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Young Beauties

"Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ."

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Our Pride Gets A Lift

By JOHN D. FREEMAN

Several Baptist papers have recently carried articles and editorials bemoaning the fact that Southern Baptists are low in per capita giving. Instead of being embarrassed by this fact, we should make it the cause of boasting.

"The poor have the gospel preached unto them" (Matthew 11:5) was declared by the Master to be one of the proofs of His Messiahship. The meek are they who shall inherit the earth (Matthew 5:5). Isaiah prophesied that Messiah would preach the gospel to the poor (Isaiah 61:1, 2); Jesus cited this passage in His last sermon to the people of Nazareth, declaring, "This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears" (Luke 4:14-21).

One cause for our low per capita giving is, more than half of our churches have no systematic giving in their program and have never had a School of Stewardship or a Stewardship Revival. In many instances, their pastors not only do not proclaim stewardship but often openly ridicule tithing and church budgets. Furthermore, one-third of the members whose names are carried on our church rolls seldom if ever attend services, and of course do not give. Were we to count our actual resident membership only, the rate of giving would be greatly increased.

But the major cause of the low rate is the fact that Baptists have, except in a few scattered churches, never neglected the poor. If the average income of the members of some 23,500 of our churches could be as-

certained, it would be found pretty close to the low level for the entire population of the nation. The average income of some 10,000 of our churches is less than that of many an individual member or family in a few big city churches. The total tithe of the members of many a church would not equal the salary which almost every downtown city pastor receives, a city being any area of 25,000 or more people.

Let us rejoice over the fact that we proclaim the gospel to the poor, for out of their ranks come the majority of the denominational leaders of tomorrow. I could name one hundred outstanding leaders of our day, each of whom was reared amidst what would today be considered poverty conditions. The parents of some of them could not have given \$30 per year to their churches without going beyond the tithe of their cash incomes.

Instead of bemoaning our low per capita giving, let us rejoice that we baptize so many thousand poor, so many boys and girls who have no income to help raise the per capita giving, so many widows and orphans, so many of foreign extraction whose incomes are hardly above the subsistence level. And let us rejoice that our per capita rate is based upon actual gifts, not upon these, plus incomes from secular business, gambling, etc.!

Ashamed of our low per capita giving? Not I! Neither is the Lord of Glory who came that the gospel might be preached to the poor who could not raise that level to any high point!

Freedom To Destroy?

By S. H. JONES

Possibly no word in our language is more abused than the words liberty and freedom. That men are and ought to be free, no one can deny; but that does not mean that men are, or ought to be, free to destroy the foundations of freedom for themselves and others. Does not freedom, in its very nature, presuppose a reasonable measure of intelligence and sound character?

For some time now we have read and heard about political "crackpots" of one brand or another who evidently desire to undermine and overthrow our government guarantees to its citizens. That does not make sense. A government cannot afford to protect its avowed enemies. To claim freedom to destroy freedom is to deal in absurd riddles and to rob the word freedom of its lofty meaning.

After the same manner of faulty reasoning, some distort the meaning of religious liberty. A college student, enrolled in a college which required chapel attendance, started a mild rebellion against the requirement on the ground of "religious liberty." He was quietly and firmly told that he had exercised his liberty in enrolling there in the first place and that he was at liberty to go elsewhere. He went, and the college survived his leaving. Men who never show reverence toward God or man may prattle about religious liberty and freedom of worship. God has never released man from his basic obligations, one of which is that of worship. A man is free to worship God or not to worship Him or to believe in all sorts of false and foolish doctrines, but he is also responsible to God for both his beliefs and actions—a fact

some seem to forget.

Academic freedom is another term that is much missed. Certainly, one should be free to follow truth wherever it leads and to seek it wherever it may be found; but it does not follow that one is free to propagate opinions and theories without any restrictions as to place and circumstances. It is not reasonable to say that a teacher, employed and paid by a state university to teach in its class rooms, is free to use his position to advocate the destruction of the government which makes the institution and his place in it possible. It seems to be even less reasonable for a person to accept a position in a Christian school and accept his salary from Christian funds and then use his position to poison the minds of the students with opinions diametrically opposed to the purpose of the school and those who support it. We have no case in mind, but such cases do occur. The decent and honorable thing seems to be to stay out of institutions with whose purposes and principles one does not agree. One is certainly free to do so. The same argument holds true for membership in a church also.

—The Baptist Courier.

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"Baptist churches win to Christ each year one out of three of the lost people enrolled in Sunday School, whereas, they win only one out of 240 lost people not in Sunday School. Churches that do not have a Sunday School average one baptism each year. All good Sunday School work results in evangelism." — J. N. Barnett in The Sunday School Builder.

Message To Churches

A Devotion by the Editor

"I know thy works."

Upon the basis of His knowledge of the works of the churches of Asia, Jesus delivers to them a message of commendation, rebuke, and challenge.

