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ARKANSAS

Baptist

Arkansas All Over

Norman E. Ferguson Returning to Ft. Smith

CHAPLAIN (Lt. Col.) Norman E. Ferguson is returning to 1st Church, Ft. Smith, as associate pastor and director of visitation and mission.



Chaplain Ferguson, at Fitzsimons Army Hospital, Denver, Colo., since September, 1954, received on his departure a certificate of achievement.

Mr. Ferguson and his wife, Dora F., will reside at 909 N. 35th, Ft. Smith. Their son Jeremy N., 19, will live with them. A daughter, Mrs. Jean C. Matthews, lives at 310 W. Lynn, Stuttgart. Another son, David J., 26, is attending the University of Arkansas. A third son, Ronald, 33, lives in Chicago.

Chaplain Ferguson served in World War I as a candidate officer in 1918. In 1924 he was licensed as a minister by the Chattanooga Baptist Church. From 1926 to 1929 he was associate minister at the Highland Park Baptist Church, Chattanooga.

In Arkansas, Mr. Ferguson served as associate minister and director of church activities of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, from 1929 to 1938 and from 1938 to 1942 in a similar capacity at 1st Church, Ft. Smith. From 1946 to 1950 he was pastor of the Ft. Smith church.

During World War II Chaplain Ferguson served in the Southwest Pacific actions. After leaving active duty in 1946, he remained in the Officer Reserve Corps until his recall to active duty in August, 1950. He served in Korea with the 2nd Amphibious Support Brigade and then in Japan before going to Fitzsimons in 1954.

—Army News Release

● **ARKANSAS BAPTIST** Hospital ended 1957 with a total of 19,420 patients admitted, a new record. (BP)

● **CENTRAL CHURCH**, North Little Rock, has called H. N. Hutto as song leader and part time assistant to the pastor, C. Gordon Bayless. Mr. Hutto, who has served as a successful pastor in addition to his employment with the postal service, will give most of the time he has for the church to assist the pastor in an enlarged visitation program. (CB)



MR. HUTTO

By J. T. McGill

Buckner Association News

CHARLES WHEDBEE, pastor of Huntington Church, is the new associational Sunday School superintendent, succeeding Loren Ames, who has resigned Midland Church, and moved to Ft. Worth to enter the seminary.

Jamesfork Church is constructing four new Sunday School rooms.

New Providence Church reports fine progress by the newly-organized Training Union.

Plans have been completed for five group Sunday School training schools, Feb. 17-21. The associational goal for 1958 is 1,000 Sunday School awards. Clifford Lyon, Mansfield pastor, is superintendent of training.

J. M. JAMES, Waldron, superintendent of evangelism, reports that more than half of the association's churches will participate in the simultaneous revival campaign, Apr. 13-27.

● **REV. AND Mrs. J. A. Harrington**, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, are returning to their field of service after a furlough in the States and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 1512, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Mrs. Harrington is the former Edna Earle Looper, native of Cauthron, Ark.

● **A SEMINARY** Extension Center, sponsored by the Boone County Association, will open its first session at Eagle Heights Church, Tuesday, Feb. 4, at 7 p.m. (CB)

● **NORTHVALE CHURCH** has purchased ground in the Northvale Addition for a new location of their church, Associational Missionary Lowell Wright, Boone and Newton associations, reports.

● **MRS. SEIBERT HALEY**, Decatur, author of *Exploring Our Bible*, Junior Book B for this year's Vacation Bible School, will be one of the conference leaders at Virginia's State VBS Clinic, Feb. 11 and 12. (BP)

Churches Add Baptist

NEW CHURCHES which have added the Arkansas Baptist in the church budget include: Philadelphia Church, Jonesboro, Mt. Zion Association, sent in by G. K. Pinchcock, treasurer.

These churches put the paper in their budget after a one month trial: Hilltop Church, Pulaski Association, Wendell Ross, pastor.

New Home Church, Little River Association, sent by J. A. Peters, clerk and treasurer.

New Club subscriptions include: Quitman Church, Little Red River Association, sent in by John Eason.

"MANY TEACHERS resign, when they ought to go on and develop — to re-sign." —Dr. Bill House.

● **ROBERT HALL**, a junior at Ouachita College, has accepted a place on the staff of Pike Avenue Church,



MR. HALL

North Little Rock, as director of youth activities, Pastor R. H. Dorris reports. In this capacity he will direct two choirs — a junior choir and an intermediate-young people's choir. An accomplished musician, Mr. Hall plays the piano and the organ and is also a singer. Mr. Hall is the son of Pastor and Mrs. E. S. Hall, 2nd Church, Kosciusko, Miss.

● **FIRST CHURCH**, Fayetteville, will have Jo Skaggs Day Feb. 2. Miss Skaggs, scheduled to return to Nigeria sometime in February, will speak at the morning services on that day. Special plans are being made for a love offering. (CB)

● **TWENTY-THREE** churches in Washington-Madison Association, are now sending the Arkansas Baptist through the budget plan. Spring Valley is the latest to be added to the growing list.

● **FIRST CHURCH**, Springdale, reports reaching 102 per cent plus of the 1947 budget of \$66,000. The building debt was reduced to \$17,000 and the church gave the largest Lottie Moon Christmas Offering in its history, \$926.88. (CB)

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The Cover

She Pioneered in Arkansas Baptist Work

FEW PERSONS attending the 104th annual convention of Arkansas Baptists were more interested than Mrs. Rebecca McKinney.

But then few Arkansas Baptists have seen as many ups and downs of the convention as has Mrs. McKinney, who at 89 is the oldest member of Little Rock's Immanuel Church.

Her first convention was back in 1895 when she and her husband, the late E. J. A. McKinney, took their wedding trip to Monticello where the session was held.

The couple had been married in Hope and left for the convention shortly after the ceremony. Their honeymoon was spent at the Baptist meeting.

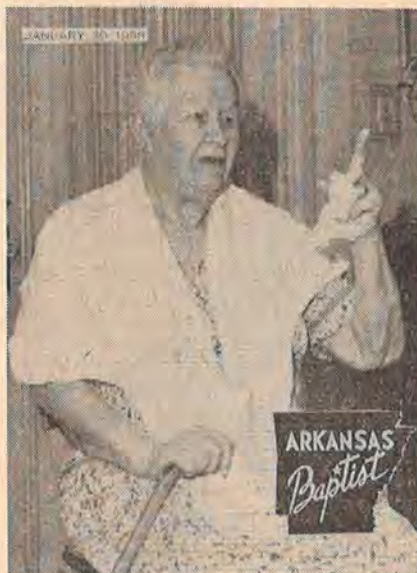
Both Mr. and Mrs. McKinney were school teachers at the time of their marriage. In addition to his work in the Star City system, Mr. McKinney was a circuit preacher for six churches in the county.

But of all the early state meetings, Mrs. McKinney recalls most vividly that one of 1900 when the convention met in Little Rock. That was the year a difference developed over the mission program and some pulled out of the Convention to form the Missionary Baptist Association.

The McKinneys had come to Little Rock with the idea of going on to Kentucky where Mr. McKinney was going to enroll in the seminary.

But the Convention president convinced Mr. McKinney that he was needed more desperately in Arkansas to help heal the split than he was at the seminary.

Mr. McKinney stayed and became editor of the *Arkansas Baptist*, then known as *Baptist Advance*, a position of service he held for 16 years. For his work he received no salary, ex-



cept for the last two years when the convention voted \$2,000 annually.

Mrs. McKinney recalled: "I kept boarders to pay the grocery bill."

The McKinneys had three children: Joe McKinney, former Federal Communications Commission official now retired and living at Houston; Mrs. D. P. Bodie, Pine Bluff, and Mrs. Marion Stoud, McGehee.

From the time of her marriage to the present Mrs. McKinney has missed very few state meetings.

After Mr. McKinney gave up the editorship of the *Arkansas Baptist*, he went with the Home Mission Board in 1916. He also served several pastorates before his death in 1936.

Mrs. McKinney went on attending meetings of the convention and participating in other church activities.

Although she now lives in a Little Rock nursing home, Mrs. McKinney hasn't missed Sunday School in a year, and she's still active in Immanuel's WMU.

Editor Named On Conference Committee

THE EDITOR OF the *Arkansas Baptist* has been named to membership on the Future Program Committee of the Promotion Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Other members of the committee include: Earl Harding, Jefferson City, Mo.; Barry Garrett, Washington, D. C.; Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, Va.; W. E. Grindstaff, Oklahoma City, Okla.; Frank Norfleet, Paducah, Ky.

Chester L. Quarles, chairman, Jackson, Miss.; W. L. Howse, Nashville, Tenn.; Fred B. Moseley, Alexandria, La.; Mrs. Gordon Maddrey, Ahooskie, N. C.

Forrest C. Feezor, Dallas, Tex.; C. R. Daley, Louisville, Ky.; Norman Cox, Nashville, Tenn.; J. Carroll Chadwick, Center, Tex.; and J. Edward Sandridge, Richmond, Va.

Nursing Schools Wins Accreditation

ARKANSAS BAPTIST Hospital's School of Nursing has been granted accreditation by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Service.

Miss Elva Holland, director of the ABH school, said that the hospital's school also was the first three-year diploma school in the state to receive accreditation.

ABH, Arkansas' largest nursing school, annually turns out almost half of the state's graduate registered nurses.

● DR. AND MRS. Thomas E. Hallsell, Southern Baptist missionaries to Brazil, are returning to the States for furlough and may be addressed at Missionary Apartments, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Benton and she, the former Mary Elizabeth Tolson, of Rison.

