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Our Part In The World Crisis

THE RECENT meetings of the Pastor's Conference and the Southern Baptist Convention were in many respects the finest. However, there was a note of deep concern that hit these meetings like a bombshell. Perhaps it was most vocal in Billy Graham's message to the Pastor's Conference. This concern was occasioned by world conditions, the abrupt failure of the Summit Conference. Not that the net result of this Conference was expected to be a great deal different than it turned out to be. But, the world has been made aware that we are living on the brink of war, a war that could well spell the doom of civilization as we know it, a war in which no one could be the winner, and a war in which the human race would be the certain loser.



DR. WHITLOW

Mr. Graham went on to state that we are faced with the greatest crisis since the Crucifixion. And, he further pointed out that as Christians we are not winning the world but losing it. In Nigeria, he stated, Islam is gaining ten converts to our one, and Communists are living with a zeal and passion characteristic of the early Christians. Here in our own beloved state we have been losing ground for ten years. We have suffered a gradual decrease in baptisms over the period of the last ten years. Since 1955 we have had a net gain in churches associating with our State Convention to the tune of 16. In 1959 we gained only three churches over that of 1958. Since 1955 we have had a net gain in Sunday School enrollment of only a little over 3,000, and during this period we have suffered a loss in Training Union and Brotherhood enrollment. This is not a pleasant picture but these are facts we must face.

Somehow I feel more keenly the need of confession and forgiveness. In the midst of the tragic world in which we live there is no room for our petty jealousies; our clamour for place and position; the excess restlessness that characterizes so many of us; the suspicion of one another that robs us of usefulness, but we need a cleansing of all that would make us little and an infilling of the power of God that would send us forth as laborers together with God with a witness for Christ that would meet the needs of the hour.—S. A. Whitlow, Executive Secretary

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We Have A Stewardship

A REVOLUTION has taken place which has infused an entirely new attitude into American society. Now, people are more self-confident, more assured of their own personal opinions and more self-important. This adds up to a difference. Americans are different from their grandfathers and from their grandmothers.



DR. DOUGLAS

Because of all the differences, the secular world has responded in many ways. The stores stay open during the evening; the bankers have instituted drive-in banks; the creditors have initiated "mass bill-paying"; some companies have produced payola and other companies have indulged in quiz scandals. This all means that we face a new species of citizens whose outlooks have largely been produced by the idea that we are self-sufficient masters of our fates and the captains of our souls. Our churches must not add to this false philosophy by our silence on stewardship. Bible stewardship teaches that God is the Creator and Sustainer of all life. The scriptures also teach us that God is the arbitrator of earthly and eternal destinies. G. K. Chesterton wrote, "Every morning God says to the sun, get up." That was his way of telling his readers that the sunrise was not transpiring in a neutral nature, but that God was ruling over events. So, in stewardship we are to stress God rather than man. In order to put Christ into the center of life we must keep on preaching that the control of our lives by Christ means the control of our means by God. Stewardship is not a Baptist plan to get money

but it is God's plan of growing children. In too many situations our Baptists are teaching the people that Christ needs some of their cash but in this day of prosperity and self-sufficiency our people need to be told that their cash needs Christ and that they can't get on very well in this matter of living without God. While we are concerned with money for the world-wide preaching of the gospel we must also be concerned with a gospel that is life-wide. Too much of our stewardship has annexed God to a money-getting gimmick when there should have been a God-centered gospel of stewardship. When our people know the true meaning of stewardship they will give their money. Where is a good place to begin helping our people to re-think the gospel of stewardship? That is a good question and without hesitation we reply, The Forward Program of Church Finance.—Ralph Douglas, Associate Executive Secretary. ■

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LATE BULLETINS

ARKANSAN Albert Rowell, of El Dorado, was given the William Jewell College Distinguished Alumnus Citation at recent commencement exercises, on the 60th anniversary of his graduation from Missouri's senior Baptist college. Mr. Rowell has recently given \$6,000 to the college for establishment of the Albert Rowell Scholarship Fund, income from which will be used to provide scholarships for William Jewell students.

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PROGRAM personalities for the Ravenden Springs Baptist Camps this year will include John Sain, former major-league baseball pitcher of the Braves and the Yankees, Missionary Cecil Guthrie, Newport, announces. The Intermediate Boys Camp (ages 13-16) will be held June 13-17, with Rev. Henry Applegate, Blytheville, as director; Junior Boys Camp (ages 9-12), June 20-24, Rev. William Kreis, Blytheville, Rt. 4, director; Intermediate Girls Camp (ages 13-16), June 27-July 1, Mrs. Lawrence Ray, Pocahontas, director; Junior Girls (ages 9-12), July 4-8, Mrs. Ray, director; Adult Camp, July 11-15, Rev. Lawrence Ray, Pocahontas, director. (See advertisement in next issue.)

Several Changes in Your State Paper

READERS will have noticed several changes in the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine* in recent weeks.

For some time now we have been using "Newsmagazine" as a part of the title of the paper. This was added in the hope that it would correct a scrambling of our mail with that of Arkansas Baptist Hospital. A surprisingly large number of people, some of them sending checks to apply on their hospital bills, address their mail merely to: "Arkansas Baptist," Little Rock, and reach us instead.

On the other hand, quite a sprinkling of mail meant for us, addressed to "Arkansas Baptist," gets delivered to Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

One of the most conspicuous changes is that of switching from 8-point to 10-point type for the most of our material. Our main object here is to make the paper easier to read and more appealing to the eye. Quite a number have commented favorably. If any of our readers have been unhappy about this change, they have not squawked, as yet.

With this issue, we are beginning a new experiment with the use of color. Our printers have made further study of color printing on their presses since we last tried color, several months ago.


ANOTHER change, one of lasting significance, we feel, is the moving of our final deadline for going to press from Friday afternoon of the week prior to the date of publication, to Monday afternoon of the week of publication. Some may have observed that last week, for example, we carried at least two stories (Ouachita graduation and a report on a sermon by Dr. W. O. Vaught) which broke on Sunday, May 22.

We can now carry as much as two pages of news breaking as late as Monday morning of the week of publication.

Our deadlines for routine materials will remain the same as in the past. Those having stories for the paper should get them to us just as soon as possible. The greater the lapse in time between the event and the time it is reported, the less the news value. Why wait a week or two weeks or a month to send in an item? You would not want your paper to fill up with ancient history.

For many months we have had 24 pages instead of the 16 that used to be our regular run. This increasing of our space by 50% makes it possible for us to carry much more news and inspirational articles than formerly.

As we have said about other changes from time to time, we hope you like them, but either way, we'd be glad to hear from you.—The Editor



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FIRST general missionary of the American Baptist Convention to its congregations in the South will begin his new duties July 1. Named to the post is Rev. Clifford G. Hansen, of Granville, O., who has headed the Ohio Baptist Convention of his denomination for the past two years. Although American Baptist churches traditionally have been lo-

cated in the North, many of its members have been moving to the South in recent years. The American Baptist Convention has 1,500,000 members as compared with 9,500,000 members of the Southern Baptist Convention, which, traditionally located in the South, in recent years has been moving into Northern states.

THE PROPOSAL of the Southern Baptist Convention's Brotherhood Commission to establish a Brotherhood camp ground on a 1,800-acre site in the vicinity of Huntsville, in North Arkansas, has been referred to the Program committee of the convention's Executive Committee for study. This is the usual procedure and the referral of the matter to the Program committee is a natural step. But this indicates that the story which broke here recently following a meeting of Brotherhood Commission personnel with Arkansas Brotherhood leaders was a bit premature.

Brotherhood Camp Proposal Studied

The first question before the Program committee will be: Does the Brotherhood Commission need its own camp for use of the Brotherhood and Royal Ambassadors? We are sure the committee will give much weight to what Dr. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, has to say in this regard. If this question can be answered in the affirmative, the next logical question will be: Is the proposed site in Arkansas the best place, from the standpoint of the convention, for this to be located? Again, we feel that previous studies made by Dr. Schroeder and his conclusions will be worthy of serious consideration.

Taking the lead in making the proposed site available to the Brotherhood Commission at no cost to the Commission is G. C. Hilton, well known business leader and Baptist layman of Fayetteville and Springdale, who is president of the state Brotherhood Convention. He is reported to have given \$5,000 of the \$15,000 said to have been contributed already toward the \$36,000 purchase price of the site. According to Nelson Tull, executive secretary of the Brotherhood department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, a major part, if not all, of the remainder has been pledged and no fund-raising campaign as such would be necessary.

The colorful site in the Ozark hills is rich in recreational opportunities. The grounds are covered by trees and a river crossing the area would be a great attraction to those who like fishing, swimming and boating. Although off the beaten path as far as rail and air travel centers are concerned, the proposed camp site is on a network of paved highways and would be accessible by automobile and bus from all points.

Those who favor the Brotherhood camp point out that the camp would not be competing with Southern Baptist assemblies now operated at Ridgecrest, N. C., and Glorietta, N. M., but would be created to meet a need these assembly centers cannot meet. The Brotherhood grounds would be equipped with permanent buildings of the type needed for a men and boys' camp and would be used on a full-time basis throughout the spring and summer and occasionally during the fall and winter months. The Arkansas site, it is pointed out, would be close to the center of the Southern Baptist Convention population. ■

IT HAS always been true that one never "gets an education" in the sense that he has completed his studies and can put the lid on. The necessity for continuing one's education is greater today, however, than ever before because of the rapidly changing world we are living in. For this reason the adult study course in American Studies being offered June 6-July 9 by Ouachita College is especially appropriate.