The churches were commended for the patience under difficult circumstances. These churches were also commended for holding fast to the word of God, while there were powerful forces determinedly striving to wrench them away from their anchorage in divine truth. The Lord also praised them for their generosity. Out of their meager earnings they had generously supported the work of Christ's kingdom.

Faith also comes in for a word of praise, a faith that supported them in their difficulties and held their allegiance to Jesus.

With the same love with which Jesus commends the faithfulness of the churches, He also rebukes them for their lack of faithfulness.

Jesus charges that the love of some of them has been weakened and actually transferred to unworthy objects. He rebukes others for a lack of generosity, charging that they have spent generously on selfish interests and allowed His cause to beg in poverty. Some tolerated false believers and allowed them to dictate the policies and programs of the church. There are some who are lukewarm, with no spiritual fervor. Some even carry a living name, the name of the ever living Christ, but are spiritually dead.

With the same love with which Jesus commends us and with the same love with which He rebukes us, He also challenges us.

The Lord challenges His churches to face the difficulties with courage and be assured of the victory in their Christian service. Jesus does not discount the difficulties and problems which they will encounter. But everywhere He warns against submitting to these difficulties and promises victory over them. He knows they cannot see through these difficulties and problems, but He also knows that if they keep their eyes on the ultimate goal and trust Him, His churches shall win the victory.

Therefore, do not be afraid or hesitant. Jesus wants His churches to be daring as they undertake the tasks which lie ahead, and as they plan their future work.

"He that hath an ear, let him hear what the spirit saith unto the churches." Revelation 2:7.

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From The Editor's Desk

History Of The World Decisively Changed

Whittaker Chambers, whose story, "I Was the Witness," is running serially in the *Saturday Evening Post*, has made the revealing and startling statement that between the years of 1930 and 1950 the activities of some twenty almost unknown men and women "have decisively changed the history of the world." These twenty persons, Mr. Chambers says, were communists and close fellow travelers. These persons were in the United States government or in some singular unofficial relation to it, or connected with the press.

"I Was the Witness" is Mr. Chambers' story of the Alger Hiss trial and conviction on the charge of perjury. Mr. Chambers goes into great detail in outlining the activities of the communist cell, known as the "Ware Group," in the government when he himself was a communist and a member of that cell. Every citizen should read the story.

Infiltration

The first question that arises, and that should give concern to every loyal citizen of the United States is, "How is it possible for the communists to infiltrate into high and influential positions in the Federal government?" On first thought, this may appear to be a rather difficult question for the average layman, yet the answer to that question actually lies on the surface of the history of the United States government during the past twenty years.

It was during the depression and, because of economic conditions growing out of the depression, it was necessary for the government to take unusual steps in order to meet the demands of the time. These unusual steps were sponsored as emergency measures. But there was a whole army of economic, social, and governmental theorists brought into the administration who deliberately planned to make the emergency measures permanent policies of the government. These theorists were exponents of stateism which is, in effect, socialism or the welfare state. It required very little skillful maneuvering on the part of communists to secure for themselves influential positions in the government. All they had to do was to denounce various American institutions and show their hostility toward private enterprise and freedom. They were welcomed into the government because of their apparent idealism and humanitarianism without any inquiry into their communist leanings or connections. When the communist connections of high government officials were pointed out, the matter was laughed off as a huge joke. And President Truman called the Alger Hiss trial a "red herring."

Deliberately Planned

Stateism in our government has not grown up by chance nor haphazardly. It has grown by a definite and deliberate design planned by our own government of-

officials who had the aid and assistance of communists and fellow travelers in important government positions. The apparent contradictory policies and confusion of the New Deal era were a part of that design to change the government of the United States into a socialistic government.

Foreign Policy

Not only have the communists had a great deal to do with the changes in the domestic policies of the United States, but they had been equally influential in determining the foreign policies of the United States government. The most glaring examples of this communist influence in foreign policy are found in the Yalta agreement and in the Marshall Mission to China.

Alger Hiss, the communist, was one of the American advisers at the Yalta Conference which gave to Russia unparalleled territorial concessions in the Far East, including the Kurilies and Sakhalin islands which flank Japan on the northeast and north; and, without even consulting Chiang-Kai-Shek, the Yalta agreement gave to Russia certain territories, ports, and other advantages in Manchuria which make it possible in the present Korean war for Russia to supply the military needs of Communist China and North Korea.

The Marshall Mission to China actually sealed the doom of Nationalist China and Chiang-Kai-Shek. As a result of that mission the support of the United States was cut off from Nationalist China which was left to the mercy of the communists.

Recognizing Red China

It seems obvious that the Institute of Pacific Relations, for all practical purposes, dictated the policy of the United States government toward China and the Far East. It was about the time of the hearings on the Institute of Pacific Relations by the McCarran Subcommittee that the White Paper on China was published, which made it clear that the United States was abandoning Nationalist China. At the same time Secretary Acheson's Press Club speech omitted Korea and Formosa from our defense area in the Far East.

