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LEGISLATIVE NEWS Of Religious Interest

The Christian people of Arkansas, courageous and united, can make one of the most effective lobbies ever known in legislative history.

CHURCH BUSES: Church buses used exclusively for carrying people to and from church services and other church functions are exempt from motor vehicle license fees under a bill that has been accepted by both houses of the legislature.

Introduced by Representatives Riley and Ross, the bill authorizes the state revenue commissioner to issue to churches free of charge motor vehicle license plates for buses used exclusively for religious purposes. Application must be made by the pastor or other chief church official and accompanied by a \$1 registration fee.

Use of the license-free vehicle for other purposes is illegal. The provision is retroactive to January 1, and application can be made for refund of any 1947 fees already paid. This does not exempt the payment of gross receipts taxes on purchase of new buses.

HOSPITALS. The bill (HB 109) by Representatives Walther and Criner to enable Arkansas to participate in a federal hospital program has been passed by both houses and gone to the governor. Hospitals are vital to the health of all the state's citizens, and any move to build these institutions over the state within reach of all the people is to be commended. The bill provides that a Division of Hospitals be set up in the state Health Department, this division to survey existing institutions, develop a hospital construction and development program and accept financial assistance offered by the federal government.

LIQUOR TAX: Senator Trussell's tax proposal (SB 30) to raise the annual privilege tax for liquor wholesalers from \$700 to \$10,000 has been passed by the Senate and gone to the House. One of the critics of this bill offered to our mind the best point in favor of the increased tax: "It is so high it will put some of them out of business."

ELECTIONS: The Arkansas Gazette editorially points out that a cumbersome and unreasonable requirement of the state pri-

mary law would be remedied by a bill introduced by Senator Trussell.

Under present law a complaint in a suit to contest an election must be signed by 10 reputable citizens. The records show this requirement has brought the dismissal without trial of more than half of all the election contests that have been filed since 1917, when the Brundidge primary law was adopted.

This provision in the primary law gives opportunity for lawyers for defendants to search out technical objections to the qualifications of signers and notaries public. If the number of valid signers can be reduced to less than 10, by pleading any of the numerous technicalities, the case must be dismissed without investigation on its merits. Under Senator Trussell's bill an election contest suit would be like any other suit.

CHILD WELFARE: The establishment of a state council to study and work for the improvement of welfare of children and youth in Arkansas is provided in a House bill (HB 195) introduced by Representative C. G. Wade.

The council, made up of 25 members, would have as members the governor, the state commissioner of education, the state health officer, the state commissioner of welfare and the state commissioner of labor, and 20 representatives of civic organizations and institutions interested in the welfare of youth. Duties of the council are listed as:

"1. To make a continuous study of the educational, health, recreation, welfare, moral and spiritual environment, economic and working conditions of children and youth of Arkansas with the objective in view of improving conditions which will safeguard and improve their welfare.

"2. To review legislation and appropriations pertaining to services for Arkansas children and youth and to consider needed revisions.

"3. To appraise the adequacy and accessibility of existing services for children and

youth within the state.

"4. To formulate, after consultation with individuals and agencies concerned with the welfare of children and youth, program for improving existing conditions."

THE BUTLER BILL: Newspapers the past week indicate there is little, if any, chance for Senator Butler's proposal for state-owned liquor houses to become law. The state's public opinion is overwhelmingly against it, and the legislature must in the end follow the will of the people. Speaker of the House Roy L. Riales, who will preside over any debate on the question in the lower chamber, is quoted as being unalterably against it. And Karr Shannon, the much-read columnist of the Arkansas Democrat, has said twice that he'll bet his hat against the Governor's support of the bill.

LOCAL OPTION: In an apparent effort to make local option undesirable to counties, Representatives Allen and Speck have introduced House Bill 259 to prohibit counties which have outlawed liquor from sharing in revenues derived from the sale of beer and intoxicating liquors. The state tax, under present law, is partially divided among the state's counties. "Hereafter," reads the new bill, "only those counties in which it is legal to manufacture and sell beer and intoxicating liquors shall participate in (liquor) revenues collected by the state."

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Irving Berlin Writes Brotherhood Week Song

Irving Berlin, one of America's most popular song writers, is the author of a new song—this one written especially for observance of National Brotherhood Week February 16-23. Entitled "Help Me to Help My Neighbor," the words run like this:

Help me to help my neighbor;
Help me to understand;
Help me to hear the pleading
Of an outstretched, empty hand;
Help me to do to others
As I'd have them do to me;
Help me to help my neighbor
Whatever his faith may be;
Help me to see a heavy heart
Behind a smiling face;
Help me to judge as I'd be judged
If I were in his place;
The night is dark
And the way is long
On a road that has no end;
Help me to help my neighbor;
Help me to be his friend.

★ TRENDS AND EVENTS ★

A condensed summary of trends and events taken from publications and original sources each week by Porter Routh, Secretary of the Department of Surosey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Facts of Interest

There are now 3,650,000 business firms in the United States, 810,000 more than at the wartime low in 1943.

Senator Arthur Capper (R., Kan.) has introduced a bill to bar liquor advertising from interstate commerce.

The Rockefeller Foundation has given \$10,000,000 to the Peiping Union Medical College in China.

Book publishers report 7,735 new titles and editions in 1946, compared with 6,548 in 1945.

Dr. James B. Conant, president of Harvard, has suggested a terminal two-year college education to take care of the increased demand for education beyond high school.

Germany and Japan will be banned from the Olympic games to be held in England, July 29-August 14, 1948. Other enemy nations will be invited.

The State Department reports that 14,000,000 Italians would seek to emigrate to this country "if the bars were let down." Existing immigration laws, using the quota system, permit 153,879 immigrants a year. About 80,000 are being admitted.

The National Education Association has recommended a minimum salary of \$2400 for fully qualified teachers. It was estimated that, after income taxes, the average \$2,082 remaining would be worth \$1,315 in pre-war purchasing power.

School enrolment in Berlin schools has reached 450,617, with 6,162 teachers.

Andrew J. Volstead, father of the Volstead prohibition act, died recently in Minnesota.

Senator Arthur Capper has introduced a bill to submit a Constitutional amendment to the states calling for a uniform divorce law. It would bar hasty and child marriages, and permit divorce only for adultery, cruel and inhuman treatment, abandonment or non-support for one year, habitual drunkenness, incurable insanity or conviction for an infamous crime. Divorced persons would have to wait a full year for a decree to become final.

And if you have had trouble getting an appointment with your dentist, here is the reason: The American Dental Association estimates there is a dental "backlog" of 500 million cavities, with 112,000,000 new cavities being added each year.

In the World of Religion

The National Lutheran Council has plans to spend \$500,000 for the creation of student centers throughout the country. The Council has also set up a division to "present the true Christian approach to the Jewish people."

In cooperation with the United Nations Commission on the Rights of Man the UNESCO will organize an international conference to decide upon principles basic to a modern declaration of the rights of man.

Religious liberty in Italy is being discussed with the creation of a new Constitution. Article 7 of a draft by Count Rucellai states: "The state guarantees to all its citizens liberty of profession and propaganda of their own

religion as long as this is not contrary to any other articles of this present law and of the penal laws." But Article 6 states "Public propaganda contrary to the religion of the State (Roman Catholicism) is forbidden."

Less than one-half of the Texas adults attend church regularly, and at least seven per cent never attend, according to a recent poll. The poll showed 41 per cent attending regularly.

A two-year study of 413 textbooks used by high schools and colleges in the U. S. revealed that "the evangelical aspects of Protestantism are sometimes caricatured." Very little was given on the differences or likenesses of religious groups, or on the common concern of church groups with ethical or humanitarian developments. The study was made by the American Council on Education.

Baptist Highlights

Dr. E. S. Hutcherson of Houston has accepted the presidency of the new Texas Baptist college at Beeville.

Dr. J. E. Dillard announced his plan to retire in June at the meeting of the Executive Committee in Nashville. Drs. Frank Tripp, John Buchanan, George Ragland, and Duke McCall were named committee to name successor to Dr. Dillard and the late Dr. Gilmore. No action was taken on the Western Assembly at the meeting.

Definite announcement on whether it will be possible to have the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen will be made by February 15. There is little shipping space available.

It is estimated that 400 Southern Baptist churches own 16 mm motion picture projectors.

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Pastor's Sermon Raises \$50,000 for New School

Sometimes sermons are irresistible.

The Rev. Max O'Neal, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Eastman, Ga., recently delivered a sermon entitled "Do Not Sin Against the Children," in which he denounced Eastman's old, rickety public school building.

Within 24 hours after his talk, members of the congregation made arrangements for a mass meeting. Preparations were so complete that practically all of Eastman's 3,311 citizens attended. Every businessman closed his shop to permit employees to go.

The mass meeting brought contributions amounting to \$40,000 in cash toward construction of a new school building and an additional \$10,000-worth of pledges of materials and personal services.

Spring will see the start of construction, according to Mr. O'Neal, who was appointed chairman of the steering committee for the project.

Townfolk say Mr. O'Neal's sermon started it all, and they vow to "put up the new school if we have to draft every able-bodied male in the city an hour a day to do it."

SKILLED FISHERMAN

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed."

This is a remarkably vivid picture of catching fish. The fish is enticed by the tempting bait dangling before him. The appeal of the bait is matched by the desire of the fish for food. He leaves his retreat, takes the bait and is hooked by the barb.

When fishing, one would not use bait so unattractive and hideous that it would frighten the fish and drive them away. Nor does Satan use such bait when fishing for human souls. He makes the bait attractive in appearance, and it seems so innocent. Why, we would love to take the innocent looking little toy and play with it; or the beautiful little flower and plant it in our garden; or the delicious looking morsel and taste it.

When one begins thus to dally with temptation, to enjoy the aroma of sin, and to taste the apparent sweets of the forbidden fruit, he is likely to become very bold and disregard the consequences of temptation in view of the immediate satisfaction of momentary desires.

The barbed hook is always present in temptation, but always concealed. One takes the bait thinking it is a sweet morsel, but within is bitterness and poison.

There is one other thing you may be certain of: The one casting the bait will conceal himself until the bait is taken, be he a fisherman casting for fish or Satan casting for souls.

