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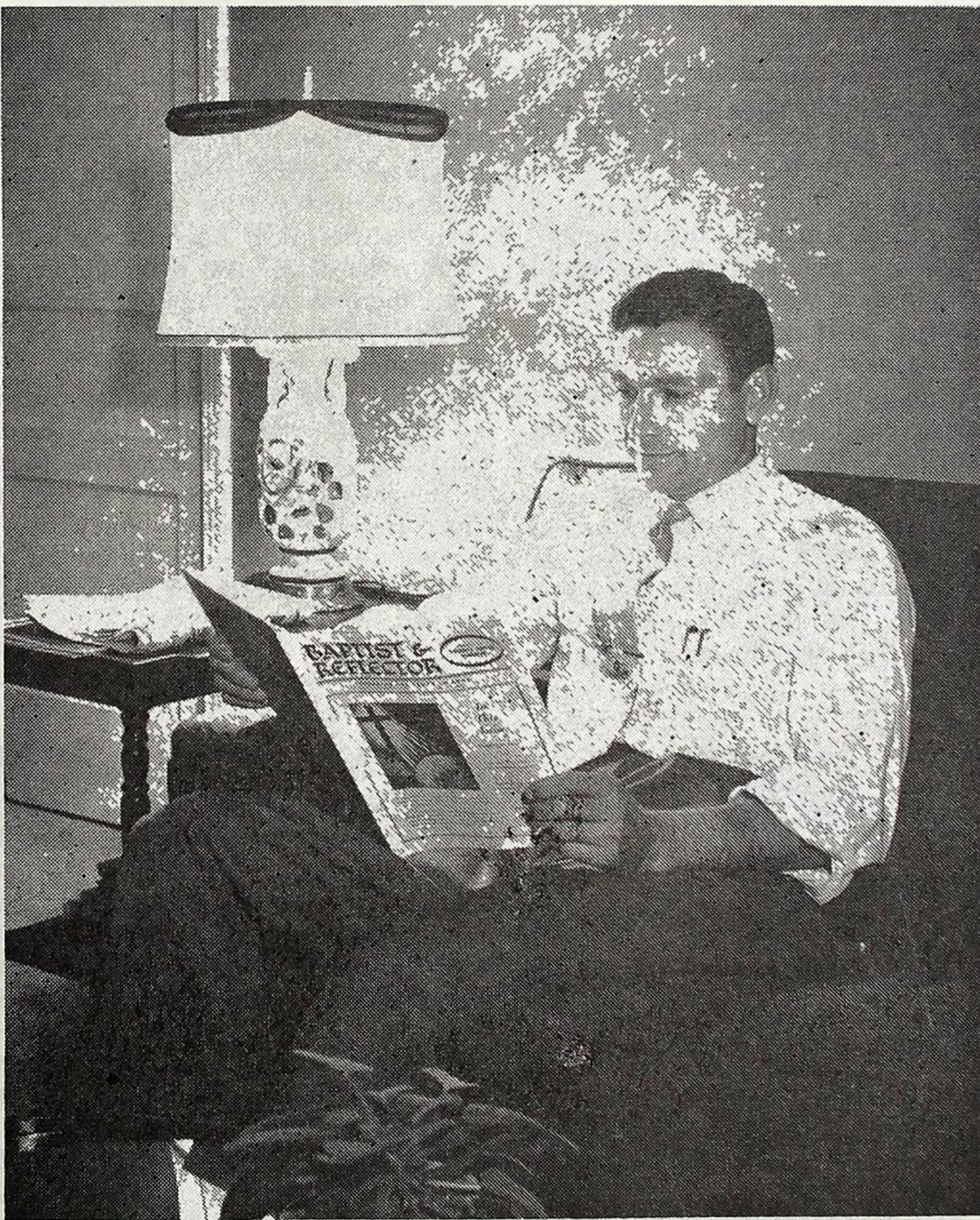
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By
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Come As You Are, But--

"Come As You Are!" That is the appeal we have observed on signs along the highway put up by some hotels and cafes eager for customers, however clad. Such invitations assure tourists and others they can enter without embarrassment. That is all very well for the tired and stained traveler needing some place where his not being "dressed up" will not shut the door against him.

But is not a word of caution due when, in eagerness to reach people religiously, the bars are let down and the spiritual and moral requirements are treated as if they no longer existed?

To be sure there is a wondrous inclusiveness in God's invitation. This must ever be made clear. In fact we can't overdo it in shouting to the hurrying throng that they can come to Christ as they are. "Just as I am," the old invitation hymn rightly assures, "without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me." We are not barred from the Grace of God till we clean up. No reformation is demanded before we can respond to the merciful invitation in Christ. In fact no one could ever enter were this otherwise. Only reception of God's grace in Christ can effect the change heaven requires.

God calls many—rich and poor, high and low, old and young, learned and illiterate, moral and immoral—everybody is included. "As many as ye shall find bid to the marriage feast" (Matt. 22:9).

But those who were thus bid to come were to enter on the conditions of the host. They were furnished a wedding garment in keeping with the occasion. They were invited to come whoever they were and as they were; but having accepted the bid of the King, they were bound in courtesy to Him and to His Son to answer the invitation on the King's terms. Among the guests, the man who had not on a wedding garment when questioned by his host was speechless.

Let none of us gloss over this in our day when there is such wide-spread eagerness for "statistics of success." If the King's requirements are flouted, there must eventually be a day when those who ignore His rightful expectations are without one word they can say for themselves. Men may, in the grace of God, come as they are to Him. But having done so, they can never remain as they are—they must be clothed in the righteousness of Christ, or be condemned.

False Standards and Spurious Degrees

"A pulpit committee which stipulates" warns Dr. Duke K. McCall, "that the man they seek must have a doctor's degree is using a false standard of measurement." These words of warning by the president of Southern Baptist Seminary are timely. Dr. McCall points out that the fact that some pulpit committees are using such a standard has led weak men to sometimes purchase "fraudulent degrees."

Any man who tries to clothe himself with supposed acceptability for a pastorate by a spurious "degree" lacks integrity of character absolutely necessary to a minister of the Gospel. Those who manufacture for cash such spurious degrees earn nothing but contempt in the eyes of the followers of Christ.

Many Bibles in Many Tongues

The American Bible Society set a five-year goal in 1948 to double the distribution of scriptures in U.S. homes. This goal was met and exceeded by 40%. An all-time record of scripture distribution reached 15,149,993 in domestic and foreign distribution in 1953. Domestic distribution showed a 22% gain over the previous year and rose to 9,726,391 volumes in 1953. It should be noted that domestic distribution of the scriptures was in 81 languages.

The Bible is now available in 1,077 tongues. During the past year the Society had completed translation of the scriptures in five new languages and published these. It should be noted that the whole Bible has now been published in 200 languages and dialects, a Testament in 257 more, and single books in 620 additional.

The Society now in its 138th year is moving toward a world-wide Jubilee celebration to mark the 150th year anniversary of the founding of the first Bible Society in Britain and the 500th anniversary of the first printing of the Bible by Johann Gutenberg. This celebration launches this year a new program of advance with a goal of the annual distribution of 50,000,000 scriptures by 1960, with 24 national societies sharing in this achievement.

Highlight of the Jubilee is a compilation of signatures by peoples of at least 60 nations in a World Good Will Book, these people being contributors to a fund to make the Bible available for any who want it. More than 100,000 have already signed in the United States.

The report stated that Latin America continues to be a troubled area, with "spectacular advances" on the one hand, and "violent persecution" on the other. "In Guatemala, Colombia, Paraguay and elsewhere violence met those who preached and distributed the Word of God," the report stated.



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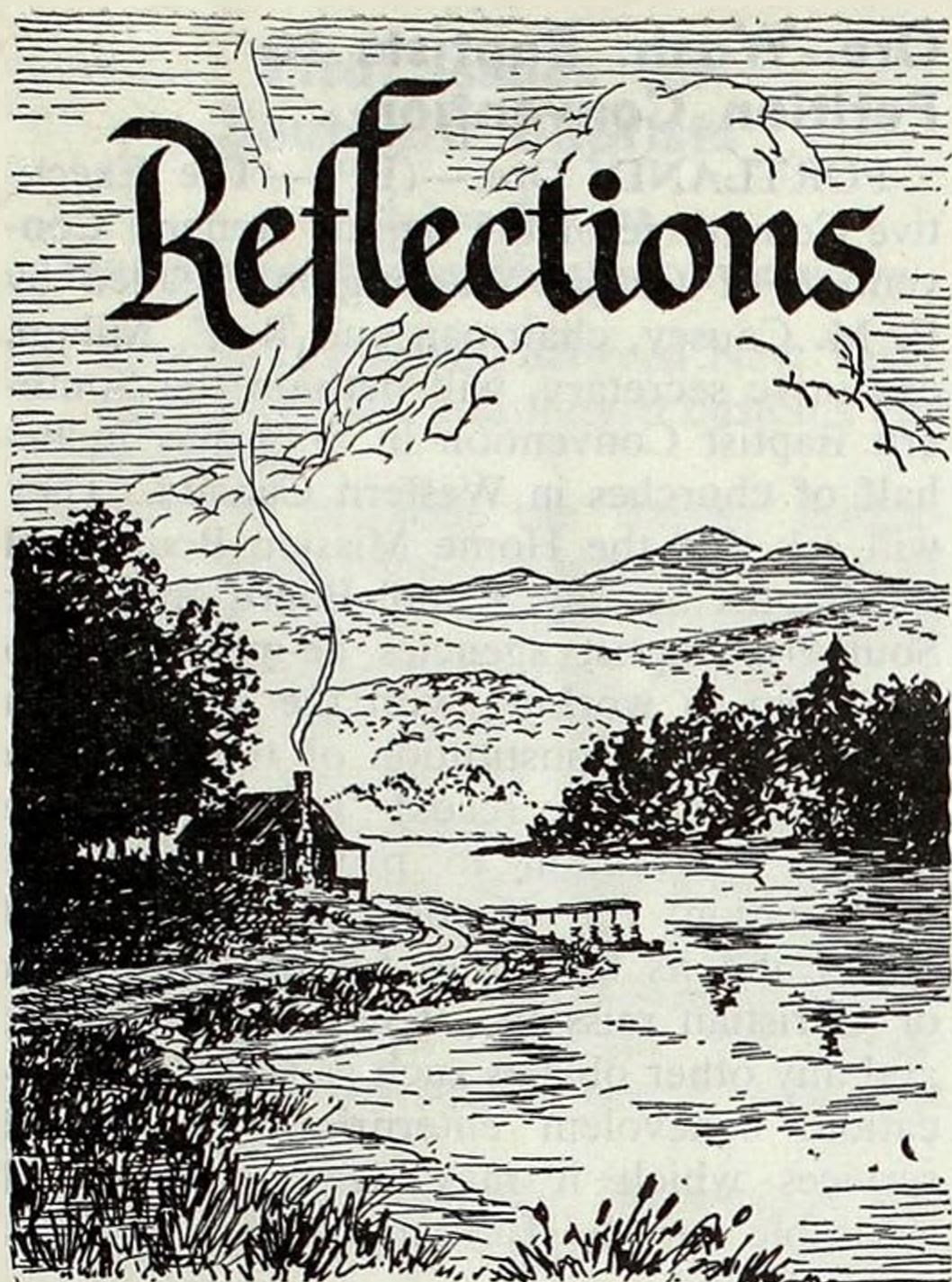
Church Recreation Service

Mrs. Agnes Durant Pylant is doing an excellent work in heading up the Church Recreation Service of the Baptist Sunday School Board. Headquarters for this denominational program of Church Recreation are in Nashville. This work is financed through the budget of the Sunday School Board.

