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NASHVILLE—Presidents are shown here in the United Campaign for Tennessee Baptist schools as the initial meeting was held with 45 leaders in conference for the Campaign. Left to right: R. Kelly White, Belmont College, Nashville; Warren F. Jones, Union University, Jackson; Harley Fite, Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City; and W. Stuart Rule, Harrison-Chilhowee Academy, Seymour.

Observations

By Owen



New Rulers But the Same Old Ambition

Pride, ambition and selfishness have a way of defeating themselves. Stalin, who ruled Russia single-handed for more than twenty-five years tried to forever stamp his memory upon Moscow. Harrison E. Salisbury, just returned to this country after five years in the Soviet Union, recently gave a story without the restrictions of censorship in *The New York Times*. The death of Stalin brought a new regime with a new way of doing business but with the same old vaunting ambition.

The new men now in control in Russia first of all ruthlessly cut Stalin's image down to life-size, or even smaller. Stalin had begun a forty-four story skyscraper to perpetuate his memory, but it has been abandoned. This great structure will never be completed. "Stalin's bad luck in his attempt to perpetuate the memory of his regime with a building of dramatic height has an almost Babel-like quality," writes Salisbury. In the late 1930's Stalin tried to construct a Palace of Soviets which would have been the world's tallest building, even taller



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than the Empire state. Stalin's wreckers tore down the Church of the Saviour, the most impressive cathedral in Moscow, to provide a site for this new vain-glorious structure. But the steel work had risen no more than three stories when World War II broke out. This structure was never finished. In fact, the steel had to be ripped out and sent to the plants to make tanks for war. The huge vacant lot remains today as an impressive testimonial to Stalin's vanity, Salisbury tells us. And now the same fate has overtaken his post-war effort to erect another giant building in Red Square.

What about the new rulers? It is not a one-man dictatorship. It represents rule by a group of political leaders. They've been busy erasing the great build-up Stalin gave himself. Russia's new rulers are not a group of little Stalins, even though they worked for him for years and even though they are almost identical in height—about five feet four inches, just an inch shorter than the old Generalissimo, Mr. Salisbury informs us. They are trying to calm fears of Siberia, but the new regime has not abolished Siberia, nor the police reign it symbolizes.

Speculation over a struggle for power between Premier Malenkov and some of these other top men seems to be wishful thinking, and dangerously wishful thinking, warns Mr. Salisbury. The present group of rulers has a different way of conducting its business from that of Stalin, but from what this correspondent tells us out of his five years of recent experience, these new leaders are intent upon the same old purpose of taking over the world. To use football analogy, Russia is still going all-out to win the game. Her new coaches have simply substituted "a tricky forward-pass offensive" for Stalin's traditional power-driving line play. The ultimate, long-term objectives of the Soviet Union remain the same. Pride and vaunting ambition in these men may produce other Babel-like fiascos.

Postmaster Lewis E. Moore of Nashville recently informed the Baptist Sunday School Board that it is the largest Nashville mailer of second class matter. From the third quarter, 1953, through the second quarter, 1954, the Board mailed 4,465,252 graded Sunday school quarterlies, 32,781,635 Uniform Sunday school and Training Union quarterlies, 4,266,691 sets of weekly story papers and 15,934,097 monthly magazines.

Around the Corner— The Convention

It's just around the corner to the next session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The eightieth annual session will be held in First Baptist Church, Nashville, Tennessee, November 9-11. President, this year is Mr. A. Roy Greene, prominent business man of Nashville. Dr. Robert L. Orr of Dyersburg and Dr. E. Gibson Davis of Kingsport are the vice-presidents. The Convention sermon this year is scheduled to be brought by Pastor C. M. Pickler of Boulevard Church, Memphis, with another Memphian as alternate, Pastor J. E. Coggin of Central Avenue. The tentative program for the three-day session has been prepared by a committee chairmanned by Charles S. Bond of Fountain City. Turn to pages eight and nine for this program.

The Tennessee Baptist Pastor's Conference will meet before the State Convention. Dr. Dewey Roach is president. James E. Coggin of Memphis is chairman of the program committee with Herman Cobb and Allen West as the others on this committee.

A large attendance is expected at these sessions. The past year has been reported as one of the best that Tennessee Baptists have experienced.

Wilson County Association

The thirty-fourth session of Wilson County Association met with La Guardo Church, September 22-23. We appreciate the courtesy of Moderator C. W. Leonard and the hospitality extended by Pastor Ernest Jones and the host church. Clerk W. W. Weatherly gave us the following figures from the digest of letters: 26 churches report 292 baptisms; 6,744 members; \$29,159 to the Cooperative Program and designated missions and benevolences; total gifts of \$173,887 and property valued at \$756,600. We heard a splendid morning session and part of the afternoon program, shared in by Pastors J. H. Smothers, M. L. Arbuckle and Mr. Jesse Daniel, Miss Edlyne Ligon, Mr. Hubert B. Smothers. Sympathy was voiced in prayerful remembrance of Pastor M. M. Youngblood who was absent at the funeral of his brother.

The missionary message "Ambassadors for Christ" was based on 2 Corinthians 5:14-21 by the Rev. Johnnie Lee who presented reconciliation with God as enabling us to represent Him in this world and set forth the necessity of faithfulness in discharging our responsibility. Missionary W. B. Woodall gave a report of his fine work. A good spirit prevails among Wilson County Baptists. An able and consecrated group of pastors are leading these churches in a commendable way.

Kentuckians Try To Stop Nuns Employment in Public Schools

FRANKFORT, Ky.—Some 460 Marion County residents have filed suit in Franklin Circuit Court in an effort to reopen Bradfordsville high school and halt the employment of Roman Catholic nuns in the county's public schools.

The suit charges that policies of the county school officials were calculated to "promote the Roman Catholic faith."

By a vote of 4 to 1, the Marion County School Board recently decided not to operate Bradfordsville high school this year. Students were ordered transferred to a high school in Lebanon, 10 miles away.

Protesting parents and students went on strike. The high school students refused to board buses to Lebanon and parents kept about 275 children out of the Bradfords-ville elementary school.

In their suit the Bradfordsville residents charged the Marion County board with a pattern of discrimination against the community in an effort to "destroy the public school system of Marion County."

Their petition further charged that the board showed favoritism towards some schools which it said were in effect being operated as "Roman Catholic schools." The petition noted that these schools bore the names "St. Francis" and "St. Charles"—although supported with public tax money.

The citizens asked Circuit Judge William B. Ardery to issue an injunction requiring the board to reopen the Bradfordsville high school, staff it adequately, and halt "the discrimination."

The suit alleged that the board members are violating federal and state constitutions in employing Catholic sisters as teachers. It asked that state officials be prevented from distributing public money to the Marion County board until it halts allegedly illegal practices. It also asked that the State Board of Education be made to exercise its lawful powers in the control and management of the common schools, particularly in Marion County.

Last October, a similar suit was initiated by the Rev. James C. Rawlings of Bradfordsville, a retired Methodist minister and president of the Kentucky Free Public Schools Committee. The committee is an affiliate of Protestants and Other Americans United for Separation of Church and State. Mr. Rawlings is seeking, as a taxpayer, to restrain public officials from permitting the use of tax funds in schools where garbed Catholic sisters teach.

His suit is now being considered by Judge Ardery. The Bradfordsville high school controversy was originally part of Mr. Rawling's suit, but in final arguments by

attorneys for both sides it was dropped from the case.

Bradfordsville is a predominantly Protestant community of about 350 in the eastern section of the county, which has a large Catholic population. Three of the five school board members are Catholic. Of the 85 teachers last year in the county school system, 44 were Catholic nuns, although none teach at Bradfordsville.

Filing of the suit by the 460 residents followed a request by Kentucky's Board of Education that the Bradfordsville residents drop their strike against the Marion County School Board, send their children back to school, and let the courts decide the issue.

Counselor's Corner

by Dr. R. Lofton Hudson

The Right to Resist

Question: Our pastor said recently that a member of a Baptist church has "no right to resist a decision made by the body, except by withdrawing from its membership."

Is this parliamentary law or Baptist doctrine according to your understanding?

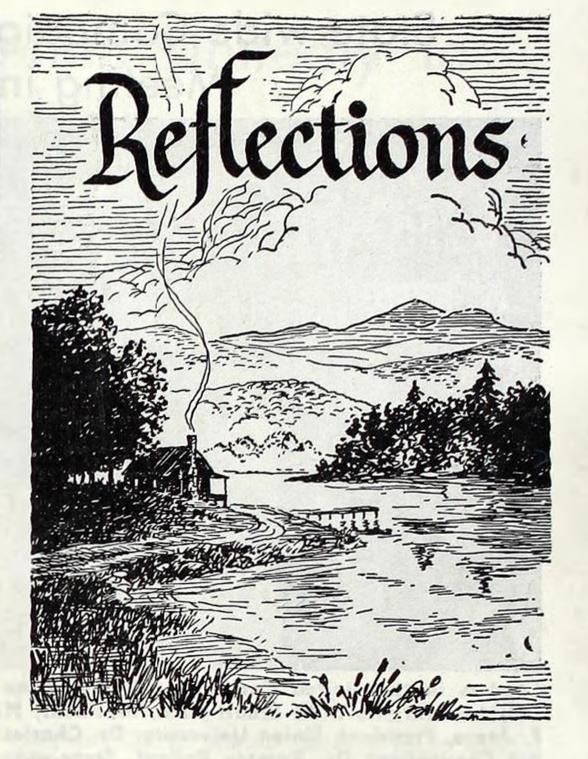
Answer: When a Baptist church begins debating and looking up parliamentary law it usually means that it has turned from love to hate, and from good-will to strife.

