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Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.
Matthew 28:19-20



The spirit of evangelism is at a new high level. Last year the Tennessee Baptist pastors and their churches won and baptized into the fellowship of our churches 34,119 people. This is equal to one baptism every fifteen minutes, day and night, throughout the year, or four baptisms every hour, night and day, throughout the year. (from the report of Executive Secretary C. W. Pope to the Executive Board, Tennessee Baptist Convention, December 5, 1950).

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Give It The Green Light

From now till April 8 the right of way needs to be given in every church to the Simultaneous Revival.

Priority is necessary.

Priority for this campaign is expected in 18,000 churches east of the Mississippi river.

Give the Green Light in your church now to this campaign for souls March 25-April 8.

This Simultaneous Revival east of the river, following up the great campaign of last year in the west which is carrying over into the present in that area, confronts Southern Baptists with the most important concern of 1951. The issues of life and death are wrapped up in it. To speed the success of this Simultaneous Revival Crusade it should be given the clear "Go Ahead" sign now in every Baptist church east of the river and should be given right of way in the personal schedule of every church member.

Priorities in materials are claimed for urgent national defense needs. Civilian use of critical materials must wait upon previous satisfaction of military requirements. As citizens of the United States we recognize this procedure to be necessary to our armed forces' victory in the fight for freedom, to our country's security, and to our very survival as a nation.

Yet we must be even more ready to discern the rule of priority in the higher and more decisive sphere—that of citizenship in the kingdom of God. Our Lord Himself laid down the law of the spirit's priority, "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matthew 6:33)

Only as we give priority to the Spirit will our ultimate needs be met. Let us be sure we sense our deepest needs. Let us be open-eyed to our darkest dangers. Our most crippling shortages do not exist in copper, rubber, tin, zinc, wool, lead, aluminum, cobalt, uranium 235 or any such material need. We are far more imperilled by the nation's decline in morals, by the widespread scarcity of integrity, by an alarming low in reverence for the things of God. Shortages exist in faith, hope, love—the very qualities essential to the victory of the soul, the victory of the inner man, the victory without which all other conquests are only hollow mock-

ery. What is a man profited if he gain the whole world and lose his soul?

What kind of victory do you want in 1951? Let us make sure that our first concern is the victory of God's kingdom in our lives. If that be our consuming desire we will bend every effort in 1951 to the proclaiming of Christ's gospel. His call is, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God." Surely we need to heed this now. Far too many are not realizing the Kingdom of God but feel themselves the unhappy inhabitants of the Kingdom of Anxiety. The Kingdom of God is release from the bondage of anxiety. The Kingdom of God is righteousness, joy and peace in the Holy Spirit. These can only be ours as we give Christ first place; for there is no realizing the Kingdom until we recognize its rightful King.

We should contritely repent of our failure to witness to Christ as King. Marx has come into wide areas of this disintegrating world because Jesus wasn't allowed to come. Communism has surged into the vacuum left by dead faiths, for faith without works is dead. The deep, dark plight of a lost world has not been touched by the left-overs of time, thought, talent and money which multitudes of nominal Christians have been content to present to their church for the support of Christ's cause. Christ has not come first in the hearts and lives of such followers—that is all too apparent to a world being overrun by communists possessed with fanatical zeal for victory for communism. Nominal Christianity can no more stop the virulent flood of communism surging through the world than a painted picket fence plug a break in the Mississippi levee at flood-tide.

What comes first with you? What has priority in your Church? Are we now ready to take the claims of Christ seriously? Are we now ready to put Him first in all our desires and deeds? Are we now willing for Jesus to be Lord over all? If so, the One Answer to all human needs will be witnessed to with power from on high. The present emergency is an opportunity to declare that Jesus Christ the crucified, buried, risen, returning Son of God is able to save unto the uttermost all that come unto God through Him.

The Simultaneous Revival Crusade this spring will be a concerted effort to share with all about us the saving knowl-

Reflections

Even were there no weapons left on earth men of ill-will would still be beating one another to death with their bare fists—unregenerate man is the problem.

There are certain plants of the Christian life such as meekness, gentleness, kindness, humility, which cannot come to perfection if the sun of perfection always shines—*F. B. Meyer*

To live in the presence of great truths and eternal laws—that is what keeps a man patient when the world ignores him, and calm and unspoiled when the world praises him.—*Honore de Balzac*

Disagreement is refreshing when two men lovingly desire to compare views to find out the truth. Controversy is wretched when it is only an attempt to prove another wrong. . . . It destroys humble inquiry after truth, and throws all the energies into an attempt to prove ourselves right, a spirit in which no man gets at truth.—*F. W. Robertson*

Many are willing to be used of the Lord—provided it be only in an advisory capacity.

Some people are sincere because of pride, others because of laziness, others because of prudence, still others because of horror of falsehood. Rarely because of simple love of the truth.

—*Julien Benda*

Enter any prison and you will find it full of people who began badly in life by considering work a chastisement.

—*Le Recueil*

edge of our Lord Jesus Christ. Give this great crusade the Green Light!

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"Let the Fire Fall"

by W. C. Kirk

Some one tells of that exquisite experience yonder in Yosemite National Park, in the Western Rockies. Late at night, high up on a cliff, men have been toiling hard, cutting and burning wood until a mountain of seething embers is waiting. The hour has been prepared for, as all great experiences must be prepared for. As the men on high listen intently, and after the expectant crowds below are quieted, a man lifts a megaphone skyward and shouts.

"Let the fire fall!"

From half a mile up comes back the halloo,

"Let the fire fall!"

Then it happens. First a trickle, then a stream, then a deluge of color, fiery red, then a dull glow, then yellow, green, purple, turquoise, all mixed in a riot of glory, this stream of fiery splendor. The crowd holds its breath. It is a spiritual experience.

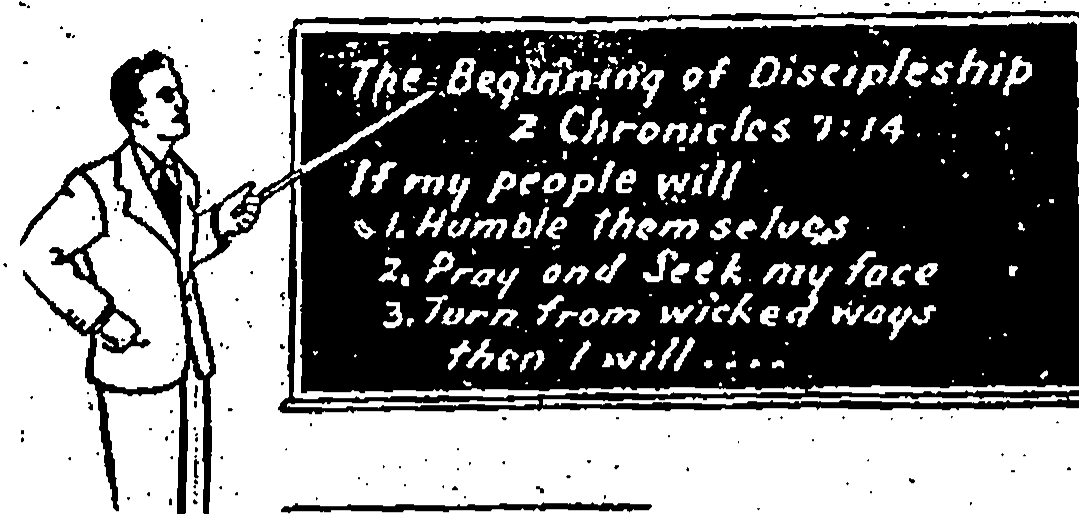
Even as a trip to Yosemite National Park is woefully incomplete without the falling of the fire, so will be our eastern Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade March 25-April 8, unless the Fire from above falls upon all of us. Unless this happens, the memory of the Crusade will lash us and mock us. But *if the fire falls* glorious indeed will be the experiences emanating therefrom. As the needed power came at Pentecost (Acts 2:1-4) "like as a fire," even so must we be visited.

Let the fire fall! Early next Monday morning, January 22, let a thousand automobiles be turned towards Nashville from all points of the compass. Let these cars come in caravans and let them come singly. But let them all be filled with hot-hearted Committee Chairmen and members, Deacons, Sunday school teachers and all others who can possibly come. All roads lead to Nashville next Monday; don't let anything deter or detour you.

Let the Fire Fall! Upon every speaker. God help us to be serious about this Conference. With the terrible world situation, with our nation beleaguered, with all that we stand for being challenged, this is no time for petty, picayune, peevish, petulant peanut peddling. Let us all be as earnest about this Conference and the forthcom-

ing Crusade as the Communists are for their cause. Listen, you scheduled inspirational speakers! Don't you dare be absent or half-hearted. Don't you dare be afraid to break our hearts. Don't you dare be ashamed of your tears of pleading earnestness. Our hearts are already too slow to respond, and anything short of hot-hearted compulsion from you won't be enough.

Let the Fire Fall! Upon every Conference Leader. Too many "conferences" are not worthy the name. These 2000 men and women coming to this Conference are *busy* people, intelligent people. It will be neither fair nor Christian for you Conference leaders to come poorly prepared or to rely upon your fine extemporaneous ability to merely "Say Something About Something" Pore and Pray, prepare to plead, burn and bleed, that those in your conferences may *get*



something to take home with them. Then they will let the fires that YOU kindle in their hearts burn back home on the fuel you supplied.

Let the Fire Fall! Upon everyone attending this great Conference. Let it fall during the prayer periods, the conference periods, the inspiration periods, upon every song. Let Acts 1:14 be relived, "These all with one accord continued *steadfastly* in prayer." Then most surely Acts 2:3 will come to pass, "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire and it sat upon *each* of them. Yes, beloved, "upon EACH of them."

It can happen in Nashville. God wants it to happen in Nashville. Christ died for it to happen in Nashville. The Holy Spirit yearns for it to happen in Nashville. Will YOU let it happen in Nashville next week?

A Good...

Church Secretary

by Lofton Hudson

Few church members realize how important the position of church secretary is. Such a position demands the training of an expert stenographer and bookkeeper, the executive ability of an office manager, the poise of a receptionist, and the patience of a telephone operator.

No wonder there are so few really qualified applicants for the job. They have often worked like beavers and have been rewarded like mice—church mice at that. I speak of giving "honour to whom honour" is due.