● MR. AND MRS. HARVEY Rowland, Warren, observed their Golden Wedding with an open house in the educational building of Warren's 1st Church Sunday, Jan. 19. (CB)



MR. STEWART

● ONE STUDENT from Arkansas is among the 52 who received degrees at the mid-session commencement at New Orleans Seminary. Claude H. Stewart, Jr., Blytheville, received the bachelor of divinity degree.

● MRS. JOE SIMMONS, minister of music, East Main Church, El Dorado, has resigned effective Feb. 1. They are moving to Arkadelphia where her husband will enter Ouachita. (CB)

BAPTIST HOUR TOPICS
Theme: Transforming Faith
February, 1958

February 2	Remember Gamaliell		
9	In Delilah's Lap		
16	The Power of Pause		
23	Life's Biggest Mistakes		
	CITY	STATION	TIME
Batesville	KBTA	6:30 p.m.	Sat.
Benton	KBBA	1:30 p.m.	
Conway	KCON	7 a.m.	
DeQueen	KDQN		
El Dorado	KELD	2:30 p.m.	
Fayetteville	KFBY	8:30 p.m.	
Forrest City	KXJK	9:30 a.m.	
Hope	KXAR	5 p.m.	
Little Rock	KLRA	9 p.m.	
Mena	KENA	1:30 p.m.	
Paragould	KDRS	8:30 p.m.	
Siloam Springs	KUOA	7:30 a.m.	
Wynne	KWYN	6 p.m.	Sat.

● MISS NAN OWENS, Southern Baptist missionary to Nigeria, may now be addressed at Box 7, Agbor, Nigeria. A native of Union County, she makes her permanent American home in Junction City.

● IMMANUEL CHURCH, Warren, led the association in training awards for October and November. Members qualified for 107 awards. (CB)

● MRS. LEO GOLDEN and her family have expressed their appreciation to friends over the state for their thoughtful expressions of sympathy in the recent homegoing of Dr. L. B. Golden, one of Arkansas Baptists' giants in the kingdom.

Editorials

The Magpie's Lesson On Nest Building

THE MAGPIE, according to an old fairy tale, was once invited by all other birds to share with them her superior skill of building nests. With all the birds assembled, the magpie began.

First of all she took some mud and made a sort of round cake with it.

"Oh, that's how it's done," said the thrush; and away it flew.

Then the magpie took some twigs and arranged them round in the mud.

"Now I know all about it," declared the blackbird; and off he flew.

The magpie then put another layer of mud over the twigs.

"Oh, I see, I see!" said the reputedly wise old owl. And away he went.

After this the magpie took some twigs and twined them around the outside.

"The very thing!" said the sparrow, making its departure.

Well, the magpie then took some feathers and lined the nest very comfortably.

"That suits me!" cried the starling,

So it went on, every bird taking away some knowledge of how to build nests, but none of them waiting to the end. But the magpie, bent on showing every step of the nest-making process, went right on without so much as looking up. She was not aware that her class had been leaving all during the demonstration.

When she finally finished she looked up and found that all the birds were gone but the silly turtledove. The turtledove had been present for it all, but had paid no attention to anything the magpie had done! She had just come to coo.

The magpie found to her bitter disappointment that she could not learn birds how to build nests.

Before we put all the birds on our black-list — that would be our bird black-list — let's consider the method of teaching used by the magpie.

We can commend her for her ability to build nests. All the birds conceded that she was more skilled in nest building than any of them.

We can also give her credit for demonstrating every phase of the nest-building process.

But we must conclude that Madge Magpie was much better at building a nest than at teaching others to build.

Apparently Madge did nothing at all to be sure that the assembled birds, many of whom had doubtless flown some distance to attend, were ready for the demonstration. Modern pedagogues would say she did not know enough about those she was attempting to teach. She did not start with her people where they were.

Poor Madge! She apparently had never attended any sort of course for teachers and had done no study on her own. She gave her class scarcely a thought once she began her demonstration. She was like the surgeon who became so engrossed with his marve-



lous technique that he performed a "perfect" operation only to discover his patient had died.

If Madge could have had just a smattering of a methods course and a little psychology she would have said something like this:

"We have a packet of nest-building materials for each of you." And if she had had any contact with business offices she would have been able to add: "Your registration fee covers this."

"Now, watch me closely as I build a complete nest, and then each of you will build one yourself."

And she would have watched her class closely to see that they understood each step. "Stop me any time you have a question."

A few birds might have found it necessary to leave before it was time to build their own nests — previous engagements, dental appointments, etc. — but no doubt Madge would have been able to hold the interest and presence of most of the class.

Once the demonstration was completed and all questions answered, Madge, if she had just been a half-way teacher, could have said:

"Now, take your package of material and open it. First we take the mud—" etc., etc.

Perhaps it is just as well in the bird kingdom that Madge did not teach all the birds to make their nests like hers. The variety of nests bird lovers find on their field trips is most interesting.

This proves that an analogy will often break down if pushed too far. But we hope it proves that the magpie and her methods are of no value to teacher, preacher — yes, even editors — and, perhaps, parents — except as a bad example! —Erwin L. McDonald

Personally Speaking . . .

An Empty Chair

THERE IS an empty rocking chair in the little Baptist church at London.

For those who know its story, the chair bears mute testimony of one who was "faithful unto death" and who has now been at home with the Lord for many years.



We called him "Grandpa" Spillers. He had been a Confederate soldier in the War Between the States. One day a bullet from a Federal rifle had found its mark in his right shoulder. He had calmly removed his shirt and, handing his pocket knife to a fellow soldier, had commanded, "Get it out."

"But Billy," his friend had remonstrated, "you can't stand to have the bullet cut out!"

"Thunder and Tom Fuller!" young Spillers had stormed. "I stood to have it put in, didn't I!"

Thereupon the appointed "surgeon" had performed the operation and "Grandpa" was spared to rear a large family and to bless the lives of many of us of later generations.

My first personal contact with "Grandpa" was as a fellow cottonpicker in the London bottoms. Not much larger than us "frying-size" boys, he had a fine, rather high-pitched voice and a long beard as white as the cotton we picked. It seemed to me he looked a lot like one of Snow White's Seven Dwarfs.

"Grandpa" had suffered great privations during and following the war and he never stopped being saving with everything. I still remember seeing him take time to pick up a few scattered locks of cotton from the ground and carefully place them in the cotton wagon before crawling aboard for the homeward trip when the day's work was done.

There was no money for janitorial services at the London Baptist Church, where "Grandpa" was a loyal and faithful member, and for many years he built the fires, trimmed the wicks and rang the bell.

As he grew older his hearing failed. But he continued to come to church regularly. The preacher had no more attentive listener than he as he sat, leaning on a cane and with a hand cupped to an ear.

Somebody moved one day, and it was promptly voted, to buy a rocking chair for "Grandpa's" use at the church. From then on as long as he was able to get to church he sat during the worship services in the rocking chair close to the rail that surrounds the pulpit.

If more church members knew the story of London's vacant chair, might there not be more pews filled in our churches on Sunday?

Letters to the Editor

THE PEOPLE SPEAK

OUNCE OF PREVENTION

PAUSE, WHEN it is convenient, and watch the minute hand of your watch for 13 minutes. And watch the second hand sweep 16 seconds.

During those 13 minutes, someone died as a result of a motor vehicle accident. And while the second hand moved forward 16 times, another person was maimed or crippled or otherwise hurt by a car mishap.

Those are the grim facts of our nation's traffic toll — facts that fill the hearts of all with horror and despair. These are the facts that all of us must face as we drive or walk our streets.

During 1958, hundreds of men, women, and children will be brought into Arkansas Baptist Hospital's emergency room . . . bleeding, broken victims of traffic accidents. Doctors and nurses — the entire hospital team — will devote their every talent and effort to saving and repairing these mothers, fathers, children, and loved ones. In many, many cases, all will be to no avail. And in others, the future will be dimmed by months — or perhaps a lifetime — of expensive medical and hospital care.

Should you become a traffic victim, a hospital emergency room will use every skill and facility known to medical science to help you to survive and to regain your health. But it is the earnest prayer of all of us that neither you nor any member of your family ever require the use of an emergency room. That will be determined, for the most part, by your own actions and attitudes when driving or crossing streets.

Look at your watch often during the coming year. Let it remind you of our emergency room and the emergency rooms of hospitals across the nation.

ARKANSAS BAPTIST HOSPITAL
J. A. Gilbreath, Administrator

"GOOD LITTLE PAPER"

Dear Brother McDonald:

The Jennie Baptist Church has been sending the Arkansas Baptist to each resident family for three or four years. A month or so ago I had a testimony from one of the deacons that will interest you, I am sure. This deacon said that when the paper began coming to his mail box he did not read it and had thought a number of times he would have his name dropped from the list. But he was honest with the paper in that he did not think it fair to have it discontinued without at least reading some of the issues to see if it was worth his time. After following such a course for a few weeks, he began looking forward to the arrival of the paper each week and now would not think of having his name dropped. In his words, "It is a good little paper."—Roy C. Maddux, Pastor

TITHER HELPS THREE

To paraphrase an excerpt from Sir Launfal's "Search of the Holy Grail" one might say:

"He who tithes of his means helps three—Himself, His unenlightened neighbor, And Me."