I believe I would withdraw from a church if I could not accept a majority of opinion. You may not agree with it. In fact, the majority may be wrong, often is. But common sense, democratic experience, and the scripture indicate that group opinion must be accepted in the Christian community (See Matt. 18:15-17).

The pastor's words, "resist the decision," bothers me. If he meant that the individual does not have the right to lobby and work up pressure groups, or try to bulldoze by fiery speeches, or in some way threaten the church, I agree with him one hundred per cent. But a member is not required to endorse, or support, or agree with every action of the church.

Usually it is not a question of "rights" in a Baptist church. We either love and act Christlike, or we do not. When we love we are humble enough to go along with the majority. Baptist churches operate on love or they fail!

(Address all questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)



Belief is a truth held in the mind. Faith is a fire in the heart.—Joseph Fort Newton.

We on this continent should never forget that men first crossed the Atlantic not to find soil for their ploughs but to secure liberty for their souls.—Robert J. Mc-Cracken.

It is admirable to fight for a principle but be sure it's a principle, not a prejudice.—National Parliamentarian.

There is only one thing that will really train the human mind, and that is the voluntary use of the mind by the man himself. You may aid him, you may guide him, you may suggest to him; and above all else, you may inspire him. But the only thing worth having is that which he gets by his own exertions; and what he gets is in direct proportion to what he puts into it.—Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, former president of Harvard University.

Some speakers drive home facts, others drive home their audiences.—Ray D. Everson, *Indiana Farmers' Guide*.

Coming together is beginning. Keeping together is unity. Working together is success.—Baptist Observer.

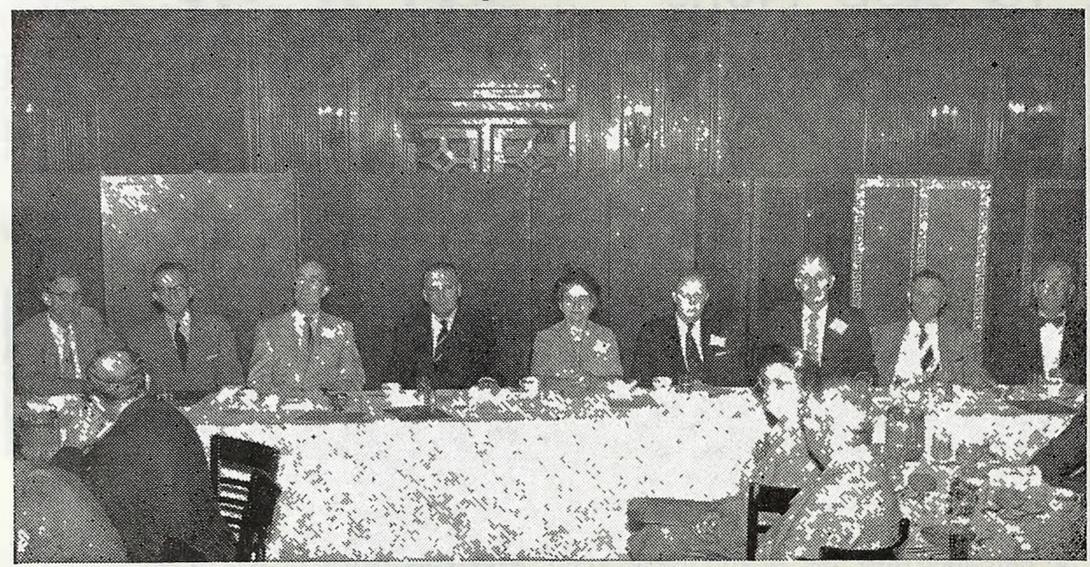
Trying to settle a problem with oratory is like attempting to unsnarl a traffic jam by blowing horns.—Grit.

If you're centered in yourself, you're a problem. If you're centered in God, you're a person.—Oren Arnold, Kiwanis Magazine.

The average alcoholic worker is absent from his job about 25 days a year and has an accident rate double that of the normal employee. The alcoholic worker represents a loss to industry of about \$1.4 million and 60 million man days annually.

—Report on research by Yale University's Center of Alcoholic Studies.

State-wide Campaign Leaders Hold First Meeting in Nashville



Leaders in the United Campaign for Tennessee Baptist Schools seated at speakers table are Left to right: Rev. W. Stuart Rule, President, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy; Dr. Warren F. Jones, President, Union University; Dr. Charles W. Pope, Executive Secretary, Tennessee Baptist Convention; Dr. Ramsey Pollard, State-wide Pastor Chairman; Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Woman Chairman, Middle Tennessee; Albert B. Maloney, State-wide Advance Gift Chairman; A. Roy Greene, State-wide Layman Chairman; Dr. Harley Fite, President, Carson-Newman College; and Dr. R. Kelly White, President, Belmont College.

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—State-wide leaders for the United Campaign for Tennessee Baptist Schools met in Nashville September 24 and laid the plans for the extension of the Campaign organization into every local Baptist church in the State of Tennessee.

Those invited to join the Campaign committee at this significant meeting were the State-wide Chairmen and the Western, Middle, and East Tennessee Sectional and Regional Chairmen of the Campaign. Sectional and regional meetings, similar to the Nashville meeting, will be held throughout the State prior to the launching of the intensive phase of the Campaign during the month of February, 1955.

Though officially launched by unanimous action at the State Convention in Knoxville, November 11, 1953, the need for the Campaign had for years already existed, and had become so acute that the action at Knoxville became an emergency measure.

The Campaign became the first united campaign of its kind in Tennessee Baptist history through the auspices of the Tennessee Baptist Foundation, and through the co-operation of the presidents of the four Tennessee Baptist Schools-Dr. R. Kelly White of Belmont College, Dr. Harley Fite of Carson-Newman College, Dr. Warren F. Jones of Union University, and Rev. Stuart Rule of Harrison-Chilhowee Academy. These with Dr. Charles W. Pope, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, were designated to serve as the Campaign Committee and have been active in preparing for the Campaign since last November.

Speaking recently of this one great effort of Tennessee Baptists to care for the needs of their schools, Dr. Pope said, "Essentially, the Campaign has but one purpose: to give us all an opportunity to help provide urgently needed facilities for the two thousand young people now in our Tennessee Baptist

schools and for the many more thousands yet to come—facilities which will compare with the best to be found anywhere, and which will help our schools do the best possible job of preparing our Baptist young people for their tasks of spiritual and civic leadership in the critical days ahead."

A simple pattern of organization, basically the same throughout, will-provide for a pastor chairman, layman chairman, and a woman chairman at every level of the organization. Advance or special gift chairmen will be set up at the Sectional and Regional levels.

State-wide leaders are Pastor Chairman and Associate Pastor Chairman, Dr. Ramsey Pollard and Dr. W. Walter Warmath; Layman Chairman, A. Roy Greene; Woman Chairman, Miss Mary Northington; and Advance Gift Chairman, Albert B. Maloney.

Section Chairmen for the Western area are Dr. Slater A. Murphy, Pastor Chairman; Homer Waldrop, Layman Chairman; Mrs. W. A. Farmer, Woman Chairman; and Senator T. Robert Acklen, Advance Gift Chairman.

Section Chairmen for the Middle Tennessee Section are Dr. Harold J. Purdy, Pastor Chairman; George Logan, Layman Chairman; Mrs. C. D. Creasman, Woman Chairman; and B. C. Clouse, Advance Gift Chairman.

Serving the East Tennessee area as Section Chairmen are Rev. E. L. Williams, Pastor Chairman; William Ellis and Hamilton Burnett, Laymen Chairmen; Mrs. M. K. Cobble, Woman Chairman; and R. A. Jarnagin, Advance Gift Chairman.

In the closing address following luncheon at the Hermitage Hotel, Dr. Ramsey Pollard asked his audience of leaders from across Tennessee, "Have any of you ever known of a time to raise money that was a good time for everybody? When you have real needs as we do in this worthy cause, the best

Miami Committees Announced

MIAMI, Fla.—(BP)—The local committees to make preparation for the Southern Baptist Convention here next May 18-21 have been announced. General chairman is Cecil Carroll, and co-general chairman, C. Roy Angell.

Special committee chairmen are as follows:

Finance, H. Floyd Folsom, 370 Grand Concourse, Miami Shores

Arrangement, Lloyd Whyte, 1100 Elrado Street, Coral Gables

Housing Reservations, James W. Parrish, 900 S. W. First Street, Miami

Exhibits and Displays, J. Perry Carter, 3501 West Flagler St., Miami

Luncheons and Breakfasts, John Haldeman, P. O. Box 6, Allapattah Station, Miami

Ushers, Jay D. Hicks, 66 N. E. 24 Street, Miami

Registration, Ralph Langley, 3200 Segovia Street, Coral Gables

Publicity, Carl Moberg, 495 N. W. 77 Street, Miami

Pulpit Supply, R. B. Culbreth, 5954 N.