Ouachita Offers Special Study

Designed primarily to help teachers, ministers and prospective teachers "to appreciate more fully the great principles on which the American way of life and the nation's form of constitutional government are based," the course is divided into five one-week units. Areas to be covered include: "The Role of the Frontier, Our Constitutional Heritage, The Era of Idealism, The Rise of Big Business, and The Rise of Big Government." For more details, see page 7 of *Arkansas Baptist* of May 12.

Scholarships are available for all who attend the week of June 13-17, to study Our Constitutional Heritage. Requests should be sent to Dr. Ralph E. Kirkman, at the college. ■

Arkie in Florida

THIS was the fourth time for me to serve as a messenger to the Southern Baptist Convention from Central Church,



ELM

N. Little Rock—Chicago, Houston, Louisville, and Miami Beach. My Messenger Card, duly signed by my pastor, Dr. C. Gordon Bayless, stood me in good stead again this year. With it and a \$100 bill I was able to get into my hotel.

They have a lot of hotels in Miami Beach. Each hotel requires its employees to wear uniforms. That's to keep them from trying to rent rooms to each other.

The most appropriate name for a hotel that I heard was The Royal Palm. The royal palm in Florida is the outstretched, upturned, open hand.

I heard of a wealthy messenger from Texas who had had his money micro-filmed before leaving Texas. He wanted to be able to carry enough of it with him to pay his bills while in Florida.

It was 14 blocks from my hotel to the convention hall and I walked it several times. I decided that would be the most economical way to get a Florida tan.

From Miami Beach to Atlanta I traveled by jet. That's the quickest way to get rid of a bay window that I've ever found. During the takeoff your tummy flattens out against your backbone. But I am sorry to report that, on landing, you get it all back!

Somebody told at the convention about a lady in Atlanta who drove her husband to the airport to catch a jet to Miami Beach. When she finally made it back through the traffic and got home there was a telegram awaiting her from her husband: "Arrived safely in Miami Beach. Love."

Seen and heard on a Miami Beach street: An old man selling papers, "I've got Billy Graham right here on the front page and he's done got everybody straightened out!" he was hollering.

Florida has quite a pull. The most distant meeting place for us in the USA without going West, she attracted a record-breaking 13,612 messengers!

Things I never expected to see in a hotel room occupied by me: A neatly typed card under the glass on the dresser top announcing: "Maximum daily rate of this room, \$55."

Erwin L. McDonald

The National Council

I WISH to add an Amen! to the letter of L. H. Roseman regarding Baptist union (Arkansas Baptist for May 12).

I was a member of Northern Baptist churches until 1929 and saw modernism moving into many key positions in shaping church affairs. Had it not been for modernism, I believe Northern Baptists would not have joined the National Council of Churches.

I am so opposed to the National Council that I wish all our connections with it as in paying into its coffers for the use of Sunday School outlines could be stopped and all advertising of its Bibles, etc., could be refused in our publications. —Charles L. Hopkins, Rt. 1, Eureka Springs.

Reply: As to our relationship to National Council, see Editorials in our issue of May 26. The Revised Standard Version of the Bible is copyrighted by NCC, but it is our Bible, the most accurate in the English language today.—ELM

Literacy Program

I HAVE been reading about a movement to help older people learn to read. Will you please tell me how I might obtain more information about the techniques and materials used in this program?—Mrs. Herbert G. Holcomb, 1019 Holly Street, Fayetteville

Reply: We are referring your letter to Dr. Clyde Hart, Baptist Building, Little Rock. You will hear from him soon.—ELM

Request for Prayer

THERE was two pieces of material in the Arkansas Baptist that I enjoyed very much last week. I read them and really meditated on them. As I just recently surrendered my life to God's will, God has a great work ahead for me.

I am sick and my doctor says not to return to church for maybe a year. I would like to ask the prayers of all the Christian people who read the Arkansas Baptist that I might get well to carry out this great work God has layed his hands on me to do.—Mrs. Lois McEarl, Rt. 4, Box 1094, Pine Bluff.

Out of the West

CONGRATULATIONS upon your honor of being selected for one of the "Distinguished Alumnus Awards" by our Alma Mater, Ouachita. A well deserved commendation . . .

You are still making a creative contribution to the Kingdom. I enjoy your paper and particularly the editorials.—D. W. Deere, Golden Gate Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif.

Stray Arkansan

BEING a native of Arkansas and having pastored two churches there during college days, I sure have missed the last two issues of the ARKANSAS BAPTIST. (Renewal enclosed.)

There are three things that attract my interest. The news coverage of the state work is excellent. Your "Personally Speaking" is always interesting while the editorials are penetrating and reveal Christian insight into many of the problems of our day.—James A. Walker, Pastor, Forest Oaks Baptist Church, Houston 17, Tex.

Table Needed

WE are a small church in Humnoke in need of a used communion table. Would you be so kind as to print this note in the Arkansas Baptist paper? Please send information and cost to me. —Mrs. Joe Foster, Humnoke.

New Officers

SBC Convention:
Ramsey Pollard, Memphis, re-elected president; W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, and immediate past president of SBC Pastor's Conference, 1st Vice president; John L. Slaughter, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Spartanburg, S. C., 2nd vice president; James W. Merritt, Atlanta, Ga.; senior secretary, Joe W. Burton, Nashville, Tenn., secretary; and Porter Routh, Nashville, Tenn., treasurer, were re-elected.

SBC Pastors' Conference:

Roy McClain, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., president; Carl E. Bates, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Charlotte, N. C., vice president; and Ray McCollum, pastor of N. Hollywood Baptist Church, Hollywood, Calif., secretary-treasurer.

SBC Religious Education Association:

S. C. Ray, minister of education at 1st Baptist Church, Greensboro, N. C., president; Frank L. Stubbs, minister of education at 1st Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga., vice president for church workers; Ray Gilliland, executive secretary of the Training Union department of Kansas Baptists, vice president for field workers; and J. B. Nichols, associate professor of Religious Education at Golden Gate Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex., vice president for teachers. Re-elected as secretary-treasurer was Miss Gracie Knowlton, professor of Religious Education at Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

Southern Baptist Seminary Alumni Association:

Elwin L. Skiles, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Abilene, Tex., president; Hansel Stembridge, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Lynchburg, Va., vice president; Inman Johnson, of the Southern Seminary faculty, secretary. Elected to the executive committee were: Claude U. Broach, pastor of St. John's Baptist

Church, Charlotte, N. C.; Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist State Convention, Jackson, Miss.; Cort Flint, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Anderson, S. C.; Harold G. Sanders, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.; and Erwin L. McDonald, editor, Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine, Little Rock.

SBC Ministers' Wives' Conference:

Mrs. C. DeWitt Matthews, Kansas City, Mo., president; Mrs. Jess Moody, Owensboro, Ky., vice president; Mrs. John Daly, Marks, Miss., secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. J. Winston Pearce, DeLand, Fla., recording secretary.

New Orleans Seminary Alumni Association:

Howard Aultman, pastor of 1st Baptist Church, Columbia, Miss., re-elected president; Thomas J. Draper, minister of education of 1st Baptist Church, Tallahassee, Fla., elected vice president; Mrs. Walter Draughon, Graceville, Fla., secretary.

Golden Gate Seminary

Alumni Association:

John B. Hines, Garden Grove, Calif., president; R. Edward Townsend, St. Augustine, Fla., vice president; and Carl H. Halvarson, Mill Valley, Calif., secretary-treasurer.

Church Music Conference:

Dwight Phillips, Texarkana, Tex., re-elected president; Miss Nadeene Brookshire, Dallas, Tex., elected secretary; Paul Bobbitt, Fayette, N. C., Eugene Quinn and Hugh McElrath, both of Louisville, Ky., vice presidents.

Woman's Missionary Union:

Mrs. Marie Mathis, Waco, Tex., re-elected for a fourth term as president; Mrs. Robert Fling, Seminole, Okla., re-elected recording secretary.

Mercer University Hikes Salaries

MACON, Ga. — Faculty members at Mercer University have received across-the-board salary increases of \$500 a year, effective in September, which, with other adjustments, add \$89,000 to the budget.

Interim President Spright Dowell, who proposed the raises in a report to trustees March 16, said most of the increase will be provided by a \$35 per quarter increase in tuition charges.

Additional salary increases will be paid individual faculty members on the basis of special merit, according to President-elect Rufus Harris. Staff members will be given \$400 per year increases, also.

The faculty pay hikes will make salary schedules at Mercer for 1960-61: professor, \$6,000-\$8,000; associate professor, \$5,000-\$6,000; assistant professor, \$4,500-\$6,100 and instructor \$3,600-\$5,000.

Dr. Dowell said, "Further salary increases will have to be made in the future to maintain and advance standards and to meet competition."

Arkansas All Over



Vaught to Intern For Chaplain at ABH

CARL GRAY Vaught, son of Dr. and Mrs. W. O. Vaught, Jr., has been accepted for a three-month Hospital's clinical pastoral education program. He began his training under ABH Chaplain Don Corley, May 30.

Dr. Corley announced earlier that Jeff Campbell, who will graduate from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in July, had been accepted for a one-year internship. Mr. Campbell will begin his training July 1.

Vaught is a senior at Baylor University, where he is majoring in philosophy. He was a 1957 graduate of Central High School in Little Rock and is licensed to preach. ■

Petit Jean Retreat

"Youth At the Crossroads" was the theme of the spring Youth Retreat of 2nd Church, Little Rock. The retreat was held at Petit Jean State Park, May 27-28, with 120 young people and Intermediates attending.

Personalities on the program were: Carol Burns, BSU director at Arkansas State College, Jonesboro; Darrell Coleman, BSU director, Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello, song leader; Anna Douglas, student at Arkansas A. & M., pianist; and Wendy Burke, student at Arkansas State.