By action of the Southern Baptist Convention, the Sunday School Board was given the assignment of Church Recreation. The most experienced and best qualified Southern Baptist leaders in the recreational field spent two days in Nashville in a Recreation Workshop to lay a secure foundation for the kind of recreational program which will undergird the spiritual life of our Baptist churches.

This is the recreational program which the Sunday School Board will promote through existing church organizations rather than through the creation of still another department.

The Church Recreational Service which Mrs. Pylant directs seeks to integrate a recreational program which will not compete with, but rather will undergird, the spiritual work of the churches.



Warning to Pulpit Committees

Duke K. McCall, 2825 Lexington Rd., Louisville 6, Ky.

A fraudulent theological degree is evidence of character defects in a minister. As a member of the committee of the American Association of Theological Schools on Fraudulent Degrees, I have been shocked to discover the number of institutions which award all types of degrees, but usually a doctor's degree, for which the primary requirement is the payment of a sum of money—which may be \$50.00 or \$250.00. Little, if any, study in residence is required.

It is impossible to get a *respectable* doctor's degree for less than one year of residence in any reputable institution and the standard is two years.

The standard degrees in the United States are: Bachelor of Divinity (B.D.), Master of Theology (Th.M.), and Doctor of Theology (Th.D.). A few institutions still give a Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in religion. These are all *earned* degrees.

There are legitimate honorary degrees awarded for outstanding achievement, but these degrees mean less than nothing unless they are awarded by respectable colleges or universities. Honorary degrees most often used are the Doctor of Divinity (D.D.), the Doctor of Laws (LL.D.), the Doctor of Literature (Lit.D.). Unfortunately, these degrees are frequently sold by institutions which exist only on paper. In any case they indicate no study or preparation for the ministry.

It should be noted that such honorary degrees from accredited colleges or universities are, as the name indicates, an honor.

Southern Baptists have no academic or degree requirements for the ministry. The best professional training for the ministry is that which is included in the Bachelor of Divinity degree. There is no degree which provides more adequate training for the minister than this degree, when it comes from an institution recognized or accredited by the American Association of Theological Schools.

The Doctor of Theology Degree is a graduate, research, type of degree and does not necessarily indicate any special aptitude for the pastorate. Many of the finest seminary graduates and most useful pastors do not hold any doctor's degree. A pulpit committee which stipulates that the man they seek must have a doctor's degree is using a false standard of measurement. That pulpit committees do use that standard is the reason weak men have sometimes purchased fraudulent degrees.

Honest, academic standards, and the welfare of our churches require that the Bachelor of Divinity be recognized as the finest degree a pastor can hold, and even it is worth nothing unless he be a man called of God and guided by the Holy Spirit.

Further, the task of determining the theological soundness of a Baptist minister

does not belong to seminary officials but to the ordaining council and the church which sets him apart to the ministry. It is possible for a Methodist minister to graduate from a Baptist seminary and vice versa. Counsel with the brethren who know the man you are about to recommend to your church and weigh him in terms of what he actually believes and his intrinsic value rather than on the basis of some fancy title or "pulpit committee" sermon.

P.S.—Preacher brethren, let us tell the truth in our recommendations of each other.

London Businessman Visits Russian Baptist Church

LONDON — (BP) — R. M. Charley, London businessman, who is in Russia on business reports that on his visit to a Baptist church in Moscow he was cordially received by the pastor and members of the church. "Ten minutes before the service was to begin the church was packed to the doors, so the service commenced, lasting two hours and twenty minutes and including three sermons. "I gave a message of greeting which was translated by the pastor, and at the close of the service they sang "God be with you till we meet again," Charley said. "During the last chorus the whole congregation waved handkerchiefs and the pastor kissed me on the cheek."

"Of all the occasions of church fellowship I have had round the world, this is the most memorable," Charley said.

North Carolina Baptists Study Church Constitutions

RALEIGH, N. C.—(BP)—Should a Baptist church have a constitution? Baptist leaders in North Carolina feeling that churches should adopt a workable constitution and bylaws took action to that effect. At the North Carolina Baptist convention last fall a committee was appointed to study and give careful thought to a constitution for a Baptist church. The committee is scheduled to report on their findings at the July general board meeting of the convention.

"It is the thought of the committee to prepare the best constitution possible, but of course, it will be up to each church to do what seems best about adopting it, making any changes to fit the local situation," M.A. Huggins, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention of North Carolina said.

G. W. Bullard, pastor, Temple Baptist Church, Raleigh, N. C., is chairman of the committee.

A sunset in one land is a sunrise in another.

Education is learning a lot about how little you know.—Franklin P. Jones.

We need to remember that freedom of speech carries with it the responsibility of "fairness of speech."—*Senior Scholastic*.

If we spend our lives building walls rather than bridges, then we have no right to complain if we are lonely.—*Life Today*.

Our country's strength or weakness fundamentally lies not in our bombs or lack of them. It lies in our ability to create, express, control and implement ideas. It will be our schools and colleges, our churches, our educational agencies of all kinds not bombs, that will make or break our country.—Alexander J. Stoddart.

A preacher, while watching a marble cutter at work, exclaimed: "I wish I could deal such clanging blows on stony hearts!" The workmen replied: "Maybe you could if you worked like me, on your knees."—"Gib" McMasters, Railroad Evangelist.

A speech is not a Christmas tree on which to hang tinsel gew-gaws and glittering ornaments. Don't spend time scouting around for fancy words to pretty-up your talk. Toying with words, like toying with your voice, calls attention, but to the wrong things.—James H. McBurney & Ernest J. Wraga, *The Art of Good Speech* (Prentice Hall).

Take a piece of wax, a piece of meat, some sand, some clay and some shavings and put them on the fire. Each is being acted upon by the same agent, yet the wax melts, the meat fries, the sand dries up, the clay hardens and the shavings blaze. Just so, under the influence of identical circumstances and environment, one man becomes stronger, another weaker, and another withers away.—Wallaceburg (Ontario) *Optimist Club Bulletin*.

Relocating the Radio Commission

By Reuben Alley from the Religious Herald

Reports have come from Atlanta that the Radio Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, in session last week, approved by unanimous vote a recommendation to move the headquarters of the agency to Fort Worth. Because authority for making the transfer rests with the Convention, it is expected that the matter will be presented for action by that body at the meeting in St. Louis next month. The proposal by the Commission will probably come as a surprise to many people. The location of the Southern Baptist radio center does not seem to have received much consideration when the project began. That was natural in view of the circumstances. Under the leadership of the late S. F. Lowe the Commission started in a small way with local sponsorship in Atlanta. There it remained and grew into an important institution. Now, according to the report from the recent meeting, the Commission believes that a more central geographical location is desirable.

Several considerations, it seems, led members of the board to agree upon Fort Worth. First, a powerful station, which will be made available to the Commission, is located in that city. This will enable the Commission to broadcast directly to a wide area at considerable saving. The station is fully equipped with latest facilities for effective service. Second, it is reported that Baptist citizens of Fort Worth have offered large financial inducements, including the cost of moving, if the transfer is made. Third, the nearness of the proposed location to Southwestern Seminary appears to have been a factor of major importance when members of the board came to vote for the new site. It was suggested that other denominations have placed radio centers in the vicinity of institutions of learning so that musical talent and competent speakers might be immediately available. Moreover, it was suggested that many seminary students, or their wives, might be glad to fill secretarial positions with the Commission staff, and that proximity to the center will afford excellent opportunity for training seminary students in broadcasting. These seem to have been the determining reasons for choosing Fort Worth.

Before reaching an opinion upon this matter, however, it would be well for Southern Baptists to give thought to other aspects of the case. First, it should be determined that a change in locations is desirable. Atlanta is near the population center of the Convention, so that a broadcast from that city will probably reach more people directly than a similar broadcast from the Texas city. Assuming that a change should be made, at least two hindrances might be named against the location at Fort Worth. First, the Southern Convention already has two large agencies

in Texas—the Relief and Annuity Board and Southwestern Seminary. A few months ago there was a serious suggestion that the office of the Baptist Foundation be moved to a Texas city. Obviously our Baptist brethren in Texas abound in Christian graces and enjoy vast accumulations of natural wealth. We who live in the eastern states are constantly thankful for evidences of these things. On the other hand, we are aware of dangers that might arise if these blessings are directed in a manner which might lead to a concentration of Southern Baptist institutions and agencies in one state. If the Radio Commission believes that a new site is desirable at the geographical center of the Convention, it should inquire about other cities like Oklahoma City and Little Rock. The Convention has not established headquarters of an agency in either Oklahoma or Arkansas. Second, the action of the Convention in placing its radio center at the door of one of the five seminaries might give rise to present misunderstanding and troublesome questions in the future. Each of the schools is in need of laboratory equipment for training students in radio and television technique. Installations are expensive. A problem might be presented if the Convention places these things at the disposal of one school without making provisions to supply comparable facilities for the others.

