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At left, top row—Dr. Robert G. Lee, Memphis, president of the Convention; Porter Routh, Nashville, senior secretary; Duke K. McCall, Nashville, executive secretary of Executive Committee.

At left, bottom row—B. B. McKinney, Nashville, who will direct the Convention music; Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, director of promotion for Executive Committee; and S. G. Posey, Fresno, Calif., executive secretary for California.

At right, top row—Howard Butt, Corpus Christi, Texas, Youth Night speaker; Senator Robert S. Kerr, Oklahoma, on Pastors' Conference program; Charles Wellborn, Waco, Texas, Radio Hour speaker.

At right, bottom row—W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, speaker on closing Sunday night Evangelistic Rally; Billy Graham, Minneapolis, Minn., speaker Friday afternoon; F. Townley Lord, London, England, preacher of Baptist World Alliance sermon, Thursday morning, and speaker on W. M. U. program and Pastors' Conference.



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION JUNE 20-24

From the Editor's Desk

Too LITTLE

"Is Missions any longer our primary aim?" a reader inquires as he writes his alarm on noting how little Southern Baptists are giving to missions alongside what is being spent on church programs at home. Is "Missionary" Baptist a misnomer in view of the preponderance of the "collection plate" dollar of Southern Baptists being spent on the local church?

Let us understand at once that the fault is not with the Cooperative Program dollar. A fair distribution is made of every dollar given through the Program on the basis of the carefully considered needs of all causes. The fault is rather with the fact that *too little* of the "collection plate" dollar goes through the Cooperative Program. Southern Baptists as a whole are spending too much at home.

Recently Dr. Frank Means of the Foreign Mission Board pointed out that though Southern Baptists' total gifts have gratifyingly increased and also their total gifts to missions, yet per capita gifts have remained fairly constant. Furthermore the actual percentage of the total amount of money given (the collection plate dollar) which goes to missions and benevolences has been shrinking in 1948 from \$0.1967 to \$0.1756 in 1950.

"How Missionary Minded Are We?" asks the *Biblical Recorder* and then proceeds to answer in a manner to make us blush to use the name "Missionary" Baptist as we ponder how far short we are of a serious attempt to carry out the Great Commission of our Lord.

"Jesus said, 'Go ye. . .', and yet for every one we send abroad to preach His Gospel, over 10,000 of us stay at home. Jesus said, 'Make disciples. . .', and yet for every Christian of every denomination in the world there are four pagans. Our Lord said, 'Make disciples of all the nations. . .', and yet of seventy-three nations, we serve only nineteen in any direct missionary activity. Our Master said, we must be 'Baptizing them. . .', and yet today Baptist churches number ten in the homeland for every one abroad. Jesus said we should be 'teaching them. . .', and yet for one teacher abroad we have sixty-four at home. And He commanded that we teach them to 'observe all things. . .', and yet we spend \$29.00 on ourselves in our local churches to every \$1.00 for foreign missions.

"We should think and pray much about the inescapable rebuke these figures present to us. . . We say we are missionary in heart, but we are not enough," declares the *Bibli-*

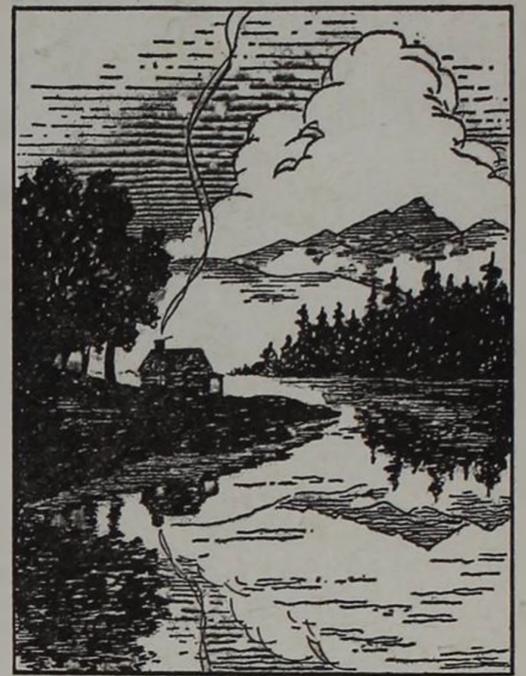
cal Recorder.

These figures and averages of course take all churches into consideration, just as the reports of the churches are on the basis of the entire membership of those churches. The noble giving of some sacrificial members of a church may be offset by the niggardly giving of others in that same church and the church's per capita giving pulled down. And the rather disheartening percentage of gifts to missions (when the average of Southern Baptists is considered) should not hide from us the fact that there are instances of churches which have been giving more for others than they spend on themselves. But they are the exception, not the rule.

It is quite true that figures need interpretation, most of all those figures which would oversimplify. We can be misled by seeing every thing in terms of "the average" as was true of the man who was reported drowned while attempting to wade across the stream which he was told had but an "average depth of two feet." We are to keep in mind that these averages of gifts of Southern Baptists have in them lows and highs.

We are not to suppose that the average of Southern Baptists has been pulled down by either country churches as such or by city churches. There are country churches that have done nothing for missions it is true. But again there are country churches which have led their associations (composed of both country and city churches) in per capita gifts to missions. There are great city churches which despite enlarged programs of their own keep faith with the Lord who asks his followers to remember, "Other sheep I have which are not of this fold, them also I must bring."

Then again there are numerically strong churches which seem to want all kinds of applause simply because they are rowing their own boat. The monthly report of such a church is before me which lists \$15,708.10 spent on themselves with only \$756.69 given to others. That ratio of about 21 to 1 should cause the pastor and people of that church to hesitate about claiming the name "Missionary" Baptist. It is churches like these which pull down the denominational average to an unfavorable low by comparison with other denominations. Of course we need not make our basis of judging how well or poorly we give by comparison with other religious bodies, although such a basis should not be ignored. But we cannot be indifferent to how we give in the face of the awful need of a lost world and in the light of the love of God made known for us all on the cross.



The deterioration of every government begins with the decay of the principles on which it was founded. Norman Vincent Peale

Man's inventions have not changed the basic facts with which he is confronted—only accentuated them. The person blown to bits by an atom bomb is no more dead than the frontiersman killed by an Indian arrow, or the man who expires in the hospital bed receiving all possible medical aid. Deeper than the problem of the atom bomb is the problem of sin and death which are by no means limited to the bomb or to war.

Let us realize the kind of world we live in with its 2.2 billion people. For every one whose skin is white there are three who are black, brown, or yellow. For every one who is secure concerning basic necessities, there are three in chronic want. For every one who has political freedom, there are three who have but recently come from under the yokes of imperialism or local tyranny and are in a precarious experiment with political democracy.

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Convention Comments . . .

by **ROBERT G. LEE, D.D.**

President, Southern Baptist Convention, Memphis, Tennessee

Soon—by plane, by train, by auto—many of our Southern Baptist people will travel many miles to San Francisco, a cool and lovely city, in a wonderful State, to be in Convention assembled. We must go in

GRATITUDE

God's goodness and mercy have followed us and encompassed us in abundance and certainly through all these years. Especially does this seem so during this last Convention year. Had we Southern Baptists each one hundred heads and each head had one hundred mouths and each mouth one hundred tongues and each tongue should speak one hundred hours and with the eloquence of angelic utterance, we could not express the gratitude due to God for his good and mighty hand upon his people. Surely, God's praise should continually be in our mouths. Surely, as we leave home, as we journey, as we assemble in San Francisco, we should say: "O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together" (Psalms 34). We must go in

HUMILITY

We are a great people, but our greatness will decline toward zero—if we become proud or preen ourselves before mirrors of self-adulation or show any egotism so in antithesis to the spirit of Christ. Let us, at home and abroad, be found "serving the Lord with all humility of mind" (Acts 20:19). Let us, as the Apostle Peter urges, "be clothed with humility, for God resisteth the proud and giveth grace to the humble." Let us humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt us in due time (I Peter 5:6). James says: "Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up. Speak not evil one of another, brethren" (James 4). Paul says: "Put on. . . as the elect of God . . . Humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering" (Col. 3:12).

Let us heed the words of these who wrote by the Holy Spirit. And let us be comforted and encouraged by the words of Isaiah: "For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit,

to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones" (Isaiah 57:15).

And let us not forget that we profess to be followers of the Christ who "made himself of no reputation and took upon him the

Dr. Lee Declines Renomination

Dr. Richard Owen, Editor
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Dear Dr. Owen:

Quite a number have written me and have asked me if I would permit my name to be put in nomination for a fourth term as President of the Southern Baptist Convention. I am grateful for the desire of some to have me serve a fourth term. But I must refuse to let my name be put in nomination again. I wish, as you deem proper, you would make this announcement right away.

With gratitude to God for giving me strength to serve these past three years—with prayer for friends and foes and our Southern Baptist hosts, with faith that our people will continue to achieve mightily for God, I look forward with joy to our forthcoming Convention.

For every encouraging word you have written during my term of office, I am most grateful.

