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Looking Ahead . . .

A Library in Every Church

By RUSSELEEN BALDRIDGE
Baptist Book Store

They say that the old dream dreams and the young have visions. I am managing both these days. There are more than 900 Baptist churches in Arkansas. I am dreaming of the time when everyone of these will have, as a vital part of their church program, a functioning library. My visions are of a generation of people Christian, stabilized, and sure—because of the powerful influence of the church library.

Does your church have a library? Oh, I'm not talking about a stack of dusty books in some isolated nook in the church building. Neither am I referring to the pastor's library, nor to some study course books packed away in a dark closet. Does your church have a library that offers to the membership well-balanced, solid reading opportunities? It should, and it can.

Why A Library?

Let me tell you why it should. My conception of the place of the library in a church program is that the library is the underlying force, the groundwork of every other organization in the church. In educational institutions it would be difficult to decide which is more important, books or instruction. In the last analysis, both are needed. They supplement each other.

There is nothing that would reinforce Kingdom work more than books on Baptist doctrine and missions, books of devotion and inspiration, method books that show us how to lead and teach, and fiction that builds and strengthens character. I am convinced that this type library would so boost and support the work in our churches that there would be visible results in a very short while.

A Definite Need

There is a definite place for the library in the program of the church. That place runs parallel with all the other organizations in the church. It should be set up as a working unit with a head librarian, assistants and a library committee, composed of representatives from the other organizations of the church. Because it is a library by, for, and of the church, it should be supported as such, in interest and in a financial way. Just as other reports are made to the church business



—Victor Black.

Section of Library, Immanuel Church, Little Rock

meetings, so should a report of the ministry of the library be made.

Don't neglect this opportunity because there are difficulties in the way. Would you omit the Sunday School because no one volunteered to the church to be the superintendent? Would you omit the song services because there is no one who can sing solos? Would you omit one of the departments because you don't have a good place for it? These questions foolish? Then one still more foolish is would you omit the church library for similar reasons?

If we see a need, then we will discover a way to overcome the difficulties. The need here is great, for the church library can be the life blood of all other phases of church activity.

A Library In Your Church

Your church can have a library. First, have the church to vote to begin the project. Set aside an amount of money for the installing of the library. The cost is variable, based on what can be donated and what needs to be purchased. Elect the librarian and staff,

Christians who love to read. Get a location for the library, and then begin to accumulate the right sort of books.

Have the library staff to study the CHURCH LIBRARY MANUAL, which presents a simple method of processing books. The Baptist Book Store has free library literature, which will be sent on request. The state church librarian will be happy to help you in every possible way. Her personal assistance is offered to any church that desires supervision in getting the library installed.

A state-wide Church Library Conference will be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, April 28-29. Every pastor, every church librarian, and everyone else interested in church library work is invited to attend the Conference.

As you make forward steps in your church, or as you watch the new educational building go up, see that a library is taken into serious consideration. In building for the future, build character.

★ 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 Survey, Statistics and Information of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Facts of Interest

Total advertising volume in the United States in 1946 reached \$3,116,600,000, according to an estimate in Printers' Ink. Newspapers had \$963,800,000; radio, \$489,400,000; magazines \$430,400,000; and direct mail \$278,800,000.

"A Free and Responsible Press" prepared by the Commission on the Freedom of the Press, and published by the University of Chicago, reveals that fewer than 150 advertisers now provide all but 3 or 4 per cent of the income of radio networks.

Individuals' savings in the U. S. were \$15,800,000,000 in 1946, less than half the amount saved during 1945, according to the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Net profits of the Schenley Distillers Corporation for the six months ending in February amounted to \$26,290,870.

There are 11,000 foreign students enrolled in U. S. universities.

Effective April 1, U. S. soldiers in Europe can drink only three bottles of liquor a month. Beer, wines, and champagne are not included in the regulation.

U. S. residents sent \$296,900,000 to friends and relatives in other countries in 1946, according to a Commerce Department estimate. Gift parcels, valued at \$125,000,000, were also sent.

Within ten years, war veterans and their dependents will constitute 40 per cent of our population, according to Gen.

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Omar Bradley of the Veterans Administration. For every 1,000 veterans killed in World War I and II, there are now 1600 beneficiaries on the pension and compensation rolls.

In the World of Religion

Most significant event of the week was the 350 to 149 vote by the Italian Constituent assembly to include the 1929 Lateran Agreement with the Vatican in the new Italian Constitution. The treaty recognizes Catholicism as the only state religion and declares the person of the Pontiff to be sacred and inviolable. The action was protested by protestant groups in Italy and abroad.

The "Wartime Correspondence Between President Roosevelt and Pope Pius XII" will be published shortly by Macmillan. The book has prefaces by President Truman and the Pope. Myron C. Taylor has written an introduction and explanatory notes.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Roy Cullen of Houston, have established a \$160,000,000 Foundation for charitable purposes in Houston. Most of the money is expected to go to the Texas Medical Center in Houston. The Baylor Medical School is one of the major units of this medical center.

Charles P. Taft, president of the Federal Council of Churches, has said that American churches have "missed the boat" on labor-management issues. He said there should be a wider application of Christianity to economic life on the individual and local level. He urged that more local church councils be formed to help solve the problems. He said the number of local councils had grown from 257 in 1942 to 634 in 1947, with a budget of \$6,100,000.

Baptist Highlights

Because of a heavy schedule, President Truman will be unable to speak at the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention May 7-11 in St. Louis.

During one week, the Sunday School Board received 60 requests for free literature to start new Sunday schools in 16 different states.

Arizona Baptists have decided to locate their proposed college in Prescott.

Charles A. Eaton, congressman from New Jersey and chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee who recently celebrated his 79th birthday, was ordained as a Baptist minister in 1893. Since he was first elected 22 years ago, he has been called the "conscience of the House."

Of the 26,410 Southern Baptist churches, 10,110 are now full-time, 192 are three-quarter time, 8,772 are half-time, and 7,327 are quarter-time.

Harold Dye's new book, "Through God's Eyes," was released this week by the Broadman Press.

In Conclusion

Albert Einstein was recently asked what weapons would be used in World War III. Mr. Einstein said that he did not know, but did know what weapons would be used in World War IV—stone spears.

THE SUPERIOR GIFT

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan

"I have no silver or gold, but I will give you what I do have" (Moffatt).

Suppose you should go into a furniture store and find a plain chair priced at \$400 and a beautiful walnut dining room suit priced at \$25; or a small end-table priced at \$500 and an electric refrigerator priced at \$15. You would be startled and confused. You would wonder if some prankster had disarranged the price tags or if the proprietor had lost his mind.

The price tags which we often find on life-values are woefully disarranged. Jesus recognized this distorted estimate of relative values and warned against the dangers involved. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness," urged our Lord. He found men begging for temporal and material values which he offered. People ate greedily of the loaves and fishes which he multiplied, but walked away from him when he offered them the "bread of life."

The beggar asked for alms. Peter and John gave him Christ. He wanted money, they gave him life. He wanted a dole, they gave him hope. They didn't have what he asked for, but they had something far better, a superior gift.

The world is maimed in faith, shattered with doubts, limping along uncertainly toward a destiny but dimly seen. The hopes of men are frail and centered upon objects which will leave them disappointed and dissipated. We have a superior gift to bestow upon men, a gift that will heal their wounds, revive their hopes, cleanse their hearts, and make them whole. We shall be untrue to our trust, disloyal to our Lord, and neglectful of the needs of men, unless we bestow upon them the superior gift which is ours to give.

"Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: And immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength" (Acts 3:6, 7).

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First Church, Pine Bluff, began evangelistic services April 13 with Evangelist Carl Bassett, Los Angeles, doing the preaching. A. B. Pierce is pastor.

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Across the Editor's Desk

11,394,200 Scriptures

The American Bible Society reports a circulation of 11,394,200 volumes of Scriptures in 1946, nearly four million of which were distributed in this country. The circulation by its four Negro agencies, working only among the colored people in this country, was the highest since the organization of its first Negro agency in 1901.

Chaplains, returning to civilian life, continued to call for Scriptures, as occupational troops and those stationed at home were established in more permanent locations on a peace-time basis, while Scriptures were needed for men in Veterans Hospitals.

The Society's circulation abroad, exclusive of its agencies, which regularly work in more than 40 countries, includes the distribution of specially printed Scriptures in languages spoken in the devastated areas of Europe, and to hundreds of thousands of refugees whose Bibles were destroyed or lost in their forced marchings. Scores of grateful letters have been received by the Society from the recipients of the books.

For the first time in many decades the American Bible Society has been able to make a shipment of 100,000 Scriptures to Russia. Receipt of these books, presented to Archbishop Alexei of the Russian Orthodox Church of Moscow, on his visit to this country, has been acknowledged.

Hundreds of thousands of German prisoners of war, at work under guard in various parts of Europe, received Bibles, Testaments and Portions from the Society. Nearly three million Scriptures were sent to Latin American countries. The Bible Society was unable to meet many demands, received from their agencies, for additional books. The agency in Rio de Janeiro informed the Society that if it might have 50,000 copies of the Portuguese Bibles on their shelves, every one could be placed.

Re-emphasis

Last week's paper carried several items of real worth. If you missed them, get the back copy and check on them again.

Superintendent Snider of the Baptist Orphanage at Monticello was the author of a splendid article outlining plans for our ministry to the children there. This is a vital part of our denominational work; acquaint yourself with it.

Sixteen Arkansas men are graduating next month from the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville. Their names were listed in last

week's paper; they are our men and will be good pastors for our churches. If you want more information on them, write the Seminary. We hope to list Arkansas graduates of other seminaries soon.

Miss Russeleen Baldrige of the Baptist Book Store announced a Church Library Conference to be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, April 28-29. Pastors, librarians and all other Baptists interested in church library work are urged to attend.

