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Reflections

—H. Armstrong Roberts

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The Pastor Who Resigns Gracefully

By S. S. MORGAN, SR.

For many years I have carried the beautiful, fadeless memory of a pastor who resigned gracefully. He was one of God's noblemen. For some years he had been president of his state convention. He had been pastor of one church 48 years. The devotion between him and his people was beautiful to see. And now an admirable young minister was about to come from the seminary to succeed him. The old minister invited me to preach for him a week. All the week I was kept aware of a magnificent drama playing itself out to a grand finale. For I saw a great, noble pastor in process of eliminating himself and studiously turning the hearts of his people away from himself to his youthful successor. With unmistakable sincerity he was seeking to "fade away" and to teach the people he loved to let the new pastor fill their horizon and their hearts.

The beauty of his appeal to his people yet echoes in my memory after many years: "We must get everything just right for your new pastor. If you love me, take the new pastor to your hearts and let me fade away. I will be near by, still loving you and praying for you. But in your sorrows and joys turn to him, not to me. Treat him as your pastor in fact, without me as a rival in your thoughts. It will knit your hearts to him and his to you. That's the way to make him a pastor with the true shepherd heart."

He had taught them for half a century. And now as his last act he was teaching them one of the most needed lessons, one so often neglected, how to transfer their love and loyalty from the old pastor to the new.

Before me is a letter from a lady of culture and fine feeling. She had read something I said in print along this line. She wrote me about how a certain grand old minister resigned. She said, "Dr. Blank's resignation was beautiful. He told us, 'I'll still live here and love you. But don't look to me for any sort of pastoral attention. Don't ask me to marry you nor conduct your funerals. Pre-eminently those are the sacred ministries that belong to your pastor alone, and that will do most to knit your hearts together. It will be best for me not even to have a part in them.'"

Such examples are in shining contrast with those pastors who try to hold on, and even to bid for invitations to go back to marry and bury their friends in the former parish.

A. K. DeBlois in *Some Problems of the Modern Minister* speaks out strongly about this matter. He says the ex-pastor "has no longer any rights, duties, or privileges as a pastor, none whatever." His reference is especially to one's going back to marriages and funerals. He says, "In about nine cases out of ten" one should "politely but positively decline." In the tenth case he may go perhaps, but then only provided the pastor has been consulted and is understood to join in the invitation. Even then fine feeling will see to it that the pastor shall be recognized and honored in the service, whether in the church or in the home of one of the church families.

DeBlois gives a model example of a pastor who retired gracefully. He told his people publicly, "Until your pastor comes, send for me if you need me, in trouble or in joy. I will come if I can. But when your pastor comes don't call on me for any sort of pastoral service. It would embarrass both him and me. By observing this principle you will be showing the truest love and loyalty to

me as well as to him." In the interim they invited him back frequently for marriages and funerals; but when the new pastor came they observed his request to the letter.

This fine attitude completely won the new pastor. He knew he could trust absolutely a man with so fine a sense of courtesy and honor. He frequently invited him back for weddings and funerals and social occasions, and they became warm friends for life. All the community admired and honored a man of such refined feeling and loyalty to high principle.

Such an attitude is repeating the magnificent appeal of a John the Baptist saying to his beloved disciples, "Turn from me and give all your love and loyalty to the one who comes after me." The world will doff its hat to the pastor who eliminates himself and leaves a clear field for his successor.

Methodists exact from their young preachers a pledge handed down from John Wesley, to "go where you are sent and that gladly and willingly." Bishop W. A. Candler, speaking of this pledge to a group of young ministers, said, "I'd like to make the pledge, 'Go where you are sent, and stay away from where you've been.'" He added, "John Wesley didn't put that last part in, but he would have put it in, if he had known what I know!" He had seen the evils of pastors' resigning and not letting go.

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Call Me "Brother"

By RICHARD N. OWEN
Baptist and Reflector

"Let's all drop the 'Reverend' as an appellation or title preceding the names of our ministers of the Lord," urges a layman in writing to us. "Why should this prefix be used before the name of mere man?" he continues, "Or why should one desire to appropriate this designation which he will never be entitled to here or in heaven?" (Psalm 111:9) With the plea of our brother we are in accord. The only place in the Bible where the word is used is in the scripture just noted and there it is used not of man but of the Lord.

Not long ago a magazine article reminded us of the old unwon battle for the proper use of the term Reverend. Reverend is an adjective not a noun. To say Reverend Smith is wrong. To say the Reverend John Smith or the Reverend Mr. Smith may be grammatically permissible, but we believe with our brother above quoted that the use of this prefix before the name of a man is to be questioned. "Reverend is an adjective and is not to be used in the same sense as 'Doctor,' 'Dentist,' 'Lawyer,' or 'Professor'. A man can of course be reverent, but never Reverend. I cannot 'reverence' or 'revere' any man—he could be addressed as 'The reverent Mr. John Smith'—but that doesn't look good in print, so to me they are all either 'Brother' or just plain 'Mister,'" our correspondent concludes.

Our friend has not written this to start a controversy but a trend of thinking which would bring us to a scriptural basis for the words of address we employ in connection with ministers of the Word. Frankly we cannot imagine Paul signing his name, "Reverend Paul" nor addressing other brethren in such fashion. We can dispense with "Reverend," "Most Reverend," "Right Reverend," "Your Lordship," "Holy Father," and "His Holiness" as unscriptural when applied to men. They are barnacle accretions of ecclesiasticism.

"He Is Guilty of Death"

A Devotion by the Editor

"What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death."

Would Jesus fare any better today at the hands of American business, American politics, and American social life, than He fared at the hands of the Pharisees, Sadducees, and Herodians? Would He fare any better at the hands of many church people?

I am talking about the Christ who preached repentance from sins, who said, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish," the Christ who demanded righteousness on the part of His followers; the Christ who promised His disciples that they would be persecuted, reviled, and scorned by the world; the Christ who calls to heroism and sacrifice, even suffering and death.

But men and women who love their sins, who want the kingdoms of this world, who are determined to follow their own selfish ambitions, don't want this Christ.

"I have a scheme to carry through," he said. "I am going to see it through, and then I will repent and accept Christ as Savior."

Judas had a scheme to carry through; Pilate had a scheme to carry through; the farm block has a scheme to carry through; the labor unions have a scheme to carry through; the politicians have a scheme to carry through; and perhaps you have a scheme to carry through. Those who have schemes to carry through join in the chorus, "away with Him, we will not have this man rule over us."

Any one of them would accept Christ if He would get on their side and build their kingdom, but no one of them will get on His side and build His kingdom.

The high priest stood before the assembly that day, and after Jesus had affirmed He was the Christ, the Son of God, He asked that assembly, "What think ye?" That question rings through the corridors of time and smites the ears of every person with sledge-hammer force, "What think ye?" Your eternal destiny hangs in the balance, awaiting your answer. Will you sell yourself to the devil by your answer to that question, or will you give your heart to God?

"And the high priest answered and said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou be the Christ, the Son of God.

"Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said . . .

"Then the high priest rent his clothes, saying, He hath spoken blasphemy; what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard His blasphemy.

"What think ye? They answered and said, He is guilty of death." Matthew 26:63-66.

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From The Editor's Desk

More Tax Money For Sectarian Hospitals

The House of Representatives in Washington recently passed a bill which would make available to private and sectarian hospitals in the District of Columbia several millions of dollars of tax money. There are two Catholic and two Protestant hospitals scheduled to receive federal grants for expansion purposes. The bill now goes to the Senate and there are indications that the Senate will approve the bill.

Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist joint committee on Public Affairs, and Dr. Glen H. Archer, executive secretary of Protestants and other Americans united for the Separation of Church and State, have waged a courageous and vigorous battle against the passage of this measure. But it now seems likely that millions of dollars of public tax funds will go into these sectarian hospitals in the District of Columbia.

The following wire was sent to the Arkansas Congressmen in Washington and was signed by B. L. Bridges and B. H. Duncan:

"We urge defeat of McCormack Bill to provide \$4,000,000 of tax money to Catholic hospital in D. C. and other appropriations to sectarian institutions. The time has come to halt the flow of public tax funds to sectarian institutions and for sectarian purposes. We believe it the obligation of our Congressmen to protect tax payers by taking vigorous stand in national Congress against raids on tax funds by religious bodies."

At this writing we have heard from all the Congressmen except Congressman Oren Harris. Three of the Congressmen state emphatically that they opposed this legislation.

Congressman Boyd Tackett writes, "I am opposed to any legislation which would in anywise affiliate state and church and so voted upon the McCormack Bill, HR 2094, when it was considered in the House this week."

Congressman E. C. Gathings writes, "I was glad to have you wire me in opposition to the McCormack Bill, HR 2094, to provide hospital facilities in the District of Columbia. I opposed this bill when it was before the House today."

Congressman Wilbur D. Mills writes, "I appreciate very much having your telegram of July 24 in regard to the McCormack Bill. Not only do I agree with the statement which you have made, but I go further and suggest that the time has come to halt the flow of public tax funds to many other purposes in the light of the tremendous expenditures which are necessarily having to be made for the strengthening of our national defense although otherwise these programs might be highly desirable."

The other three Congressmen from whom we have heard are actually non-committal concerning their stand on this particular legislation which leaves us under the impression that they voted for the legislation,

though that impression may not be correct.

Congressman J. W. Trimble writes, "I had not heard of Mr. McCormack's Bill. I will work with the delegation and see what we can do about it."

Congressman F. W. Norrell writes, "Thank you for your telegram under date of July 24, in which you express the opposition of the Convention to the provisions of HR 2094." Then Mr. Norrell goes on to give something of the history of congressional action in making grants for hospital facilities. He encloses with his letter a copy of the bill and some other literature as some of the other Congressmen also did. But Mr. Norrell gave no intimation as to his stand on this issue.

Congressman Brooks Hays writes, "There has been quite a lot of opposition to this bill and I believe that objections will be voiced to this bill during debate. Even though it passes the House, argument against it there will provide a basis for opposition in the Senate. I will keep you posted as to the outcome." In a postscript Congressman Hays says in this letter, dated July 30, "The Bill passed the House yesterday. I have discussed the problem with fellow Baptists and we have concluded that the forthcoming meeting of the public relations committee at Ridgecrest will give us an opportunity to go into the matter fully with some of the leaders. I will be there."