Yours earnestly,
Robert G. Lee

form of a servant and humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the Cross" (Phil. 2).

Moreover, I would ask that we be much in

PRAYER

Before we go, let us as preachers call our people to prayer as to all Convention matters asking God to keep us from blunders, from majoring on minor matters that would hurt us in the main things we should do, from

destructive criticisms, from everything in anthesis to the spirit of Christ.

Let our Sunday school classes, our Brotherhoods, our Missionary Societies pray particularly for all matters to which we, as a mighty people in Convention assembled, should attend and counsel together.

There are so many problems that cannot be solved, so many dangers that cannot be averted, so many burdens that cannot be borne by human strength and wisdom, ingenuity and genius. What we need is what God can do. What God can do will be done for us when God's people pray. There is nothing so necessary in the lives of the churches and individuals today as earnest, continued, importunate prayer.

It is the conviction of all who have proved the faithfulness of God that nothing lies beyond the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God. There is no such thing as unanswered prayer when the basis of our beseeching is found within that sovereign will.

The needs of the world are so many and varied and complex. The evils that threaten to lead our greatest graces to the grave and leave the world no copy are strong, defiant, daring. Apart from the right kind of prayer, there is little hope for us to achieve what God wants us to achieve.

Jesus said: "Men ought always to pray, and not to faint." Andrew Murray said: "In relation to his people, God works only in answer to their prayer." Spurgeon said: "Cares are manifold; therefore let your prayers be manifold, for prayer is the sword that will cut the Gordian knot if it cannot be untied."

Let us pray for all agencies of our Convention, that they may have the wisdom which is from above. Let us pray for our missionaries at home and in foreign lands. Let us pray for ourselves, that we may not lose the word *concern* out of our Christian vocabulary. Let us pray for nations in distress, for our own nation, for those who have never known Jesus Christ and redeeming love, for moral forces everywhere, for our national leaders, for all hearts that they may hold no malice, for our tongues and pens, that we be not hurtfully critical.

Let prayer be our portion. Let prayer be our pastime. Let prayer be our passion. Let prayer be our practice. Let us be found at the throne of grace, not only with holy boldness, but with serene confidence—knowing that God is faithful to perform that which he has promised, and that God is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that in us worketh.

The last pig died this morning—The one I called

THE LORD'S PIG

(J. Dan Williams, a student in Southern Seminary and pastor of Little Flock Baptist Church, Rt. 2, Shepherdsville, Ky., wrote this which appeared in *The Baptist Courier* of South Carolina.)

Fischer leaned on the fence post and stared at the dead pig. There was no mistake about it. It was the Lord's pig. The one he had set aside as his tithe for the season. This was his first venture at tithing and all his pigs had died except one. Now even the Lord's pig was dead.

He scratched his head as he walked back to the house. What was the truth about tithing anyway? Hadn't he heard people talk about how their income picked up right after they started tithing? Something must be wrong. He decided to find out more about what tithing was supposed to do for a man.

In his easy chair he began to leaf through the Bible. He found about twenty-five places in the Old Testament where the tithe was mentioned. It took a good while to read all the references from Leviticus 27:30 to Malachi 3:8, but in the New Testament it was different. He could only find four places where the tithe was mentioned.

He read slowly through Luke 11:42. As the meaning of the verse seeped into his mind, he began to get a new understanding about tithing. Maybe some of those things he had read in religious papers had given him the wrong idea, he thought. He closed the Bible and sat there musing and scratching his chin.

Stories he had heard about rich men who had been broke until they started tithing came to his mind. He remembered that just the other day he had read something about tithing in a newspaper item. Looking on the table at his elbow, he found the paper and hunted out the thing he had read.

One woman set aside her tithe before going shopping, and said she found more bargains than ever, thus receiving more for her money.

Fischer wondered if her tithing had brought about a bigger than usual price-cutting. Was this the way God had meant for it to work? But he hadn't asked the Lord to change his long-eared mule into a fishtail Cadillac when he started putting back a tenth of his income. He awoke from his thoughts as he heard an automobile coming up the driveway. Seeing it was his pastor, he decided to put the whole thing up to him.

When he heard the question the preacher rubbed his hands together and began to talk.

"A Christian ought to face the tithing is-

sue squarely—he ought to look at it in the light in which Jesus placed it. Do you know what Jesus said about tithing?"

Fischer shook his head.

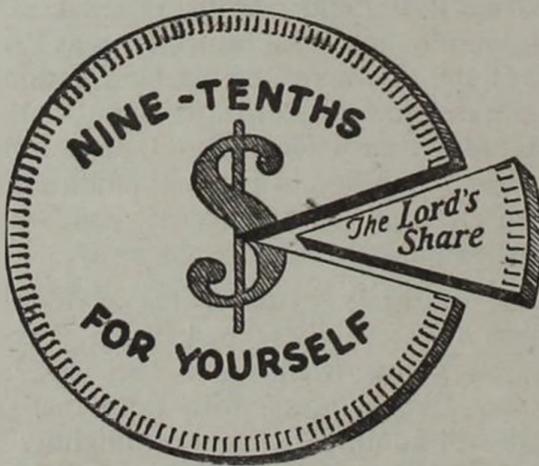
"He said this:

"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law; judgment, mercy, and faith: *these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.* (Matt. 23:23)—a plain statement that tithing is not to be left 'undone'. But he made it just as plain that a Christian must go beyond the giving of a cold tenth of his goods. He must give things of a spiritual nature."

"Why tithe money then?" asked Fischer.

"Well, setting aside a tenth leads to accurate record keeping, for one thing."

"Yes, but a lot of people keep good records and don't tithe!" Fischer added.



"And tithing guards against money madness," the preacher went on, "it helps prevent covetousness."

"Will putting a percentage of your income into a church guarantee that the wish for more and more money won't grow in a man?"

"It isn't supposed to be that kind of a guarantee, even though these stories about men tithing their way into a million dollars without spiritual harm may be true," the pastor said.

"Well, if tithing is not supposed to bring everybody a six-figure income, what will it do for you?" Fischer asked hopefully.

"Tithing will change your life. Not necessarily in a financial way—it may—but the real change will come in the matter of a successful living. Freedom from fear of not 'making a good living'. A deeper understanding of what life is for."

Fischer was sitting up a little straighter as the preacher went on talking.

"It will prove how free you are from love of money. It will be a visible sign that you have a plan of giving that keeps you from falling below the minimum. And if you tithe in the spirit of Jesus your spiritual income will be increased tremendously. Your 'pay' for things done in his name will be worth more than can be represented in dollars and cents."

"What kind of pay are you talking about?" asked Fischer.

"Well, I know of a man who left a good paying job as a newspaper editor to become a teacher in a seminary. He told me about his experience. He said that he left a good house and a decent salary when he entered the Lord's work. He said he had wondered at first about that Bible verse that promises a 'hundredfold' in return for what we give to the Lord. Now he says that it's really true—that he still doesn't have a clear title to his house and that his salary is no larger, but he says there are more than a hundred homes where he'd be welcome any hour of the day or night. And pay? No, it's not more money, it's things like signing more than 5,000 diplomas over the years. He says those men who have left his classrooms to serve God mean more pay to him than any amount of money."

Fischer was deep in thought as he told the pastor goodbye. At supper that night he was talking to his wife.

"That last pig died this morning—the one I called the Lord's pig."

His wife looked up hesitatingly.

"Guess I learned something though," he went on as if talking to himself, "I'm not looking for more money just because I'm tithing. Just going to take life as the Lord gives it and do the best I can. Think maybe I'll get something better than money, anyhow. I'm satisfied with what I have and that makes me rich as anybody! And I been thinking about something the preacher said today. He said that God was no tither. That he gave all he had to us. And he reminded me how Jesus didn't give a tenth—he gave his life."

Fischer brushed at his face with a rough hand. "Guess tithing our money is hardly a good beginning for what we ought to be doing. I'm going to try some of them heavier things the Bible talks about."

"And go on tithing?" his wife asked.

"Yes, mother, go on tithing."

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FACING THE NEXT HUNDRED YEARS

This is part of the address by President D. Harley Fite of Carson-Newman College, May 24, on the occasion of the Academic phase of that college's Centennial

Church schools like civilizations have failed because they solved their problems and rested on their oars. They met the needs of their day, but failed to be creative and alert to the needs of the new age—Carson-Newman has met wonderfully well the challenge of the past century; she will likewise respond to the challenge of the second century and meet it with the right answer.

I repeat, Christian colleges are not failing because they have outlived their usefulness—they have failed because of lack of vision on the part of their leaders, or because they ceased to be truly Christian colleges, or because their supporters wanted them to remain too small to offer a rich curriculum, or too poor to pay instructors and buy teaching equipment adequate for the day and age. No longer can colleges be run on a shoestring; no longer can colleges keep their curricula narrowed to the classics, mathematics, and English; no longer will students attend colleges where the textbook is the extent of the teaching materials. Carson-Newman College is strong today because its Trustees, Alumni, Faculty, and Administration have had a vision of what constitutes a college.