E. 5 Avenue, Miami
Radio and Television, William Ritten-

house, 2323 S. W. 27 Avenue, Miami

Transportation, Ladislau Brio, P. O. Box 396, University Branch, Coral Gables Information, Forrest Watkins, 2692 S. W. 32 Avenue, Miami

Recreation and Entertainment, Joseph Folds, 150 N. W. 58 Avenue, Miami

Post Office, R. Perry Tomlinson, 244
East 7 Street, Hialeah

Pages, C. H. Pollard, 850 Plover Avenue, Miami Springs.

time in the world to put on a Campaign is right now! The great need of the people of God is always the challenge of a great task."

Sectional meetings to share the information and inspiration of this first meeting with Associational and Group Chairmen have been tentatively scheduled as follows:

Middle Tennessee—Monday, October 25, 11:00 a.m., Belmont College, Nashville

Eastern Tennessee—Tuesday, October 26, 11:00 a.m. Carson-Newman College

Western Tennessee—Thursday, October 28, 11:00 a.m., Union University



WCTU To Launch Christian Citizenship Crusade

LEXINGTON, Ky.—A "Christian Citizenship Crusade" to promote total abstinence from drink, combat rising alcoholism, juvenile delinquency, traffic fatalities and "human and economic waste" was approved by the Women's Christian Temperance Union at its 80th annual convention here.

Mrs. Glenn G. Hays, Evanston, Ill., national president, submitted plans for the crusade which were adopted without dissent.

The W. C. T. U. proposes to mobilize all its youth affiliates, the 20 departments and bureaus and the 10,000 state, district, county and local unions in coordinated efforts at all levels.

"Our objectives," Mrs. Hays said, "will be to inform and arouse the public to what alcoholic beverages are doing to the people. We feel that if the public knows, they will act."

"Juvenile protection will be a major part of the program," she said, "and special efforts will be made to reach individual teen-agers." The plans include intercollegiate oratorical contests on temperance and the drink problem.

"Alcohol education is to be channeled through ministers and church leaders, to religious and education meetings, churches, and public schools and local civic groups and legislatures.

"Civic groups will be asked especially to support state-legislation providing for police use of drunkometer tests."

Mrs. Hays told the delegates that "responsible citizens will not condone the sale and use of alcoholic beverages when they fully recognize to what extent it is a factor in traffic fatalities, juvenile delinquency and crime as well as the cost of policing."

"Statistics to pinpoint the relationship of alcoholic beverages to crime are not needed," she said. "It is obvious to even a casual newspaper reader that a very large percentage of crime is linked with drinking or drinking places."

Mrs. Hays called the drinking driver "a major part of the traffic fatality picture." Studies show that a driver's chances of being in an accident are 55 times greater if he is drinking, she noted.

The W. C. T. U. leader urged adoption by all states of uniform chemical tests to detect drinking drivers and praised the New York law making such tests mandatory. She also urged the outlawing of alcoholic beverage sales in or near filling stations.

College enrolments are rising again, after a downward trend, and will be much greater by 1960, when World War II babies reach college age. Lack of space caused three eastern colleges to turn down 10,000 applicants this fall. A southern college turned down 1,000 applicants.

Turning Our Attention Unitedly to Stewardship

BY J. NORRIS PALMER

Southern Baptists have learned much in recent years concerning the advantage of doing things together. Our Calendar of Denominational Activities has greatly helped us along this line. It is only natural that we think and plan in harmony with one another and with most other Christians at Easter, on Mother's Day, at Christmas and at other such times, but it has come to mean a great deal to us to have Christian Education Month, a Christian Home Week, a fixed time for state mission emphasis, another for home mission emphasis and still another for presenting the claims and opportunities involved in our foreign mission program.

Now we are discovering something of the high value of turning our attention unitedly to stewardship, and of doing so at a time definitely and carefully planned for by our Convention-wide leaders. The period chosen and the plan proposed are intended for the use of our churches in teaching, enlisting, and training in Christian stewardship in its fullest and most complete form.

This year, under the heading of Steward-ship Revival for 1954, we are to observe "ABC Days." The time agreed upon is the week beginning with the last day of October and continuing through the first six days of November. Two plans have been worked out, both of which have been

widely publicized among our pastors and other local leaders.

When we speak of the ABCs of any matter we usually refer to its basic and most strictly fundamental principles.

That is just what is involved in this newest approach to Bible stewardship. We are to study and magnify the simple but profound truths upon which this all-important doctrine of the Christian faith is built. Nothing could prove more helpful to the vast majority of our people, for we seem to have learned far more about almost everything else than we have concerning our stewardship of life, talents and possessions.

We can only feel that every Southern Baptist church should observe these special days and make the most of them. Literature is available in abundance, the time is right and the development of a deepened stewardship conviction upon the part of our people is imperative. Wholehearted participation in this challenging phase of our denominational program will result in the growth of individual Christians and the strengthening of churches, to say nothing of an immediate advance with every phase of world missions.

J. Norris Palmer, pastor, First Baptist Church, Baton Rouge, La., is chairman of the Promotion Committee of the Executive Committee of the SBC.

Kagawa Sees Atomic Research Confirming Bible Story

RICHMOND, Va.—A Japanese Christian leader said here that out of the terrors of atomic research has come new proof of the Biblical story of creation.

Dr. Toyohiko Kagawa told a non-segregated meeting at First Baptist church that physicists are confirming the Scriptural account by creating "matter" or electrons out of light in the laboratory.

Dr. Kagawa also said that scientists who once were believed to be against Christianity now "have come all the way around" and are returning to the church.

The Japanese, he said, are much alarmed by the American atomic blasts in the Pacific. He said they fear there are now enough radioactive particles in the air to cause mutations in human beings all over the world.

Pennsylvania Church To Affiliate with Ohio Baptist Convention

COLUMBUS, O.—(BP)—A new Baptist church which is being organized in Bradford, Pa., has voted to affiliate with the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio.

First Church, Madisonville Calls Wallace E. Keown

Wallace E. Keown began his ministry with First Church, Madisonville, September 19, coming from Bemiston Church, Talladega, Alabama. A native of Anniston, Alabama, he and Mrs. Keown have two small children.

Formal dedication services for the Bemiston Church were held last June. The mortgages were burned and this new, modern structure less than three years after being built was free of debt. During the past year there were 57 additions to the Bemiston Church, 40 being by baptism.

First Church, Madisonville, has made considerable progress in the past few years under the leadership of Pastor Harold L. Malone who went from this church to Chamberlain Avenue Church in Chattanooga. The church begins its third year in use of its modern educational building with fully graded Sunday school. Plans are being made to establish a mission.

And, does it pay to go to college? A recent United States Chamber of Commerce survey revealed that 52 per cent of men making \$10,000 or more a year attended college; and, of those making \$3,000 a year, only 8 per cent attended college.

Next Sunday's Lesson.

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

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TEXTS: Job 38 to 42 (Larger)—Job 38:1-7; 42:1-6, 10a (Printed).

God's Answer to Job's Perplexity

If one reads the larger text of this lesson, agreement with Peake is likely to be reached. His comment follows. "God condemns Job for making dark the divine plan of the world. He had spoken as though it was all a tangled riddle. Really there is in it a beautiful luminous order." If we are to discover for ourselves something of this order, mentioned by Peake, two main ideas should dominate our thinking. What are they, as we find them in the two printed passages for study?

The Greatness of God (Job 38:1-7)

Remember that He is eternal (v. 4). Before the coming of matter into existence, God was. And by the same token, He will continue to be when matter ceases. He is self-existent. He is the originating cause of the universe. Since time is a human adaptation, God exists apart from time. And this is another way of saying that He is eternal.

Remember that He is creative (v. 5). He spoke and the worlds came into being. All that exists must be explained, ultimately, in terms of God's creative acts. Man has the high privilege of fashioning or forming finite human being comes face to face what God has already created. He can neither make nor destroy. He may, for instance, burn a piece of wood but he simply changes the form of the substance from largely solid to largely gaseous; or he may change water to steam or to ice. Compared to what God can do, these changes that man can make are of small consequence.

Remember that He is omnipresent (v.6). The context here indicates that God's being present throughout the universe follows from His creative power and His cternity. He does not have to leave one place in order to go to another. He dwells in one part of the universe just as much and in as full measure as in all other parts. The Psalmist expresses this concept in majestic language (Ps. 139:7-12).

Remember that He is joyous (v. 7). Such a joy arises out of accomplishment in performing what was purposed. The universe that was made was good and according to design. It lacked nothing, either in form or content. The song of creation was an echo of the song of the Creator, according to this verse. Thus these four verses may be seen, it is hoped, without mutilating their poetic grandeur or interfering with their profound theological teachings.