It is becoming more obvious constantly that every crisis, emergency, or need, particularly in the field of education and hospitalization, are being capitalized by sectarian religion to secure public tax monies for their sectarian institutions. The Roman Catholic Church is in the fore-front in this raid upon the public treasury. Some Protestant groups are following suit and the Congress of the United States is being drawn into the vortex of this current which, if allowed to continue, will completely break down the wall of separation of church and state and turn the flood of sectarian religious institutions in upon the public treasury.

Where the end will be, no one knows. But the movement is gaining momentum and unless it is halted, and that soon, the country is in for a sad awakening in the future.

Seven Bottles of Beer And A Wreck

Seven bottles of beer, a drunken driver, a stalled automobile on the railroad tracks, a fast passenger train, a wreck resulting in demolished automobile and de-railed train, 13 people injured, hundreds of thousands of dollars damage—that is the record of the train wreck near Malvern a few days ago. It was all caused by seven bottles of beer.

Yet, the beer barons will tell you that beer is not intoxicating and they have campaigned with high-powered advertising in

Negative Teaching

We call your attention to a brief article on "Perilous Philosophy," page seven, by L. P. Thomas of Hartford, Arkansas.

Mr. Thomas calls attention to a very dangerous philosophy to which we wish to add a few words of our own. We have been exposed to this philosophy of the positive to the neglect of any negative teaching at all, and we have seen disastrous results from the neglect of negative teaching, tragic results in the moral and spiritual life as well as the physical life.

Many people have been carried away with the teaching that one should never say "don't" to children. They seem to think that to teach a child what not to do will inhibit its normal expressions and reactions. It becomes obvious however, that the child who does not learn what not to do will inevitably get into serious trouble when it grows to adulthood and assumes responsibilities in the complex organization of human society. Such a philosophy is likely to develop in one the attitude that anything is right if one can get by with it.

As a matter of fact we do not follow that kind of philosophy in fields of learning other than the moral and spiritual. For instance, the electrician must learn what not to do, else he is likely to be electrocuted. The chemist must learn what not to do, else he may have a disastrous explosion or a painful and perhaps fatal burn. The businessman must learn what not to do, else he is not likely to be in business very long. The pilot of an airplane must learn what not to do, else he is likely to have a smash-up. And so it goes all through life.

Why, therefore, should we say that in the moral and spiritual realm there should be no prohibitions, no negative teachings, no "thou shalt not?" When a person takes liberties in the field of the moral and the spiritual, there is just as certain to be a wreck as there is when a person takes liberties at the wheel of an automobile on the highway, or when one takes liberties with electricity, or in the laboratory. And in the field of the moral and spiritual, the results are eternal, outlasting the physical disasters which overtake us when we ignore the prohibitions in these other fields of research and endeavour which have already been mentioned.

Psychology and its related sciences have not yet caught up with the psychology of God's Word, and those who think they can improve upon the teachings of God's Word are deceiving themselves and will come eventually to experience the tragedies of their own false teachings.

an effort to induce American families to accept beer as a daily necessity, even on a par with milk and other items of food.

Why does not the beer industry take a picture of the wreckage caused by seven bottles of beer and place that in their advertisement showing the real results of beer? Such a picture would speak for itself and tell the true story of beer rather than the fictitious stories put out by the manufacturers of beer.

Kingdom Progress

Revival And Vacation Bible School



A ten day revival and Vacation Bible School was conducted by the Board Camp Church under the direction of Alton Butler, Mena, and Pastor Mark Roberts. The average attendance in the school was 71.

First Church, Stamps Receives 64 Additions

Sixty-four additions to the church, 52 for baptism, and 12 by letter were the visible results of a revival meeting conducted in the First Church, Stamps, July 22-August 5, Floyd G. Davis, pastor.

Evangelist J. H. Melton did the preaching and the music was directed by Edwin Dabbs, Dallas, Texas. Pastor Davis says of Evangelist Melton, "Mr. Melton is a diligent worker who takes to heart the interest of the church and whose messages put new vitality into the organizational workers of the church." Of Mr. Dabbs, the pastor says, "He is a graduate of the Southwestern Theological Seminary and recently accepted the call to full time evangelistic work."

The Stamps Church is now in a building program and a new auditorium, with seating capacity of 610 persons, is under construction. It is expected that the new sanctuary will be ready for occupancy by the first of next year.

Liberty Revival

The Liberty Church, White County Association, engaged in revival services July 30 to August 10, with Pastor Bill Lewis doing the preaching, assisted by his brother, Norman L. Lewis. There were nine received by baptism.

The revival was preceded by a week of cottage prayer meetings climaxed by an all night prayer meeting. A Vacation Bible School was conducted in connection with the revival.

Little Rock Evangelist Assists Texas Pastor

Pastor Terrel Gordon of Tom Bean, Texas, formerly of Lincoln, Arkansas, reports a recent revival meeting in which he had the assistance of Evangelist Eddie Wagner of Little Rock. Pastor Gordon highly commends Evangelist Wagner for evangelistic meetings.

Baptist Highlights

By PORTER ROUTH

J. W. Storer, Tulsa, has been named chairman of a committee to consider the selection of a successor to Duke K. McCall as executive secretary of the Executive Committee. Dr. Storer was named by George B. Fraser, president of the Executive Committee, with the desire to recommend at the September meeting of the Committee. Other members of the committee are R. Paul Caudill, First Church, Memphis, Tennessee; Louie D. Newton, Druid Hills Church, Atlanta, Georgia; J. Norris Palmer, First Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and Henry W. Tiffany, Park Place Church, Norfolk, Virginia. Mr. Fraser will work with the committee.

McRae Church Has Successful Revival

C. W. Caldwell assisted E. F. Simmons and the McRae Church in a one week revival meeting recently which resulted in 13 additions to the church, ten of whom were for baptism.

Evangelist Fred Cherry With South Highland, Little Rock

Evangelist Fred Cherry will assist South Highland Church, 27th and Elm Sts., Little Rock, and Pastor Ray Branscum in revival services from August 29-September 9, with two services each day, 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hester will have charge of the music.

Pastoral Changes

The following pastors have resigned churches in Mt. Zion Association in the past month: James Rihard, Philadelphia; George C. Monroe Jr., Egypt; and H. L. Ferguson, New Hope, Jonesboro.

The Rison Church has called Norman Lerch, Marion, for the pastoral duties of that church.

Third Anniversary Immanuel, El Dorado

The Immanuel Church, El Dorado, celebrated the third anniversary of its pastor, Jay D. Tolleson, on Sunday, August 19. Pastor Tolleson came to the Immanuel Church three years ago from First Church, Opp, Alabama.



One feature of the 11 o'clock service Sunday morning was the recognition of those at whose wedding he had officiated. Previous announcement had been made that these recognitions would be

accorded at the morning service.

During the three years of Pastor Tolleson's ministry at Immanuel, 649 persons have been received into the church membership, 289 of these received on profession of faith and baptism. The Sunday School enrolment has increased from 675 to 960 with an average attendance increasing from 335 to 570. The Training Union average attendance has increased from 112 to 250.

Gifts for Mission causes have increased during Mr. Tolleson's pastorate at Immanuel from \$6,379.30 to \$15,674.26. The Immanuel Church was fifth in the state last year in the amount given through the Cooperative Program.

Anderson Chapel Assisted By Minor Cole

Pastor Minor E. Cole, First Church, Dumfriesboro, Tennessee, assisted Pastor J. F. Brown in revival services at Anderson Chapel, Harmony Association, recently. There were 12 additions to the church by baptism and two by letter.

Excellent Revival Meeting At Pleasant Plains Church

Evangelist Ken Chapman, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, assisted Pastor James Watson and the Pleasant Plains church in a revival meeting from July 24-August 5. There were 43 additions to the church, 28 of whom were received for baptism; 18 family altars were established in the homes of the membership of the church during the meeting; 1,151 chapters of the Bible were read during the meeting.



Listen to The

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: August 26

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
"Shields of Brass"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.

KENA, Mena

KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.

KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

Heads Bible Department Ouachita College



Dr. Leslie S. Williams

New head of the Bible Department of Ouachita College has been announced by college officials. He is Dr. Leslie S. Williams of Sylvania, Georgia.

Dr. Williams comes to Ouachita from Howard College, Birmingham, Alabama, where he has been teaching as a professor in Howard's Bible Department. He taught as head of the Bible Department of Bessie Tift College, Forsyth, Georgia, before teaching at Howard.

A graduate of Mercer University, Dr. Williams finished Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky, with a Ph.D. in 1934. While in the seminary he served as president of the student body.

At Howard College Doctor Williams served as chairman of chapel and athletic faculty committees. He was also vice-president of the Dixie Intercollegiate Athletic Conference until his decision to come to Ouachita.

Active in the establishment of the Georgia Baptist Historical Society, Dr. Williams also had a part in the founding of Truett-McConnell College. While in Georgia he was president of the State Baptist Minister's Conference.

Minister Ordained

Carrol Raymond Bugg, a student in Ouachita College, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the Matthews Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, on Tuesday night, July 3. Pastor Homer A. Bradley of the Matthews Memorial Church served as moderator of the ordaining council and Carl Sanders, deacon, acted as clerk.

Pastor R. Paul Grimes of the Greenlee Church conducted the examination and the charge was delivered by Dr. W. B. Tatum, First Church, Pine Bluff. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Pastor O. L. Gardner, West Side Church, Pine Bluff. The Bible was presented by Pastor Carl Overton, First Church, Star City. The ordaining sermon delivered by Missionary Sam Davis of the Harmony Association.

Mr. Bugg is serving as supply pastor of the Kinwood Church, Texarkana, Texas, during the absence of Pastor Ernest Mosley, who is working in the Bahama Islands this summer. Upon the termination of this supply engagement, August 19, Mr. Bugg is now available for student pastorate or supply work.

Thinking Aloud

By DUKE K. McCALL

My election as president of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary is the most amazing development in my life. My first reaction was to remind the chairman of the nominating committee that I have been advocating another man for the position.

My second reaction was to echo the words of Jeremiah, "Then said I, Oh, Lord God! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child."

In the conviction of the consecrated men who make up the board of trustees, however, and in the voice of the Holy Spirit speaking to my own heart I believe I hear God saying, "For thou shalt go to all that I shall send thee, and whatsoever I command thee thou shalt speak."