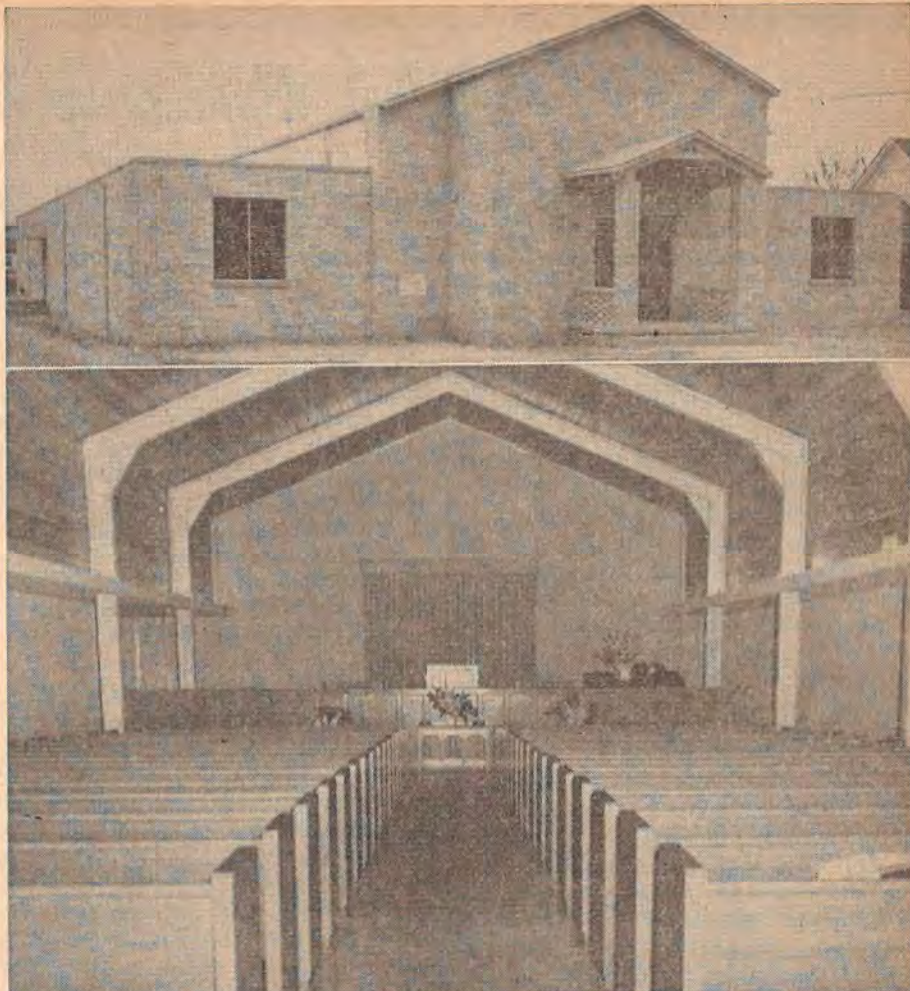
How about it? A part of the tithe helps promote missions doesn't it?—Mrs. Frances Lawhorn, Paragould

ABH's Best-Looking Intern Is Married

DR. SYBIL ROSE, Arkansas Baptist Hospital's only woman among the 11 interns on duty, was married to Dr. Wade Hart, who is interning at St. Vincent's, on Jan. 1.

Dr. Rose, a native of Flippin, after her internship plans to put in two years in an anesthesiology residency. After the residency, she plans to enter general practice.

"TWO LESSONS are taught on Sunday—what the teacher says and what the teacher does." —Dr. Bill Howse



FIRST CHURCH, Bay, dedicated their new sanctuary and educational building Jan. 12 with Leslie Riherd, West Batesville Church, preaching the dedicatory sermon.

The Art of Soul Winning

1. An absolute essential is compassion for the lost.
2. Spiritual knowledge is necessary. Know that souls without Christ are lost and know the plan of salvation.
3. Gaining the confidence of the lost person is necessary for soul winning.
4. A point of contact with the soul must be found. There is some simple key that will unlock the door to the secrets of life and open the heart.
5. As soul winners we must depend upon the Holy Spirit.
6. The Scriptures are indispensable in leading souls to Christ.
7. The soul winner will respect the freedom of the individual.—J. O. Williams

First Church of Bay Dedicates Building

AN AIR-CONDITIONED brick veneer sanctuary-education building was dedicated by 1st Church, Bay, Jan. 12. Leslie Riherd, West Batesville Church, preached the dedicatory sermon.

The new structure, built on property donated by Mrs. Ida Blalock, contains an auditorium seating 315, 15 classrooms, a nursery, kitchen, two utility rooms, two rest rooms, a baptistry and a study. The building, which is 88 by 66 feet, has central heating.

H. C. Hill was chairman of the building committee, which was composed of Newt Tice, treasurer, Alton Holmes, Jim Hancock, Frank Friend, J. H. Scott, Lee Hancock, Adron Hammett and Bobby Scott.

During the 22 months that A. L. Taylor has pastored the church there have been 93 additions, 70 by baptism, 19 by letter and 4 by statement.

Revival Reports

DR. ANDREW M. HALL, pastor of 1st Church, Fayetteville, led the Wilson Mills Baptist Church of North Carolina in a one-week revival recently. There were 20 additions and professions of faith. Lowell Shaw, pastor, was a former member of Dr. Hall's church in Florida.

JESSE S. REED led revival services in Tilton Church, Dec. 16-22. Two additions by baptism and two by letter were reported.

LAMPS DO not talk but they do shine. A lighthouse sounds no drums, it beats no gong; and yet far over the waters its friendly spark is seen by the mariner. So let your actions shine out your religion. Let the main sermon of your life be illustrated by all your conduct.—Charles H. Spurgeon

“... reason for the hope ...”

What Baptists Believe

(No. 4 in a series)

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth and final article in a series on Baptist distinctives. They were taken from a similar feature that appeared in *The Baptist Messenger*.)

SINCE MATTERS of science have no proper place in a religious confession of faith, and since it is desirable that our attitude towards science be clearly understood, your committee deems it proper to submit the following statement on the relation between science and religion, adopted in 1923 by this convention at Kansas City, and request that it be published in the minutes of the convention.

Science and Religion

1. WE RECOGNIZE the greatness and value of the service which modern science is rendering to the cause of truth in uncovering the facts of the natural world. We believe that loyalty to fact is a common ground of genuine science and the Christian religion. We have no interest or desire in covering up any fact in any realm of research. But we do protest against certain unwarranted procedures on the part of some so-called scientists.

First, in making discoveries, or alleged discoveries, in physical nature, a convenient weapon of attack upon the facts of religion; second, using the particular science, such as psychology, biology, geology and various others, as if they necessarily contained knowledge pertaining to the realm of the Christian religion, setting aside the supernatural; third, teaching as facts what are merely hypotheses. The evolution doctrine has long been a working hypothesis of science, and will probably continue to be, because of its apparent simplicity in explaining the universe.

But its best exponents freely admit that the causes of the origin of species have not been traced, nor has any proof been forthcoming that man is not the direct creation of God as recorded in Genesis. We protest against the imposition of this theory upon the minds of our children in denominational, or public schools, as if it

were a definite and established truth of science. We insist that this and all other theories be dealt with in a truly scientific way, that is, in careful conformity to established facts.

2. We record again our unwavering adherence to the supernatural elements in the Christian religion. The Bible is God's revelation of himself through men moved by the Holy Spirit, and is our sufficient, certain and authoritative guide in religion. Jesus Christ was born of the virgin Mary, through the power of the Holy Spirit. He was the divine and eternal Son of God.

He wrought miracles, healing the sick, casting out demons, raising the dead. He died as the vicarious, atoning Savior of the world, and was buried. He arose again from the dead. The tomb was emptied of its contents. In his risen body he appeared many times to his disciples. He ascended to the right hand of the Father. He will come again in person, the same Jesus who ascended from the Mount of Olives.

3. We believe that adherence to the above truths and facts is a necessary condition of service for teachers in our Baptist schools. These facts of Christianity in no way conflict with any fact in science. We do not sit in judgment upon the scientific views of teachers of science. We grant them the same freedom of research in their realm that we claim for ourselves in the religious realm. But we do insist upon a positive content of faith in accordance with the preceding statement as a qualification for acceptable service in Baptist schools.

The supreme issue today is between naturalism and supernaturalism. We stand unalterably for the supernatural in Christianity. Teachers in our schools should be careful to free themselves from any suspicion of disloyalty on this point. In the present period of agitation and unrest they are obligated to make their positions clear. We pledge our support to all schools and teachers who are thus loyal to the facts of Christianity as revealed in the scriptures.

Pastoral Changes



MR. JACKSON

LENDOL JACKSON has assumed the pastorate of Hardy Church, coming to the Arkansas field from Beckville, Tex. He served the latter church while he attended Texas Baptist College. Mr. Jackson also is on the staff of Southern Baptist College on a part-time basis as basketball coach and athletic director. Mr. Jackson is a native of Waldenburg, and Mrs. Jackson of Greenway. (DP).

HOMER ALLRED, formerly pastor at Grandview, is the new pastor at Northvale Church.

GERALD STONE, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and Southwestern, is the new pastor of McKay Mission, Pulaski Association. Before coming to McKay he was pastor of 1st Church, Knoxville, Ark.

PLAINVIEW CHURCH, Pulaski Association, has called Curtis Griffin, formerly pastor of Floral Church.

JOHN D. CARTER, formerly a pastor near Detroit, Tex., is now on the field of Everton Church and Western Grove Mission.

ADRIAN COBB, formerly of Dallas, is the new pastor of 1st Church, Jasper.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH, Pulaski Association, has called Thomas Pitman as pastor. He will be graduated by Ouachita in May.

SEVERAL CHURCHES in Buckner Association have called pastors, Missionary J. T. McGill reports. These include: Haw Creek, R.

THE FIRST Church Administration Conference, to be held at Glorieta (N. M.) and Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist assemblies next summer, will be host to Baptist church business administrators who will meet as a group for the first time. Conference dates are Glorieta, Aug. 7-13, and Ridgecrest, Aug. 21-28.