Marshall Walker is youth director and Dr. Dale Cowling is pastor. ■

Arkansas Editor Is Magazine Author

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB). The relationship of the newspaper to the church is discussed by Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, in an article in the June issue of *Church Administration*, published by the Baptist Sunday School Board.

The article, entitled "The Newspaper, a Mighty Ally," emphasizes that news stories about the church abound, but that systematic work is needed to get these stories into the newspapers. The article is part of a booklet on the subject written by Dr. McDonald, entitled "The Church Using the Newspaper," available from Baptist Book Stores.

Church Administration is a monthly magazine with a circulation of 42,000. ■

Concord Notes

ROBERT TEMAN Johnson, who was born and reared in the Hagarville community, near Clarksville, has been employed as BSU Secretary for the International Center located on the University of California campus in Berkley.



MR. PLEDGER a brother of Mrs. Maxie Moore of Ft. Smith, and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Teman Johnson, North Sacramento, Calif.

ROY PLEDGER, first-year student in Concord Seminary Center, has been ordained to the ministry by the Arkansas Street Church in Van Buren. Pastor Robert Morrison served as moderator; Missionary Moore led the questioning; Paul Wilhelm, superintendent of missions of Clear Creek Association, preached the sermon; Charles Hamm served as clerk; and George Williams, 1st Church, Lamar, offered the ordination prayer.

Pledger has moved to Greenwood where he will serve the Palestine Church. He succeeds Kay Manswell.

THE CONCORD Seminary Center is expecting a record enrollment for the fall semester which will open Sept. 12. Thirty-four were enrolled in the two courses taught in the spring semester.

Three courses will be offered in the fall. Dr. Andrew Setliffe will teach a course in Religious Education. Claude Stewart will teach a course in preaching and church history.

Stewart, pastor of 1st Church, Lavaca, is a graduate of Ouachita College and New Orleans Seminary. Setliffe, minister of education in the Grand Avenue Church, Ft. Smith, is a graduate of Baylor University and holds a Master's and Doctor's degrees in Religious Education from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth.

OTTIS E. Fox, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Fox, members of Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, was graduated from Golden Gate Seminary last May with a B. D. degree. The young minister has a B.S. degree from Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Tex. He is pastor of 1st Church, Aptos, Calif. Fox was born and reared in Ft. Smith.—J. W. C. Moore, Superintendent of Missions ■

The Cover



COMMENCEMENT is a long-looked-for milestone in the lives of young people. This young man's smirk may give way to a worried expression as he goes out into the cold, cruel world, but he will never have cause to regret getting a formal education. This is especially true if it is a Christian education.

Marvin Tate

Goes to Southern

APPOINTMENT of Dr. Marvin E. Tate, Jr., professor of Bible and Religion at Wayland College, Plainview, Texas, as an assistant professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary has been announced by Dr. Duke K. McCall, Southern's president.

Dr. Tate is the fourth new faculty member to be added during the past six weeks and his addition to the faculty brings the total membership to forty-five, the largest in the history of the 101-year-old Seminary.

Dr. Tate is a native of Washington, Ark., and a graduate of Ouachita College. He received his bachelor of divinity degree from Southern Seminary in 1950 and his doctor of theology degree from Southern in 1958.

His former pastorates include the Washington (Ark.) Church; Goshen Baptist Church, Glen Dean, Ky.; and Hillcrest Church, Tulsa, Okla.

Dr. and Mrs. Tate have two children, Sarah Nell, two, and Martha Jean, eight months. Dr. Tate will assume his new duties Aug. 1. ■

Ouachita Freshman Sells First Article

JUNE STEWART, a freshman at Ouachita College, is the author of an article, "Four Feet of Inspiration," accepted for publication in *The Window*, a Southern Baptist publication for the Young Woman's Auxiliary of the Woman's Missionary Union.

Miss Stewart's article concerns Mary Wiley, a freshman at Ouachita College who overcame her bitterness at being only four feet tall.

This is Miss Stewart's first time to sell an article and was written as part of the requirements of a feature writing class taught by Claude Sumerlin, journalism department head.

Miss Stewart is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Stewart of Fayetteville. ■

June 2, 1960.



MRS. S. A. Whitlow, (right) new president of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital Auxiliary, Mrs. Winthrop Rockefeller, (center) and Mrs. J. W. Littleton, outgoing president of the ABH Auxiliary, examine an Arkansas-made blouse on display at the Midwest Hospital Auxiliary Association meeting held at Kansas City April 28-30.

The Arkansas delegates were convention hostesses and Mrs. Rockefeller was speaker at an Arkansas luncheon which featured food flown in from Arkansas. The ABH Auxiliary members presented an hour and half clinic on volunteer work at the convention, including a skit, "The Pink Lady and the Blue Patient." Other ABH Auxiliary members who attended and participated were: Mrs. A. C. Kolb, Mrs. S. Ladd Davies, Mrs. R. C. Reynolds and Mrs. Mildred Armour. ■

Revivals

TROY BETHEL Church, Hope Association, recently completed a revival in which Rev. Paul E. Taylor, pastor, did the preaching. M. T. McGregor led the singing. There were 10 for baptism, two by letter, and one surrendering to the ministry.

EAST SIDE Church, Mountain Home, which was just organized in April, recently finished a revival. Rev. O. I. Ford, pastor, did the preaching and Herbert (Red) Johnson led the singing. There were 21 on profession of faith.

REV. RICHARD Adams, Ouachita College, was the evangelist for a recent revival at Hebron Church, Little Rock. The revival was sponsored by the young people. Jerry Curley served as youth pastor, Bob Cole as minister of music and Jackie Archer as youth director. There were 19 professions of faith

and six by letter. Rev. J. W. Whitley is pastor.

New Budgets

CHURCHES putting the Arkansas Baptist in the budget after the free trial include: Ridgecrest, Benton, Central Association, Rev. Loy W. Garner, pastor; and Montrose, Delta Association, Rev. Norman Tilbury, pastor.

Miscellaneous

DR. EDGAR Williamson, Little Rock, was director of a Sunday School revival and enlargement campaign at 1st Church, New Orleans, recently. Other faculty members from Arkansas were: Mrs. Williamson, Beginner department; Mrs. J. E. Humphrey, elementary director, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, primary department; Mrs. Paul Fox, director of Intermediate work, Calvary Church, Little Rock, Intermediate department. (CB)

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El Dorado Student Wins Ouachita Art Award

SYLVIA Nesbit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Nesbit of El Dorado, has won the Ouachita College Annual Art Award, according to Phares H. Raybon, art department chairman.



MISS NESBIT

Miss Nesbit, a junior art major, was presented \$25 by the Ouachita library. This is the second annual award to be presented to the student whose work is chosen from the annual art exhibition.

Miss Nesbit's work will be displayed in Riley Library and will become part of the permanent art collection of Ouachita. ■

DR. J. DON Corley, chaplain at Arkansas Baptist Hospital, has been appointed to the faculty of the University of Arkansas Medical Center as assistant clinical professor of Pastoral Counseling in the Department of Psychiatry. Dr. Corley, who has pioneered clinical pastoral education in Arkansas, said the appointment would not interfere with his duties as chaplain at A.B.H.

BECK SPUR CHURCH dedicated their new auditorium May 29 in an afternoon service. Former pastors and former members were honored guests. The concrete block-brick veneer building will seat 400, and is centrally heated and cooled. Total cost of the building and furnishings was approximately \$42,000. Rev. Walter E. Allen is pastor.

1ST CHURCH, Clarendon, had a dedicatory service for their new Hammond organ and grand piano May 1. The organ was given as a memorial to William Henry Burke by his wife and his daughter, Mrs. Marguerite Conner. The piano was given by the church pianist, R. W. Williams. Rev. L. R. Joyner, pastor, accepted the musical instruments and led the congregation in the dedication service.

THE Training Union Department needs a girls' lifeguard for both Training Union assemblies at Siloam Springs, July 4-9 and July 11-16.

1ST CHURCH, El Dorado, has called Louis Smith, a recent graduate of New Orleans Seminary, as youth director and assistant pastor. Mr. and Mrs. Smith will move to El Dorado around June 12.

Tri-Captains Named by Tigers

THE 1960 Ouachita College football team has selected Johnny Collier, John Brownlee, and Tommy Murphree as tri-captains, Coach Lamar Watkins has announced.

Collier, 180-pound fullback from Hughes, was co-captain last year and wound up fourth in the conference in rushing. He was selected as an All-AIC performer his sophomore year.

Brownlee was the only Tiger selected to the first team All-AIC in 1959 and made second team All-AIC his sophomore year. From Eudora, he will be a 220-pound senior center next year.

Murphree, 170-pound junior quarterback from El Dorado, led the league in passing last year and was second in total offense to Henry Hawk of Arkansas State Teachers. He made the All-AIC second team his freshman year. ■

Ouachita Commissions Twenty ROTC Cadets

TWENTY ROTC cadets were commissioned into the Army of the United States as 2nd lieutenants at the annual awards and commissioning exercises at Ouachita College, May 20.

Eighteen cadets received individual awards for outstanding work this year, while awards were presented to members of the ROTC Rifle Team which received the William Randolph Hearst Gold Medal for winning the 4th Army championship for 1960.

Those commissioned as 2nd lieutenants were Donald L. Applegarth, Waldron; William W. Binford II, Richmond, Va.; Johnny W. Bryant, Donaldson; Richard W. Calhoun, Arkadelphia; Joseph P. Dempsey, El Dorado; Hunter R. Douglas, Little Rock; Eldon G. Good, England; Robert E. Graves, Smackover; John E. McCown, Pickens;

Roger L. McElroy, Hot Springs; Julius E. Petty, Jr., Arkadelphia; James P. Pogue, Ft. Smith; James E. Ready, Tillar; Robert L. Sharp, England; Roy E. Snider Jr., Camden; Phillip A. Snodgrass, Little Rock; Jerry D. Sparks, Arkadelphia; Richard K. Walls, Morgan City, La.; Frank J. Wiggins Jr., Little Rock; and Tommy J. Williams, Arkadelphia.