We face the second century full of confidence that Carson-Newman has a great mission in this new age. The world is now ready to pioneer in the realm of the spirit as it has pioneered in the field of science. This is the dawn of a new day for the college that is dedicated to the teaching of things spiritual. The way is still partly hidden, but the search is the glory and meaning of living. Beyond our present greedy and selfish ways of living there is something hidden—the Christian way of life.

Today the world is being *refashioned*, not *destroyed*. Will the church and the church school refashion our own thinking and that of the world? If not, then we *are* doomed. I am confident that we will meet the challenge—that we will grasp this tremendously significant opportunity—the opportunity for churches and Christian colleges to refashion the world along religious lines.

The opportunities today are comparable to those momentous days of Augustine with the Roman Empire crumbling around him, the days of Sir Francis of Assisi seeking to make religion relevant to life in Italy, of the Reformers putting Christ at the center of the new Awakening, of the Wesleyan movement reviving England when the fires of revolution were seething beneath an out-

moded social system.

We face the next century with faith and confidence that the friends of Carson-Newman College will give her the support she needs to enable her to play her part in this great drama of life. . . that Carson-Newman College will take her rightful place in shaping and molding the thinking of the world.

Carson-Newman College and institutions like her will stem the tide of on-rushing socialism and communism. Only the private schools are left free to stress the fundamentals of American democracy and preserve the best values of American life. Our schools must instill in our young people the kind of patriotism that will endure. Goodness knows there is enough counter propaganda, not only among those on foreign soil and among



subversive groups in America, but among the so-called patriots. To listen to some of our radio commentators and to read many of our newspaper columnists, one would be led to believe the worst enemy in America is the American government. We would be led to believe that the American Democratic government is worse than communism, fascism, or Nazism. There *is* much wrong with our government, and we should try to correct the evils; but it is still the best government in the world and it must be preserved.

Other traits of Americanism must also be preserved, among which are stability, the pride of ownership of property which gives stability, the ideal that all men are created equal, that the pursuit of happiness is the right of all people, and a feeling of responsibility for self and for others of our own

community. When these are gone America is gone. Carson-Newman has the obligation to help perpetuate these, to show that the capitalistic form of government, which fosters ownership that gives stability as no other form of government or system of economics, is prepared and strengthened. She has the obligation to see that what we profess through our Declaration of Independence, through our Constitution, and in the Lord's Prayer becomes a reality. Carson-Newman and schools like her have the obligation to give the world leadership with ideals that will bring peace, ideals that will bring about economic and social justice, that will bring about a consciousness that all people no matter how poor or of what race, color, or creed are creatures of the same Almighty God that we worship.

We face the future realizing the great responsibilities that are ours. We face the future with a sense of humility, yet with pride, that we have been permitted to see this day and to receive the great commission to teach and train the youth of our land at such a time as this.

Southeastern to Open In September

EDGEWATER, Miss.—(BP)—The new Southern Baptist Southeastern Theological Seminary will open in September. The announcement was made by Dr. Sydnor L. Stealey, president of the school, following a meeting of the Board of Trustees at the Edgewater Gulf Hotel here. "The opening was enthusiastically and unanimously voted by the board," Stealey said.

The school will open on the campus of Wake Forest College. A statement of working relationship with the college and endorsed by President Harold Tribble was approved by the seminary board. The seminary expects to acquire full possession of the campus in 1956, when the new Wake Forest College at Winston-Salem will be completed. Southern Baptists acquired the present Wake Forest properties for \$1,500,000, to be paid for at \$300,000 annually.

Faculty members elected by the Board of Trustees here are W. C. Strickland of Florida, fellow and tutor in Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to teach Greek and New Testament; J. Leo Green, pastor, First Baptist Church, Gainesville, Florida, to teach Hebrew and Old Testament, and J. B. Hipps, Richmond, Virginia, former missionary professor in the University of Shanghai, to teach missions and the study of devotional life and literature. Dr. Stealey, the president, will teach missions. One or two other faculty members may be added before opening of the school in September.

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: Luke 4:15; 19:1-10; Mark 10:45; John 3:16; 12:44-50 (Larger)—Lu. 4:14-22; 19:10; Mk. 10:45; Jn. 3:16 (Printed)—Mk. 10:45 (Golden).

Jesus and His Ministry

The following suggestion has been made as an approach to this lesson. "Although this lesson includes the entire earthly life and ministry of Christ, it has been deemed wise to restrict the lesson to a consideration of his mission. Hence the selection of the passages bearing upon this theme. They possess unity coming from the different Gospels. The lesson can prove invaluable in giving fuller comprehension of the supreme purpose of Christ's earthly life and what should be central in the lives of his followers." Thus to see His ministry is to visualize our own ministry.

Teaching the Word (Lu. 4:14-22)

We read here of the spreading fame of Jesus. Was it in terms of His marvelous ability as a teacher and preacher of God's Word? The passage in its entirety suggests an affirmative answer. For all that Jesus ever did in His public life contributed either directly or indirectly to this end. If it were an act of mercy such as healing the sick or feeding the multitudes or raising the dead, each deed contributed to teaching to the people the Word of God. They needed that ministry supremely.

If we would follow Jesus in our own day and among the people all around us, both here in our own land as well as in other lands, we too must teach them the Word of God. And what is this business of teaching? Teaching has not taken place, in anything like its fulness, unless and until the concept or idea has been transmitted from the teacher to the one taught. Mere telling often is not enough. The truth must be planted and caused to grow. This requires both time and patience. God's Word is truth, and men need to know it and appropriate it. When this is done, they become Godlike.

Finding the Lost (Lu. 19:10)

This verse reveals the high and holy purpose of Jesus' coming to earth. Note the

specific language. Our Lord liked to refer to Himself as "the Son of man" as indicated here. Thus He would and did identify Himself with every man of every race and every condition. The word "seek" is used here. Picture Jesus as one who looks for and finds those in whom He is supremely interested. He seeks those whom He would save, and having sought and found them He actually saves them. They are lost and cannot therefore find the Saviour except He first find them. The pattern of the doctrine of election is clearly outlined in this verse.

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we too are to seek and find and bring the lost to the Saviour who can and will save. This is our high and holy mission just as it was for the Master. We are to have the same yearning and longing as He has, and manifested while among men. Because men are lost, thousands and hundreds of thousands of them, they are desperate and frantic and ready to tear themselves and their fellows into shreds. We are to find them in their pitiful plight and bring them to Christ.

Serving the Needy (Mk. 10:45)

This passage comes from the inspired pen of Mark, who liked to portray Jesus in terms of a servant. To serve, and be a servant, in the days when Jesus walked the earth was a despised role. As a matter of fact, the world as a whole is not entirely free from this notion even yet; but it is making some progress away from this idea. He served those about Him, rather than become the object of their service. He went all the way by giving His life as a ransom for many. Even His sacrificial death was a form of service.

If there is a single word that epitomizes our age surely it is that word "need." Every man needs something, and the vast majority of men needs a lot of things. Multitudes are hungry, both physically and spiritually. Their plight appals us. Let us follow Jesus' example and serve humanity.

Eastland, Nashville, Revival Results Among Highest in SBC

Pastor Don J. Pinson and Lauren Sprunger, director of music, report 169 additions, 91 of this number by baptism, during the recent Simultaneous Crusade. Norris Gilliam, Tennessee Baptist Foundation, was the evangelist.

Personal visitation which was led and directed by the pastor and evangelist was emphasized on the part of the leadership of the church. Each person who visited reported the progress that was evident with the prospect visited so that the succeeding visitor could have a background of the individual. The original two weeks' revival was extended to three weeks and four Sundays.

Dr. C. E. Matthews, secretary of the Department of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, wrote a letter of congratulation and encouragement to the Eastland church. In his letter he cited two churches that to his knowledge had exceeded the Eastland revival in visible results. These are Bellevue, Memphis, 330 additions, 192 baptism; and Allapattah, Miami, reporting 258 additions, 217 baptism.

Graduation exercises for the senior class of the Mather School of Nursing, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, La., were held June 4 in the St. Charles Avenue Baptist church with Dr. J. Lyn Elder, pastor, delivering the commencement address. Of the fifty-one members in the class two were Tennesseans, Misses Edna Madeline Brady of Morristown and Reba Lorraine Jones of Harriman.

Pastor R. G. Lee, Bellevue church, Memphis, was with the Dawson Memorial church, Birmingham, May 28-June 1. This was the first revival in the new building. E. M. Arendall is the pastor, and Russell Case, Atlanta, was in charge of the music.

While Pastor L. H. Hatcher, First church, McKenzie, was on vacation June 4-16 his pulpit was supplied by E. H. Greenwell, Paris.

Giving the Best (Jn. 3:16)

God loved and so He gave. He gave unstintingly and unreservedly. He held back nothing. He gave His best, His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. God loved the world, the whole world, all men in the world of all time. This is a great missionary verse. Upon the basis of the belief of men in that greatest of all Gifts, Jesus Christ, God makes possible everlasting life. God gave His all. Jesus gave His all. They gave their best.