SOUTHWESTERN SEMINARY, Ft. Worth will be the scene for a Christian Life Workshop Feb. 10-11 of the Christian Life Commission of the Baptist General Convention of Texas. Speakers will discuss Christian principles as they apply to moral problems, family life, race relations, daily work, citizenship, and the separation of church and state.

“THERE ARE too many grey-haired babes in the Christian church.”—Dr. James Sullivan.

Gaston Dunigan, Whooster, Ohio; Longridge R. L. Whitten, Booneville; Union Hope, John Staggs, Waldron; Friendship, Truitt Murphy pastor of Dallas Avenue Church, Mena, for services two afternoons a month; Pilot View D. D. Preston.

T. R. HAMMONS, Forrest City, has been called as pastor of Tilton Church.

BOB DUFFER, a freshman ministerial student at Ouachita College, has accepted a call to the pastorate of Johnson's Chapel, near Dumas, in Harmony Association. Bob is the son of Pastor and Mrs. J. Russell Duffer, of Ardmore Church, Memphis.

The Crime of Unconcern

By Billy Sunday

I left the tent where we were holding meetings down in Paris, Illinois, one night, and among the number who left was a young man that I was especially attracted to by his fine looks. I walked down the street with him, and put to him the invariable question, "Are you a Christian?"

He said, "No, sir; I am not."

Then I used every Scripture and every argument to get him to promise me to give his heart to God, but could not succeed. When about to separate, I asked him, "Are your father and mother alive?"

"Both alive," he said.

"Is your father a Christian?"

"Don't know; he has been a steward in the church for several years."

"Is your mother a Christian?"

"Don't know; she has been superintendent of the Sabbath school of the same church for some time."

"Have you a sister?"

"Yes, sir."

"Is she a Christian?"

"Don't know; she has the primary department of the Sunday School."

"Do your father and mother ever ask the blessing at the table?"

"No, sir."

"Did your father, mother, or sister ever ask you to be a Christian?"

"Mr. Sunday, as long as I can remember, my father or mother or sister never said a word to me about my soul. Do you believe they think I am lost?"

I could not answer such an argument. It is six years this coming October since I heard this. I can hear his words ringing in my ears, "Do you believe they think I am lost?"

Can any of ours say that we do not care for their souls? May God save us from the crime of unconcern!

By Jay W. C. Moore

Concord News Notes

JAMES H. SMITH, formerly pastor of 1st Church, Paris, and who is currently serving as pastor of the Raytown Church in Kansas City has led his church to increase their 1958 budget \$50,000 over last year, from \$125,000 to \$175,000, with \$86,400 going to missions and \$70,000 through the Co-operative Program. Smith has begun his third year with the Kansas City church.

THE PALESTINE CHURCH has called Kay Mansell as pastor. He succeeds James Flatte who resigned to become associate pastor of 1st Church, Greenwood. Mansell has served as pastor of the Branch Church and as a supply pastor in the association.

A MUSIC COMMITTEE for the association has been elected by the Executive Board. The members of the committee are: Jerry Howell, minister of music of Grand Avenue Church, director; Bob Parker, pastor of Calvary Church, pastor-advisor; David Williams, minister of music of 1st Church, Ft. Smith, director of instrumental activities; John Smith, minister of music of Spradling Avenue Church, director of congregational activities; Mark Graening, Grand Avenue, director of training; and C. A. Ralley, minister of music of Calvary Church, director of promotion and publicity. A director of graded choirs is to be secured.

MISS MARILYN STUCKEY, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. D. O. Stuckey, of Shady Point, Okla., has been named secretary of 1st Church, Ft. Smith. She succeeds Mrs. Bernie Bjorkman who resigned to accept a position in Little Rock. Miss Stuckey has completed two years in Ouachita College and is attending night school in Ft. Smith Junior College.

Ordinations

JAMES L. RYAN, junior in Ouachita College, was ordained to the ministry Jan. 15 by South Highland Church,

Little Rock. I. M. Kibbie was moderator and James C. Vaughan, clerk. Ray Branscum, South Highland pastor, presented the candidate and led the questioning. The ordination prayer was by Amos Ryan, father of the candidate, and W. C. Hall-



MR. RYAN

delivered the message. Wendall Ross presented the Bible to Mr. Ryan, who is pastor of Holly Springs Church, Pulaski Association.

RIVERSIDE CHURCH, Rt. One, Donaldson, Central Association, ordained Amos Pennington as a deacon Jan. 12. Mr. Pennington is a charter member of the church and had a part in the organization of the church. He is also Sunday School superintendent and a trustee. The presbytery was composed of the deacons. Moderator was Dr. G. T. Blackmon, Ouachita College; clerk, Dexter Blevins, pastor of 3rd Church, Malvern; interrogator, Richard Lamborn, pastor of Caddo Valley Church, Arkadelphia; John Babcock, pastor of Gillid Church, Malvern, led the ordination prayer; Mac S. Gates, Riverside pastor, gave the ordination sermon.

I'm Glad My Folks Sent Me to Prague

NASHVILLE, Tenn. —(BSSB)—When Duke K. McCall made his first trip abroad as a boy of 17, he never dreamed that one day he would become president of Southern Seminary. Today he is convinced that the trip had much to do with shaping his career.

The seminary president recalls that trip in the February issue of *Home Life* in his article, "I'm Glad My Folks Sent Me to Prague." McCall's parents arranged the trip in order that their son might attend the first Baptist Youth World Conference in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1931.

Before making the trip, Dr. McCall confesses, he thought that real art was a good block or tackle on the football field. But in Holland the work of Rubens and Rembrandt changed his mind. And after a visit to Stratford on Avon he even developed a genuine fondness for English literature.

During the youth conference McCall heard the testimony of great Christian leaders who had made sacrifices for their beliefs. It was then that he pledged himself to try to follow their example.



MR. HILL

LEONARD E. HILL, Southwestern Baptist Seminary doctoral candidate, is the newly-appointed production editor of the *Baptist Program*, Nashville. He will work with Albert McClellan, associate executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Executive Committee, and editor of the magazine. (BP)

● REV. AND MRS. William H. Berry, Southern Baptist missionaries to South Brazil, have recently returned to the States for furlough and may be addressed at 2000 Broadus Avenue, Fort Worth, Tex. Both are natives of Arkansas, he of Magazine and she, the former Olga Oliver, of Paris.

Baptist Encyclopedia Published at Nashville

NASHVILLE — Southern Baptists have issued their first, comprehensive account of the denomination's life — "The Encyclopedia of Southern Baptists."

The big, two-volume work, of 1,544 pages and 1½ million words, has been in the making for more than four years, with about 900 volunteer writers and researchers contributing to the project.

Officials said it "presents more information about Baptists than has ever been compiled before," including the whole development of Baptist ideas, beliefs, activities and leaders.

Edited by Norman W. Cox, executive secretary of the denomination's historical commission, the volumes cover 250 years of Baptist history, with subjects in alphabetical arrangement.

It cost the denomination \$85,000 to turn out the work, even using the big corps of unpaid help. The set was published by the Broadman Press of the Baptist Sunday School Board of Nashville, Tenn.

James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the board, said the volumes provide "a complete documented portrayal of one of the most remarkable religious experiences of the last two centuries."

New York, Pennsylvania Mission Pioneer Sought

COLUMBUS, Ohio —(BP)— The executive board of the State Convention of Baptists in Ohio has voted to employ a pioneer missionary for western New York state and western Pennsylvania.

The missionary, who will be employed as soon as possible, will live at Buffalo, N. Y. Ray Roberts, executive secretary of Ohio convention, reports there are two churches and two missions in western New York affiliated with the Ohio group. The churches are at Niagara Falls and Syracuse.

There are two churches in Pennsylvania working with Ohio Baptists, at Erie and at Bradford.

South Carolina Plans Royal Ambassador Camp

COLUMBIA, S. C. —(BP)— Plans for a Royal Ambassador camp near Pickens, S. C., expected to cost \$250,000, including property and buildings, was major item of business transacted here at the January meeting of the general board of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina. The camp will be established as soon as a way is found to finance it.

Foreign Mission Board Reports to the People

DR. J. WINSTON Crawley, secretary for the Orient, reported on Foreign Mission Board developments in the Orient mission areas during 1957. He said that although the background situation in Asia shows some deterioration for the year, opportunities continue to abound for mission service and definite progress is being made.

Following are a few of the developments he mentioned:

Hawaii: A new Baptist church in the Pearl Harbor naval housing area had more than 100 members at the age of two months . . . Initial arrangements were worked out for the Hawaii Baptist Convention to share in the over-

\$2,445,226 FROM ADVANCE PROGRAM

THE ADVANCE section of the Cooperative Program brought to the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board \$2,445,226.22 for the year just ended, Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary, announced to the Board at its January meeting.

(The Southern Baptist Convention's 1957 budget of \$11,000,000 to support its seminaries, boards, and agencies was met early in October. All Cooperative Program funds from then through December 31, called Advance Program funds, were shared by the Foreign and the Home Mission Boards, with the Foreign Board receiving 75 per cent. Under the Convention's 1957 operating budget, the Foreign Mission Board received \$4,550,000.)

Advance Program funds received by the Foreign Mission Board in recent years have been as follows: \$998,520 in 1953; \$1,297,123 in 1954; \$1,836,630 in 1955; and \$2,407,790 in 1956.

In his report Dr. Cauthen told how the 1957 Advance Program funds are being used: The sum of \$725,000 was earmarked to apply to the 1958 budget, thereby making possible advance in many types of work. The sum of \$100,000 has been earmarked for advance projects in evangelism and church development. The remainder of the money is being appropriated for urgent needs on Mission fields.