This important new matter should have careful study by the Executive Committee and then by the Convention. It seems regrettable that the suggestion did not come from the Radio Commission earlier in order to afford ample time for discussion.

Reuben Alley is editor of the Religious Herald, Baptist state paper of Virginia.

New Security Program Gets Necessary Votes for Enactment in Tennessee

May 17, announcement was made that 315 Tennessee Baptist pastors together with their churches had notified the Nashville office of their agreement to transfer from the present retirement program to the new Ministers Security Plan of the Relief and Annuity Board. This number exceeds by 10 the necessary two-thirds to make the new plan effective July 1, 1954.

Though the two-thirds for enactment has now been secured all pastors and churches active in the existing retirement program are being encouraged to transfer to the new plan because of the advantages it provides.

Included in the liberalized Ministers Security Plan is assurance of a lifetime annuity to the pastor's widow, increase from \$500 to \$900 a year in the maximum dis-

Ore.-Wash. Baptists to Petition Convention

PORTLAND, Ore.—(BP)—The Executive Committee of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon-Washington, headed by E. M. Causey, chairman and R. E. Milam, executive secretary, will petition the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis in behalf of churches in Western Canada. They will ask that the Home Mission Board and the Baptist Sunday School Board and other Southern Baptist agencies be permitted to aid them in working with the churches in Canada. The Constitution of the Southern Baptist Convention reads: "It is the purpose of the Convention to provide a general organization for Baptists in the United States and its territories for the promotion of Christian missions at home and abroad, and any other objects such as Christian education, benevolent enterprises, and social services which it may deem proper and advisable for the furtherance of the kingdom of God."

SBC Messengers Note Memorial Holiday

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—(BP)—Messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention in St. Louis need to remember that Monday, May 31, is a holiday and many of the stores and public services in St. Louis will be closed. Also, St. Louis is on daylight saving time which makes their clocks one hour faster than Central standard time.

Caution!

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BP)—Agents of the "Southern Publishing Association," Nashville, Tenn., selling religious books from house-to-house are sometimes mistaken for agents of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Great care should be taken in purchase of their books, since they propose teachings not acceptable to most Baptist and protestant groups.

ability annuity for a pastor, lowering of the retirement age from 65 to 60 but on a commuted annuity and other benefits.

The new plan also makes the penalty for delayed participation by pastors applicable after the age of 25 instead of the date of their first pastorate.

The Ministers Security Plan requires a small increase in payments from both the participating churches and the pastors, as well as the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Maximum benefits on retirement remain at \$2,000.

But this plan will not be applicable to pastors and churches which do not approve. Even though the pastor approves he cannot share in the new plan without the approval by his church.

Vital Issues for Southern Baptists

By J. Leo Garrett

Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary

1. How to distinguish between New Testament essentials and Baptist customs and traditions.
2. How to magnify the Baptist distinctives which make imperative a distinct Baptist witness without isolation from all fellowship with other Christians.
3. How to distinguish clearly between the Baptist heritage of religious freedom and non-creedalism and the encroachment of radical theological liberalism.
4. How to keep a strong biblical faith and message without succumbing to the tendency to make the "pet" interpretations of some the test of fellowship for all.
5. How to keep worship meaningful and evangelism fruitful without the sacrifice of either.
6. How to magnify both personal regeneration and the Christian life with its moral and social obligations.
7. How to maintain both effective evangelism and the reality of a regenerate church membership.
8. How to "tap" the material resources of Baptists for Christ without adopting an unbiblical doctrine of stewardship.
9. How to expand as a denomination without being undemocratic in polity.
10. How to keep the "home base" Christian and to engage in a vigorous world mission advance.

—Southwestern (Seminary) News

While attending the S.B.C. in St. Louis, take advantage of this opportunity to visit your Home Mission work in East St. Louis, Ill.—the Baptist Good Center, 540 N. 6th Street. The Center was built by the Home Mission Board 3 years ago and is located in the heart of one of East St. Louis' underprivileged sections.

Texas Governor Scheduled For Pastors' Conference

AUSTIN, Tex.—(BP)—Governor Allan Shivers of Texas will speak on the opening night program of the Pastors' Conference in St. Louis, May 31.

Shivers will return to this country one day before the Conference from a tour of Korea being made by five state governors at the request of President Eisenhower. He will cut his trip short in order to return to St. Louis in time for the address.



CONVENTION SPEAKERS—Pictured above are twelve Southern Baptist Convention speakers for the 97th session of the convention meeting in St. Louis, Mo., June 2-5. Reading from upper left, they are: Miss Emily Lansdell, president Carver School of Missions and Social Work, Louisville, Ky.; Dale Cowling, Little Rock, Ark., chairman of the Committee on Order of Business; Courts Redford, Atlanta, Ga.; J. Ray Garrett, Washington, D.C.; chairman of the Committee on Boards; J. C. Murphy, Ruston, La.; C. Emanuel Carlson, Washington, D.C.; Olin T. Binkley, Wake Forest, N. C.; Roy McClain, Atlanta, Ga.; Alfred D. Moore, New York, N. Y.; Joel Sorenson, Stockholm, Sweden; Robert Naylor, Fort Worth Tex.; and Mrs. Leslie B. Arey, Chicago, Ill.

—BAPTIST PRESS

Work of Committees and Boards

In Baptist conventions, as in all democratic bodies, much work must be done in committees and boards. This means that many people must spend long, tiresome hours of labor over knotty problems and tedious details, "behind the scenes." To those who serve on committees, we offer a word of commendation and appreciation, with two remarks:

1. Those who serve on Baptist denominational committees and boards do so in response to the request of the conventions. They are appointed and assigned to their task because their services are needed. To be named on a convention committee may be regarded as an honor; but no such assignment should ever be sought or bestowed as an honor or recognition, merely. It is, rather, the assignment of a duty, or privilege, to serve the cause of the denomination.

2. Members of Baptist committees and boards serve without pay and often at great personal expense. While actual expenses are supposed to be paid, any one who has had experience in these matters will realize that unaccounted and unpaid expenses are in-

curred. Also, these people must sacrifice their own work in order to serve on committees and boards. They are busy people (no other kind would be worth much), and long absences from their regular duties are hard to bear. They must, somehow, find time for long sessions of denominational and institutional business and then try to catch up accumulated work when they return. Such committee and board assignments require much travel and prolonged absence from regular work—a real sacrifice. We know of no cases of complaint, but we do believe that our people should be informed and appreciative.

In our contacts with the work of the denomination for some years and over a wide area, we have been profoundly impressed by the amount and quality of service some Baptists give to the denomination. With no evident desire or disposition to rule, but with all evidences of a desire and ability to serve, these committee and board members serve the cause of Christ for their denomination. All honor to them and thanks for them!—Editor S. H. Jones, *Baptist Courier*, (S.C.)

Next Sunday's Lesson

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

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TEXTS: II Kings 4:8-37; 6:8-23 (Larger)—II Kings 6:8-17 (Printed)—Romans 8:31 (Golden).

Elisha Points To Spiritual Resources

With the permission of the reader, these notes prefer to paraphrase the above topic with this one: Seeing the Unseen. For it will be observed that this is what was able to be done by Elisha, from the very first, but could not be done by his servant. Also, by the reader's permission, the notes that follow will deal with the printed text as a whole instead of in sections.

Our day is one that magnifies the ability to see with the physical eye to the belittling of the ability to see with the spiritual eye. But both kinds of eye-sight have their places in our modern world. Some one has observed that what is seen depends as much upon what is behind the eye (the physical or the physiological, even) as what is in front of it. This is undoubtedly the case. For instance, the writer (who has minimum equipment in terms of being able to discern light and shadow and color) was accompanied once by a person who had been trained and was gifted along such lines. This person kept calling attention to these items, as the walk proceeded, to the writer's chagrin and disappointment with himself. So it is, all too often, with what exists in the realm of the spiritual. Far too many individuals are like the servant of Elisha, suffering from spiritual blindness. Far too few are like Elisha, endowed and alert to the things of the spirit. For what Elisha had all can have if willing to turn to the Source and receive what He gives.

The Reality of the Unseen

The lives of three famous characters of the Bible illustrate this point. Abraham, the father of the Hebrews, was in tune with the Infinite One and on more than one occasion saw and heard and followed in what at first glance appeared to be strange and even unreliable responses. But who would dare to accuse Abraham of being unrealistic or impractical? Moses, perhaps the most strategically important man of antiquity, was likewise of similar responses. Educated in the very cradle of ancient civilization and intended for the highest political position of his day, Moses "by faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible" (Heb. 11:27). The Apostle Paul, counted as the most significant Christian of all time, was changed on the Damascus Road and in turn changed the world of his day and of every day since. Speaking before his false accusers, he said, in justification of his conduct: "Whereupon, O king Agrippa, I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision" (Acts 26:19). The influence of both Moses and Paul, as well as Abraham, lives on cumulatively across the centuries. Apart

from the reality of the unseen, this solid fact cannot be explained. All three men believed in it and followed accordingly.

The Visibility of the Unseen

The study of secular history (the term is unfortunate, for all history is sacred when viewed in the light of Jesus Christ) reveals much in this regard. Two circumstances from the history of our own country can be considered. In the struggle of the American colonies against England in the Revolutionary War, the colonies were pitifully outnumbered and poorly prepared. By every count, they did not have a chance of winning in the conflict. But they did win, and America and the world finally witnessed the creation of these United States. It is freely conceded that many in England wanted America to win and that those in authority there did not really care, but the fact remains that a new nation was born and has now grown to be great and influential. A student of this remarkable phenomenon must conclude the unseen is behind the event and can be seen by the careful observer. The

other circumstance, again of particular significance to us here in America, came during the closing days of the first World War. By late spring or early summer of 1918, competent military authorities had agreed that the Germans and their allies would win the war possibly before the close of the year. But the people of the United States were called to prayer and responded and God heard. The outcome was entirely different. Sensitive students, again, explain what transpired by seeing the unseen. If God doesn't move in history then it has no meaning.