A church secretary should be a serious, serene sort of person who knows how to be polite and friendly without being "flirty" or familiar. A church office is a business office. There is no place in a church for a great deal of frivolity. The church's time and money must not be wasted in jokes and jesting. No other office tolerates that; and why should a church?

A church secretary will have a thousand details to attend to amid an equal number of interruptions. If she is not a relaxed poised personality, she will become impatient and irritable.

Even when it becomes necessary to be firm, a church secretary should not "get nervous" and upset. People are often difficult, but they cannot rush you or upset you unless you allow it. A good rule for a church secretary is, "Stay relaxed and keep working." Courtesy and kindness will do all that can be done.

But mechanical efficiency is not enough. Such a secretary should realize that a "church" job is unique. By her Christian character and consecrated personality she creates an atmosphere that properly represents Christ to the people who know her. In her heart, "the great Head of the Church" must be her boss; the Holy Spirit should be her supervisor.

It seems unlikely that any secretary, however efficient, could meet this requirement unless she has a feeling that she is in the center of God's will. In that sense there should be "a call of God" to serve at this particular place in His church.

The church should not expect too much of a secretary. There should be an agreement about the number of hours

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*The pastor of the Cherokee church, Jonesboro, rightly warns us
to interpret in the light of God's Word the doctrine of the*

"Fatherhood of God and Brotherhood of Man"

We often read, and hear people speak, of this doctrine being true, but I think it well to examine it in the light of God's Word.

This doctrine is true when speaking of Christians only. But when speaking of those who are not Christians, the doctrine is false and misleading. Those who are not Christians can only trace their Fatherhood back to Adam, and their Brother-

by H. G. Brockus

hood back to the sons of Adam. Both Christians and those who are not Christians are all here through the law of procreation, and all being the sons of Adam their relationship to God is described as follows: Without having had the new birth, or without having been recreated, they are by nature "The children of wrath" Eph. 2:3. Without Christ, without God, and without hope in the world. Eph. 2:12. The law of procreation is a law of nature, and by this law all are the children of wrath.

The Christian can trace his relationship all the way back to God through a direct creative act of God. The Christian's relationship to God is established by the new birth, and the new birth is a direct creative act of God through the Holy Spirit. Sons of God are born "not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God." John 1:13. Christians are the "workmanship of God, created in Christ Jesus." Eph. 2:10. Christians are born of God through faith in Christ. I Jno. 5:1. Christians are the children of God by faith in Jesus Christ. Gal. 3:26.

I have heard foreign mission work stressed on the grounds of this doctrine as though our obligations along the line of foreign mission work was based upon the "Fatherhood of God, and the Brotherhood of man." Our obligations along the line of foreign mission work comes from the "Great Commission" motivated by the love of God which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. And this love is without respect to persons.

It is true that God has "made of one blood all nations that dwell upon the face of the earth," but Eve being the mother of all living, forces me to believe that all nations came from the blood of Adam and Eve, and not from the blood of God, nor from the blood of his Son. Therefore there can be no relationship to God apart from the blood of his Son.

If the human family could claim God as their Father, and claim Sonship on the grounds of the natural birth, then I ask the question, why did God sacrifice his only begotten Son that men might be

made the sons of God through faith in Christ? We must remember that Christ said to some of the sons of Adam in John 8:44. "Ye are of your father the devil."

All Christians should proclaim the fact to those who have not yet accepted Christ, that they are by nature the children of wrath, lost, without Christ, without God, condemned already because they have not believed on the only begotten Son of God. And this fact cannot be taught in keeping with the doctrine of the "Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man."

Memphis Civic Leaders Pledge Full Support To Baptist Hospital's \$2 Million Drive for Enlargement

In a recent meeting called by Walter Chandler, attorney and former Mayor, 139 civic leaders of Memphis pledged their efforts to the successful completion of a drive for the necessary \$2 million to construct the 250 bed addition to the Baptist Memorial Hospital and thus relieve that city's desperate search for more hospital beds.

Thirty-eight years ago Baptist Memorial Hospital came into being, a seven story, 120 bed institution dedicated to the sick and suffering in the name of the Great Physician. It is owned by the three Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi. Financial hardship marked the first years of its life but its valued service was always recognized and friends came to its aid. The facilities have been repeatedly enlarged to keep pace with the growing needs of the city and the area about it but recently the facilities have been greatly taxed.

Memphis with its increase of 100,000 in population in the last ten years alone has had no general adult hospital bed space added in this period of time and the city ranks lowest in the South with respect to hospital beds per 1,000 population.

The January issue of the hospital's paper, "The Baptiscope," gives the following:

"BMH has been operating beyond cap-

acity, adding beds to single rooms, increasing the number in wards. All patients are admitted on basis of need, with emergency cases receiving top priority. Elective cases are admitted on a "first come-first served" basis. During some crowded weeks only emergency cases could be taken. Some days the shortage of beds has been so great that administrative officers have faced the difficult task of deciding which emergency was most critical for not even all emergency cases could be cared for. A serious local disaster would find Memphis woefully unprepared to care for the sick or injured.

"A part of the sun porch on Seventh Floor has already been converted into a room for three patients and others will be converted as quickly as possible, but this conversion can do little to ease the congestion. These changes will make only 15 more beds available and more than 500 patients have been turned away in the last two months.

"As new industries locate in Memphis and the population continues to grow by leaps and bounds, obviously something must be done—now—to give Memphis adequate hospital space to care for its sick. The proposed 13-story addition to Baptist Memorial Hospital, giving the city 250 more hospital beds, offers the answers to this urgent need.

"Last November the Staff doctors at
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*This Chattanooga educator reminds
that God has never failed to help*

A Nation On Its Knees

by J. Pope Dyer

We have just ended the first half of the twentieth century. Any sensible person must look two ways to properly see the picture of things. He must look backward to see the foundation of the century and he must look forward to decide what the superstructure will be.

What can we say of the first half of this century? Has it been a successful time for our nation? Has it been 50 years of national joy? Have we experienced peace and prosperity? Have we moved toward spiritual maturity? Have the morals of our nation improved?

The answer is both yes and no. Certainly our nation has moved forward economically and from the point of view of power. At the beginning of the century we were not one of the first rate nations of the world. We did not have the great wealth or technological advantage we now hold. We did not have so much material wealth, so much gold or the atom bomb.

We have had some great blows in this period of time. We have participated in two excessively destructive wars with thousands of our choicest youth giving their all. We passed through a staggering economic crisis which literally threatened our economic order. Definitely democracy is challenged at this time by a powerful conflicting ideology—communism.

The factor that increases its danger is the destruction or disintegration of other totalitarian competitors. The elimination of competing totalitarian systems has given only two choices to the world, either democracy or communism. We have seen a rapid decline in our nation of the effectiveness of some of our fundamental institutions. Too many homes, the basic force, have grown weaker in moral and spiritual guidance and training. This one factor is at the center of our moral decadence. We have seen crime increase, divorces advance, insanity pyramid and suicides mount in abnormal numbers.

What then is our need in 1951? Do we need more money for liquor? Do we need more individual income? Do we need more radios, automobiles or atomic bombs? Dr. Arnold Toynbee is credited with saying that: "History warns man

that nothing fails like worldly success; that civilizations that have depended upon military power to survive have failed and that nothing worth while is won without a struggle."

In 1951 we need more prayer and less praise, more manhood and not more money; more family altars and fewer family cocktail lounges; we need more Bible reading and less Bible remembering; we need more God and less Gold; we need more piety and power and less worldliness and weakness.

This year, 1951, is a critical one. It is one that will decide whether we are to be "numbered with Nineveh and Tyre" or whether we shall go forward on our knees to God. God has never failed to help a nation on its knees.

Someone has well said:

"And so I fear, my country, not the hand
That shall hurl might and whirlwind on the
land.
I fear not Titan traitors that shall rise
To stride like broken shadows on our skies;
I fear the vermin that shall undermine
Senate and school and citadel and shrine:—
The Worm of fraud, the fatted worm of ease
And all the crawling progeny of these."

In 1951, Christianity is the answer. It is not for the weak, the cowardly and the incompetent. It is for the fearless, the courageous, the wise and the capable. The prophets of old had the answer. They knew the way. The Christians of today know the way. It is the example and teachings of Jesus. If we perish it will not be that we did not know that "our God is able." It will be the desire of our people to follow the selfish leadership of sinful men.

This is the hour for our people to seek the face of God, to read their Bibles, to be overly active in the Master's Work. The night when no man works may be closer than we think. Out of our chaos may come our greatest blessing in 1951 and it will, if all our talents and resources are dedicated to Christ and His cause.

Will our nation have the vision to win victory with Christ? This is the most challenging question of the new year and the last half century.

MEMPHIS LEADERS

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BMH suggested efforts be made to relieve the critical bed shortage and presented this in the form of a resolution to Administrator Frank S. Groner. The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met in emergency session immediately afterwards to consider the resolution and the entire Board was called together a day later. From these meetings came the appointment of an 11-man advisory committee of business and professional leaders of the city. At their suggestion Mr. Chandler, a member of this committee, called the larger group together to study the pressing problem. At this meeting they gave their unanimous and enthusiastic support to an addition to Baptist Memorial Hospital that would answer the community's urgent hospital needs."

CHURCH SECRETARY

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she is to work, and that should be adhered to. It is not fair to ask a church secretary, just because she is paid by the church, to fill a vacancy that other members will not accept.

She should be active in all of the organizational work of the church, like any other good member, but she will do more church work that arises incidentally than the average member, without trying to hold office in the Sunday school, Training Union, or Woman's Missionary Union.

"Baptists should never become partisans in the purely political fights that often gather around the social issues. On the other hand, Baptists must not be timid where their voice needs to be raised against the evils that disturb human fellowship. Baptists must speak out for justice. Amos did, John the Baptist did. Jesus did."—Albert McClellan, *Home Life*.

"The climax to a well-groomed countenance is a smile. Christian workers should radiate sunshine, and a smile is contagious. Smile and the world will smile with you. It is said that it requires sixty-seven muscles to frown and only seventeen to smile. Smile and save the difference."—Dr. J. H. Steger, *The Baptist Training Union Magazine*.