A photograph of part of the 58-member class of nurses graduating at Baptist State Hospital reminds us of the tremendous opportunity of service open to Christian young women in the nursing profession. The Hospital is now taking applications for a new class.

Divine Arithmetic

History is the source of many tales seemingly ridiculous to the citizen of a 20th century world. Many now living can recall when the telephone was—because of its mystery—termed an instrument of the devil and unfit for use of God-fearing men. And the same is oft repeated in the introductions of inventions which mean so much to our modern world.

We have just found a bit of mission history that is equally as puzzling. It concerns the formation in 1912 of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, which applied for a charter that it might send Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson as missionaries. A member of the Massachusetts legislature bitterly opposed the move because "there is so little of Christianity in the New England states that we cannot afford to export any of it."

There may have been, and probably was, a great lack of Christianity in the area, but the legislator forgot that Christianity multiplies by division. It is not a commodity of which one is robbed when he shares it, but instead it multiplies many times whenever it is given away. If you want your own faith strengthened, share your Christ with a friend.

"Christian Cops"

"Christian cops make better cops" was the theme of the annual conference of the Northern Ireland Branch of the International Christian Police Association.

Christian policeman, conference speakers said, "are more human and understanding in their relations with the public, and help to bring into police work the spirit of the Master."

More than 500 policemen—every one of them six-footers—attended the conference at Belfast.

An Argument For . . .

Universal Training

By STANLEY WILLIAMSON
Cullendale

In view of recent articles in the Arkansas Baptist concerning universal military training, I would like to present a different conception as to our Christian duty in this matter.

War is not a figment of the mind or an adventurous story from the pen of a great writer. It is a grim and a stark reality. In our consideration of the subject, we must think of it as it is, the causes, the known preventives, and their relationship to each other.

The words are not trite, but true that, war is "hell." It would behoove us, therefore, to be logical and not emotional in our reasoning about this life and death matter.

Sin brings war to mankind; the sin of yet unregenerated souls. As long as the destinies and courses of any world powers are guided by grasping hands, coniving minds, venal hearts, and faithless souls, there will be war.

There is only one sure preventive that will completely eliminate the possibility of war: a complete and thorough spreading of the gospel in all sections of the world. An all inclusive revival to Christ-like living and witnessing of existing Christians, followed by an earnest effort of these to be his neighbor's keeper is greatly needed if we would abolish war.

Should world evangelism fail, then what? Shall we be annihilated as peace loving Christians, and hopelessly cripple for decades our chance of carrying Christ to a befuddled and lost world, or shall we fight for the right to live as a Christian; to preach, teach, and witness around the globe about a Saviour who died for every hell-bound sinner? Let us ever continue to propagate the gospel.

In this past war I served in the ground forces, as a unit commander of a combat outfit. I am an educational director of a Baptist church. My mission and desire now is to win lost souls to Christ, and help present Christians to grow in grace. This is my small effort in world evangelism. My prayer is that the combined labor of present day Christians will save the world for Christ. Should we fail, however, may the United States have a big enough war machine to quickly restore our missionary opportunities to us!

Write your Congressman to increase, not diminish the appropriation to the Army and Navy. We will pay with our money now or our flesh and blood later. Let us train possible soldiers of tomorrow in the basic rudiments of warfare now, while we have time. The nation with the biggest stick does the loudest talking. A big stick in the United States will be a force for world peace.

The Protestant expression of the Christian faith is not only congenial to democracy but essential to its preservation.—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam, New York City.

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Its Practical Application . . .

Glories of the Resurrection

By DOUGLAS M. WHITE
First Church, DeWitt

THE TRUTH of the resurrection of Jesus Christ has a very definite and personal application to the life of every believer. The value of His resurrection does not cease with the redemption of a lost soul. Nor is the power of the resurrection exhausted in the initial experience of regeneration as described in the previous message. The final and eternal security of the never dying soul of man is just as dependent upon the resurrection, as the glorification of his mortal body. Likewise the daily conduct of the children of God, as they continue their pilgrim journey to the heavenly home is equally dependent upon the resurrection.

Power of Resurrection Available

Those who have identified themselves with Jesus Christ in His death, burial, and resurrection (as symbolized by the ordinance of baptism, or immersion) for eternal salvation are thenceforth to "walk in newness of life." "Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin."

Jesus promised His disciples that He would send them another Comforter, the Holy Spirit, and He would reside permanently in every true child of God. The coming of the Holy Spirit was dependent upon the glorification of Jesus Christ which was, obviously, impossible apart from His resurrection from the dead. It is in the person of the Holy Spirit that Christ now abides in all who have trusted Him as their Saviour. It is thus that the apostle can rightfully say, "Christ liveth in me."

The power which operated in Christ when He rose from the dead—the power which operates in every believer, bringing about regeneration and rebirth—that power is available to every Christian every day of his mortal life, in order that His walk may be in harmony with his profession. It was the risen Christ who said, "All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth" and "I am with you alway." By virtue of Christ's resurrection from the dead and the consequent indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit, the baptized believer is able to obey the injunction to "observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

The intense yearning and the all-consuming desire of the apostle's heart is seen in the words "That I may know him (not in the forgiveness of sins, that being already settled but) in the power of his resurrection." This power alone could enable him to overcome the temptations and trials which beset him daily. He realized that nothing short of the power of the risen Christ could make him victorious over the world, the flesh, and the devil—which it did. So he cries exultantly, "Thanks be unto God who giveth us the victory (day by day) through our Lord Jesus Christ."

At the same time the apostle recognizes the fact that such power is available only to those who are willing to enter into "the fellowship of his sufferings, being made comfortable unto his death." Resurrection power pulsates in the life of those who share His travail a lost and dying world. How can we be satisfied to accept eternal salvation and deliverance from the unquenchable fires of Hell, and refuse to let self be crucified and buried in order

This is the third in a series of four messages on "The Glories of the Resurrection," being heard on eleven Arkansas radio stations through programs by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

that Christ alone may be magnified in every thought, word, and deed? God forbid!

Having made such bountiful provision God naturally expects every Christian to avail himself of this power and to enjoy the resultant victory. "Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his. And, Let every one that nameth the name of Christ depart from iniquity." This is both a command and a challenge. We are not only under obligation to God to live as those who have become partakers of His holiness and righteousness; but we are assured that, because of this relationship to Him, we shall be endowed with the power which raised Christ from the dead to enable us to carry it out.

Power to Walk "In Newness of Life"

God's ultimate objective in raising Christ from the dead is not fully realized in human experience until His resurrection power is manifested in the lives of those whom He has redeemed. The power to redeem a lost world will never be revealed to a lost world until those who have been justified by His grace learn to walk, step by step, "in newness of life."

The fact that Christ provides victory over death at the close of this life can only be successfully demonstrated as those who claim such victory triumph over sin (which is the agent of death) day by day. Unfortunately the power of the risen Christ to save men from sin, preached from the pulpits of our land today, is greatly nullified by the defeated lives and inconsistencies of those who profess to belong to Him. Christians are called to be a "peculiar people," standing out in contrast and distinction to a lost and sinful world. Alas, the church as a whole has become so conformed to the world and its ways as to become well nigh unrecognizable as the redeemed family of God.

Not until the church has experienced the cleansing, purifying, and transforming power of the living Christ in her daily walk will she be able to command the respect and confidence of a wicked world. Only by a constant walk of separation from the contaminating influences of this world can she hope to exert a wholesome influence upon those who are bound in the shackles of iniquity. The effectiveness of her testimony will be determined by the extent to which the power of the indwelling Christ is seen to be flowing through her.

Let every blood-bought child of God rejoice that the ever-present "power of an endless life" will enable him to refrain from worldly habits, carnal practices, and fleshy indulgences; to triumph over petty jealousies, foolish criticisms, and harmful gossip; and to joyfully "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

May God grant to every one of us the grace and purpose of heart to appropriate to ourselves this power for a dynamic, victorious, and fruitful Christ life.

Dr. B. H. Duncan Is Elected Editor of Arkansas Baptist



Pastor B. H. Duncan of the First Baptist Church of Hot Springs, last week was elected editor of the Arkansas Baptist, official weekly publication of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Dr. Duncan's election came in a special called meeting of the state convention's Executive Board. He will succeed, on May 1, C. E. Bryant who resigned to accept a position as publicity director of the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn.

The new editor is a Kentuckian by birth and was pastor of Baptist churches along the Atlantic seacoast before coming to the Hot Springs pastorate nine years ago. He has been prominent in state Baptist affairs for the last several years. He is chairman of the state convention's Radio Commission and a member of the Executive Board and the Administration and Finance Committee of that Board. A book from his pen will be published soon by the Broadman Press.

The Arkansas Baptist is regarded as one of the strongest weekly papers in the state. With its circulation of 29,800, it is estimated to reach two of every three Baptist homes in Arkansas. For the last two consecutive years under the editorship of Mr. Bryant it has been judged the most outstanding of 21 corresponding Southern Baptist publications.

Dr. Duncan was educated at Bethel College, Kentucky, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He served pastorates at Marion, Ky.; Timmonsville, S. C.; and Ashburn, Ga., before coming to Hot Springs. He has been named to preach the annual convention sermon to the meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention next November.

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Eleven additions, eight by baptism, and three rededications resulted from evangelistic services at Harvey's Chapel Church, Central Association, in which Evangelist Lonnie Lasater did the preaching and Pastor Roy Bunch directed the singing. Pastor Bunch says: "Bro. Lasater is a fine gospel preacher who lives close to the Lord, preaches the plan of salvation as Christ taught it, and depends upon God for results. We highly recommend him to the brethren of the state as an evangelist."

Progress of Southern Baptists in 1946 Reflects Transition From War to Peace

By PORTER ROUTH, *Editor*
1947 Southern Baptist Handbook

Transition from war to peace was reflected in the reports of the 26,401 churches to their annual associational meetings in 1946, as shown in the "1947 Southern Baptist Handbook."