The Value of Seeing the Unseen

The final verse of the printed passage, verse seventeen, might be very appropriately designated as the Golden Text of this lesson. In it we note three things: Elisha prayed, God opened the servant's eyes, and the servant was able to see what he had not previously seen. It was of inestimable value to him in seeing the mountain filled with horses and chariots of fire ringed about them in defense against their enemies. It gave to him a sense of poise and calm that displaced panic and fear. A similar result always follows when the unseen is seen, when the Lord pulls back the curtain of the temporal to let us behold the eternal. Faith springs up and fear banishes. Life takes on its proper perspective, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal" (II Cor. 4:18). A genuine Christian enjoys this through prayer.

A GREATER HORIZON



The Young South

Recently I received a letter from a teenager who said, "I would like to become the pen pal of a girl in the Baptist Home for Children." I know that teenager—and many others—will be glad to see these two letters:

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I read the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR every week and like it. Will you please put my letter in the paper?

I am thirteen years old. My birthday is January 12.

I would like to have lots of pen pals.

LAURA MAE FARMER

Baptist Home
Franklin, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am fourteen years old. My birthday is April 19.

I have dark brown hair and dark blue eyes. I would like to have a lot of pen pals. I have one who is very nice and very pretty. I would like to have more.

I am a Christian and go to a Baptist church.

My favorite sports are riding the bicycle and playing ball.

JUDY GILBERT

Baptist Home
Franklin, Tenn.

Here are some other letters which you will enjoy, too.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl twelve years old. I am in the seventh grade at East High School in Memphis.

I go to Buntyn Street Baptist Church where Brother Glen Harwood is our pastor. I am a Christian. I would like to have some pen pals and will try to answer all the letters I get. Thank you so much.

SHIRLEY AVENT

145 Plainview St.
Memphis, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write to you. I am eight years old and in the third grade at Cox-Davis School. My teacher is Mrs. Mary Massey.

I go to Riddleton Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother Albert Gewell of Watertown.

I have one pen pal in East Tennessee. I would like to have more. I will answer all the letters I receive. My hobbies are singing and roller skating. I enjoy reading the Young South in the BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

JOYCE EMILY CUTRELL

Dixon Springs, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I have had two pen pals. I would like to have more. I am ten years old. I will soon be eleven. I go to the First Baptist Church and I go to Rives School. My sister's name is Violet. She has written to you before.

RITA BATTS

RFD 5

Union City, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is the first time I have written to you but I have thought of writing for some time. I like the Young South very much and would like to see my letter in print.

I am ten years of age. I have a brother, Bill, who is eight.

My father teaches in high school here. We go to the First Baptist Church. I am not a Christian but hope to be soon.

I like sports such as baseball, football, and basketball. My father coaches these.

BUSTER JUDY

522 South College S.
Covington, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write you. I am nine years old. I go to Chesterfield School and am in the fourth grade.

I go to Union Baptist Church. Brother Guesner is our pastor.

My birthday is October 9. I belong to the G.A. and like it very much.

I read the Young South and enjoy it. Please put my letter in the Young South. I would like to have many pen pals. I will answer every letter I get.

Chesterfield, Tenn.

EVELYN DUKE

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl nine years old. I go to Parkview School. I like school pretty good. I like to play ball and many other games like that. I would like to have many pen pals nine through twelve years of age.

LINDA GAY HERRITY

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Jackson, Tenn.

Which of today's letters will you answer? Is it hard to choose?

Love

AUNT POLLY

Belcourt at Sixteenth Avenue, S.
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LAUGHS

From

Here and There

"Who's absent minded now?" the professor chortled gleefully as he and his wife were strolling home from church. "You left your umbrella in the rack. But I remembered both yours and mine!" And proudly he exhibited the two umbrellas. "But, dear," his wife said desperately, "neither of us brought an umbrella today!"

The sergeant in charge of new recruits ordered: "Men, when I blow the whistle, I want you to fire at will." A very frightened young man tore across the grounds and out of sight. "Who was that? Where is he going?" bellowed the sergeant. "That's Will," replied one of the recruits.

A fellow, stopped for travelling at 70 miles an hour, told the policeman: "I can't understand it. I must have had a 40-mile-an-hour tail wind."

A little girl in the second grade had been told to bring her birth certificate at the opening of school. She was found by the teacher sobbing in her seat. When asked what the trouble was, she said: "I forgot to bring my excuse for being born."

We would find our neighbors more attractive if they were not so radio-active!

Gayl, age 4, carefully inspected the shiny new car waiting at the curb. Her daddy stood beside her, anticipating comment. "Where are the running boards?" she demanded. Daddy carefully explained that the car didn't need running boards. "But Grandpa's car has running boards," insisted Gayl. "Yes, but Grandpa's car is an old one. New ones don't have them." "Well," she asked hopefully, "will our car get running boards when it gets as old as Grandpa's?"

An American and a Dutchman were talking. "What does your flag look like?" asked the American. "It has three stripes," replied the Dutchman, "red, white and blue. We say they have a connection with our taxes: we get red when we talk about them, white when we get our tax bills, and we pay 'til we're blue in the face." "That's just how it is here," commented the American, "only we see stars, too."

"Daddy, I know how to do everything," said the little boy of six. "What I don't know isn't worth knowing," said the youth of twenty. "Well, anyway, I do know my own trade from A to Z," said the man of thirty-five. "There are very few matters, I am sorry to say, that I am really sure about," said the man of fifty. "I have learned a bit, but not much, since I was born; but knowledge is so vast that one cannot become wise in a short lifetime," said the man of sixty-five.

Origin and Significance of the Baptist World Alliance

by W. H. Baylor, Baltimore, Md.

No one can be indifferent to the happenings of the world. Just as truly should no Baptist be indifferent concerning Baptist happenings and programs. All of us should take an interest in the vital things of our denominational life and inform ourselves about the methods and progress of our work. In the long ago, the Lord spoke through one of his prophets saying, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." While we must know God, we should also know how he works through his people in all the earth. We should gladly welcome any plan or movement that will better honor God and serve the people. We want to know the truth from whatever source it comes, and should follow the light wherever it shines. Baptists of all people are unafraid of the truth and gladly welcome the light.

The ninth Baptist World Alliance is to be held in London next year where it was organized in 1905, so it will be the 50th anniversary. Baptists from every part of the world will be in attendance, who in sweet fellowship will talk about the progress of the Kingdom. The following have been the places and dates of these meetings in the order named. London 1905; Philadelphia 1911; Stockholm 1923; Toronto 1928; Berlin 1934; Atlanta 1939; Copenhagen 1947; Cleveland 1950. The long period between 1911 and 1923 was occasioned by the first World War. The following have served as presidents in the order named—Alexander Maclaren, Robert Stuart MacArthur, E. Y. Mullins, John McNeill, George W. Truett, J. H. Rushbrooke, C. Oscar Johnson. F. Townly Lord, who was elected at Cleveland, will preside over the coming meeting in London.

It is interesting to know just how this remarkable organization began. Who were the men and what were the circumstances calling it into existence? The impulse that started the Baptist World Alliance came from the South. It was about the beginning of this century, around 1900, that Dr. W. W. Landrum, then pastor of the Second Baptist Church, Richmond, first conceived the idea of such a meeting. He suggested to Dr. R. H. Pitt, editor of the *Religious Herald*, the advisability and value of such a meeting. Dr. Pitt in turn repeatedly urged it through the columns of the *Religious Herald*. After a little while the *Baptist Times and Freeman* of London endorsed it. Then Dr. J. N. Prestridge, editor of the *Baptist Argus*, later the *Baptist World* of Louisville, urged it through the columns of this paper—Dr. A. T. Robertson of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, writing an editorial appeal for such a meeting. Dr. J. H. Shakespere of London then took hold of the idea in earnest. This gifted man in his resourceful

way, crystalized the thought of Doctors Landrum, Pitt, Prestridge and Robertson, and made possible the first gathering of the Baptists of the world in London in 1905. He was elected European secretary, which office he held for many years. Thus we have before us men, who under God, were responsible for bringing into existence this movement which through this half-century has meant so much to the Baptists around the world.

We should also have a proper estimate of the Baptist World Alliance. What is it—What does it stand for—What are its powers? It is a great evangelistic and missionary body composed of representatives from the more than 20,000,000 Baptists scattered all over the earth. Our number has more than doubled since the first meeting in 1905. No one who attends its sessions can doubt for a moment that it is evangelistic and missionary. From the beginning to the end, it throbs with missionary fervor. It does not launch programs, but it does cheer mightily and hearten tremendously those who are projecting worthy enterprises. Hope for the down-trodden and discouraged ever gleams before those weak and timid souls who long for the dawn of a brighter day.

It is a great gathering of fellowship, for better acquaintance with one another, for information concerning world conditions, for inspiration to undertake larger things in the name of our conquering Lord! There are diverse opinions, yes, but manifestly a Baptist unity and brotherhood—all standing together for the truth. It encourages co-operation in the tremendous tasks ahead of

us. There cannot, there must not be aloofness. This is one world—surely one Baptist world. We must better understand one another and sympathetically work together for the salvation of the whole world. We are no longer far apart, even though seas and continents separate us. We are now neighbors and neighbors should be on friendly and intimate terms with one another—especially Baptist neighbors. In the Alliance we are listening to the sobs and heart-breaks of many and learning how we may be big brother to them. We also hear the triumphant note of others and join in their glad hallelujahs. Even if perchance we should hear the discordant note and intolerant word, we have learned patience, forbearance and love. All because we have first heard God's voice. Indeed, this is a school in which we can learn better to do the work of the Master.

The power of the Alliance is wholly moral and spiritual. It seeks no centralization of power, it exercises no authority, but necessarily much influence. This is as it should be. It has no ecclesiastical authority over any individual, church, association or convention. It does not establish missions, found educational institutions or undertake any kind of benevolent work. It however wields a powerful influence, an influence which will cause individuals, churches and organizations to undertake the things which the Alliance cannot. It gives expression to the great Baptist mind and heart. It must therefore be a mighty force and its influence felt around the globe. How men and women are heartened who attend these meetings and return to their tasks ready to begin any new service or make any needed sacrifice. God be praised for the Baptist World Alliance!