"But every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin; and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" James 1:14, 15.

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W. C. Reeves, who served as pastor of First Church, Hot Springs, and has since that time been pastor of Highlawn Church, Huntington, W. Va., has retired from the active pastorate and is available for evangelistic meetings in Arkansas during February and March. He expected to be in Hot Springs by the end of January and communications may be addressed to him, General Delivery, Hot Springs.

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Across the Editor's Desk

Dr. Rushbrooke

Dr. James Henry Rushbrooke, 77, Great Baptist statesman and president of the Baptist World Alliance since 1939, is dead. We think of him and the late Dr. George W. Truett, whom he succeeded as Alliance president, as having done more than any other two men to weld the thinking of the Baptist world into a sense of Brotherhood.

Dr. Rushbrooke's death was hastened by his overwork in preparing for the seventh World Baptist Congress, scheduled to meet at Copenhagen this summer. Located in London, Dr. Rushbrooke felt the great weight of responsibility in seeing that every detail was readied for the week of fellowship. Dr. W. O. Lewis, secretary of the Alliance with offices in Washington, was working with him in London at the time of the fatal stroke.

When the Alliance meets, it will be a memorial to Dr. Rushbrooke. As Dr. Newton has written: "Dr. Rushbrooke built the program. His presidential address, already prepared, will be read, and this valedictory of the great, good man, will take place alongside the never-to-be-forgotten address of Dr. Truett in 1939 as one of the historic declarations of our Baptist heritage."

Refund to Tithers?

Lawson Cooke, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, sends us this worthy thought:

A man began tithing one week, the next week he received a very generous bonus. Another man tithed on a very small salary and received an unexpected raise. A lady made a large gift to the Building Fund of the church, and in a few days she received a check for the same amount of her gift.

Such is the substance of a news story in one of our Baptist publications.

It is not our purpose to question the facts in the story or the sincerity of those involved. But, in our opinion, it would be difficult to imagine a more dangerous doctrine, or one the implications of which are less scriptural.

Nowhere in the Bible does God promise a tither a bonus or a raise or a refund. And, moreover, there are innumerable instances of tithing that did not work out that way.

To inspire sure expectations in the mind of a tither, then to have those expectations not materialize, would most surely raise serious questions, and might easily weaken the person's faith in the goodness of God.

Southern Baptists are now engaged in a special effort to enlist a million tithers—a great and glorious undertaking. Its success

would expend the kingdom of our Christ to undreamed of dimensions.

In promoting this great cause, however, let's place the practice of tithing upon the highest plane of spiritual consideration. Let's present tithing as a great opportunity to invest our money in our Lord's business, and as a token of our gratitude and devotion to him, but without guarantees of bonuses and raises and refunds.

A million tithers? Great! But a million tithers tithing for righteousness sake, not for monetary rewards.

And Dr. Weaver

Death on January 31 took the life of another great Baptist statesman, Dr. Rufus W. Weaver of Washington. Dr. Weaver was one of those men who so positioned himself with a great ideal that you never heard his name mentioned without thinking immediately of that ideal. With Dr. Weaver, it was religious liberty. And in Washington for years he has stood four-square for the basic freedom. Less than a year ago, he wrote a book on the subject, now a standard course in our Baptist Training Union work.

Dr. Weaver's death came just a day earlier than that of Dr. Rushbrooke. And it follows closely behind deaths of Dr. George W. Truett, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, Dr. J. R. Sampey and Dr. Walter Gilmore. These men were great. We are much richer for their having lived among us.

Extension Schools

Hailed by Baptist leaders as the most forward step in 25 years for the denomination, Alabama Baptists have launched a state-wide extension training program for the Baptist religious workers and set up the first branch in Tusculumbia, Ala., according to Religious News Service.

Headed by Dr. Gilbert L. Guffin, former pastor of the First Baptist Church, Jasper, Ala., and sponsored by Howard College in Birmingham, the new extension department has been created to give training at the college level.

The training schools will aim at serving two groups: preachers who cannot attend college, and lay church workers. A small tuition fee will be charged, with scholarships offered in special cases.

Courses will include Bible, church administration, preparation and delivery of sermons, evangelism, missions, Baptist doctrines, Baptist history and a basic course in English.

Copenhagen

We are in receipt of an announcement by Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, announcing that plans are being continued for the meeting of the Baptist World Alliance in Copenhagen, July 29 to August 3. This announcement follows several memos stating that trans-Atlantic transportation is so doubtful it may be wise to postpone the meeting or transfer it to the United States.

The announcement by Dr. Newton followed by one day the death of Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke in London, president of the Alliance. Dr. Newton quotes from a letter written by Dr. Rushbrooke the day prior to his fatal stroke. "We must go on with plans for Copenhagen," the letter stated. "You will remember that we saw difficulties when we planned the meeting, but we must not turn back now. The Baptists of the war-ravaged countries have been cheered by the announcement that their brethren from many lands would meet them in Copenhagen. The program is completed. We must go on with the Congress."

And immediately following Dr. Rushbrooke's death, Dr. Newton contacted by trans-Atlantic telephone Dr. W. O. Lewis, Alliance secretary who was with Dr. Rushbrooke. "We must go on with the Congress," Dr. Lewis told him.

Dr. Newton then observes: "Although transportation will be difficult, we will go on with the Congress at Copenhagen, July 29-August 3, Providence permitting. It was Dr. Rushbrooke's last request . . . Although our Southern Baptist Committee on transportation to Copenhagen voted in Nashville two weeks ago to wait until February 15 before making final announcement about going to Copenhagen, I am now fully convinced that we must go on with the Congress, as scheduled, trusting that the shipping lines can provide transportation for all who wish to go."

The Arkansas Baptist is anxious to cooperate in the work of the World Alliance and in promotion of the largest possible attendance at this meeting. We do not want in the least to interfere in a program that should go on; but we are doubtful that the Alliance should meet in Copenhagen this year, because every report we can get on shipping conditions indicate that only a few hundred Americans, at the most, would be able to make the ocean crossing.

We are wondering if it would not be far better to simply postpone the meeting a year. The Baptists of Europe do stand in need of our encouragement, and it probably would be unwise to make a change in the meeting place. But wouldn't it be better to wait a year, so that greater numbers of Americans can attend and our encouragement to European Baptists be even greater? We think it would be wise to meet in Copenhagen in 1948.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

M. J. Stewart, R. B. Stone, and E. V. Walton were ordained deacons of Anderson Union Church, Hope Association, on January 26. The candidates were introduced by Pastor Sid White, Anderson Union Church, and were questioned by Pastor S. A. Whitlow, First Church, Hope. Missionary Ottis Denney served as chairman of the council and Deacon C. C. Collins, First Church, Hope, served as clerk. Others on the ordination council were Pastor James Royal, Lewisville Church, J. B. Haynes, Piney Grove Church, and Deacons E. Martin, I. A. Grant, Sam McKamie, Ray Sewell, and Earl Cato.

First Church, Ashdown, enrolled 85 in a Training Union study course in January. Seventy-five qualified for awards. Classes and faculty were: "Our Lord and Ours" for adults taught by Pastor Lawson Hatfield; "More Than Money" for young people taught by B. D. Mabrey, Sunday School superintendent; "Not Your Own" for intermediates taught by Carl O. Buster, Training Union director; and "Living for Jesus" for juniors taught by Mrs. J. E. Merrell.

The BSU of the College of the Ozarks sponsored a youth revival at First Church, Clarksville, February 9-14. Special music was furnished by the College Choir. Speakers were Pastor S. R. Wallis, of the Clarksville Church, Paul Kato, James Wright, Jim McNelly, Joshua Shimomauro, and Pastor J. G. Cothran of First Church, Arkadelphia.

New Providence Church, Mississippi County Association, witnessed 18 professions of faith and one rededication on January 26. Nelson Tull, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, did the preaching. R. F. Liddell is pastor. Among those making profession of faith were men, women, boys, and girls. The church has doubled its gifts to missions since Pastor Liddell has been on the field.

Dr. Perry F. Webb has completed 10 years as pastor of First Church, San Antonio, Tex., during which time the membership of the church has increased from 3,693 to 8,071. There have been 7,671 additions during the past 10 years, of which 2,075 were baptized. When Dr. Webb went to the church from First Church, Pine Bluff, in 1937, the entire church budget was \$38,000. The total budget for 1947 is \$282,788.

The Reader's Digest offers to pastors an unusual opportunity. Dramatic experiences in religious work which, if told today, might inspire many other lives, can be written out and sent to The Reader's Digest. Every man-

Credit Due

The tabulated material, "1946 Record by Associations," which appeared on the front page of last week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist should have carried the by-line of Taylor Stanfill, superintendent city missions, Little Rock, and secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

uscript will be read carefully and at least \$1,000 will be paid to the author of any narrative that the magazine finds acceptable. The story should be sent to Fulton Oursler, The Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N. Y.

Second Church, El Dorado, James E. Carroll, pastor, began a Christ Centered Crusade January 19 to continue through April 27. The three months' crusade, with every service built on Christ, is majoring on soul winning.

Selected Films Release Sheet Service will supply without charge a copy of a Religious Film Guide. The address of the Service is 124 North Bright Avenue, Whittier, Calif. The guide reportedly carries all desired information.

The newly published Catholic Directory reports that the total Catholic population now in England numbers 2,443,600 persons. Conversions in 1945 totaled 9,767, a gain of 1,045 over 1944. There were 36,553 Catholic marriages in 1945. By that is meant marriages in which the parents contract to bring up their children in the Catholic faith.

Jerry Davis, student in Ouachita College, has been called as supply pastor of Perry Church. The Perry Church is asking for his ordination by First Church, Arkadelphia.

Here is what looks like a record. A 33-year-old former Army chaplain travels 954 miles every week-end to preach to his congregation. Every week, from Tuesday through Friday, Rev. E. V. Johnson attends classes at the Central Seminary, Kansas City, Kansas. On Friday he hops a train for his pastorate at Locust Grove, Tex. This is a small community where church services are held in a school house, but Mr. Johnson is spearheading a movement to build a church. A railroad pass is a big lift for these weekly trips. Before passing 29 months in Italy, Africa, Corsica, and Trinidad as chaplain, Mr. Johnson was pastor of the First Church, Boswell, Okla., and attended Southwestern Seminary at Fort Worth, Tex.