It is interesting to note that the predominant sentiment, expressed by the witnesses (experts?) in the hearings on the Institute of Pacific Relations before the McCarran Subcommittee, was in favor of recognizing Red China and junking Korea.

Character assassination is about the lowest form of murder, and we have only contempt for "McCarthyism." But it would seem that our nation has come to the time when it must face realities, both as to governmental policies and government officials. For many of the same persons who either initiated or have promoted the almost disastrous domestic and foreign policies of our nation are still in high and respon-

Inspiration From Church Bulletins

We want to express our appreciation to the pastors over the state for sending us their church bulletins each week. Since we requested these church bulletins some weeks ago, the number coming to our office has considerably increased. Yet we should be glad to have more of these bulletins.

Personally, we receive a great deal of encouragement and inspiration from reading these church bulletins. We discover from them the vigorous programs of activity in the various churches throughout the state. We find that the church bulletins emphasize not only the local church programs but the denominational program as well. You pastors are doing a great work in keeping your church members informed on the progress of these programs and stimulating their interests in a greater participation of each individual in these programs which represent our efforts to obey the commands of Jesus.

In addition to the information, inspiration, and encouragement which we receive from reading your church bulletins, we gather a great many news briefs to pass on to the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist*. Of course, it is not expected that each bulletin will have an item in it which we can use, but with the present number of church bulletins which we are now receiving and the increased number which we expect to receive in the future, we are able to gather quite an interesting column of news briefs from the churches over the state.

sible positions in the government.

Change Needed

At long last the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate seems to be repudiating the Yalta agreement as well as other agreements between presidents of the United States and Soviet Russia. This comes out in a Senate resolution to ratify the Japanese treaty.

While the mistakes of the past and the sell out to Soviet Russia cannot be corrected, yet it is possible, if stern and determined steps are taken, to halt the trend which has been in force for so many years, both in domestic policies and in foreign policies; though it will not be easy to halt the trend and recover both the time-honored principles of domestic policy and the confidence and respect of the peoples of the world. However, it seems utterly unthinkable that the domestic and foreign policy makers of the present Washington administration are willing or capable of taking the steps necessary to accomplish the changes in both domestic and foreign policy which seem so obviously necessary. These policy makers are still under the spell, consciously or unconsciously, of communist inspired policies which have been in force for the past twenty years.

It required only a superficial survey of both domestic and foreign policy to realize the truth of what Whittaker Chambers said: "That between 1930 and 1950 some twenty persons—communists and fellow travelers—by their activities in the United States government decisively changed the history of the world."

Kingdom Progress

Heads Ouachita English Department



W. S. EMMONS JR.

New head of the Ouachita College Department of English was announced this week by college officials. W. S. Emmons Jr., who will receive the Ph. D. degree in June from Louisiana State University, has been appointed to the position.

Emmons served five years in the army during World War II, returning to complete his work toward a B. A. degree at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute. There he was president of Sigma Tau Delta, National English Fraternity, a member of Pi Kappa Delta National Debate Fraternity, and The Tech Theater Players. He graduated from college with honors.

The new English Head received his M. A. degree from the University of Virginia, where he held a Philip Francis Du Pont Senior Fellowship. Emmons is a native of Sikes, Louisiana.

He will assume duties with Ouachita College in June.

Foreign Mission Volunteers At New Orleans Seminary

One hundred and thirty of the student body of the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary are foreign mission volunteers. Miss Helen Falls, Assistant Professor of Missions and Dean of Women, estimates that at least a fourth of the full-time students would go as missionaries if the way opened.

Dr. Samuel E. Maddox, Secretary, Department of Missionary Personnel for the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, recently interviewed all those seeking appointment this year.

Among those up for possible appointment are Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Major, Little Rock.

Deacons Ordained

Lapile Church, Sardis Bever, pastor, recently ordained two deacons: Bernard McKinney and Sam Tauton.

Lapile Church recently placed the Arkansas Baptist in every home through their church budget.

Missionary Honored By Emperor's Cabinet

Miss Cecile Lancaster, veteran Southern Baptist missionary, was honored by an audience with the Empress of Japan on Saturday, March 8. The Emperor's Cabinet Board of Decoration, at the suggestion of the Japanese Ministry of Education, has awarded Miss Lancaster the fifth grade of the Order of the Sacred Treasures for outstanding contribution to the education of women in Japan (the first and second grades of this recognition are never given persons other than Japanese citizens).

Miss Lancaster, a native of Texas and graduate of Howard Payne College, holds the M. A. degree from Baylor University. Appointed for Japan in 1920, she studied the language in Tokyo one year and taught in Seinan Gakuin (Baptist college in Fukuoka) one year.

In 1922, Seinan Jo Gakuin, Baptist woman's college, was opened in Kokura and Miss Lancaster went there to teach English. She has continued in this position through the years and since 1947 has been vice-principal, serving under President Matsuta Hara, who accompanied her to the Empress' palace in Tokyo.