The Best Squad Trophy was presented to the 2nd Squad, Second Platoon, Company "D"; the Best Platoon Trophy to the 1st Platoon, Company "C"; and the Best Company Trophy to Company "E".

The Professor of Military Science Medallion was awarded John E. McCown, Billy F. Moore, Billy W. Hicks, and Charles H. Wilson. The Chicago Tribune medal went to Roger L. McElroy, Elmer G. Sebastian, George E. Nicholds, and Thomas D. Wilson.

The American Legion Auxiliary medal went to Marion W. Teague, while the Sons of the American Revolution Award was presented Edward H. Lawhon. The Daughters of the American Revolution award went to Bob W. Sanders.

Others receiving awards were Association of the United States Army Medal, Kenneth R. Jennison; Clark County Reserve Officers' Association Medal, Julius E. Petty, Jr.; Department of the Army Superior Senior Cadet Award, Donald L. Applegarth, Doyle L. Herndon, John S. Jackson III, and Marion W. Teague. ■

W. LEE Prince is leaving the Chaplain's department of Memorial Baptist Hospital, Houston, to serve as pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, Seneca, S. C. Mr. Prince has already completed a year of clinical, post-graduate work at the Institute of Religion, in Texas Medical Center, Houston. He is the son of Rev. Irving M. Prince, pastor, 1st Church, Cotton Plant.

Attendance Report

May 22, 1960

Church	Sunday School	Training Union	Additions
Benton, 1st Camden,	698	101	2
Cullendale, 1st	532	256	
El Dorado, 1st	865	209	2
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	685	242	
Ft. Smith, Trinity	342	125	1
Hot Springs, Park Pl.	459	134	
Huntsville, 1st	106	45	
Mission	20	23	
Jacksonville, 1st	551	221	
Magnolia, Central	702	258	5
McGehee, 1st	462	170	
Mission	69	37	
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	802	208	4
North Little Rock, Levy	482	163	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	632	152	6
Springdale, 1st	468		1
West Memphis, Calvary	257	96	

The Bigots

THE spectacle of presidential aspirants joining with the pompous pronouncements of Pope John XXIII in Easter oratory warning Americans against religious bigotry was more nauseating than amusing. The word 'bigot' was misused so many times that one wondered if during all the years the word meant something other than the definition Webster gave it. Examination of the dictionary revealed, however, that it was still defined as "one intolerantly convinced of a particular creed;" bigotry, as "intolerant attachment to a particular creed."

The Easter orators were applying the term to those who questioned the wisdom of electing to the highest office in America anyone attached to a creed contradicting the American tradition of a free church in free state.

But who is the bigot—the person who believes in this principle or those who deny it?

In certain Catholic countries, (Italy and Spain are two examples), the constitution of each nation provides that ONLY a Catholic may serve as the head of state. A Protestant's religion automatically bars him from ever becoming head of the nation in those countries.

In Catholic dominated countries, only marriages between Catholics performed by the church are legal marriages. Even in America the Catholic church considers all marriages outside their church as state sanctioned adulteries. Protestants are not married at all in the eyes of the Catholic church. To the Catholic non-church marriages are not sacred at all.

THE centuries old position of the Catholic church is that it alone is the true church—that salvation belongs only to the sons and daughters of this church and that all outsiders are heretics destined for hell.

Yet these shallow thinking politicians shut their eyes to the Catholic position and bleat with great piety about bigotry. The wisdom of electing a man who is committed to such a church and such a system must not be questioned say these political geniuses. To do so is bigotry.

Fiddle-faddle! The shoe is on the other foot. If anyone doubts the pressures that this politically organized church exerts and the fear it inspires in those who seek office, the many platitudes expressed in the Easter speeches is proof plentiful of the power it wields.

IF doubt lingers and you still can not believe in the ulterior motives of Catholicism, walk into the religious news editor's office in any big city daily where Catholics form a majority and observe the pressures—or visit one of the school districts in Kentucky dominated by Catholics.

Just who are the bigots—those who question the wisdom of giving the highest office in the land to one whose church openly proclaims that only its sons and daughters are Christians, that only the Pope can know the will of God, and that his voice is the sole authority on both spiritual and temporal matters, or those who subscribe to the position of the Roman Catholic church without question?—Editor L. H. Moore, *The Illinois Baptist*

The Theology of the Major Sects, by John H. Gerstner, Baker, 1960, \$3.95

One of the most interesting chapters in this book deals with faith healing. Comparing modern healing wonders with the miracles of the Bible, the author shows that attempts of modern healing are usually unsuccessful, while those of the Bible were always successful; with cases of modern healing, there are admitted relapses, but none in Bible cases. In New Testament times there were raisings of the dead; today there are none. All manner of diseases were healed in New Testament times; modern cases of healing usually concern functional diseases. In the Bible healing, there is no noticeable dependence on psychological build-up; in modern healing, there is a conspicuous dependence on this.

Gerstner succeeds, we believe, in debunking many a modern debunker in the realm of so-called divine healing.

Revivals, Their Laws and Leaders, by James Burns, Baker, Reprinted 1960 \$3.95

This book aims at describing the conditions necessary for revival and shows how these conditions have been operative in great revivals in the past. It has been brought up to date by Andrew W. Blackwood, who regards it as the best in its field, "except the Bible."

The Psychology of Counseling, by Clyde M. Narramore, Zondervan, 1960 \$3.95

The first 26 chapters of the book present the basic concepts and technique of counseling, with illustrations. A further chapter gives appropriate scripture for use in counseling. The concluding chapter provides a list of basic references helpful in counseling. The author is consulting psychologist in the Office of the Los Angeles County superintendent of schools.

Seven Keys to a More Fruitful Ministry, by Arnold Prater, Zondervan, 1960 \$2

Laziness, pride, professionalism, jealousy, and discouragement are dealt with as pitfalls, real or potential, for the minister. The prophetic functions of the pastor are stressed in a chapter, "Prophesy as Well as Priest," and the central place the Bible must have is discussed in "Loyalty to God's Message."

"Certain Women," by Zona Bays Marshall, Exposition Press, 1960, \$3

Mrs. Marshall, who is at home either in Memphis, Tenn., or Trumann, he in Arkansas, is still quite active, although she is now a great-grandmother. She is a Baptist and is active in the Woman's Missionary Union as well as in the Eastern Star, the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the W.C.T.U.

Find Ancient City

AMMAN, Jordan (EP) — Professor Joseph P. Free of Wheaton College (Ill.) told reporters of the *Jerusalem Times* newspaper that his archaeological team has uncovered the site of ancient Dothan.

Dr. Free and associates have worked for several seasons at a site allegedly that of the Biblical city believed to have been built 5,000 years ago. Now the archaeologists said they have not only found the city, but have located the site where Joseph was cast into a pit and later sold into slavery.

One of the most treasured finds at the site was the fallen ceiling of a 3,000-year-old tomb. From the tomb, Free said, excavators recovered more than 900 objects, some made 200 years before the days of King Solomon. The Dothan site is located in the Jenin area of Jordan.

Vatican and Politics

ROME (EP) — The Roman Catholic hierarchy has "the right and the duty to intervene" in political maneuverings in order to guide its flock.

So reports the official Vatican newspaper *Osservatore Romano*. The news appeared unsigned on the front page of the paper — a pronouncement that the Vatican press service described as authoritative.

Osservatore Romano asserted that this stern decree is valid for Roman Catholic laymen everywhere—a possible allusion to the United States where Presidential hopeful Sen. John F. Kennedy, a Roman Catholic, has recently stressed his independence from church interference in his political duties.

Seize Evangelical Literature

BARCELONA, Spain (EP) — On the day the primate of the Catholic Church in Spain issued a circular calling for Spanish Catholics to pray for the "persecuted church" in Soviet countries, Span-

ish police raided a literature "depot" in Barcelona and seized over 72,000 pieces of evangelical literature.

The incident, described as "typical of Protestant harassment in Spain," is reported in the June issue of *United Evangelical Action*.

The confiscation came about, *Action* reports, as a result of several young Spanish Christians distributing tracts in front of a movie house where "The Ten Commandments" was being shown. The police discovered the source of the literature in the early morning hours and ordered the young men to deliver all of it to the police station.

Foreign Marriages Opposed

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaya (EP) — Malayan students have been warned by the Women's Section of the United Malays National Organization here not to marry Europeans. The ladies' group recently passed a resolution urging the government to take action in the matter because, they say, inter-marriage with Europeans "will ruin Malay customs and culture and threaten the Muslim religion . . . will mar their nationalistic fervor and produce spouses that look down on their own people." The women's group said European daughters-in-law are cold and can create "lots of embarrassment."

Grab Luther Writings

BERLIN (EP) — Communist custom officers confiscated a bundle of printed papers containing writings by Martin Luther from a parcel mailed from West Germany, according to Protestants here.

The Reds acted on the reasoning that importation of "anti-democratic literature" into the East German Republic is prohibited.

Evangelical calendars have also been banned by the Communists along with writings by Karl Barth, prominent Swiss theologian, and other Western religious leaders.

Oppose Shrine Visit

TOKYO (EP) — An announcement by U. S. Government offi-

cial here that President Eisenhower will visit the Meiji (Shinto) Shrine on June 20 has stirred vocal objections among Japanese Protestant leaders.

The National Christian Council of Japan has endorsed a resolution declaring that the President's visit to the nationally-famous shrine would have a serious effect on the religious situation in the island empire. If the shrine visit is not cancelled by U. S. embassy officials, the NCC plans to send a cablegram directly to the White House.