The return of service men was reflected in record gains in church membership, Sunday school and Training Union enrolment. Spiraling inflation during the year was reflected in record giving for local causes and missions. The acute housing shortage called for a substantial increase in the number of parsonages owned by churches.

Many New Churches

Creation of new associations in Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Tennessee, and Texas brought the total number of associations in the South to 928.

North Carolina reported the largest gain in number of churches with Tennessee, Georgia, California, and Texas close behind. There were 244 churches reported as disbanded during the year. However, the number of new churches organized makes it possible to report a net gain of 267, or a total of 26,401. These were served by 17,877 active pastors. There were 3,098 pastorless churches reported.

A study of these churches shows that 10,110 are full-time, 192 are three-quarter time, 8,772 are half-time, and 7,327 are quarter-time. This is the largest number of full-time (those with preaching every Sunday) reported. Of the total, 3,450 or 13.1 per cent are city churches (over 2500 population), 3,562 or 13.5 per cent are town churches (populated centers 500-2500), 4,173 or 15.8 per cent are village churches (populated centers under 500), and 15,216 or 57.6 per cent are located in the open country.

Decrease In Baptisms

The 253,361 baptisms reported during the year was a decrease of 3,338 below the total for the 1945 Centennial Evangelistic Crusade. Church membership showed a gain of 213,751 during the year to make the total membership 6,079,305.

The fact that the gain in membership almost equalled the number of baptisms, despite losses reported by death or transfer of membership, is accounted for by the return of men who had served during the war. Many of these men had placed their membership in churches in the Northern Baptist Convention while serving in camps during the war. Some married girls who were members of Northern Baptist churches. The return of these to the South accounted for a part of gain in membership. Nearly one fourth of the members reported are non-resident.

Organizations Gain

There were 467 new Sunday schools reported during 1946 to make the total 25,435. This number probably does not represent many of the mission Sunday schools sponsored by churches and by associations. A place has been provided on the 1947 report for this additional information which should make it possible to get a more accurate check. Likewise, the 213,614 gain in Sunday school enrolment reported by the churches may not reflect the mission Sunday school enrolment in every case. Total membership in the Sun-

day school is now 3,738,924, the largest number ever reported in any one year.

Training Union enrolment showed a 14.2 per cent increase to reach 802,859. The W. M. U. enrolment, reported by the Women's Missionary Union office at Birmingham, was 767,521, a gain of 28,161 during the year. Brotherhood enrolment in the churches reflected the return of the men by climbing from 38,538 to 71,412 during the year.

Vacation Bible School enrolment reached a new record total of 1,055,678, perhaps the largest reported by any denomination during 1946.

Property Values Increase

According to the 1946 report, 24,979 of the 26,401 churches own their church houses, a gain of 447 for the year. The housing conditions were reflected in the big jump in the number of homes for ministers. There was a gain of 1205 during the year to make 6,600.

The 13.4 per cent gain in church property valuation reflects some building, but it also reflects increased valuation on church property. Value of church property reached a new high of \$313,053,779 at the end of 1946, an increase of \$36,964,008. It is interesting to note that the debt on church property has increased from \$6,176,000 in 1944 to \$16,450,000 in 1946. This increase in church debt is more than offset by the \$44,280,000 in the building and reserve fund reported by Southern Baptist churches.

For the first time, per capita giving for missions exceeded the high mark reached during the 75-Million campaign. Southern Baptists gave \$4.48 per capita during 1946, or a total of \$27,240,704 for all missions and benevolences. Per capita gifts for local work also reached a new record high, \$14.47, or a total of \$87,986,245.

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Dr. Gilbert Dies

Funeral services were held at Brunswick, Ga., Monday, April 7, for Dr. O. P. Gilbert, 72, editor of the Christian Index, official Georgia Baptist publication, who died of a heart attack Sunday morning in Aiken, S. C.

Dr. Gilbert was born in Rockford, Ala., and attended Mercer, the University of Georgia, and Crozer Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Brunswick, when he was elected editor of the Christian Index in 1930. Funeral services were conducted by Dr. Louie D. Newton, president of the Southern Baptist convention and editor of the Christian Index preceding Dr. Gilbert.

Dr. Gilbert was a member of the board of trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

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Rev. C. C. Sledd, who has held Arkansas pastorates at Black Oak, Cash, Hoxie, New Hope, Smithville, Alicia, and Marmaduke, has some open dates for revival meetings. He now lives at 128 Gates Ave., Jackson, Tenn.

"The Way of Life and Security" is the title of my new book. Order one of Bro. Thompson's books. Send 10 three-cent stamps for a sample copy. A. C. Thompson, 2408 Battery St., Little Rock, Ark.

An Urgent Appeal to Pastors and Clerks

The Government is taking a census this year of all religious bodies in our country. The figures certified by church clerks and other church officers are included in the report.

You may ask, Is this really important and desirable? The answer is that it is as important as history itself. Every statistical report from Washington is based on this Census. If our combined membership is erroneously recorded, through lack of co-operation on our part, we are by so much penalized in all matters pertaining to the Washington record, as for example, the percentage of chaplains, etc., etc.

Church clerks who have not received the official census blanks are requested to write to the United States Census Bureau, Washington, D. C., at once. The blanks will come to you immediately.

You will render your denomination a real service by complying with this request.

—LOUIE D. NEWTON, President
PORTER ROUTH, Secretary
Southern Baptist Convention.

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Says Buddhism May Disappear in Decade

By Religious News Service

The Association of Young Buddhists, dissolved during the war, was revived at Tokyo recently at a meeting in Waseda University.

Fears that Buddhism as a religion "will fade and disappear in ten years" prompted the revival, according to Eichu Hattori, executive director of the All Japan Buddhist Students Association. Total membership of the revived group is about 40,000. The program calls for "strengthening the culture of religious sentiments in educational institutions, study of religions, increased religious education, and Sunday Schools for primary school pupils.

A Christian source commented: "Americans, who feel that resumption of Christian missionary activities are slow, will do well to remember that 17 months after the surrender such organizations as this Young Buddhists Association are only beginning to revive.

"If it takes this much time for Buddhist organizations with tens of millions of followers, how much will it take for Christianity with less than 500,000?"

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Intensive preparation preceded evangelistic services at First Church, McGehee. Pastor Theo T. James preached a series of sermons including "Enemies of a Revival," "Energy of a Revival," "Enduement for a Revival," "Enlistment for a Revival," "Ensign of a Revival," and "Easter Revival." The week before the revival began was filled with special visitation. Men visited on Monday night, women on Tuesday, young people on Thursday, and cottage prayer meetings were held throughout the community on Friday evening. Pastor A. B. Van Arsdale, College Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Tex., is preaching and Edwin Geurin, Hot Springs, is directing the music. Special services will close April 20.

MOVING TO DALLAS?

Worship With
Ross Avenue Baptist Church
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Homer B. Reynolds, Pastor

Frontier... AT THEIR DOORSTEP

By JUDITH LEE
The American Red Cross

TWO WOMEN, carrying a lantern, cut across the rough fields behind their two-room log home. Their heads are bent against the Arkansas wind. Under the arm of each is a paper sack, and one carries a roll of newspapers.

These are frontier days in America; these are pioneer women. But—the time is the present decade!

The women are Minnie Scott and Glendolyn Tichnor. They are going to the home of a neighbor where a child will be born before the night is over. Both are nurses, and licensed midwives as well.

In an age of supersonic planes, radar contact with other planets, and man-made snow from dry ice pellets dropped above the clouds, these two women have found that old, familiar frontiers still exist here in America. To them, it is not what the country in which they live owes them—it is what they owe to that country. For them is not the cry for leisure time and more and more money, but for more hours in each day to do the things they see to do.

The Beginnings

Miss Tichnor and Miss Scott came to northern Arkansas in 1936 and bought a small plot of land near Union Hill in Independence County. They started at once to build a sturdy log hut, felling their own trees and doing all the carpentry work. Walls were sealed with wet clay. Tables, corner cupboard, beds, and kitchen cabinet were also home-made but substantial.

But these two women didn't come to Arkansas merely to build a home and run a farm. They serve as Baptist missionaries, as American Red Cross home nursing instructors,

and as midwives to more than a score of small Arkansas communities. In the rugged existence which they now share, both feel that they are achieving the full measure of usefulness made possible by their professional training. And that spells happiness to them.

Both received their religious education at the Baptist Missionary Training School in Chicago. Miss Scott holds a bachelor's degree from that school. She also completed two years work at a South Dakota teachers' college and subsequently taught school for three years. When she decided to add nursing to her list of accomplishments, she went to the Black Hills Methodist Hospital in Rapid City, S. D., and was graduated from there. Then followed a course in obstetrics at the Chicago Lying-in Hospital, with additional training at the Chicago Maternity Center and in Memphis.

Miss Tichnor, after her missionary schooling, also took up nursing and received her degree from the Mounds-Midway Hospital in St. Paul, Minn. After years of work in Montana, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Missouri she came to the hospital at Rapid City as a general duty nurse, there to meet Miss Scott, who was night supervisor of nurses. They became friends and decided to map a new world for themselves—in Arkansas.

Bountiful Accomplishments

They have officiated at 93 births in the rural homes and communities around them, since 1940. They carry all needed equipment in two stout paper bags, plus a roll of newspapers and a lantern. In emergency cases, they do private duty nursing in these homes and stay long enough to train someone else for the role once convalescence begins.

Biennial clinics for pre-school children and infants are conducted right in their own



“front room” where they administer immunization against whooping cough, diphtheria, and typhoid. After taking instructor's courses in Red Cross home nursing with the Pulaski County Chapter, they taught eight classes at Jamestown, Desha, Newark, Moorefield, and Ruddle Hill, as well as six standard Red Cross courses of 48 hours each at Union Hill, Thida, Oil Trough, Pleasant Plains, Floral, and a town named Thirty-Seven.