FOR SALE: One Underwood typewriter, 20-inch carriage, fine for mimeograph work. One tri-purpose projector, a lot of slides and slide films. One set "The People's Bible" by Joseph Parker. — C. Marshall Renno, DeWitt, Arkansas.

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Carter Gives \$1,000

Mr. Fred Carter, a fine layman and useful deacon, handed us his personal check in the amount of \$1,000 to be used in paying the old debts. Mr. Carter is one of the finest and most loyal laymen in all of the kingdom. He is not simply a giver, but he backs up his faith with his personal work. We thank you, Brother Carter! We have many other Baptists who can do likewise. Some have already done so. Then we have other Baptists who can give \$100 each and many, many others who can give a membership of \$12 per year in the Honor Club.—B. L. Bridges.

165 New Members At McGehee in Year



Pastor James

First Church, McGehee, observed the first anniversary of the pastorate of Theo T. James on January 26. The church has shown growth in every organization under the leadership of Pastor James. Sunday School attendance has increased from approximately 300 to more than 400; the Training Union has grown from an average attendance of about 60 to more than 100. The budget for 1946 was \$14,500. The budget for 1947 is \$23,495. The church had 165 additions last year, approximately 70 of which were for baptism.

Assistant Pastor Maxwell Baker reports: "I've never worked with a more tireless pastor. Theo James is inexhaustible. He is constantly on the job. There is certainly not a lazy bone in this pastor." He also says: "We don't have to worry about empty benches on Sunday night. And prayer meeting attendance averages well over 100. Instead of the usual four or five representation at associational or state meetings, First Church, McGehee, is usually represented now with four or five cars.

"From the Cradle Roll to the general officers we have one of the most cooperative groups I've ever witnessed in any church," says Mr. Baker "Outstanding among this group is Otto Walker, general superintendent of the Sunday School. He has as his slogan, 'If they won't work, why put the needle to them.' McGehee is justly proud of her Nursery. We have one whole house reserved for the Nursery with a separate room for each age."

Russell J. Clubb, who recently resigned the pastorate of First Church, Tyrone, to continue his education at Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene, Tex., has become pastor of First Church, Clyde, Tex.

Rev. Henry Rutledge, former pastor at First Church, Bauxite, has been employed as city missionary for Second Church, Little Rock.

H. H. Whitfield and J. A. Sheeton were ordained deacons of Perry Church January 26. The presbytery was made up of Rev. G. H. Ussery, Emmett Chastan, Mars Vandalsm, and Rev. Cooper, all of Perryville; Rev. Claud Miles, R. S. Williams, U. N. Redditt, Floyd Casey, and Luther Whitfield of Casa; and Verne Smith and G. C. Smith of Perry.

Death of Dr. Rushbrooke, World Leader, Closes Career Dedicated to Brethren

By LOUIE D. NEWTON

James Henry Rushbrooke, president of the Baptist World Alliance, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Forbes Taylor at Bristol, England, February 1, in his seventy-seventh year. He served as general secretary of the Alliance from 1928 to 1939, and was unanimously chosen as president at the Atlanta Congress, in 1939. He had projected and completed plans for the Seventh World Congress, to be held in Copenhagen, Denmark, July 29-August 3, 1947.

And when the bell tolled, he was discovered fatally ill when summoned to breakfast on Sunday morning, January 26, and again the bell tolled at sunrise on Saturday morning, February 1, and the chariot swept now to bear his spirit Home to Jesus. Faithful unto death, he was counted worthy to receive the Crown of Life.

Colorful Career

Born in London, Dr. Rushbrooke, in his early teens turned to civil engineering as his life's work, and had received appointment as an apprentice in the Department of Engineering of the municipality of London, pursuing his scientific studies in an evening school.

When he was 15, he came under the influence of Dr. John Clifford's preaching, and accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. Dr. Clifford baptized him. He began preaching at 17, and entered Midland Baptist College as a theological student. Graduating with high honors from that institution, he entered the University of London, receiving from that institution, the degree of Master of Arts. Offered a scholarship at Oxford and the University of Berlin, he chose to take the scholarship in Berlin, and after postgraduate work there, continued his studies in the University of Halle. While in Germany, he met the daughter of Professor Anton Weber, whom he wooed and won as his life's companion. She died two years later.

Returning to London, Dr. Rushbrooke held pastorates in that city and in Derby until 1920, when he was asked to leave the pastorate for the important post of Baptist Commissioner for Europe, which position he filled until 1928, when he was elected General Secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

Scholarship and Culture

Rare scholarship and Christian culture in the personality of James Henry Rushbrooke made him a commanding and compelling figure in the religious world for 40 fruitful years of distinguished service. He spoke several languages fluently, which fact alone was of inestimable value to the Baptist cause.

His knowledge of History was amazing, and he held appreciation for "the best that had been thought and said," to employ Matthew Arnold's phrase, which marked him in any company as a man of extraordinary culture. He held membership in a dozen Societies in the British Isles and Europe, rarely accorded any man. He was tendered several ambassadorships by the Government of Great Britain, always declining on the ground that he was the Ambassador of the King of Kings.

A Great Preacher

One could not have known Dr. Rushbrooke and been unaware of his exceptional ability as a preacher of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Although devoting his life largely to general denominational services, Dr. Rushbrooke was first and last a preacher. His sermons read like prose poems, but never did he allow words to serve as more than vehicles of truth.

In his preaching and in his writings, two great affirmations were ever uppermost—the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the adequate and available solvent for the world's dire need; and religious liberty for the individual and the local church, everywhere and always.

Evangelism was the theme of his preaching, and soul liberty was the goal of his spoken and written plea. Evangelical Christianity was his answer to every man's inquiry concerning Time and Eternity. His concept of religious liberty was clear, concise and conclusive. He could not give quarter to civil or ecclesiastical coercion in matters of religion.

A Catholic Spirit

My final word in this brief sketch of Dr. Rushbrooke's great life would be an emphasis upon the Catholicity of spirit which pervaded his glorious ministry. He regarded the world as the field, even as Christ said. He was at home anywhere. He held all men in the high esteem of God's creation. He recognized no barriers in spiritual concerns. He lived above the fogs of prejudice and ignorance and selfishness. He breathed the upper air. And yet, withal, he walked the dusty roads of everyday life in surpassing understanding of his fellow pilgrims. He never met an unimportant person, though he walked with kings. He knew that he knew. He was free in the Truth that makes men free indeed.

Visited Arkansas in 1943

Dr. J. H. Rushbrooke, late president of the Baptist World Alliance, visited in Arkansas in June 1943, speaking at a pastors' conference at Arkadelphia and a mass meeting in Little Rock. He told of Britain's war-time experiences and discussed the potentialities of the world's estimated 14,000,000 affiliated Baptists.

"Minority or no," Dr. Rushbrooke exclaimed, "we have an essential word from God to speak, and that word must be spoken until it is heard and accepted. It is a great message that will transform the world."

He said the size of the world-wide Baptist fellowship has multiplied 23 times the last 100 years, far faster than the population of the world during the period. The principle of Baptist organization, he said, is "Christocracy, really democracy in its ideal form."

He asked how Baptists can speak without a hierarchy, and answered that "with our great autonomy, absolute freedom and democracy we can speak more effectively than any other. When our people speak with conviction and in unification, ours is a great power, coming from the common people."

Baptists, he said, must insist on preaching of the gospel of Christ, bringing men to make Christ supreme in all areas of life. "Only changed men can make a new world," he said, adding, "an action does not cease to be moral just because it is political. Baptists have never supported a tyrant and we stand always for democracy of the common man. Unless a new temper is born, which only the power of Christ can bring, another generation, too, will pass through a world war."



Dr. Rushbrooke enjoyed his breakfast with Arkansas Congressman Brooks Hays during the latter's wartime visit to England. The American oranges Mr. Hays shared with Dr. Rushbrooke were a rare treat for the Britisher in food-scarce London.

OUACHITA'S ENLARGEMENT PROGRAM

By J. G. Cothran, Pastor
First Church, Arkadelphia

Colleges have never had a day like this. Just a few years back the problem for most colleges was to secure students. Young people have come and there is not room for all of them.

Baptists are facing one of their greatest educational and missionary opportunities.

It is my humble judgment that we ought to support the whole Baptist program through the Cooperative Program. However, we cannot meet capital needs in this way. There must be some opportunities for offerings. It is just as Christian to support movements to provide equipment in Baptist schools as it is to support the Cooperative Program. We can and we must do both.

Enlargement Is Imperative.

Ouachita is now in the process of expansion. There are too few teachers for the more than 900 students. Salaries are not up to what they ought to be. More space for classes and living quarters is being provided. The work is well under way. This takes money. The government is furnishing much of the material and money directly and indirectly. Baptists in Arkansas are also having a worthy share in this expansion program. Never before has our senior Baptist College had the call to serve as has come in this hour. Surely every loyal Baptist in this great state will want to put some blood into this program. Each son and daughter of Ouachita can and should help.

This Program Must Succeed

This is one of the "musts" in our Baptist program. Its success ought to help every other phase of our work. A great offering to some worthy cause or institution ought to serve as a stimulus to all of the work. Too much and too many are involved to think of failure. We are going to succeed.

Some Reasons for Giving

Various motives move us in our giving. Some are worthy while others are unworthy. It is good for one to ask: "Why should I give?"

Give for the sake of the school. What a blessing Ouachita has been and is today. Thousands have been taught within her walls across the years. This college can serve in an ever-enlarging way as she teaches and trains young people who will serve in various places. We can wisely give because of what Ouachita has done, is now doing, and will continue to do by our aid and help.

Give for the sake of the denomination. Ouachita has been and is today one of the greatest assets among Arkansas Baptists. It is a necessity in training Baptist youth who in turn will serve the denomination in churches, schools, and otherwise. It is our major training institution. No denomination can get very far without its own schools.

Give for the sake of the young people. When one thinks of the thousands of young people whose lives are enriched and blessed in a Christian college, this ought to inspire



one to give. Then to see these trained young people going out into all sections of the world to serve God through their vocations should call forth generous gifts for the cause of education in a Baptist school.