When we think of their best, how can we be satisfied with anything less than our best as we give it in loving submission to Him and those for whom He died? Such ultimate upon His part constrains the ultimate upon our part. Let us give as Jesus gave. Less than the best is unworthy.

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The Young South

Aren't letters fun? Every one that I get is like a visit with a special friend. Many of you have written me recently, and I am glad to hear from you. I had been wondering about some of you. It had been a long time since you wrote to me.

Some of my letters have been from brand new friends. It has been fun making word pictures of those friends. Some of the letters did not tell all that I would like to know, in order to have a clear picture of my new friends, but they are good beginnings. And I hope they will write often this summer, so that I can make a good up-to-date word picture of each friend.

Do you know ROYCE HADDOCK, a twelve-year-old girl who lives at Benton, Tennessee? Royce is looking for some pen pals. Perhaps you would like to write to her. She is a Christian and belongs to Old Ocoee Baptist Church. Her attendance record there has been grand this year—she has missed only one Sunday! Royce likes adventure stories and outdoor games. She sounds like a mighty nice pal for other sports-loving Juniors, doesn't she?

PATRICIA ANNE LAUPER, known as "Patty" to her friends, is also looking for pen pals. Patty is eleven and in the sixth grade at school. Her favorite subjects are arithmetic and spelling. She goes to Red Bank Baptist Church in Chattanooga.

If you want something special to write Patty about, ask her about the mother cat and four kittens which she has been helping to care for. She will enjoy telling you about them. The address is, 9 Armand Drive, Chattanooga 5, Tennessee.

WANDA FAYE MCCARTY is one of our friends who lives at the Tennessee Baptist Orphans' Home, Franklin, Tennessee. Wanda Faye is eleven and will be in the fifth grade in school next year. Her hobbies are skating and writing letters. She wants some pen pals, of course.

BETTY CAROLYN SUTTLE, Route 1, Fountain Head, Tennessee, is another eleven-year-

old friend. She, too, wants to meet some friends from other places. Her favorite subjects are reading, English, spelling, and arithmetic. She goes to Chestnut Grove Baptist Church. Betty's school was out early—on May 4.

So she is already enjoying her vacation, and probably has some interesting experiences to share with you. She likes to play basketball and softball? Do you?

Maybe you would like to share with her a story of the most exciting game you ever saw or played. At the end of Betty's letter is a promise: "I will try to answer every letter or card which I receive." Let's give her an opportunity to keep that promise!

GAIL TEAGUE already has one pen pal, but she wants some more. Gail is ten and in the fifth grade at Springbrook school. She goes to the First Baptist church in Alcoa, Tennessee. And we are glad to know that she is a Christian.

Gail has lots of fun with her eight-year-old brother, Michael, and her three-year-old sister, Sharon Kaye. She would like to tell you about some of their good times. Write to her and ask her some questions. Tell her something you like to do with your family. That will be a nice way to get

acquainted. Gail's address is 773 Vose Road, Alcoa, Tennessee.

If you want to see some pretty stationery, write to SUE WOOD, 2115 Tinker Street, Chattanooga, 6, Tennessee, and maybe she will answer your letter on some of the pretty blue paper like she sent me. On the front is a neat yellow flower, which looks like it is embroidered onto the paper! It feels like it too!

Sue is fifteen years old and goes to Hardy Junior High School. She is a cheerleader, so I imagine she has plenty of good sports stories to tell you.

She also likes music, and sings in the choir at the Avondale Baptist Church. She likes to write letters too. She has one pen pal—a girl who lives at the Baptist Orphans' Home, but she wants to know you too. Write to her real soon and let me know if you two become pen pals.

Please write to me right away too. I need a letter from you. It helps to keep me happy when I get letters regularly from my friends. Besides, your other Young South friends are anxious to know what you will be doing this summer, and to have an up-to-date word picture of you.

You have my address, don't you? 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee. I'll be expecting your letter real soon!

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After the school, the principal should check every item carefully to find out how many points the school actually made, and to determine its grade.

The completely checked copy should be placed on page 34 in the *Vacation Bible School Record Book* where it will be permanently available for reference and study. The pastor, and the principal of the succeeding school can use it effectively in maintaining what has been accomplished, and in getting done what has previously not been done.

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Ordination Service

Cooper Chapel church, Liberty, ordained Howard Clayborn to the gospel ministry and Willie Crook as a deacon, May 20. Those assisting in the ordination of these brethren were J. J. Thomas, Shelton Curtis, W. H. Nixon, Fallie Hill, Grady Crook, Brownie Smith, Charlie Johnson, E. E. Hale, H. M. Waller, J. W. Robinson, Willie Barrett, Earl Pittman, W. M. Davis, W. R. Owens, C. D. Gunter, Lem Judkin, E. D. Davis, Benton Carter, and Johnnie Crook.

M. E. Presley is pastor of Zion Baptist church, Big Hatchie association, whose new building was dedicated May 6. This church dates back to 1836 during which time there have been 39 pastors. Six preachers have been ordained. During the past 30 months the church has given more than \$30,000. Brother Presley, who lives on the field, has led this church in increasing support of missions, as well as a building program.

James Gives Library to American Seminary

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Dr. Powhatan W. James, retiring president of Bethel Woman's College, Hopkinsville, Ky., has presented a large part of his library to the American Baptist Theological Seminary, Nashville, Tenn. This valuable gift contains about one thousand volumes, many of which come from the library of the late Dr. George W. Truett, father-in-law of Dr. James. The announcement was made by Dr. L. S. Sedberry, secretary of the Seminary Commission. At the close of this school year Dr. James will retire from the presidency of Bethel College, and will make his home in Dallas, Texas.

Baptist Tent Missionaries Begin German Tour

FRANKFURT, Germany—(RNS)—Five groups of missionaries belonging to the German Baptist Tent Mission began an evangelistic tour of West German cities.

Equipped with tarpaulin tents capable of accommodating about 1,200 persons, the teams will hold preaching services, accompanied by choir singing and trombone music. They will stay in each city for about two weeks.

The tour is similar to one conducted last year when the Baptist tent mission's services were attended by an estimated total of 131,000 persons. Active Baptists in Germany number around 100,000.

Graham in Memphis Evangelistic Drive

MEMPHIS, Tenn.—(RNS)—Evangelist Billy Graham opened his Greater Memphis Evangelistic Campaign with the statement that he feared "far more than Communism" the judgment of a neglected God upon "this most wicked age of the Western world."

"A nation is only as strong as the moral and spiritual power of its people," Dr. Graham said. "And this nation is in terrible danger. It has gotten away from God."

The 32-year-old Baptist preacher emphasized that it was up to church people to spark the much-needed flames of revival. Mass evangelism, he said, could never be as effective as individual witnessing for Christ.

Indications were that Dr. Graham would draw his 1,000,000th hearer of the year by the close of the campaign June 17. His team recorded a total attendance of 2,500,000 in 1950.

Sponsoring the campaign is an executive committee headed by Horace H. Hull, President of Hull-Dobbs Co., general chairman; and T. Walker Lewis, president of Lewis Supply Co., co-chairman. Honorary chairman is Dr. Robert G. Lee, president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis.

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Regional Training Union Conventions

This week we continue the report of our conventions as we present some highlights of the last four regions. Approximately 3,300 people have registered for all eight conventions with 55 associations represented.

Officers elected for 1952 are:

North Central Region

Pastor-Adviser: Rev. Jack Kennedy
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Southeastern Region

Pastor-Adviser: Rev. Vernon R. Webster
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Northeastern Region

Pastor-Adviser: Rev. T. Earl Ogg
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SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT

North Central Region

Martha Alice Adkerson, Powell's Chapel, Concord

Southeastern Region

James Johnson, Athens, First, McMinn

Northeastern Region

Constance Dykes, Kingsport, First, Holston

Eastern Region

Gale Gardner, Knoxville, First, Knox

HYMN FESTIVAL

North Central Region

Junior Choirs:

First Church, Cookeville
Round Lick Church, Watertown

Intermediate Choirs:

First Church, Lebanon

Young People & Adult Choirs:

First Church, Cookeville
First Church, Sparta

Southeastern Region

Junior Choirs:

First Church, Sweetwater
Red Bank Church, Chattanooga

Intermediate Choirs:

Red Bank Church, Chattanooga
First Church, Dayton

Young People & Adult Choirs:

Concord Church, Chattanooga
Red Bank Church, Chattanooga
Lookout Mountain Church, Lookout Mountain

Northeastern Region

Junior Choirs:

First Church, Greeneville
First Church, Newport
First Church, Rogersville
Immanuel Church, Elizabethton
First Church, Elizabethton
Oak Grove Church, Holston Valley Association

Intermediate Choirs:

First Church, Elizabethton

Young People & Adult Choirs:

Calvary Church, Elizabethton

Eastern Region

Juniors Choirs:

First Church, Lenoir City
First Church, Maryville
Second Church, Lenoir City
Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville

Intermediate Choirs:

Fifth Avenue Church, Knoxville
First Church, LaFollette
First Church, Maryville

Young People & Adult Choirs:

Central Church, Fountain City
First Church, Lenoir City
Immanuel Church, Knoxville
First Church, Maryville
Pleasant Hill, Lenoir City

Evangelism and Training Featured on Close by SBC Program

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—The closing service of the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco, June 20-24, will feature two of the most important matters facing Baptists, (1) training of church members, and (2) evangelism. Fifteen thousand are expected to attend, most of them from California. State leaders are organizing to secure representation from all of the state's churches. The meeting will be under the joint direction of Dr. J. E. Lambdin, Nashville, Tennessee, and Dr. C. E. Matthews, Dallas, Texas.