Having attended the London meeting in 1905 and almost every meeting since, the writer knows the value of this fellowship and urges the brethren to go to the next one, if at all possible.

Movie on History of Bible Ready

NEW YORK—(RNS)—A feature-length documentary on the history of the Bible had its preview here. It is sponsored by the American Bible Society.

Entitled "Our Bible—How It Came To Us," the film is available for rental to churches, Sunday schools and educational institutions and for educational television.

A plan is under consideration to add sound tracks in foreign languages, so that audiences abroad can understand it, the Society disclosed.

The film treatment is divided into three parts—the formation of the Bible, how it spread across Europe, and how the English Bible came into being.

One of the early scenes shows a hooded figure, whose face is not revealed. This is described as Jesus reading aloud from the scroll of Isaiah to a small group of people in a Nazareth synagogue.

The story then moves through the early writings of the Apostles, and the Emperor Constantine who in the fourth century ordered 50 copies to be made of original manuscripts, down to Jerome and the Latin Vulgate, authorized text of the Roman Catholic Church.

Later episodes depict Martin Luther; William Tyndale, who was burned at the stake; and King James I of England, who in 1611 was responsible for the Bible version used by Protestants for more than 300 years.

A section of the film deals with manuscripts, archeological discoveries, and modern revisions, culminating in the 1952 Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

Dr. Eric M. North, the American Bible Society's general secretary, was superintendent of the film project. He was aided by many specialists in Christian history and religious education.

Rural Conference Adopts Revitalizing Program

ATLANTA, GA., Approximately 1,000 rural Baptist pastors, associational missionaries, and laymen met May 11-14 in the first convention-wide Rural Church Conference at the First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia.

Dr. Chester Quarles, executive state secretary of Mississippi and chairman of the 25 year rural church committee for Southern Baptists presented a seven point revitalization program which was unanimously adopted. The program includes all rural pastors adequately trained and supported, living in the community and giving their entire time to the field; each church properly located, having adequate grounds and facilities; every rural church seeking to make the greatest possible contribution in lifting the level of the total life of the community; and every rural church teaching the Bible plan of stewardship; giving a percentage of its total budget to missions through the Cooperative Program; the expansion of rural work to make a church accessible to the people of every community in the convention area; co-operating with minority groups; colleges and seminaries include in their curriculum specialized courses in community life and development; and practical training of rural leadership. He also presented a ten point program for the next five years.

A five year program committee was named consisting of Chester Quarles, chairman, representing state secretaries; Sam Scantlan, state superintendent of missions, Oklahoma; Carl Clark, superintendent of missions, El Dorado, Arkansas; Roy Mc-

Cullough, rural pastor, North Carolina; J. P. Edmunds, Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tennessee; T. B. Maston, seminaries and colleges, Ft. Worth, Texas; and S. F. Dowis, Home Mission Board, Atlanta.

It was also voted that the Rural Church Conference become an integral part of the long range rural church program. The committee announced that plans have been completed to have the 1955 Rural Church Conference at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, June 16-22.

Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, in one of the major addresses to the body of rural pastors and denominational leaders said, "There are 82% of the 29,496 Southern Baptist churches in the open country and 51% of the 7,886,016 members as reported in 1923, are in the country."

Dr. Routh stated that our rural churches are becoming more like city churches but still have peculiar problems. Ninety per cent of the Baptist rural churches in the South have pastors, almost all have Sunday schools, 60% have Training Unions and Woman's Missionary Union work, and most of them own their own meeting places. Dr. Routh pointed out that more and more people living in rural areas work in plants and factories are coming to have the same social experience, same temptations, and face the high cost of living, just as those living in the cities. He said that Southern Baptists have four assets—a bountiful land, a people who work, a great God, and a field white unto harvest.

Charges Nuns Infiltrating Public School System

FRANKFORT, Ky.—(RNS)—Charges that Roman Catholic nuns are infiltrating the public school system with the calculated aim of undermining that system were made in a brief filed in Franklin Circuit Court here.

Eugene Siler of Williamsburg, Ky., former judge of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, made the charges. He is attorney for the Rev. James C. Rawlings, Bradfordsville, a retired Methodist minister and president of the Kentucky Free Public Schools Committee, an affiliate of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Mr. Rawlings brought suit last October to restrain public officials from permitting tax funds to be used in schools where garbed Catholic sisters teach. The defendants are Wendell P. Butler, State superintendent of public instruction, and the boards of education of Casey, Grayson, Marion, Meade, Nelson, and Washington counties.

Mr. Siler contended that the Roman Catholic Church does not approve of public schools. He said he found it hard to see why "those of declared opposition to a system (of education) should be employed

to help operate that system unless such employment might somehow be calculated to lead to an insidious breakdown of some salient features of the system itself."

Attorneys for both sides have agreed on certain facts of the case. Among them are that 84 garbed sisters teach daily in the schools of the six counties, that the school boards conduct classes on property owned by the Roman Catholic Church and rented to the public-school boards, that each sister uses a religious instead of a legal name with the title of "Sister" prefixed, that each has taken vows of chastity, poverty and obedience, and that she regularly turns over her salary, after living expenses, to her religious order.

Also agreed to was the fact that the Nelson County Board of Education has received from the county fiscal court \$10,000 this year for transporting Catholic pupils on its public school buses.

Mr. Siler contended that the school board is further spending \$2,643 of school money to transport pupils to parochial schools. Kentucky's Constitution specifies that only money appropriated by fiscal courts may be used for this purpose, not school-tax money.

East Tennessee Briefs

Earl J. Guth has led First Church, Wartburg, during the past two years in a period of unequalled growth with 76 new members, 41 being by baptism. Contributions to the Cooperative Program have been increased from 5 to 20 per cent of the church budget. A Hammond electric organ has been installed in the church and an oil furnace in the pastor's home. Toward its goal of 108 in the "Million More in '54" campaign the Sunday school has enrolled 57 new members. New classes and departments have been organized and a building fund started in October, 1953, to which 10 per cent of the church budget is credited.

First Church, Jacksboro, held revival services April 19-30 with Audley L. Turner, pastor of Blooming Grove Church, Brookville, Indiana, as evangelist. There were 30 additions to the church by baptism, 13 by letter, and 30 rededications. An all time high of 211 was recorded in the Sunday school April 11, but the next Sunday there were 315 and the following Sunday 231. Training Union is now second highest in the association, averaging 115 the last four weeks. Pastor C. H. Robinson came to Jacksboro the first of the year from Loyall, Kentucky.

Pastor Frank D. Spurling reports a good revival at First Church, Whitwell with J. C. Frazier of Sevierville as evangelist. Bro. Spurling baptized 14, May 16. There were two additions by letter and a number of rededications. The Whitwell Church has completed a basement to its edifice and by remodeling added six rooms and provided space for 50 more in the Sunday school.

The new chapel at Harrison-Chilhowee was used for the first time in the meeting of its Ministerial Association May 3 presided over by Dr. Charles S. Bond of Fountain City with Dr. Frank Wood, newly elected pastor of First Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma as the speaker. Elected were J. L. Stafford, South Harriman, president; Elmer J. Foust, Knoxville, vice-president and George J. Turpin Knoxville, secretary-treasurer.

Former Tennessean E. E. Colvin was assisted at Immanuel Church, Florence, South Carolina by Evangelist Reginald Wall of Decatur, Georgia in a revival resulting in 56 for baptism, 17 by letter, 97 rededications and 3 for full-time Christian service. This is the fourth time that Evangelist Wall has led this church in revival services.

John Edmund Haggai, pastor, Woodland Park Church, Chattanooga, since 1951, has resigned to accept the unanimous call to Ninth and O Baptist Church, Louisville, Kentucky. The Kentucky Church is second largest in Sunday school attendance and fourth largest membership in the state of Kentucky. Brother Haggai will begin his new duties about June 16.

Mid STATE Briefs

R. Brown Hughes, Route No. 5, Nashville, Tennessee

Grace Church, Nashville, recently burned a note representing the cancellation of a \$20,000.00 debt incurred 13 months ago. The money was used to pay for the remodeling of the church's old auditorium into an educational center. This church has a membership of 2500 and has averaged 1064 attendance during the past 10 weeks and nearly 1000 every week since last October. W. L. Stigler, pastor, led Grace to the retirement of this note seven months before its due date.

The R.A. chapter of North Springfield Church, Springfield, presented a program at the First Church (Colored) of their city in the interest of organizing a chapter there. Herman J. Ellis is pastor.

Miss Allie Candler recently resigned as missionary of Lockeland Church, Nashville, to become educational director of Riverside Church, Newport News, Virginia.

Freeland Church of Nashville entertained G. Allen West as evangelist in recent revival services. H. C. Foster is pastor and Wm. W. Randolph led in the singing.

Genter L. Stephens, director of Church Music Department, Tennessee Baptist Convention, has accepted a call to become director of Music at Immanuel Church Nashville. The church plans the inauguration of a graded choir program. Pastor Gaye L. McGlothlen delivered the Baccalaureate sermon in Adairville, Kentucky.

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Pastor Virgil Ratcliff closed a good meeting at Saturn Drive Church, Nashville, May 9. He was assisted by Steve Taylor of Chattanooga who did outstanding work in directing the music. There were 17 for baptism.

John O. Jackson, Jr., was elected employment manager in the personnel department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, it was announced by James L. Sullivan, executive secretary. Jackson will assume his duties June 1 and will work with Leonard E. Wedel, personnel director.

Jackson, a member of the staff of Columbia Military Academy, Columbia, Tenn., for the past six years, is a native of Nashville and a graduate of Vanderbilt University.

Shelbyville Mills Church, Shelbyville, will have a homecoming day June 6 on which date they will dedicate their new building. All former pastors of the church have been invited back and plans for a great day are being formulated.

Temp Sparkman, Jr., a student at Belmont College whose home is Old Hickory, recently won the title of "Mr. Campus" at the Tennessee Association of Collegiate Student Governors Convention which convened at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City.

R. Kelly White, president of Belmont College, states that Hubert B. Smothers will join the faculty next year as a physical education instructor. This year Smothers was Admission's Counselor at Shorter College, Rome, Ga. He is a graduate of Cumberland University where he was a 3 letter man. In 1947-48 he was named the "Most Outstanding Athlete." He married the former Miss Earlene Jones of Nashville. Mr. Smothers was with the Public Relations office of Belmont in the summer of 1952. He is a licensed Baptist minister.