Give for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom's work. It is my conviction that Christ is calling Arkansas Baptists to a greater support of Ouachita College for His sake. From the Baptist point of view the best interest of the Kingdom of God can be served as we make our Baptist schools all they ought to be. The trustees and the administration have a big task in making Ouachita truly a Christ-centered school. Arkansas Baptists should accept their share of the load. We can send to Ouachita the finest and best sons and daughters who will help make a better school. We can give our money to meet the material needs.

Our Part in the Program

Most of us are encouraged and inspired by the worthy examples of others. Those of us in Arkadelphia who believe in Ouachita realize that most of the money given to our senior college comes from friends beyond our community. Most of the students come from various places in Arkansas and beyond.

At the same time we are happy to have some small share in this program of expansion and enlargement. The city of Arkadelphia has paid and pledged \$100,000 on the Million Dollar Campaign. The members of First Church, Arkadelphia, have pledged \$26,000 on this program. We expect to give more.

We ought to complete this important assignment. Nothing should hinder the success of the Campaign. We can help Dr. Whittington by doing our part in this Arkansas Baptist responsibility.

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First Church, Van Buren, T. H. Jordan, pastor, has had a 50 per cent increase in Sunday School and Training Union attendance during the past year. A church library has been started and a new bus purchased.

Rev. David King, veteran of five years service in the Merchant Marines and now a student in Southern Baptist College, has become pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Little Red River Association.

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FACTS AND FIGURES

By J. E. Dillard

Here are some interesting facts and figures based upon statistics given in the 1946 Southern Baptist Handbook. The figures are for the 1945 associational year. The reports for the calendar year 1946 are even more encouraging.

Some Convention Totals

Number of churches 26,134, gain 281; ordained ministers 24,577, gain 672; baptisms 256,699, gain 39,879; church members 5,865,554, gain 205,362; Sunday school enrollment 3,525,310, gain 152,401; Training Union enrollment 703,332, gain 87,620; W. M. U. organizations 41,227, gain 1,560; Brotherhood enrollment 38,538.

Total gifts \$98,458,425, gain \$21,869,810; gifts to missions, etc. \$22,490,751, gain \$5,190,362; receipts of Executive Committee for Southwide causes \$5,735,559.83.

Per capita gifts to missions \$3.83, gain \$0.70.

States Leading

In number of churches: Texas 3,262; North Carolina 2,734.

Number of baptisms: Texas 41,468; North Carolina 26,783.

Number of members: Texas 921,885; Georgia 599,102.

Mission Gifts: Texas \$3,688,383; North Carolina \$2,280,311.

Ratio baptisms to membership: California 1 to 6.5; Arizona 1 to 12.4.

Per capita gifts to missions, etc.: District of Columbia \$8.74; Arizona \$7.18. Per capita increase to missions: Georgia 52.8 per cent; Tennessee 52.6 per cent.

All states show increased per capita gifts to missions.

Some Large Churches

In membership there are 54 churches with more than 3,000 members each, 28 with more than 4,000, 12 with more than 5,000, 5 with more than 6,000, 3 with more than 7,000, with more than 8,000.

Ten of these churches gave more to mission causes than they spent at home. First Church, Knoxville led in mission gifts \$225,670 or per capita \$61.04. First Church, Dallas was next with \$219,175 or per capita \$26.55.

Many of our smaller churches made remarkable records, but that is another story.

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THE ANSWER TO SIN

By S. A. WHITLOW, Pastor
First Church, Hope

Peter was writing to encourage a people who were suffering because of fidelity to their new-found faith. Some, no doubt, were considering a denial of the faith to return to the old forms and ceremonies of Judaism, and thus avert the persecution they were being called upon to endure.

He urged upon them strong considerations why they should be patient under trial. First, he says, it will prove your faith. Next, he assures them that God is aware and sympathetic to their every experience. Again, he points out that every event is an opportunity to honor God. Then with one grand effort he points them to the cross of Christ as God's clearest answer to the problem of suffering. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God."

Sin Entails Suffering

Here he reveals an inescapable law of life—that sin entails suffering. Nature affirms this fact. It is folly for one to think he can live a life of dissipation and debauchery, and fail to reap the harvest of a broken body. Experience brings the weight of testimony to bear at this point. Have we not all, at some time or other, either said or done something only to spend hours in bitter remorse because we dared to step across the line of decent living.

David, the psalmist, had sinned grievously. He saw the dove perched upon the eave of the house and said, "O that I had wings like the dove, I would fly away from it all." But David was mistaken. For sin had left its mark upon the inner man, and he could not get away from himself. The truth did out, "my sin is ever before me."

Certainly the Word does not leave us in the dark on this matter. "The soul that sinneth, it shall surely die." "The wages of sin is death." "Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." And from the lips of our Saviour, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish." Where

there is sin there must inevitably follow the train of suffering.

Only Jesus Is Sinless

But the hard fact remains that we are all sinners. Here is where Christ's coming constitutes the very heart of "good news." "For Christ hath also once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust." His substitutionary death is a mystery, but it is a mystery of light. Moses could lead the children of Israel out of Egyptian bondage. Joshua could steer their course across the River Jordan. Martin Luther could institute a reformation that would shake the foundation of the world. But Jesus Christ alone could atone for the sins of man. His perfection is the only answer to our imperfection, "Behold, the lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

John 3:16 makes us aware of the immeasurable descent to which incarnate love was willing to stoop to rescue a doomed humanity. The death in the sinner's stead was freely entered into by the God-man. He understood he could call into play the resources of the Eternal to deliver himself from the ignominious death of the cross. But gladly he drank of the bitter cup for others.

We love to think of Jesus as our noblest example in every aspect of life. So impressed were those who behold his labors of love that they said of Him, "He went about doing good." It is refreshing to our souls to see One with an understanding heart. There was the woman—whipped in her own heart because of her sin—condemned by the mob, but Jesus recognized at least a simmering spirit that yearned to rise above it all. He said to her, "Go and sin no more." Somehow we stand a little more erect when we read that prayer of Jesus' for those around the cross that had heaped upon Him every form of shame. "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Our estimate of humanity rises when we ponder the words of the judge that have become the voice of the ages, "I find no fault in him."

He Paid Our Debt

But if we look upon Him only as our example, we have missed the mark. We shall

This is the second of a series of four messages on "Christ—Our All," being heard this month on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

soon sink into the slough of despair, because we find that looking upon Him as our ideal we do not discover the power to attain. John Baille has aptly said; "Christ did not come to earth to tell us merely what we ought to do. He came to do something for us. He came not merely to exhort but to help. He did not come to give us good advice. That, if it were no more than that, was possibly not a thing of which we stood greatly in need, for there are always plenty of people who are ready with their advice. Advice is cheap, but what Christ offered us was infinitely costly. It was the power of God unto salvation."

The note of His vicarious suffering for man is the central theme of revelation. The prophet saw it in the long ago, "He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way; and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all."

This was the gospel according to Paul, "Him who knew no sin, He made to be sin in our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him."

Peter reminds us of the sublime purpose of Christ's suffering "That he might bring us to God." The basic need today is that men might be reconciled to God. This is the glory of His suffering.

God might have dealt with sinful men in one of three conceivable ways. He might have dealt with Him on the basis of a strict justice. Had this been true the psalmist saw that it would have been the end of the race, "If thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquity O Lord, who shall stand?" The answer, No one!

God might have dealt with man on the basis of pure mercy. Had this been true it would have been the end of all moral government. But the manner in which He did, and does, deal with man is on the basis of justice tempered with mercy. This is marvelously demonstrated in The Cross of Jesus Christ. There "mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have kissed each other."

HUNGER AND COLD PLAGUE GERMAN BAPTISTS

The Rev. Jakob Meister, president of the Baptist Union of Germany, has issued a report of experiences during 1946 and of present conditions from which some extracts are here translated.

In a general survey the following passage appears:

"Many of our brothers and sisters have in recent months shed more tears and endured more of want and pain than in the whole of their previous life. Hunger and cold, nakedness and homelessness, have in an unimaginable degree been the lot of many, Men and women, who had been wont gladly and generously to help the needy, have had to realize that their own lot had become intolerable, and to force themselves to beg from others a morsel of bread."

From letters quoted by Mr. Meister we cite a few passages, which are typical of many others:

"I would be glad of a suit and a pair of shoes for Brother N. He goes around every day, Sundays included, in the same wornout working suit. It makes an unhappy impression when he appears in it on Sunday to conduct the service."

"All three of our children are still attending school, but the shortage of fats is visibly damaging their health."

"Our most urgent need as a church is to have a meeting-house of our own. Hardly ever does a meeting end without conversions. For want of clothes and shoes, some must needs stay away from worship."

"We are badly in need of sewing materials and wool for knitting. The children grow out of everything. One has to try to make two small pieces of clothing into a bigger."

"... above all, Christian literature, especially Bibles. Many refugees yearn for a copy of the Book of Books."

Nevertheless the note of praise and thanksgiving especially for spiritual blessings is again and again sounded. "The number of conversions, baptisms, and new members received during and past year has reached a higher level than for more than ten years past."

Gifts from America and other lands are warmly appreciated, and still more warmly the renewal of fellowship. "Especially are we thankful," writes Pastor Meister, "for the new and strong relations of the churches of other lands with our churches in Germany."

"We look forward with glad expectation to the World Congress in Copenhagen, and rejoice in the hope of seeing there once again many brethren from whom war has long separated us. May God permit His special blessing to rest upon the preparations for the Copenhagen Congress!"

1,200 Attend First Post-War Meeting Of State Training Union Convention

Nine hundred people from outside Pine Bluff registered for the State Training Union Convention which met with the First Church of Pine Bluff, January 30-31. All churches in Pine Bluff cooperated in providing homes for the out of town messengers. At least 200 other people came from near-by towns and cities for the meeting on Thursday night. Including Pine Bluff, it is safe to say that more than 1200 people attended the convention.