It is therefore in a spirit of deep humility coupled with assurance of Divine leadership that I assume the presidency of my Alma Mater. I shall rely upon the prayers of my friends and all friends of the Seminary. I shall depend upon the counsel of trustees and faculty members. I look forward to the co-operation of the student body.

The fellowship with students, faculty, trustees, and alumni is one of the delightful promises of association with Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. That my new responsibilities do not sever but only change my relationship to the members of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee is a source of joy to me.

I must express my gratitude for the privilege of serving the Executive Committee for the past five years. This group of devout and loyal Southern Baptists carries the heaviest responsibilities in our denominational life.

The administrative and promotional aspects of the life of the Seminary are tremendous. I believe, however, that the administrative and promotional aspects of the Executive Committee are even larger. I would not leave the Executive Committee's offices if it were my purpose to major on these important services.

My primary responsibilities at the Seminary have been defined by the trustees as spiritual and academic. This is in accord with my own desire.

The purpose of a seminary is the preparation of men of God for Christian service. The faculty and student body must occupy the place of importance. All plans must come to focus upon the spiritual and academic life of the campus expressed through the faculty and the student body.

I have no specific plans, but I do have many dreams for our "Mother Seminary." The Bible-loving scholarship and denominational leadership provided in the past by Boyce, Broadus, Whitsitt, Manly, Mullins, Sampey, Fuller—and a host of others—must have a place to grow for future generations.

Southern Seminary has been and by the grace of God can be that place for the tomorrows.

Central Church, Dyess Receives 33 Additions

Pastor L. L. Jordan, Central Church, Dyess, reports a revival meeting recently in which he had the assistance of Pastor Earl Humble of the Bethel Church, Pine Bluff, as evangelist, and Jimmie Marshall, Lepanto, who led the singing, with Miss Pattie Marshall, Dyess, at the piano.

There were 18 additions to the church by baptism and 15 by letter. Pastor Jordan commends Pastor Humble as preacher and soul winner.

Attention

Since we published the dates and places of the Annual Associational meetings last week, we have received notice of some changes in dates and had received the wrong information as to the date in one or two instances. The following changes or corrections are noted:

Ashley County, October 16 instead of October 9

Buckville, September 23 instead of September 27-28

Carroll County, September 6-7 instead of September 4-5

Central, October 11-12 instead of October 4-5

Dardanelle-Russellville, October 6-7 instead of October 13-14

Washington-Madison, October 8-12 instead of October 15-19 (nights only)

Rural Evangelist Reports Excellent Meeting

Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles reports a recent meeting at Emmanuel Church in Mississippi County in which he assisted Pastor A. M. Houston.

Evangelist Wiles says, "We had 28 people gloriously saved and about 35 re-dedications. Several united with the church by letter. One surrendered for special service. Plans were being laid for a new church building which is seriously needed."

Mr. Curtis Loveless from Cole Ridge church led the singing during the meeting.

Minister Ordained

Thomas Wilson Bray was ordained to the gospel ministry July 26 by the Liberty Church, White County Association.

Pastor Bill Lewis of the Liberty Church presided over the ordaining council. H. L. Lewis delivered the sermon and F. S. Sanders offered the ordaining prayer. Other members of the council were N. B. Short, Fred Brothers, Groves Jones, and Alpine Gaines.

Worker Available

Stanley Durham, formerly of Cabot, has resigned as associational missionary in the Washington Association, Chattom, Alabama, and expects to return to his native Arkansas this fall. He will be available for the pastorate or supply work. Mr. Durham is a graduate of Ouachita College and the New Orleans Seminary.

Large Attendance at West Zone Hymn-Sing

The recent West Zone Hymn-Sing of Central Association was held in the Walnut Valley Church. Seven churches were represented with a total attendance of 142, one of the largest since the zone program for rural churches has been in operation. On the first Sunday afternoon of each month, except the month in which the Quarterly Music Festival is held, these Hymn-Sings alternate from East to West zones.

Delbert Garrett, associational Missionary, had general charge of the meeting in the absence of Ray W. McClung, associational Music Director. The congregational singing was ably led by Tommy Tedford, Arkadelphia, pastor of the Jessieville Church. Harvey's Chapel and Walnut Valley Churches presented special numbers.

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Christian Horizons

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By Religious News Service

House Authorizes Aid To D. C. Church Hospitals

A bill authorizing federal aid to District of Columbia church-related and non-profit hospitals for erecting new buildings was passed by the House of Representatives and sent to the Senate.

The measure would make national and District of Columbia funds available to Providence Hospital, a Roman Catholic institution, and Sibley Memorial Hospital, a Methodist institution. Both will claim the funds for extensive rebuilding programs if it becomes law.

A third church-related institution, Episcopal Ear, Eye, Nose and Throat Hospital, is contemplating merger with two non-sectarian hospitals to form a new medical center, and therefore would not be affected.

Although the bill had been criticized by spokesmen for two Protestant groups on the grounds that it would violate the Church-State separation principle, the question was mentioned only once during the course of the hour's debate which preceded passage.

Rep. A. L. Miller (R.-Neb.), who offered an amendment to make the contribution a non-interest bearing loan instead of a public grant, declared: "I do not want to hear any more economy cries on my side of the House, when they are setting up a new policy here which permits religious organizations to come to the federal treasurer for handouts."

However, Rep. John W. McCormack (D.-Mass.), House majority leader, who personally sponsored the bill, said it merely extends a principle already recognized under the Hill-Burton Act of a federal aid to hospitals.

The measure, as approved by the House, would provide federal funds for 35 per cent of the cost of new hospital buildings and District moneys for another 15 per cent, leaving the private sponsors to raise the other 50 per cent.

Opponents in the House sought a roll call vote on the bill's passage, but only 52 members raised their hands in support of such a method of voting—twenty short of the number required. House leaders said they opposed a roll call because of the possibility of religious controversy to which members would have been exposed, and which leaders of both parties in the House desired to avoid.

N. C. Baptists Start Construction On Hospital Addition

Construction will begin immediately on a 150-bed addition to the Baptist Hospital in Winston-Salem, it was decided by the board of trustees of the institution.

The annex will be built entirely with funds gathered by North Carolina Baptists, who through their State Convention forbade the hospital to accept \$697,356 in government funds to aid in the project.

In voting to start work on the addition at a recent meeting, the trustees stated that "we are only committing ourselves to spend what money is already pledged or in hand," since contractors' bids have exceeded the \$1,875,000 available in money and pledges.

Honors Chaplains Killed in Korea

General Matthew B. Ridgway, supreme commander of the UN forces in the Far East, unveiled a plaque erected at the General Headquarters Chapel Center in Tokyo, to five American army chaplains killed in Korea.

The five chaplains, who held the rank of Captain, were Francis X. Coppons, Boston, Massachusetts; Leo P. Craig, Paterson, New Jersey; and Herman G. Felhoelter, Louisville, Kentucky, all Roman Catholics; Byron T. Lee, of the Church of the Nazarene, Oradino, Idaho; and Samuel R. Simpson, Methodist, of Cattlesburgh, Ohio.

Reports Americans Spend \$1,000,000 an Hour for Liquor

Americans now spend a million dollars an hour for beer, wine and liquor, Mrs. D. Leigh Colvin, president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, said in Boston.

The 1950 consumer expenditure for alcoholic beverages totaled \$8,760,000,000, or \$210,000,000 more than the expenditure for 1949, she stated. Last year's consumption added up to 2,903,000,000 gallons, according to the dry leader.

Ten Million Bibles Distributed in Japan

A wish expressed by General Douglas MacArthur in 1945—that America help get 10 million Scriptures into the hands of the Japanese people—is now nearing fulfillment, the Japan Bible Society reported in Tokyo.

T. Miyakoda, secretary of the society, declared that with the aid of the American Bible Society and through its own efforts, the Japanese Bible Society was able to announce that the distribution of the 10-millionth Bible would coincide approximately with the signing of the Japanese peace treaty.

Korean Protestants Submit Truce Terms

Korean Protestant leaders submitted to American and South Korean authorities demands which they said should be incorporated in the United Nations' terms for a truce in the Korean war.

One of the demands, which were submitted following a mass meeting of Protestants in Pusan, was for the release of Christian and other South Korean citizens who were seized by invading Communist troops last summer and forced to go northward.

Also urged was the release, as soon as possible, of South Korean youths who were forced to join the Communist army and have since been captured and made prisoners of war by the U. N. forces.

A third peace "condition" was that North Korean Communist prisoners of war who want to "live in a free world" be given a chance to do so.

The Protestant spokesmen appended to their demands a list of South Koreans captured by the Communists. They told reporters they would "fight until our aims are achieved."

A Smile or Two

A woman entered a bank and placed \$10, which she wished to deposit, in front of the cashier. He pushed out the bank book, and said: "Sign here, please."

"Me whole name?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"Before I was married?"

"No, just as it is now."

"And me husband's name, too?"

"Sign your name, Mrs., followed by your husband's name; or Mrs., your Christian name, and then your husband's name; or Mrs. and your husband's full name; or merely sign your Christian name and your husband's surname. Write it as you are in the habit of signing it."

"But, sir," replied the woman, "I can't write."

—Quote

Prosecutor: "Now tell the court how you came to take the car."

Defendant: "Well, the car was parked in front of the cemetery. So, naturally, I thought the owner was dead."

Experiences In a Baptist Book Store

Manager Stotts of the Memphis Baptist Book Store, has this to contribute to *Urge and Surge*:

A little Negro man was looking around the other day. The lady in the Store approached and asked if she could serve him. He looked up with very serious eyes and said, "No, ma'am. I'se jest a eye-shoppin'." We looked around to see what would be the effect on us of eye-shopping.

—Reveille

A colored woman came in and stated she wanted a larger container than an individual wine glass which just holds a sip. The saleslady told her that was all you were supposed to get when you take communion. She said, "Oh no, it takes a whole quart to calm my soul!"

—Reveille

Customers have called for *Wake Up or Blow Up* by funny titles, such as "Repent or explode," but the best yet was when a dignified gentleman inquired about the new book—"Now or Bust."

—Reveille

Over the 'phone, a lady customer asked for an Oxford pocket-size New Testament with "Indian Head" paper.

—Reveille

The young recruit was the victim of so many practical jokes that he doubted all men and their motives. One night while on guard the figure of one of the officers loomed up in the darkness.