During the war, Miss Lancaster worked a year among Japanese speaking people in Houston, Texas; taught two years in the high school at Gila River Project (Japanese Relocation Center) in Rivers, Arizona; and for two years did evangelistic work in Hawaii. She returned to Japan in 1947 and expects to leave in May for a year's furlough in the United States.

NEW ORLEANS SEMINARY BREAKFAST
COLUMBIA HOTEL
MAY 16, 7:30 A. M.
Price \$1.75

A Broadman Book

BONNY BAPTIST AND THE SUNBEAMS
 Martha Jo Walters Milne, Pictures by Carol Critchfield, paper, 35¢.

A new stewardship book for Sunbeams (age 4-9) to be used by leaders, teachers, and parents of little children.

It is the story of a church building which stands on the corner of a busy street in Merryville. Once the church was new and lovely; then it was that an old Scotchman said "It is a Bonny Baptist Church." Ever since it has been called "Bonny Baptist."

Book Review

By DR. BRUCE H. PRICE

So You Want to Speak. By Mark W. Lee. Zondervan Publishing House, \$1.50.

This is a text book written by a professor of speech for the purpose of helping speakers to be more effective. However, it presents basic principles and new ideas in a fascinating and entertaining manner which will hold the attention of the reader.

Some of the chapter topics are: Something to Say, Men Who Talk Strong, That Voice of Mine, I Can't Memorize, Finish It—Don't Just Stop, and What Makes People Tick?

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"If you must use a hammer, build something."

Dr. Gordon G. Singleton Goes to Baylor Faculty

By JUNE BAKER

Dr. Gordon G. Singleton, who submitted his resignation as president of Mary Hardin-Baylor College last week, has accepted the position of professor of education in graduate school of Baylor University, Dr. W. R. White, president, has announced.

"It was very gratifying to me when I learned of the important decision of the Board of Trustees to make provisions for the doctorate now in at least two fields at Baylor University," Dr. Singleton stated, "and it was further gratifying to me when I learned that I will be given the opportunity to help in this great work."

Dr. Singleton explained that ten years ago in an address before the Baptist General Convention at Fort Worth he pointed out the need of a graduate Christian university offering the doctors degree and stated that he believed Baptists should make such provisions at Baylor University.

"It never occurred to me that I might be privileged to have a part in its development," Dr. Singleton said.

"Now that I have served one Baylor for fifteen years, I am glad of the opportunity to serve the other Baylor. It will be a great joy to be associated with Dr. White, one of our greatest denominational statesmen, whom I will be happy to help in any way I can," Dr. Singleton continued.

"I like freshmen, and I guess I will always like freshmen," he said; "my sympathies go out to them as they make the transition from home and local church and local community to college. I have therefore requested that I be permitted to teach at least one course for freshmen."

"Of course it will be a joy to serve the institution with which my wife's family has been so long connected—from General Speight and Judge Jenkins to the present time. The words of welcome which have already come from members of the faculty and from members of the old First Baptist Church where my wife and I were married are greatly appreciated," Dr. Singleton concluded.



Listen to The

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: March 30

SPEAKER:
Charles Wellborn

SUBJECT:
"The Inevitable Question"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
 KENA, Mena, 1:30 p. m.
 KDRS, Paragould, 10 a. m.
 KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.
 KOSE, Osceola, 6 p. m.
 KVRC, Arkadelphia, 2:15 p. m.
 KRLW, Walnut Ridge

Consult local paper for time

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Calion Church, Doyle Creech, pastor, will have the services of Quincy Mathis, pastor of Immanuel Church, Warren, in revival services April 13-20. Pastor Creech will direct music.

H. L. Lipford, First Church, Brinkley, is assisting Hunter Church in revival services.

First Church, Smackover, moved into the new educational building which they are using while the new sanctuary is under construction. Dale Taylor is the pastor.

Dr. David O. Moore, pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, is assisting First Church, De Queen, and Dr. S. W. Eubanks, in a revival meeting.

Mount Olive Church, Crossett, is engaged in a one week revival with Pastor R. O. Ekruft doing the preaching.

Dr. C. W. Caldwell, state superintendent of missions, recently assisted First Church, Piggott, in a revival campaign. E. Clay Polk is the pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Bayless and Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. McClung were recently honored at a reception by Second Church, Hot Springs, on the occasion of the fifth anniversary of their leadership with the church. Doctor Bayless is the pastor, Mr. McClung is education and music director. A silver service was presented to Doctor and Mrs. Bayless and a service for eight silverplate to the Clungs.

Dr. Dale Cowling and a youth team recently assisted First Church, Paragould, in revival services. The youth team consisted of Kay Mansel, Mena; Merel Johnson, North Little Rock; Dorothy Ladd and Carolyn Pitts, Jonesboro, and Lou Turner, Hot Springs. Doctor Cowling was the speaker; Kay Mansel directed the music; Dorothy Ladd was pianist; the others served as personal workers.