A Notable Contribution To Baptist Teamwork

by Gaines S. Dobbins

Every pastor listed in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual should by now have received the booklet, "For You and Your Church," and the pamphlet, "The Correlated Church Study Course." As chairman of the Committee on Church Organizations, which had some part in bringing the publication and widespread distribution of these two aids to better cooperation, let me urge their careful study and enthusiastic use.

In the booklet, "For You and Your Church," we have a clear and attractive statement of the major objectives of our churches—evangelism, Bible study, training, enlistment, stewardship, missions; this statement of fundamental objectives is followed by a description of the several church organizations which have developed in our Baptist churches, with the primary functions of each organization carefully defined; a third section is devoted to available materials provided for the achievement of its objectives by each of the organizations; then the several "standards" of the church organizations are listed and analyzed.

The foregoing sections are focused on the problem of co-ordination and correlation. Increasing complexity of modern church life is frankly faced, but not as a hopeless tangle of unrelated or competing church agencies.

The principle is laid down that these church organizations represent the church at work carrying out its God-given mission, not organizations separate from each other and detached from the church. The "church council" is proposed as the democratic way of co-ordi-

nating and correlating the aims and activities of the several organizations on the local church level. This section alone, if its suggestions are put widely into practice, is worth all it may have cost to prepare and distribute the booklet.

The final section is devoted to "Suggested Solutions of Practical Problems," in which actual difficulties are confronted, practical suggestions made for dealing with them, and a series of "case studies" given which present representative churches, large and small, successfully operating within the framework of our Southern Baptist organizational pattern.

Enclosed with the booklet is a pamphlet, "The Correlated Church Study Course." Here is presented the greatest forward step we have made in a lifetime in setting up a plan of membership and leadership training on a church-wide basis. Following this plan, effective correlation may be readily achieved at the church level, at the associational level, at the state level, and at the Southern Baptist Convention level. Intelligent use and adaptation of this scheme, faithfully followed over a period of years, will go far toward giving us the greatest program of membership and leadership training of any denomination in America.

Let us not take lightly this notable contribution to teamwork in the individual church and among the churches. The Inter-Agency Council is to be congratulated on this splendid beginning which promises to inaugurate a new era of effectiveness and fruitfulness on the part of our church organizations working together, "each for all and all for each."

Warns Against Partisan Use of Prayer

CHICAGO — (RNS) — Prayer, even in a world crisis, should not sink to the level of being merely a moral builder for partisan politics, Dr. Charles F. Boss, Jr., executive secretary of the Methodist Commission on World Peace, said here.

"I do not question the sincerity of government or church leaders in issuing special appeals for prayer," he said, "but there is always danger that our prayers be given a national or political bias which prostitutes the true purpose of prayer as a universal spiritual experience."

"Prayer," he added, "is not a morale-building force to be used in support of partisan policies by statesmen. It is a spiritual exercise to help statesmen be aware of the living reality of God and to know that His power is eternally available to all who seek to find and apply His will in the world."

Dr. Boss, in listing several steps for international peace, said proposals to solve the present crisis should be undergirded by prayer.

"We need a continuing attitude of prayer in a world-wide setting," he said, "praying for

Dibelius Pledges Church Peace Effort

BERLIN — (RNS) — Bishop Otto Dibelius of Berlin declared in a sermon here that the Evangelical Church in Germany "will make all efforts toward peace while rejecting the idea of a preventive war with all its might."

Preaching a New Year's Day sermon before an overflow congregation in St. Mary's church, Bishop Dibelius said "the Evangelical Church is no diplomats' training center, but must raise its voice regarding a question involving life or death for millions, and admonish responsible politicians to seek all means for peace."

"Charity, peace and love must be our motto for 1951," he added.

all governments, all statesmen, for church leaders and peace movements—that God may work through all in accomplishing His loving purposes.

"We can persist in efforts toward conciliation; think creatively; forget self and act with dispatch as enlightened conscience and the Spirit of God may guide us."

Speed Your Education

by C. E. Bryant

In these day of national emergency, young people are torn between desires to serve their country in a military capacity and to continue their peace-time plans for a college education. Both are worthy objectives.

It seems, however, that a general rule might apply: Until the Government calls a young man into active military service, he can best serve himself and the nation by pursuing his college education.

No one debates the point that a college education makes for better citizenship in peace and war. The Government encourages college attendance by granting draft deferments and other considerations to the industrious student. The educated man nurtures democracy in times of peace, and his college training is vital to the Government in times of war. Officers in the armed forces and scientists behind the lines are predominantly college-trained men.

Pastors and parents will not err in pointing their young people toward immediate enrollment in a Christian college. Urge all now in college to stick by their books until they are called into service. Life in a Christian college will build for these young people a moral strength, as well as scientific knowledge, to cope with the temptations and opportunities facing them in possible later military service.

Most of our Baptist colleges are adjusting their curriculum to be of maximum service to both the individual student and the nation in these days of emergency. It is incumbent upon all of us to make every contribution possible in the preservation of the Christian traditions and the freedoms for which our nation stands.

Instead of Tennessee Baptists singing, "Will There Be Any Stars In My Crown?", let them ask, "Will There Be Any Blood On My Hands?" (Ezek. 3:18) State Evangelistic Conference First Baptist church, Nashville, January 22-23.

Church Architecture Conference

A notable feature of the Southern Seminary session each year is the conference on church architecture and exhibit of church plans, building materials and equipment, church furniture and furnishings, etc. This year the conference will be held February 13-14, under direction of W. A. Harrell, secretary of the Department of Architecture of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The exhibits will be on display Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, February 13, 14, and 15. Lectures and conferences will be at regular class periods in the Department of Religious Education and Church Administration. Schedule of these periods may be had from the Seminary on request.

The special feature to which neighboring pastors and other interested persons are invited will be on Tuesday night, February 13, from 7 to 9 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to all who are interested in church buildings and equipment.

Next Sunday's Lesson

by O. L. RIVES, Professor of Religious Education, Carson-Newman College

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TEXTS: Mark 1:40 to 3:12 (Larger)—Mk. 2:1-12 (Printed)—Mk. 2:17 (Golden).

Jesus Meets Growing Hostility

Among the contributions made to the writer of these notes is that of the late Dr. A. T. Robertson in furnishing and developing the concept of both the amount and the intensity of the hatred of Jesus' enemies toward Himself. This lesson is an illustration of that hatred. How did Jesus meet such hostility or animosity?

By Healing A Leper (Mk. 1:40-45)

Leprosy is a much-dreaded and loathesome disease. Those who contracted it became outcasts, during our Lord's days on the earth. This leper, manifesting faith in Him, came to Him for cleansing which was granted. Upon being healed, he was told to show himself to the priest (according to the law) but forbidden to tell others of his marvelous healing. The leper disobeyed the second part of the order and in so doing hindered Jesus' ministry. From the incident we may learn that one of the ways to meet hostility in doing the Lord's work is to go right on doing the Lord's work, in the same spirit that moved Him and for the sake of His glory.

By Restoring a Paralytic (Mk. 2:1-12)

The restoration was two-fold, physical and spiritual. Jesus forgave the man's sins (and in so doing evoked the wrath of some onlooking scribes and Pharisees) and then healed his stricken body. Palsy is a pitiable condition of body, while unforgiven sins is even more pitiable for the soul. Both alike paralyze. But the Great Physician possesses healing power just as easily for the one as for the other. His critical enemies, who questioned His right to forgive sins, were met with boldness and dispatch by our Lord. The best way to grasp a nettle is to grasp it with firmness and decision.

By Calling A Publican (Mk. 2:13-17)

Many persons, in passing by Matthew seated at the place of toll in Capernaum, saw only a despised collector of taxes in the employ of a still more-despised Roman government; but Jesus "saw a man" (Matt. 9:9) who could and did become useful in His service. He sees us not only as we now are but He also sees us as we can become, when we yield all and follow Him as did this Publican. Out of his deep gratitude for what Jesus had done for him, Matthew made a great feast to which he invited his fellow-sinners to eat with Jesus. This, too, brought sharp criticism from the Pharisees. If Jesus had been unwilling to associate with sinners, where would we be?

By Defending His Disciples (Mk. 2:18-22)

"Why do not your disciples fast like John's disciples?" the Pharisees ask Jesus. Some of John's own disciples join them in this. Dr. Robertson comments, "It is sad to see the disciples of John aligned with the Pharisees against Jesus." In three parables Jesus defends His disciples for their feasting instead of fasting. He suggests that His kingdom is a joyous affair (like a wedding); that it is new and different (like new cloth); and that it is

revolutionary (like new wine). Christianity, properly conceived, is predominantly positive (symbolized by feasting) rather than predominantly negative (symbolized by fasting).

By Using the Sabbath (Mk. 2:23 to 3:6)

The religionists of Jesus' day had come to abuse instead of use the Sabbath. Jesus used it for God's glory and for man's benefit, and formulated the abiding principle by saying, "Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath day" (Matt. 12:12b). How should we use

The Young South

Look at the date on this week's BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR. It's hard to realize that three whole weeks of the new year have already passed, isn't it?

This is a good time to check up and see how well we are succeeding in keeping those resolutions we made on New Year's Day. Have we really been trying our best to do the things we planned to do this year? Can we do better?

I hope you kept a copy of your list of resolutions. Maybe you'd like to grade yourself today. Decide how many points you'd like to give yourself on each resolution. Will you give yourself equal points on each, or will you give higher points on the things which require the most effort? Decide on your own method of scoring. *Ready?*

Now let's read each resolution aloud. Then think back over the last eighteen days. Have you completely kept each resolution every day? Or is there still room for improvement? Let's be very honest and grade ourselves as fairly as possible. When you have checked each resolution, and graded yourself on it, add all the points to get your total score. Would you like to write it here?

Maybe you'd like to copy your score on today's date on your calendar. I'm afraid none of us will make 100 this time! But we can keep on trying, can't we? What grade will you try to make the next time we check up—say, a month from now? On the February 15 space of your calendar, write your goal for next month. Make a circle around it, then begin trying hard to reach your goal!

This month we have had a special opportunity to be friendly, haven't we? Several Young South friends have written letters asking for our friendship. Have you responded to the request of at least one of these friends?