The Insignificance of Man (Job 42:1-6, 10a) Job had been presumptuous (v. 3). He had spoken about matters concerning which

he knew nothing. They were too exalted for his limited understanding. What was true for Job is often true for many today. All of us have a decided tendency to do as he did. This is inherently true with all who are devoted to humanism. While there is a great deal of truth connected with it, all should recognize that it possesses limitations. The doctrine of man is but one side of the truth. For along with it there is the doctrine of God and the things of God. If this is not clearly recognized and followed there is sure to exist a conceit that will prove as defeating as it is possible to be. Sooner or later the experiences of life will remind us that there are some items beyond our comprehension. It is well, therefore, that we remember this as we proceed through life.

Job had come to experience God as well as hear about Him (v. 5). Until this takes place within the life of the person God and the things of God remain in the realm of the theoretical. But when it does take place, then and from then on the realm of the spiritual becomes real anl meaningful. It is indeed a significant day when a with God who is infinite in all of His attributes or characteristics. It is in some such sense that each generation must discover God for itself. One generation can and should transmit to the succeeding generation the facts about God, but each generation must know Him as Job came to know Him.

Job was brought to repentance (v. 6). Job was enabled to see himself through the eyes of God. The same was true with Isaiah (Isa. 6:5-7). For both alike the experience of coming face to face with God was disturbing and transforming. Their lives were changed. Their attitudes were sanctified. Their dispositions were sublimated. Their outlooks were exalted and extended. This has always been true when God's people repent. It is a high and holy and transforming experience when we glimpse ourselves as God sees us.

Job was led to intercession for his friends (v. 10a). In this he became like Christ and the Christian pattern of life and conduct. A sure result of knowing God afresh, or for the first time, is concern for others. Such a concern is more than mere human sympathy, for its ultimate origin is in the heart and mind of God. When we join Job in genuine prayer for others, led and motivated by the Holy Spirit, the Christian religion takes on new and powerful characteristics both for ourselves and for those who are the objects of our intercessions. For one thing, perplexity is replaced with power while certainty drives out uncertainty. For another thing, love casts out fear.

DOES GOD SINGLE YOU OUT?



The Young South-

Let's use all of today's column for letters. Read each one carefully, then choose one to answer.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am twelve years old. My name is Gayle White. I am in the seventh grade at South High School. My birthday is December 18. I have three brothers. This is my first time to write you.

GAYLE WHITE

1920 McClung Ave. Knoxville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eight years old. I read the Young South each week. I go to Parkway Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother J. G. Miller. I have a brother six years old and a sister ten years old. I would like to hear from all seven-year-old girls.

SHARON ROVERY

1015 Whichta Ave. Memphis, Tenn.



Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. I am a girl twelve years old. I go to McCord School. My teacher is Mrs. Horton. I go to the First Baptist Church. My pastor is Brother Carl B. Allen. I will answer every letter I get. I hope that you have room in the column for my letter. I would like to have many pen pals.

PEGGY WALDROP

721 Second Ave., N. Lewisburg, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am nine years old and in the fourth grade. I go to the Baptist Church at Maury City. I go to Maury City School. I have joined the 4-H Club this year at my school. I will do my best on my work.

CHERYL YVONNE OZEMENT

Star Route
Maury City, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

This is my first time to write. I am fifteen years old. I am a Christian and go to Mt. Carmel Baptist Church. I would like to have some pen pals. I will answer every letter I get.

HOMER HUFF

Route 1 Cross Plains, Tenn.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1954

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl nine years old. I am in the fifth grade at Model School. I go to Model Baptist Church. I have never written before. I would like to have some pen pals between the ages of 7 and 10. I will try to answer every letter I get. Thank you.

BETTY Jo Foxx

Model, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl eight years old. I am in the third grade at Camden Elementary school. I am a Christian and belong to Flatwoods Baptist Church. My birthday is July 3. I would like to have a lot of pen pals and will try my best to answer every letter I receive.

GLENNA RUTH RUSSELL

102 Hall St. Camden, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I was ten years old September 18. I go to Flintville School. I am in the fourth grade. My teacher is Mrs. Fowler. We have Arithmetic, Spelling, and Ready Language. I like to go to school with the boys and girls. I would like to have a pen pal between ten and eleven years old.

LINDA SIMS

Flintville, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am a girl eleven years old and am in the sixth grade at Rozelle School. I am a member of Temple Baptist Church. I am a Christian. My hobbies are swimming and other outdoor sports. I would like to have many pen pals. I will answer every letter I get.

MARILYN HAWKE

992 Oakview Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Aunt Polly:

I am eleven years old. I go to Livingston Grammar School and am in the fifth grade. I go to the First Baptist Church. I have two sisters.

CAROL LEE DANIELS

219 Hawkins St. Livingston, Tenn.

Which letter did you choose to answer today? Was there one from somebody your age? After you've written your pen-pal letter, maybe you'll have time to write me a news note about yourself! I need it.

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Two rookies were discussing their sergeant. "He has a wide acquaintance intown," said one. "Yeah," retorted the other. "I saw him with her last night."

If a woman wants to learn to drive, don't stand in her way.

"Doesn't your new baby brighten up the home?" asked the gushy neighbor.

"I should say so," replied the new father.
"We have lights on all night nowadays."

People used to shout "Up and atom." now they say "Let's go fission."

Many a man thinks he's going places when he's really being taken.

Adolescent: one who is well informed about anything he doesn't have to study.

I took my daughter, Betty, who recently entered college, to see an elderly aunt of mine who has always lived on a farm and has been more or less out of touch with things

"Aunt Emma," I said proudly, "Betty is a co-ed now." Noticing a look of disappointment on her face, I thought she didn't understand.

"You know what a co-ed is, don't you?" I added.

"Sure," she replied. "That's a girl who didn't get her man in high school."

The son of the house was gazing thru the drawing-room window at the rain. Presently he turned to his mother.

"Mummy." he said, "why does it rain?"
"To make things grow," she replied, "to
give us flowers and apples and pears—"

"Then why does it rain on the pavement?"

Schmoe: "What did the lollipop say to its wrapper?"

Moe: "I don't know."

Schmoe: "Stick with me, or I'll get licked."

A woman was talking with a friend about the athletic achievements of the latter's son.

"Your boy must be an exceptionally fast runner. I see by this morning's paper that he fairly burned up the track with his record-breaking speed. I suppose you saw him do it?"

"No, I didn't see him do it," replied the boy's mother, "but I saw the track this morning, and there was nothing but cinders there."

In the old days folks made their clothes on a spinning wheel. Today they lose their shirts on them.

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TUESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 9

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7:25 Introduction of Missionaries L. G. Frey Nashville

7:35 Report on Evangelism Leonard Sanderson Nashville

7:55 State Mission Program ... Chas. W. Pope

Nashville

8:25 Music 8:35 Message W. Marshall Craig Dallas, Texas

9:20 Adjourn

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Lexington 9:25 Camp Committee Bernard Scates Ripley

9:35 Cooperative Program E. Gibson Davis Kingsport

9:50 Executive Board Henry Huey Milan

10:50 Music

11:00 Election of Officers and Miscellaneous Business

11:15 Tennessee Baptist Foundation

11:25 Address A. M. Vollmer Kentucky

12:00 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, NOVEMBER 10

Theme:

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1:30 Music ____ Charles H. Jones Scripture and Prayer Leonard Stafford

Harriman

1:45 American Bible Society

1:55 Radio and Television G. Allen West Nashville

2:05 Sunday School Report Elmer Bailey Knoxville

2:20 Baptist Training Union Report Erba Butler Brighton

2:35 Baptist Student Union Report Fred Wood

Memphis

2:50 Miscellaneous Business

3:00 Music

3:20 Brotherhood Report ,T. L. Alexander Trimble

3:35 Stewardship Address John Huffman Gallatin

4:05 Adjourn

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 10

Theme:

"CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION THROUGH IMPROVED TENNESSEE BAPTIST SCHOOLS"

7:00 Music Charles H. Jones Scripture and Prayer_____ Raymond Kennedy Ardmore

7:15 Church Music Report ----- Frank Charton Memphis

7:25 Seminary Representative

7:40 Miscellaneous Business

7:45 Education Commission -----Harold J. Purdy

Nashville

8:00 Music

8:15 Sermon Ramsey Pollard Knoxville

Adjourn

BAPTIST AND REFLECTOR

THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 11

Theme:

"CARRYING OUT THE GREAT COMMISSION THROUGH CHRISTIAN BENEVOLENCE"

9:00 Music Charles H. Jones Scripture and Prayer

----Charles Dinkins

Jackson

9:15 Hospital Commission Paul Wieland Trenton

9:30 Relief and Annuity A. F. Mahan Fountain City

9:45 Orphanage C. A. Dabney Chattanooga

10:00 W.M.U. Report_Mrs. A. L. McGarr Nashville

10:15 Temperance and Social Service Slater A. Murphy

Memphis

10:30 Memorial Service_Gaye McGlothlen Nashville

10:45 Miscellaneous Business

11:00 Reports

Committee on Resolutions

Committee on Boards..... -----Walter Warmath

Knoxville Committee on Committees

F. M. Dowell, Jr. Athens

Committee on Time, Place and Preacher

11:20 Music

11:25 Message _____Charles Trentham

Knoxville

12:00 Adjourn

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9:45 Appointment of Nominating Committee _____

9:50 "The Pastor and Soul-Winning"____ Carl Giers

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10:20 Worship in Song

10:25 "The Pastor and Counselling" R. Paul Caudill

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10:55 Miscellaneous Business.... Report on Nominating Committee Special Music_____

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12:00 Benediction

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1954

God's Honor in Stewardship

by Forrest C. Feezor

The twin slogans, "Ask-Believe-Commit" and "Bring Ye All the Tithes," of our Convention-wide Stewardship Revival calls to mind a memorable experience of some two decades ago. People were unemployed. Bills were hard to pay. Times were difficult. In my new pastorate in Raleigh, N. C., I had met a new friend. At the time he was out of work and was finding his financial road rough and uneven. He came to talk about his plight.