Buddhists and other religious leaders reportedly fear the plan also because, they say, it could encourage the revival of state Shinto.

Institute Near Dead Sea

JERUSALEM (EP) — Plans have been announced for the establishment of an archaeological institute near the Dead Sea.

Dr. John Allegro, professor of Semitic languages at Manchester University, England, did not disclose the exact site of the proposed institute, but said it would cost in the neighborhood of \$2,800,000.

Along with three other British experts, Dr. Allegro came to the Old City in Jordan for diggings in the northern region of the Dead Sea and near Mount Olive. They hope to find treasures mentioned in one of the Dead Sea Scrolls found 13 years ago.

Nicaragua Campaign

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (EP) — An estimated 7,000 Nicaraguan evangelicals paraded through the streets of downtown Managua on May 8 joyfully singing "Nicaragua Shall Belong to Christ," then congregated at the campaign grounds of the united evangelistic crusade for the final night of the three-week Managua meetings that climaxed an intensive four-month "Evangelism in Depth" crusade throughout the nation.

The evangelical parade, described as "an immensely significant event in Roman Catholic Latin America," demonstrated the growing strength of protestantism in the Central American republic.

Beacon Lights of Baptist History

By BERNES K. SELPH, Th. D.
Pastor, 1st Baptist Church, Benton

Forbidden Worship

THE Puritans of Massachusetts did not favor the Baptist teachings and used governmental powers to stop their practice.



DR. SELPH

William Witter, Lynn, Mass., aged and unable to attend church, invited his pastor, John Clarke, to visit him. Obadiah Holmes and John Crandal made the trip with him, Saturday, July 19, 1651. Since Mr. Witter lived two miles out of town, they decided to have worship services in his home the next day. Three or four people besides the family attended.

The services were interrupted by two constables with warrants for the arrest of the preachers. Mr. Clarke requested to finish the service, was denied, and bail refused. They were carried away. After lunch the constable told the three that he would take them to a Puritan religious service. They had no other choice, but Mr. Clarke warned him, "If we are forced against our will to go then we shall be constrained to declare ourselves. For we cannot hold communion with them."

They arrived during a prayer. Mr. Clarke said, "Stepping over the threshold, I uncovered myself, saluted the crowd, and put on my hat. Then I sat down in the seat appointed me and started reading my book."

The constable reached over and removed their hats.

After the singing and preaching, Mr. Clarke stood up and asked permission to speak. He declared his actions by saying that he was forced to attend the services and that he was not of their faith. Though he did not want to offend, his gestures were of such nature as to show his dissent. He was commanded to sit down.

After services they were taken

Student Union



MISS. HALEY



MISS NICKS

Additional Missionaries

IN ADDITION to the student missionaries being sent by Arkansas Baptist students to Nigeria, Hawaii, Jamaica, and New Orleans, pictured in last week's *Arkansas Baptist*, the students are also sending two Training Union workers to Woodruff Association. Pictured above are Miss Ruth Ann Nicks, Arkansas State College, and Miss Joanne Haley, Henderson State Teachers College. The \$3,000 summer mission program is financed by the 14 Baptist Student Unions in the state.—Tom J. Logue, Secretary

to jail and charged with: public worship in a private home; offensively disturbing the peace of a congregation at prayer time; saying the church was not constituted according to the order of the Lord; trying to seduce others to their belief; suspicion of re-baptizing one or more citizens of Lynn. ■

Oklahoma City—Bids on a contract to build a new doctors' office building next to Baptist Memorial Hospital, Oklahoma City, are expected to be accepted within 90 days.

A Baptist laymen's corporation, organized in Oklahoma in February, will erect the four-story structure which will have suites for 32 doctors. The project will be financed with self-liquidating bonds.

The laymen's group already has received commitments to buy bonds totaling \$211,500. Initial bond issue will total \$500,000, and

'Minnie Belle' Helps Writers

NASHVILLE—(BP)—The author of "Minnie Belle" will provide pointers on writing church history during the joint writers' Conference and Historical Commission conference week at Ridgecrest, N. C., June 9-15.

She is Mrs. Ollin J. (Loulie) Owens, wife of a Greenville, S. C., Baptist minister. Her column, "Minnie Belle," appears monthly in the magazine, *Baptist Program*, and describes the ups and downs of parsonage life of an imaginary pastor and his wife.

Mrs. Owens is a leader in the South Carolina Baptist Historical Society and has written several books and articles on Baptist historical subjects.

the laymen's corporation has authorized issuing a total of \$1 million in bonds for the project.

SBC Album, Miami Beach



IMMANUEL REUNION.—This (top) with Jimmy Karam and Mirius Little Rock's Immanuel Church, was a Baptist Convention's Pastors' Conference pastor of Immanuel Church, had presented the conference had given Mrs. presented by Dr. Vaught. Dr. and M and Mr. Baker appeared on the c Vaught was elected 1st vice preside. (*Arkansas Baptist Photo*)

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CONVENTION SCENE.—Unli (left, second) were at a premium. (*Arkansas Baptist Photo*)

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shot of the W. O. Vaught family (left, of Music E. Amon Baker, all of ade at the close of the Southern Bap- Miami Beach, over which Dr. Vaught, ed as president. In the closing ses- ight a standing ovation as she was Vaught's son, Carl, and Mr. Karam ence program. The next day Dr. / the Southern Baptist Convention.

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typical church services, front seats (Arkansas Baptist Photo)

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— Secretary Ralph Davis, of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, talks to had charge of the State Paper ex- on in Miami Beach. Most of the 750 outh for free distribution had been Friday morning. (Arkansas Baptist

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Convention President Ramsey Pol- pastor Rheubin L. South, of Park Hill erry, Blytheville business and church r Routh, at the close of the pre-con- mittee of the Southern Baptist Con- lerry are members of the Executive hairman. (Arkansas Baptist Photo)

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of Pastors' Conference, addressed by vacant seats, in the outer edges, were ipit. (Photo by Jones)



Arkansans in Key SBC Posts

ARKANSAS, whose Brooks Hays is immediate past-president of the Southern Baptist Convention, continues to have top representation in this organization of 9½ millions of Baptists.

At the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention last week in Miami Beach, Dr. W. O. Vaught, Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, was chosen for the convention's No. 2 spot, first vice president, and, what is even of more significance, Kendall Berry, Blytheville banker and deacon in 1st Baptist Church, Blytheville, was re-elected chairman of the Executive Committee of the convention.

The Executive Committee, made up of representatives from all the states in which the convention operates, serves as the convention between annual sessions, as far as the conduct of Southern Baptist business is concerned. Few business items ever reach the convention without first going before the Executive Committee.

New committee or board personnel from Arkansas includes:

Annuity Board: Rev. Robert Parker, pastor of Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, for term expiring 1963;

Education Commission: Miss Frances Crawford, registrar, Ouachita College, for term expiring 1963;

Radio-Television Commission: Dr. Andrew M. Hall, pastor, 1st Church, Fayetteville, for term expiring in 1962;

Historical Commission: Rev. Walter L. Yeldell, pastor, 1st Church, West Memphis, term expiring 1963;

Stewardship Commission: George M. Tharel, layman of Fayetteville, 1963.

Re-elected to places they held were:

Christian Life Commission: Brooks Hays, 1963;

Southern Baptist Foundation: W. C. Blewster, Magnolia banker, 1963;

Sunday School Board: Dr. Robert L. Smith, pastor, 1st Church, Pine Bluff, 1963.

Serving on the Committee on Committees this year was Kendall Berry.

Rev. Rheubin L. South, pastor of Park Hill Church, North Little Rock, was named to the Committee on Boards to serve through 1961.

Representing Arkansas on the Committee on Baptist State Papers is Editor Erwin L. McDonald of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*. At the annual meeting of the Alumni Association of Southern Seminary, held in connection with the convention, McDonald was elected a member of the association's executive committee.

Arkansas, with a total of 314 official messengers, ranked 13th among the states in official representation at the convention this year. Florida, with 1,671, headed the list. Official count of messengers was 13,612, setting a new high. ■



SCENES from the drama feature Monday night of the SBC Pastors' Conference. Director was Dr. Charles McGlon, of the faculty of Southern Seminary.

The Forgotten Choir Robe

I am an UNUSED CHOIR ROBE. I am not merely a piece of cloth that has been carefully shaped into a garment. But I have become just a number—a number hanging on a rack—forgotten and unused.

Once I was part of something vibrant and living. I was a part of the worship service in God's house. I contributed to worship because I contributed to harmony of thought and beauty of atmosphere. I elim-

inated confusion of color and style. I contributed to unity.

I also represent money, your money. I might be feeding a hungry child in Korea. I might be shoes on the feet of a cold little boy in Alaska. I might be a hospital bed in Gaza or an answer to a missionary's prayer in Africa. But I am just a useless garment, growing old and wrinkled because I am unwanted and unused.

All week long I wait. And then

there are happy voices and footsteps coming closer and closer. One by one the robes are taken from the rack, but they hurriedly brush me aside, and soon it is quiet and I am left again.

Please, you to whom I belong, won't you use me and let me serve again? —Mrs. H. Smith Richards, in Park Hill Church (N. Little Rock) Bulletin.

Baptisms for Past Year Total 429,000

"THIS has been the greatest year Southern Baptists have ever known," declared Dr. Ramsey Pollard, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, in his address to the Miami Convention. "Our churches have baptized 429,000 converts. We believe the fires of church-centered New Testament evangelism are burning more brightly than ever before. Southern Baptist life has been built on compassion and a yearning to win people to Christ. And if we ever reach the place when we surrender to worldliness and ritualism and forms, God will have to raise up someone else to preach His Gospel of redemption.