Cops Decide They'd Rather Be Preachers

DALLAS, Tex.—(RNS)—Two Dallas policemen have decided they'd rather be preaching God's laws than city traffic laws. The two announced they would resign from the force to become Baptist ministers.

The officers are John D. Stevenson and Marvin J. Wise, both of the Accident Prevention Bureau.

They believe their police work will aid them as pastors.

"I wouldn't take a million dollars for the experience I've had as a policeman," said 29-year-old Stevenson. "It has given me a really valuable understanding of human nature.

"But when the Lord calls, you'll come no matter what your occupation is."

Wise, a slim, 27-year-old officer, agreed. "Ministers ought to be down-to-earth people who know the troubles of others," he said. "In police work you certainly find out about troubles."

Wise joined the police force in October, 1947. Stevenson donned his uniform in January, 1949.

On an icy day last January the two officers found they both were considering leaving the force for the ministry.

"We were parked in squad cars in the 200 block of Main," Stevenson recalled. "Wise told me he had decided to become a preacher. I was thrilled, I said I'd been fighting with it a long time and I thought I might do the same thing."

Wise plans to attend Baylor University, Waco. Stevenson will go to Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth.

Both men are accident investigators, the first policemen usually to reach an automobile wreck.

"You can't see the miracles that we see every day—and you can't call them anything else—where people miss death by such narrow escapes, and not believe in God," said Stevenson.

"And," added Wise, "I've come to the realization that you can't straighten out a man's life by putting him in jail time after time. The only way is to let God change him. That's what we're both going to do."

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Woman's Missionary Union

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MRS. DOUGLAS GINN
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W.M.U. Training School Commencement

The forty-fourth commencement of Woman's Missionary Training School, Louisville, Ky., was marked by the completion of thirty years of service for its President, Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn, and the beginning of definite Christian service for its fifty-nine graduates.

Miss Martha Franks, missionary to China, was guest speaker for the Vesper program on May 2, stressing the need of Spirit-filled service characterized by selflessness. The Seniors were welcomed into the Alumnae Association by Mrs. John Wilson, President of the Local Chapter. Miss Ruth Miller of North Carolina, retiring General Chairman of the student body and Miss Mary Pat Kent of Kentucky, General Chairman for 1951-52, inducted the Juniors into Senior responsibility. An impressive feature of this service was the addition of fourteen stars to the purple and gold Service Flag of the Training School, signifying that since May 1950 fourteen more former students of the School have begun work in foreign fields; eight in Japan, two in Lebanon, two in the Philippines, one in Switzerland and one in Nigeria.

The Processional from John Oxenham's "Pageant of Darkness and Light" used each year at graduation, brought the faculty and graduates into the Fannie E. S. Memorial Chapel on May 3 for the commencement address and conferring of degrees. The school was honored to have as visiting speaker for the occasion, Mrs. George R. Martin, President of Woman's Missionary Union. Mrs. Martin reminded the graduates that success is available to all but is never achieved by chance, the lock on its door yielding only to the key of faith, courage and work. Dr. Littlejohn's charge to the graduating class was, as always, characterized by the aptness and brevity that assure its understanding and remembrance. She challenged the young women to be constantly striving to become Masters of Christian Maturity. The mature Christian, she said is one who ably accepts her own responsibility and, drawing upon the divine strength and comfort available to her, is strong enough also to help others bear their burdens. The degree of Master of Religious Education was conferred upon forty-seven graduates, while ten received B. R. E. degrees and two were granted certificates. The graduates represented thirteen states, Canada and China. Among these graduates one was from Tennessee, Virginia Terry.

During the commencement season much

well deserved tribute was paid Dr. Littlejohn for the selfless service which for thirty years she has offered Woman's Missionary Union and its Training School in the name of her Lord. Since the announcement of her retirement was made public in March there has been a sombre note in the scale of activities at the School. The long term, effective service of such a noble life shall be greatly missed. Yet a significant feature of her leadership is that rather than encouraging students and co-workers to lean upon her, she has helped them to rest their lives firmly upon the Sure Foundation Who through the years has been her guide and stay. So while with reluctance we see her leave, we invoke God's choicest blessings upon her and await with eagerness the arrival of her successor, Miss Emily Lansdell of Georgia, one of the many students Dr. Littlejohn herself taught to recognize and follow the prompting of the Lord.

—Miriam J. Robinson



Foreign Mission Board Gets Money from Negro Servant

A Negro woman, who spent her life as a servant, has willed one fourth of her estate to the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Treasurer Everett L. Deane says there will be \$1,387.50, according to a letter he has received from the woman's lawyer.

Daisy Pleasants worked for a Baptist family in Roanoke, Va. She was loved, respected, and treated like one of them. Being comfortably cared for, she had little need for her wages; therefore, she accumulated approximately \$7,000 by the time of her death last year. The entire estate, after paying the cost of her last illness, burial, etc., was left to religious and charitable causes.

The will designated the money for missionary work in Africa. Daisy's "family" recommended that the money be used to treat lepers and to combat leprosy at one of the leper colonies in Nigeria, West Africa. The Board accepted the recommendation.

Pocket-sized "Window"

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(BP)—The format of *The Window of Y. W. A.*, popular monthly missionary magazine for young women, will be changed with October 1951 number to pocket edition size. There were 30,030 subscribers in 1950 from the 55,300 members of Young Woman's Auxiliary.

The forty-two new members of First Church, Tullahoma, received during their revival were feted by the church at a dinner welcoming them May 18 with each new member being sponsored and introduced by another member. For five Sunday evenings at the Training Union hour Pastor John W. Outland taught a "new member's class" to an interested group.

Evangelist Louis Wunneburger of Austin, Texas closed a revival at First Church Carlsbad, May 20 with 87 professions of faith and 28 additions by letter and statement. The total additions to the church were 103.

In two and a half years, under Pastor J. Melvin Ray, this church has had 873 additions; 371 by baptism, and 502 by letter and statement. They led New Mexico Baptists in 1950 in baptisms with 178.

Alma Hunt in South America

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(BP)—Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, and Miss Eula Mae Henderson, executive secretary of Texas Woman's Missionary Union, are making a forty-one day tour of mission fields of South America. They left on April 27 and will return on June 6. Missionary Bill Haverfield from Quito, Ecuador has written with joy of the blessings of their visit to them. The visitors were both introduced to the worldwide radio audience of English-speaking countries on May 1 over HCJB, "The Voice of the Andes."

Books Received

"*The Way into the Holiest*," F. B. Meyer; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich., \$2.50, Expository sermons at their best, setting forth in the sublime words of the epistle to the Hebrews the great spiritual lessons which are a corrective to erroneous tendencies to minimize the substitutionary death of Christ and to overvalue outward rites.

"*A Harmony and Commentary on the Life of St. Paul*," Frank J. Goodwin; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids 6, Mich., \$2.50. A thorough work of great value to preachers, teachers and students. Blending Luke's history of the apostle's life with various passages in the epistles which refer to events and experiences. A continuous story of Paul's life is set forth within the framework of a chronological outline. Explanatory notes give the cream of the commentators and expositors' helps toward a better understanding of Paul's career.

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Conference on Co-operation Adopts Clarification Statement

EDGEWATER PARK, Miss.—(BP)—Clarification of the proper division of Cooperative Program offerings between state and Southern Baptist Convention mission causes was the object of a recent Conference on Co-operation conducted here and comprised of state secretaries and a special committee of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee.

The report of the Conference reaffirmed the principles of co-operation as set forth in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual for 1934 with "clarifying emendations and corrections." The report will be submitted to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting at San Francisco, June 20-24, through its Executive Committee. Following is the full text of the report:

"Your committee recognizes and emphasizes the essential unity of all our denominational work both Southwide and state.

"We reaffirm the principles of co-operation as set forth in the Southern Baptist Convention Annual for 1934, pages 48-49, with the following clarifying emendations and corrections, to wit:

"a. Since the Cooperative Program is a joint enterprise of the various state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention through which the churches carry out their world-wide denominational program, and in the interest of clearness and understanding among our people, we suggest that expense chargeable to the whole Cooperative Program be cared for as follows:

"1. That we share in the administration and promotion expenses directly related to the operation of the Cooperative Program.

"2. We recognize that the Minister's Retirement Plan and Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan is an appropriate charge against the whole program.

"3. We recognize that the administration expense of the Woman's Missionary Union is an appropriate charge against the whole program.