Church activities of Miss Scott and Miss Tichnor are widespread. Each summer they hold six-day vacation Bible schools in surrounding communities. Miss Scott also serves as Sunday School superintendent at the Union Hill Baptist Church. Since her arrival, the congregation has grown from six members to 60. Working together, the two women organized a new church, called the Lake View Church, with a present congregation of 30.

The Work Continues

Every spring and fall they hold fund-raising rummage sales on the front lawn of their home. Clothing is sent to them from Baptist churches all over America. The sums gleaned from these sales help buy repair materials for present churches, and leave a little over for the expansion of their mission work.

Two years ago their log hut became too small for the amount of work they had taken upon themselves and for the number of people who gathered there. So they bought a 35-acre tract of farm land, five miles from the site of their first home. With wagon and team, they hauled 19 loads of rock to build foundation and stone porch. The new place, they decided, must have electricity—so they wired it themselves. They built their own chimney and fireplace, cleaned out and re-concreted an old spring-fed well, dug their own cistern, and built a warm shed for the family cow and goat.

Among the many neighbors and friends who came to view the new house was an old time Arkansas stone mason. He told Miss Scott and Miss Tichnor that “nobody coulda set a finer foundation.”

Other observers, in many parts of America are inclined to take the same view—in a larger sense.

This splendid article, sent us by the American Red Cross in Washington, D. C., concerns two courageous young women who have seen the desperate need for a Christian witness in our Arkansas mountains. They are not employed by our state denomination, but are working under another Baptist group. Their ministry illustrates a great field that our own mission work must enter.

—Editor.



Plea for Mission Activity Is Heard Plainly in Many Sections of State

Shortly after accepting the position as Superintendent of Missions, I made a talk in one of our Arkansas churches about the great needs in this state and some of the things that could be accomplished. At the close of the service a widow came to me and stated that she was vitally interested in our state mission program and desired to make a special offering. She gave me a check for \$100. I turned that check in to the Baptist Headquarters designated to State Missions. I find that when people learn about the great needs and some of the things we are trying to do that they are interested in giving to our great mission program.

From Mississippi County

From day to day many requests are received from associational missionaries, pastors, and others, in regard to getting help for some destitute area. Below is a request which recently came from Mississippi County Association:

"Let me say one earnest word to you about the situation in the Pleasant Valley community. I think the need which it presents to Baptist people is one of the greatest in the state of Arkansas. There are more than 25 square miles of territory out there without a functioning Baptist church. There are some 18 members of the Pleasant Valley Baptist Church living in the community. They voted about a year ago to carry on but had no building in which to hold their services. There has been one acre of land deeded to them for the construction of a building. This acre of land joins the property of the Redman School. This property is in the midst of one of the finest sections of agricultural land in Mississippi County. Nothing could do as much to make the community one of the finest in Arkansas than a good functioning Baptist church. Will you not do your best to help?"

From Arkansas Valley

Here is another request which comes from Arkansas Valley Association. To read this, one can see that there is no limit to the work that can be done and ought to be done in the great delta section of our state. Attention has been called in former articles to the needs in the mountains. Note the needs listed below in the delta section:

"In my judgment Arkansas Baptists have never fully realized the greatness of the delta section. This section is rich both in resources and people. In many ways this section is changing. It is fast becoming an industrial and dairying center. New industries are making investigations in this town and others looking forward to bringing factories South.

"There are no less than 200,000 Negroes in this association alone. In Phillips county there are at least 50 Chinese families. In Helena, and West Helena we have at least 25,000 people counting the adjacent communities that are dependent upon them for education, religion, etc. The mill officials tell me that from 200 to 300 families would be brought here at once if they had proper housing facilities. Both towns are working on this housing problem and are making progress.

"Would it be possible to work out some kind of program with the State Board to enter this field with the Home Mission Board assisting? We have a good associational missionary. I think that he is as perfect as one man could be. But he cannot in any way cope with the thing that I am talking about. The Catho-

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C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

lics and the C. I. O. have the Negroes pretty well lined up. We must in some way enter this field or lose it altogether in its larger aspect."

The Present Program

Now the question may be raised by some, what is actually being done to meet these great needs in the state? The Department of Missions already is giving aid to associations, churches, and mission work. At present, there are 29 associations receiving financial aid in supplementing the missionaries' salaries. The total amount of aid for the year will be approximately \$30,000. Several other associations have missionaries but they do not receive help from the Mission Department.

Forty-one churches and missions are being helped financially by the Mission Department. Many of them have gone to full time and have indicated that in the near future they will be self-supporting. At the present rate of expenditure about \$10,000 will be used in this type of work this year.

Five churches have already been helped in their building programs. One church house had been destroyed by fire with no insurance. Another had been destroyed in a tornado. Others simply needed financial help in getting started into a building program. The Mission Department will likely spend \$10,000 helping churches in building houses of worship. There are scores of churches without houses of worship.

Four Negro missionaries receive the total amount of \$52.50 per month as supplement to their salaries from this department.

In future articles reports will be given about some definite accomplishments in the mission work being done.

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Ed Lovell of 1011 Eighteenth St., Port Arthur, Tex., has reentered the evangelistic field and is giving full time to gospel singing.

State Brotherhood Meet Is Postponed

The state Brotherhood convention listed on the calendar of Arkansas Baptist activities for April 25-26 has been postponed, it has been announced by Nelson Tull, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas, and Carey Selph, state Brotherhood president. The meeting was called off because much more time is needed for the planning of a worthy program and securing of speakers who will attract men and help in the setting forward of Brotherhood work throughout the state. Efforts are being concentrated now on the planning of a great Brotherhood day and night at the state Convention in November.

Episcopals Urge Simple Funerals

Lavish floral displays, eulogies, open caskets and expensive funerals are discouraged in a brochure on "Christian Burial" issued by the Rt. Rev. Frank W. Creighton, Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, and the Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, Suffragan Bishop.

Purpose of the statement, they said, is "to combat some of the newer customs connected with death and burial."

"It is fitting to place the flowers on the altar, and to have one or two other baskets of flowers in the chancel, but do not crowd the church with a lavish array," the bishops declared. "We say this because simplicity better symbolizes the Christian life, and because we desire in Christian and democratic spirit to avoid anything approaching competition in funerals.

"Those who desire to pay tribute to the deceased should be encouraged, either as individuals or as a group, to give some lasting memorial to the church or to some other good work in which the deceased was interested.

"Eulogies at church funerals are unnecessary and out of order. The people assembled in the church know the deceased anyway, and it is certainly not necessary to give information to Him 'unto whom all hearts are open and all desires known.'

"Since 'we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out,' and since simplicity again should be a mark of the Christian life, we urge our people not to lavish their money upon expensive caskets or funerals. A pall may be placed over the casket to add to the simplicity and to preserve the teaching that, since God looks upon the hearts, He is not impressed by caskets . . . Flowers should not be placed upon the pall or the casket.

"The casket should be closed from the time it leaves the home or funeral parlor. If the body lies in state, or friends desire to view it, this can be done before the church service. The casket should never be open in any part of the church building. During the service our thoughts should rise to God, our Eternal Home, and not dwell upon the physical aspects of death or the art of the undertaker.

"The burial service of the church is complete in itself, dignified and brief, and should not be combined with the services of any fraternal or military organizations. Fraternal groups may, of course, attend the church service in a body, but if the family desires the rites of a lodge, those rites should take place at the funeral parlor before the church service."

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Pastor J. W. Shields, Mt. Zion, Gum Springs, and Shady Grove Churches, Big Creek Association, reports on recent progress: "Our attendance at Mt. Zion fell off some for the last two months. Sunday School attendance averaged 30. At Gum Springs attendance averaged 36 in Sunday School and 30 in Training Union. Shady Grove averaged approximately 20 in Sunday School and has no Training Union. As an association we have held two meetings—Enterprise last December with a good meeting on Sunday School work and Mount Zion in March with good attendance and good program on Training Union work. All churches will cooperate in simultaneous meetings in August with Dr. Otto Whittington, Little Rock, preaching at a central point at night and the pastors and other ministers going to each church during the day."

HOME MISSIONS

In 1946

The annual report of the Home Mission Board for 1946 shows that 44,873 new members were added to the churches as a result of the ministry of the 720 full-time missionaries of the Board and the 200 summer workers from colleges and seminaries who served for ten weeks on the various fields. Of the number, 27,474 were reported as conversions.

To make the grand total of 920 missionaries (including 203 summer workers) 87 new missionaries were added during the past year. There was some turn-over in personnel, but the net gain in the number of missionaries was 69. These workers delivered 94,145 sermons and addresses, made 222,281 religious visits, and did personal work with 166,701 individuals.

Literature played an important part in the ministry of home missions. The missionaries distributed 19,855 Bibles and Gospels, 2,014,885 pages of tracts. The magazine, *Southern Baptist Home Missions*, reached a peak circulation of 121,800; four issues carried 24 pages and the other eight, 16. This would add 26,880,000 more pages to the amount of literature distributed. At the same time, more than 73,000 books placed 8,000,000 other pages of home mission literature in the hands of the people.

Besides the 7,317 revivals conducted by home missionaries, there were 12,841 mission classes taught, 361 missions opened, 131 new churches organized, 36 kindergartens maintained, and 1,815 Vacation Bible schools conducted in mission situations.

Building operations were rather extensive. The Home Mission Board built or improved 74 churches and chapels and 16 pastors' homes.

What Readers Say About It

America Must Be Christian, By H. C. Goerner.

"It is excellent. This information ought to be in the hands of every Southern Baptist."—Duke K. McCall.

"The message of this book should be preached time and again from the pulpits of our Southern Baptist Convention as well as through the rest of the nation. You have produced a literary gem which is both scholarly and simple in its presentation. Every layman can follow it without difficulty and every pastor will find in it a challenge to his best thought and analysis of our present world situation."—H. H. Hobbs.

"It is truly a timely book, strong, convincing, challenging. . . . I have rarely read a book that has gripped me as this one has."—Mrs. Foy J. Farmer.