"If I Had a Son"

J. Edgar Hoover, head of the FBI of the U. S. A. has given six things that he would do if he had a son. They are:

1. I'd tell him the truth.
2. I'd insist that he tell the truth.
3. I'd try to be absolutely fair with my son.
4. I'd try to be a pal to my boy.
5. I'd have my son go to church. What's more, I'd go with him.
6. I'd try to understand my boy.

all financial planning for Baptist work in Hawaii.

Korea: Thirty-nine were graduated during the Baptist theological seminary's first commencement exercises . . . Missionary Theodore H. Dowell was elected president of the seminary and classes began meeting on the new permanent campus site.

Japan: The Japan Baptist Convention elected its first full-time secretary of evangelism . . . Six new cities were entered by Baptists . . . "New Life" evangelistic campaigns were held in 12 cities.

Taiwan: A total of 2,374 decisions were recorded during a simultaneous evangelistic crusade in May . . . The national Baptist convention began its first home mission project during the year, sending recent seminary graduates to offshore islands . . . The theological seminary secured land for a permanent campus.

Hong Kong: The Baptist college began its second year . . . The theological seminary moved to a new campus . . . A new program of English-language Baptist work began in downtown Hong Kong.

The Philippines: Membership of Baptist churches related to Southern Baptist work showed more than a 30 per cent gain . . . The theological seminary dedicated three new buildings . . . Ten were graduated from the Davao Bible School . . . The Matl Baptist Hospital enlarged its capacity from 10 to 30 beds.

Indonesia: The formal opening of the Kediri Baptist Hospital was held . . . The theological seminary graduated its first class . . . English-speaking Baptist churches were organized in Petaling Jaya and in Singapore.

Thailand: Work was begun at Paknam . . . Plans were made during the year for construction of seminary and publication buildings, missionary residences, and the Immanuel Baptist Church building on land which the Mission has secured . . . Land was located for an encampment ground.

Pakistan: Southern Baptist missionaries entered Pakistan.



MR. HESKETT

received the B. D. degree from Southern Seminary.

● ANDREW HESKETT, pastor of 1st Church, Ozark, will be the principal speaker for Religious Emphasis Week at Henderson State Teachers College, Feb. 3-7. Mr. Heskett was educated at Ouachita College and Arkansas State Teacher and received the B. D. degree from Southern Seminary.



Round-Up of

World-Wide

RELIGIOUS NEWS REPORTS

Spanish Official Sees Missionary

LT. GEN. ALONSO Vega, minister of government in Generalissimo Francisco Franco's cabinet, granted an interview to Roy B. Wyatt, Jr., Southern Baptist representative in Spain, on Dec. 10 in Madrid.

Mr. Wyatt called to the minister's attention the fact that several churches meeting on American property have been closed by the police. He cited the cases of 2nd Baptist Church of Madrid, closed since July, 1954, and of a small chapel near Valencia.

General Vega took notes on both cases and emphasized that evangelicals in Spain are permitted private worship services by the Concordat signed with the Vatican in 1953 but that they are not permitted to practice any form of proselytism. In reply, Mr. Wyatt stressed that the Spanish evangelicals wish to obey the laws but that on occasion churches have been closed without any reason being given for such action.

The interview was arranged by a personal letter from Ambassador John Lodge to General Vega requesting him to see Mr. Wyatt.

PRESIDENT CLARENCE W. Cranford of the American Baptist Convention and pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C., gave the principal address recently at a groundbreaking ceremony for a new, 19-story building to be known as the Interchurch Center, in New York City. The \$19,700,000 building is expected to be ready for use by late 1959. The one-block site of the building, from Riverside Drive to Claremont Avenue, between 119th and 120th Streets, was made available by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., through the Sealantic Fund on a 99-year lease without rental.

"What the United Nations is to man's hope for international cooperation and good will, this Capitol Interchurch Center will be to millions of Christians around the world," Dr. Cranford said.

THE PROTESTANT Episcopal Church recorded an all-time high of 3,163,126 members in 1957, an increase of 51,686 over the previous year. The clergy increased by 181 to a total of 8,070, and lay readers grew by 1,517 to 12,088.

CHARLES C. LEMONS, former pastor of Northside Church, Chattanooga, Tenn., has become pastor of 1st Church, Delray Beach, Fla.

Baptist Crosscurrents**Inexcusable Carelessness**

TWENTIETH CENTURY Baptists in America may be careless about several things, but at no point do they handle matters as carelessly as in the matter of church letters. Some church clerks never even bother to write for the church letters for those who unite with them on the promise of the letters. When incoming members bring letters in hand very few clerks ever bother to notify the other church that such persons have been received. Consequently, many persons have their names on several church rolls. Many churches are never told to what churches their members are being lettered out. They are simply granted in wholesale lots on some Wednesday night. The clerk reads the names of those for whom letters are requested, and a motion is made to grant them in toto.

A letter from a Baptist church should be the highest recommendation anyone could receive. It should mean that he is honest, upright, truthful, and faithful and that he strives daily to live for Christ. If it does not mean all that then it is a sham. The modern church letter simply means that he has his name on the church roll.

A Baptist church letter should be a written statement from one church to another. It is granted on behalf of the individual, but it is not granted to him. Apostolic churches wrote other churches about the people who were coming their way, and the receiving church was designated by name in the letter. The form used by Baptist churches states that the person is in good standing and full fellowship. When a church grants such a letter to a backslider it is not abiding by the truth, and it is worse for a church to tell a falsehood than it is for an individual to tell one.

When Baptists were careful about handling church letters they did not have to speak of "non-existent members." We can think of nothing more ludicrous than for a Baptist to come into town with a church letter in one hand and hold in the other a letter from the sheriff or chief or police stating that he is an honest, law-abiding citizen.

—Baptist Standard

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Backed By Authority

Those who are in responsible positions and have to perform a duty toward others must have some authority for their words and actions or society would become a farce. Man is not able to exercise authority out of himself. Even a dictator must feel backed by his henchmen or his words would be laughed at. Jesus is the only person ever to live on this earth who was able to speak with authority out of Himself. He did not need the Old Testament to give authority to His words for He Himself was an authority unto Himself. Common sense dictates to us the fact that only God is able to speak with authority out of Himself. Jesus was God in the flesh and needed no other authority outside of Himself. Man is different. Being finite he must have the authority for his words and deeds.

There are many policemen who would be a weak force in society except for the authority of the state which they exercise. People do not respect a policeman merely as an individual but they see back of him the authority of the state and rightly exercise proper respect and obedience to him. A judge's decision would be wishful thinking but for the authority of the courts.

These illustrations serve to indicate how mandatory it is that every Christian realize he has an authority back of him. Our authority is the Bible. Those mentioned above as illustrations nearly always speak and act with great confidence in the administration of their duties. The reason for this is the authority back of them. Our Christian testimony will be much stronger when we recognize an authority given us for proclaiming the Word of God. We can speak with great boldness and effectiveness if we confine ourselves to the authority given us and not resort to our own opinions.

—The Alabama Standard

Reason, Revelation, Righteousness

By ROBERT W. CLARK

(Chairman, Board of Trustees, Stetson University)

WE SOUTHERN Baptists expect our universities to introduce the student to: (1) Reason; (2) Revelation; and (3) Righteousness. It is not suggested that these three subjects be taught independently of one another. They are so interrelated and dependent upon one another that they have to be taught all together and at the same time.

1. Baptists Expect Their Universities to Introduce the Student to Reason.

The development of the ability to reason is absolutely necessary. Eric Sevareid, the noted news analyst, recently expressed this idea: Russia's success in launching the first space satellite is not confined to science alone. We may as well admit Russia is ahead of us not only in the area of science, but in other areas as well. The United States has placed importance on the wrong values. We have exalted the athlete over the scholar; the politician above the professor; the prosecutor over the judge. In our schools we major on the easy courses of those promising a larger salary; thus our shortage of intellect. We are greatly outdistanced in trained scientists, laboratory technicians and research chemists.

It is pathetic to hear persons disparage the faculty God created in man to make it possible for man to consider what God is saying to him. If one is not equipped to receive and think through the information necessary to physical life, he can never expect to have anything equal to an adequate grasp of facts necessary for eternal life.

2. Baptists Expect Their Universities to Introduce the Student to Revelation.

Revelation is to make known that which was previously hidden. In this sense, any time the light breaks into the mind of the student he has received a revelation. No one will disagree with the fact that a university is to aid the student in learning how to uncover the information which he will need to equip him for the full life.

However, the responsibility of the university goes beyond that of assisting the student to uncover the facts of life and the universe. There must be an attempt at interpretation. The university does not only guide the student in discovering the facts, but should help him to answer the question, "What do these facts mean?" Do the meanings of the facts assist the student in discovering the meaning of his life? Yes, but even this is inadequate. There must be a frank admission on the part of the university that the full meaning of life for any student is not to be found in what can be grasped through study and reason alone.

God has chosen to enter into history through a Person. He entered into time

through the historic Jesus of Nazareth. Through Jesus, God revealed His nature, His purpose, and His will far more adequately than ever before in the experience of man. The acceptance of this person as one's Lord and Savior transcends a knowledge of the facts which may be discovered about Jesus.

3. Baptists Expect Their Universities to Introduce the Student to Righteousness.

The university is to say to the student, "In the light of the facts about our 'natural' world plus the additional knowledge of God which is known by the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you are to live the Christian life."

Certainly, we expect our universities to be established upon Christian principles and to uphold all the laws of God and man which would demonstrate to the world their desire to propagate the Christian way of life. These Christian principles are to be taught the students in conjunction with every course of study. They are to be assumed, presupposed, and basic to all that is taught and studied.

Making rules against smoking, drinking, dancing, and petting does not determine whether a university is Christian or not.