"4. That for the sake of uniformity and clarity in reporting the above the executive secretary of the Executive Committee and the several state secretaries undertake to work out uniform systems of accounting and reporting.

"5. That we fraternally urge in every state that expenses chargeable to the whole Cooperative Program be kept at a minimum, holding ever before us the ideal of the 50-50 division for both state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention.

"b. Since in the rapidly changing conditions which affect our plans, it would seem wise for us to have, as circumstances may direct, mutual consultations concerning our

expanding programs, and we so respectfully recommend."

Following the Conference Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary for the Executive Committee said that "this statement is designed as a guide in determining what items may properly be charged to the whole Cooperative Program and therefore deducted as a preferred item prior to the division of Cooperative Program funds between the state conventions and the Southern Baptist Convention. There will inevitably be variations in procedure because each state is free to use its own discretion in charging any item against the whole program. For example, while it is recognized that the Minister's Retirement Plan and Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan may be charged against the whole program, approximately half of the states do not do so."

Those present for the Conference on Co-operation were most of the state secretaries and the following committee of the Executive Committee, Louie D. Newton, Ga., chairman; J. W. Storer, Okla.; J. Winston Pearce, N. C.; Leon M. Latimer, S. C.; and Adiel Moncrief, Jr., Mo.

Southern Baptists in Forty-Second Place

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Southern Baptists stand at the forty-second place in per member gifts for 1950 with an average \$28.53 going to all local church and mission causes, according to the Southern Baptist *Handbook* released here this week by Dr. Porter Routh, secretary of the Department of Survey, Statistics and Information for the Baptist Sunday School Board. In 1949 Southern Baptists also stood in forty-second place with contribution averaging \$26.10 per member.

The \$28.53 was divided two ways, \$5.01 going to missions and benevolences and \$23.52 going to the local congregations.

Free Methodists were first in total per member contribution with \$169.11, divided \$48.11 to missions and benevolence and \$121.00 to local congregation. Seventh Day Adventists were second with \$138.28 per member, divided \$115.82 to missions and benevolences and \$22.46 to local expenses.

Others on the list above the Southern Baptists are the Episcopalians in twenty-third place with \$42.44 per member, American Baptists in thirty-seventh place with \$32.69 per member and the Nazarenes in fifth place with \$104.64 per member.

Bottom on the list of forty-eight denominations reported were the National Baptists with only \$1.92 per member.

SBC Messengers, Attention!

by JOE W. BURTON

Secretary, Southern Baptist Convention

Pastors or church clerks should secure from the office of the Executive Secretary of the state Baptist Convention registration cards for the certification of messengers appointed to attend the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in San Francisco, June 20-24.

These cards set out the Convention's constitutional requirement respecting appointment of messengers from churches and provide for the necessary certification of the messenger.

The registration card should be secured at once from the state office and a card filled out properly for each messenger. These cards should be brought to San Francisco by the messengers.

Stewardship Study Set for 1953

EDGEWATER PARK, Miss.—(BP)—Southern Baptists will conduct a simultaneous stewardship study course in the fall of 1953, according to Dr. Merrill D. Moore, Nashville, director of promotion for the Executive Committee. The study course will follow the doctrinal emphasis for the year and will include all phases of stewardship—life, time, talents, and possessions. The plan was developed here recently at the annual Promotion Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention in line with a recommendation adopted by the Convention last year at Chicago.

A three-point program for promoting the simultaneous study course was proposed by the findings committee of the conference, (1) the study course to be held in connection with the annual every member canvass, (2) preparation of graded series of materials to be used in connection with the study course, either study books or simple outlines based on the Bible passages of stewardship, (3) simultaneous associational rallies, once during 1953 emphasizing the total task of missions. Dr. Andrew Potter, Oklahoma state secretary, was chairman of the findings committee making the report.

The two-day conference was attended by more than 100 Southern Baptist leaders.

The keynote address was delivered by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Southern Baptist Executive Secretary, who told the group that today's world demanded a "broad base of stewardship." He emphasized expendable Christian living as the answer to total world mission needs. "The Christian who stays at home must regard himself just as expendable as the Christian who goes abroad as a missionary." McCall pointed out the vitality at the heart of Southern Baptist life, stating that a condition that finds 7,829 preachers in training in our colleges and seminaries, when we only have 27,788 churches, means that some sort of expansion is in the future. "If these men do not find existing churches to pastor they will organize new churches," he said.

Porter Routh Reports

Baptist Highlights

A cross-section survey of representatives from various states attending the Southern Baptist Promotion Conference at Edgewater Gulf, Miss., indicates that J. W. Storer, Oklahoma; Wallace Bassett and W. R. White, Texas; J. D. Grey, Louisiana; and R. C. Campbell, North Carolina, are the most often mentioned as possible nominees for president of the Southern Baptist Convention at the San Francisco meeting.

The 1951 Southern Baptist Handbook was released this week. It may be ordered from Baptist Book Stores for \$1.00.

The Handbook will show 4,057 children in Southern Baptist orphanages. The 21 orphanages spent \$3,282,413 for operation and \$1,147,770 for capital improvements in 1950.

There were 2,813 ministerial students in SBC seminaries in 1950-51, the Handbook shows. Senior colleges reported 3,724 ministerial students; academies and Bible schools, 244 ministerial students. Southern

Baptist senior colleges report 107,124 graduates since their founding. The schools received more than \$8,000,000 last year for operation, building, and endowment in addition to their tuition and fees. They report property and endowment valued at more than \$140,000,000.

A new survey in the Handbook shows that only 48 churches report debts of more than \$100,000, and 21 of these are in Texas.

Another new survey shows that 5,553 churches in SBC gave \$1,000 or more to missions in 1950. A total of 634 churches in the SBC now report budgets of \$50,000 or more for the year. But 8,107 churches report total receipts of less than \$1,000 for year.

State conventions report a total of \$4,067,025 expended for state missions in 1950, according to a Handbook survey.

Since 1949, the circulation of the state Baptist papers had climbed from 200,000 to 850,612.

In the World of Religion

The Greek Orthodox Church has planned celebrations in Greece during June to mark the 1900th anniversary of the arrival of the apostle Paul in Greece. Several American church groups will send representatives. The Vatican has refused to send a representative.

A report released by the Selective Service Administration indicates that 11,950 conscientious objectors went into CPS camps during World War II and 6,086 men went to prison. About 25,000 men went into the Army under I A-O status.

Manuscript for the first four books of the Revised Standard Version of the Old Testament has been handed to the printer. The complete Old Testament is scheduled to appear in September, 1952.

The American Bible Society reports distribution of 11,056,584 portions of Scripture in 1950, a 25 per cent increase. The Bible Society reported that 718,977 portions of Scripture were circulated in China during 1950.

The House Ways and Means committee has voted to exempt churches and religious organizations from the 20 per cent federal admissions tax for charitable benefits and programs.

The Missouri Synod—Lutheran Church reports membership of 1,810,953, an increase of 2.7 per cent over 1949. The annual report stated that 697 members had left the Synod to join the Roman Catholics, while 3,061 converts were gained from Catholicism during the year.

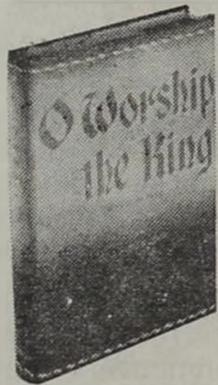
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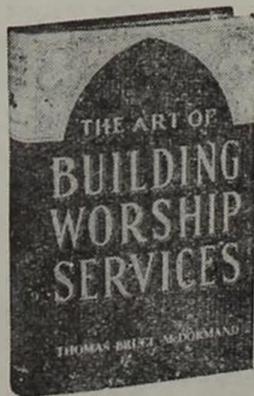
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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY, MAY 27, 1951