"We live in a very critical day," he continued. "Many of us will remember to pray earnestly for God's leadership during these destiny-determining days.

"Our seminaries are filled to overflowing with some of the finest men and women we have. One of our great problems is that of expanding our educational institutions to meet the need of our young people.

"Every one of our colleges and seminaries stands upon the great truths of God's word. There is no place in any of our institutions for professors who do not believe in the great fundamental teachings of the Word of God.

"Academic freedom stops when error comes in. We must be true to the teachings of Christ, Paul and the other inspired writers of God's Word.

"In my recent trip around the world, I came to appreciate anew and afresh the vast blessings of religious liberty. We must not lose this battle by failure on our part to continually keep the matter before every generation.

"We Baptists believe in complete religious liberty for all men—Catholics, Methodists, Presbyterians, Pentacostal groups, the atheist and the agnostic. We cannot destroy religious liberty without destroying ourselves. It is a tragic fact that Roman Catholics in many places in the world have denied this rich heritage to people who disagree with their doctrine.

"In Spain, I saw churches, both Baptist and Protestant, with their

doors locked and sealed, because of the unholy alliance existing between Roman Catholicism and the government of that country.

"We call upon our Roman Catholic friends to give assurance from the very highest heights of their hierarchy that they believe in complete and absolute religious liberty.

"This must not be based upon expediency or upon a temporary conviction brought about by the customs and convictions of any particular country. It must be worldwide and extended to all people regardless of the country in which they live." ■

Dallas Chosen for Convention in 1965

The 1965 convention city for the Southern Baptist Convention will be Dallas. Other convention cities, previously designated are: 1961, St. Louis; 1962, San Francisco; 1963, Kansas City; 1964, Atlantic City.

RALPH W. Davis attended the funeral of his brother, Leslie H. Davis, 1816 35th Street, Rock Island, Illinois, on Monday, May 30. Mr. Davis, age 58, died of a heart attack.

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SOUTHSIDE Church, Ft. Smith, recently completed a Youth Week. Jimmy Hope served as pastor, and spoke in the Sunday morning service. The two associate pastors, Ralph Honomichl and Charles Loum spoke on Sunday night and Wednesday night. Paul Sharpe directed the music. Rev. Marvin Gennings is pastor.

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OAK GROVE Church, Caroline Association, has ordained William Bryan Jones and James Donald Ballard as deacons. The ordaining council was composed of pastors and deacons of sister churches. Pastor Ted Richardson served as moderator; the questions were asked by Missionary J. M. Jones; Charles M. Atkinson was clerk; J. T. Harvill, pastor of 1st Church, Lonoke, gave the charge; and Otha Jones led the ordaining prayer.



SEASIDE MEDITATIONS.—Pastor Harold Hicks, of Little Rock's Pulaski Heights Baptist Church, was photographed as he read the 46th Psalm for his morning meditation, facing the Atlantic Ocean from his hotel in Miami Beach. (Arkansas Baptist Photo)

THE SOUTHERN Baptist Convention in Miami was a great meeting in many ways; and it seemed to be the concensus of opinion that the Pastors' Conference, which preceded the convention, was one of the most minutely planned and best of all time.



MR. TULL

Preliminary meetings of Brotherhood and Royal Ambassador leaders were well planned and proved to be productive. One of the main emphases of these meetings was the new Brotherhood program, which is timed to get under way Oct. 1. The Brotherhood Commission reports much new literature already prepared and in the process of preparation.

Note to Churches Without Brotherhoods

If your church does not have a Brotherhood, but is planning to organize one in the near future, the Brotherhood Department suggests that you organize under the new plan. Write your Brotherhood Department for free organizational literature. (The address is 302 Baptist Building, Little Rock.) Call on Brotherhood Department personnel for any help they can render.

Note to Brotherhoods

As you look towards the election of new Brotherhood officers in the summer to take office in the fall, plan to organize according to the new plan. Write for free literature.

Royal Ambassador Camps Approaching

Information about summer Royal Ambassador camps is going out from the Brotherhood office. Camp posters have been mailed to pastors and counselors.

General registration sheets and registration blanks should be in the hands of counselors before you read this.

If adequate camp information fails to reach you, write the Brotherhood Department and such information will be forwarded to you

immediately.

This year, only a few tents will be used at the camp. Most of the boys who attend will be housed in hutments, which are wooden buildings with a capacity of eight boys each.

Like the tents, which have already seen three years of service, the hutments are only for temporary use. By 1961, we expect our Royal Ambassador camps to be adequately provided for by our Convention. — Nelson Tull, Secretary

Southwestern Teacher To Join Music Staff

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(BSSB) Raymond Paul Green, music teacher at Southwestern Seminary since 1955, will join the Church Music Department staff at the Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, this summer.

Green will assume his duties August 1 in the newly-created position of recording and choral specialist.

A native Oklahoman, he is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and Southwestern Seminary. He served several churches in the state as minister of music in his college days, and from 1945 to 1955 he held that position in Immanuel Baptist Church, Tulsa.

He was elected director of The Baptist Hour Choir in May, 1955. He relinquished that position last year to become chairman of the department of choral activities at Southwestern Seminary. ■

NASHVILLE, TENN.—(BSSB)—Two new workers will be added to the Baptist Sunday School Board's staff in June.

Miss Betty Jo Corum, who has served for six years as director of Junior-Intermediate work in the Tennessee Baptist Convention's Training Union Department, will become editor of Intermediate Lesson courses in the Board's Training Union Department June 1.

L. J. Newton, secretary of the Sunday School and Church Building department, Maryland Baptist Union Association, will join the Board's Church Administration department staff as consultant June 15.

Graham Crusade in Washington, D. C.

BILLY Graham will conduct only one major crusade in the United States during the remainder of 1960. This crusade will be held in Washington, D. C., June 19-26.

During July, Mr. Graham will be speaking in conferences and conventions in Rio de Janeiro and Europe.

In August the associate evangelists, Rev. Roy Gustafson, Rev. Joe Blinco, Rev. Leighton Ford and Dr. Grady Wilson, will join Dr. Graham in crusades in Switzerland. Cities the Switzerland meetings will be held in are: Berne, Zurich, Basle, and Lausanne.

Germany will be the site of the September meetings. He will be preaching in Essen, Hamburg, and Berlin.

Immediately following his return to the States, Graham will be speaking to the Spanish-speaking people of New York City in Madison Square Garden. ■

JEFFERSON CITY, MO. — (MBN) — The executive board of the Missouri Baptist Convention today adopted a recommended Cooperative Program goal of \$3,000,000 for 1961. The action is subject to approval by the Convention in its annual meeting the last of October. Percentage of distribution for all 1961 Cooperative Program funds between the Missouri Convention and Southern Baptist Convention causes would be 65 per cent and 35 per cent. There are no preferred items before distribution. The new goal exceeds the current year's goal by \$200,000.

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Missionaries Retreat

FOR FOURTEEN years the associational missionaries have joined in a "retreat" in May. Two



DR. CALDWELL

days are spent in exchanging ideas and discussing plans and techniques in improving the total mission program. The retreat this year was held at Spring Lake Assembly, Lonsdale.

A meeting of this kind gives the missionaries an opportunity to become acquainted with each other. There were several new faces in the group this year — men who have never before served as missionaries. They expressed deep appreciation for such a conference that had helped them become better informed about the duties of a missionary. We missed some men, who were sick, and a few others who were planning to go to Miami and didn't feel that they could attend both.

WILL YOUR pastor and wife attend the Rural Church Conference at Spring Lake Assembly, Lonsdale, June 13-16? Every pastor of a rural church should attend. In fact, any pastor or



Missionaries at Retreat

church leader would be helped in this special conference. So, you good laymen please lead your church to promote the expenses for both pastor and wife to attend. The cost is only \$10 per person. Of course, there will be traveling expenses in addition.

GORDON Street Mission of 1st Church, Harrison, was constituted into a church Sunday, May 15. The Department of Missions has a special interest in this new church. Several years ago L. B. Golden made the survey, laid the ground

work, conducted a revival, and assisted 1st Church in establishing the mission. This department gave \$500 on the building.

We are now reaping the fruits of L. B. Golden's work. For five years he worked in the larger towns surveying possible mission sites. Just last January a mission which he helped to start was constituted into a church. A beautiful arrangement of flowers was on the table, placed there in memory of Dr. Golden who helped to start the work.—C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent.

Sunday School

Dad and Sunday School

FIFTY YEARS ago Dad hired out to the Railroad as an engine wiper. In a few days he was promoted to the position of locomotive fireman. After many years he became an engineer. At the age of 70 Dad retired. Four months later he received his last call, this time to be with the Lord.



MR. HATFIELD

As a lad I often took Dad to the round-house and met him there after his run. I remember such terms as "extra-board, hoss-

ler, taller-pot, hog-head, seniority, and being bumped." Often I lifted an imbedded coal cinder from his eyelid after a trip on the hand-fired iron horse.

One day Dad was converted. It was after many months of recuperation following a head-on collision involving his troop train (during World War II) and a switch engine. Since that day Dad would lay off most Sundays so he could attend Sunday School and church.

I'm glad Dad had a happy attitude toward the church program and plan for reaching people. Since his second birth he always gladly went into the graded class for his age group. In the Sunday School Dad learned to be a happy tither. He learned to pray. He

loved his pastor and church.

His last day was a good one. It was Mother's Day 1960. He attended Sunday School and church. At noon in our home we had his 71st birthday dinner. There was a special cake with candles, singing and gifts. It was a happy day. Then that afternoon, after less than an hour of illness, Dad's last call came through and he went to serve the Lord day and night forever.

I'm glad his last day on earth was Sunday and it was spent in Sunday School and church. I want to help build more and better Sunday Schools to minister to more people who need the vital ministry of Bible study, salvation and church fellowship. Don't you? —Lawson Hatfield.