We are compelled as Christians to think through the meaning of the command of Jesus to love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, and to love one another as Christ has loved us. If we do this, we soon discover rule-making is totally inadequate. We expect our universities to introduce our students to the fact that righteous activity includes the whole of life.

There is no place in the Christian faith for a two-level morality. Yet, there is a popular idea among Southern Baptists that some are called to "full-time Christian service" and some are left to enter "secular work." This is purely and simply a Roman Catholic teaching.

We expect Baptist universities to teach the student that his whole life belongs to God. The student is to prepare himself to serve God and his fellow man through a worth while and honorable task. The student is to dedicate himself as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, for this is his reasonable service. When the student does this, he has entered into God's holy will for his life. He is active with God in righteous living.

The three R's, Reason, Revelation, and Righteousness, are what we expect from our Baptist universities. In return we Southern Baptists will do all within our power to attain greater financial support for our universities and leave them academically free to pursue their true nature as Christian universities.

THE BOOKSHELF

IN HIS LATEST book, *Melanchthon the Quiet Reformer*, Clyde Manschreck, associate professor of religion at Duke University, offers the first biography of Melanchthon to be published in English in more than 50 years.

"To understand Melanchthon and to assess his significance," says Dr. Manschreck, "one must recognize the two historical movements which combined in him and which have never been reconciled in Protestantism—the Renaissance and the Reformation . . . He cannot be explained in terms of either, for he transcends both. This is his greatness. This is his tragedy."

Published by Abingdon Press, the book is priced at \$6.

"WHEN WE live only on the human level and see only this world, soon or late our lives become drab and weak," writes Methodist Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles in his book, *I Believe*, published 1958 by Abingdon at \$1.25. This is the first of an Abingdon "Know Your Faith" series.

SECTS AND ISMS in historical perspective is the theme of a new Abingdon book by the faculty of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, edited by Arnold B. Rhodes. Titled *The Church Faces the Isms*, it sells for \$4.50. Purpose of the book is set forth as being to "help Christians, especially leaders in the Church, to prepare themselves to deal effectively and fairly with specific organized and unorganized movements which challenge main-line Protestantism in particular ways.

"The expression 'main-line Protestantism' refers to that composite body of larger Protestant denominations which have a basic harmony in theological position and a cooperative spirit and program."

The book deals with Isms Predominantly Biblical—Fundamentalism, Adventism, Dispensationalism, and Perfectionism; with Isms Both Biblical and Cultural—Judaism, Roman Catholicism, Denominationalism and Ecumenism, and the healing sects; and with Isms Predominantly Cultural—Totalitarianism; Fascism and Communism; Racism, Naturalism, Scientism, Modernism, and Secularism.

Other books received:

Letters to the Seven Churches in the Book of Revelation, by William Barclay, published 1958 by Abingdon Press at \$2.

Revelation Today, by James R. C. Pinn, published 1958 by Vantage Press, Inc., New York City, at \$5.

Is This My Life? by Ruby Peoples Treadway, published 1958 by Convention Press, Nashville.

Heavenly Treasures, by David Vandersdall, published 1958 by Greenwich Book Publishers, New York City at \$2.50.

Filipino Baptists Growing

By GAINES S. DOBINS

(Golden Gate Seminary)

"THE FILIPINOS," explained Theresa Anderson, our extremely competent missionary guide, "are somewhat like the young man who has declared his independence of his father but still looks to 'the Old Man' to pay the bills and help him out of trouble." In this case the "Old Man" is Uncle Sam, who no longer exercises benevolent control over the Islands but is still looked to for substantial help.

Something of the same analogy obtains between the Filipino Baptist churches and the missionaries. The churches are proud of their independence, but they often lack the maturity requisite to full autonomy.

Our Baptist cause in the Philippines confronts enormous difficulties. Roman Catholicism casts its shadow over everything.

Why? The answer lies in two words: conquest and education. Early in Philippine history, Catholic conquistadores seized control and put the peaceful people under their rigid government. Then Catholic schools offered education which brought advantages at the price of indoctrination. Thus the Church has imbedded itself in every area of Filipino life.

Yet Catholicism has increased rather than decreased the average Filipino's hard lot. Poverty and ignorance are appalling. The slums of Manila are among the worst in the world. In villages, one is again shocked at the sight of families living in tiny nipa huts perched on stilts above pools of water, with chickens and pigs underneath. Free education is being offered by the government in the elementary grades. Government officials are in the main concerned for the improvement of the lot of the people, but they find themselves confronted with a dual system of education and government, with the Roman hierarchy boldly claiming primary in both temporal and spiritual realms.

THE BAPTIST ANSWER

What is the Baptist answer to this call of need and opportunity? Uniformly, from missionaries and nationals, came the answer: **the teaching-training church!** American Baptists, with concentration at Iloilo, a northern city with a population of some half million, have in fifty years developed Central Philippine University, with total enrollment of nearly 4,000 students in all grades from primary through university and seminary. To the churches of this northern area is being furnished pastoral and lay leadership that is developing congregations with increasing emphasis on teaching and training.

These churches increasingly are using the Sunday school as a main means of reaching, teaching, and winning the unsaved multitudes and developing

church members into maturity as Christians.

Southern Baptist work in the Philippines is relatively new. We began exploratory efforts soon after the Japanese were driven out during World War II. Headquarters was established at Manila and a Baptist school and seminary at Baguio City. A good beginning has been made in both places. Our most promising field is Mindanao, a southern province where free land was offered by the government to pioneer-spirited families willing to move there. Among these hardy settlers, many of whom have been exposed of Baptist and protestant influence in the north, our message and methods are being welcomed. Missions are being established and churches constituted after the New Testament pattern of preaching, teaching, training — all for evangelism. Our missionaries hold out the bright promise that Mindanao may one day be to Baptists of the Philippines what the southwest is to Baptists of the United States.

Historical Materials From Dardanelle Ass'n

ONE OF THE first of our readers to respond to the appeal that was carried last week asking for associational minutes, bulletins, histories of Arkansas Baptist churches, anniversary bulletins of churches, etc., etc., was J. H. Gray, of 812 Rock, a member of 2nd Church, Little Rock.

Mr. Gray, formerly editor of *The Weekly Tribune*, Russellville, and now on the staff of State Hospital, donated a collection of minutes of the Dardanelle Association. The oldest in the collection is the one for the year 1876 and they include many of the years up to and through the early 1920's.

The Dardanelle Association, organized in 1854, originally included all the territory from Dardanelle to Ft. Smith along both sides of the Arkansas River. Other associations were formed out of its territory and Dardanelle itself was joined with Russellville in 1932, forming Dardanelle-Russellville Association.

J. R. G. W. N. Adams, known affectionately as "Parson" Adams, was clerk and treasurer of Dardanelle Association in 1876. Mr. Gray remembers him as an old gentleman with a long, white beard, who was highly respected as a school teacher and preacher and who lived in Dardanelle.

"He had memorized the old Blue Back Speller and upon being given the number of a page in the speller he could begin giving out the words on that page," Mr. Gray recalls. He was also good at leading hymns from the old Harmony song books.

The minutes are an accumulation

BROTHERHOOD

Nelson Tull, Secretary

Regional Meetings

THE BROTHERHOOD Department is now in the swing of the annual regional brotherhood conventions. These



MR. TULL

regional conventions will be followed by the state brotherhood convention at South Highland Church, Little Rock, February 24 and 25.

The following regional conventions are scheduled for the immediate future:

Thursday, January 30, 7:30 P. M., 1st Church, Stamps; the Oil Land Regional Convention (Hope and Liberty Associations). The speaker: R. H. Dorris. Nelson Tull will preside.

Friday, January 31, 7:30 P. M., at 1st Church, Lonoke; the Central Regional Convention (Pulaski County, Caroline, and Faulkner County Associations). The speaker: S. A. Whitlow. Nelson Tull will preside.

Tuesday, February 4, 7:30 P. M., at 1st Church, Waldron; the Pine Land Regional Convention (Little River, Ouachita, and Buckner Associations). The speaker: James Fitzgerald. The president, Sam Sanderson, will preside.

Thursday, February 6, 7:30 P. M., at 1st Church, Harrison; the Ozark Regional Convention (Boone County, Carroll County, Newton County, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, and White River Associations). The speaker: O. C. Robinson. The president, Irl Paul, will preside.

Monday, February 10, 7:30 P. M., at 1st Church, Pocahontas; the Northeast Arkansas Regional Convention (Current River, Gainesville, and Greene County Associations, and Lawrence County in Black River Association). The president, Ira Hartness, will preside.

Tuesday, February 11, 7:30 P. M., at 1st Church, Leachville; the Cotton Land Regional Convention (Mississippi County, Trinity, and Mt. Zion Associations). The speaker: T. K. Rucker. The president, Dudley Terry, will preside.

The convention program will present a good message by a good speaker, some good congregational singing, and special music, devotion, business (including election of officers), a Brotherhood emphasis, a Royal Ambassador emphasis, and a camp emphasis.

of the late Eugene Oliver, of Magazine, who was clerk of the Dardanelle Association for about 30 years, Mr. Gray reports. Mr. Oliver was an uncle of Mrs. Gray and father of Aubrey and T. C. Oliver, who live in Little Rock.

The collection is being turned over to L. C. Tedford for the Arkansas Baptist Historical Committee.

Departments

EVANGELISM

I. L. Yearby, Secretary

Go On In Evangelism

WHEN THESE lines are read our State-wide Evangelistic Conference will be over. Of course, I can't anticipate what our speakers will say, but I hope in the next issue we will have some quotations from each of them. Those who attended the Conference heard some of our very finest preachers and denominational leaders in the Southern Baptist Convention.