I hope that by now ten-year-old Joyce Aldridge has found several new friends who like to read. If you missed Joy's word picture on January 4, look it up now. Perhaps you'd like

our day of rest, the Lord's Day which is called Sunday? John gives us the clew when he writes, "I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day" (Rev. 1:10). To be "in the Spirit" on Sunday guarantees its proper use and observance.

By Ministering to the Multitudes (Mk. 3:7-12)

Along with the growing hostility to Jesus, upon the part of His enemies, was the increasing popularity He had among those who needed His help in terms of teaching and healing and preaching. Jesus would not allow the increasing hostility of the few to deter Him from ministering to the great needs of the many. And so by the sides of the sea of beloved Galilee, and later entering a little boat and pushing off a little way to keep from being thronged by the multitudes, He teaches and heals. The multitudes came from all parts of Palestine, and Matthew writes in a parallel passage that "He healed them all" (Matt. 12:15b). We must carry the Gospel to the great and needy masses.

to write to her—Route 1, Fountain Head, Tennessee.

I would also like a report from Ernestine Littlejohn (Route 1, Guys, Tennessee) and Ruth and Warren Long (Route 1, Church Hill, Tennessee). Each of these asked for pen pals and their word pictures were so interesting that I'm sure several of you immediately wrote them get-acquainted letters. Perhaps by now these new friends have several good pen pals.

Last week's column included some more requests for new friends. There was sixteen-year-old Ana Ruth Matthews, eleven-year-old Nelda Methvin, fourteen-year-old Shirley Renegar, twelve-year-old Jane Rice, and nine-year-old Vivian Sanders. Have you become better acquainted with any of these? Re-read their word pictures and you'll want to write to at least one of them.

There are two more new pictures in the file. One is not very complete, but it shows enough to let us know that some twelve-year-old will find a good pen pal by writing to Margaret Urserly, Bradford, Tennessee. Margaret says on a postal card: "I am twelve years old and in the seventh grade at school. I am a Christian. I attend G. A. meetings every Saturday. I would like very much to have some pen pals."

Shirley Yates, 609 South Main Street, Ridgely, Tennessee, is also looking for pen pals. Shirley is fourteen, in the ninth grade at school. She is a member of Ridgely Baptist Church. She has chosen three pen pals from our Young South column, but would like to have more. If you are about her age, she'd like to hear from you. How about it?

Let's not let January pass without making at least one new friend. Have you already chosen a pen pal? Or has someone chosen you? If you will bring your word picture up to date, we can share it with other Young South boys and girls and you'll soon find yourself with lots of new friends. How about it?

Love,

AUNT POLLY

Teach Your Child to Know God

by Mrs. LASSIE R. MANLEY

THERE IS AN OLD familiar proverb, "As the twig is bent, so grows the tree," and it is a wise parent that keeps this truth in mind.

The very young child is a copyist and knows to do only those things he sees being done by those whom he loves. Recently, one three year old boy was heard to say many times in the space of a ten day visit to his grandmother, "This 'tha' way my daddy does," and then he would proceed to enact something that "my daddy does."

Also the young child knows no doubt and it is therefore easy to have him believe without question what is told him by whomever has charge of his early training. When the mother explains to the child that God made him, that is enough to satisfy him for several years.

Call it instinct, or that "inner light" or whatever you will, but even the very young child seems to know that there is a God who is above all and greater than all. It is therefore easy to teach him of God, his Creator, even the two-year-old child is not too young to begin to be taught of Jesus. Read him short passages from the Bible and show him pictures depicting the Baby Jesus and others of His later years, being careful to explain that the pictures are not really of Jesus but that they do show the kind of clothes He wore as well as portray some of the things He did while He walked this earth in the flesh.

Teach your child that God created him in His own image and that He is good and that He wants him to be good also. When you correct your child for something, tell him that he has made a smudge mark upon the good image of God.

Teach your child that God is a Spirit and lives in the spirit world. Teach him that God's Spirit is everywhere and can see him and that when he does wrong he mars the lovely image of God and grieves God's heart.

A good way to teach your child to be mindful of the unseen Presence of God is to take him out-of-doors when the wind is blowing and wet the back of his hand and let him hold it up and feel the wind blowing cool against it. Then explain that although he cannot see the wind he can feel it blowing cool against his skin and that this is the way with God, although he cannot see God, he can feel God's presence and need have no fear for God is watching over him to protect him and keep him from harm.

Teach your children that just as Jesus once lived in bodies like unto their bodies but is now caught up unto God in the spirit world, so will they too one day be caught up to God in the heaven of spirit world, if they believe on Jesus Christ, His Son, and accept Him as their Savior.

As you teach your child of God, you will find that you yourself are becoming more and more attuned to Him and your own life will

take on new meaning and earnestness coupled with a deep peace and satisfaction you have never known before.

Teach your child that God is love and that every good and perfect gift comes from him. Teach him that all healing comes from God and that he is to look to God in faith for healing when he is sick. That God gives the medicine he must take just as he gives us food and water and that the doctor who prescribes it is one of God's ministers.

As your child grows older and you find it is time to tell him more fully about God's plans of pro-creation, it will all come easily and naturally because of this earlier training.

In teaching your child that the Christian way of life is the normal way and that any other way is abnormal, never leave out a part of the teachings of Jesus because you consider them unreal and idealistic for the kind of world in which we live. This has been done far too long already with the tragic result that our



beloved country that was founded upon God, has gone the way of the flesh.

See that your children become as familiar with all of Christ's teachings as they are with the "Beatitudes" and the "Lord's Prayer." Teach them that the "golden rule," "As ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise," is the measuring rod of all Christian conduct.

Do these teachings of Jesus make for peace in everyday living? They do! The following incident took place recently in one of our neighboring cities:

Johnny and Jack attended the same grammar school. Johnny had received this earlier Christian training. Jack knew nothing of these teachings of Jesus although he was a regular attendant at Sunday school. Both boys were on the "safety patrol," and the day of our story Johnny found it necessary to report Jack to the principal because of his abuse of some younger boys. As a result Jack was dismissed from the patrol.

When school was out that day, Johnny hastened to his job of delivering circulars for a neighborhood grocer, only to be attacked along his route by Jack bent on revenge. After he had slapped and kicked Johnny several times and had not been resisted he seemed a little unsure but still followed Johnny along giving him a kick now and then in the back of the legs. Johnny stopped and turned to Jack and in a voice free from anger said, "Jack, I'm a Christian and Jesus taught that I am not to resist evil but that if someone smites me on the one cheek, I am to turn to him my other also. Now you can hit and kick me if you want to but I cannot hit you back."

By this time Jack's mouth had dropped open in amazement and his face had flushed a brick red as he turned and walked away. Johnny had whipped him more thoroughly with the words of Jesus than he ever could have done with his fists.

Teach your children that when someone has mistreated them it is because that one has never found "the way." But because your children have found the way they are to be patient and long-suffering with that one who is still walking in "darkness" and pray that that one, too, might be made to see the "Light."

Surely there are few mothers and fathers who would not gladly give their lives if by such a sacrifice their children might live their adult lives in a world free from war and crime.

It is possible! But the answer is not to die for your child but to live for him and for God. As Paul puts it,—"Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God which is your reasonable service." Turn therefore to God with your whole heart remembering that Jesus said, "Ye cannot serve two masters. . . Ye cannot serve both God and Mammon." Sanctify yourselves unto God so that He may sanctify you wholly with His Holy Spirit that you may be able to withstand the evil one.

The Psalmist said, "Delight thyself in the Lord and He will give thee the desires of thine heart."

If the desire of your heart is to have a peaceful happy world where your sons and daughters may establish their homes of tomorrow, then remember that God has said: "I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore chose life, that both thou and thy seed might live," and teach your child to know and reverence God!

The Bradley County Associational Worker Lists Some Valuable Methods of

Indirect Publicity

by J. C. Williamson

In any discussion of the promotion of the activities of a Simultaneous Revival, the most valuable elements of publicity do not come under the care of the Publicity Committee, and often the least valuable elements of publicity are those for which we spend the most money. I want to discuss ten of the indirect methods of publicity that take a lot of trouble to promote but which cost us the least in money, bring the greatest returns in people reached, and which will finance much of the direct advertising for an association if we give the people an opportunity to contribute at the meetings.

Who do you want to reach? We hear the answer, "The total community life." We want "a good report of them which are without" as well as of Baptists. There should be something in all our work and promotion that will at least arouse the interest and curiosity of those we believe to be totally uninterested, and nothing that will arouse unfavorable comment, unless sound doctrine arouses it. On March 25th of this year I want the good will of every person in this county. It is a valuable promotional asset.

What are the purposes of our committees? Only two: to rekindle the spiritual fires in the hearts of the people already enlisted and to find and interest more people in Christian life and service through the activity being promoted.

The work of the committees is promotion and publicity, and their findings and plans should be publicized; some immediately after the meeting, others according to the schedule of work. The personnel of committees, their findings, their activities and programs make first grade newspaper articles. The work of the Steering Committee, and of every sub-committee, is definitely promotional in character and publicizing their actions in correspondence, the newspapers and on the radio is the duty of a good Publicity Committee. If this publicity is poorly handled and half completed the money we spend for direct publicity will bring us little profit.

Your series of cottage prayer meetings will be one of the very best promotional and advertising agencies of the whole meeting. We never think of them as such and certainly do not hold them for that purpose, yet a series of well planned prayer meetings, properly placed in the homes of the unenlisted and unsaved, then reverently executed by earnest Christians in whom everyone has confidence will make God real to cold hearts and will warm and draw people to Him. That can be worth more to your meeting than all your paid advertising and other special activities put together and until this is done either in homes or in the churches I fear there will be little positive results and a small crowd in any meeting.

A revival needs a slogan and a theme song. "Christ Is the Answer" must have been in-

spired of God, yet the continuous use of the same slogan will nullify much of its value. I saw on a car windshield this week, "Moving On from Crusade for Christ, To Conquest with Christ." It wasn't Baptist but it should be true of Baptists. There is hardly a top selling article in America but what its advertising is built around a catchy slogan. The right kind of slogan will bring people. One year our Associational Sunday school was planning the annual clinic. It had been poorly attended for several years. A worker said, "Let's call it, 'Learn How Night'." We did. That is all we did differently, yet the attendance was about four times the average. A theme song isn't as important as the slogan but it is valuable in the work. One of the grand old revival songs makes a fine theme song.