"Never have I read such a stirring, thought-provoking discussion of our mission opportunity and the urgency of making Jesus known, now."—Mrs. F. B. Kinell, president, Missouri Woman's Missionary Union.

"*America Must Be Christian* . . . is the most potent text published by the Home Mission Board in years."—Mrs. Gordon Maddrey.

"I feel it is a book every Southern Baptist should read."—Mrs. D. C. Setser.

"I would like to urge its immediate possession and use by every leader who is vitally interested in awakening our people to the truth of the "must" of the title."—Rev. V. E. Boyd.

"It is terse but dynamic . . . a message and challenge which should be preached from every pulpit."—Mrs. Arthur E. Whedbee.

"The last chapter, 'The Task of Southern Baptist,' certainly portrays to us our tremendous responsibility of spreading the faith here in our homeland."—Mrs. C. H. Ray.

First Church, Corning, will celebrate its 60th anniversary May. 4. Features of the day will include a sermon by former pastor, Golden Neely, music by Central College Quartette, dinner on the grounds, an afternoon service with talks by visitors and former members, and some old time singing.

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WHY?

Why come to this meeting? Because a warm welcome awaits you! Because a great program is being planned for you! Because of the fine fellowship of kindred hearts! Because of close contact with our beloved missionaries! Because of the information and inspiration you will take back to your own missionary organization! Because you just can't afford to miss it!

WHEN?

May 4-6th, 1947. The first session opens on Sunday afternoon at 3 p. m. At this time we expect to feature our Y. W. A. and Training School. We are hoping to have two hundred Training School Alumnae this opening session. Our closing meeting will be Tuesday night. Come for the opening session and stay through to the end.

HOW?

Begin now to make your plans to attend! Talk to your members and get others to come with you! Drive your car and fill it with women! See that some of your Y. W. A.'s come! Come by bus, by train, by plane!

WHO?

OFFICERS, DELEGATES, VISITORS and TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNAE! All are welcome! Many distinguished speakers will appear on our program—Judge Camille Kelley, Mrs. J. M. Dawson, Mrs. Henry Lin, Dr. Louie Newton and Dr. J. B. McLaurin.

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Indian Mission Work Featured

The missionary society of the First Church, Fort Smith, honored new members and guest speakers, the Rev. and Mrs. Aaron W. Hancock, missionaries to the Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws and Seminoles of the Home Mission Board at a program and tea on March 25.

Mrs. Hancock, dressed in her native Cherokee costume, introduced her message by singing "Tell Me the Old, Old Story." She is not only a missionary but a musician of rare talents, possessing a beautiful voice which she dedicated to her Lord's service. Sign language has always been one of the arts used by the Indians to express

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their thoughts and so at the close of her message, while Mrs. Stanley Smithson sang "Jesus is Calling," Mrs. Hancock demonstrated this sign language.

Rev. and Mrs. Hancock are earnest and loyal servants of the "Jesus Way." It is interesting to know that in the same meeting in which Mr. Hancock dedicated his life to the ministry, his wife was converted, and that together they sought further preparation for the work in which they are now engaged. A love gift was given them to be used as they desired. Seventy-five members and guests were present—Mrs. Clyde H. Finley, Mission Study Chairman.

Associational Rallies

The first quarterly rally of Stone, Van Buren and Searcy Counties was held at the Red Hill Baptist Church with Mrs. Gus Poole, superintendent, in charge. The women of this association have been meeting in connection with the Workers' Council for some time but have voted to hold regular quarterly rallies during 1947. The next rally will be held in June at Leslie. Mrs. Myrtle Keeling writes: "Since we will have all day for our meetings we are hoping and praying for greater attendance, interest and increase in the work."

More than 100 attended the rally of Benton County Association held at Rogers, First Church. A splendid program had been arranged by Mrs. Maude Brown of Bentonville, acting superintendent. Special features of the program were talks by the Rev. and Mrs. Aaron Hancock, missionaries to the Indians in Oklahoma. A love offering of \$35.00 was presented to them which they said would go to their young people in training at O. B. U. for special Christian service. Mrs. Brown reports: "It was the sweetest and most spiritual meeting I have ever attended in Benton County."

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Niemoeller Impressed by Influence of Laymen in American Church Affairs

By Religious News Service

When Pastor Martin Niemoeller returns to Germany he will stress to churches there the importance of active participation by laymen in religious affairs.

The German clergyman made this intention known to Religious News Service in an exclusive interview at New York. He said that during his tour of the United States he was struck by the strong influence which laymen exert in church life and thought. This influence is apparent, he pointed out, not only in large organizations but also in the ordinary activities of local churches and Sunday Schools.

Niemoeller, who has been in America since December, has concluded his lecture tour and is vacationing. Before returning to Germany he may go to Brazil to resume contact with German-speaking church groups there.

The German pastor said he has also been impressed with the widespread use of advertising and publicity techniques by American churches.

"Here Christianity feels enough confidence in itself to compete in the bright light of public opinion with business and industry," he observed.

Another phase of American church life which has interested Niemoeller is the similarity of worship services in many of the denominations. He said one of the obstacles to unity of German churches is the great variety in forms of worship.

German Problems.

Discussing German problems,

Niemoeller said the future of the German church depends in large part upon international politics. He warned that the American and British plans for federalization will, if adopted, arouse a new nationalistic spirit among Germans.

"I see great possibilities for a new Christian era in Germany and all of Europe," Niemoeller said, "but this will depend upon peaceful settlement of differences between Russia and the western powers."

The economic future of Germany lies in a planned economy within a framework of cooperation with all European nations, he said.

"Small nations can no longer exist alone. But before the old national borders are dissolved a new form of European federation must be substituted to provide an outlet for the old loyalties."

Praises Relief Work

Praising the relief work of American church organizations, Niemoeller urged that this aid be supplemented by personal gifts sent to individuals in Germany in order to cement understanding between the two peoples.

"Because of the psychological state of Germans today, there is some mistrust of all organized relief work," he explained. This feeling can be counteracted by the personal touch involved in sending individual packages."

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My Dream Came True

By VIVIAN LANGLEY

From the time I was a Sunbeam, I have wanted to be a missionary. Now, that dream is coming true. By the time you read this story, I will be numbered among the missionaries in Nigeria, West Africa.

Well do I remember some of those Sunbeam days. My leader was very faithful and consecrated. One time she asked if there were some who would try to learn a verse from the Bible every day. I wanted to, and the scriptures that I learned then are the ones that I remember best.

We studied about some of the missionaries and the children of other lands. I liked to hear about them. Several times I got to see a real missionary. Many might have thought it was a childish notion that I started thinking about being a missionary, but it was more than that, for as I grew older, the desire deepened.

When I was nine or ten years old, I put on my record at school that I wanted to be a missionary. I stayed a Sunbeam after I was old enough to become of Junior GA age, until a Girls' Auxiliary was organized.

It was while I was in GA that a missionary from Africa came and stayed in our home a week and worked in the association where I lived. Already I had decided that I'd like to go to Africa but I didn't say much to her about my going. I just listened to every word she had to say about that country.

My Mother, who has been active in the Woman's Missionary Union through the years, told me once about a young lady in our association who was planning to be a missionary, but she never became one. When I heard about her, I wondered if I would just give up the idea. I decided that I would not let this disappointment change my mind, for I was sure that the Lord would help me to do what He wanted me to do.

When I was starting to work on my Forward Steps. I had the feeling that now I was beginning to do some real preparation for the work of a missionary.

I read books telling of the lives of missionaries, and dreamed often of my place on a mission field. The story of Basil Lee Lockett, missionary doctor to Africa, started me thinking. Would I be willing to give my life as he did for the sake of Christ?

The association mission study institutes helped me to know more about God's work around the world and to want to go as a missionary. One time, when I was 14 years old, my pastor asked all the young people who would volunteer for mis-

In All Thy Ways

A Page for Youth
By
CATHERINE JORDAN

sions, to come down and shake his hand. I did.

Later, I went to college and the seminary to study for mission work. My dream was getting closer to reality. Everything I am and am about to be, I owe to God.

Through Him I have made plans to go to Africa. He has seen fit to have me as a missionary. He will continue to guide me as I work with the Negroes of Africa.

Snapshots From Africa

Excerpts from letters of Southern Baptist Missionaries to Nigeria.

How we need young women to feel the call of the work in Nigeria—the couples are grand and they say it is nice to have a man around—but the men cannot carry on the work in our Girls' school and we are praying for others to join us in our work.

It is certainly good to know that we have the prayer of those we love back in America.

It was decided at the last Mission Meeting that since 37 of our African missionaries had had neither time nor opportunity for language study that something just had to be done about it. So they divided us into groups of eight or ten and decided for us to take three months for concentrated language study before the first language exam. From 9 to 12:30 in the mornings we have grammar, reading and colloquial study. 3:00 to 5:15 in the afternoons we have composition, vocabulary and conversation. 5:15 to 7:00 Tuesdays and Thursdays we go to the market places and surrounding compounds to converse with the people. It's fascinating but very difficult.

Not so long ago we had a "big Monkey" scare. Little Carolyn Pool was looking out the window when all at once she yelled, "Look, Mama, there's a big monkey in Miss Watkin's yard!" Mrs. Pool took one look and called for help. Mr. Pool grabbed his gun and called Carroll Eaglesfield to help him. The creature had headed right toward the two small Eaglesfield children. The "monkey" turned out to be a huge Dog-faced Baboon. Carroll said a conservative

estimate would be about six feet tall and more than 150 pounds in weight. We were all pretty badly shaken because it got so close to the children. And in case you're not quite stunned over that, Howard McCamey killed a baby spitting Cobra Friday. The cute little thing decided to use the table where we study for a bed!