Protection Plan Affects You

REGARDLESS of whether you are a businessman, farmer or housewife, the Annuity Board's ministry affects you.



DR. RUCKER

It's hard to realize this when you've probably heard the Protection Plan affects only your pastor or his family if he dies, becomes disabled or retires.

But suppose your pastor should die suddenly. You'd get a first-hand glimpse of this ministry in action, right in your own church. If your church is taking part in the Protection Plan, it will alert the Annuity Board, who in turn will start paying benefits regularly to your pastor's family. Such action would make you proud that your church made this program possible.

But look what would happen to your church if it is caught without the Protection Plan. You would have to decide:

"What can we do to help our preacher's family, now?"

Decisions like this come up often, and it's always left to laymen like you to make them. So the Protection Plan ministry does affect you.

How important then is the Protection Plan to your congregation? To encourage you to find out, the Southern Baptist Convention has designated June as the month to recognize this vital ministry and the agency that makes it possible.

Throughout the month, you and fellow Arkansas Baptists will hear about this work through Brotherhood, Training Union or other programs.

You will also learn where your state convention stands in its campaign to enlist at least 75 per cent of the churches and pastors into this plan by next Jan. 1.

How this ministry started is a story within itself.

History has it that William

Lunsford was waiting to preach one Sunday about a half century ago. As he watched the congregation enter the sanctuary, his eyes fastened on an aged man who walked slowly down the aisle. Step by step, the old fellow moved to the pew where he wanted to sit.

Dr. Lunsford recognized him as a former strong voice among Southern Baptist pastors. Now, he was just an old man, dependent on relatives and friends for support.

"Why don't Southern Baptists do something about this?" he asked himself. "Why can't these old preachers be taken care of financially in their latter days? Why should they be forced to depend on meager relief?"

The moment to preach interrupted his thoughts and Dr. Lunsford stepped to the pulpit. His preaching was mechanical though, for his mind was busy looking for answers to the questions it had been asking. He wanted to ask his congregation for the answers, but decided:

"The right moment is still in the future."

During the next couple of years, Dr. Lunsford worked, studied and prayed as he awaited the right moment. It arrived in 1916, when he stood before the pastors' conference at the Southern Baptist Convention.

He told these men about his idea. And he spoke with such determination and passion, those stalwart Baptists rose to say "amen" and later proved they liked what he said by appointing a committee to study Lunsford's suggestions.

Little by little, the committee formulated a plan. Then, in May, 1918, in Hot Springs, William Lunsford's committee recommended a retirement program to the Convention. The messengers that day voted their approval by creating the Annuity Board. And they elected Dr. Lunsford as the man to direct this work.

Today, some 43 years later, this Board's ministry continues to mushroom because of laymen, like you, who learn:

"This ministry really affects me."—T. K. Rucker, Field Representative. ■



"RELIEF AND" Dropped—Southern Baptist Messengers attending the 103rd annual convention in Miami Beach, Fla., voted to drop the words "Relief and" from the title of Relief and Annuity Board. John Bloskas, supervisor of public relations for the Annuity Board, is shown covering up the words on the Board's sign. The 43-year old Board, located in Dallas, Texas, administers the protection plans for the denomination.

Youth Weeks

THE FOLLOWING 97 Youth Weeks have been reported to the Training Union Department:

ARKANSAS VALLEY: 1st

Church, Hughes; 1st Church, Marvel; BENTON COUNTY: 1st Church, Rogers; Immanuel, Rogers; 1st Church, Siloam Springs; BLACK RIVER: Grubbs; 1st



MR. DAVIS

Church, Raven; CAREY: Ouachita; CAROLINE: 1st Church, Devalls Bluff; Caney Creek, England; Austin Station, Austin; CENTENNIAL: 1st Church, Stuttgart; CENTRAL: Park Place, Hot Springs; 2nd Church, Hot Springs; CONCORD: Burnsville; 1st Church, Greenwood; South Side, Ft. Smith; Kelly Heights, Ft. Smith; North Side, Ft. Smith; CONWAY-PERRY: 1st Church, Morrilton; CURRENT RIVER: 1st Church, Ravenden Springs; DARDANELLE-RUSSELLVILLE: Dover; DELTA: Crooked Bayou, Lake Village; 1st Church, Dermott; 1st Church, McGehee; Montrose, New Hope, Eudora; Portland; Tillar;

FAULKNER: Cadron Ridge, Conway; 1st Church, Conway; GAINESVILLE: New Hope, Polk; GREENE COUNTY: Alexander; Delaplaine; 1st Church, Paragould; Light; Robbs Chapel; HARMONY: 1st Church, Kingsland; 2nd Church, Pine Bluff; HOPE: Arabella Heights, Texarkana; Beech Street, Texarkana; Memorial, Waldo; Rocky Mound, Fouke; 1st Church, Lewisville; INDEPENDENCE: 1st Church, Batesville; Pilgrims Rest, Batesville; Rosie; LIBERTY: 1st Church, Stephens; 2nd Church, El Dorado; LITTLE RIVER: 1st Church, Ashdown; 1st Church, Lockesburg; 1st Church, Murfreesboro; Oak Grove, Ashdown; Ogden; MISSISSIPPI: Cross Roads, Blytheville; Fairview, Leachville; 1st Church, Manila; 1st Church, Kaiser; Westside, Manila; MT. ZION: Egypt; 1st Church, Cara-



THE 1960 graduates of Korea Baptist Seminary, Taejon, are shown with the faculty of the Korea Baptist Theological Semi-

nary, Taejon. The seminary was established in 1953. — Photo by Don Jones. ■

way; 1st Church, Lake City; Providence, Jonesboro; Rowe's Chapel, Monette; Walnut Street, Jonesboro; Mt. Zion, Paragould;

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Nigerians Begin Foreign Missions

The Nigerian Baptist Convention, meeting in Sapele in its 47th session, appointed its first foreign missionaries. They are Rev. and Mrs. F. P. Boyo and Rev. and Mrs. I. O. Badejogbin, and they will serve in Sierra Leone.

The Nigerian Convention established a Home and Foreign Mission Board in 1953 and began Home Mission work in several areas of the country soon thereafter. At its 1957 meeting the convention voted to begin Foreign Mission work in Sierra Leone.

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MISS CAMIE JAY

The Secret Is Out

MISS CAMIE Jay is coming "home" and will be in the GA Camps and at the YWA Conference at Ferncliff this summer!

Camie Jay has been in Arkansas for these camps before and is known and loved by many — campers and adults alike — all over the state. This young lady is of Chinese ancestry. She was born and raised on San Andres Island, a tiny bit of land just eight miles long and two and a half miles wide, 400 miles off the coast of Colombia, South America.

Left fatherless when an infant, her mother gave her to a native family and returned with the older children to China. Camie's lovable personality and unusual ability was recognized by the Southern Baptist missionaries on the island and they included her in the "school" which the missionary mother taught for her own children.

Upon completion of work equivalent to high school, Camie came to Texas for college and seminary training financed through the love and generosity of a Baptist lady there. Each summer during this period she served in youth camps and proved to be a most capable and loved leader.

In September, 1957, Camie returned to the island to her "adopted" people to direct a school in

connection with the small, poverty-stricken Baptist church there. We will tell you more of her work at a later writing, but just now we wanted you to know what a wonderful treat is in store for you at Ferncliff this summer.

The dates for the camps are: Intermediate GA, July 18-22; YWA Conference, July 23-24; Junior GA, July 25-29; Junior GA, August 1-5; Junior GA, August 8-12; and Junior GA, August 15-19.

Detailed information has been mailed to directors and counselors in each of the churches and will be sent to individuals upon request. Reservations should be sent immediately to the State WMU Office, 310 Baptist Building. Don't miss knowing Camie this summer. —Mary Hutson, Youth Director.

Counselor's Corner

'Old Ewe Worrying'

QUESTION: Our pastor will not move on the church field. He lives in another association, about 30 miles away. We offered him a raise of \$50.00 per month to move on the field. He refuses to leave his home.



DR. HUDSON

Do you think this pastor is the shepherd he should be? Or is the old ewe worrying needlessly?

ANSWER: Anyone with a sense of humor like yours ought to be able to imagine why the pastor may not wish to move on your church field.

Maybe his wife doesn't wish to move into your association.

He may be furnished a car and gas by his father-in-law.

Perhaps he has some stock he is raising at his home.

Seriously, there are two questions that are involved. Is the pastor doing what he agreed to do when he was called as pastor? And is the church doing what is best for the cause of Christ in allowing the pastor to live 30 miles from the church field?

In this day of a shortage of pastors and underpaid pastors, I would hope that your humor

(which may accept the pastor as human) and sympathy holds out. There is no one in our culture who spends as many years in training and is as low paid, as does the pastor.