"Who goes there?" he challenged.

"Major Moses," replied the officer.

The recruit sensed a joke.

"Glad to meet you, Moses," he said cheerfully. "Advance and give the Ten Commandments."

—Quote

Passenger: "You know, it really takes a lot of courage for me to get in this plane. I was almost killed twice in a plane."

Bored Pilot: "Once would have been enough."

Perilous Philosophy

By L. P. THOMAS

In the July issue of *Reader's Digest* I noticed a little article which revived in my soul a thought which had been tagging me for a long time.

We hear much these days against negative thinking, and preaching. Such advocates take position that we should let the negative alone; just offer in its stead something positive. Well, we are in favor of constructive criticism, but it is not always possible to give it, neither are we under any obligation to do so. Clearing a new-ground is negative, and it must precede positive crop-raising. If you point out to me that my counterfeit dollar is no good, are you under any obligation to give me a good one?

When God gave to Adam and Eve the Garden of Eden, He gave them one law; it was negative. "Thou shalt not eat of the tree in the midst of the garden." Consider the Ten Commandments, nine of them are negative. "Thou shalt not." Would you question the wisdom of God's teaching?

I've an abiding conviction that this modern philosophy is a product of selfish cowardice. It might minimize one's popularity, and thus minimize one's fictitious rating.

The world is suffering for lack of more men with courage to stand out in the open and sound a strong, uncompromising objection to evils.

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A Partnership With Franco

By Editor PAUL HUTCHINSON
The Christian Century

How desperately we are trying to get ready for the next world war, and how little our proclaimed principles count when military considerations take command, our deal with Franco shows. Less than three months ago Secretary of State Acheson told the world we would never, never, never shake hands with Franco because he was a fascist dictator. Now it is revealed that for almost three years our attaches in Madrid have been working on a deal. On July 18 Franco celebrated the fifteenth anniversary of his revolt against the republican government of Spain by announcing that he had reached an agreement with Admiral Forrest P. Sherman of the joint chiefs of staff of the United States. Under this, the U. S. is to get air bases and naval stations in nine cities in Spain and the Canary Islands. These, according to the theories on which the Pentagon proceeds, will give us an advanced foothold for our coming war with Russia, secure behind the Pyrenees, which we can hold after we have been forced to retreat from the rest of Europe. Franco, on his part, is to have his poorly equipped army revamped with American arms and planes, and his staggering economy is to be saved, not only by an American loan but by the hundreds of millions which the U. S., with its usual prodigality, will pour into building bases in Spain. Moreover, American firms are expected to spend juicy private loans rebuilding Spain's roads, railroads, and communications. From the standpoint of the Pentagon, this looks like an obviously sensible move. It will also bring cheers from the group of Roman Catholic members of Congress, led by Senator Pat McCarran, who have been applying pressure in Franco's behalf. Mr. Acheson will probably try to defend his switch by saying that Franco is no longer a fascist dictator, but is now a respectable monarchist who has promised him he will restore a Bourbon to the Spanish throne. It is a step

News From Baptist Press

Baptists Urged to Encourage Protection Clause in NSTC Law

Baptists are encouraged to urge their congressional representatives to demand the incorporation of a protection clause in the foreseen program for military training now being drawn up by the National Security Training Commission, according to Dr. Joseph M. Dawson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, in Washington recently.

According to the law setting up the Commission, the report is due by the last of October, but Dawson points out that suggestions have been made for closing the hearings, which are executive, by the last of August. This would make Congressional action possible some time in September.

Among the instructions to the Commission were that their recommendations shall include "measures for the personal safety, health, welfare and morals of members of the National Security Training Corps." Most of the corpsmen will be eighteen-year-olds.

Dawson's recommendation is that a prerequisite to the approval of the training program be the inclusion of the following 1947 statement of the President's Advisory Commission on Universal Training, which recommends the following: "limitation of the opportunities for the purchase of trainees of any alcoholic beverages, including beer, through (a) prohibiting the sale thereof to them on any military, naval, or other camp reservation, or in any post exchange, ship's store, or canteen, (b) declaring 'off-limits' to trainees all taverns, taprooms, and similar facilities whose principal business is selling alcoholic beverages, and . . . (d) making it a federal crime knowingly to sell such beverages to any person in training."

"Congress has reserved to itself the right to take another look at this program, and amend it or reject it," Dr. Dawson reports.

Missouri Baptist Church Signs Impress Convention Travelers

Missouri Baptists must believe that it pays to advertise. And their efforts didn't go unnoticed when messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in San Francisco began their homeward journeys.

M. O. Owens Jr., Lenoir, North Carolina, writes the editor of his state Baptist paper, the *Biblical Recorder*, that Baptists in other states might take a lesson from Missourians. "All the way from San Francisco to the Missouri River we looked for churches and saw very few of any kind," he said, ". . . almost no Baptist churches."

But in Missouri it was different. As they entered every town, large and small, a well-located, attractive sign directed to the Baptist church and "even in the open country we saw several."

Owens' letter expresses pride that Missouri Baptists think their churches worth advertising. "It certainly impressed us and I believe would impress anybody of any denomination traveling through the state of Missouri," he said.

taken, however, in the face of protests from Britain and France. Both know what its effects will be on the minds of their people and of Europeans generally. For with this deal we finally label ourselves the partner and guarantor of fascist reaction. But what does Washington care about that, so long as the Pentagon gets some more bases?

Education Commission Service Lists Baptist College Vacancies

More than seventy-five vacancies in the faculties of Southern Baptist colleges and universities are now listed with the Placement Service of the Education Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, announces Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary of the Commission.

The vacancies represent fifty-three institutions in Southern Baptist work and include both administrative and teaching positions. No vacancies are listed in the Convention's five seminaries.

Teaching positions include art, band, biology, business, chemistry, education, English, home economics, mathematics, piano, physical education, Spanish, sociology, speech and others.

Nearly seventy-five registrations are now in the Service's files, according to Dr. Cornett. Eight definite placements through the recommendations of the office have been reported and an approximate ten more are expected soon. Registration forms for the Service, which is free—but open only to Baptists—will be provided upon request.

Success of the Service since vacancy listings began coming to the office in mid-summer has been, Dr. Cornett says, because "college presidents are co-operating well. They are interested in getting people who are qualified both academically and spiritually."

The Service anticipates building a list of registrants to properly supply the vacancy listings of all Southern Baptist schools.

Convention Agencies Receive Total Operating Budget Funds

Cooperative Program receipts have passed the \$4,500,000 mark, thus enabling the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention to distribute to Convention agencies the total current operating budgets for the year, according to Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Committee.

Another \$2,500,000 will be distributed to the agencies for capital needs in 1951 as instructed by the Convention, Dr. McCall said. When receipts reach the \$7,000,000 mark, all other Cooperative Program funds will be allocated to the Foreign Mission Board for the Advance Program as instructed by the Convention.

Dr. McCall pointed out that a considerable increase in Cooperative Program contributions this year made possible the distribution of the full operating budget funds at such an early date despite a half-million-dollar increase in the 1951 operating budget as compared to 1950. Receipts at the end of July totaled \$4,586,973.93.

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Appeal for Missionaries

Nigeria sends an appeal to Southern Baptists for seventeen couples and ten single ladies, one of the couples to work in the neighboring colony, the Gold Coast. If these posts should be filled, we would then have one Baptist missionary for every 137,000 of the population of Nigeria and the Gold Coast. If there were 175 missionaries of our Board under appointment in Africa, there would be one for approximately every 1,000,000.

—George W. Sadler

The Position Of A Leader

By BURTON A. MILEY

A Leader Stands at the Head of the Column. No church gets ahead of its leaders. No organization gets ahead of its leaders. The church of the Lord Jesus Christ is bound only by earthly leadership. Its heavenly leadership is unlimited, progressive, and perpetual. God is inexhaustible in resources. He is neither barren of an idea nor void of a method of operation. The leader is the church's ideal for the place he holds. In the best church administration the church elects its leaders. The leader is responsible unto the church. It matters not that someone else may do the task better, the one elected is the church's ideal, all things considered. A great number could be surpassed by other workers and, if one always backed down because someone could do it better, he would never have opportunity to exercise any growth or do any service. The church's ideal must not fail the church.

It is the business of a leader to lead. A leader stands at the head of the column; never behind it; never to the side of it. There is a difference between a leader and a driver. A driver may stand behind. He may use force and compulsion. But a leader stands at the head of the column, and leads by challenge and encouragement. I have seen leaders who did not stand at the head of the column. One Sunday School superintendent opened his Sunday School without rising when he was the third bench from the front. A Training Union Director closed his assembly from the fifth bench back from the rostrum, not affording the courtesy to appear before his people to take his place as leader. A leader stands at the head of the column!

A leader is careful to avoid a rut. Someone has aptly said that the only difference between a rut and a grave is the length.

Leadership is hard. It is hill climbing. It will cut breath and many times will call for ruggedness, but a leader avoids a rut. One time a leader in worship was in such a rut that his prayer was always the same. It was memorized and the recitation of it disturbed no other than the familiar groove of brain cells. I have heard this leader thank God for a beautiful, sunshiny morning in which to gather in God's house when his slicker was dripping water in the vestibule and it was raining heavily outside. No one is challenged by the man in the rut.

A leader does not ask for a less difficult task, but for greater strength. He wants a challenge. One member at the time of enlistment wanted some task with no work in it. That's not leadership. A leader never pauses when there is difficulty ahead, but gives all resource to that difficulty in order that the goal might be accomplished.

A leader challenges co-operation. The work of the Lord is not done by a single hand. The lone wolf may walk apart from the pack, but the leader challenges co-operation and will cause others to step to the fray and enter the work of the Lord. In challenging co-operation a leader knows three things.

1. He knows the program. One cannot lead in that which he does not know. The blind cannot lead the blind. He has both immediate and far goals. He discerns the sign posts to determine progress.

2. A leader believes in the program with all his heart. He believes that it is worthy. He has vitality in his presenting of it to others.

3. A leader has enthusiasm. He must inject his spirit into others. Our spirits are catching. An overflowing enthusiastic spirit takes residence in the heart of others. A leader challenges co-operation.