Formerly, a newspaper man, then the private secretary of a governor or two, he had had better days. We prayed and asked God's help. Because he could write, he sent in several biographical sketches for the "Dr. I. Q." program. If accepted, the sketch was worth a minimum of \$150.00. He was without success in several attempts. One night when he had finished a sketch on Walt Disney, while yet in his room, my friend prayed that God would prosper his paper. He prayed simply "asking" that the Lord would give success to the sketch.

Later as he restated it to me he said, "When I asked the Lord to bless and prosper my sketch there came an answer, 'Where is my honor in this request?' " My friend said the voice was so real and life like. He went to his knees to promise the Lord a tithe of all that was received. Of all this I knew nothing. Then one day he appeared at my study. He was bearing a check for \$27.00. His sketch had been accepted. My friend became a believer in stewardship from his experience. He asked, he believed, he committed his case to the Lord.

Although the money greatly relieved his financial situation, yet it was not the money that meant most to him. It was that God was his partner when he honored the Lord with a tithe. The question is one for all of us, "Where is my honor in this?" The question recalls to mind the Scripture, "Them that honour me I will honour" I Samuel 2:30. The promise in Proverbs 3:9 likewise comes to mind, "Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: (then the promise) So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, thy presses shall burst out with new wine."

Forrest C. Feezor is State Secretary for Texas Baptists.

Ohio WMU First Annual Meeting Set for October 12

COLUMBUS, O.—(BP)—The first annual Ohio Baptist Woman's Missionary Union meeting has been set for Westside Baptist Church, Hamilton, O., October 12.

Mrs. George R. Martin, Norfolk, Va., president of the Southern Baptist Convention W. M. U. will be the inspirational speaker at both morning and evening sessions.

The Perils of Power

Every bit of power that people possess presents a peril for those who possess it and for all others. Power can be used to hurt people or to help them; and power wrongly used hurts, first of all, the user. That is the sinister threat which hangs over the world now, in a time when the human race has at its disposal a source of power which is capable of destroying civilization. The peril is that somebody may start using this enormous power to destroy.

Power seems to be one thing which man has never learned to use wisely. It has a way of corrupting men. When a person becomes power-mad, he is mad, indeed, whether he be a weakling who craves power or a potentate who glories in his power. It is a law of life that people are responsible for what they possess, and power is no exception to this rule. When a person has power at his control, he becomes a menace to himself and all about him unless he be wise enough to control his power. A simple-minded person driving a powerful automobile in heavy traffic illustrates the point.

All people have power of some sort, more or less; therefore, every person is a source of peril and is himself in peril. There are powers which a person possesses by virtue of his native endowments of mind, spirit, and body, and these may have been developed by training and exercise. Possessions make one powerful; money is power, and ownership of property may give one great power and influence. Power is often vested in positions of leadership in government, business, or church. All of these powers are held and exercised at great peril, and the greatest peril seems to be that people may conclude that power is their own rightful possession, to be used as they please. All power comes from God, and it all belongs to God; but all men are in peril so long as some men do not know that fact or refuse to acknowledge it.

It seems proper to add that this peril that inheres in power may be a terrible thing in the life of a church or denomination. So long as one is weak, he may also be meek and humble; but to give him great power may make him proud and arrogant. The power that goes with places of prominence in church and denominational life should, therefore, never be entrusted to small, selfish men and women, whose heads can be swelled and whose hearts can be hardened by the realization that they have power over others. And let no person accept such a place except in all humility and in full recognition of the perils which power always produces. Power is always to be used to serve people, and never to glorify oneself or to lord it over people. Yet it might be that even some Baptists, with all their professions of democracy and equality, could forget that fact if they should get more power than they could control.

Dr. S. H. Jones in The Baptist Courier

How to Make Your Associational Sunday School Group Training Schools Effective in October

Group Training Schools in Every Association **During October** The Plan

The reason for these schools is obvious. If every Sunday school worker in every church is enlisted in the study of the age group administration books, it will assure good foundations for the new Sunday school year.

Planning for these schools is the joint responsibility of the associational superintendent and superintendent of training. No project during the year could be more vital; so put your very best into it and make it succeed.

If no training superintendent has been elected, use this occasion to secure the strongest leader possible.

Have the schools as early in October as possible.

Steps in Preparation

Careful preparation is the price of success—and immediate action should be taken to guarantee good schools in your association.

1. Call a supper meeting of pastors and superintendents to launch the effort.

The big purpose of this meeting is to sell the pastors on the value of having these schools and to get their approval of the plan. Arrange for some good testimonies from pastors who believe in training. Bring out some convincing values of training for their workers. Training will—

—Build the Sunday school in membership and average attendance.

-Lighten the load of the pastor by distributing responsibility.

—Solve the problems constantly arising in a growing Sunday school.

—Cause the workers to receive joy in accomplishments.

—Cause the lost to be found and won.

Present a strong appeal for the schools showing that several small groups of churches co-operating will achieve two great results: (1) Will enlist more churches and more workers in training; and (2) will provide opportunity for every worker to study his particular age group book.

Secure approval of the plan. Even if some pastors feel their church cannot support the school, urge their agreement to the general plan so that it may become an associational project.

2. After approval of the plan suggest a practical grouping of churches according to location—two to five in each group.

3. Select the host church for each group school.

4. Select the dean for each school from the pastors of other than the host churches if possible.

5. Later on, work with the deans in selecting and enlisting the faculties. You would want to plan courses for each age group. offering at least one general book and arranging for speakers at the testimony periods for the five evenings. Be sure that an adequate supply of books is ordered from your Book Store well in advance.

6. It is important to enlist all pastors and educational directors for some definite responsibility in the Group School.

7. Begin as soon as possible to work with the deans in providing adequate publicity. Letters to pastors and superintendents and cards to teachers and officers would be helpful.

Attractive color posters will be mailed to each Sunday school superintendent. These posters should be filled in with the name of the particular host church and the exact date in each case and posted in the churches.

8. It is hoped that the associational officers took advantage of the associational planning meeting to promote the Group Training Schools in October.

9. As plans develop, work with the deans on attendance and awards goals for the groups and for each church. Introducing friendly rivalry among the churches would stimulate interest.

10. Supply class teachers with application forms for awards when school begins. Write to your state Sunday school secretary for these blanks.

11. Make these schools succeed! The results of great numbers of Sunday school workers coming together for earnest study at the beginning of the Sunday school year will have tremendous effect on your work throughout the year. For the glory of God and for the advancement of his work, let us do a big job in a big way this October.

When schools close make reports to your state Sunday school secretary. Be sure that awards are requested promptly on proper forms!

(Taken from leaflet issued by Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.)



Training Union

CHARLES L. NORTON, Secretary

1954 Regional Planning Meetings for

Directors and Associational Training Union Officers

Southwestern Region	October	25
Northwestern Region	October	26
South Central	October	28
Central Region	October	
North Central Region	Novembe	er 1
Southeastern Region	Novemb	er 2
Northeastern Region	Novemb	
Eastern Region	Novembe	er 5

Brownsville Church, Brownsville First Church, Dresden First Church, Lewisburg First Church, Clarksville First Church, Carthage First Church, Sweetwater First Church, Greeneville First Church, Clinton

Program

Purpose: To launch the Training Program for 1955.

THEME: Be Strong in The Lord

Charles L. Norton, State Training Union Secretary, Presiding

6:45 Worship

Hymn: "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

Scripture: Eph. 6:10-18

Prayer

Hymn: "Onward, Christian Soldiers"

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8:00 Hymn "Are Ye Able"

8:05 What is your Question?

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Woman's Missionary Union

MISS MARY MILLS, Executive Sec'y-Treas.

On September 21 about ten o'clock in the morning Mrs. Sam Holloway "passed through glory's morning gate to walk in Paradise."

Only once before in the history of the Woman's Missionary Union of Tennessee have we suffered the loss of two former state officers in such a short period of time. Mrs. P. B. Lowrance, Vice-President-at-Large for ten years, passing away only twelve days before Mrs. Sam Holloway, former president died in Memphis on September 21.

Mrs. Holloway was elected president of the Tennessee W.M.U. in Knoxville, March 1947 and served faithfully and efficiently for four years. In her message to the convention in 1948 she used as her theme "In Royal Service." She said "Let us be joyful Christians! We serve and represent a great King; the message we have for the world is one of joy and helpfulness, it is the only source of abiding peace, the only hope of everlasting life. May our lives radiate joy, praise and thanksgiving, may we always remember, 'Joy is the royal standard that shows the King of Peace is at residence in the heart.'"