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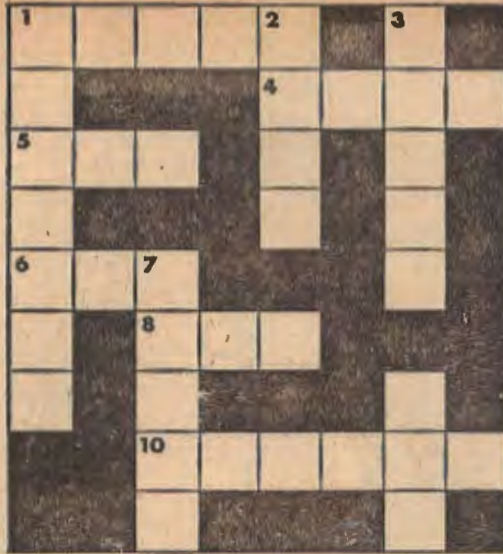
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Nature In The Bible

By Mrs. Carl A. Clark

Across

1. A place where shepherds watched their flock (Luke 2:8)
4. The plural of an animal which knows its owner (Isaiah 1:3)
5. A fowl which God's people were not to eat (Leviticus 11:13-16)
6. A little animal which a poor man owned (2 Samuel 12:3)
8. A place where fowls fly (Deuteronomy 4:17)
10. A prickly shrub used to make a crown for Jesus (Matthew 27:29)

Down

1. Something beautiful which appears on the earth (Song of Solomon 2:12)
2. Animals which eat crumbs from their masters' tables (Matthew 15:27)
3. The kind of wood from which King David's house was built (2 Samuel 7:2)
7. A part of God's creation (Genesis 1:1)
9. A little creature that prepares food in the summer (Proverbs 30:25)

ANSWERS

Down: 1. flowers, 2. dogs, 3. cedar, 7. earth, 9. ant
 Across: 1. field, 4. oxen, 5. owl, 6. ewe, 8. air, 10. thorns
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God's Wondrous World

The Magic Of Dust

DUST! We see it on the window sill. It gets in our eyes. Dust storms fill the air and sky with a gray haze. Is dust necessary in our beautiful world? We may ask ourselves.

Yes, dust is necessary. It has been important since the creation of our world. Dust is one of the most important elements of our natural world. We could not live without it.

Dust particles become tiny cushions on which moisture clings. Without these tiny particles of dust, there would be no rain, snow, dew, or sleet. All living things would perish without their drinking water. Nature is so attuned to God's plan for the growth of his world that even the tiny dust particle has a purpose.

Dust is really powdered earth. The solid matter of the earth, such as rocks, clay, sand, limestone, and decayed plant life, becomes a powder and is raised by the winds from the earth's surface. Thus we have powdered earth or dust.

Men who study the earth and the skies say that the purest natural air usually comes from high altitudes. It is spoken of as cold, crystal-clean air. Strangely, there is no air in the natural world that is dust free, not even over our great oceans. We even find dust mentioned in the Bible. (See Job 38:38.)

Ups and Downs

A LARGE corporation recently completed a job classification survey.

Experts sent questionnaires to the firm's employees to determine what work they did, how they utilized their time.

One of the questions on the report was: "How do you spend your time at work?"

An employee of the firm, who operates an elevator, answered the question like this:

"I spend 50 per cent of my time going up, and the other 50 per cent going down."

Always a Way

BURGLAR: "Your Honor, I was foodless, friendless, and homeless."

Judge: "You move me deeply, young man. Food, shelter, and companionship shall be yours for the next year."

Silver Lining

TWO shoppers in the supermarket were discussing inflation. The first woman remarked, "At least it has one point in its favor."

"Just what can be good about inflation?" asked the other.

"Well, these days it is almost impossible for the kids to get sick on a five-cent candy bar."



"You never once made a church service on time, so you can just wait out there a couple of thousand years!"

Better late than never—but better on time than late. Promptness is not only a virtue, but a courtesy to those whom our tardiness may disturb in their devotions. Set the old alarm a few minutes earlier!

Measured By The Golden Rule

By Rev. William R. Woodell

Pastor, 1st Church, Prescott

June 5, 1960

Matthew 7:1-12; Luke 10:25-37

THE Gospel of Matthew is the gospel of the "Kingdom Man." This section, far from being unconnected with the preceding matter, is the crown, the completion of all that has been said about the conduct of the subjects of the Kingdom.



REV. WOODELL

The Christian is not to pass sentence on his Christian brothers who do not agree with his judgments or will not follow his methods. Jesus said, "Judge not"—do not get the habit of judging. This is not used in the sense that we are not to come to a decision. A partial idea cannot be taken for an absolute idea. This idea is not concluded until the end of verse 2.

The word "judge" means "to sift; separate; analyze; choose; opinionate; to decide; a decision." It is called "judgment" in the courts; to pass sentence.

"A mind and heart that passes sentence" is suggested here. In passing this sentence, if we do what the one judged does, then the thing "boomerangs" upon the judge. In passing sentence, certain aims, modes and methods are employed. If these are used against another, others will use the same against us. In passing sentence upon others we place ourselves in a category and others will pass sentence upon us by the same method of our chosen category.

I—Little Faults in Others We See as Very Large. Large Faults in Ourselves We See as Very Small.

"Beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considereth not the beam that is in thy own eye."

We look at the "speck of dust" in the eye of a fellow Christian, but the log (sill) in our own eye is unnoticed by us. Many are like the Roman Procurators who carried their "judgment seats" along on circuit with them. They were always

ready to set up court and pass sentence on others.

1. Judging Others Is Dangerous

We court judgment ourselves from men. The critic becomes unpopular. Because of his irritating conduct, people are on the lookout for his offenses. None are so perfect as to be able to stand the fire of adverse criticism without a defect being revealed. The fierce light that beats upon a critic should quiet his censoriousness. The critic also courts judgment from God. A repeated teaching of Christ is that God will deal with us as we deal with our neighbors. He will not forgive us if we fail to forgive them. With the unmerciful He will show Himself unmerciful. So long as we make it our business to point out the sins of others, there is no hope that our sins will be blotted out. "If ye forgive not men their sins, neither will your Father forgive your sins" (Matt. 6:15).

2. Judging Others Is Hypocritical

The censorious person is the last to perceive his own sin. It may be as huge as a beam but he is unable to see it while busily searching for the speck of dust in his neighbor's eye. There is nothing that so hinders a person from heart searching self-examination, nothing which so hardens to self complacent pride as the habit of finding fault with other people. Religious people are, horrified at the sight of Publicans and sinners; but have they nothing to be ashamed of? Comparing our advantages with the temptations of the miserable drunkards and harlots whom we denounce, we may well ask whether our pride, uncharitableness and covetousness may not be veritable "beams" in the eyes of God.

3. Judging Others Is Futile

Where there is a "beam" in one's own eye, the critic cannot remove the mote from a brother's eye. The "beam" must go first. While a man is blinded by his own sin he cannot possibly save his brother. Christians must seek deliverance from their own sins before they undertake a crusade for the saving of their brethren. We must not only refrain from judging others, but be our own sternest judge.

II — However, the Christian Must Exercise Moral Discrimination.

We are not to give holy things to dogs. The Christian must recognize and choose between good and evil.

1. It Is Important to See What These Words Do Not Mean!

Many are tempted to abuse this teaching in order to excuse their own selfishness.

(1) They do not teach neglect of the poor. Such an application is very common. There are those who reason: coarse fare will be good enough for the poor; coarse treatment, coarse methods of religion and coarse amusements. To bring works of art and good music to "lower classes" is thought to be wasteful. Refined people are not to spend themselves on the "common people." This is Phariseism without its religion! This is the pride of the cultivated Roman and the bitterness of the scornful Pharisee!

(2) This does not teach despair of the sinful. There are some who are tempted to shrink from speaking of Christ to the very lowest people. To some, it looks profane to set the Gospel before them. They can hear the Law that condemns their sin, but the beautiful thoughts of God's grace is too good for them! Christ brought His good tidings to all men! The first to grasp His truths were the Publicans, sinners and harlots!

2. A Positive Application of the Words, "Pearls Before Swine"

The power to exercise Moral Discrimination is more akin to God's ability than any other we have. We are held responsible for this discrimination; we are not to prostitute judgment. We are not to give it to the cynical and greedy. Dogs and swine are proverbially gluttonous. Low, sensuous greed prevents its victims from appreciating divine truth.

A covetous man once asked Jesus for aid to gain an inheritance (Luke 12:13). Jesus knew what was right and what was wrong, and He knew the covetous purpose of the man's request. The Master

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(Sunday School Lesson Continued)
 refused to prostitute judgment to the dogs
 by refusing his request: "And He said
 unto him, 'Man, who made me a judge
 or a divider over you?'"

Swine cannot appreciate right judgments; dogs will turn upon you. Righteous judgment will not suit either party concerned. They will not accept moral discrimination but will turn on you for making your decision. This teaching may be summed up in one general statement: Do not become involved in unprofitable controversies.

III—Here Is a Seeming Difficulty.

How are we Christians to judge ourselves most rigidly, refrain in every word and way from judging our brother, and, yet, to exercise moral discrimination in the proper situation? Christ says, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened unto you."

When we need wisdom for these varying situations, we are to seek it from the Father's bounty. Christ asks us to learn how God treats us from the way a good father treats his child.

We teach our children to ask for that which we intend to give them by saying, "Please." When they say "Please," we cannot withhold from them. Neither will our Heavenly Father withhold from us.

But there comes a time when we do not get what we need by simple asking. Now we must use our own powers to develop it. We must seek. We must be diligent in the search if we are to find the right answer to the situation.

Too, there comes a time when we know where to find that which we need, but a door blocks the way. Then, knock.

Ask, seek, knock . . . these are the steps in which God leads His children.

Conclusion

Now the Christian is in such a relation to God that he can make the principle of reciprocal duty the principle of his life. The Golden Rule, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them," was meant for Christians. It is not given as a rule for non-Christians. Its operation by non-Christians may be positively evil. If a gambler from Little Rock visited a gambler in Hot Springs and should seek to put into operation the Golden Rule, he would do to the Hot Springs gambler whatever he wished; the Hot Springs gambler would seek to do the same towards him. The result would be a sin and a crime. This rule was not given, or meant, to be used by the worldly. This is the Christian's guide for conduct toward others.

James says, "If ye fulfill the royal law according to the scriptures, ye do well" (James 2:8). It was Moses who first uttered the Royal Law (Lev. 19-18). It is also recorded in Matthew 22:39. Only as one comes to love his neighbor as himself can the Golden Rule be practiced as Jesus intended the statement in verse 12. ■

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