I have just read a report of the Texas Evangelistic Conference. More than 9,000 were in attendance. That state has set a goal of 85,000 baptisms in '58. This is a one-third increase over the past year. We have written and talked about 25 per cent increase over last year for Arkansas this year. This would mean that we would have to win

TRAINING UNION

Ralph W. Davis, Secretary

Chester Swor to Speak

CHESTER SWOR will be the main speaker at the first state-wide youth convention, to be held at 2nd Church, Little Rock, Friday, April 25, 10 a. m.-9 p. m. "Choose Ye This Day," will be the convention theme. Friday morning Dr. Swor's message will be "Joseph's Choice—Life's Vocation." Friday afternoon his message will be "Sampson's Choice — Love and Marriage." Friday night he will speak on "Paul's Choice — Life's Dedication." Approximately 100 Intermediates and Young People will take some part on the program, some by giving three-minute talks in conferences, others by assisting with special music.

Tom Ashcraft of Memphis State University will be the featured soloist. Dale Jones of the University of Arkansas will preside over the sessions of the convention. There will be no registration fee or offerings taken.

Sword Drill finals will be held on Friday night. Speakers' Tournaments will be conducted on Friday morning with three young people in the 17-18-year group and three young people in the 19-24-year group participating in the finals that night. The Training Union department will provide \$40 instead of \$25, on the travel expenses of the winners to Ridgecrest or Glorieta.

and baptize at least 16,500 in '58. We should do no less.

The reports of the response to "Soul Winners Commitment Day" are most encouraging. They indicate that our churches are going to have many more people who will endeavor to win souls to Christ this year than we have ever had before. One of our medium-size churches reports over 400 people making commitments to become soul winners. A number of churches have reported confessions of faith in connection with "Commitment Day."

Let me lay upon the hearts of our pastors and people that a continuous effort be made to enlist the membership of our churches in soul winning. Train those who enlisted how actually to win souls to Christ. Inaugurate regular week by week soul winning visitation. Every pastor and church should try to have someone ready to make confession of faith every Sunday.

Every church should conduct at least two revivals this next year. Associations entering into a crusade should make thorough preparation for the most effective crusade possible this year. All associations and churches should begin now to plan for the 1959 Nation-wide Crusade.

WMU

Miss Nancy Cooper, Secretary

Dr. Warren to Speak

DR. C. C. WARREN will be a special guest on the program of the 69th Annual meeting of Arkansas Women's Missionary Union which will also feature several missionaries and other denominational leaders. A former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and pastor of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte, No. Carolina, Dr. Warren was chosen to lead Southern Baptists in an unprecedented effort to establish 30,000 new preaching points by 1964, when Baptists will commemorate the 150th anniversary of the organization of Baptist work in America on a national level. Women must accept the challenge of this task and now is the time to do it.

Among other out-of-state guest speakers will be Miss Ruth Ford, missionary to Indonesia, formerly of China; Dr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Halsell and family, just returned from their first tour of service in Brazil, where Dr. Halsell is president of the North Brazil Seminary; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, SBC; Mrs. Allegra LaPrairie, superintendent of the Sellers Baby Placement Center of New Orleans.

In connection with the annual meeting there will be the state-wide YWA banquet on April 1; the BWC banquet on the 2nd; breakfasts for chairmen of prayer, mission study, community missions and stewardship on the 2nd.

MISSIONS

C. W. Caldwell, Superintendent

DR. ANDREW M. HALL, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fayetteville, writes: "We mourn Dr. Golden's passing. Ridgeview with 75 in Sunday School last Sunday is one of his monuments. They're already planning for a \$6,000 educational building."



DR. CALDWELL

We do not plan to fill Dr. Golden's place immediately. Your Superintendent will pick up his work for the present. Call on him if you need help in starting a new mission or in directing associational Schools of Missions.

IMMANUEL CHURCH, Newport, started a mission at Amagon four weeks ago and Sunday, January 19; there were 50 present when the Superintendent of State Missions made a surprise visit. Pastor Melton and Missionary Cecil Guthrie had led the mission in a revival and reported ten for baptism. The place of meeting is in a section of a skating rink. It was a thrill to visit and preach to such a responsive group.

WASHINGTON-MADISON Association has set up a "New Church Foundation" plan as a means for establishing new churches. Individuals are enrolled who agree to pay \$5 when a call is made by the association for a new church, but not more than two calls in any one year. Missionary Tommie Hinson, pastors and laymen presented the plan to the churches Sunday, January 12, and secured over \$2,500 in pledges. There are 16 places in the association where the Baptist witness is needed.

BUCKNER ASSOCIATION has purchased a new typewriter and mimeograph machine for J. T. McGill's use — Bartholomew Association has built a new home for Missionary E. C. Cloud — Ouachita Association has purchased lots and is making plans to build Missionary Lewis McClendon a new home.

PASTORS AND Missionaries will remember the South-Wide Rural Church Conference to be held in Bellevue Church, Memphis, February 24-27.

A TOWN AND county church seminar will be held at the University of Arkansas, February 11-14. Pastors of all denominations are urged to attend.

YOUR NEIGHBOR will seem like a better man when you judge him as you do yourself.

IT MAY be true that "the child is father to the man," but that does not relieve the child of its duty to obey the man.

CHURCH MUSIC

LeRoy McClard, Secretary

February Check Sheet

1. The Church Music Council at its regular monthly meeting should check the record of January in relation to the Standard of Excellence.



2. The Church Music Council should outline a Music Ministry visitation program. Some Choirs visit once a month the hour before a regular rehearsal.

3. The Music Director should present a tentative outline of the Easter Music program featuring the graded choirs to the Church Music Council.

4. The Director of Music should provide each member of the Church Music Council with a copy of the Church Music Manual. A week should be cleared in the Church Calendar when the pastor will teach this book to the entire Church Membership.

5. The Church Music Council should encourage the leaders of graded choirs to attend the statewide Graded Choir Workshop March 13-14, 1958 in 2nd Church, Little Rock.

6. The Church Music Council should hear a report from the chairman of the Choir Sponsors Organization on the plans that organization has made to assist the director of music at the State Music Festivals.

7. The President of the Church Choir will report to the Church Music Council on the monthly choir officers meeting.

8. The Director of Music will report to the Council on the progress of the class for departmental song leaders and accompanists.

9. The Council will outline a hymn rehearsal for the congregation.

10. The council will survey the February Church Musician.

11. The secretary of the Church Music Council will send copies of the report of Church Music Ministry to the Church Clerk, Associational Music Director, and State Music Director. Use Form CM50.

Make your plans to attend...

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Children's Nook

The Friendly Sled

By GRAYCE KROGH BOLLER

WHEN ANDY left the Sunday school room, he thought how much he had missed Sam today. Every week they sat together. Every week they walked home together. But Sam had been sick this week. Now he had to be quiet at home for a few days.

"I shall take my story paper to him this afternoon," Andy thought. "He would like that."

But Grandma and Grandpa came to visit that afternoon. Andy did not get a chance to go and see Sam. But he thought about his friend. That night when he prayed, he asked God to make Sam well and strong real soon.

The next afternoon all the boys and girls got out their sleds. They planned to go to the big hill and have fun.

"Come on, Andy! Hurry up and get your sled and come with us!" they called.

Andy smiled and waved and ran in to get his sled. There was nothing he liked better than to go sledding. The air was cold. The snow was packed and hard. The sled would go fast and faster down the big hill.

Andy pulled his sled along until he came near to Sam's house. Then he stopped short.

"I never did visit Sam," he thought. "He can't go sledding. He is just sitting and resting. He must be lonesome, and I know he would like someone to visit him."

Andy looked at his sled. He looked at the other boys and girls already climbing the big hill. He could hear their shouts and laughter clearly. But Andy shook his head. He turned back toward

his own house. Andy had an idea.

"I can have fun with my sled and still visit Sam," he grinned, hurrying inside. "This will make Sam happy."

First Andy got a box out of the cupboard where Mother kept empty boxes of all sizes. Then he went to the box of hard candies Grandmother had brought him yesterday. He poured a generous amount of the candies into a small paper bag, twisted the top shut, and put it in the box.

Then he went out to the kitchen to ask Mother if he might have some of the cookies she had made on Saturday. Mother said yes, and Andy put six of the homemade cookies into another bag. He put that bag in the box, too.

Next he put in his story paper. He added a picture book that Sam had not seen. He put in a top that was fun and easy to spin. He put in a box of crayons and a coloring book that still had uncolored pictures in it.

Now the box was full. Andy hurried outside. He set the box on the sled. He pulled it down to Sam's house. By now the boys and girls on the hill were shouting and having a wonderful time. Andy could see them sliding down and walking back up again.

"My sled and I have come to see you, Sam," he told his friend. "My sled brought you this box."

"Oh, good!" Sam's eyes beamed with joy, as he saw all the interesting things. "You are a good friend, Andy. No one else came to see me. They are all sledding on the hill."

"I can go sledding another day when you can go, too," Andy smiled. "Now you need a friend. That is the way Jesus wants us to do, to visit the sick and to be friendly when people need friends."

Sam nodded happily, while Andy thought what fun it was to use a sled to bring happiness to others.

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A Shining Spear

By Ellen Morrison

A shining spear,
In winter I'm here;
But I'll never be found
When summer's around.
What am I?

ANSWER

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A Smile or Two

SOME OF THE boys in Kansas City were showing a Texas salesman the sights of the town.

"What do you think of our stockyards?" asked one.

"Oh, they're all right, but we have branding corrals in Texas that are bigger," he said.

That night they put some snapping turtles in his bed. When he turned the covers back he asked what they were.

"Missouri bedbugs," they replied.

He peered at them for a moment. "So they are," he agreed. "Young 'uns, aren't they?"

HUSBAND: "Dear, I have tickets for the theatre."

WIFE: "Splendid! I'll start dressing at once."