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Tennessean Becomes Pastor at Anchorage, Alaska

James B. Dotson, pastor at Santa Rosa, California, the past three years has become pastor of Faith Baptist Church at Anchorage, Alaska, under appointment of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia.

At Santa Rosa Mr. Dotson organized and supervised the construction of the Village Baptist Church and assisted in establishing Southern Baptist Churches at a number of points in California.

He is a graduate of Harrison Chilhowee Academy, San Francisco Baptist College, and Golden Gate Seminary.

Before going to California Brother Dotson served as pastor of Shellsford Church, McMinnville.

Mrs. Dotson is the former Gladys Longley of the State Sunday School Department. Brother Dotson left for Alaska May 17. Mrs. Dotson and the two children, James, Jr., age 2½, and Mary Elizabeth, three weeks old, are expected to join him soon.

Poling Says Concert Survey Has Served Its Purpose

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Dr. Daniel A. Poling, editor of the Christian Herald, said here that the magazine's disputed survey on conversions of Roman Catholics to Protestantism had served its purpose.

"We 'proved' exactly what we set out to discover," Dr. Poling said. "Namely, 'Is conversion a one-way street or do Roman Catholics become Protestants?' It is not, and they do."

The editor said it was unimportant whether the number of Catholics who became Protestants in the last 10 years was two million, four million, or more.

But he cited a recent survey made by the United Lutheran Church in America that claimed four Catholics had been converted by ULCA pastors to every ULCA member lost to Catholicism.

The ULCA said its figures supported the Christian Herald findings of four accessions to Protestantism to every loss to Catholicism.

Dr. Poling's study, reported in a recent issue of the magazine, estimated that more than four million Catholics had become Protestants in the last 10 years. But the Christian Herald acknowledged that survey errors might put the actual figure anywhere between two and five million.

Its study has been criticized widely by Roman Catholics and by the research director of the Massachusetts Council of Churches as being scientifically inaccurate.

Dr. Poling made his comments on his return from a trip to the Mediterranean area and the Near East. He said the Christian Herald would not continue the dispute over its survey's validity.

"To debate and labor the matter," he added, "would not advance American unity."



Sunday School

JESSE DANIEL, Secretary

Let's Finish the Race

E. W. Westmoreland

It was a beautiful morning in May. The Kentucky blue grass stood straight and tall. A light rain had fallen the night before and it was a perfect day to visit the horse farms around Lexington, Kentucky.

At one of the farms, my friend and I saw a beautiful bronze statue of a magnificent horse. The statue stood upon a huge concrete base, surrounded by a water canal. As we stood and gazed at the statue, a Negro boy, doubtless one of the attendants who worked with the horses, came by and paused to look at the statue.

Seeing the admiration mirrored upon his face, I remarked, "This is the statue of a great horse, isn't it?" Without hesitation he replied, "Boss, you are looking at the life-size statue of the best race horse that ever ran on any track. His name was 'Man of War.' A lot of horses could lead him around the first turn, and a few horses led him in the back stretch. Occasionally a horse led him in the far turn, but no horse ever led in the home stretch."

Recently I read a story about another great finisher. Wes Santee ran the mile in 4:03.1. This same runner set the American record for the one mile race at 4:02.4 at Compton, California last June. Santee has run a mile twenty-one times in less than 4:10. The amazing thing about his running is that in a four-lap race he runs the last quarter of a mile in less time than he runs the first quarter. The other day at Lawrence, Kansas, Santee ran the fourth lap, or the last quarter mile, in 59.5 seconds.

Any ordinary runner can start well, but being in the lead around the first turn or at the finish of the first lap never wins the race. It is the finish that counts.

In our campaign for "A Million More in '54," most of our churches started well. During the first lap—October, November, December—they were feeling a sense of victory because of a good start. During the second lap—January, February, March—they were still going strong. Sunday schools everywhere were growing. The first month in the third lap—April, May, June—has passed and has in all probability been the best Sunday school month Southern Baptists have ever enjoyed in all their history. Shouts of victory are heard from every section of our Convention territory. The finish line is almost in sight.

But the last lap must still be run. July, August, and September will be the hardest of all. The very weak will fall by the wayside and not finish at all. Many other will slow down and come to a very slow finish, but the churches that have faith, determina-

tion, and stamina will put on a very special burst of speed and come to the finish line well ahead of their Sunday school goals for the year 1954.

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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES

SUNDAY, MAY 16, 1954

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Alcoa, Calvary	226	114	2
Central	180	68	
First	343	133	
Athens, Antioch	138	39	
Bethsadia	35	25	
East	501	122	2
North	227	55	
Calhoun	94	39	
Calvary	34	27	
Clearwater	146	59	1
Coghill	81	65	2
Cotton Port	95		
Double Springs	28	32	
Eastanalle	44	28	
Englewood	244	54	
Etowah, East	71		
Etowah, First	398	134	
Etowah, North	426	171	
Etowah, West	64		
Good Field	88	55	
Good Springs	95	50	
Idlewild	76	48	
Lake View	108	70	
McMahan Calvary	76	53	1
Mt. Harmony No. 1	101		
Mt. Verd	39	26	
New Bethel	98		
Niota, East	177	60	
Niota, First	146	43	
Oak Grove	79		
Old Salem	27		
Pond Hill	184	48	
Riceville	122	49	2
Rocky Mount	43	20	
Rodgers Creek	82		
Sanford	40	41	
Shiloh	115	43	
Short Creek	62	50	
South Liberty	50	41	3
Union Grove McMinn	77	58	
Union McMinn	75		
West View	48	35	
Wild Wood	101	40	
Zion Hill	58	24	
Auburntown, Auburn	123	59	
Prosperity	166	108	
Blaine, Block Spring	157	69	
Bolivar, First	306	84	1
Bristol, Calvary	448	126	
Brownsville	478		
Brush Creek	88	45	
Carthage, First	232	102	
Chattanooga, Avondale	879	143	
Brainerd	874	278	
Brainerd Mission	46	18	3
Calvary	339	116	2
Concord	275	117	
East Ridge	596	154	
First	1158	342	2
Northside	346	85	7
Red Bank	887	299	6
Ridgedale	578	164	1
Ridgeview	214	69	
Woodland Park	542	286	
Clarksville, First	563	156	4
Cleveland, Big Spring	273	117	1
First	533	145	
Galilee Chapel	38		
North	223	126	
Waterville	157	71	
Clinton, Bethel	113	55	
First	590	182	1
Second	453	150	5
Columbia, First	530	148	2
Godwin Chapel	44		
Highland Park	360	215	8
Cookeville, First	565	213	19
West View	154	80	
Crossville, First	240	85	
Antioch	44		
Emmanuel	53		
Pleasant Hill	31		
Dyersburg, First	701	217	1
Elizabethton, Doe River	157	57	1
First	656	108	
Reservoir Hill	26		
Immanuel	273	96	
Siam	243	117	
Fayetteville, Park City	71	58	
Fountain City, Beaver Dam	201	61	5
Central	1132	303	4
Hines Valley Mission	53	23	
Smithwood	770	284	3
Fowlkes	141	101	
Gallatin, First	559	106	
West Eastland	39		
Gleason, First	175		
Hampton, Rittertown	161	123	1
Harriman, South	410	124	2
Trenton Street	550	171	
Hendersonville, New Hope	130	59	
Hohenwald, First	91	29	
Sycamore Mission	29		
Humboldt, Antioch	259	98	
First	533	157	
Huntingdon, First	267	85	
Jacksboro, First	200	109	
Jackson, Calvary	645	251	
First	964	193	3
North	350	189	14
Parkview	416	94	2
West	1013	379	43

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Jellico, First	290	87	
Johnson City, Central	760	162	5
Fall Street	117	58	
Unaka Avenue	249	100	
Jonesboro, First	273	87	5
Kenton, Macedonia	107	88	
Kingsport, Cedar Grove	203	71	
First	792	175	1
Glenwood	420	169	
Lynn Garden	466	122	2
Kingsport, First	406		2
Knoxville, Alice Bell	249	95	
Arlington	562	178	
Bell Avenue	901	311	1
Broadway	1389	470	7
Central (Bearden)	401	138	1
Deaderick Avenue	250	66	2
Fifth Avenue	852	220	1
Inskip	652	219	1
Lincoln Park	938	252	
Mt. Olive	377	124	16
Sevier Heights	664	259	1
South	626	216	1
Stock Creek	207	74	
LaFollette, First	356	118	
Lawrenceburg, First	260	104	
First Avenue	35		
Hoover Street	31		
Lebanon, Fairview	291	112	
First	470	190	1
Southside	148	96	3
Immanuel	259	126	
Rocky Valley	70	52	
Lenoir City, First	606	179	1
Kingson Pike	60	45	
First Avenue	205	75	1
Second	117	33	

Reporter, Please Read

Our deadline for receiving these reports is early Wednesday morning of each week. Please mail your report not later than Monday so it will reach our office well in advance of the deadline. Also please list only the additions to the church which were received on Sunday. Additions during revivals on week days should not be included. Only report additions which occur on Sunday.

Lewisburg First	529	177	1
Lexington, First	498	54	
Loudon, First	342	103	
Mission	72	30	
Prospect	106	47	
Martin, First	412	86	1
McKenzie, First	311	84	
McMinnville, Magness Memorial	363	95	3
Madisonville, Chestua	104	36	
Martel, Midway	145	100	2
Maryville, Broadway	541	173	
First	952	386	1
Mission	75	25	
Madison Avenue	126	50	
Mt. Lebanon	148	82	1
Medina	167	72	
Memphis, Airview	105	32	
Barton Heights	184	118	
Bellevue	3129	1219	9
Berclair	694	257	2
Boulevard	933	293	
Brooks Road	97	65	6
Brunswick	163	60	3
Calvary	253	81	1
Central Avenue	1002	500	8
Cherokee	467	250	11
DeSota Heights	208	91	16
Eastland	99	44	
Egypt	168	81	
Ellendale	43		12
Fairlawn Mission	162		
First	1197	268	17
Frayser	606	210	2
Germantown	70		
Glenview	102	46	7
Graham Heights	123	85	
Greenlaw	259	176	6
Highland Heights	1422	647	11
Island 40 Missions	25		
LaBelle	788	273	1
LaBelle Mission	71	36	2
Leawood	659	191	11
Linden Avenue	36	29	1
Levi	238	77	
Mallory Heights	256	112	3
Malcomb Avenue	298	88	5
McLean	543	174	6
Merton Avenue	469	104	1
Mullins Station	98	57	1
Park Avenue	554	186	1

Paraguay Missionaries O.K.