New Officers

Rev. Rel Gray, pastor of the First Church, Rogers, who presided over the Convention, was re-elected president. Other officers elected are as follows:

- Secretary—Miss Irene Jones, Fort Smith.
- Vice-President, Northwest District—Mrs. Harvey Jones, Springdale.
- Vice-President, West Central District—Rev. George H. Hink, Greenwood.
- Vice-President, North Central District—Mrs. E. M. Willis, Heber Springs.
- Vice-President, Northeast District—Mrs. George W. Stuart, Paragould.
- Vice-President, Southeast District — Rev. Stanley Jordan, Hamburg.
- Vice-President, Southwest District—Rev. Lawson Hatfield, Ashdown.
- Vice-President, Central District—Rev. Roy Paslay, Little Rock.
- Vice-President, East Central District—Rev. James H. Fitzgerald, Marked Tree.

Fort Smith Next Year

Immanuel Baptist Church, Fort Smith, will be the meeting place of the next State Training Union Convention, on March 19 and 20, 1948. The Convention will begin at 10 a. m. Friday and will close at noon Saturday.

Contest Winners

Max Lee, of Village Church, Liberty Association, was the winner of the Intermediate Sword Drill. Miss Jeanetta Moyer, First Church, Little Rock, Pulaski County Association, won first place in the Better Speakers' Tournament. Names of Juniors who participated in the Junior Memory Drill at the Convention will be published later. The winners of the Better Speakers' Tournament and Intermediate Sword Drill will be sent to Ridge-

Methodists Campaign To Ban Liquor Ads

The board of temperance of the Methodist Church has launched a national campaign to ban liquor advertisements from interstate commerce.

Bishop W. E. Hammaker, resident Methodist bishop of Denver, Col., said the board was asking the nation's 8,000,000 Methodists to support a bill outlawing the advertising of hard liquor in newspapers, magazines, and radio programs in interstate commerce introduced recently into the Senate.

Bishop Hammaker said that the liquor industry had not lived up to its promises made at the time of repeal. "They promised they would not entice us, coax us, mislead us," the bishop said, "but now they spend \$100,000,000 annually to persuade us that drunkenness is the mark of distinction."

The bishop stressed that the church forces of America and the liquor industries are heading for an "irrepressible, major conflict."

crest with all expenses paid, to participate in the Southwide contests. The convention attendance banner was awarded the First Church, Stuttgart, and the mileage banner to the First Church, Paragould.

Next Year's Contests

The next Better Speakers' Tournament, Intermediate Sword Drill Contest and Junior Memory Drill, will be held at the next State Training Union Convention, in Fort Smith March 19-20, 1948. Tracts containing rules and Scriptures for the Sword Drill, and tracts containing rules and subjects for the Better Speakers' Tournament, and mimeographed copies of the rules and verses for the Junior Memory Drill will be ready for distribution about December 1. The material covered will be from July 1, 1947 to April 1, 1948, for the Junior Memory Drill and Intermediate Sword Drill. Beginning with the third quarter the Junior Memory verses, and material for the Intermediate Sword Drill may be found in the Junior and Intermediate union quarterlies.

Southern Baptists Thrive in New York

One of New York's Protestant leaders has estimated that there are more than 250,000 known Southern people in the New York City area who are unchurched. Many of them are Baptist. The Wadsworth Avenue Baptist Church, which is a Southern Baptist Church in membership and in use of Southern Baptist Convention literature, invites all Southern Baptists to write their friends in the New York area or to notify the church office. The pastor, Rev. Arthur House Stainback, comes from the Southern Baptist Convention and every Southern state is represented in the membership. The church visitor will be happy to contact all Southerners in the metropolitan area. Names and addresses should be sent to the church office at 210 Wadsworth Ave., New York 33, N. Y.

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Ouachita College's present enrollment is 850. Of these, 526 are men; 324 are women. They come from 72 Arkansas counties and 21 states. We have turned down 200 students since July, 1946.—J. R. Grant, at the convention.

STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC

March 9-14

First Baptist Church, Fort Smith

March 9-14

Many are enrolling for the clinic. Registration forms have been received from associational missionaries, pastors, educational directors and secretaries, and workers in all departments of the Sunday School. Those desiring to enroll are urged to cut out the printed application form below and mail it immediately to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock. **DO IT NOW!**

Remember — Bed and meals and all necessary books will be provided free of charge to enrolled clinic workers. Transportation to and from Fort Smith and a \$1.00 registration fee will be the *only* expense of the clinicians.



J. P. EDMUNDS
Associational Secretary
Sunday School Board

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STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC

First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, March 9-14, 1947

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Realizing the benefit to be derived from enrolling and participating in the State Sunday School Clinic to be held in First Baptist Church, Fort Smith, beginning March 9th, under the auspices of the Religious Education Department of Arkansas and the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, I herewith make application to be enrolled as a member of the clinic for the full time, beginning Sunday morning, March 9, to and including the Friday night service, March 14.

OUACHITA MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN

OTTO WHITINGTON, Director

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Churches Paying One to Three Years Quota to the Ouachita Campaign

Three Years Quota

Church—Association	Payments
Corning—Current River Association	\$2,000.00
Horatio—Little River Association	900.00

One Year's Quota or More

Church—Association	Payments
Moro—Arkansas Valley	\$ 50.00
Turner—Arkansas Valley	50.00
Corinth "A"—Bartholomew	50.00
Ebenezer—Bartholomew	100.00
Hamburg—Bartholomew	1,000.00
Magnolia—Bartholobew	50.00
Monticello—Bartholomew	509.74
Monticello—Bartholomew	1,000.00
Mt. Zion—Bartholomew	15.00
Union Hill—Bartholomew	50.00
Warren, First—Bartholomew	1,500.00
Monte Ne (New)—Benton County	25.00
Bear Creek Springs—Boone Carroll	100.00
Shady Grove—Carey	50.00
Benton, First—Central	2,933.61
Pleasant Hill—Central	100.00
Clarksville, First—Clear Creek	788.00
Ozark—Clear Creek	300.00
Ozone—Clear Creek	25.00
Sweet Home—Clear Creek	50.00
Branch—Concord	89.00
Dermott—Delta	400.00
Eudora—Delta	1,250.00
Montrose—Delta	300.00
Tillar—Delta	300.00
Beryl—Faulkner	50.00

Two Years Quota

Church—Association	Payments
Batesville, First—Independence	2,511.92

Church—Association	Payments
Mandeville—Hope	50.00
Pleasant Plains—Independence	100.00
Philadelphia—Liberty	50.00
Urbana—Liberty	691.25
Smackover—Liberty	3,000.00
Village—Liberty	600.00
Wardell—Mississippi County	25.00
Wilson—Mississippi County	500.00
Cherry Hill—Ouachita	300.00
Cove—Ouachita	50.00
Baring Cross, North Little Rock—Pulaski	2,000.00
Prescott, First—Red River	1,689.00
Unity—Red River	50.00
Oxford—Rocky Bayou	40.00
Mt. Pleasant—Rocky Bayou	41.50
Roland—Pulaski	25.00
Crawfordsville—Tri-County	300.00
Forrest City—Tri-County	3,600.00
El Paso—White County	200.00
Hopewell—White River	50.00
East Side, Paragould—Greene County	300.00
Stanford—Greene County	50.00
Rison—Harmony	803.60
Fouke, First—Hope	200.00
Lewisville—Hope	500.00

These Churches Have Made Substantial Payments to the Ouachita Campaign

Church—Association	Payments
Clarendon—Arkansas Valley	\$ 55.40
Elaine—Arkansas Valley	62.50
Helena, First—Arkansas Valley	125.00
Marianna—Arkansas Valley	605.77
West Helena—Arkansas Valley	947.93
Florence—Bartholomew	25.00
Fountain Hill—Bartholomew	90.00
Old Union—Bartholomew	4.00
Bentonville—Benton County	150.00
Gentry—Benton County	200.00
Highfill—Benton County	25.00
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Pea Ridge—Benton County	106.65
Salem—Big Creek	43.60
Imboden—Black River	100.00
Harrison, First—Boone-Carroll	193.00
Waldron—Buckner	125.01
West Hartford—Buckner	50.00
Amity—Caddo River	23.08
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Norman—Caddo River	136.82
Fordyce—Carey	200.00
Cabot—Caroline	356.75
Carlisle—Caroline	25.00
Coy—Caroline	144.35
Ward—Caroline	50.00
Almyra—Centennial	206.25
Stuttgart, First—Centennial	750.00
Bauxite—Central	225.00
Gravel Hill—Central	10.00
Hot Springs, First—Central	1,119.91
Hot Springs, Second—Central	816.00
Mt. View—Central	10.00
Piney—Central	30.95
Cedarville—Clear Creek	25.00
Van Buren—Clear Creek	110.00
Charleston—Concord	400.00
Calvary, Ft. Smith—Concord	351.79
Ft. Smith, First—Concord	2,859.70
Glendale—Concord	40.50
Greenwood—Concord	60.75
Ft. Smith, Immanuel—Concord	2,000.00
Mill Creek—Concord	18.00
Paris—Concord	1,036.93
Pocahontas—Current River	226.50
Reyno—Current River	17.00
Atkins—Dardanelle-Russellville	60.00
Dardanelle—Dardanelle-Russellville	146.58
Knoxville—Dardanelle-Russellville	32.31
Morrilton, First—Dardanelle-Russellville	355.00
Ola—Dardanelle-Russellville	90.00
Plumerville—Dardanelle-Russellville	195.00
Pottsville—Dardanelle-Russellville	20.00
Russellville, First—Dardanelle-Russellville	773.99
McGehee—Delta	150.00
Omega—Delta	20.00
Formosa—Faulkner	25.00
Hill Creek—Faulkner	5.00
Rector—Gainesville	85.00
Childress Chapel—Greene County	40.00
New Liberty—Greene County	2.00
Dumas—Harmony	20.00
Pine Bluff, First—Harmony	5,092.20
Pine Bluff, Second—Harmony	41.00
Pine Bluff, South Side—Harmony	286.64
Star City—Harmony	189.25
Beech Street, Texarkana—Hope	1,978.56
Bradley—Hope	100.00
College Hill, Texarkana—Hope	250.00
Genoa—Hope	24.00
Hope, First—Hope	1,250.00