Thomas Landers, student at Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, and Carroll Evans, Ouachita student, assisted First Church, Wilson, in a revival campaign recently. Mr. Landers did the preaching, Mr. Evans directed the music. D. B. Bledsoe is the pastor.

Pastor Russell Clubb, West Memphis, will assist First Church, Rogers, in a revival campaign April 1-13. Rhueben Greene, pastor at Jennings, Oklahoma, will direct the music. Rel Gray is the pastor.

R. H. Gilgore, Austin, Texas, has accepted the call to be music-education director of First Church, Pine Bluff. He will begin his duties April 1. W. B. Tatum is the pastor.

First Church, Leachville, B. W. Pierce, pastor, recently had the services of Evangelist Jack Melton of Blytheville, in a revival meeting. There were 72 additions to the church, 52 on profession of faith and baptism.

First Church, Bearden, and Pastor John E. Hargett, will have the services of Tom Lindley, pastor of the Elliott Baptist Church, in the district simultaneous revival, April 13-20. Mr. Lindley has been with the Elliott church four years.

Pastor Lonnie Lasater, West Side Church, El Dorado, will be the evangelist in revival services at Plainview Church, Arsenal, beginning March 31. G. L. Nethercutt is the pastor.

Wade Armstrong, Crestwood Church, Oklahoma City, recently assisted First Church, Rector, J. L. Hall, pastor in a revival meeting. There were twenty-one additions to the church by baptism and one by statement. Three surrendered their lives for special service. They were: Phylis Holifield, Jesse McNeil, and Johnny Brewer.

Calvary Church, Fort Smith, L. H. Davis pastor, received 35 new members into the church fellowship during the recent revival campaign led by Dr. Dale Cowling, Little Rock. Twenty-four were received for baptism. Bobby Allen, Southern College, Walnut Ridge, and Rudy Sullivant, Ouachita, also assisted in the services; Mr. Allen as a personal worker, and Mr. Sullivant as music director.

Dr. W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, is leading in a student revival at Southern Illinois State Teacher's College, Carbondale, Illinois, March 24-28.

Following that engagement, he will be the evangelist in a revival campaign with Gaston Avenue Church, Dallas, April 6-11.

James G. Harris, Beech Street Church, Texarkana, recently assisted the church in Rochester, Texas, in revival services. Cecil Meadows is the pastor.

First Church, Fouke, and Pastor G. W. Hooten, will have the services of Allen McCurry, Second Church, Monticello, in a revival campaign beginning April 13.

Missionary L. S. Coleman, Caroline Association, will lead the revival services for Toltec Church, Scott, from April 6-13. Homer D. Myers is the pastor.

Ground Breaking Ceremony

The Fisher Church of Fisher, Arkansas, combined its sixteenth anniversary services and ground breaking ceremonies for a new building on Sunday, February 10.

The anniversary service was the special feature of the 11 o'clock service and the ground breaking ceremony was held at 2:30 in the afternoon. Deacon K. L. Wixon, a charter member of the church, turned the first shovel of dirt for the new building and was followed by the other charter members who participated in this ceremony.

The new building will be constructed of tile and will consist of an auditorium with balcony and twelve rooms for Sunday School classes.

Also, Warren Ball was ordained to the office of deacon in the afternoon service.

Evangelist Kirkpatrick

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs was recently engaged in a revival meeting with First Church, Minden, Louisiana, where he was formerly the pastor for twelve years.

This spring he will be engaged in a revival meeting with Shelby Avenue Church, Nashville, Tennessee, and Pastor P. F. Langston, who is in his twenty-fourth year as pastor of the Shelby Avenue Church.

Southern Seminary Invites Visiting Lecturer

Dr. Johannes Schneider, outstanding conservative Baptist New Testament scholar, has been invited by the trustees of The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary to be visiting lecturer in New Testament for the 1952-53 session.

Dr. Schneider, successor to Adolph Deissman on the faculty of the University of Berlin, is expected to lecture in advance elective courses and graduate seminars.

The scholar is the only Baptist on the faculty of a divinity school in a German university. Nazis drove Dr. Schneider from his school during World War II and captured and strangled Dr. Schneider's colleague in opposition to Nazism.

Author of nine books, Dr. Schneider is recognized by many as the outstanding New Testament scholar in Europe.

Several members of the faculty of Southern Seminary have asked President Duke K. McCall to schedule Dr. Schneider's lectures at a time which would permit their attendance. "It would be almost equivalent to a sabbatical leave," one professor said, "to have him on our campus."

The only question raised in connection with the invitation was whether Southern Baptists would identify Dr. Schneider with German rationalism.

"Southern Baptists," Dr. McCall answered, "are too fair to judge a man without a hearing. Dr. Schneider's acceptance of the authority of the Bible and his personal devotion to Christ are attested both in the books he has written and by the friends who know him. He accepts the inspiration of the Scriptures, the unique Deity of Christ, the virgin birth, and all other basic doctrines of our faith."