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions	Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alamo	238	54	—	First West	858	139	—
Athens, Antioch	95	—	—	Kingsport, First	1202	373	3
East	459	—	—	Fort Robinson	831	231	10
First	515	185	4	Lynn Garden	158	92	—
West End Missions	66	48	—	Knoxville, Alice Bell	376	112	—
Calhoun	135	44	—	Arlington	100	40	—
Clearwater	72	—	—	Bell Avenue	512	150	1
Coghill	73	53	—	Broadway	846	350	2
Cotton Fort	68	83	—	Fifth Avenue	1327	375	5
Eastanalle	66	14	—	First	946	226	1
Englewood	166	27	—	Inskip	925	107	—
Etowah, East	81	39	—	Lincoln Park	489	157	2
Etowah, First	382	104	—	Sevier Heights	661	196	2
Etowah, North	326	128	—	Washington Pike	579	230	1
Good Springs	89	47	—	Lascassas	342	103	1
Idlewild	55	42	—	Lebanon, Cedar Grove	80	34	—
Lake View	71	66	4	Fairview	93	63	—
McMahan Calvary	66	29	—	Rocky Grove	168	89	—
Mt. Harmony No. 1	48	—	—	Lenoir City, First	30	—	—
New Hope	37	37	—	Kingston Pike	413	110	—
New Zion	76	40	—	Nelson Street Missions	32	25	—
Niota, East	123	51	—	Lewisburg, First	18	—	—
Niota, First	153	46	1	Lexington, First	546	140	—
Riceville	149	48	—	McKenzie, First	246	53	2
Rogers Creek	20	17	—	Grace	300	98	4
Union Grove No. 2	74	62	—	Maryville, Broadway	34	1	—
Westview	78	35	—	Everett Hills	394	143	—
Wild Wood	100	—	—	First	288	95	—
Zion Hill	54	—	—	Maynardville	725	2	—
Renton, First	171	62	—	Medina	113	12	—
Remis, Herron Chapel	251	62	4	Lathams Chapel	158	87	—
Bristol, Calvary	418	154	1	Memphis, Bellevue	111	61	—
Brownsville	463	125	—	Boulevard	2722	1043	12
Camden, First	208	93	2	Central Avenue	843	251	1
Charleston	71	12	—	Highland Heights	865	277	1
Chattanooga, Avondale	703	146	1	Kennedy	1213	491	5
Birchwood	84	37	—	LaBelle	227	107	2
Brainerd	556	228	12	Levi	799	205	6
Calvary	238	120	—	Parkway	267	139	1
Concord	285	121	2	Prescott Memorial	512	181	2
East	356	55	2	Seventh Street	648	156	10
Eastdale	410	141	8	Speedway Terrace	560	257	7
East Lake	569	203	2	Union Avenue	874	172	5
East Ridge	493	98	1	Winchester	1179	314	8
First	1118	289	11	Morristown, First	306	137	7
Highland Park	3874	668	17	Buffalo Trail	622	3	—
Lookout Mountain	79	31	—	Northside	100	—	—
McCarty	62	23	—	Murfreesboro, First	9	—	—
Morris Hill	259	131	2	Walnut Street Mission	491	101	—
Olive Street	200	71	1	Mt. Herman	47	—	—
Red Bank	681	167	3	Powell's Chapel	150	91	—
Ridgeview	220	80	1	Third	105	66	—
Second	186	78	2	Westvue	160	71	—
Signal Mountain	97	53	—	Woodbury Road	449	107	1
Suck Creek	69	28	—	Nashville, Belmont Heights	87	32	—
White Oak	385	55	—	Calvary	1067	297	3
Cleveland, Big Spring	302	189	1	First	137	54	—
Waterville	79	65	8	Grace	1330	389	3
Rutledge Memorial	61	35	—	Inglewood	821	281	1
Clinton, First	387	72	—	Due West	885	207	10
Morris	50	30	—	State School	60	18	—
Columbia, First	453	152	2	Lockeland	41	—	—
Godwin, Chapel	29	—	—	Madison Heights	604	259	1
Second	163	102	—	Park Avenue	160	79	—
Cookville, First	428	122	4	Shelby Avenue	903	169	2
West View	168	73	—	Westwood	397	127	1
Corryton, Fairview	154	84	—	Woodmont	116	59	1
Crab Orchard, Hailey's Grove	70	24	—	Woodmont Center	392	154	5
Crossville, First	167	83	1	Oak Ridge, Glenwood	187	69	—
Dyersburg, Calvary Hill	130	108	—	Highland View	363	72	—
Elizabethton, Immanuel	197	97	—	Robersville	347	58	4
Siam	252	156	—	Old Hickory, First	368	97	—
Erwin, Ninth Street	245	146	1	Philadelphia	560	205	2
Fountain City, Central	872	199	—	Rockwood, First	179	28	—
Hines Valley Mission	55	—	—	Pulaski, First	332	134	—
First	367	116	2	Rogersville, Hennard's Chapel	307	91	—
Smithwood	491	169	3	Rutledge	176	117	—
Fowlkes	169	92	—	Blue Spring	104	36	—
Gallatin, First	428	85	—	Oakland	150	59	—
Gladeville	143	57	—	Savannah, First	107	60	—
Gleason, First	105	36	—	Pickwick Road	150	55	—
Grand Junction, First	103	48	—	Shelbyville, El Bethel	30	—	—
Harriman, South	313	116	1	Spencer	135	52	—
Trenton Street	442	112	—	Springfield Pleasant Hill	73	38	—
Walnut Hill	253	80	—	Mission	165	—	—
Hohenwald, First	148	96	—	Tullahoma, First	26	—	—
Humboldt, Antioch	244	83	—	Highland	303	51	3
Jackson, Calvary	525	179	3	Union City, First	83	40	—
					673	118	3



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A vacation is a period when the average person gives up good dollars for poor quarters.

Buying a second hand car makes you realize sometimes how hard it is to drive a bargain.

A small town is a place where everybody knows whose check is good and whose husband isn't.

An old man was sitting on the porch of a little village store when a big, shiny car drove up with two strangers in it, one of whom called out, "Hay there, how long has this town been dead?" The old man looked at them over the rims of his spectacles, then replied, "Well not long, I guess. You're the first buzzards I've seen."

A Negro preacher was asked about the membership of his little church. "I've got 50 members," he declared proudly, "And they's all working." "Fifty active members! That certainly speaks well for you." "Don't know about that" mused the preacher. "Half of 'em is working for me an' half against me!"

Just to make sure the visiting sun-seeker asked the native Floridian if there were any alligators around. Reassured, he dove in for a swim only to hear the guy on the beach shout a footnote: "Alligators never come around here, the sharks scare 'em away."

Johnny was gazing at his baby brother who lay squealing and wailing on his cot. "Has he come from heaven?" inquired Johnny. "Yes, dear," mother answered. "No wonder they put him out, mused little Johnny."

The city lawyer was questioning Farmer Purdy about the truthfulness of a neighbor, due to take the witness stand in a forthcoming trial. "Wal," said the farmer, "I wouldn't exactly say Jed was a liar. But I'll tell you thi; when it comes time to feed his hogs, he has to git somebody else to call 'em for him!"

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East Tennessee NEWS

by Lloyd T. Householder, Maryville

Sunday, May 20, Francis M. Warden, pastor of First church, Jefferson City, delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to the graduating class of Jefferson City high school.

Miss Blanche Ellis, for many years teacher of Art at Carson-Newman college, passed away at her home in Jefferson City, Sunday, April 29.

During the month of May, Earl Ogg, pastor of Calvary church, Bristol, has been preaching a series of Sunday morning sermons on the general theme of "Baptist Distinctives."

White Pine church, Roland C. Hudlow, Sr., pastor, reports 33 additions to its membership during the Simultaneous Crusade. The church observed Christian Home week, May 6-13.

Tuesday night, May 8, E. N. Delzell, secretary of the Brotherhood in Tennessee, was the speaker at a Brotherhood rally in Chilhowee association at Forest Hills church. The meeting was well attended and the message was inspiring.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Wood, well known in Baptist circles in and around Knoxville, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Sunday, May 13. Brother Wood was pastor of several churches in Knoxville prior to his retirement a few years ago. He is still active in the service of the Lord, as well as a member of Park Lane church, W. M. Pinson, pastor.

Pastor H. E. Conatser reports splendid progress in the work of the church at New Tazewell. Recently a gracious revival was conducted by the church which resulted in 32 additions to the membership. A Brotherhood was organized, May 18, with Charles Cook as president. Plans are being made for the re-decoration of the church building.

Beginning May 20 and continuing through July 1, Dr. E. Gibson Davis, First church, Kingsport, is preaching a series of Sunday morning sermons on the subject, "The Seven Churches of Asia." During the first quarter of 1951 this good church has given \$24,432.38 to all causes.

Sunday, April 29, Mount Lebanon church, Maryville, David N. Livingstone, pastor, ordained to the full work of the Gospel Keith Whitehead. Brother Livingstone served as moderator; John O. Hood preached the sermon; P. B. Baldrige prayed the ordination prayer; Dott Bryan gave the charge to the church, and the writer presented the Bible. Brother Whitehead is a student at Cumberland university and is pastor of Hurricane church near Lebanon.

Work is progressing rapidly on the enlargement of the auditorium of First church, Lenoir City, J. E. Ledbetter, pastor. This church observed Christian Home Week, May 6-13.

There were 206 additions to the churches of Sweetwater association during the Simultaneous Crusade. First Church, Loudon, W. Paul Hall, pastor, received 41 of these into its membership.

Dr. A. E. Cate, dean emeritus of Carson-Newman college has written a brief, but interesting historical sketch of the college to be used in connection with the Centennial Celebration. The sketch is included in the Centennial Edition of the College Annual, "The Appalachian."

Sunday morning, May 6, First church, Cleveland, L. B. Cobb, pastor, conducted a special service in honor of the men from the church serving in the armed forces.

John H. Hughes, pastor of First church, Chattanooga, for seven years (1930-37) passed away at his home at Amboy, Ill., Saturday, April 21. This writer remembers him as a great spirit and a splendid preacher of the Gospel.

Miss Mary Northington, W. M. U. Secretary in Tennessee, was guest speaker at a meeting of the W. M. U. of First church, Maryville, Monday night, April 30.