The rallies are one of your strongest promotion agencies. I hear some say, "They are not well-attended." That is all right. A great many more people know about the work and understand it better. Whatever people know well they will talk about much, and what they know little about they will say little about. The church, or association, that reaches the most people will be the one that has the most people talking about what it is doing. I'd rather have unfavorable talk than no talk at all. When the figures are in the total attendance of the rallies is always surprisingly large, and if we give the people a chance they will support the rallies financially to the extent that they will pay a large portion of the paid advertising. I suggest that group rallies be held in addition to those suggested by Dr. Matthews' book. Put your best workers in the rallies. They are not just another meeting, but interest and spirit builders for the whole program.

Promotional material should leave nothing to chance. Don't be indefinite nor stingy. Repetition is one of the secrets of good teaching, and we are trying to teach people to love the Lord and His work. Every piece of literature, every letter going to a worker should contain something carrying the names, dates and places of meetings and other information that can be placed in concise form. Every meeting should have a bulletin, if at all possible, and one page should contain this same material. You say, "They don't read it." They don't need to read it every time. They know what it says, but they need to be reminded of it again and again until they can't forget it.

The best advertising is personal contact. Nothing will take its place and it costs nothing but effort.

Christianity has been spread through the centuries from mouth to ear by people who heard and in turn spread the "good news" to others in the same manner. Paid advertising is good, and should be used in liberal amounts, but nothing will take the place of people going out and seeing other people and asking them to attend the meeting. The only reason more of it isn't done is that there is no glory to it, nor glamour, but a lot of hard work, yet it pays as high dividends as anything a church or association can do.

Announcements become routine and nobody pays much attention to them if made in the usual way. If I wanted to get a whole church to listen I'd get someone to make the announcement in every department meeting, in every class, in every union and in the worship services. I'd write out what I wanted said and ask someone not a member of that class, union or department to do it and someone other than the pastor or superintendent to make it to the assembled congregation. People will listen to a new voice, especially if we use some of our younger group to make the announcements. "Everyone knows about it." Sure they do, but you need to tell it to them in so many ways and so many times they will become willing to act on what they know. Knowing what to do and doing it are two different things, and add up to different results at the close of a campaign.

The next suggestion may sound unusual for an article on advertising and promotion, but few leaders seem to realize the advertising value of a program starting on time, running on time, and quitting on time. Variety in the program material and personnel has just as much value as running the program as advertised. People expect value in full for their time and deserve to have it. The "same old crowd" on the program and "just anything" isn't good enough for people anywhere, or any time. Incidentally, your revival will get a better start if you will begin on time each night.

I visited a church where a friend was pastor. That night when I got home my wife asked me how the revival was getting along, and I told her they weren't going to have any revival. They didn't. It was just a *protracted* meeting because that was all the pastor expected. He spent five minutes telling all about the short-comings of his church and why his people didn't attend revivals well and the poor results of previous revivals.

There must be an air of expectancy in all our promotion. Our words and our attitude must say to all, "We expect you to be present and help," and they must say it sweetly and graciously as a genteel host would say it so people will feel constrained to attend and become participants in the meeting. Without that expectancy much that we do will be dead and will bear heartaches and financial deficits instead of souls. Someone said people do about what we expect of them and I believe it with all my heart. Do you expect to have a great revival this spring? Then in all probability you will. "According to your faith be it unto you."

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Sunday School

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State Sunday School Convention

The Sunday School Convention is to be held this year at the First Baptist church, Nashville, February 14-15-16. All Sunday school workers should be making their plans to attend. Keep your eyes on the Sunday school section of the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR for the program.

We want every church in the state represented in this convention. *Won't you send at least one worker.* Conference leaders and inspirational speakers will inspire us to greater service.

DEAR FELLOW WORKER:

Our best season in years for winning people to Christ is before us in the evangelistic crusade. All churches east of the Mississippi River and nearly all of those west of the River, will hold a two weeks' evangelistic meeting March 25-April 8, or some date near this. In this lies one of the strongest possible incentives for our Sunday schools to reach people NOW. Lost people enrolled *now* will be part of the harvest during these meetings.

Here is the suggestion: Every Sunday school work for a minimum net gain of three new members each week for the eight Sundays, February 4-March 25. Many schools will average ten net gain or more each Sunday for the period. Take the census February 4, and then plan an all-out eight-week effort to enroll people for evangelism. It will take an average of three new classes per church to hold a net gain of three each Sunday for eight weeks.

Will you plan a conference of all your Sunday school workers and together determine that your church will be a vital part of a Convention-wide effort to enrol 500,000 additional people for evangelism during the next eight weeks?

This is our day, promised by our Lord. May we see it, accept the responsibility, and obey our Lord. Luke 19:41-42.

Yours for more people won now,

J. N. BARNETTE

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GET READY FOR CENSUS FEBRUARY 4

(continued from last week)

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Students Told Christianity Can Meet World Needs

OXFORD, O.—(RNS)—Delegates to the fourth national assembly of the Student Christian Association Movement here were told by the Rev. Alexander Miller, a New Zealander, that "America's great function could be to prove to the world that both bread and freedom can be provided together."

"The people of eastern Europe, China and Korea," he said, "always take bread when it is a choice between freedom and bread. When people do not have their share, they begin to believe they can live by bread alone."

"The world needs three great freedoms—freedom from greed, freedom from prejudice and freedom from fear."

The Rev. James A. Pike, chaplain at Columbia University in New York, was another speaker.

"The Christian Church," he said, "has survived many other crises in its history and will survive the present world strife. Nations come and go, but God and man go on."

"Christianity," he added, "has a world view and its soundness and relevance make more sense than the other isms."

Dr. Kirtley F. Mather, of Harvard, president-elect of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, also struck a hopeful note.

He told a faculty-staff seminar that "men of intelligence and good will still have a great

1950 SBC Mission Gifts Highest In History

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptists gave more to Southern Convention causes in 1950 than ever before, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, treasurer, Southern Baptist Convention and executive secretary of the Executive Committee. Total gifts came to \$10,614,719, or twelve per cent higher than the \$9,471,777 given in 1949 and three and one half per cent higher than the \$10,259,995 given in 1946, highest previous year.

Designated gifts amounted to \$3,267,175 and were only four per cent above the 1949 figure of \$3,140,806. But Cooperative Program (the convention's undesignated mission funds) were up sixteen per cent to \$7,347,544 from \$6,330,971 in 1949.

The Cooperative Program fund was divided: \$671,826 to Foreign Missions Advance, \$172,500 to the Convention's operating budget, \$4,000,000 to current needs and \$2,500,000 to capital needs.

opportunity to steer the course of civilization through the dangerous rocks on either side."

Dr. Mather said there are "wholesome, constructive forces" at work in the world as well as destructive forces.

"But as we begin the second half of the 20th century," he declared, "we need to improve our three-sided natures of mind, spirit and body."

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McNairy Reports Successful Central School And "M" Night

Rev. W. E. Bailey, Director of McNairy Associational Training Union reports: "The Central Training School at West Shiloh Baptist Church was a great success. We enrolled 268 in all the classes with an average attendance of 189. Eleven of the sixteen churches with Training Unions were represented in spite of snow! All taking part in this school were happy over the outcome. I was especially well pleased as it was the first school of this type the Association had ever held. The whole week did more to promote Training Union work in our Association than anything we have had since I came."

Listed below are the classes offered:

BUILDING A CHURCH TRAINING PROGRAM, taught by Mr. John R. Myers, Calvary Church, Jackson.

THE BAPTIST ADULT UNION MANUAL, taught by Mr. C. C. Latta, West Jackson Church.

BAPTIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S UNION ADMINISTRATION, taught by Miss Mary Anderson, Nashville.

JUNIOR-INTERMEDIATE LEADERSHIP MANUAL, taught by Miss Roxie Jacobs, Nashville.

STORY HOUR LEADERSHIP MANUAL, taught by Mrs. Jesse Meek, Calvary Church, Jackson.

INTERMEDIATE UNION MANUAL, taught by Rev. Howard Kolb, Selmer.

JUNIOR UNION MANUAL, taught by Rev. Prince E. Claybrook, West Shiloh.

Mr. A. B. Harris, Adamsville; Mr. Bertie Moore, Tulu and Rev. Kolb, Selmer, brought inspirational messages at the closing sessions.

Friday night was given over to "M" Night, (Mobilization Night) when Brother Claybrook presented a filmstrip giving the Training Union themes for the year. Rev. Charles Dinkins, Westover Church, brought a fine message. Rev. Bill Bailey presented the goals and plans for the new year and offered the following report of the nominating committee:

Officers for McNairy Training Union, 1951: Director, W. E. Bailey, Selmer; Associate, Mrs. Nora White, West Shiloh; Secretary, Eugene Forsythe, Ramer; Chorister, Clyde Davis, Guys; Pianist, Mrs. Doyle Petty, Chewalla; Pastor-Adviser, Rev. Howard Kolb, Selmer;

Leaders:
Adult, Mullens Petty, Chewalla; Young People, Mrs. A. B. Harris, Adamsville; Intermediate, Mrs. Clyde Kennedy, Stantonville; Junior, Mrs. Hazel Ledbetter, Counce; Story Hour, Mrs. J. R. Jaggars, Ramer.

On December 4 Brother Bailey conducted

another successful campaign in winning the hand in marriage of Miss Cassie May Armstrong of Gravel Hill. We extend hearty congratulations and best wishes to the happy couple.

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Says D.P.s are Loyal Hard-working Individuals

NEW ORLEANS—The majority of displaced persons, who were really farmers before their displacement during the war, and who have been provided decent housing and livable wages by their sponsors, are happily readjusting themselves to American farm life, Charles R. Gage, Southern Baptist Displaced Persons Resettlement Director, said today in taking issue with a statement in a recent news release attributed to G. P. Garfield of the Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

"Of course, when D.P.s are placed in run down, unpainted, dilapidated tennant shacks and paid starvation wages on a share-cropper basis, it is another thing," Mr. Gage said. "D.P.s are coming to this country in an effort to better their condition in life and we cannot blame them if they refuse to live and work under impossible conditions."

"On the other hand, many sponsors, genuinely interested in helping displaced persons get a new start, have provided decent, sanitary housing, are paying livable wages, and are now happy boosters of the D.P. program."