In his book on Hebrews, Dr. Schneider wrote concerning the atonement: "Finally the idea is emphasized that Christ has offered Himself. He has given His own blood. . . . Thus brings to an end all other sacrifices. . . . Christ does not come back once more in human form. Therefore His sacrifice is unrepeatable. But as man must once more appear before God's judgment throne, so Christ will appear a second time, but not now in humility, but in glory. His Parousia, or second coming, differs from His first coming in that it in no manner is related to the sin of man. The first time He came in order to take away the sin of man. When He comes the second time, He will bring the consummation of his redemption for all those who patiently and yearningly wait for His appearance."

Southern Baptist Church In Colorado Springs

A group of Baptists in Colorado Springs, Colorado, who desired to be affiliated with the Southern Baptist Convention, organized the First Southern Baptist Church of Colorado Springs recently. A building site has been purchased and plans are under way for the erection of a church building. The congregation is worshiping in a rented hall at present.

W. C. Bryant is pastor of the church and desires that those in Arkansas and other states who have friends and relatives in Colorado Springs will write him giving their names and addresses. Rev. W. C. Bryant, First Southern Baptist Church, 1424 East Columbia, Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The Bible is a window in this prison world, through which we may look into eternity.

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By Religious News Service

Kefauver Urges Church Members Write Congressmen

Church members ought to write members of Congress more often.

This advice was given at a Churchmen's Washington Seminar by Senator Estes Kefauver (D.-Tenn.).

Senator Kefauver was one of many national notables who spoke to the interdenominational group of nearly 150 church leaders, both men and women, clergy and lay, who studied the subject "The Christian in Politics" for three days in Washington.

The Tennessee senator said that he would like to see more letters from church people because too much of the Congressional mailbag is full of appeals from various selfish interest groups.

"It is difficult for members of Congress to keep a perspective," he said. "If the good people back home would write us more often giving us their views on matters of national legislation and public policy, it would be very helpful. We need to hear more often from those whose only interest in legislation is the public welfare and who approach public issues from the moral point of view."

"It is to you church people that we must look for support for a good Congress and a good government. If you don't help give guidance to your public officials, you are abdicating that responsibility to those with selfish axes to grind."

The three-day seminar was devoted largely to workshop discussion groups on such topics as migrant labor, United Nations appropriations, anti-filibuster resolutions, and international disarmament.

Housing, the problems of the American Indian, child labor, the Voice of America, and immigration legislation also were discussed, revealing the wide range of the churchmen's moral concerns in present legislation.

Minister Gets An Unusual Call

Members of First Presbyterian Church of Verdun, Quebec, listened to the tape recording of a sermon by a Scottish pastor—then cabled to Scotland, inviting him to become their minister.

The unusual "call" came at a congregational meeting in the church. After his recording was heard, Alex S. Renton, minister of St. John's Church of Scotland, the cathedral church of Clyde Dunoon, Argyleshire, Scotland, was given a unanimous call.

Urge Clergy be Included In Social Security

Ministers of the Washington, D. C., Presbytery voted 27 to 12 to approve a resolution that would ask Congress to include clergymen in the national Social Security program.

Reversing a previous stand, the capital ministers endorsed an "overture" from the Rochester, New York Presbytery that, if approved by a sufficient number of ministerial bodies within the denomination, will be presented to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. for approval.

Bishop Oxnam Says Church Can Block Communism

Methodist Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of New York has asserted his belief in the church as a force that eventually can block Communism and bring peace to the world.

Speaking at a centennial anniversary service in Grace Methodist Church, Bishop Oxnam said:

"We have to move into this issue of half slave and half free world with men of religion, aided by men of engineering and men of economics."

He reminded the congregation that 100 years ago when Grace Methodist Church was founded the big problem in the United States was that it was half slave and half free.

"Today this problem does not face our continent, but rather the world," he said.

The bishop stressed that church people "like the apostles must go forth carrying the word of Christ."

Christian Advocate To Mark 125 Years

The *Christian Advocate*, official weekly publication of The Methodist Church, will mark its 125th anniversary with a special 52-page edition to be issued March 27.

Dr. T. Otto Nall, editor, said that some 500,000 copies of the anniversary issue will be printed. Regular editions of the publication run to 325,000 copies of 32 pages.

One of the oldest religious publications in the nation, *The Christian Advocate* was founded in New York by the Methodist Book Concern in 1826. Its first issue, a four-page sheet of which 5,000 copies were printed, appeared on September 9 of that year. It was circulated by stage coach and Methodist circuit riders.

Handicapped Children Get Special Sunday School Class

A special Sunday School class for physically handicapped children was established at the Wilshire Methodist Church, Los Angeles. It is said to be the fourth such class in the nation.