Suppose You Were Pastor

By JOHN E. HARGETT

Just suppose you were pastor of the First Baptist Church of Bearden — a church of over 400 members — and believed in your heart that God led you to this field of service. Further, suppose that you were desirous to do God's will in your life; that you loved His people—you loved all people; you were interested in them as a pastor ought to be; and, in order to serve them in the best manner possible, you studied your Bible daily, you prayed for divine guidance, you tried hard to get God's message, the message He wanted you to bring. Remember, now, this is you.

So, Sunday comes, and you go to the Lord's house at the appointed time, conscious of your responsibilities, conscious that you have a divine charge to keep. Your people come to Sunday School, 150 strong, to listen to the teaching of God's word. After the lesson period is over, and the bell rings, and you stick your head out the door and see a large per cent of the Sunday School members leaving the church. You, the pastor, go to the choir room and find about half enough singers to fill the choir. The choir leader goes to the auditorium to invite people — God's people — to help sing God's praises and assist in developing a worship spirit.

There are lost people in the congregation looking on all this that is happening. Your heart is burdened for these lost ones, but

somehow you feel cramped; the spiritual atmosphere is cold; praying does not have spiritual fervor; the song service is 'flat,' and you just cannot seem to deliver the message that is on your heart. The service closes without any response from anyone.

You leave the church, feeling that you have utterly failed. The afternoon passes by, and you return to the Training Union service, with about half as many in attendance as were in the Sunday School. Many of the Training Union members do not stay for the worship service to hear your attempt to deliver God's message. And this time there is no one in the choir, not even any who will lead the congregational singing. So you assume the roll of song-leader, with a voice that is husky from attempting to preach in the morning service. You pray, you preach, you give the invitation, and no one moves toward God. You dismiss the service and return to your home to seek a night's rest on a pillow that is made wet with tears, and ask a merciful and loving Father to bless His people, and to give you strength for another day.

Just suppose you were the pastor. Would you be big enough to stand under the load?

Will you start now to be the kind of church member that you would want your pastor to be if you were to change places with him?

—First Church Bulletin, Bearden

Let's Be Fair

By Editor JOHN J. HURT, JR.

The Christian Index

Be reasonable, Mr. Layman, and we'll defy you to escape the logic in what follows. You know from personal experience about the theme we present for your consideration.

The dollar of 1951 lacks a lot of being the dollar of 1950, to say nothing of 1945 and earlier years. The government's periodic reports tell the story of its cheapening value. There is no hope that the trend will be reversed.

It was more striking in the U. S. News and World Report we saw the other day. A married man with two children, said this authoritative magazine, who earned \$1,200 in 1939 must earn \$2,221 now to be holding his own. A man who earned \$5,000 in 1939 must be earning \$11,003 or he is worse off financially.

Higher taxes and higher living costs have done the damage. Still higher taxes are ahead. No man of intelligence doubts that living costs will continue to increase.

You are coming soon, Mr. Layman, to the time when your church prepares a new budget. Are you going to consider all this as you fix the salaries of the pastor and his staff?

We noticed the other day where the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. said frankly a "large number" of its churches underpay their preachers. The average salary for the 8,000 active pastors is between \$3,400 and \$3,800. An official estimated minister's salary had increased perhaps 25 per cent in the last 10 years, compared with boosts of 50 and 100 per cent in other occupations.

A layman, arguing for higher salaries, said ministers must go to college for four years and then to the seminary for three. Yes, "where can you find in any walk of life professional men who would serve for \$3,000 a year?" asked Howard Hamilton of Columbus, Ohio.

The Presbyterians are disturbed, and rightly so, about an average salary of \$3,400 to \$3,700. What's the average salary for full-time Baptist pastors in Georgia? Just \$2,350 last year. Churches with half-time preaching paid \$572. Those figures are a disgrace.

Let's be fair about this salary business. Compare what you pay your pastor now with that of two and four years ago. Has your church cut his salary by failing to keep abreast of the dollar's value?

And, what we say in behalf of the pastor, goes for the entire church staff. Their call by God to special service, their love for Christian service, was not a call to needless sacrifice.

Your pastor and his staff have no union negotiator to represent them. Nor can they move from one employ to another merely to better their financial position.

Your church isn't paying a pastor's salary of \$11,003. But, if it was, that would be but \$5,000 of 1939. Six in the Atlanta Association were doing that, or better, back in 1939. We didn't check other associations.

More to the point, and with U. S. News as our authority, if you paid \$2,500 in 1939 it must be \$5,185 now. Or, \$1,200 in 1939 must be \$2,221 now. That's just to maintain the status quo. A larger church and many another factor can be presented as arguments for more salary than that.

Let's be fair, Mr. Layman, about this thing. And, don't ask the pastor what he thinks is fair. He is too accustomed to sacrifice to admit he can't bear another.

New Function Of The Executive Committee

By WALTER POPE BINNS

What is the need or purpose of the "Committee on Relations With Other Religious Bodies?" Do we have pending any decision on possible relations with other religious bodies that would make such a committee necessary? Has not the Southern Baptist Convention made it perfectly plain to all the world that we have no idea of joining the World Council of Churches or any other such organization?

Since there is no invitation to join an inter-denominational organization and no possibility that the Convention would accept such an invitation, would it not be a wise thing to discharge this committee with thanks and go on about our business? This would save us from the futile and harmful discussion which has been raging since the San Francisco Convention. One who did not attend the Convention would get the impression that the major item of business was whether we should join some ecumenical movement. As a matter of fact, we had no such question before us.

The discussion follows a vicious circle. (1) The Report, without having been printed in the Book of Reports, is presented to the Convention on the opening day, just ahead of the Convention Sermon, at a time when no one could raise a question without creating the impression of interrupting a carefully staged program and spoiling the effect of the Convention Sermon. (2) The Report furnishes just the opportunity *The Christian Century* is looking for, the opportunity to write a bitter and sarcastic article

about Southern Baptists. (3) This article calls forth an angry response from Southern Baptist writers—and we are "off to the races" in the contest of name-calling.

No possible good can come from continuing this performance. It plays right into the hands of those who are not friendly to Southern Baptists and who want to make us appear in a bad light. It creates bitterness and division within our own ranks. It serves no useful purpose because everyone, including the author of the Report, must know that Southern Baptists are not going to join any inter-denominational organization. The continuation of a committee to reiterate that position year after year is simply to give opportunity for the committee to make provocative and irritating statements that will keep alive the kind of futile and undignified discussion that is now going on.

For instance, what could be more provocative and irritating than this recommendation, "that this Convention authorize its Executive Committee to have prepared a list of suitable books and other material for study on these questions." There is a new departure in Baptist practice! When did it become the proper function of the Executive Committee to place the book and its author "under the ban?" I have just read an interesting book by Paul Blanshard in which he tells how another well-known religious organization uses this device very successfully in controlling the reading and thinking of its members—but I do not think it will work with Baptists.

Life On A Christian Campus Helps Mold Good Habits

By C. E. BRYANT

The years a young man or young woman spends in college are strategic in guiding the pattern of his or her adult life. They are formative years. Habits formed in college are seldom broken.

Young people raised in thoroughly Christian homes face few real problems while under the watchful care of their parents. Christian parents have guided them in Bible teachings and introduced them to the blessedness of prayer. The youngsters have been shielded from the baser temptations, and in most cases there have been few major decisions for them to make.

But when these youngsters leave home to go to college, they leave this protective influence, this parental guidance, this passive era in their lives. They are on their own. They face problems. They must make their own decisions. They must demonstrate strong wills for things that are good and right. They must put to the test of practical value the instruction gained earlier in the home and the church.

For these reasons the young person needs the atmosphere of a Christian college campus. The high Christian ideals that have been predominant in his Christian home are carried over so far as possible in the dormitories, the classrooms, and the canteens of the Christian college. This attitude of the faculty and of his fellow students, who come from homes similar to his own, is Christian. These are things, oft-times intangible, that make life on a Christian college campus wholesome and good. They make it easy to go to church, to pray and read the Bible daily, to stand boldly for the right, and to shun the appearance of evil.

Yes, in these formative years, when life habits are formed, young people need Christian atmosphere found on the campuses of our Christian schools.

—Southern Baptist Brotherhood Journal

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The Struction Brothers

By EVA EVERETT

Woodrow, Arkansas

The "Struction" family consists of two brothers, who are as different as day light and darkness. Their names are Con and De. Con's life is a tranquil one. He is so patient and long-suffering he is often misunderstood. However, he never allows an opportunity to pass—no matter how trivial it may appear—to build. His tools are sincerity, patience, and perseverance.

De's life is in continual turmoil of discontent, impatience, and unconcern. He never misses an opportunity to criticize, back-bite and wreck. His favorite tool—or should I say "weapon"—is discouragement. With this little harmless looking wrecking bar he is capable, if his brother is not ever alert, of wrecking in a short time the things Con has labored years to build.

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Foreign Missionary Change of Address

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Haltom, Southern Baptist missionaries to Hawaii, have changed their address from 2140 S. Beretania St., Honolulu, Hawaii, to P. O. Box 979, Kaneohe, Oahu, T. H. Mr. Haltom is a native of Little Rock.

My Brand of Cigarettes

By J. R. GRANT

So many of my friends smoke a different brand of cigarettes that I hesitate to boost mine. But I keep calm as other brands are boosted in the press, in movies, over the radio, on billboards and television, so please keep sweet and listen as I give you some advantages of my brand of cigarettes.

No physical or mental harm

There is not a cough or a sneeze in a million. After seventy years there is no throat irritation.

My brand does not stain fingers or teeth. There is no evidence of T. B. or cancer in a million packages.

One can inhale without fear of consequences. All directors of physical education recommend my brand.

Soldiers get other brands free. Habit and payday come later.

No Damage to property

My brand never fouls the air in a room, car, bus, train or plane.

They helped me feed, clothe, shelter and educate our five children.

Our children use our brand.

Now that I have retired I appreciate my brand more than ever.

We have paid for our home with money saved on our brand.

No people fight my brand.

The first fight is yet to be made against my brand.

Most people who use other brands, recommend my smokeless, fireless, tobaccoless, costless and muscle-building brand.

No money is spent to promote my brand. Cigarette companies spend millions advertising their brands.

No one who has given my brand a fair trial wants to quit it.

No harm to little children

Parents universally recommend my brand to their children.

No physician has ever recommended any other brand to young people.

It is generally agreed that infants prefer that mothers use my brand.