Friday we had a most interesting experience. We went to the outstanding annual religious ceremony of the worshippers of Osun, or the cult of the Fish Feeders. The legend goes that the founder and first King of Oshogus was a worshipper of the God Osun so he named the river Osun. One day the King's daughter fell into the river and after many days she came back and told that the fishes had taken care of her and brought her back home. The King decreed that never should the fish in that pool be harmed. So every year whoever is on the throne feeds the fish. (The followers believe they are the same fish that took care of the princess.) After seeing the mystic fish callers' dances, we went through a narrow, evil smelling tunnel, under two very low sheds to the compound of the Priestesses of Osun, to where the food is prepared. Then down to the river side where the King did

the chant that is supposed to be his thanks to the fish. Since the fish in that pool are never bothered there were some very large ones and it was sort of weird to see them jump up after that awful smelling food. After it was over we wondered which were the worst heathens—the ones who actually went to worship Osun or who went out of plain curiosity—meaning us!

Youth of Today

Youth of today, be strong,
Strong in the strength of right!
You have to show mankind once more
Right is the only might.

Youth of today, speak out,
Speak for the world's own sake!
Millions will listen to what you say,
And tread the path you take.

Youth of today, be kind
To weaker folks and things!
Your Master was a servant once,
Yet he—the King of kings!

Youth of today, march on,
Your noble head held high!
Unfettered is your power for good,
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Enlisting . . .

MEN IN OUR BAPTIST PROGRAM

By ANDREW POTTER, In
Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal

II Corinthians 4:7-10

Southern Baptists have a program. We have church and denominational objectives, a purpose, and a plan which functions in kingdom building. Our churches and conventions carry on in the promotion of a well thought out and clearly defined program—the Cooperative Program—which included missions, education, and benevolences, in the several states, in the Southern Baptist Convention as a whole, and in a number of foreign countries.

The support of the missionary, educational, and benevolent causes represented in the Cooperative Program will, in large measure, come from the men of our churches. These men are not now enlisted as they should be in the support of these causes. One of the most important tasks which we face in our churches is that of enlisting men in the support of the Kingdom of God, beginning in the individual church, and extending around the world.

These men we propose to enlist in this Baptist program are not irreligious men of the world; they are Christian men. Somebody won them to Christ, and baptized them into the fellowship of a Baptist church. But they have not been enlisted. They are at present inactive and indifferent. But they present our greatest challenge through their unrealized possibilities, and they hold the solution to many of our problems.

A Brotherhood Is The Answer

Since the Great Commission grounds the Cooperative Program in the life and work of the churches, the enlistment of men in the financial support of the kingdom causes through denominational institutions becomes a responsibility of the churches. The response of the church to this fundamental challenge is the Brotherhood. The Brotherhood is not an organization. It is merely a plan of work, and a program of definite objectives designed to develop the spiritual life of men, and enlist them in evangelism, stewardship, missions, and whole-hearted denominational cooperation.

There should be a Brotherhood in every church. The men need it, and the church needs it. Certainly the denomination at large needs it. A Brotherhood gives men something to do. It provides a program of activities and drills in the technique of service. It ties men to their church, balances off the appeal of the lodge and the club, and preserves a proper perspective in the social and spiritual life.

A Brotherhood properly carried on is a blessing to men who have



an eye to see and a will to do in religion. Its fraternity is fine, and its program is practical. It dignifies the church and grounds religion in a masculine interpretation of kingdom service. The church needs a Brotherhood because it needs men—enlisted, active, developed men. We all know that here is the weakest link in the chain of our denominational work.

We Have The Men

We need big business men in our churches, and we have them—men of affairs and influence in the community, men of ability in leadership. In too many churches, however, they are not organized, trained, or developed, either as soul-winners or faithful stewards. Some of them carry on as deacons and Sunday School teachers. Sometimes they serve on committees or play the evangelistic game on a gospel team, but the men as such go to waste in most churches by the way of indifference and inactivity. The situation will never be different until the men have a distinctive place in the organized life of our churches. The Brotherhood is the response to this need. Without a Brotherhood, the organic structure of a church is incomplete.

A Brotherhood in a Baptist church means men in the church—consecrated men, Christian men, enlisted men, loyal men, faithful men, efficient men, stewards of time and talent and treasure. It means men who regard religion as real, and their church as a necessity; men who not only put their church in their program of necessities, but put it first in their correlation of values. An efficient, functioning Brotherhood is a tremendous asset in any church. It puts the influence of men right on religion. It cultivates a conviction on stewardship and the tithe. It develops a denominational consciousness and cooperation. It stimulates an interest in, and active support of, missions.

Every Church Can Have A Brotherhood

Every church needs a Brotherhood. Every church can have a Brotherhood. The number of the

membership is immaterial. All churches have men, and they can be enlisted in a Brotherhood. It is merely a matter of leadership, the leadership of a real pastor and a sincere, aggressive layman. Inactive, indifferent men can be enlisted. There is romance in religion. The Baptist program is challenging. It appeals to big men, and when it is properly presented to them, they will take hold of it. It is the appeal to the heroic, the challenge of a fundamental, far-reaching achievement. The dare of this great denominational objective kindles the imagination and fans the fire of zeal and enthusiasm.

The high ethical ideals and superb social sentiments of practical Christianity appeal to men. A pastor of vision and initiative, with the drive of energizing dynamic and the punch of personality, the lure of leadership, can put over this Brotherhood program with his men. Of course the pastor cannot do it without a live layman to help him, but his challenge is the dare to discover and develop that layman.

A Brotherhood commands the influence of men in the church and community. Religion is a man's job. There is nothing effeminate about it. The manliest man in all the world for all times was Jesus Christ. The highest and best in genuine manhood is conserved by personal religion. The truth is, the ultimate ideal of manhood can never be adequately realized without religion. In saying this we are not minimizing the women in the Kingdom of God—not at all. They have their place and their part in the churches. But there is no substitute for the influence of men upon the life of a church and community.

We need also the tested judgment of laymen in church finances and in the business aspects of our denominational life. God give us bankers and merchants who will take the time to get under the financial problems which beset and bewilder us in our denominational life. Nearly all our churches have good business men in their membership. These men could solve our financial problems and save most of our financial worries if they were enlisted in the life and

work of our churches and denominations.

If The Pastor Will Lead

We need a generation of men in our churches who have discovered the superior genius of religious fellowship and fraternity. The tendency of Baptist men to allow their clubs, lodges, and civic organizations to monopolize their social life is all wrong. The fellowship of a Baptist church can be superior to any social group in all the world because its motives are higher, and its ministry much more fundamental and far-reaching. A layman's banquet in a Baptist church—nearly always a success—demonstrates the social satisfaction which men can have in their church, and keeps it religious at the same time.

The enlistment of our men should be set out as a denominational objective. God has always used men to carry on his work. Our men love their churches, and they are willing to give sacrificially for the propagation of the gospel. They need illumination, inspiration, a challenge. They need only to understand what a church is, what it is for and what it does for men who put it in their program and give it a place in their social, as well as their spiritual life. This need of our men is the demand for a pastor of vision and leadership to point the way.

The ultimate factor in all this is the pastor of dynamic and enkindling personality—a man of leadership who discovers and develops unused talents, and who understands the psychology of enlistment—a pastor who will take men one at a time and give definite duties for definite men—a pastor skillful enough to show a man a big job, and make it attractive to him. Enlistment is always essentially particular; it cannot be done wholesale. The Kingdom of God will go forward in proportion to the development and enlistment of the men of our churches.

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Arkansas Baptist Assembly July 1-9

JULY 1-9 inclusive is the date of the 1947 Arkansas Baptist Assembly to be held on the Assembly grounds near Siloam Springs. The first service will be held on TUESDAY night, July 1; the last service will be that of WEDNESDAY night, July 9.

Send Reservation Now

Reservations for space in ASSEMBLY-OWNED dormitories are coming in fast. A check on remaining space available reveals that we can accept only about 150 more reservations, so those who plan to attend this year's Assembly should send their reservation application, with \$2.00 reservation fee at once. Mail all applications for reservation, with \$2.00 reservation fees, to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

Added Warning

We know of several churches that are accumulating reservations for their groups to send in later for space in Assembly-owned buildings. May we urge these church groups to send in their reservations NOW. In 1946 we were forced to regretfully refuse to accept some two or three hundred reservations because they were received too late. Only those who receive a receipt for reservation fees will be guaranteed space in an Assembly-owned dormitory. Arrangements have been made to take care of some 250 more than were accommodated last year, but even with this increase available reservations are growing less and less with each passing day. Each mail brings in applications for reservations. So, again we urge churches that are planning to send groups and have not sent in applications for reservations, with the \$2.00 reservation fee for each name, to do so at once. Do not put this matter off. When available space is gone, all we can do is return the reservation fees with regret to those who sent them in.

Assembly Staff Help Needed

For the 1947 session of the Assembly the following Assembly staff help will be needed. In return for the service rendered the Assembly will take care of bed and meals of those who serve during the entire Assembly period. The

only expense to those who serve will be the transportation to and from the Assembly and a \$1.00 registration fee. Those desiring to serve on the Assembly staff should write immediately to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

Assembly staff needed. **FOUR NIGHT WATCHMEN.** Night watchmen serve from suppertime until midnight. There is opportunity to attend the night service. Night watchmen are free during the day to attend all of the services and to enjoy the entire Assembly program, serving only from suppertime until midnight. This position requires mature men who have qualities of leadership and may be depended upon to protect the Assembly during hours on duty.

FOUR GATEMEN. Gatemmen serve from breakfast until the noon meal is served. It is the duty of the gatemmen to check all who go in and out of the Assembly during the hours between breakfast and dinner. Usually one gateman serves at a time, so that it is possible for gatemmen to select classes they wish to attend and to have a part in the Assembly program in the afternoon and night. Older young men may be used for this service.