Mrs. Holloway was a radiant, happy Christian. At the triumphant funeral service her pastor said "She was a faithful, dependable church member. I could always count on her being in her place at both services on Sunday, at prayer meeting, the Woman's Missionary Society and at every other meeting of the church where she felt it was her duty to be. She lived and talked missions." What a fine tribute from one's pastor! She served twice as president of the W.M.S. of the First Church, Memphis, she was a recognized leader in the work of the Southern Union serving on important committees in Birmingham through the years. At the time of her death she was a member of the Foundation Board of the S.B.C. and was on the Campaign Committee for Baptist Colleges in Tennessee. Her early legal training made her a valuable member on any committee requiring careful thinking and planning.

She was active in many local organizations serving at one time as president of the Y.W.C.A. and was vitally interested in the work of the King's Daughters. Through the years she had served on many committees for charity and other projects giving herself unselfishly to any individual or cause that she could serve.

She shall be greatly missed, and to her sisters and other loved ones we extend our loving sympathy. We would emulate the example set before us by Mrs. Holloway, realizing as she did that:

"I shall not pass this way again,
But since I may not, let me spend
My strength for others to the end,
For those who tread on rock and stone
And bear their burdens all alone,
Who loiter not in leafy bowers,
Nor hear the birds nor pluck the flowers.
A larger kindness give to me
A deeper love and sympathy;
Then, O, one day
May some one say—
Remembering a lessened pain—
"Would she could pass this way again."
—MRS. DOUGLAS J. GINN.

Frances Acree Lowrance

The hearts of many in Tennessee were saddened when news came that on September 9, Mrs. P. B. Lowrance had passed away. She was on her way home from a trip to Alaska when in Banff, Alberta, Canada she had a heart attack and in a few days was gone. Her body was brought to Memphis and laid beside that of her husband who died about twenty years ago.

Before her marriage Mrs. Lowrance was Frances Acree, daughter of a prominent Southern Baptist minister. At the time of her birth her father was pastor in Lynchburg, Virginia, but later held several pastorates in Tennessee, so it was in our state that Frances spent most of her girlhood days. And after living for much of her married life in Ponca City, Oklahoma, it was to

Tennessee that she returned after the death of her husband to spend the last years of her life.

Mrs. Lowrance made her home in Chattanooga and was a loyal and much loved
member of the First Baptist Church. While
she took an interest in all the activities of
her church her "special love" was the Woman's Missionary Union, and to this organization she gave years of service, not only
in her own church, but in the Association,
State and Southwide W.M.U. For ten years
she was Vice-President-at-Large of the Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union and a
valuable member of the Executive Board.
For several years she served as Southwide
Personal Service Chairman.

In her Oklahoma home she was known as the "Friend of the Indian." In Chattanooga she became the friend of the Goodwill Center, a friend of the Min Tom Orphanage for Negroes, a friend of every needy and worthy cause. Indeed, her heart was big enough to take the whole world into her friendship, as was evidenced by her interest in and her support of all the work of Southern Baptists.

Mrs. Lowrance had the happy knack of doing lovely things for people, many people, all kinds of people who were her friends because she could help them. So today, not only her own children, but her friends in her church, in the Woman's Missionary Union, in the denomination, everywhere "rise up and call her blessed" because the price of her life so worthily spent in the service of the Lord is "far above rubies."

South Knoxville Church honored their new pastor, S. M. Mulkey, and family with a reception at the church September 10. Church officers spoke words of welcome added to by Ralph Murray, moderator of Knox County Association; Lawrence Trivette, superintendent of missions; and T. C. Wyatt, chaplain of East Tennessee Baptist Hospital. Open house was held at the new pastorium following the reception. Brother Mulkey succeeds Nolan P. Howington who is now pastor of First Church, Little Rock, Arkansas. The church has purchased property adjoining the old frame church building to provide a large and much needed off-thestreet parking area.

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How To Distinguish Between New Testament Essentials and Baptist Customs and Traditions

by H. H. HOBBS

Editor's Note: This is the fifth in a series of ten articles discussing some of the problems of Southern Baptist life. The opinions of Dr. Hobbs are his own and do not necessarily reflect the views of the editor.

It is a dangerous thing to meddle with tradition. Jesus was crucified for so doing. The Roman Catholic openly admits that his religious faith is based upon the Scriptures and tradition—and that to him tradition is more sacred. Many Baptists, without admitting it, follow the same course. It is well that we distinguish between that which is essentially New Testament teaching and that which is custom or traditon.

Tradition may be either good or bad. The word is used in both senses in the New Testament (cf. Matt. 15:2ff.; Gal. 1:14; Col. 2:8; 2 Thes. 2:15; 3:6). It may be based upon scriptural authority or it may not be. A tradition or custom is not true because it is old; neither is it false because it is of recent origin.

For the Baptist there is but one question—"What saith the scriptures?" No one has ever stated it better than Dr. B. H. Carroll when in effect he said that the New Testament is all the law of Christianity; all the New Testament always will be all the law of Christianity. Thus for the Baptist the New Testament is our sufficient rule of faith and practice. In that light we would suggest two simple rules by which to distinguish between New Testament essentials and Baptist customs and traditions.

In the first place, does the New Testament teach it? For example, take the office of deacon. In our modern churches the board of deacons is an authoritative body looked upon as such by the local church, many pastors, and especially themselves. But "what saith the scriptures?" The office of deacon is set forth, though not named, in Acts 6. Here it is simply a position of service in assisting the apostles. When the office is named (Phil. 1:1) the term chosen is that of a servant. Furthermore, when the qualifications for the office are set forth (1 Tim. 3) nothing is said about authority. Indeed an examination of 1 Tim. 3:4f. and verse 12 will reveal that the responsibility for the welfare of the church rests not upon the deacon but upon the pastor as overseer (bishop). The deacon is the helper not the director. Here tradition is definitely out of line with the New Testament teaching.

In the second place, does all the New Testament teach it? Baptists have often utilized this principle in answering those who do not agree with us on matters of doctrine. Why not try it on ourselves?

At the risk of being tarred and feathered —take an example. The traditional position (some say that it goes back only to the J. R. Graves period) on baptism is a case in point. We may classify our belief as to the form and meaning of baptism as a traditional belief in the good sense of the word—based securely upon the teachings of the New Testament. But for some there is an Achilles heel when we cross over into the realm of authority. The usual order is proper subject, proper mode, proper administrator and proper authority, the last referring to a New Testament church. The first three will, we believe, withstand the scrutiny of the Scripture. But what about the words proper authority? I realize that I am treading on sacred soil for all Baptists. But—"what saith the scriptures?" An examination of Acts 8 and 10 will reveal that both Philip and Peter baptized without the candidates having been approved by a local church. If we contend, as some do, that the Jerusalem church had authorized them to baptize whomsoever they should win—the New Testament fails to record it. Some insist that the Jerusalem church reviewed (Acts 8:14ff.; 11:1-18) the baptisms in question, but it seems clear that the issue under review was not baptism but whether or not a Gentile could be saved without first becoming a Jewish proselyte. (Before some Baptist brother heats up his tar let me hasten to say that I have never baptized anyone who had not first been approved for baptism by the local church; nor do I accept alien immersion.) But—we should recognize that this position regarding authority is tradition that trembles in the face of these scriptural references.

A good practice for all Baptists would

Hoover Warns Leaders Of Growing Crime Rate

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) Unless the present rise in the crime rate is halted, 1954 will see a new all-time record for lawlessness in the United States, Director J. Edgar Hoover of the Federal Bureau of Investigation warned the nation's civic and religious leaders in a statement here.

Mr. Hoover said statistics compiled by the FBI showed an increase of 8.4 percent in the number of crimes committed during the first half of 1954, as compared with the first six months of 1953. This was the biggest increase recorded in any period since the end of World War II.

Particularly disturbing to the FBI chief has been a sharp crime rise in small towns and rural areas. The increase in the urban crime rate was 7.2 percent, but in the rural areas it was 11.9 percent.

Mr. Hoover gave civic and religious leaders these facts about crime at the present time:

An average of 35 persons per day were feloniously slain in the United States during the first six months of this year.

There were 48 rapes reported to police every 24 hours.

An average of 252 persons were subjected to aggravated assault each day, including blackjacking, mugging, stabbing and beating.

Each day an average of 608 automobiles were stolen, 1,454 homes were burgalarized, and 197 armed robberies occurred.

A total of 1,136,190 offenses were reported to police during the first half of this year, Mr. Hoover said. That means a crime known to police was committed every 13.8 seconds.

Mr. Hoover further estimated that a crime of violence—murder, manslaughter, rape, or assault with intent to kill—was committed every 4.3 minutes throughout the United States in the six-month period.

The crime rate is growing despite the effectiveness of law enforcement, Mr. Hoover said. Nine out of 10 cases of murder or manslaughter during 1953 were cleared by arrest, he reported, and the number of police officers on duty has reached a record level.

There is now an average of 1.8 policemen for every 1,000 inhabitants. Sixty-three of these law officers were slain in line of duty in 1953, he said.

be to follow the example of the Bereans who when they heard even the Apostle Paul "received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so." (Acts 17:11).