Our children are grown and have healthy children. We are thankful that all can say: "I don't smoke because my parents don't smoke."

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Infantry Division Features "Operation Clean Living"

Fort Jackson, S. C.—"Operation Clean Living," a character and guidance program, has top priority in training plans of the 31st ("Dixie") Infantry Division here.

Directed by Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Ernest D. Elliott, Greenville, Miss., the guidance project aims at maintenance of high morale among the troops by encouraging a wholesome outlook toward living. Patriotism, morality, and personal conduct receive special attention.

"The program has a positive, not a negative approach," Chaplain Elliott explained. "It reasons with men. It tells them the whys and wherefores of a clean mind and a clean body in terms they understand."

The program stresses personal counseling, bringing chaplains in closer touch with the division's men on a divisional, regimental, and company level.

—Religious News Service

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"Every Baptist body has the right to determine its own membership and the terms of admission and dismissal, but no Baptist body has the right to dictate to another Baptist body relative to its membership."—J. E. Dillard, "The Sunday School Builder."

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, *State Secretary*

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

Three Hundred Church Brotherhoods

The number of church Brotherhoods in Arkansas has reached the three hundred mark! The registration of the Brotherhood of the Austin Station Baptist Church in Caroline Association brought the Brotherhood Department to the realization of the goal it has had for several months.

And now we feel that in the power of God we are really under way in our perennial task of working toward the goal of a Brotherhood in every church in Arkansas. We believe that every church needs a Brotherhood,—that every church needs to organize its men for greater service to their Lord through their church and denomination.

We thank God for what He has wrought! And this department is now raising its sights to a goal of 400 Brotherhoods, a goal which, with the help of existing Brotherhoods, can be reached in the not-too-distant future.

Is there a Brotherhood in your church?

Besides the 300 church Brotherhoods mentioned above, there are thirty associational Brotherhoods among the forty-four associations in our state. Good, hard-working associational Brotherhoods provide the greatest possible stimulus to the organization of church Brotherhoods.

Every association in Arkansas ought to have a functioning associational Brotherhood. And every association is being asked to elect fit men to build and lead a worthy associational Brotherhood during 1952, and on, until the Lord comes again.

Your Brotherhood Secretary had a delightful experience last week in attending a Brotherhood planning meeting at East End church in Pulaski County Association.

The Brotherhood of Brumley's Chapel church in Faulkner County Association was present at East End Church, and brought a stirring, inspirational program of the

highest order, setting before the men of East End Church something of the worth and work of a church Brotherhood. Clayton Peoples is pastor of Brumley's Chapel Church. The program was led by Ardis Bowen, president of the Faulkner County Association Brotherhood, a member of Brumley's Chapel Church, and president, also, of the church Brotherhood.

East End Church is organizing its Brotherhood under the leadership of the pastor, J. H. Hogue.

Brumley's Chapel Church Brotherhood is doing what any church Brotherhood can do. It is selling the Brotherhood idea to other churches. Probably there is no greater influence in Brotherhood expansion than a church Brotherhood made up of men who believe in Brotherhood and are willing to tell the world about it.

Words from a pastor:

"Our Brotherhood has done an outstanding piece of work in recent weeks. Recently, the Woman's Missionary Society of the church asked our Brotherhood to build a brush arbor so they could conduct a mission Vacation Bible School in the Steed Dairy Community. The immediately began building the arbor. Our men began to urge that when the Vacation Bible School was over, we begin a mission revival. This they accepted and voted to do. At present, we are in the midst of

that meeting. Thus far, we had thirteen decisions; one conversion, two surrenders to special service, and ten re-dedications. Furthermore, this revival has been a real blessing to our men and to the people of our church. "No pastor ever had a greater group of men to work with than I do."

Howard S. Kolb,
Immanuel Baptist Church,
Pine Bluff, Arkansas

The above testimony is one of a long, long series of testimonies by pastors all over the Southland,—pastors who have discovered that the Brotherhood is a great asset to them as they seek to lead their churches into a continuing program of real work which proves to be effective because it is work done in obedience to the Lord's command.

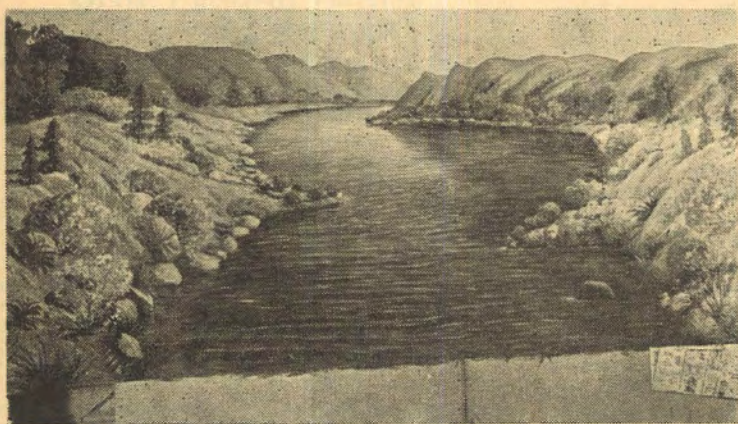
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Outstanding Program Planned For Sunday School Convention

The annual State Sunday School Convention will be held in the First Baptist Church, Jonesboro, on Monday and Tuesday, October 15 and 16. Headed by J. N. Barnette, Secretary of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, some fifteen workers from the Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tennessee, will be among the program personnel. These Southwide Sunday School leaders will be aided by outstanding pastors and leaders from all sections of Arkansas. Miss Rose Arzoomanian will be the featured soloist of the Convention.

The theme of the Convention will be "All the Word for All the World." Dr. K. Owen White, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, will be the featured speaker of the Convention and will give four outstanding messages. Monday morning the theme will be "The Written Word — The Bible." Monday night his subject will be "The Living Word—Christ." Tuesday morning his message will be "The Proclaimed Word—Evangelism." The closing message of the Convention will be Tuesday afternoon when Dr. White's message will be "The Victorious Word — The Reigning Christ."

Aided by pastors and leading Sunday School Workers of the Baptist churches in Jonesboro, James Fitzgerald will head up the committees that will have charge of the preparation for and the entertainment of the Convention. Brother Fitzgerald is the



K. Owen White

pastor of the Walnut Street Church in Jonesboro. Bed Monday night and breakfast Tuesday morning will be provided free of charge by the churches of Jonesboro for those who register for the Convention. Registration fee will be fifty cents per person registering. The Convention will begin at 10 Monday morning, October 15, and will adjourn Tuesday afternoon, October 16. There will be five sessions—three on Monday and two on Tuesday. Every pastor and Sunday School worker is invited and urged to attend this important event!

Graded Work Essential

In January of 1950 the Children's Work of the Training Union in First Church, Fayetteville, had an average attendance of 37. During the month of March 1951, this department had an average attendance of 64, or an increase of 30 in average attendance.

The story of the secret of the success of the Children's Work in this church began in April of 1949 when Ralph W. Davis, State Training Union Director, conducted a Training Union Revival in the church, Mrs. Harvey Elledge, State Approved Children's Worker, taught "The Story Hour Leadership Manual." Mrs. T. O. Spicer, Director of this department, was

Coming Events

September 4—State Association-
al Sunday School Leadership
Meeting, Little Rock.

September 18—"B" Night in the
Associations (Sunday School)

September 28-30—Baptist Stu-
dent Union Convention

October 15-16—State Sunday
School Convention, Jonesboro

October 29—State Association-
al Training Union Planning Meet-
ing, Little Rock

thoroughly convinced through
this study course that graded
work with the children was abso-
lutely essential.

The church now has five graded
units with a Director in charge
of each one. Eighteen capable
workers are serving in this work.

Miami Clinic

January 6-18, 1952, the Sunday School Board, through its Sunday School Department, will hold a Convention-wide Sunday School Clinic in Miami, Florida. The Miami churches have agreed to entertain 500 selected leaders for the period. The registrations include pastors, educational directors, Superintendents, department superintendents, teachers, associational superintendents, missionaries, general officers, state workers, and group superintendents.

Those from Arkansas attending will be: William C. Burnett, Baptist Tabernacle, Little Rock; Mrs. John Danner, Immanuel, Little Rock; Bill Henry, First, Siloam Springs; Percy F. Herring, First, Osceola; Charles E. Lewis, Beech Street, Texarkana; Miss Grace Lovelace, First, Osceola; Herbert W. McGlamery, First, Pine Bluff; R. F. Morrow, First, Osceola; Mrs. Frank Shamburger, Immanuel, Little Rock; Mrs. Felix Stephenson, First, Osceola; Miss Rebecca Tune, Immanuel, Little Rock; Faber L. Tyler, First, Ozark; Mrs. Edgar Williamson, Immanuel, Little Rock; Lehman F. Webb, West Helena; Mrs. Lehman F. Webb, West Helena; Dr. Edgar Williamson, Little Rock; and George H. Hink, Little Rock; Russell Duffer, New Liberty, Blytheville; and James Griggs, First, Fayetteville.

State Leadership Conference—September 4

On September 4 in Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, the Sunday School State Leadership Conference will have a two-session meeting. The program personnel includes A. V. Washburn, from the Sunday School Board in Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. W. L. Howse, from the Southwestern Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas; Dr. Edgar Williamson, Director of the Religious Education Department of Arkansas; and George H. Hink, Associate State Sunday School Superintendent.

The purpose of the meeting is to present the Sunday School program and Southwide and State objectives for 1951-52 and to decide upon the program for the simultaneous Associational Sunday School Rally to be held on "B" Night, September 18. Associational Sunday School Superintendents, Moderators, and Missionaries are urged to plan now to attend. Automobile transportation is being arranged by Mr. Hink for one car to come from each association. The session will open at 9:30 a. m. closing in the afternoon.

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Nothing would be done at all if a man waited till he could do it so well that no one would find fault with it.

Have You Reported Your Vacation Bible School?

There were 482 reported Vacation Bible Schools held in Arkansas in 1950. There were possibly many more held but not reported to the Religious Education Department. We want Arkansas to get credit for every Vacation Bible School that is held and the only way we can do this is for every church to send us a report of your Vacation Bible School. If you do not have the report blanks to complete, send us a postal card with the following information on it: name and address of church, when the Vacation Bible School was held, what the enrolment was, and what the average attendance was.