Mrs. P. W. Bevins, mother of Mrs. Lloyd T. Householder, passed away at her home at Concord, Sunday, May 6. She and her husband built the building of Crichton Memorial church, Concord, as a memorial to a son, deceased. Three sons are deacons in this church.

The A Cappella choir of Carson-Newman college presented an inspiring program at the morning service of Broadway church, Maryville, May 6.

Miss Olive Allen, Southern Baptist missionary to Hawaii, will leave Honolulu on June 13 for regular furlough in the States. She is a native of Elizabethton.

John M. Sykes has resigned as pastor of Mount Olive church, Knoxville, and has accepted the call of First church, Cookeville. He has done a very fine job as pastor of this good church.

F. M. Dowell, Jr., pastor, First church, Athens, preached in a good meeting at the Cherokee Indian Mission, Cherokee, N. C., during the recent Simultaneous Campaign conducted by thirteen of the fifteen churches on the reservation. There were 31 professions of faith and more than 50 rededications in the churches. This work is under the supervision of Ewell Payne, Missionary of the Home Mission Board. Brother Dowell was one of ten men who went to the reservation, bearing their own expense to make this campaign possible.

In a recent revival at Capitol Hill church, Oklahoma City, in which the preaching was done by Ramsey Pollard of Broadway church, Knoxville, there were 62 additions.

E. Warren Rust, pastor of McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, was the evangelist in a recent revival at Riverdale church, Knox county, Jesse Clay, pastor. The visible results of the meeting were 9 additions to the church, 3 rededications, and 2 other conversions. The pastor reports this as the best revival in this church for several years.

Marcus Reed, a recent graduate from Southwestern seminary, supplied for J. Burch Cooper and Lonsdale church, Knoxville, Sunday, May 20.

Sunday, May 20, was observed as Associational Missions Day in Knox county association. On this day the churches made a special offering to this important object.

From November 1948 to April 30, 1951, East Tennessee Baptist hospital has cared for 21,244 patients. This great Baptist institution is proving itself to be a benediction to the people of this entire section, regardless of denominational affiliation.

Deaderick Avenue church, Knoxville, Lester E. Burnette, pastor, has begun work on the basement of its educational building. David Oglesby, who has been minister of music at this church for the past three years, has resigned so that he might pursue his studies in this field of music at Southwestern seminary.

Beginning May 6 and continuing through July, E. Warren Rust, pastor of McCalla Avenue church, Knoxville, is preaching two series of sermons to his people. The morning sermons are based on "The Parables of Jesus," and the theme for the evening sermons is "Great Texts from the Pen of Prophets."

Harrison-Chilhowee academy has just closed a very successful year's work. At the annual commencement program, the Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Slater A. Murphy of Memphis, and the Commencement address was delivered by George K. Schweitzer of the University of Tennessee.

The recent revival at Calvary church, Knoxville, Charles C. Lemons, pastor, resulted in 21 additions to the church, 7 by letter and 14 by baptism. The men of this good church are engaged in the work of completing the basement of this magnificent new Temple of worship.

E. C. Quarles, Brotherhood president at Alpha church, Morristown, reports splendid progress in the work of this organization as well as in the church. During the Simultaneous Crusade, Pastor Clyde Robertson led the church in a very fine revival. On May 12 the Brotherhood sponsored a special service in the church at which time Hobart Ford of Rogersville brought the message. The Brotherhood also conducts services at the Hamblen County Poor Farm on the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

by Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington

West Jackson church, Jackson, observed the 32nd anniversary of the pastorate of R. E. Guy on May 27. The church set a goal of \$10,000 for gifts to the building fund on that occasion.

Evangelist Billy Graham is preaching to large crowds at the Memphis fairgrounds. The meeting began on May 20 and will continue until June 19. Some 10,000 gathered for the first service.

First church, Paris, O. E. Turner, pastor, has been enjoying a perennial revival. From March 1 through April 22 there had been 61 additions, 35 by baptisms. Two others came on April 29.

Pastor R. H. Dills observed his first anniversary at Hillcrest Avenue church, Dyersburg, on May 20. The year's work has been signally blessed by the Lord. Total additions: 79.

Pastor R. G. Lee, Bellevue church, Memphis, preached the commencement sermon for Fuller Theological Seminary on May 15, and on the preceding evening gave his sermon, "Pay-Day—Some Day" at the First Baptist church, Hollywood, California. By using the airlines he was able to return to Memphis in time for the midweek service on May 17.

Brighton Church Calls Pastor



ERBA A. BUTLER

Erba A. Butler has accepted the call to Brighton church and moved on the field June 1.

He is a native of Arkansas and attended Union University and Southwestern Seminary where he received a Bachelor of Divinity degree and has completed the residence work leading to the Master of Theology degree.

Brother Butler has pastored churches in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Texas. Until coming to Tennessee, he was vice-moderator and Intermediate Sunday school superintendent of the Paluxy Baptist association, Granbury, Texas. For the past year and a half he has been an assistant to Dr. E. L. Carlson, head of the Old Testament Department at the seminary.

Mrs. Butler is also a native of Arkansas. She received a Master of Religious Education degree from Southwestern Seminary. She has taught school in Arkansas and Tennessee, and for the past year has been on the library staff at the seminary.

They have one daughter, Suzanne.

On a recent jaunt we visited Liberty Grove church, Madison County; First church, Whiteville; and First church, Somerville. All three of these churches are doing good work under the leadership of their able pastors. Pastor Neil Moore has one of the neatest buildings in the State. Most of the remodeling was done by his members and the job is strictly first-class. He recently baptized a 72-year-old man. At Whiteville, the church has erected a lovely brick three-bedroom parsonage for Pastor and Mrs. Jewell T. Hart. At Somerville the church is growing by leaps and bounds and has already outgrown its relatively new building. Pastor Jonas Stewart is leading in a fine way and is greatly beloved.

Pastor Thomas W. Pope is off to a fine start at First church, Martin. He recently accepted this work after a happy and successful pastorate at Huntingdon.

Your reporter gave the Baccalaureate sermon at Central High School, Savannah, on the night of May 20. While there we looked in upon the work of Pastor Carmack Penuel at the First church. He is doing a splendid work. Incidentally, his daughter, Bettye Jane, was valedictorian of the class. There were 62 graduates.

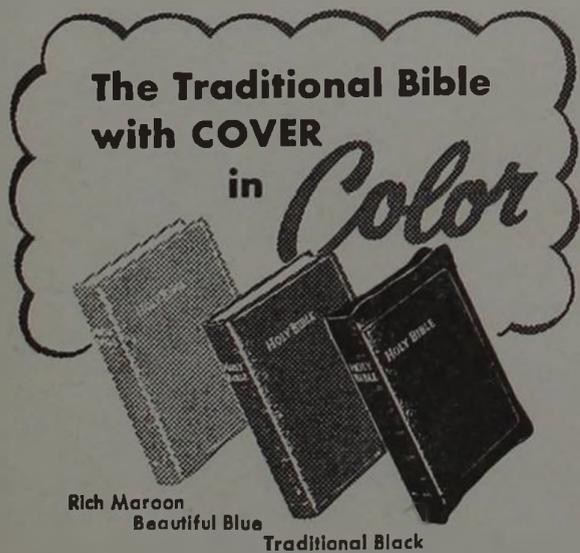
The first associational Brotherhood banquet for Beech River association, which was held recently in Lexington, was a great success. State Secretary E. N. Delzell brought an inspiring message on "Personal Soul Winning." He spoke to a ladies' night Brotherhood banquet at North Jackson church, Waif Hamilton, pastor, on May 24.

First church, Humboldt, Hayward Highfill, pastor, ordained five new deacons on May 27. They are: T. N. Alexander, L. V. Duncan, J. A. McCarley, Lofton Robertson and Ralph Walker.

The annual school for preachers and their wives will be held at Union University June 4-8 and June 11-15. Prof. R. C. Briggs will serve as Dean. He has a splendid faculty for the school.

A picturesque two-story fieldstone and log lodge, along with about 200 acres of wooded land and a five acre lake have been given to Bellevue church by Mr. and Mrs. Chester Eugene Beard, 1268 Union, Memphis. The property is located on U. S. Highway 78, about three miles east of Hickory Flat, Miss. and about 55 miles from Memphis. The property is to be used for a recreation center and camp site for the youth of Bellevue church. Mr. and Mrs. Beard have been members of Bellevue for only a few months. They were won to Christ by one of the deacons, Toxey T. Fortinberry.

Recently Pastor Ernest Olds resigned from his work at First church, Centerville Station, Ill., because of his health having contracted malaria and finding himself unable to remain with this pastorate. The East St. Louis Baptist Association in sending us this information sent also a letter of commendation through L. L. Leinger, clerk of that body stating, "Brother Olds is greatly missed by our association. He is a consecrated man, loves the Lord and has done a faithful work at Centerville. You will find him a true brother in Christ. We are praying for him and his good wife in the Master's service. For the present Brother Olds is located in Memphis at Speedway Terrace church where Dr. Mark Harris is pastor."



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