Church—Association	Payments
Central, Magnolia—Hope	115.00
Mt. Zion—Hope	50.00
Rocky Mound—Hope	50.00
Texarkana, South—Hope	20.00
Sylverno—Hope	25.00
First, Texarkana, Texas—Hope	100.00
Batesville, First—Independence	2,686.82
Pleasant Plains—Independence	100.00
Union Grove—Independence	50.00
West Batesville—Independence	487.00
Camden, First—Liberty	1,220.00
Calion—Liberty	5.00
El Dorado, First—Liberty	6,214.73
West Side, El Dorado—Liberty	500.00
Elliott—Liberty	154.60
Huttig—Liberty	5.00
Joyce City—Liberty	125.00
Louann—Liberty	100.00
Mt. Olive—Liberty	10.25
Post Oak—Little Red River	5.00
Shiloh—Little Red River	10.00
Ashdown—Little River	294.25
Lockesburg—Little River	60.00
Murfreesboro—Little River	187.00
State Line—Little River	5.00
Armored—Mississippi County	40.00
Blytheville, First—Mississippi County	200.00
New Providence—Mississippi County	22.75
Whitton—Mississippi County	1.12
Cash—Mt. Zion	100.00
Jonesboro, First—Mt. Zion	1,879.21
Jonesboro, Walnut Street—Mt. Zion	25.00
Grannis—Ouachita	60.00
Vandevoort—Ouachita	25.36
Wickes—Ouachita	5.00
Jacksonville—Pulaski	300.00
Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock—Pulaski	138.23
Calvary, Little Rock—Pulaski	100.00
Little Rock, First—Pulaski	5,507.50
Immanuel, Little Rock—Pulaski	17,444.75
Pulaski Heights, Little Rock—Pulaski	200.00
Second, Little Rock—Pulaski	385.67
North Little Rock, First—Pulaski	1,800.00
Antoine—Red River	17.00
Boughton—Red River	51.00
Curtis—Red River	100.00
De Gray—Red River	50.00
Fairview—Red River	9.78
Shiloh—Red River	17.00
Finley Creek—Rocky Bayou	44.00
Franklin—Rocky Bayou	10.50
Guion—Rocky Bayou	19.00
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GEORGE FREDERICK KEEPS HIS JOB

By JANE CARROLL McRAE
In The Commission

George Frederick's Papa was sick. George Frederick could see him through the window, his gray woolly hair sticking out of Mama's best quilt as he sat huddled by the mud-plastered fireplace. Mama was busy heating rubbing oil for his chest. When George Frederick opened the door, the chilly air made Papa cough so hard the ashes flew.

"I'm sorry, Papa," said George Frederick as he put his school books down on the willow table. "Let me build up the fire for you."

George Frederick put on a pile of the dry heart pine he had cut and the fire blazed up and danced all over the fireplace.

"Guess what, Papa! I'm invited to a Valentine party. My Sunday School class is having it this afternoon."

Papa didn't say anything. Mama didn't say anything. Even old hound, One Eye, turned his head.

"Papa, didn't you hear? It's a Valentine party!"

Papa just shook his head and coughed again. Mama put down her rubbing oil and looked at George Frederick.

"Son, you're proud that Papa works at the big Baptist Church, aren't you?"

George Frederick said, "Yes, Ma'am."

"And you wouldn't want somebody else to have to do that job while Papa's sick, would you?"

George Frederick was quick to answer, "No, siree. Papa and I know better than anybody in the world how to polish the pews just right and how to manage the old furnace and how to shine the hand rails and everything."

Then he began to understand. "Mama, is there a meeting over there today?"

Mama spoke slowly. "Yes, son. The Sunbeams are having a Valentine party and they will need a fire and someone to help with the party."

George Frederick didn't say a word. He just put his cap back on and buttoned his coat up tight. "Com'on, One-Eye," he called to

In All Thy Ways

A Page for Youth
By
Catherine Jordan

the bony hound. Together they ran through the cold wind over to the big church basement. George Frederick shook the ashes and placed the coal just as he had helped his Papa do so many times. As the fire began to puff and roar softly, old One Eye went sound asleep on a pile of ragged carpet.

George Frederick washed his hands clean, slipped into a fresh white jacket, and ran to help in the kitchen. All afternoon he worked and whistled, moving chairs, carrying dishes, finding tacks and a hammer and all the things the Sunbeams needed. He could hear the children laughing and singing at the party when he sat on the steps to rest a minute. He thought about his class and hoped they were having a good party. He thought about his Papa and hoped he could soon be well again.

Then he knew something had happened. Everything upstairs was still as a mouse. There was not even a footstep. George Frederick was afraid to move. He just listened. There was just the puff of his good fire and sometimes a mysterious creak here and there. Then all of a sudden, right behind him on the stair landing, came a burst of song—the Valentine song!

Two tall Sunbeam boys brought out the biggest red Valentine box George Frederick had ever seen. Across the top was written in white letters: "To the best janitors in the whole world." Inside the box were pieces of candy, stacks of Valentines, and several big packages wrapped in white. George Frederick grinned and he almost cried and he almost danced up and down. Then everybody began to sing without anybody telling them to — George Frederick and all the Sunbeams. And this is the song they sang:

"Oh, How I Love Jesus."

Did You Know?

That the giving of Valentines is a gesture of love and friendship?

That Valentine Day gets its name from the good Bishop Valentine who was the best loved person in Rome because of his kindness to everyone. It was his custom to send many messages of love to his friends, and he was friends with everyone — the great and the small. Bishop Valentine's birthday was on February 14, and that is why we send our messages of love to our friends on that day.

That we should tell others of our love for them; and above all we should tell others about the love of Jesus Christ, the Saviour.

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"Should Not Perish" — The Greatest Promise.
"But" — The Greatest Difference.
"Have" — The Greatest Certainty.
"Everlasting Life" — The Greatest Possession.

Fun and Nonsense

Bill: "Do you know what a dinner is?"

Will: "Yes, it's a chew-chew car."

Youngster: "Five cents worth of castor oil, please."

Druggist: "The tasteless kind, I presume."

Youngster: "No sir, it's for father."

The English language is a funny thing. Tell a girl that time stands still when you look into her eyes

and she'll adore you, but just try telling her that her face would stop a clock!

A lad from Brooklyn turned up in a mess line in a Texas camp, holding the rattles from a rattle snake.

"Where'd you get 'em?" a K. P. asked.

"Off a big worm," answered the big-city soldier.

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MIX-UP

Police at Louisville who wanted to arrest an itinerant preacher found themselves balked by Kentucky law. They had to wait until he had finished preaching because the law says police can't interrupt a church service while it is in progress.

The police wanted to tell the preacher, identified only as "a Baptist preacher from North Carolina," that it is against the law to operate an amplifier on the street or to conduct a street service without a permit.

The minister said he was sorry but that he wasn't aware of the law. He said he wanted to conform and that he probably would ask the City Department of Welfare for a permit to preach.

Police were called in the case when a near-by factory complained the loudspeaker distracted its employes and was causing a hazard because workers leaned out windows to listen.

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The Bible is God's Holy Book, inspired and inspiring. For the Christian the Bible is sword as well as armor. Because of what it does for those who come under its influence, the Bible ought to be known and read of all men.—John Caylor, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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MUSIC for Youth Week

By RUTH NININGER
State Director, Church Music

Of utmost importance among the activities for Youth Week (April 6-13) is music. Every boy and girl of teen-age is a potential member of the Youth Choir. Many of them belong to Glee Clubs, Ensembles, Quartets, and a Capella Choirs in the public schools where excellent training is being offered in this field. These same young people will rise to a challenge from the church to join and support a Youth Choir.

An Incentive

Youth Week presents a perfect incentive to churches not now sponsoring music training for their young people, to enlist and utilize the fine talent so long over-looked. There is power in the concerted effort being made in this direction.

It is suggested that the services of the best musician in the church be secured and personal letters be sent to all eligible singers to attend a preliminary rehearsal. At this meeting, announcement of objectives for the choir and date of the first service in which they are to sing will be made. Then will follow a complete sight-reading of all music to be used on that program.

The secret of success with this group is a definite plan and a limited time. Short goals challenge bright people; long goals fail to inspire. Young people resent having their time wasted.

The leader will keep his relationship with these boys and girls very personal. He will call each by his name and will manifest sympathy and understanding for the dreams and ambitions of each. The value of personal happiness and unselfishness cannot be over-estimated. The failures in life which they see demonstrated in adults around them make great inroads on the ideals of young people. Although they expect their leader to be perfect, they will love and respect him for being firm and for maintaining a high standard of appearance and discipline.

Use of Youth Choir

There are various times at which the Youth Choir could render beautiful and worshipful music—for the morning and evening church services, at the Training Union, for the Youth banquet, for Prayer Meeting or by singing for shut-ins either in their homes or at the hospital. Once the choir is organized through the stimulus of Youth Week, everyone connected with the project will re-double his efforts to strengthen and encourage its continuance.

A program of simple music will be on hand for the first rehearsal and the group will go at once into singing. The wise director will start early for precision in attack and



will make rehearsals progressively difficult. Diction will be new to most of them but great importance should be attached to its observance so that singers will have a feeling of growth.

Youngsters of this age have a deep desire to create. Something of excitement must still be utilized to hold their interest and demands made on their time. Firm discipline will be maintained for the sake of individual development. Regular attendance at rehearsals and strict obedience to rules of conduct will be expected. The leader must be intolerant of carelessness and indifference to growth. In all requests made of them, spiritual emphasis will have pre-eminence.

Accompaniment for the Youth Choir should be furnished if possible by one of the group. Development of splendid church organists and pianists follows such procedure. By encouraging every music student to make a study of hymns and other forms of church music the leader will do a valuable service to many who can find great happiness in this work.

Additional Services

In addition to the work of the Youth Choir much may be done to enrich the program for Youth Week by inviting the boys and girls to act as song leaders and accompanists for all department openings and Training Union assemblies. After spending years in preparation for a career in music, these talented individuals welcome the opportunity to play and sing in their own church. They like to know that older people have confidence in their ability.

It should be remembered that regardless of occasional mistakes and falterings, these early attempts to serve must be rewarded with generous praise and encouragement. Potential leadership may be found in the midst of this group.