The following figures show how Arkansas rates with the other states in the Southland regarding the Vacation Bible Schools held. This is a comparison of all Vacation Bible Schools held from the beginning of spring up to August 31, 1950 with all those held the same time in 1951.

State	Reports 7/31/50	Reports 7/31/51	More	Less
Alabama	821	919	98	
Arizona	63	58		5
Arkansas	214	213		1
California	84	78		6
District of Columbia	17	12		5
Florida	333	359	26	
Georgia	589	556		33
Illinois	260	233		27
Kansas	29	30	1	
Kentucky	589	611	22	
Louisiana	267	295	28	
Maryland	51	58	7	
Mississippi	210	341	131	
Missouri	740	747	7	
New Mexico	145	135		10
North Carolina	1041	1150	109	
Oklahoma	426	491	65	
Oregon-Washington	14	29	15	
South Carolina	521	649	128	
Tennessee	842	854	12	
Texas	1173	1253	80	
Virginia	435	424		11
Miscellaneous	1	1	0	0
TOTALS	8865	9496	729	98

Net Increase—631

Dedicating The Overage

JOHN CAYLOR, *Secretary*
Home Mission Board

At the beginning of the year when The Baptist Tabernacle of Atlanta, Georgia, adopted its budget, the committee was conservative in appropriations and recommended that the "overage" be divided fifty-fifty between the building fund and missions. The missions committee recommended that the missions overage be divided fifty-fifty between home missions and foreign missions.

At the end of the first quarter the finance committee found that there was an overage of \$500 a month for missions. This meant \$250 a month for home missions.

A Neglected Field

Dr. Paul S. James, pastor and member of the missions committee of The Baptist Tabernacle, made inquiry concerning new work among Indians and found that the Home Mission Board had no work among the Apache Indians of Arizona. A student in Grand Canyon College at Prescott was doing some voluntary work among the Apache Indians in the White River Reservation. Hearing of that work and the possibilities open to definite mission service, The Tabernacle voted to challenge the Home Mission Board to enter the Apache reservation.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Branch were named as missionaries to the Apache Indians in Arizona where there are some 6,000 on two reservations, the White River and the San Carlos. The Branches are living at Lakeside, Arizona, for the time being. Already they are at work among the Apaches. They have laid the foundation. As soon as permission can be secured for a building site and equipment on the reservation the missionaries will be closer to their work. They have their own trailer house in which they have been living. Recently they moved from Prescott, where they had been attending college, to Lakeside from which point they are taking up their



E. C. Branch

full-time service among the Indians.

The Branches began their work under the Board and under the sponsorship of The Baptist Tabernacle's designated overage on July 15 by conducting a Vacation Bible School.

The Home Mission Board has not been able to begin new work on an extensive scale because of limited budget. The Tabernacle in Atlanta wanted to start some new work and provided the means of inaugurating work among the Apache Indians by dedicating its overage to that end.

The Branches

E. C. Branch was born in Cherokee, Texas. He married Garnet Walker of San Saba, Texas, and they have two sons, Carlos, seventeen, and Terry, fifteen.

Until his call to the ministry Mr. Branch was a bricklayer. He served as a volunteer worker in Mexican missions in Brownwood, Texas, before moving to Tucson, Arizona, where he lived when he entered upon the divine call.

Baptists Urged To Send Clothes To Yugoslavia

A square yard of ordinary cloth costs more in Yugoslavia than a man can earn there in a month, says Dr. George W. Sadler, of the Foreign Mission Board. A man would have to work a year to get enough money to buy a new suit of clothes.

On a recent trip to Yugoslavia, Dr. W. D. Lewis, Baptist World Alliance, found distress on every hand. "Baptist leaders say that many of the members of their churches do not have enough to eat," he writes. "In many cases food and clothing cannot be bought, for such things are not obtainable."

Dr. Lewis appealed to the relief committee of the Foreign Mission Board, of which Dr. Sadler is chairman, for \$5,000 with which to purchase CARE (Co-operative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.) food parcels.

Dr. Sadler urges Southern Baptists to send clothing to Yugoslavia immediately. There are no difficulties relative to the receipt and distribution of clothes. Gifts of clothing sent from America to Yugoslavia are free from custom and all other taxes.

Dr. Sadler said his office would be happy to supply individuals or churches with names of res-

possible people in Yugoslavia to whom these clothes may be sent. "But please do not send any boxes to Richmond," he added. Communications should be addressed to Dr. George W. Sadler, Box 5148, Richmond 20, Virginia.

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Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

—General Omar N. Bradley

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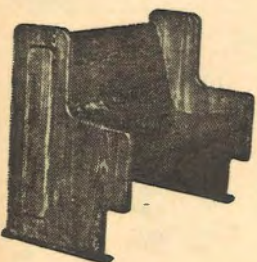
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Who should attend? District presidents, district young people's leaders, associational superintendents, associational young people's leaders, associate superintendents, associational chairmen of mission study, community missions, and stewardship.

Where will the conference be held? At Hardison Hall, on beautiful Mt. Petit Jean.

What is the schedule? The conference will open September 25 at 10 A. M. and will close immediately after noon on the twenty-sixth.

What is the cost? \$4.50 per person.

Who should bear that expense? It is a wonderful investment for an association to make. However, when not borne by association or individual, Woman's Missionary Union of Arkansas will entertain the above listed officers and chairmen.

Who will be among the conference leaders and speakers? State W.M.U. officers and chairmen, representatives from the Baptist Book Store, and Mrs. Carl Hunker, missionary to China and the Philippines.

Come, if you are one of those listed above, and encourage attendance of all who should attend. Those elected to serve during the new year, 1951-52, of course, are the ones who should attend.

New Price on 1951-52 Guide Book

Because of the high cost of production it is necessary to in-

crease the cost of the new 1951-52 Guide Book to 15 cents per copy, with no special quantity price.

Free Guide Books and Year Books will be sent for presidents and young people's directors, and free Guide Books will be sent for counselors of young people's organizations WHEN those elected to serve for the year 1951-52 are reported to State W.M.U. Headquarters. Questionnaires were included in the package containing program material for State Mission Day of Prayer. Prompt replies are urged in order that new officers may have the new Guide Book and Year Book to aid them in planning for the year.

Year Books are also 15 cents.

Presidents N-O-T-E!

Program material for the State Mission Day of Prayer to be observed September 17 has been mailed to the president of each W.M.S. in the state. If you have not received your package, please advise us immediately. Other contents make it of added importance. Check carefully for:

- 2 Copies of State Mission Program for W.M.S.
- 1 Double page spread for poster, etc.
- 25 Offering envelopes
- 4 Quarterly Report Blanks
- 1 Questionnaire on the Standard of Excellence
- 1 Questionnaire on 1951-52 Officers

1 Bulletin

New Mission Study Series

It is time to plan for a full graded study of the new series of mission study books which are subject to immediate release. The Theme of the entire series is Latin America and titles are as follows: (Note teaching helps.)

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	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	989	352	2
Including Missions	1,217	498	3
El Dorado, First	810	201	2
Including Missions	890	231	
Hot Springs, Second	739	169	
Little Rock, Second	693	169	
Pine Bluff South Side	652	231	8
Including Missions	718	273	
Camden, First	562	128	4
Including Missions	848	266	
El Dorado, Immanuel	540	248	2
Including Missions	588	288	3
Crossett, First	535	235	18
Texarkana, Beech St.	527	217	6
Paragould, First	520	221	6
Including Missions	661	347	
Fordyce, First	489	162	6
El Dorado, Second	465	216	4
Magnolia, Central	459	151	
Including Missions	512	166	
Forrest City, First	450	168	3
Hot Springs, Park Place	448	152	3
Little Rock, Tabernacle	443	137	
Hope, First	428	100	
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	418	102	
Springdale, First	416	179	20
Including Missions	503		
Hot Springs, Central	403	170	
Siloam Springs, First	384	268	9
Fort Smith, Calvary	377	158	
Cullendale, First	374	188	4
El Dorado, West Side	373	117	1
Little Rock, So. Highland	360	120	7
Rogers, First	349	148	
Hot Springs, First	339	120	1
Monticello, First	309	90	
Fort Smith, South Side	298	83	
Texarkana, Calvary	279	88	3
Mena, First	275	99	2
Fort Smith, Temple	262	190	
Gentry, First	255	2046	4
Bentonville, First	244	60	1
Hot Springs, Piney	224	185	5
Alma, First	216	86	
Guion, Beech St.	213	106	1
No. Little Rock, First	205	89	1
Star City, First	182	50	
Augusta, First	180	67	3
Including Mission	208		
DeQueen, First	177	46	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	176	134	9
Strong, First	139	55	2
Pine Bluff, Bethel	134	76	3
Amity	128	86	1
Grannis	110	98	
Warren, Immanuel	108	73	1
Magnolia, Immanuel	104	92	15
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	56	31	



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Newton County Holds Successful Music School

The Baptist Churches of Newton County engaged in an associational Music School conducted by the state music director for the week of July 29-August 3, at Parthenon Church. Sixty-nine people enrolled in the school and the average daily attendance was 63. Sixty-three awards were issued on Volume I of Practical Music Lessons (Harrison - McKinney). Classes in music fundamentals, directing and hymn-playing met every night. The regular Quarterly Hymn Sing was the opening event of the school. More than 75 people were present.

Mrs. Bill Fowler, association music director planned the school. E. R. Casey served as secretary and the accompanists were Mrs. Roy Kilgore and Mrs. Jack McCutcheon.

A Sacred Concert featured the closing night. Several new hymns that had been learned during the schools were sung by the group. Special numbers included a Male Chorus, Ladies Trio, violin solos, Male Quartet, and a Junior Choir.

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Forget yesterday and live in today. Happiness is the art of never holding in your mind the memory of any unpleasant thing that is once passed.

—Bulletin

Christian Responsibility In Public Life

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

"Ye are the salt of the earth."

Salt is an humble household commodity that contributes much to the good of man, a good deal more perhaps than most of us realize. Jesus frequently used such every day things to teach the people.

Responsibility To Preserve Truth

Salt is a preserver. It is used sometimes to "cure" or preserve fresh meat so that it may be safely used over a period of months. A good Christian character also acts as a preserver. Many people would never develop into strong Christian servants were it not for the faithful Christians who have weathered the elements of temptation and know how to encourage others and protect them after a manner from the wiles of Satan. They are those whom we think of as our "stand-bys" in the kingdom work.