HUSBAND: "Yes, do. The tickets are for tomorrow night."

"THE FELLOW who talks about what a fool he used to be, certainly is an optimist!"

SHE THINKS no man is good enough for her.

She may be right.
She may be left.

REAL ESTATE SALESMAN: "Would you like to see a model home first?"

CLIENT: "I'd be ticked to death to oblige. What time does she quit work?"

THE WIFE wanted to do some shopping during the day; so at breakfast she asked her husband for \$10.

"Money, money, money!" he shouted. Every day of the week you want more money. If you ask me I think you need brains more than you need money.

"Perhaps so," his wife agreed, "but I asked you for what I thought you had the most of."

"A GENTLEMAN farmer is one who has more hay in the bank than in the barn."

—The Four Lads

THE WIFE of the congressional representative sat up in bed, a startled look on her face.

"Jim," she whispered, "there's a robber in the house."

"Impossible!" was the reply. "In the Senate, yes, but in the House, never!"

A GOVERNMENT bureau is where a taxpayer's shirt is kept.

THEN THERE was the Congressman who had a horrible nightmare. He dreamed all the money he was spending was his own!

THE TEEN AGE

by Judy McDonald



"Hey, Mom, I've got fever! I can't go to school!"

Sunday School Lesson

Privileges of Church Membership

By DR. J. F. QUEEN

(Southern Baptist College)

February 2

I Peter 2:9, 10; II Cor. 9:6-8;

Gal. 6:1-5; Heb. 4: 14-16;

Heb. 10:23-25

CHRIST DID not die to save the lost for heaven only, but also to save them for the noble service of spreading His Kingdom on earth. Therefore He instituted His church for that purpose. The churches are the factors that multiply the kingdom. The privileges of church membership are numerous.



DR. QUEEN

1. The privilege of becoming one of God's people, chosen and redeemed from the darkness of sin into His marvelous light, prepares one for not only the kingdom of God for church membership. He is born from above and should want to be a member of the church because Christ gave himself for it. They that gladly received the word on the day of Pentecost were baptized and added to the church. "Once you were no people but now you are God's people" (I. Pet. 2: 10).

2. The second privilege of church membership is to sow bountifully. This is a figure of speech that every farmer can thoroughly understand. The seed is buried in the ground to die but to produce a harvest in proportion to the seed sown. If the seed is bountiful the harvest will be bountiful (II Cor. 9:6 8). Giving is one of the greatest privileges of the Christian. But giving as a duty can not be as pleasing to God as giving through love, joy, and happiness, for "the Lord loveth a cheerful giver." No doubt Able's gift was through love and cheerfulness while Cain's was given through duty.

"By faith Able offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he received approval as righteous, God bearing witness by accepting his gift; he died, through his faith he is still speaking" (Heb. 11:4). The measure of the harvest of cheerful giving is infinite. It is infinite in value and the extent of the time of its blessings. It is not what one keeps that makes him rich but what he gives away to help extend God's kingdom.

3. A third privilege of church members is to help one another in their weaknesses. The member who makes an effort to help some one who has been overcome by a temptation should keep humble and stay close to God so that he may have an influence that will help. Fellowship should be a goal that every church member would seek. They

should share with one another their sympathy, counsel, and support of the church.

They should carry their own burdens that no other one can bear while they help one another carry the burdens that can be lifted by help. A word of encouragement along the way may not be much help but it will always pay. Sir Walter Scott, while a little boy, was following Robert Burns one day. Mr. Burns turned to him and asked Walter what was on his mind. He said he wished he could be a great man of letters like Burns. Burns said, "You can Walter, if you are anxious enough to do it." Sir Walter Scott gave Burns the credit for help in inspiring him to be a writer.

"If a man thinks himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceives himself." The following paragraph has well said: "Self-importance based on self-ignorance is the grand hindrance to the duty of mutual burden-bearing. If a man thinks himself so perfect that he can have no burden which others may carry with him or for him; if he regards himself so far above frailty, sin, or sorrow, that he neither needs nor expects sympathy or help — he will not readily stoop to bear the burdens of others . . . This self-conceited and in result self-duped man is incapable of bearing others' burdens, and is insensible to the obligation. The true estimate of ourselves, which we ought to cherish, is given us in Luke 17:10." — John Eadie.

The person who boasts of his goodness and his ability misses the mark of an influential helper of others with burdens. The best way for a man to "prove his own works" is to keep humble, prayerful, and submissive to God's leadership. The wisdom of God is man's greatest need in the use of his talents and means. A boastful spirit weakens his power in the use of his talents and means, especially when he compares his ability with the ability of others. A preacher may be guilty of too much comparing his church with other churches — how much his church has excelled in Sunday School attendance, in additions to the church. Much is said about the hypocrite in the Bible but just as much about the Pharisee.

4. The fourth great privilege of church members is to come boldly to the throne of grace where Christ the High Priest sits. He has been tempted, tried, and has suffered in every respect yet without sin. Therefore He is able to understand the temptations and weaknesses of man, who can feel and realize His presence in time of need.

His grace and mercy stabilize man's confidence.

A man who had lost a son was approached by another man who had lost one a few weeks before. As they clasped hands one said to the other, "I know." That was all that was necessary. It meant more than a long letter of condolence from some one who did not "know."

An aged preacher once said that he wished every young preacher could have his heart broken early in his ministry so that he could understand the heart aches and sorrows of his church members. His wish might seem unreasonable but Jesus had to come to earth to make it possible for the best understanding to be had between Him and man.

"Surely the least any Christian could do, in view of all our privileges and blessings, including the salvation of our souls, is to hold fast the confession of his hope without wavering." — Rozell.

There is a very significant word in today's lesson — "stir" — stir up one another to love and good works. The secret of a great church, winning souls to Christ and supporting missions to the ends of the earth, is found in the two little words, "stir up." The Word of God, the call of God, and the white harvest fields should be enough to stir the hearts of God's people.

Winter and Summer

A feeding shelf when there is snow
And a birdbath when there's heat
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"MEN DON'T go where they don't know."—Dr. James Sullivan.

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Report of Receipts

IN NEXT week's issue of the **Arkansas Baptist** will be carried a quarterly report of all monies received in the office of the Executive Secretary from the churches throughout the state convention for the last three months in 1957.

Following is a summary of the receipts and disbursements for



DR. WHITLOW
the year 1957:

Receipts:

Cooperative Program

(undesignated)	\$1,421,720.00
Designated contributions	170,799.59
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	\$1,592,519.59

Disbursements:

According to the 1957 budget adopted by the Convention.

Non-distributable items.....	\$ 139,000.00
State causes	633,400.00
Southern Baptist causes.....	518,871.95
Capital Needs:	
Arkansas Baptist Assembly	9,475.65
Arkansas Baptist Hospital	28,426.93
Baptist Memorial Hospital	6,317.10
Baptist Student Union.....	18,951.29
Camp Grounds.....	4,737.83
Office Building.....	4,421.97
Orphanage	15,792.73
Ouachita College.....	42,324.55
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	\$1,421,720.00

The total received for capital needs is but about 63% of what the budget called for. However, the total designated and undesignated receipts this year exceeds that of 1956 by \$116,245.51. You will also be interested to know that the administrative cost was only 2.48% of the total receipts. —SAW

Envelope Giving

Some of the Baptist churches in our Convention are not using envelopes for the contributions of their membership.



DR. DOUGLAS

taking this position, Matthew 6:3 is often quoted, "But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth."

During the time of our Lord's ministry, collections for the poor were frequent and afforded the hypocrites an opportunity for ostentatious giving. The practice of alm-giving was synonymous with righteousness. Jesus was giving a contrast in the Christian way and the current practice of the religious hypocrite. In Matthew 6:1-13, our Lord was dealing with three forms of self-righteousness and hypocrisy of the scribes and Pharisees, namely, alms-giving, prayer, and fasting. This passage has absolutely nothing to do with the way one is to pay the tithes of his income to God. The English word, alms, comes from the Greek word, **eleemosune**, from which we get our English adjective, **eleemosynary**.

Those who believe that giving money to the church in an envelope is violating the principle of "not letting the left hand know what the right hand is doing," should realize that such an interpretation applied to verses 5-7 would prohibit public worship of almighty God. Such an interpretation would prohibit prayer in public worship.

Therefore, to help our people put into practice I Cor. 16:2, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God has prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come," the majority of our churches use the envelope system. Each member of the church and Sunday School is given a package of envelopes (one for each Sunday of the year). The individual is urged to give personally as he has been prospered, each Sunday.

Somewhere we ran across these words on using the envelope, called "My Envelope and I."

"My envelope represents me. When I bring it to the Lord's house with an offering for the Lord's work, it represents the depth of love and the breadth of my interest in the Lord's program as carried on through my church.

"My envelope speaks about me. It speaks of my gratitude. It expresses my interest. It manifests my love. The amount I put in it (according to my ability) measures these things. The absence of my envelope with my offering shows the absence of these from my life. A little gift (when less than my ability) speaks of my little interest and little love for Christ.

"My envelope speaks for me. It becomes my voice preaching the Gospel of Christ to lost men, here, nation-wide, and world-wide. It goes on missions of mercy saving and helping to the ends of the earth. Withholding or limiting our gifts stills or weakens the Gospel voice.

"My envelope comes with me. Yes, I bring it with me as an act of worship. When I come to the Lord's House, I worship and fellowship with other Christians. I give and participate with fellow church members in carrying forward the work Christ has given my church to do.

"Therefore, I will bring my envelopes with offering that are worthy of me in loving gratitude to Christ my precious Lord, who gave His all for me and who makes all my blessings possible. I will give, weekly, regularly, and faithfully."—Ralph Douglas

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