H. H. Hobbs is pastor of the First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City.



It's Budget Time

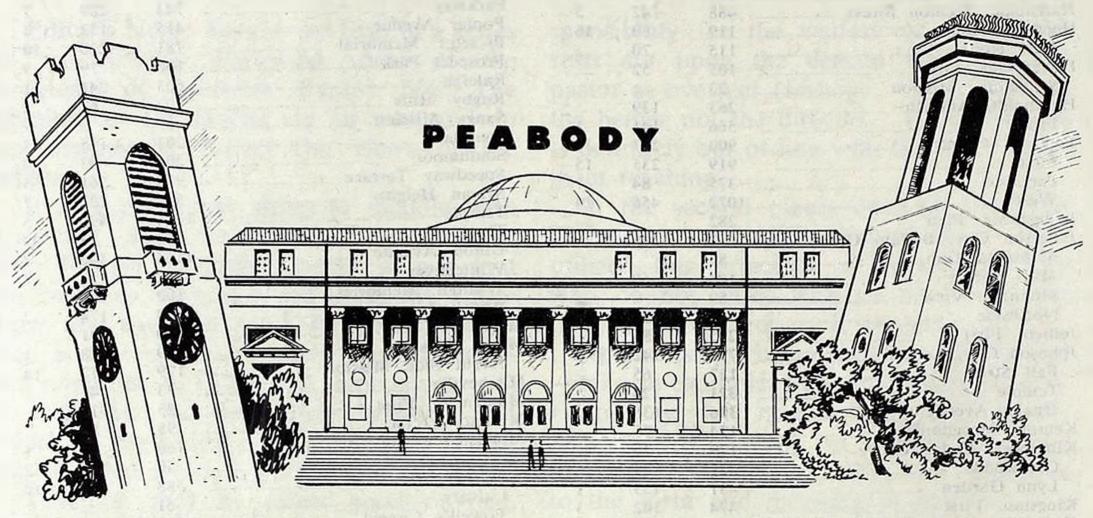
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ATTENDANCES AND ADDITIONS TO THE CHURCHES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 1954

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Expanding Program of Baptist Student Work in Schools of Nashville



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Young people away from home need Christian encouragement, Christian fellowship, and spiritual guidance. To provide these is the purpose of the Baptist Student Union. Last year there were over 1,200 Baptist students in the Nashville schools where there is organized Baptist student work. These schools include Vanderbilt University, Peabody College, Belmont College, Andrew Jackson Business University, Draughon's Business College, and Schools of Nursing at Mid State Baptist Hospital and Nashville General Hospital. Capable volunteer and lay leadership assist Student Director David Alexander in several of these situations.

Christianity is no long-faced affair and the Nashville B. S. U. proves it by sponsoring frequent social hours and fun periods. Every Saturday night at the Baptist Student Center is "Fun Night." In addition to this, a Thanksgiving Breakfast or Retreat is held for the overseas students on the campuses; the annual "Grand Ole Opry Party" takes place each February; and there is a Spring Installation Banquet in April. These are gala occasions planned and projected by the students themselves. Numerous parties and outings are held by the Classes and Unions in the churches. Also, an attempt is made to give the students certain principles by which they can choose with Christian discretion their leisure-time activities.

Every fall a "Christian Rush Week" is sponsored on each of the major college campuses. It consists of Orientation Breakfasts, Buffet Suppers at the churches, a Welcome Social at the Baptist Student Center, and visitation in the dormitories and houses by the students and church leaders. The week is climaxed by "Join-the-Church-Day" in the college center churches.

Follow-through is carried on by the Enlistment Committee, the Greater B. S. U. Council, and church leaders, as they seek to lead every Baptist students to give himself actively through the Baptist church of

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his choice during college years. Being planned for this fall is a "Second Front" in the form of a Progressive Dinner Party to get the "stragglers." Enlistment efforts go on year round.

An extensive mission program is carried on by the Nashville B. S. U. The Woody-Barton Goodwill Center, Tennessee Industrial School, and Cora Tibbs Mission offer opportunities for students to teach, help with crafts, work with clubs, or coach ball teams. Last year over 50 students worked in at least one of these mission points.

Several Youth Teams will be ready upon request for the holding of youth rallies, week-end youth revivals, etc., this fall, providing another off-campus ministry and an opportunity for growth and service.

Last summer Nashville students gave over \$700.00 above their regular church offerings to aid in sending five Tennessee student summer missionaries to foreign and home fields with the Gospel of Christ. Dr. John Waggener, graduate of Vanderbilt University, served at the Baptist Hospital in Asuncion, Paraguay.

Both Schools of Nursing sponsor early morning periods of worship; a Noon De-

votion period is featured daily at the Baptist Student Center in the University area; and a weekly devotional period is provided by the B. S. U. for the entire student body of Draughon's Business College and the Andrew Jackson Business University. Hundreds of students are reached by these services each week.



David Alexander

A series of forum discussions each quarter deal with intellectual and emotional difficulties. The "Skeptic's Hour" series held last winter at the Center broke all records for interest and attendance. Capable leaders with deep spiritual concern and insight were procured. A series of

Why Our Church Gives 25% To World Missions Through The CooperativeProgram

The Cooperative Program is a well-planned and well-organized means of promoting World Missions. It is world-wide in its scope, yet individual-centered in its mission. Each phase of the program is devoted to the conversion of the individual and his development after conversion. This is done through the ministry of teaching, preaching, healing, reclamation and training.

These were the activities of Jesus while on earth. He has commissioned us to work for Him. Ours is a task of love in the name of One who is Love. With an inward vision of Christ we hope for increased gifts to Him.

> Branson C. Wiggins, Pastor Trenton Street Baptist Church Harriman, Tennessee

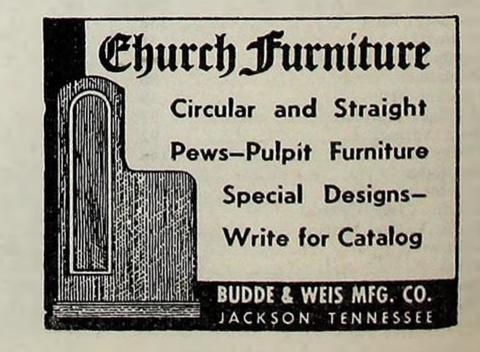
Bill Compton, Decatur, Georgia, began a revival at Fort Hill Church, Knoxville, September 12. Louis O. Ball is pastor.

forums on "Religion and Education" reached almost 500 teachers during the summer session. The series captured convention-wide interest.

State meetings such as the Baptist Student Convention and Spring Retreat offer a tremendous appeal to the students. Nashville students will be hosts to the convention this November. Last June almost lifty students from Nashville attended Student Assembly at Ridgecrest.

Bible study groups, dormitory prayer groups, personal conferences with the directors, and other avenues make available an intense program of Christian education to students in all of these schools. The entire program is church-related to insure its carrying over into the later life of the college graduate. God has richly blessed. The year 1953-54 was without a doubt the most significant year for the Nashville B. S. U., but 1954-55 is even more promising and exciting. The Nashville B. S. U.s intend to grow; to reach more; and to go deeper in dedication, education, and service.

Mr. David K. Alexander is now in his third year as Baptist Student Director for Nashville and is doing an excellent job in coordinating the Baptist student work



Poster Campaign Calls for, "Sunday for Church"

"Sunday for Church—Not for Business" is the theme of a poster campaign inaugurated by the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States which is intended to create public opinion among the Christian people of America to observe the Lord's Day properly.

According to the General Secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States, Rev. Melvin M. Forney, business houses in increasing numbers across the nation are invading the sanctity of the Lord's Day and using it for regular business pursuits. This mad, panicky rush for profits on the part of some American businessmen will eventually destroy the traditional American Sunday unless an aroused Church asserts itself at once.

Irate Church leaders in many communities of our nation are at present engaged in campaigns to close stores on Sunday. Protestant and Catholic Bishops have joined together in Indianapolis, Ind., Kansas City, Kan., and in other areas to bring pressure upon stores which are opening on the Lord's Day. Tuscaloosa, Ala., Pueblo, Colo., Sheboygan, Wis., and many other areas are engaged in similar campaigns.

The office of the Lord's Day Alliance of the United States is besieged by requests for information, literature, and help from many communities interested in returning the Lord's Day to the Church. The Alliance reports that the use of Sunday for business has now reached an acute stage. Some of the more respectable business houses are opening for business on Sunday. Others are using the telephone technique, accepting phone orders on Sunday and making delivery the same day within a limited radius. Radio and television commercials are making special spot announcements for stores open on the Christian Sabbath. Many run Sunday specials. In most States this is in complete violation of law.