The classroom is equipped with special chairs and pads. On the opening day it was decorated with gaily colored balloons and 12 large drawings by a Hollywood movie studio artist.

"Many of these children have never before been to a Sunday School, having had to remain at home while their brothers and sisters attended," said Mrs. Leonard Rogers who organized the class. "Yet they, too, have a spiritual side and need religious training."

A program of songs, prayer, and meditation to the accompaniment of soft music is offered. Since many of the children are virtually speechless because of spastic difficulties, they are taught to indicate desired songs by pointing to drawings illustrating them and to accompany the songs by ringing bells.

A Smile or Two

One med student to another: "First I got tonsillitis, followed with appendicitis and pneumonia. After that I got poliomyelitis, and finally ended up with neuritis. Then they gave me hypodermics and inoculations. No sir, I thought I would never through that spelling test!"

—Baptist Student.

Egotistical art student: I can paint a picture in three days and think nothing of it.

Teacher: Neither do I.

Serious Young Man: Do you enjoy Kipling?

Modern Girl: I don't know—how do you kipple?

—Wanda McKenzie, in
The Progressive Farmer.

A man, in his carefree bachelor days, had been very fond of a Washington restaurant which specialized in waffles with honey. Year after year, he journeyed to the place to get the delectable viand; so, when he finally married, he decided to take his wife there, in order to share the pleasure with her. He did not tell her what was coming, merely ordering an excellent meal, with two orders of waffles.

The meal came, the waffles came; but there were two small pitchers of near-maple syrup, and no honey.

He called the waitress over, and whispered loud enough for his wife to hear: "Where's my honey?"

The waitress beamed intelligently. "She's on her vacation now, sir," was her answer.

Two friends were discussing their automobile troubles. "What model is your car?" asked one.

"It isn't a model," retorted the other. "It's a horrible example."

—Quote.

"I have come before you gentlemen," said the Indian representative, "to plead for the right of my tribe to manage its own lands."

"I object," said the senator, "on the grounds that the average Indian hasn't the intelligence to manage property."

"Why, senator, do you think I haven't that much sense?" asked the Indian representative.

"I said the average Indian," said the senator. "You surely can't be average. Your tribe undoubtedly would send the smartest man they had to plead their case."

"That isn't so, sir," said the Indian. "We Indians are just like the people of the U. S. We never send our smartest men to congress."

—Quote.

Joan (romantically): I think the poets are right, George. It's only in the great open spaces that we find ourselves.

George: Well, we're twenty miles from anywhere, the sun's going down, and I've lost the map, so now's your chance.

A millionaire, as he climbed into his limousine, snarled at a newsboy, "No, I don't want to buy a paper"

"Well, keep your shirt on, boss," the newsboy answered; "the only difference between you and me is that you are making your second million, while I'm still on my first."

News From Baptist Press

Registration Cards for Southern Baptist Convention

By JOE W. BURTON, Secretary

Registration cards for messengers who will attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 14-18, are available from the office of the Baptist state secretary in your state.

It will greatly facilitate the enrollment of messengers in Miami if each messenger will bring his card to Miami properly prepared.

Pastors who have not received registration cards may secure them by writing directly to the Baptist state secretary.

The maximum number which any church may designate as messengers to the Convention is ten, as provided by the Convention by-laws. There is no provision for alternates.

The constitutional provision concerning messengers is as follows: "Membership: The Convention shall consist of messengers who are members of missionary Baptist churches co-operating with the Convention as follows:

1. One messenger for each regular Baptist church which is in friendly co-operation with this Convention and sympathetic with its purposes and work and has during the fiscal year preceding been a bona fide contributor to the Convention's work.

2. One additional messenger from each such church for every 250 members; or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Convention during the fiscal year preceding the annual meeting.

3. The messengers shall be appointed and certified by the churches to the Convention, but no church may appoint more than 10."

Oklahoma School Receives Gifts For Buildings and Endowment

The largest single contribution Oklahoma

Baptist University has ever received was recently accepted by the board of trustees, and \$200,000 of the estate of Mrs. T. A. Thurmond of Ardmore created the building fund for a new Science-Administration building, announces Dr. John W. Raley, president.

Mrs. Thurmond's estate also included two Ardmore business buildings earmarked for the school's endowment fund. Plans were set up to create a \$1,000,000 endowment by 1956, the fiftieth anniversary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention.

A \$20,000 anonymous gift for construction of a new cinder track and sports field was also announced by the board.

Middleton Leaves Atlanta For Shreveport Pastorate

Dr. James W. Middleton, pastor of First Church in Atlanta for nine and a half years, has resigned to accept the pastorate of First Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Dr. Middleton is succeeding Dr. M. E. Dodd who was pastor of the Shreveport church for thirty-eight years previous to his retirement nineteen months ago.

While in Atlanta, Dr. Middleton led that church in 1,097 additions during his ministry.