"It is to be remembered," said Mr. Gage, who is also a member of the Baptist World Alliance Relief Committee, "that the old D.P. law gave a distinct preference in immigration to farmers. Many persons, shoemakers, butchers, engineers, etc., and who had never seen a farm before they were used as slave laborers on farms during the war, signed up as farmers in order to increase their chances of immigrating to the U. S. Since the law has been amended, we are getting people who are genuine farmers and they are working out much better than in the beginning."

Shreveport First Plans Celebration

First Church, Shreveport, La., announces the 39th Annual Bible Conference, the celebration of the 105th Anniversary of the Church, and the dedication of the new \$800,000 Educational Building and Chapel during the week February 12-15.

The Bible Conference Program will feature some of the 24 ministers who have gone out from the Church during the pastorate of a native son of Tennessee, Dr. M. E. Dodd. All of them have been invited to spend the week with the Church. Dr. S. H. Frazier of Marshall, Texas; Rev. Eric Wiley of Grenada, Miss.; Rev. Fred Savage of Abbeville, La.; Rev. William Rose of the New Orleans Seminary; Rev. Francis Horton of Clarksdale, Miss.; Rev. Malcolm Rust of Grand Bay, Ala.; and Rev. Joe King of the New Orleans Seminary will appear on the program as teachers of Study Course books and as preachers.

The Anniversary Day Program, February 14, will emphasize the Training Union and Sunday school work, featuring Dr. J. D. Grey; Mr. A. L. Russell, Training Union Director for Louisiana; Dr. T. C. Gardener, Training Union Director for Texas; Mr. L. Mark Roberts, Director of Sunday school work for Louisiana as the speakers.

Dedication Day, February 15, will feature Dr. W. A. Criswell of the First Church, Dallas, Texas, as the preacher.

First church, Chattanooga, Carl J. Giers, pastor, set a goal of \$6,000.00 for the Lottie Moon offering in December. Over \$8,500.00 was given.

Join the caravans coming to State Evangelistic Conference, First Baptist church, Nashville, January 22-23.

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Focus on Y. W. A.

February 4-10 is Y. W. A. Focus Week! Mark these days in red on your calendar for it is a special week. It is a time when the attention of the church and community is directed to Young Woman's Auxiliary. Such a week can boost your Y. W. A., enlarge mission enthusiasm, and reveal the value of the organization. Remind the W. M. S. of this opportunity to show real interest in the young women. Make it a big occasion! Committees should be busy during Young Woman's Auxiliary Focus Week.

ENLISTMENT COMMITTEE: Make this a real "rush week" for your Y. W. A., secure new members, stimulate the entire membership.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE: secure permission of your pastor and plan to conduct Wednesday Prayer Service or Sunday Evening Service. Have you presented the pantomime "O, Zion Haste"? (Order from Birmingham)

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: distribute Stewardship leaflets and pledge cards to every member. This is a good time to enlist new titheers.

MISSION STUDY COMMITTEE: study a book this week. "Whisper Out of the Dust," the 1951 Home Mission book, would be ideal.

COMMUNITY MISSIONS COMMITTEE: undertake some new project in community missions. Organize a new Y. W. A. in a neighboring church or mission; share your Valentine party with the young women of another race or from an under-privileged area and make Christian Love the theme.

LITERATURE COMMITTEE: make your Y. W. A. membership 100% in subscribing to "The Window of Y. W. A."

LIBRARY COMMITTEE: begin your Y.W.-A. Book Club this week.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE: plan a party, sup-



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Associational Meetings

We are hoping that every association will have a Brotherhood Associational Meeting or a Layman's Rally the last of February or the first of March.

The program should emphasize our coming Evangelistic Crusade. We suggest the following program: a devotional, music, such business as the association should transact, and then a good speaker challenging the men for the Evangelistic Crusade. You should appoint committees for publicity, religious census, and Cottage Prayer Meetings.

To the Brotherhood Presidents

Mr. President, it is not too early to begin completing plans for Cottage Prayer Meetings in every church. If you do not have a Brotherhood, ask the pastor to help select a good man for this important job and begin making plans immediately.

Twenty Thousand Men

If we could enlist only six per cent of the male membership of our churches, it would bring 20,000 men to our Associational Rallies.

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State Evangelistic Conference

This is a most important, informative, and inspired meeting. Pastor bring a layman with you to the First Baptist Church at Nashville, Tennessee January 22-23.

per, banquet, something special for Y. W. A.s and friends. (See suggestions for Community Missions Committee).

MUSIC COMMITTEE: arrange for solo, duet or chorus from the Y. W. A. to participate in the Sunday or Wednesday services. (Be sure and make arrangements with pastor)

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE: put up posters and announcements, see that accounts reach the church bulletin and newspapers.

Be sure that every one knows that February 4-10 is Y. W. A. Focus Week!

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NEW BROTHERHOODS REPORTED

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Membership V. P. Bill Allen
Secretary-Treasurer Ernest Hale
Chorister Cotton Rogers

Attendances and Additions to the Churches January 7, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	209	72	---	Knoxville, Alice Bell	87	32	---
Athens, Antioch	87	55	5	Bell Avenue	738	322	7
East	386	176	---	Broadway	1082	478	8
First	500	227	---	Churchwell Avenue	155	69	1
West End Mission	79	60	---	Fifth Avenue	734	269	4
Coghill	61	37	---	First	719	141	2
Eastanalle	75	25	---	Kennedy	164	80	1
Etowah, East	69	24	---	Lincoln Park	586	192	2
Etowah, First	298	70	---	McCalla Avenue	558	192	---
Etowah, North	250	95	---	Washington Pike	257	92	---
Good Springs	87	68	---	Lebanon, Barton's Creek	101	41	---
New Zion	55	35	---	Cedar Grove	76	29	---
Riceville	85	52	---	Fairview	160	88	1
Wild Wood	76	56	---	First	431	126	---
Bemis, Herron Chapel	263	75	---	Rocky Grove	23	---	---
Benton, First	151	61	---	Lewisburg, First	469	162	2
Bristol, Calvary	331	133	5	Lexington, First	222	42	---
Brownsville, First	383	117	3	Maryville, Broadway	405	223	6
Carthage, First	172	36	---	Everett Hills	266	156	2
Chattanooga, Avondale	601	172	1	First	763	223	7
Brainerd	534	215	---	Medina	105	71	---
Cedar Hill	259	65	---	Lathams Chapel	79	25	---
Clifton Hill	272	87	2	Memphis, Bellevue	2295	979	20
Concord	281	108	1	Boulevard	740	256	4
Eastdale	353	105	6	Central Avenue	641	231	2
East Ridge	361	112	1	LaBelle	607	227	5
Edgewood	195	46	7	Levi	161	123	---
First	1065	310	13	Barton Heights	143	69	6
Highland Park	3470	1131	30	Prescott Memorial	590	184	2
Lupton City	131	100	---	Seventh Street	481	274	4
McCarty	59	28	---	Speedway Terrace	702	168	6
Morris Hill	252	133	8	Temple	1214	317	3
Oakwood	149	64	---	Milan, First	289	65	---
Red Bank	752	217	---	Millington	169	134	2
Ridgedale	672	239	2	Monterey, First	239	70	---
Ridgeview	188	103	1	Morrison, Wilson's Chapel	63	63	---
St. Elmo	353	128	---	Morristown, First	500	132	---
Second	207	94	---	Buffalo Trail	78	45	---
Signal Mountain	77	38	1	Nortside Mission	13	---	---
Suck Creek	40	38	---	Murfreesboro, Barfield	63	51	---
White Oak	340	61	3	First	449	115	---
Cleveland, Calvary	166	92	5	Walnut Street Mission	54	---	---
Rutledge Memorial	70	41	---	Powell's Chapel	74	50	---
Four Point Chapel	17	---	---	Taylor's Chapel	76	28	---
Clinton, First	398	100	1	Third	164	88	1
Norris	44	24	3	Woodbury Road	90	67	---
Columbia, First	422	165	---	Nashville, Eastland	521	104	---
Godwin Chapel	37	---	---	Grace	696	277	1
Second	164	119	---	Grubbs Memorial	147	85	5
Cookeville, Steven Street	97	51	1	Inglewood	736	201	1
West View	148	73	---	Due West	39	18	---
Corryton, Fairview	136	68	4	State School	44	---	---
Decherd, First	130	79	---	Madison, First	345	112	---
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	123	100	---	New Hope	144	81	---
First	450	172	---	North End	162	69	---
Elizabethton, First	496	123	---	Park Avenue	497	167	1
Immanuel	143	66	---	Shelby Avenue	387	117	---
Oak Street	115	74	---	Third	221	53	---
Siam	210	143	---	Westwood	84	53	3
Fountain City, Central	881	189	---	Oak Ridge, Glenwood	325	115	6
Hines Valley Mission	44	---	---	Robertsville	357	105	2
Smithwood	418	191	3	Old Hickory, First	531	235	1
Gallatin, First	314	88	---	Philadelphia	214	53	---
Gladeville	134	53	---	Rockwood, First	287	137	---
Harriman, Trenton Street	363	133	2	Rutledge, Oakland	76	52	---
Hohenwald, First	101	73	1	Savannah, First	105	43	---
Humboldt, Antioch	192	43	---	Shelbyville, El Bethel	101	37	---
First	448	138	2	Soddy, Oak Street	154	80	1
Jackson, Calvary	459	170	5	Somerville, First	140	101	1
North	250	115	---	Spencer	40	22	---
West	727	290	2	Tullahoma, First	220	59	---
Kingsport, Fort Robinson	89	62	2	Highland	91	49	---
Glenwood	268	116	2	Watertown, Round Lick	150	85	---
Lynn Garden	337	115	2	White Pine	139	70	---

BSSB Employees Reject Unionization

Baptist Sunday School Board employees decisively refused the proposition of unionization in the election held Jan. 8, under auspices of the National Labor Relations Board. By a vote of 87 to 36, employees in the reproduction, typographic, warehousing and shipping departments of the Sunday School Board turned down the International Printing Pressmen's and Assistants Union of N.A., which had been seeking a unit composed of all employees in these departments of the BSSB.