A cablegram from Southern Baptist missionaries in Paraguay to the Foreign Mission Board says, "All well."

Sent by Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, of Asuncion, the telegram was to reassure the Board following last week's revolt within the Colorado Party, Paraguay's only legal party, in which about 25 persons were killed and 100 wounded. The poverty-stricken little country in the heart of South America has been quiet for the past five years under the leadership of Federico Chaves; but trouble started, according to news dispatches, when he attempted to arrest an officer of the 3,000-man cavalry division which makes up half the Paraguayan army. Some army leaders backed the President; other went into action against him.

After a day and a half of fighting, the opposing forces worked out a compromise. An eight-man council, including Chaves, took over the government. This coalition was short lived and the renewed fighting ended only when Chaves resigned. Tomas Romero Pereira, chairman of the Colorado Party, was named provisional President.

Southern Baptists have 16 missionaries in Paraguay, 14 in the capital of Asuncion.

Poplar Avenue	450	146	3
Prescott Memorial	746	165	
Raleigh	652	222	
Riverside	56	56	
Rugby Hills	183	64	
Seventh Street	461	203	8
Southland	207	101	
Southmoor	217	101	4
Speedway Terrace	872	306	4
Sylvan Heights	543	189	1
Temple	1415	434	2
Trinity	544	306	3
Union Avenue	1083	340	
Victory Heights	87	30	1
Winchester	525	111	1
Mitchville	66	28	
Monteagle, First	45	33	
Morrison, First	98	63	2
Murfreesboro, First	566	134	1
Calvary	54		
Powell's Chapel	113	85	
Third	241	87	
Woodbury Road	186	68	
Nashville, Belmont Heights	1100	339	7
Jordonia	66		
Madison Street Mission	108	83	
Eastland	613	130	
First	1264	413	2
T.I.S.	390		
Glendale	190	37	
Grace	1164	388	5
Harpeth Heights	160	49	2
Immanuel	383	85	
Inglewood	921	235	
Park Avenue	814	213	6
Riverside	294	67	
Seventh	286	116	
Seventh Mission	17		
Walker Memorial	94	37	
Woodmont	495	120	1
Brookside Mission	24		
New Market, Pleasant Grove	121	91	
Newport, Bethel	156	68	
English Creek	75	45	4
First	436	133	
Oak Ridge, Robertsville	669	205	
Old Hickory, Rayon City	134	93	
Temple	230	136	
Oliver Springs, First	193	58	
Paris, First	538	64	
West	243	68	
Parsons, First	216	56	2
Philadelphia	182	61	
Portland, First	256	72	
South First	20		
Ripley, First	365	119	2
Rockford, Central Point	114	84	
Rockwood, Eureka	120	54	3
First	509	194	1
Whites Creek	102	56	
Rogersville, Henard's Chapel	195	141	1
Rutledge, Helton Spring	138	58	
Oakland	109	46	
Sevierville, First	568	134	
South Pittsburg	227	104	
Spring City, Tennessee Valley	128	82	
Stantonville, West Shiloh	157	127	1
Sweetwater, First	443	104	
Tullahoma, Rutledge Falls	159	65	
Union City, First	693	162	4
Watertown, Round Lick	227	119	
Winchester, First	286	72	
Coalmont	17		

West STATE Briefs

by Edwin E. Deusner, Lexington, Tennessee

Jimmy Owen, a member of Kennedy Church, Memphis, has made known his call to the ministry and will enter Mississippi College next fall. He supplied the Kennedy pulpit May 2 while Pastor Charles A. Wingo was in a revival at Merigold, Miss.

First Church, Jackson, has lost one of its truly great men in the passing of Mr. I. B. Tigrett, chairman of the Board of the GM & O Railroad. He died from a heart attack on Sunday, May 2, at the age of 74. The son of a Baptist minister, Mr. Tigrett made his mark in life by hard work and by the application of the Golden Rule in all his business dealings. He served for years as a member of the Board of Trustees of Union University and had given large sums of money to that school.

The last meeting of the West Tennessee Baptist Pastors Conference for this school year was held in Ellis Chapel at Union University May 3. Dr. W. W. Barnes' book *The Southern Baptist Convention* was reviewed by J. Franklin Ray, Jesse H. Newton and R. C. Briggs. Donald Holton, new educational director and minister of music at Milan, was in charge of the song service and R. H. Hampton gave the devotional.

Miss Jean Thomas has been added to the staff of First Church, Milan, where she will serve as secretary and organist. She comes to West Tennessee from Clarksdale, Mississippi.

Your reporter was privileged to go through the new educational building at First Church, Humboldt, recently. What a building Pastor Hayward Highfill has planned wisely and has enjoyed the cooperation of his people in erecting a building that would be a credit to any church anywhere.

Pastor Ormond Barnes and Bethel Springs Church were assisted in a revival recently with Pastor Earl Warford, Corinth, Mississippi, doing the preaching and Pastor Lyndell Lawless, Ramer, leading the singing. There were 13 baptisms and one addition by letter.

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There is to be a called meeting of Dyer Association June 13 at Halls to consider the purchase of a home for the associational missionary. The meeting will be held at First Baptist Church, Jesse H. Newton, pastor. The Halls Church is enjoying their new \$100,000 educational building which was put in use April 18. Open house on that afternoon attracted more than 300 visitors.

First Church, Ripley, Bernard Scates, pastor, rejoices over their acquisition of a full-time choir director and minister of education. He is William E. Hardy, Jr., the son of the pastor of the church at Pinola, Miss. Bill is a graduate of Mississippi College. Pastor Scates says that he is admirably equipped to do this type of work. We rejoice with the Ripley saints in this progressive step.

Ordinarily it is not news when a church observes Youth Week, since that has become as integral a part of our church program as the Vacation Bible school. However, it is noteworthy when a church has its first week of this kind and we are happy to report a wonderful week at Oak Grove Church in Gibson Association. Pastor Wilburn Nelson says that talent was discovered during the week that was altogether hidden until then. The young people of the church were assisted by a group of students from Union University. One person was saved during the week and united with the church. Good work!

There were 105 additions to the church at Indianola, Mississippi, during a recent revival conducted by Dr. Robert G. Lee, Bellevue Church, Memphis. Billy Hilbun, Highland Church, Shreveport, led the singing. Kermit Canterbury is the pastor at Indianola.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Patton, Sr., members of Calvary Church, Jackson, were among those honored recently at Union University's annual citation day. They received a handsome plaque for their outstanding service to the school.

R. J. Sedberry, Jr. has resigned the pastorate of First Church, Whiteville.

Bryan Sherman, pastor of the Brownsville Mission, supplied the pulpit of First Church, Brownsville, on the night of May 2 while Pastor James F. Yates was delivering the Baccalureate address at Gibson.

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West Shiloh Church near Stantonville, Coy Thurston, pastor, has inaugurated "Family Night" with encouraged results. The Sunday school has passed the 200 mark and similar gains are reported in Training Union.

A good letter from Bro. Lawson H. Cooke conveys the information that he has been in a Laymen's Revival at Artesia, New Mexico, S. M. Morgan, pastor. He writes, "The population of Artesia is heavily Mexican, and therefore presents Southern Baptists with an almost limitless missionary opportunity, as well as an inescapable Christian responsibility. Our churches in this section are rendering a splendid ministry."

Calvary Church, Jackson, James A. Canaday, pastor, elected seven new deacons, five of whom were ordained May 16. A. Roy Greene was the speaker for the occasion. Those ordained were Charles Gaither, Paul Rogers, Ivan Raley, Sr., Bill Holmes, and Noel Hailey. The two others, Walter Kruschwitz and Robert Dickerson, had been ordained previously.

Eudora Church, Memphis, Fred M. Wood, pastor, has been in a revival with Pastor Paul Turner, First Church, Clinton, as the visiting preacher. There were 46 addition, 26 for baptism and 20 by letter. The church will sponsor a kindergarden again this year.

C. P. (Tony) Currier, Jr. supplied at First Church, Humboldt, May 9, while Pastor Hayward Highfill was in a revival at Bolivar, W. Floyd Cates, pastor.

Glen Hix, Briscoe, North Carolina, was the evangelist in a revival at First Church, Tiptonville, W. B. Oakley, pastor, April 11-18. Day services were held at 7:30 a.m. with splendid results, 115 being the smallest attendance at this hour.

The death of Hays E. Owen on May 14 removed one of West Tennessee's outstanding Baptist laymen. He was a deacon in First Church, Covington; a member of the Board of Trustees of Baptist Memorial Hospital; and chairman of the Board. Your reporter enjoyed wonderful fellowship with him a few years back while in a revival at Covington. He was a brother of Editor Richard N. Owen of BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR.

There were 66 additions to Boulevard Church, Memphis, in the revival conducted by D. C. Applegate, of Oklahoma. Pastor C. M. Pickler was with Boulevard Church, Falls Church, Virginia, in a revival beginning May 10. While he was away from Memphis, E. Lowell Adams supplied his pulpit.

We have a report of the first week's results in a revival at DeSoto Heights Church, Mrs. R. A. Gruver writes that the church is experiencing a glorious time. There were 31 additions. Pastor Pete Steelman, Calvary Church, Starkville, Mississippi, is the evangelist. Loyd Shelton is pastor at DeSoto Heights.

G. Kearnie Keagan supplied the pulpit of Union Avenue Church, Memphis, May 16 while Pastor J. G. Hughes was preaching in a revival at Harpeth Heights Church, near Nashville. Dr. Hughes' son, Brown, is the pastor at Harpeth Heights.

Pastor W. A. Boston observed his first anniversary as pastor at Raleigh May 16. During the past year the church has made some phenomenal gains. Among other accomplishments, there were 209 additions to the membership.