Fortunate indeed is the church

which has one or more music students practicing on the organ. Gone is the day when use of this instrument is denied to all but the regular organist. It is well known that continued use of a musical instrument improves it. Supervision of practice is recommended as a precautionary measure, to be sure. However, it is unthinkable that any serious student of organ would damage that instrument during practice. Hearing each student organist perform at one service while celebrating Youth Week will prove mutually beneficial.

Singing groups of various sizes can be made attractive additions to each program sponsored by the church at this time. Duets, trios, girls' ensembles, boys' quartets, as well as mixed quartets might be prepared ahead of the date for the observance of Youth Week. Experience gained by those participating in such musical offerings strengthens their feeling of "be-

longing" and does much to tie them to the church.

Instrumental solos and ensembles may be recruited in endless variety since practically all of the High School boys and girls play some orchestral instrument exceptionally well. Groups of string, woodwind, or brass as well as small orchestral ensembles furnish lightful music as a unit or accompaniment to singing. The young players of these instruments are greatly in demand. Their talents should not be over-looked in the service of the church.

It goes without saying that the church will keep records of the week, and of those who served faithfully in the field of church music. Conserving the rare talents discovered at this special season vital to future progress and growth. There is no church activity which cannot be enriched by the ministrations of music.

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**Rogers Brotherhood Confirms Axiom:
Never Underestimate a Man's Ability**



The above picture shows, dressed for action, three men of the Brotherhood of the First Church, Rogers, just after they had finished preparations for an excellent meal for some 230 men and boys gathered at the recent Brotherhood-Royal Ambassador rally for the Northwest Region of Arkansas. The men are, left to right, W. L. Minnick, H. E. Varnell, and the head cook, Jack Gray. These fellows met the challenge of a big job in a way which was well pleasing to everybody who ate the steak supper (with all the trimmings) that they had prepared.

Big Jobs

Men like BIG jobs! Men do big jobs well. In fact, men are made big by the challenge of measuring up to big tasks. And the activity program of a church brotherhood should be a big program. Not only should the program be varied, but the various projects which make up the program should be big enough to call forth the best efforts of men who want to do big things.

Is Your Brotherhood Organized For Work?

Is your church brotherhood succeeding? Is your brotherhood really busy at the tasks of the church? Are the men of the brotherhood really making everything in your church better?

Have you considered the three cardinal principles of Brotherhood success? These principles are: (1) a complete organization, (2) a challenging activity program, (3) good brotherhood meetings. We cannot place too much emphasis on these three principles.

A brotherhood cannot work unless it is organized for work. Organization means certain officers and certain committees charged with particular responsibilities and duties. When a brotherhood stops short of complete organization that Brotherhood stops short of ever getting into a position where it can undertake a real program of work. And the Brotherhood activity

program MUST fit the needs of the church. Men want to do things that need to be done. So, to be a vital factor in the life and work of the church, the Brotherhood must engage in a program of work which meets the needs of the church.

The Brotherhood activity program should also fit the opportunities of the community. Every community presents to a Baptist church a variety of opportunities for service. But the opportunities offered in an industrial community will be different from those in a farming community. A Brotherhood in a rural church will find its activity different in many ways from that of an urban church. The Brotherhoods of churches in small towns have opportunities as great as the Brotherhoods of churches in large cities, yet they are in many ways different. Everywhere the activity program of a Brotherhood should be prayerfully and intelligently set up within the needs of the church and the opportunities of the community.

The State Brotherhood Secretaries Association, in their December meeting in Memphis, came to the conclusion that Brotherhood meetings held twice a month are the most productive. If the Brotherhood meetings are regularly scheduled men quickly form the habit of keeping the dates open. Good Brotherhood meetings held twice a month will help to keep the interest up and the activity program going.

**Thirty Courses Will Be Offered in
Association-Wide Training School**

Thirty Sunday School study course books will be offered in a Pulaski County Association-wide training school at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, February 16-21, Rev. Guy Wilson, associational Sunday School superintendent, has announced.

There will be method courses for beginning teachers or for those interested in becoming teachers. Books and teachers for this group are: "True Functions of the Sunday School," R. O. Barker, state Sunday School superintendent; "Improvement of Teaching in the Sunday School," Miss Blanche Mays, manager of the Baptist Book Store; "When Do Teachers Teach," Pastor P. J. Crowder, Calvary Church; "Christ, the Teacher," Rev. Roy Paslay Jr., assistant and minister of music, Second Church.

Teachers interested in becoming better trained for the particular field or department in which they work will find the following books: "Teaching Adults," taught by Horace E. Thompson; "Teaching Young People," Robert Green; "The Art of Teaching Intermediates," Mrs. R. E. Cook; "Guiding Junior Boys and Girls," Mrs. J. T. Youngblood; "Guiding the Primary Child," Mrs. Humphrey; "Guiding the Little Child," Miss Eileen Ellis, and "The Nursery Department," Mrs. Edgar Williamson.

For workers in specialized fields there will be: "Vacation Bible School Guide," Pastor W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel Church; "The Church Library Manual," Miss Russellean Baldrige, state librarian with the Baptist Book Store; "The Extension Department," Captain C. O. Hitt of Fort Roots, and "Church Music," by Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state music director.

Secretaries — general, departmental, or class — will be interested in the "Six Point Record System" taught by Mrs. R. O. Barker.

Soul winning books offered are: "Soul Winning Doctrines," teacher not yet named; "How to Win to Christ," Pastor Owen Moran, First Church, North Little Rock; "The Way Made Plain," Rev. Tay-

lor Stanfill, city missionary, Little Rock.

For those teachers who have already had the method and departmental books and others, a choice of Bible courses are offered. "The Ten Commandments," Pastor L. H. Roseman, Baptist Tabernacle; "Studies in Romans," Pastor C. E. Lawrence, Gaines Street Baptist Church; "Studies in Ephesians," Pastor J. F. Queen, Baptist Hospital; "Studies in Colossians," Pastor Ray Branscum, South Highland Church; "New Testament Studies," Pastor H. A. Elledge, Baring Cross Church; "Old Testament Studies," Mrs. Robert Green; "From Pentecost to Patmos," Rev. W. Dawson (CONTINUED ON PAGE THIRTEEN)

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Greetings and a Request From Mrs. Abernathy

Mrs. J. A. Abernathy of China writes in appreciation for the Arkansas Baptist which she receives each week . . . also of her appreciation to Woman's Missionary Union for the subscription to Good Housekeeping. She says "This magazine makes its rounds to about a half dozen other missionary homes of this town after which I let my class completely devour the magazine, hunting suitable pictures for their scrapbooks. These were the first scrapbooks they had ever made in their lives, and they were thrilled. They had no idea what a difference it would make on their grasp of the book as a whole. Suitable verses were copied on the opposite page, thus making it a blessing to their neighbors and friends. I was pleased with their neat little books.

"We could make valuable use of Sunday School picture cards and picture leaflets on Genesis and Exodus for our spring term. We should have the material by Easter at the latest. We like the scroll pictures, large size, to use in teaching Bible lessons.

"I showed the women their pictures in The Arkansas Baptist and they were delighted. If all goes well our other two missionaries will be sailing from San Francisco on January 24. We need them here right now." Mrs. Jewell A. Abernathy, 598 Wei Yi Road, Tsinan, Shantung, China.

Report on the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

The announcement of the total amount received for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions as of January 30 made by Miss Mallory to the Executive Committee meeting in Birmingham recently, brought great joy and thanksgiving, the total being \$1,202,141.95. The million dollar goal has been far surpassed!

The total amount contributed by Arkansas WMU to date, February 5, is \$41,820.73, the state goal being surpassed by more than \$11,000. Funds for this offering are being received daily, and we are confident that the final report on this offering will be considerably more.

WMU Rallies

The inspiration and information received at the Leadership Conferences held at Conway recently are

yielding splendid results, according to some reports of WMU rallies promoted since that date.

Mississippi County WMU Rally was held at Manila with 76 present, representing most of the churches in the association. Conferences were held and worthy goals set for achievement. The program for the day was in charge of Mrs. Howard King. Mrs. Orrin Hunt is the superintendent.

Red River Association WMU had 94 present, representing every missionary society in the association. Guest speakers were Mrs. F. E. Goodbar and Mrs. W. H. House. Mrs. N. L. Lee, the superintendent, writes "I was overjoyed with the results of this meeting. The women came out of the conferences saying 'Oh! we did not get through. Give us more than an hour next time for these conferences. Many expressed themselves as feeling this was a red letter day in this association. Our next rally will be at Curtis on April 24."

Liberty Association reports a most successful rally held at Cullendale with 142 present. Much of the information gleaned at Conway was presented and enthusiastically received by the women.

Register Now For GA Conference

Forty registrations for the Intermediate GA Conference at Conway, March 14-16 have already been received. Girls Auxiliary members all over the state are looking forward to this annual meeting for inspiration and information. Send in your registration today so that you will be in the 200 who can come. A-1 organizations will be eager for participation in the Missionary Reading Contest. All who have advanced in the Forward Steps will want to be recognized in the Coronation Service. Be sure your GA is represented!

Study Courses

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE TWELVE)

King; "From Bethlehem to Olivet," Pastor Joe Ingram, Woodlawn Church; "From Adam to Moses," Pastor Clyde Parish, Trinity Church, and "From Solomon to Malachi," Pastor E. S. Ray, Grace Church.

The story of Baptists, "Baptist People from the First to Twentieth Century," will be taught by Pastor J. E. Poindexter, Bellevue Church.

Ask the Man Who Owns One . . .

Liquor Should Be Barred From Hotels

Dear Editor:

I feel that I can answer the question of the hotel menace (Editorial, January 30).

Does a hotel have a moral right to sell intoxicating liquors? I say absolutely NO! Of all the places in the world that should not sell the stuff it is a hotel. I have trouble enough with a liquor store across the street.

As a matter of fact, if I see a man coming across the street out of the liquor store I never have a room for him no matter how many vacancies I may have.

And if one comes in and goes back across the street to this place I tell him when he returns what he may expect if he gets drunk.

Our hotel is run just as moral as our private home. I certainly do think we Baptists in Arkansas

should do something about this liquor business here in Fayetteville mainly for the welfare of these University students. It is really a disgrace to see these fine boys going in and out of this "hell dive" across the street, when their good parents are at home striving every way to keep them here.