The vote, regarded as decisive for the Sunday School Board brings to an end an effort begun last July by the International Printing and Pressmen and Assistants Union of North America to bring nearly one third of the Board's Nashville employees into the union.

The union was opposed by the Sunday School Board on the grounds that neither the NLRB or any other governmental agency has the constitutional right to direct the affairs of a religious body. The feeling of the Board was that the NLRB ruling was a direct act against the separation of church and state.

In a statement following the election by Dr. T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary for the Board and Mr. H. E. Ingraham, business manager, said, "We have gone through a trying experience—it is over. We are grateful for the vote of confidence. Now with good will one for another throughout the board let us now turn our faces to the future and our hands to the task. Our ministry is for God through our fellow man. We must do our best." Spokesmen for the Board also stated that the rights and privileges of any individual voting for the union would be safeguarded by the Board.

Christian sympathy is expressed to Mr. Harry Hollis, Minister of Education at First church, Jackson, in the death of his mother, Mrs. Eva E. Hollis of Memphis, following an illness of about three weeks. She died at the home of her son in Jackson, Wednesday night, Jan. 10.



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Middle Tennessee NEWS

by Homer A. Cate

Congratulations to Rev. and Mrs. Henry Brown Stokes of Hartsville, who were married January 2, at First church, Shelbyville, Ky. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Johnson Lea of Shelbyville, Ky. The groom is the pastor of First church, Hartsville. The ceremony was performed by Cecil F. Lee, brother of the bride, who is minister of music, Immanuel church, Nashville.

Ardmore church, J. Lowell Knupp, pastor, has made a payment of \$2,000.00 on January 1 on their church debt leaving only \$4,000.00 as the amount which they owe on their building debt.

First church, Lebanon, Alvin H. Hopson, pastor, had a successful Stewardship revival and canvass under the leadership of George J. Burnett, who has been elected by the Tennessee Executive Board as special stewardship worker in the state, in which two hundred and ten pledges total \$583.00 with fine prospects of reaching their goal of better than \$800.00 a week.

Loyalty Day was successful at the First church, Murfreesboro, Robert L. Palmer, pastor. Over \$30,000.00 was subscribed December 3 which was 80 per cent of the total budget.

The group of ministers from the Nashville area who left Tuesday, January 2 for the Bahama Islands, where they conducted revival services January 7 through 14, were as follows: Harold Gregory, superintendent of City missions, Nashville; Allen West, pastor, Woodmont church, Nashville; Eugene Roberts, pastor, Hendersonville church; Willard Stephens, pastor, North Edgefield church; James Gregg, pastor, Lockland church, Nashville; and Don Pinson, pastor, Eastland church, Nashville. This work is under the direction of Guy Bellamy, superintendent of Negro work, of the Home Mission Board.

Margaret McDonald of Greenwood church, Union association, has surrendered her life to be a missionary. The church took a special offering for her during their Christmas program and plan to add to the offering from time to time to help pay her expenses through college. J. B. Caldwell is pastor of the Greenwood church.

Mr. William Hall Preston of the student department of the Sunday School Board, supplied the pulpit Sunday, December 31 of the First church, Clarksville. This was their last supply since their new pastor, Paul Kirkland, began his work January 7.

Smithville church has called Archie King to be pastor and he has accepted. Mr. King, a native Tennessean, has been pastor of a church in Bedford, Ind., while attending the Seminary in Louisville. He will move on the field after finishing the Seminary in May. He takes over the work, however, at Smithville March 1. The church is building a new six room, brick parsonage and will have it ready when the new pastor arrives. The church also has \$14,000.00 in its building fund toward a new building.

Robert F. Abbott has resigned as pastor of West Nashville church to become a student at the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, Calif. Mr. Abbott is a graduate of Cumberland University, and has served the West Nashville church for three years.

First church, Pulaski, J. Clark Hensley, pastor, will broadcast their Sunday morning worship services each Sunday over station WKSR and the Giles County association will present a half hour program at 8:30 each Sunday morning. Mr. Hensley is chairman of radio committee of Giles County association.

The Fifth Sunday meeting of the Concord association met December 31 at the West Vue church, Woodrow Medlock, pastor, in which the special speakers were Joe Wells, state evangelist, L. G. Frey, supt. of Evangelism and Missions in Tennessee and Don Pinson, pastor, Eastland church, Nashville.

First church, Mt. Pleasant, L. G. Gatlin, pastor recently elected and ordained the following men to serve as deacons: John L. Smith, John L. Lewis, Edgar Judkins, and Fred G. Rolater. Deacons Jack Malum and O. B. Powers were accepted from another church.

Dewey Mote has been called to be half time missionary of the Lawrence County association and began his work January 1.

Bob N. Ramsey, pastor of the First church, Cookeville, Stone association, for the past eight years, has resigned the church to accept the call of the First church, Wills Point, Texas, where he plans to do graduate work at the Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas. Under Mr. Ramsay's leadership, the church has carried on an aggressive local mission program, with the former missions at Stevens Street and Fourth Street, now being churches. Two other missions, one at Algood, and the other, a colored mission in West Cookeville are showing great progress. A fine building program has been started and is well under way at the First church, and the membership of First church has grown from 812 members to 1200. Bro. Ramsay married the former Geraldine Terry, a Cookeville girl and they have three children, two girls and a boy.

BOOKS RECEIVED

"The Inspiration of Ideals," Ten addresses delivered on special occasions by the late Dr. George W. Truett, compiled by Powhatan W. James, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publ. Co. \$2.50.

"The Dagger and the Cross," Dr. Culbert G. Rutenber. This examination of Christian pacifism holds that though the persistence and universality of sin seem to bar the way to a warless world, the witness and work of the pacifist is not in vain, for he is much like the physician bending every effort to save life despite the fact that death claims all. A book of 134 ppgs. published by Fellowship Publication, 21 Audubon Ave., N. Y. 32, N. Y. \$1.00.

"That They May Believe," Peter H. Eldersveld, Wm. B. Eerdmans Publ. Co., \$2.50. Eighteen radio sermons by a minister of the Christian Reformed Church.

"Anointed to Preach," Clovis G. Chappell, out of a long ministry, shares with those who would know better the work of the preacher; Abingdon Cokesbury, \$1.50.

"The Meaning of Church Membership," Wayne C. Clark; The Judson Press, Philadelphia. Booklet of 96 pages acquainting the convert with the conditions and implications of scriptural church membership.

Hearings Scheduled on New Universal Service Plan

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—Chairman Carl Vinson (D.-Ga.) of the House Armed Services Committee, has set January 18 as the opening date for hearings on the drastic new Universal Military Service plan which the Department of Defense is going to ask Congress to enact.

The proposal, which is expected to draw opposition from religious leaders, will require 2½ years of compulsory military service by all boys reaching the age of 18, commencing at the end of the present school year. Assignment to industrial training of a nature vital to defense production will be required of all boys found unfit for combat duty with the armed forces.

Billy Kelton of the Short Creek church, New Duck River association has been called to be pastor of the Lancaster church, New Salem association, and has accepted. The Lancaster church called for his ordination by the Short Creek church. Billy was ordained Sunday, December 24. J. C. Oglesby, pastor, was the moderator and the sermon was preached by Homer A. Cate, pastor, First church, Shelbyville.

Clyde Cobb has just finished three years service as the successful pastor of the First church, Monterey, Stone association. During the three years there have been 192 additions, 135 of them by baptism, gifts have increased in a great way and missions gifts have been more than doubled, a new Hammond organ has been bought and paid for at a cost of \$2300.00 and a new carpet for the auditorium at a cost of \$1300.00. The Sunday school has grown from an average of 218 per Sunday to 300 per Sunday.

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Tale of Three Cities

by Duke K. McCall

The atom bomb made two cities famous. The third city rejoices to be unknown. It is Kokura, Japan, where the second atom bomb was supposed to have been delivered.

That day in August, 1946, many a housewife in Kokura grumbled about the grey, cloudy skies because she could not hang out her washing. Above her a bombardier, Paul W. Tibbetts, Jr., saw the same cloud as a blanket of white and grumbled because he could not lay his atomic egg on the No. 1 target.

I have talked to some of those housewives. They were lucky.

Down at Nagasaki the day was pretty. If the people had known they were the alternate target for Kokura, they would have prayed for a cloud. A grimy cloud made of Nashville smoke would have been a blessing that day.

Still Nagasaki was luckier than Hiroshima. Despite the propaganda reports, the second bomb was not as destructive as the first. People in Hiroshima never had to push their loaded bicycles up steep hills. They had thought that was a blessing, but they were wrong. A big hill borrowed from Nagasaki would have saved many from the atom bomb blast.

The first atom bomb pushed in the roof of the Chamber of Commerce Building directly below the explosion and knocked down the walls of all the rest of the town. That day the Baptist Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, appropriated \$10,000 for a church building in Hiroshima. America made Hiroshima the headlines in the news of the worst man-made disaster of the world. Other Americans prepared to send the city the best news God ever made.

I have preached that good news of Jesus Christ there. In one service 189 survivors of "the bomb" wrote out their confession of faith in Jesus as the way of life. They arose and one at a time walked to the pulpit to give the preacher their cards.

I tried to keep my eyes from focusing on their ugly scars. Some of the women have arranged their hair to cover the side of their face which was toward the bomb blast. I looked instead for the tears and smiles in their eyes which gave evidence of a new experience in their hearts.

There is also a church at Kokura despite the fact that American churches have hardly noticed that city since the war. A bomb started it. It was a very small fire bomb.

Mr. Kasa, executive of the steel mill at Kokura which the second atom bomb was supposed to destroy, got embarrassed when I asked him about the church in his beautiful home. Early in 1945 an air raid frightened him and his family out in the rain to a bomb shelter. When the raid was over they stopped praying and returned to the house.

Dripping water sent Mr. Kasa to the attic to inspect his roof. There he found a smoldering fire bomb not yet exploded. Gingerly he carried it away from the house.

As he thought over his prayers and the unexploded bomb he said, "God saved my house so I will give it to him." When Christian missionaries returned to Japan after the war, they found a church in his house.

A dud fire bomb and a cloudy day that sent the second atom bomb on to Nagasaki are part of the history of the strong church at Kokura.

Three hundred years ago the 26 Christians in Nagasaki were crucified on bamboo crosses. Before that they were herded about the country for six months as a warning to other people against Christianity. The ears of some had been cut off. Others had been mutilated in various ways.