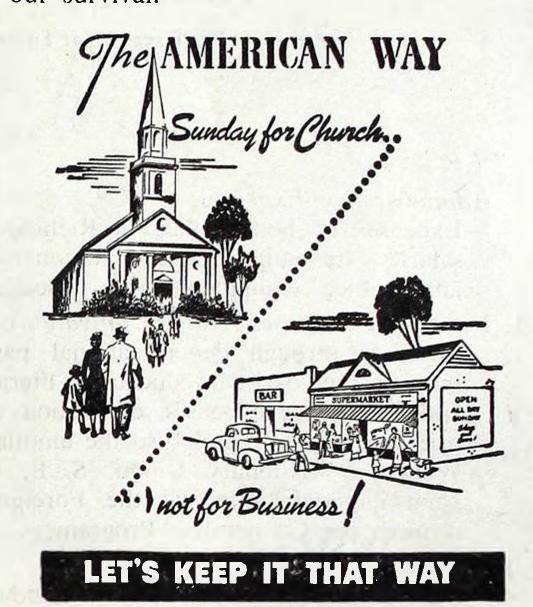
The Lord's Day Alliance of the United States has promised an unending war against those who would completely commercialize Sunday. The poster campaign is one phase of the total crusade. The first poster to be issued is in two colors. Its general caption is: "The American Way-Sunday for Church, Not for Business-Let's Keep It That Way!" In conjunction with the poster campaign the Alliance is offering to Churches Sunday Bulletins with the poster picture on the front page and on the back page a message calling upon the Church membership not to buy on Sunday and to patronize during the week those stores which are closed on Sunday. The two inside pages are blank for the local Church to print its own Sunday program. Through this medium the Lord's Day Alliance will reach millions of American Church-goers with their educational program.

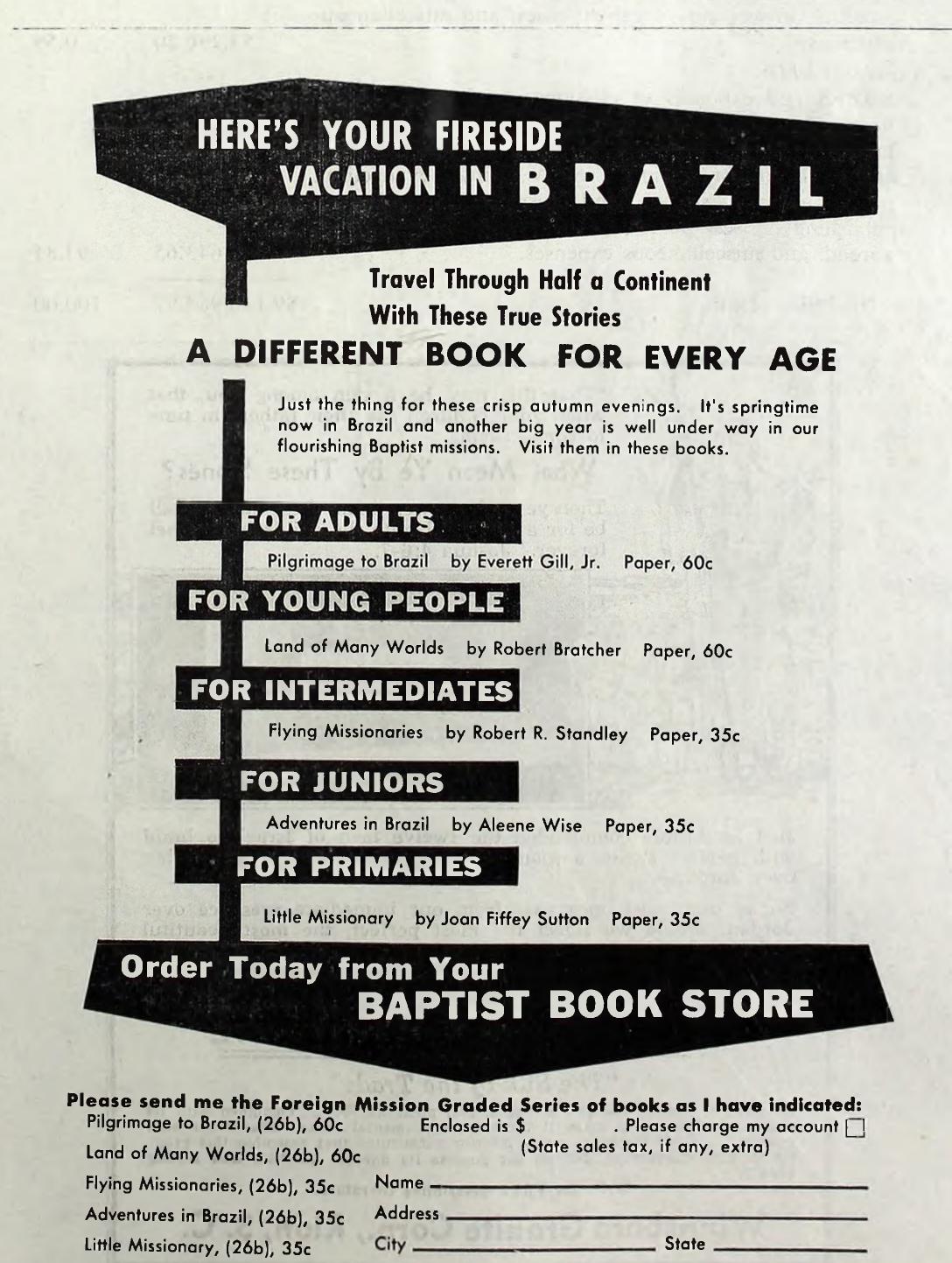
A legislative program will be introduced in the various State Legislatures for the enactment of appropriate laws to strengthen

the existing laws thus assuring proper legal weapons in the battle to return Sunday to the Church. To augment the legislative program, a Christian Citizenship Crusade, calling upon the Christian people of America to become interested and active in the political life of their community, will be undertaken.

The widespread use of Sunday for business is just another step in the complete secularization of America. According to the Alliance spokesman, when this process is completed we can look forward to a godless, atheistic form of government which, if it is not Communistic, will be just as undesirable. In announcing their campaign, the General Secretary of the Alliance stated that Sunday is the bulwark of American freedom and must be protected. It is our fortress against the paralyzing philosophy of materialism and secularism and is

the day for the Church to build the moral and spiritual character in the lives of our American people which is so essential to our survival.





Foreign Mission Board Reports

Percentages of Operating Costs

For Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1953

	A a	of Total Operating
1. Administrative Expenses:	Amount	Costs
Expenses of home office in Richmond, including all salaries, traveling expenses, stationery, postage, insurance, office equipment, and miscellaneous expenses.	\$ 272,029.77	2.98
2. Promotion Expenses (Home Cultivation): Publicity through denominational papers, The Commission, audio-visual education, literature, convention and conference expenses, deputation work of missionaries on furlough, etc.; also the amount recalled by the Woman's Missionary Union, S. B. C. (\$60,000.00) from its contribution to the Foreign Mission Board		
through the Cooperative Program.	239,015.35	2.62
3. General Expenses: Cost of Board meetings, annual audit, agent's fee for handling investments, legal expenses, and miscellaneous		
expenses.	53,296.20	0.59
4. Foreign Fields:		
Salaries and expenses of missionaries, furlough travel, missionary pension plan, special allowances to emeritus missionaries, advanced training of selected Baptist leaders from abroad in U. S. A., direct evangelism, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operation of publishing houses, purchase of property abroad, travel		
abroad, and miscellaneous expenses.	8,552,643.65	93.81
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Total Operating Costs	\$9,116,984.97	100.00



Just as Joshua commanded the twelve men of Israel to build with perfect stones a monument to commemorate the passing over Jordan—

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On Sending Dr. and Mrs. Pope To Baptist World Alliance

At the last accounting with Miss Baker (Bookkeeper in State office) we had a total of \$771.12 in the bank to apply on the trip for our Executive Secretary and his wife. We are writing this note in the BAP-TIST AND REFLECTOR in order that every church and individual will have ample opportunity to share in this most worthy opportunity.

Percentage

Please send your gifts NOW. By giving now and by giving generously, we can do the job as we would like to do. It is the plan of the Committee to receive an offering at the State Convention when it meets in Nashville November 9-11.

If one hundred pastors would take it on themselves to raise \$30 each, we would have enough to send them. Won't you as an individual Baptist, send your contribution to Miss Baker today? Send a dollar, or whatever amount you feel that you can afford. We want Tennessee Baptists to do this worthwhile thing for one who has served our convention so well for the past 13 years.

The Committee,
Fred Kendall, J. Howard Young,
F. M. Dowell, Robert G. Lee,
Ralph Murray, Harold Purdy, G.
Allen West, Jr.

Four Recent Deaths in Missionary's Family

Mr. Carl G. Blankenship, of Memphis, father of Southern Baptist Missionary Adrian E. Blankenship, died September 9. There have been three other recent deaths in the missionary's family, a grandmother on August 15, an uncle on August 25, and a grandfather on September 11. Mr. Blankenship's address is Caixa 98, Florianopolis, Santa Catarina, Brazil.

Dr. Lorne E. Brown, Southern Baptist missionary to Jordan who is in the States on furlough, has moved from Cleveland, Tenn., to Havertown, Penn., where he may be addressed at 27 Glendale Road. He will be taking graduate work at the University of Pennsylvania. Mrs. Brown will remain in Tennessee for the present and may be addressed at 125 18th Street N. E., Cleveland. She is a native of Byington, and she and Dr. Brown make their permanent American home in Cleveland.