May God help us to do something to remove this menace.

I. W. Stamps, Proprietor & Manager of the Scott Hotel, Fayetteville, Ark.

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First Church, Ashdown, ordained Carl O. Buster and Sidney Greer as deacons January 26. Pastor Lawson Hatfield directed the services with the assistance of the deacons of the church.

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The youngsters will collect shoes for needy people in Europe

and Asia, to be distributed by Church World Service. The drive will be promoted in connection with 37 Discipleship Convocations to be held in February and March and will continue until Thanksgiving Day.

The Fellowship also plans a campaign in February to raise funds sufficient to purchase eight carloads of relief cereal for

Europe and Asia. Total cost is expected to be about \$30,000.

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The central aim of our Training Union curriculum for 1947 is: To deepen our appreciation of God's Word and strengthen our loyalty to its teaching. The aim of our Training Union promotional program for 1947 is: To promote the development of a Bible-

centered church training program in every Baptist church.—J. E. Lambdin, The Baptist Training Union Magazine.

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Jesus Has Power Over Disease; Manifesting Proof of His Diety

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

The coming of Jesus to the Feast of Tabernacles created intense excitement on the part of the people concerning the Messiahship.

The rulers would have arrested Him, doubtlessly, had it not been for the division of sentiment in the Galilean multitude at the Feast. The impressions of the Jerusalem populace and the Roman officers varied greatly, and besides there was the work of Nicodemus: "Doth our law judge a man, except it first hear from himself and know what he doeth?" (John 7:51).

Following the Feast Jesus greatly angered the Pharisees by claiming to be the light of the world (John 8:12-20), and later on, the Pharisees attempted to stone Jesus when he exposed their sinfulness (John 8:21-59).

Sin and Suffering

Upon leaving the temple (John 8:59) Jesus, accompanied by His disciples, came upon a man "blind from his birth." Blindness was common in the Orient and Mark tells us of two cases (8:23; 10:46) which were healed by Jesus. In view of the prevailing Jewish notion that sickness was invariably a penalty for sin, the disciples questioned Jesus as to who committed the sin, the man or his parents, "that he should be born blind."

If the man were guilty of sin it had to be pre-natal sin for the simple reason that he was born blind. This would have been, as Dr. A. T. Robertson puts it, "a curious notion surely." The other alternative would lay the sin at the door of the parents. After all, did not the Scriptures teach (Exodus 20:5) that Jehovah God is a jealous God "visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate Him."

No one would dispute the fact that there is much in heredity but Jesus makes it clear that heredity is not everything. "Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him" (John 9:3).

There is much comfort for sufferers to be found here in the words of Jesus. Denying both alternatives Jesus plainly declares that the man's suffering is to be thought of as an avenue whereby the mercies of the living God might be more fully demonstrated.

Of course disease may be the result of personal sin as in the man in John 5:14, and it is possible for parents so to live that the scars of their sins will be borne by the chil-

Sunday School Lesson

For February 16

John 9:1-12, 30-33

dren of the third and fourth generations.

On the other hand there are cases free from blame like the one of this lesson. Herein lies great comfort for sufferers.

The Light of the World

"Whosoever I am in the world, I am the light of the world" (v. 5). When Jesus had thus spoken, he spat on the ground, made clay of the spittle and anointed the eyes of the man born blind, and said unto him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." The man did as he was instructed and came seeing.

The neighbors who had been acquainted with his past, knowing that he had been a beggar, were surprised when they saw him in his new state: "Is not this he who sat and begged? others said, It is not he, others said, No, but he is like him." But the man said, "I am he."

Upon being asked how his eyes were opened the man told the story of how Jesus had made clay, anointed his eyes and instructed him to go to Siloam and wash, and now, following the experience, his sight was restored.

So far as we know there is no record of healing the blind in the Old Testament, nor by the apostles in the New Testament.

In recounting the signs that were to accompany the disciples as they should go out in the name of Christ, Mark does not mention the healing of the blind (Mark 16:18). The experience of the Apostle Paul in Acts 9:17 f. is of course an exception from whatever angle it may be considered.

The restoration of sight to the blind was to be a sign of the Messianic times: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped" (Isa. 35:5). See also Isaiah 29:18.

The Believer's Responsibility

In verse 4 Jesus associates us with Him in the task that was committed to Him by the Father: "We must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day: there cometh night when no man can work" (v. 4).

In the discussion of the character of the office of the Christian Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world. A city set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bush-

el, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house. Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in Heaven" (Matt. 5:14-16).

While Jesus is the light of the world we also are associated with Him in His world task. He is able to work only through us who know Him and who have already come to experience the glory of His indwelling presence. Repeatedly following the resurrection and before the ascension He emphasized the duty and responsibility of believers to go with the message of salvation to all mankind throughout the world. "The field is the world," He said, "and we are to be witnesses even unto death for the sake of the message. Jesus did not say "I must work the works of Him that sent me," but rather "We must work the works of Him that sent me."

Jesus calls attention to the urgency of the task. "Night is coming on," he said. Night was coming for Jesus (7:33), and it is coming for each of us.

Proof of His Diety

The ejection of the blind man who had been healed from the council of the Pharisees marked the dawn of a new era in the life of man. "For the first time the Lord offered Himself as the object of faith and that in His universal character in relation to humanity as 'the Son of Man.' He had before caused men to follow Him: He had revealed Himself, and accepted spontaneous homage of believers: but now He proposes a test of fellowship . . . the blind who acknowledge their blindness are enlightened: the seeing who are satisfied with their sight are proved to be blind" (Westcott).

Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and having found them, said, "Dost thou believe on the Son of Man? He answered and said, And who is he, Lord, that I may believe on Him? Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen Him,

and He that talketh with thee is He. And he said, I believe, Lord. And he worshiped Him."

One cannot help but wonder what must have been the thoughts of the Pharisees in the light of the words of Jesus and His ministry to the man born blind. He had not only kneaded clay on the Sabbath and applied it to the eyes of the blind—thereby violating a Jewish tradition that had been held sacred for centuries—but had also demonstrated His power over disease, and had declared Himself to be a worthy object of faith. He had manifested living proof of His diety!

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Drive For Restoration Of Canterbury Cathedral

Appeals for funds to restore Canterbury Cathedral may be extended to all English-speaking countries, it was announced in London by Dr. Hewlett Johnson, dean of the cathedral. The \$1,200,000 fund-raising campaign was launched last July, and to date a total of \$328,000, including pledges, has been raised.

The money is needed for the repair of war damage, restoration work which could not be done during the war, maintenance during the next 10 years, and expansion of the cathedral's work. Expansion plans include a hostel to house pilgrims from Britain and overseas, a pilgrim's refectory on cafeteria lines, and the development of religious drama in the tradition of the Canterbury festivals.

"I would also like to see Passion Plays performed at Canterbury," Dean Hewlett declared, "and if such plays could be arranged, I would hope to see local talent used, as at Oberammergau."

Dr. Hewlett disclosed that the Pilgrim Trust has offered \$40,000 toward the rebuilding of the Cathedral library destroyed by a direct hit in 1942.

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Above: Pastor C. F. Wilkins

Right: First Church, Newport



Wilkins and Newport

First Church, Newport, held its last service in the old building, Sunday, December 15. On Sunday, December 22 they occupied the new educational building with an attendance of 208 in the main school and 50 in the missions.

The new building has 41 rooms including six assembly rooms and 35 class rooms. Provision has been made for a large fellowship room with a modern kitchen. The church auditorium will be completed within 90 days and will seat 500.

In the new educational building, provision has been made for a fully departmentized Sunday School and Training Union. Provision has been made for a modern nursery department which is a separate unit to itself and has an entrance, reception room and three large rooms for the different age groups.

Provision has been made in the church for chimes, and organ and modern visual aids. It is equipped with a modern heating plant and for air conditioning.

The pastor, C. F. Wilkins, has been with the church 12 years. Charles H. Hunter is the chairman of the building committee; C. E. Taylor, Sunday School superintendent and Cecil Guthrie, Training Union director.

Let us remind ourselves that the "postwar world" about which there has been so much talk, is now upon us . . . If we have the mind of Christ, we cannot be indifferent to the physical and mental suffering of the world and the moral and social evils which afflict humanity.—Walter Pope Binns in *The Teacher*

No "Native Workers" Now

Frequently we have requests from our people for the names of native workers in a foreign field. Sometimes a group of church members want to support a native worker. Our Foreign Mission Board has discontinued that kind of thing. In China, for example, the work is organized and supervised by Chinese pastors. Workers are all employed by the Chinese churches, etc. The salaries vary and the Foreign Mission Board does not employ the personnel or fix the salaries.

Give your money through the Cooperative Program and it will always reach a worthy objective. We are giving you here a letter from Dr. Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board.

"Dear Dr. Bridges:

"I have your letter of November 29th in regard to a lady who desires to support a native missionary in China.

"Within the past months we have received many similar requests and we are having to re-educate our people in our program and methods of work on the various fields. I wish that we could make Southern Baptists forget the term "Native Worker." In China, for example, the work is organized and projected by Chinese Baptists. Pastors, evangelists, Bible women and teachers are all employed by the Chinese churches, associations or institutions. The salaries vary and our Board does not employ the personnel or fix their salaries.

"We do aid the Chinese conventions and

institutions, but they have direction over the use of the funds granted by our Board. We have been working toward the development of self-support on the mission fields. The results are now in evidence. We have passed the day when a missionary goes out and employs native workers to help him. In practically all of the fields where we have work the missionaries are helpers in the national organizations.

"This does not mean that there is less need of financial support, but it does mean that the method of procedure is different and we are no longer able to assign individuals on the mission fields to churches or individuals in this country who will pay their salaries. By supporting our general program of work, churches will do more than they can in any other way.

(Signed) M. T. Rankin.

Cooperative Program

Our Baptist readers will be interested to know that we did much better in our efforts to finance our state budget in January than we did in the same month in 1946. During this January we reached our monthly goal. Let us keep it up every month of this year.

There are still a few churches in the state that think they are too poor to obey the Great Commission. Read the report in a recent issue in the *Arkansas Baptist* and talk to the churches about helping their Lord in this great cause.