Salt also flavors. We season our food with salt to make it more appetizing. Perhaps we could live just as long without salt as we can with it; but it is a delightful thing to have in seasoning our food. We understand some foreign countries do not know what salt is; a missionary couple a few years ago were asked what they desired most from the homeland for Christmas. The reply was, "A big bag of salt. The natives here do not know what salt is and we are simply starving for salt." So while salt is not a requisite of life, it is a fine commodity to possess.

By way of application, isn't it true that a sincere, devout Christian life flavors the lives of those with whom they come in contact? Their very lives sweeten the lives of others; they have a soothing, restful effect upon their friends. When there are problems to solve, or one needs a little sympathy, it is comforting to have a consecrated friend to tell one's troubles to or to seek advice from.

Responsibility To Act

Again, salt has healing powers. It is frequently used for medical purposes, especially in oral treatment. Christianity has healing powers. Men and women are sick in sin; they are just as ill as can be without Christ. Christianity administers health giving qualities to sinners when they are reached with the gospel. As the salt of the earth, spiritually speaking, Christians can help to

Sunday School Lesson for August 26, 1951

Math. 5:13-16, 13-33; Acts 5:25-29; I Peter 3:13-16

heal the illnesses of the nations by presenting the great Physician to those who need Him.

These influential possibilities also present us with definite responsibilities to those who could and should help. But if the salt has lost its savour, its strength, of what earthly good is it to others? Why bother to sprinkle salt on food, if the salt isn't salty? It is tasteless and insipid; it has become a disappointment; its usefulness is forever gone; it must be dumped into the garbage.

And such is the picture of the cold, indifferent church member, or backslider. He or she has become something useless. His influence is worse after having made a profession of faith, than if he were an outright sinner. The world doesn't expect anything of a sinner, except to sin. That is his nature. But the Christian's responsibility is obviously great.

Responsibility To Shine

Again, Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world."

Therefore, we should shine. Lights were not made to hide under a basket, but to shine out, to penetrate the darkness. Some Christians 'hide-out' from Christ; some fear they will have to make a commitment or will be given a task to perform if they do not hide themselves from Christian service; the hidden one cannot shine for Christ. Some join the church, then stay hidden; others attend church in their community, but refuse to move their church membership. Their lives are buried; buried "back home," or buried at the family cemetery with Mama and Papa.

When people refuse to move their church membership it can be for only one reason: **THEY ARE AVOIDING RESPONSIBILITY.** Their light is hidden under a basket; but their influence isn't. Their influence for Christ is not just useless, nor hidden, it is being used for the wicked one. We can hide our light, but we don't hide our influence, it is either used for good—or it becomes a bad influence by virtue of the fact that we refuse to use it for good; there is no neutral ground for a Christian.

"A city set on a hill cannot be hid." The church is pictured here, it cannot be hidden. The church is a light house, filled with many individual candles, or little lights, and all the small-lights make another light; a great light, a med-

ium sized light, or a weak, feeble light, according to the zeal and enthusiasm of the individual members—but a light none the less. **SO THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHRISTIAN TO THE PUBLIC IS OBVIOUS: He is to shine for Christ.**

Responsibility To Go

Another characteristic of Christianity is leavening. "The kingdom of heaven is like unto leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal till the whole was leavened." Leaven was the method of yeast they used in ancient times; or something similar to our baking powder. It made their dough rise till it was ready to bake. When a pan of dough rises the leaven has permeated the entire mixture. Bread doesn't rise on one side of the pan and remain flat on the other. It is thoroughly mixed with the power of leavening. A pan of dough will double in size when it is risen.

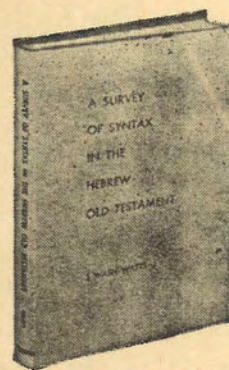
This was one in a series of parables Jesus taught concerning the growth of the kingdom of Christ. Christianity has permeated the kingdom of the earth.

Not as thoroughly as it should have done, but at least it has scratched the surface. By being the salt of the earth and a light unto the world, by missions and evangelism, the truths of Christianity are being spread around the world, and how we wish it could literally permeate every nook and corner of the earth until every creature of God has heard the gospel of truth. That is our responsibility to the world.

Responsibility To Be Courageous

Coming again to Peter's epistle as he wrote to suffering Christians scattered abroad, we learn that we have the responsibility before God to stand firm in the face of persecution. If we must suffer, let it be for well doing and not for wickedness. And when we are challenged by evil people concerning our faith, let us be ready always to give a reason for the hope that is within us; not arrogantly nor with a haughty spirit but in meekness and fear. That we may prove to the world by our Christian conduct and conversation that we have been born of the Spirit of Christ, and put the wicked ones to shame.

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I. Matters Previous to the Meeting

1. Pastors or others should announce the Association meeting to his church time and again, and comment on its importance, thus magnifying this indispensable Baptist organization.

2. In all the churches the Association meeting ought to be prayed for often, especially just before it is to assemble.

3. Every church ought by all means to see that its part of money needed for Association Missions and other purposes is raised in cash and sent in on time. To neglect this is sinful. All statistics should be well gotten up and put into the Association letter.

4. By all means every pastor, missionary, and any other preacher in the Association ought to see to it that utterly nothing except serious sickness or death keeps him away from the meeting, all the sessions, and he should not take a back seat in the meeting house.

5. Certainly every church ought to elect and send a good, strong, spiritual, progressive delegation, its full quota, and people who will stay through the meeting. All departments of the church should be represented.

6. It is very wise for each church to tell its messengers that the church will stand for its part of the finances of the Association program.

7. Pastors or the missionary or messengers ought to see that minutes of the previous meeting of the Association, copies of the *Arkansas Baptist*, annuals of the State and Southern Baptist Conventions, and tracts are carried to the meeting.

8. The church where the Association is to meet ought to be well organized to take care of the messengers and visitors with comfort, not extravagance. The place where the meeting is to be held ought to be large enough, as well lighted as possible, and clean. The women of the church will generally see to this.

9. It is certainly wise for the moderator of the previous meeting, about a month before the Association is to assemble, to appoint the chairmen of the various committees, if he can know they will attend, and ask them to make preparation for reports, etc. Of course the moderator and clerk of the previous meeting ought to be on the ground on time and call the Association to order.

10. Of course, all members of the Association Mission Board and the Association missionary should be present with all reports as nearly ready as possible. The Association Mission Board ought also to have plans to suggest to the Association for the work of another year. Of course, such plans can only be recommendations.

II. At the Association Meeting

1. The Association ought to take plenty of time to attend to business. Don't ruin the meeting by rushing through.

2. A very important part of an Association meeting is the devotional exercises. For

the most part old-time songs should be sung, sung with fervor. God should be heard and honored in the reading of His Word. In the devotional exercises we certainly should seek the will of God, seek divine guidance in all business to be transacted. Nothing is so important as this.

3. Good, live, progressive, intelligent, well-balanced brethren should be elected to the different offices of the Association and appointed on the Association Board—all with the idea of doing business in the most efficient way for the Kingdom of God.

4. Unless it is done in some other way, it is a fine idea to have a program committee to report on order of business and the time that shall be given to the various matters to be considered. This is necessary in order that the Association may give due consideration to all phases of the work and yet complete its session on time. This committee should be made up of thoughtful, considerate, fair-minded brethren. It is extremely important for the Association to have definite hours set to begin its sessions and begin on time.

5. In most cases it is very questionable whether it is wise to read the church letters in the old-time way, especially in large associations. A better plan is for a committee on statistics or digest of letters to be appointed and let this committee take all the church letters and tabulate the figures and read their report to the Association, or put it on blackboard.

6. Of course, new pastors in the Association, visitors and denominational representatives should receive due courtesy. They are Baptist brethren present for the good of the cause of Christ.

7. Generally, it is wise to have a strong missionary sermon and a doctrinal sermon during the meeting.

8. All reports read by committees should contain informing, inspiring facts and figures, but be brief. To copy old reports is unpardonable. Discuss all reports.

9. Association Missions should receive prime consideration and certainly should not be side-tracked for any matters, unless it be temporarily. This matter should be taken up at a favorable hour and stirring speeches should be made, and plans for another year considered. Every Association meeting ought to result in an Association missionary being employed. Be sure to hear the message of your Association missionary.

10. Certainly all phases of denominational work should have full consideration and discussion. All interests of the Cooperative Program should be well and thoroughly considered and spoken upon. Of course, these matters will not monopolize the time of the Association.

11. Where quotas are suggested for the different associations, as in the case of the Cooperative Program and the cash round-up, it will be unspeakably glorious if associations while in session will accept their quotas as a possible goal. Of course, these

MRS. J. S. ROGERS, SR.



Mrs. J. S. Rogers of Conway passed to her heavenly reward Saturday, August 11. Many of our readers do not know her, but nearly all Baptists know Dr. Rogers who was for a long time our State Secretary. Mrs. Rogers was a quiet woman and was at home most of the time. She was one of the finest and best women that her acquaintances ever knew. This writer knew her when he was a boy attending Ouachita College. He stayed in her home. At least one of those years Mrs. Rogers kept the children and managed the home while her husband was taking his post-graduate work in the seminary. We had opportunity to know her well.

We think we have never seen better team work in a home than was carried on between this good wife and her busy, useful husband. She was also one of the best mothers we ever knew. There was no quarreling at the children, and she reared one of the best families we have ever known. Her quiet demeanor, her wise counsel, her gentle disposition, and her Christian character were sufficient admonition for her children. We have often thought that if virtue and religion were to perish in human society, the life of Mrs. J. S. Rogers would have reconstructed them in the people among whom she lived.

quotas are all mere requests.

12. The writer believes that a "Committee on the State of the Churches" would be very wise in many, if not in all, the Association meetings. It is good to have a "committee on credentials."

13. Of course, somebody in every Association meeting from first to last should work hard with no let-up for new subscribers and renewals to the *Arkansas Baptist*.

14. Spiritual matters, prayer, soul-winning, holy living, Christian stewardship, family worship, the fellowship of the saints, soundness in the faith, the Christ-given mission of the churches, brotherly love, calling out the called, should be kept to the front and receive great emphasis as far as possible.

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