace which obviously have a propaganda character really serve the cause of peace among peoples."

"The armament question," the resolution added, "is so serious that no political decisions must be made unless the German people are convinced of their necessity. We ask the German governments and parties to take into account, when dealing with questions of peace and rearmament, that the fate of the whole German people is at stake and that therefore the special interests of parties must have no bearing upon these decisions."

"War and peace do not lie in man's hands. All efforts toward the preservation of peace may be in vain. Nevertheless we hope—confiding in the Almighty's Grace—that our efforts still hold a promise. If they are to lead to success, however, we must resist the evil spirits of disbelief, fear, indifference and frivolity in words and actions."