ONE BOY'S SUPERVISOR. The boy's supervisor will live in one of the cabins on "boy's hill" and will have oversight of the boy's dormitories. It will be his responsibility to supervise the boys in the two or three boy's dormitories and to be responsible to the Assembly for the boys living in these dormitories. This should be a man that knows how to get along with boys, who has some degree of leadership ability and is capable of supervising boys.

EIGHT GIRL'S DORMITORY SUPERVISORS. The girl's dormitory supervisors will have charge of one dormitory each on "girl's hill" and perhaps one girl's dormitory on hill Number 3. It will be the duty of the dormitory supervisors to have supervision of the girls in the dormitories; to be responsible to the Assembly for the

supervision and care of the girls. Detailed instructions will be given at the Assembly, before the Assembly begins. It will also be necessary for the dormitory supervisors to arrive at the Assembly on Monday, June 30. A different system will be used to check the girls into the dormitories. It will be necessary for the supervisor to supervise this checking in process. This will make it necessary for the supervisors to be at the Assembly on Monday June 30.

FIFTY WAITERS AND WAITRESSES. These will serve as waiters and waitresses in the dining hall, serving three meals each day. Physically sound boys and girls of Intermediate age and Young People may apply. An effort will be made to select young people from the different sections of the state, so those desiring to serve are requested to send in their applications just as soon as possible. Waiters and waitresses accepted for this service should arrive as early as possible on Tuesday, July 1 and report immediately to the business office for instructions.

Send in Applications Now

May we urge those who desire to serve on the Assembly staff this year to send in their applications at once. Usually after this announcement is published many applications are sent in, but many are postponed and sent in later, after selections have been made. Therefore, we urge all who desire to serve in any of these positions to send in their applications at once. Simply write a card or letter, giving name, address, church affiliation, and the position desired to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

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1947 Rates

Read the rates carefully and make reservations as soon as possible. Assembly-owned dormitories and cottages are limited. Approximately 750 can be cared for in Assembly-owned space. This is 250 more than in 1946. Another 500 can be cared for in the different church-owned dormitories and cabins. This is the total equipment capacity of the Assembly. Reservations will be accepted only for those who send name or names, with a \$2.00 reservation fee for each name. There will be no exceptions to this requirement and, if accepted, no reservation fees will be returned. Those whose reservation requests have been accepted and to whom registration fee receipts have been issued, will be guaranteed space reserved.

Reservation fees will be credited to the account of those for whom reservation is made. Please do not ask for reservations unless name and fee are attached. Send all requests for reservations, with reservation fees to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock, Ark.

Reservations will be held only until 9:00 P. M. Tuesday, July 1, unless otherwise arranged.

All reservations are accepted on a "first come, first serve" basis. While more reservations can be accepted than last year, those planning to attend the Assembly are urged to send in requests for reservations, with reservation fees, as soon as possible.

Be one of the 1200 to attend the Assembly this year—make your reservation NOW.

1947 ASSEMBLY RATES

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Children 5 to 10 years, Inclusive	-----	13.00
Cot and Mattress in Cottage and All Meals:		
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Note: All individuals staying with churches serving meals will pay an assembly maintenance fee of \$3.00

PART-TIME RATES

Registration, Per Day	-----	\$ 0.25
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Supper	-----	.50
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Worthful Mothers, Our Greatest Social Need

By WILLIAM JAMES ROBINSON
Kansas City, Mo.

We are living in a time when the whole world is suffering from heart breaking throes. It is a period of decadence. We of America are on the down grade morally and there is little to encourage us to think that conditions will improve soon.

Every kind of crime is increasing daily. Teenagers are taking the lead in immorality. Never has there been a time in America when so many young men and women were indulging so freely in crime and unspeakable immorality. Our adults are not warning them by example as they should, but by their example are leading the youth of our nation in degeneracy.

That we are a degenerating people is undeniable. What should concern those of us who have not 'bowed the knee to Baal' in search for the cause and the remedy? These are pertinent questions and every lover of clean living should ponder them seriously.

The Influence of Mothers

"When Eve was brought to Adam, he became filled with the Holy Spirit, and gave her the most sanctified, the most glorious of appellations. He called her Eve, that is to say the mother of all. He did not style her wife, but simply mother—mother of all living creatures. In this consists the glory and most precious ornament of woman" (Martin Luther).

Charles Dickens very wisely said: "I think it must somewhere be written, that the virtues of mothers shall be visited on their children, as well as the sins of the fathers." Very many of our greatest men and women agree with him, and I know of no one who denies it.

"Men are what their mothers made them. You may as well ask a loom which weaves huckaback, why it does not weave cashmere, as to expect poetry from this engineer, or a chemical discovery from that jobber" (R. W. Emerson).

"The future of society is in the hands of mothers. If the world was lost through woman, she alone can save it" (De Beaufort). These are wise and challenging words for us to seriously weigh now.

Napoleon said: "The future destiny of the child is always the work of mothers."

I have said, it is common knowledge, that the world is in a deplorable condition, and that we are a decaying people. "If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers" (C Simmons). These are wise words and applicable to our present conditions.

More Testimonies

"It is the general rule, that all superior men inherit the elements of superiority from their mothers" (Michelet). It is not necessary that a mother be highly schooled to possess superior qualities. A diamond in the rough is as truly a gem as it is after it has been made fit to be set in a diadem. Great qualities are not the result of schooling but they are inherent.

Schooling may make them more evident.

"It is generally admitted, and very frequently proved, that virtue and genius and the natural good qualities which men possess are derived from their mothers" (Hook).

Henry Ward Beecher very wisely said: "The mother's heart is the child's school room." Sincere mothers will strive to keep their hearts noble.

He also said: "A mother has perhaps the hardest earthly lot; and yet no mother worthy of the name ever gave herself thoroughly for her child who did not feel that, after all, she reaped what she had sown."

Mothers ponder these words: "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother" (Abraham Lincoln). John Quincy Adams gave a similar testimony.

John Ruskin, one of England's greatest sons, said: "My mother's influence in moulding my character was conspicuous. She forced me to learn daily long chapters of the Bible by heart. To that discipline and patient, accurate resolve, I owe not only much of my general power of taking pains, but the best part of my taste for good literature."

Wanted: Christian Mothers

Let me emphasize that we need mothers of the highest type that we may bring up a generation of men and women with mentality, force of character, and integrity to turn back the ever rising tide of degeneration that is flooding our proud nation. Only men and women of superior intellect and character can do it. Great reforms are hard to bring about. Social conditions are stubborn and even the most needed changes come slowly. It seems that if they are to come they must come through a generation of worthwhile mothers.

Not every woman, not even every good woman, can become a mother of the highest order. No one could think that a consumptive, or any one otherwise seriously handicapped by a fatal disease, could become a mother of the highest order. Neither can you think of a woman mentally defective or an alcoholic as likely to become a mother of the highest type.

Few young women, if any, have all the qualities desirable to make them ideal mothers. But we can

all agree that to hope to be a mother of the highest type a woman must be physically, mentally, morally and spiritually superior.

Tobacco a Handicap

Can a cigarette addict hope to be a mother of the highest type? Dr. Kostral, physician to the royal tobacco factory at Iglan, near Vienna, noted that the infants of women working in the factory were short lived. One-third died within the first year. One-fifth of all the children showed evidence of poisoning of the brain and nerves and died of convulsions—"Tobaccoism" by Dr. J. H. Kellogg.)

Dr. B. W. Richardson, one of the best informed of modern medical men, said: "I do not hesitate to say that if a community of both sexes, whose progenitors were finely formed and powerful, were to be trained to the early practice of smoking, and if marriage were confined to the smokers an apparently new and physically inferior race of men and women would be bred"—("Plain Facts for Young Women" by Belle Wood-Comstock, M. D.)

In the light of what these distinguished men say no cigarette addicts can hope to be a mother of the highest type, or give society children that are superior.

One of Worst Habits

One of the worst habits, if not the worst, confronting boys and girls is the cigarette habit. The "little white slavers," demons in disguise, are seriously harming multitudes of boys and girls. Harming them irreparably, physically, mentally, and morally.

Dr. Daniel E. Poling, speaking concerning the deceitful advertising methods of cigarette manufacturers, said: "Womanhood is being exploited for trade. Excess is being encouraged as efficiency. Boys and girls in the crucial years of adolescence are being led to stunt their bodies and dwarf their minds."

Boys and girls learn to smoke before they learn to drink. Every mother may be sure her boy and girl will have to meet temptations to smoke and drink. "To be forewarned is to be forearmed; to be prepared is half the victory." Mothers should realize this and prepare themselves fully to fore-

arm their children against all enticements to smoke cigarettes or drink intoxicants. There are those who think smoking and drinking "occasionally" as a small thing, a matter of no consequence, but this is grossly erroneous, and exceedingly dangerous. The one who never takes the first smoke will never have occasion to take the last one. The same is true of drinking.

Abstain For Children's Sake

Mothers and fathers, for the sake of their children, should totally abstain from the use of tobacco and all alcoholic drinks. An ounce of example is worth a ton of precept. The following books should be owned by every mother. "Tobaccoism" by Dr. J. H. Kellogg, M. D., price \$1.00; "The Cigarette as a Physician Sees it" by Dr. Daniel H. Kress, price 35 cents; "Facts for Young Women" by Belle Wood-Comstock, M. D. Dr. Daniel H. Kress, Orlando, Florida, is the author of a number of invaluable tracts.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge" (Hosea 4:6). Luther Burbank must have had this in mind when he wrote: "No boy living would commence the use of cigarettes if he knew what a useless, soulless worthless thing they would make of him."

The mother who chooses to be ignorant of the harmfulness of cigarette smoking is sowing dragons teeth to tear her own heart, and is allowing her child to be sorely endangered when she could, in all probability, have saved him from danger. Mothers had better act as if they knew it to be true that cigarettes are the most dangerous thing with which her child has to deal. I know of nothing worse or nearly so bad.