Bellevue Church, Memphis, Robert G. Lee, pastor, has become the first church in the Southern Baptist Convention to go over the 2,000 mark in Training Union enrollment. Bellevue has 2,013.

Improvements to the property of First Church, Alamo, J. T. Poe, pastor, have been voted and the work is underway. Total costs will be around \$7,000.

Pastor F. T. Huckabee, Brunswick, has been awarded the degree of Doctor of Sacred Theology by Galilean Seminary, Higgins Bay, N. Y. His dissertation was entitled *The Historical Christ*. His previous training was at Union University and New Orleans Seminary.

Fairview Church in Dyer Association has called David L. Elliott, Blandville, Ky., as pastor. He is a student at Union University.

While Pastor Walker M. Martin was on vacation in South Texas, the pulpit of Antioch Church, near Humboldt, was supplied by Bob Elliott, a student at Union University.

There were 40 additions to Winchester Church, Memphis, in the revival conducted by the pastor, Don Reynolds. Dwight Malone led the singing with Mrs. D. V. Coleman as pianist. Brother Reynolds is off to a good start in his work there.

Plans are being made for an all-day observance August 29 of the 25th anniversary of First Church, Savannah. The church is seeking to get notice of the coming celebration to all former members to be on hand for this occasion. Plans include serving of dinner, states Mr. J. W. Hunt, Jr.

J. G. Lott, pastor of Calvary Church, Memphis, recently celebrated his 25th year as pastor. A silver anniversary tea was given for him and his wife.

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Southwestern Region	June 14	First Church, Jackson
Northwestern Region	June 15	First Church, Paris
South Central Region	June 17	First Church, Fayetteville
Central Region	June 18	First Church, Greenbrier
North Central Region	June 21	West View Church, Cookeville
Southeastern Region	June 22	First Church, Etowah
Northeastern Region	June 24	First Church, Elizabethton
Eastern Region	June 25	First Church, Gatlinburg

Junior Features

Again this year, there will be separate conferences for Junior workers and Intermediate workers. There will also be a conference for Junior boys and girls. In addition to this, there will be a period on the afternoon program designated as "Junior Period" at which time all Juniors will be especially recognized.

Intermediate Features

A special conference for Intermediate members has been planned for the afternoon. Of special interest on the evening program will be the Sword Drill at which time a large number of associations will be represented and one Intermediate from each

region chosen to participate in the State Drill on July 2, at Belmont College.

Young People's Features

Young People will make these fine contributions to our Regional Training Union Conventions:

At 2:30 Conference for Young People, led by Miss Mary Anderson, contributed by young people.

At 4:30 The SPEAKERS' TOURNAMENT Young People will represent each Association. A first place winner will be chosen for the State Tournament.

At 7:30 EVENING DEVOTIONAL will be presented by Young People.

Important Book on the Diaconate

Deacon Egerton of the First Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee has issued a little book (87 pages) on the place and function of the deacon in the New Testament Church which in my judgment should have a wide and careful reading by ministers, deacons, and Christian leaders generally. I have seen no name of its publisher or its price. Its title is *A Functioning Deacon in a New Testament Church*. Its author is M. W. Egerton, P. O. Box 2047, Knoxville, Tenn. I hope that he will give it regular publication, and that it may have a wide reading.

If I catch Bro. Egerton's meaning, he believes, as I do, that our churches have become too much like business concerns, and hence have largely lost out in the performance of their God-given task of in-

carnating and expressing to a lost world the Living and Omnipotent Christ. In other words, the main business of the Christian while in the flesh is that of witnessing (Acts 1:8). The author of this little book sees no New Testament ground for limiting the term of a deacon's service in this capacity. It is an easy way for a church to get rid of an incompetent or an unworthy deacon, but is not such a motive really a cowardly retreat from direct responsibility?

Blessings on Deacon Egerton and on his book!

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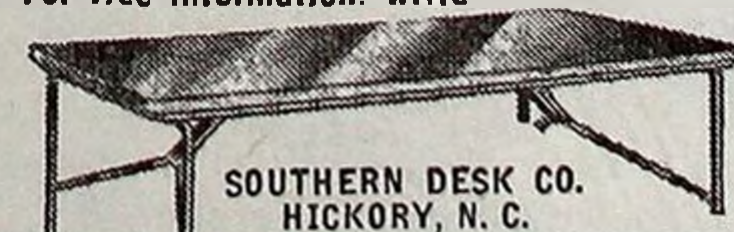
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Baptists Should Speak On Schools Issue

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The momentous ruling of the supreme court against racial segregation in the public schools, a ruling which came as no surprise to most informed people, is being greeted with the type of demagogic reaction on the part of many southern public officials that everybody expected.

This reaction in some instances takes the form of extreme, caustic, disrespectful criticism of the highest court of the land and the personal motives of the justices of that court. It also issues in radical proposals affecting our cherished public school system.

In the midst of this hue and cry the stark reality is that the members of the dominant religious denomination in the South, the Southern Baptist Convention, are caught off base. The Southern Baptist Convention in annual sessions and some of the state conventions have enunciated certain basic principles of Christian action relative to the race question. Yet we as a denomination have not fully come to grips with the problems raised by the anticipated supreme court decision.

Fortunately, the effect of the ruling will not be immediate, and there is yet time for Christian forces to provide the leadership that is expected of them in a time of crisis.

The Southern Baptist Convention in its forthcoming session at St. Louis and later the state Baptist conventions should seek to give direction to a Christian course of action on the issues raised by the supreme court ruling. They should hasten to provide the Christian leadership so needed in a world of selfishly motivated men and women.

For the formulation of a Christian course of action in the present crisis there are guideposts. These are the tradition of America constitutional government, the historic American public school system, and the Bible principles of Christian brotherhood.

In the light of these guideposts Southern Baptists should study the issues and give the enlightened Christian leadership of which they are capable.

(Editor's Note: The views expressed in this statement are the personal opinions of Mr. Bryan and do not reflect the official position of any institution or agency.)

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Graham Sees Britain on Verge of Revival

LONDON—Great Britain is on the verge of the greatest spiritual awakening in its history, Dr. Billy Graham said here as he entered the final weeks of his three-month London crusade.

In a press interview, the American evangelist summarized the achievements of the campaign he launched here on March 1.

He said "decisions for Christ" during the crusade had been about three times as many as he had experienced any place before.

Dr. Graham noted that his audiences had been drawn from all social strata.

"There were church leaders," he said, "those prominent in social circles, many scores of peers and members of Parliament, big industrialists, and many thousands of working people."

He predicted that the greatest effect of the campaign would be felt in the churches.

He added that many churches had already reported increases in membership and attendance and many had also reported substantially increased giving.

Dr. Graham said he had been particularly impressed by the response of undergraduates at the universities of Oxford, Cambridge and London, adding:

"Almost every religious awakening must begin in intellectual circles."

Great Britain, he said, was nearer a spiritual awakening than America.

"I feel the destinies of our two people are linked," he said, "We should get together spiritually as well as for military and economic and political purposes."

Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., observed its one hundred and third commencement May 24-26.

A luncheon for presidents of Southern Baptist educational institutions, and members of the Education Commission will be held June 4, 1:15 p.m., Dining Room 9, Jefferson Hotel in St. Louis, during the Southern Baptist Convention.

Aldridge Selected President of Clear Creek School

D. M. Aldridge, president of Magoffin Baptist Institute, has been elected president of the Clear Creek Mountain Preachers Bible School, Pineville, Kentucky, to succeed the retiring president, Dr. L. C. Kelly.

Merrill Aldridge served with the Tennessee Baptist State Mission Board as a missionary in Grundy County. His wife is the former Kathleen Deakins, daughter of L. R. Deakins and the late Mrs. Deakins of Chattanooga.

President Aldridge, who had served as professor of missions and church history at Clear Creek before going to Magoffin Institute, will assume his new duties June 15.

Hermitage Church Begins Building on Loyalty Day

Hermitage Church, in observing May 16 as Loyalty Day, launched a building program, whose first unit will provide facilities for the Sunday school and a temporary auditorium. A picture of this first unit, by Mrs. L. E. Newman, was presented around which church members signed their names on roll call, thus pledging loyal support to the building program. Pastor Robert Startup preached on "Counting the Cost."

Ground-breaking services were held on the beautiful spacious lot on Central Pike bought for the site of the new building. Former pastors, Richard Sims and C. D. Creasman led prayers. Sharing in the program were the Youth Chorus with Annette Binkley accompanying on a folding organ: Buddy Hurt pledging support of the young people. Church Treasurer L. E. Newman related growth of the fund through the years, making possible purchase of the lot, with a good sum left over for starting the new building. An offering of about \$800.00 was received on Loyalty Day.

Members of the building committee were presented by Pastor Startup; Ben Binkley chairman, Guill Wright, John Withers, Mrs. L. E. Newman, Mrs. Haynes Binkley. Harold Stephens of Inglewood Church, spoke on, "The Church."

Brother Startup became pastor in October, 1952 soon after graduation from Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. Under his leadership Hermitage Church has grown in numbers, gifts and support of all phases of denominational work.

Southern Baptists Plan Study of Indian Problems

GLORIETA, N. M.—(RNS)—Problems of American Indians will be the subject of a week's study, beginning June 24, at the Southern Baptist assembly grounds here.

Dr. A. C. Miller of Nashville, Tenn., executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, will be in charge of the discussions on the education, political, economic, moral and religious status of Indians.

"It is the business of Baptists to keep informed on the plight of those whose fortune is not as good as our own," Dr. Miller said. "This study is one of our important projects."

Students from the Pueblo Indians tribes of New Mexico, led by their teacher, Juan Rey Toledo of Santa Fe's U.S. Indian School, will take part.

Leaders of the sessions will include the Rev. W. D. Wyatt, pastor of First Baptist church, Albuquerque; the Rev. Selwyn Smith, pastor of University Baptist church, Tucson, Ariz.; the Rev. Thurston Rock, pastor of First Baptist church, Gallup, N. M.; Milton S. Leach, co-ordinator of Spanish-Indian missions of Arizona and New Mexico; Lee Afill, missionary to the Navajos at Farmington, N. M.; and Miss Pauline Cammack, missionary at Santa Fe, N. M.