In the group were two boys about eleven and fourteen years old. The executioner offered the two boys their freedom if they would only step on a picture of Jesus Christ. The younger boy rushed forward not to step on the picture but to fall on his knees before his bamboo cross. He wept, "Jesus was crucified for us. I will be crucified for him."

The people of Nagasaki forgot that story. Only a few remembered it to point out to curious tourists the hill near the center of town on which the crosses were erected.

When the atom bomb landed on Nagasaki it fell just beyond that hill. Down the valley the homes and factories were turned to rubbish. The blast struck the hillside and bounced over the center of the city. Suddenly the story of the crucified Christians was being passed from lip to lip. It always ended, "The Christians saved our city."

Whatever you may think about that explanation, the faithful witness of an eleven-year-old Christian who died 300 years ago is winning converts to Christ in Japan today.

Resolutions

RAMSAY

The First Baptist Church of Cookeville, Tennessee, at the evening service, December 31, 1950, adopted the following Resolution:

Whereas, Rev. Bob N. Ramsay, who has served as pastor of the First Baptist Church of Cookeville, Tennessee, for eight years, has resigned to accept the First Baptist Church, Wills Point, Texas, and do additional graduate work at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary (Bro. Ramsay now holds the B.A. degree from Furman University and the Th.M. from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary), and

Whereas, he has worked with such untiring effort and loyal devotion to the cause of Christ in Cookeville and the surrounding area, and

Whereas, the First Baptist Church recognizes that he is a man called of God to preach the Gospel and that he is possessed and endowed

with the power, ability and the devotion to heed the call and that he has well exercised this ability in preaching with all his energies the Word of God to the lost and to the saved, and is accepted and respected by this Church as one of the finest of preachers of the Gospel of Christ, and

Whereas, the following record has been made during his pastorate:

The membership of the Church has increased from 800 to 1200, with the total number of additions of 1,038. From this membership two missions have been organized into full time churches; viz., Steven Street Baptist Church and West View Baptist Church, and two other missions established. The offering at the mother church has increased from \$7,028.69 to \$40,091.15. All other phases of the work has grown proportionately. During this period as pastor, he has done extensive work in evangelism, holding meetings throughout our beloved state, and also in Minn., Ga., S. C., Fla., Mo., and Texas, God graciously blessing his efforts in great numbers being won to Christ; has served as Moderator of Stone Association, Member of the Tennessee Executive Board, Secretary of Tennessee Education Commission, and was honoured with the privilege of bringing the closing address at the 1950 State Baptist Student Convention, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, and

Whereas, he has been a courageous leader in social and in civic improvement, and led in the crusade which resulted in Cookeville becoming a dry city. He hates and condemns sin without regard to his own personal popularity and without regard to whom it pleases or displeases. He loves the lost and the lost respect him.

Whereas, this Church is deeply grateful to Bro. Ramsay for the great work which he has done, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that although we regret to lose him as our pastor, we rejoice that God has blessed us with his leadership, and commend him and his own to the good people of his new church, believing in our hearts that there are great things ahead for him; that we wish for him, his wonderful Christian wife and little children, every success and the richest blessings of God; that a copy of this resolution be retained in the church record, a copy mailed to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR, the local press and a copy presented to Bro Ramsay.

Signed:

O. T. Bohannon, Moderator

A. B. Wright, Church Clerk

"Every Baptist a Soulwinner." Attend State Evangelistic Conference First Baptist church, Nashville, January 22-23.

San Francisco SBC Theme Set

NEW ORLEANS, La.—(BP)—Theme for the 1951 Southern Baptist San Francisco Convention will be "The Whole Gospel for the Whole World." The statement, according to Dr. J. D. Grey, chairman, Committee on Order of Business, was an oft-expressed sentiment of the late Dr. George W. Truett. Emphases for the program scheduled to be released March first will be (1) doctrinal (2) missionary advance and (3) stewardship enlargement. The Convention will meet in San Francisco, June 20-24, 1951.

Book on Conservation of Results in Evangelism Hailed

by C. E. Matthews

At last, a program for conservation of results in evangelism that is practical, adequate, workable, and unified for all churches, regardless of size or location, has been worked out, printed in book form, and is available to all who desire it. The booklet entitled, *Your Life and Your Church*, was written by James L. Sullivan, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Abilene, Texas, and was edited and published by the Training Union Department of the Sunday School Board. It has in it five lessons for the new church member, these lessons will be taught by the pastor if possible; if not, then by some thoroughly capable person appointed by the pastor. The chapters and subjects are as follows:

CHAPTER ONE: THE MEANING OF CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE. This chapter is the stopgap for disillusioned persons who unite with the church without experiencing regeneration. If and when such a thing occurs, the individual who studies and is taught this lesson will discover his mistake and will be shown how to rectify it.

CHAPTER TWO: THE MEANING OF CHURCH MEMBERSHIP. This chapter is the clearest and most concise interpretation of the meaning of church membership as taught in the New Testament that the writer has ever read.

CHAPTER THREE: WHAT YOUR CHURCH CAN DO FOR YOU. This lesson sets out simply and clearly to the new church member how the church can (1) direct his worship life, (2) teach him the Word of God, (3) train him in church membership, (4) enlarge his missionary vision, (5) assign definite tasks to perform, and (6) train him in the greatest of all Christian service, soul-winning.

CHAPTER FOUR: WHAT CAN YOU DO FOR YOUR CHURCH. Here the new convert

is shown the many channels of service offered him by his church and how to cooperate with other Christians. It is a masterpiece on the work of the local church and the denomination. This chapter is the answer to the Southern Baptist position on doctrine and practice.

CHAPTER FIVE: YOUR ALL FOR CHRIST. This closing chapter is a powerful and irresistible appeal to the new church member to present his body and life as a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. The appeal is based on Christ's sufferings for us, Christ's requests to us, and the world need of him as Saviour and Lord. At this point, the task of enrollment of the new church member in active service in any and all church agencies that are open to him is obviously an easy and a happy one.

This class is to be taught at the Training Union hour, sponsored by the Training Union, and those present numbered in the total attendance.

This booklet is the missing link in Southern Baptist work. Long have our churches suffered because there has been no definite and unified program of enlistment for new church members. This has resulted in the loss to service for Christ of about forty per cent of the nearly seven million members in our churches.

This booklet will be off the press and available in Baptist Book Stores by February 1, 1951. The Sunday School Board in its gracious cooperation with our churches is mailing free a copy of this booklet to every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention. Our prayer is that every church will immediately order a supply of these booklets and start a class at once. What a godsend to all new church members that are privileged to have these lessons taught them, a thing so supremely essential to Christian growth.

Resolutions

Davis

Whereas Rev. T. G. Davis has served us faithfully and devotedly during the past four and one half years as pastor of the Robertsville Baptist Church, of Oak Ridge, and since he, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit has seen fit to retire from active pastoral duties

Be it resolved that we extend to him our sincere appreciation for his faithfulness in the Lord's work while on this field, and pray God's blessing upon him as he goes into his new work

Resolved that we present Bro. Davis with a copy of these resolutions; that a copy be sent to the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR; that a copy be sent to the Clinton Association; and that a copy be included in the minutes of this church.

M. E. Smith, Chairman

Mrs. Clara Walsh

E. L. Lay

This Is God's Hour

The theme for the first quarter 1951 Baptist Hour broadcasts by Charles Wellborn will be "This is God's Hour." Mr. Wellborn speaks next Sunday on "In God We Trust," and January 28, "Crossroads." Close to 200 radio stations will carry these Baptist Hour programs.

The Holy Spirit will be there, will you? Attend State Evangelistic Conference, First Baptist church, Nashville, January 22-23.

Have you had any to join your church after midnight? A communication from a member of the Briceville church reports, "We had three to join our church for baptism after 12 o'clock Sunday night. Two were saved that night as the bells rang out the old and rang in the new year with the congregation on its knees praying for America and our boys in service." Rev. Ernest Crawford is the pastor of this church.

Pastors Report West Coast Chinese-Americans Fearful

LOS ANGELES — (RNS) — The Chinese-American population of this city is nervously watching and waiting as the intensity of the Korean war grows.

They are wondering when and if they will be shipped off to relocation centers in Arizona or Utah.

This is the underlying tension here as expressed by two Chinese ministers, the Rev. Wun Bew Wong, pastor of the Chinese Methodist church, and the Rev. Albert Lau, pastor of the Chinese First Presbyterian church.

All three agreed that the Chinese intervention in Korea has had no effect on the relations between their two peoples in this area but that it had produced a great fear among Chinese residents here.

The two Chinese ministers said a large majority of American Chinese still support Chiang Kai-shek. However, they said, in San Francisco there is a large cell of Chinese Communists.

"On the whole our people are loyal to the United States," Mr. Lau said, "but we still wonder what will be done to us if war with China comes. We ministers can only do what we can to calm our people—we must sit tight and await developments."

Baptist Missionary Arrested By Chinese Communists

RICHMOND, Va.—(BP)—Dr. William L. Wallace, native of Knoxville, Southern Baptist Missionary in Wuchow, China and head of the Stout Memorial Hospital was arrested December 19, on charges of spying, according to Dr. M. Theron Rankin, Foreign Mission Board. He had not been released Christmas Day, when latest word was received.

Dr. Wallace's arrest leaves one missionary in Wuchow, Miss Everley Hayes. Wallace, who is unmarried, has been in China about 15 years and is greatly loved by the Chinese.

Sixteen missionaries now remain in China, Dr. Rankin said. Six of them are preparing to leave the country. The other ten have been asked by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the Orient, who is now in Hong Kong, to reconsider their earlier decisions to stay.

Czech Communists Mobilizing Catholic Press

VIENNA—(RNS)—A new State-sponsored program is under way in Czechoslovakia to mobilize the Roman Catholic press in the cause of Communism, it was learned here.

According to the Slovak Katolicke Noviny (Slovak Catholic News), the first group of thirty Catholic editors have been called to Prague for special courses intended to teach them "in straight, untwisted language" how the Catholic press can be "linked to Communist construction."

The courses were ordered set up by the Church Ministry which announced that henceforth the mission of the Catholic press must be "to orientate the faithful toward Communism."