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David Becomes Instrument for Execution of Divine Purpose

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Saul's rejection of God led to God's rejection of Saul. His act of disobedience in sparing Agag, the king of the Amalekites, and the best of the spoils of the war with him, demonstrated his unworthiness of the kingship unto which he had been anointed by Jehovah. "Because thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, he hath also rejected thee from being king" (I Sam. 15:23).

Saul's tragic end, together with that of his sons, is set forth in the closing chapter of I Samuel. First Saul's sons Jonathan, Abinadab and Malchishua, were slain by the Philistines in the battle on Mount Gilboa. Following their death, Saul attempted to get his armorbearer to thrust him through with his sword, but his armorbearer refused. Saul then took his own sword and fell upon it, dying by his own hand. "So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armorbearer, and all his men, that same day together (I Sam. 31:6).

David Anointed King

Following the death of Saul, the men of Israel realized their sore need of a leader. Consequently, the tribes of Israel rallied to David who was at Hebron and spake unto him saying, "Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was thou that ledest us out and broughtest in Israel: and Jehovah said to thee, Thou shalt be shepherd of my people Israel, and thou shalt be prince over Israel. So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah: and they anointed David king over Israel" (II Sam. 5:1-3).

It was a far cry from the days of the shepherd boy when David became the mighty king of Israel. Like, in one respect, his predecessor, Saul, the spirit of Jehovah was upon him from the beginning. Beautiful of countenance, goodly to look upon, and anointed by the saintly Samuel (I Sam. 16:12f), David was divinely endowed for his office.

Sunday School Lesson

For April 20

II Sam. 5:3-4, 9-12; 7:8-13

Thirty years old when he began to reign, David reigned for 40 years. Seven years and six months of this time were spent in Hebron as he reigned over Judah, and 33 years were spent in Jerusalem as he reigned over all Israel and Judah.

The Secret of His Greatness

"And David waxed greater and greater; and Jehovah, the God of hosts, was with him" (II Sam. 5:10).

David's greatness stemmed not from self but from the presence of Jehovah, the God of hosts, who was with him and who had called him to the kingship.

This was a hard lesson for Saul to learn: that his strength was from the Lord and not of self. In the vanity of his own mortal power, therefore, he rejected the counsel of God unto his own ruin. God said to him, "Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not;" (I Sam. 15:3), but Saul without respect to God's command, took matters into his own hand and spared the enemy king and "the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but everything that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly" (I Sam. 15:9).

David would have had no power beyond that of mortal man had it not been for Jehovah. It was Jehovah who gave him command in his successful encounter with the Philistines (II Sam. 5:22f). It was Jehovah who inspired him through Nathan the prophet to build the temple. It was Jehovah who gave him the specifications for the building of the temple. Well might his heart continually be lifted unto Jehovah in prayer-

ful thanksgiving for his victories, for, his triumphs were due to the mercies of God. With Paul he might have said by God's grace I am what I am.

For Israel's Sake

"And David perceived that Jehovah had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake" (II Sam. 5:12).

God had a purpose in the exaltation of David and his kingdom. It was his people Israel that he had in mind, and not merely the king, David. David was an instrument for the execution of divine purpose. He was chosen for a holy mission. He was to lead God's chosen people along the road of preparation which eventually would make way for the coming of the long-looked-for Messiah. The mission was to embrace all the peoples of the earth.

The circumstances which surrounded the coronation of David, and the events which attended his early ministry as king of Israel, was enough to make vain the head and the heart of one less devoted to God. But the Scripture says that David "perceived" that God had established him king over Israel and had exalted his kingdom "For his people Israel's sake."

Following his successful rout of the Philistines who came and

"spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim" David lost no time in bringing the ark to Jerusalem. The story of the event is told in Chapter 6 (II Sam.).

God's Message to David

With the help of Hiram, king of Tyre, who sent messengers and "cedar trees, and carpenters, and masons" a magnificent home was built for David at Jerusalem.

Jehovah, therefore, came to Nathan the prophet and said unto him, "See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains . . . Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah, Shalt thou build me a house for me to dwell in? for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle . . . Why have ye not built me a house of cedar? (II Sam. 7:1ff).

For the complete text of God's message to David, together with the response evoked within the heart of David, let the reader turn to the entire second chapter of II Samuel. Tender and beautiful indeed is the picture and from it one gains perfect insight into the real character of David, the king. And, what is more, one can better understand why David was God's choice as the successor to Saul.



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THE OUACHITA COLLEGE CAMPAIGN

DR. WHITINGTON reports that the Ouachita College Campaign is going over in a good way. A few days ago a news item in the daily press gave wide publicity to the increasing success of the Campaign. The report revealed that approximately \$700,000.00 had been subscribed by the churches and individuals. Two dormitories, one for girls and one for married students, have been erected and completed, except for veneering. Approximately \$150,000 worth of materials has been given.

Our office has actually received \$145,120.79 for the Campaign, up to April 5. Many churches have just begun to get into action so far as sending money is concerned. We should be receiving money in larger amounts from this time on.

Dr. Whittington spoke to many leaders in our Bible Schools recently about the Campaign. Wherever he could not be present some of the rest of us did it for him. In our meetings we do not let the opportunity go by without speaking on the Campaign. Even if Dr. Whittington is present some of the rest of us always throw in an appeal to help the Campaign. We are all strong for the Campaign, and are following Dr. Whittington's leadership in promoting it.

As we have said before, we now repeat that Ouachita College is absolutely essential to the progress of our denomination. Our churches cannot prosper in this day without trained leadership in both the pulpit and the pew. Our secular schools are starting our young people out in the realm of culture and education, but they cannot give Christian training. No other schools except our own will ever train our people for our work. Rather, they will train them away from our work. Baptists should have a school therefore, that is second to none. Shall we make that kind of a school out of Ouachita? The success of this Campaign will help to do it.

In large and increasing numbers young people are knocking at the door of Ouachita College. Dr. Grant reports that there are many applications that cannot be accepted because of the physical limitations on the school which the success of this Campaign can lift.

Again we appeal to our people and our churches to hurry up their contributions.

The WMU Convention

The Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas held its Annual Convention in Jonesboro last week. They had a great Convention. It was well attended, and their mission program was set forward greatly.

If you believe in missions and want to get a thrill about our missionary work at home and abroad, attend the Convention of our

June 29 Will Be Ouachita College Day

The Administration and Finance Committee endorsed a proposal to make June 29th, Ouachita College Day. This is Christian Education Day throughout the south, and since the Ouachita Campaign is in progress it is hoped that all our churches will take a collection on that day for the Ouachita College Campaign.

An urgent appeal on June 29 in our churches will accentuate the Christian Education Movement generally, and an offering in response to this appeal will greatly help the Ouachita Campaign. Dr. Whittington is giving the strength of his life to the Campaign, and the least that we can do is to follow his leadership and respond in spirit and in finances.

Baptist women. Every since the day when Jesus was here in the flesh Baptist women have been in the forefront in missions. Their understanding, their zeal, and clear-cut plans, as well as their contributions, will inspire your faith.

Baptist Hospital Auxiliary

In 1921 the Woman's Auxiliary to the Baptist State Hospital was organized. During these nearly 26 years this organization has operated and has had much to do in building a real hospital. The success of the Baptist State Hospital owes much to the Woman's Auxiliary. The organization meets every month, and makes its reports on what it has done for, and through, and with the hospital. If you have kept in touch with the work of this organization you will understand its blessed influence and its helpful contribution in the interest of hospitalization.

Mrs. J. M. Flenniken is the president, and Mrs. Bess White is the recording secretary. Mrs. J. D. Simpson is chairman of the committee on devotions. Mrs. R. V. Cash is chairman of the social committee, and Mrs. W. I. Moody is chairman of the committee on house furnishings. Miss Elma Cobb is librarian.

The monthly meeting is helpful and inspiring. Their plans and methods are devised and their reports are heard in these meetings, but the best work is done constantly between the meetings. The members gather linens and food stuffs and other contributions for the institution, and they render much personal service as a supplemental service to the work of the hospital.

First Quarter Is Done

The first quarter of 1947 in our Cooperative Program Budget is closed. Our churches and individuals did much better than they did in 1946, although we did not collect quite all that we needed for the budget, yet the deficit was not as much as it was last year. We should have received during the quarter \$102,242.97 in undesignated money for the Cooperative Program. We actually received \$101,356.60. We needed \$886.37 more to finish out the quota for the quarter. Last year at the end of the first quarter we were behind in the amount of \$2,747.05. So, you see we are doing better.

Some Were Late. If your recent contribution is not published in our reports for the first quarter it may be because it came in too late. Since our books were closed we have noticed that some offerings have been received which were meant for March. They came too late. They will appear in the report for the second quarter.

Dr. Alldridge and The Honor Club

Dr. E. P. Alldridge of Nashville, Tenn., who was once an Arkansan, and pastor of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, sends his annual contribution for the Honor Fund to help us clear off our old debts. If there is anyone opposed to paying these old debts it is not a Baptist outside of Arkansas. Every Baptist throughout the south land in other states who has ever discussed the matter with us commend us very highly, and many of them make contributions to help us do it. Dr. Alldridge is one of them. He knows that we got "value received" for the money that we borrowed. None of it was spent in violation of Baptist principles.

First Church, Shreveport, La., celebrated the 35th anniversary of the pastorate of Dr. M. E. Dodd April 6. In an issue of the church bulletin dedicated to Dr. and Mrs. Dodd we find this summary of his work: church membership has grown from 582 to 4,470, there have been 13,067 additions to the church during the 35 years; four other Shreveport churches have been organized through the direct effort of First Church during these years, and numerous others have been assisted; annual contributions around 1912 were averaging \$6,000, total contributions for 1946 were \$209,746.33. In his "Pastor's Paragraphs" Dr. Dodd writes: "I have remained here through these 35 years because I have felt no leading to leave. There have been many human opportunities, but no divinely spiritual impurity to leave. No Christian worker should leave the place where he is, until he feels as strongly led out of it as he was led into it."