Buckner Home in Dallas Calls Carnett as Manager

Dr. Ellis L. Carnett has resigned as pastor of Travis Avenue Church, Ft. Worth's largest Southern Baptist Church, to become president and general manager of Buckner Orphans Home in Dallas.

The new head of the Texas institution, one of the largest orphanages in the South, will begin his duties not later than June 1.

He has served the Travis Avenue Church six years, coming to that position from the Southwestern Seminary also in Ft. Worth, where he was head of the School of Sacred Music.

Facts of Interest

By J. P. EDMUNDS

The Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas in its meeting in Dallas last week agreed to underwrite \$100,000 on a hotel unit at the Glorieta Baptist Assembly to be called "Texas Hall." Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary, reports that the vote was unanimous and enthusiastic.

It took Southern Baptists 28 years to reach their first million; 34 years to reach their second million; 13 years, their third million; 12 years, their fourth million; 8 years, their fifth million; 6 years, their sixth million; and 4 years, their seventh million. At this rate of increase, we should reach our eighth million at least by the close of 1953.

A nation-wide survey of nursing services reveals an acute shortage of nurses in America. It is estimated that 381,886 nurses are needed to provide "absolutely minimum" civilian requirements, while there are only 330,000 active civilian nurses.

According to latest crime figures released by F. B. I. for January-June, 1951, there were approximately as many 18-year-olds arrested and fingerprinted as 24-year-olds. Of the total 419,451 fingerprinted during the six month period, 15,204 were 18, and 1,984 were under 15. Burglary and theft were the highest offenses in these age groups.

And, while drinking among our youth is heavy, adults and parents are reminded by the report that in each of the following five year age spans: 25-29; 30-34; and 35-39, there were almost three times as many arrests for drunkenness and driving while intoxicated as in the five-year age span 17-21.

Over the past 50 years "it is probable" that "the major faith groups have been in about the same proportion to each other."

The survey notes that the percentage growth for Protestant churches is based on figures for all bodies with 50,000 members or over. Of this number there are 14 with a million members or more and for this group the average gain was 59.7 per cent.

Spectacular gains in membership were made by both the larger and the smaller Protestant churches in the 24 year period. The survey showed that more than one-third of the churches reported increases of 100 per cent or better. Of these 22 churches, the Church of God in Christ led with an increase of 936 per cent. Its membership was 30,263 in 1926 and rose to 316,705 in 1950.

Not far behind were two Eastern Orthodox churches—the Greek and Syrian Antiochian—with increases of more than 700 per cent each. The Church of God (Cleveland) increased 652 per cent and the Assemblies of God and the Pentecostal Assemblies of the World more than 500 per cent.

Of the churches with memberships in the millions, the Baptists led all the rest. The Southern Baptist Convention doubled its membership—from 3,524,000 to 7,079,000 and the National Baptist (Negro) showed 121 per cent gain, from 3,196,000 to 7,091,000.

The survey noted that in 1950, Protestants represented 59 per cent of all church members in this country.

Church Keeps Pace With Nation

Calamity howlers who maintain the churches in the United States are "dying" received a solar-plexus blow from the statisticians this week.

Quite to the contrary, declared the statisticians, the churches have grown twice as fast as the United States during the past quarter century.

In the period of one generation, comparative census figures for 1926 and 1950 show a gain in U. S. population of 28.6 per cent. During this period the total membership of the nation's larger religious bodies increased 59.8 per cent.

Sixty-seven religious bodies that have more than 50,000 members each and together represent 98 per cent of all members of 256 religious groups in the continental United States, increased from 53,397,575 to 85,319,274 in the 24 years ending in 1950.

This means that religiously-affiliated Americans constitute a majority of the nation's population; representing 57 per cent. So far as can be gathered from statistics, this is the highest percentage the nation's history.

Protestants outnumber Roman Catholics about 2 to 1, says the special study by the Department of Research and Survey of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

"Precise comparisons cannot be made because of the different methods of reporting," says the survey reported in *Information Service*, the department's weekly publication. Different methods are used to define church membership. The Roman Catholics, Episcopalians and many Lutherans report all baptized persons; Jews estimate all Jews in communities having congregations, and most Protestant bodies count only persons who have attained full membership after the age of 14. The Church of Christ, Scientist, forbids publication of such statistics.

It is probable, the survey calculates, that in 1950 there were about 45,000,000 Protestants and about 22,000,000 Roman Catholics over 13 years of age, about 60,000,000 Protestant, including baptized children, compared with some 28,500,000 Roman Catholics.

The survey revealed the growth of the three principal faiths — Roman Catholic, Jewish, and Protestant—during the 24 year period when the churches as a whole expanded their membership 59.8 per cent.

During this period the Roman Catholic Church gained 53.9 per cent; Judaism 22.5 and Protestants 63.7.

As to whether one major faith group is gaining on the other, the survey commented:

Our All Sufficient Guide Book

By W. R. CULLOM, Wake Forest, N. C.

Two considerations lead me to write the word that follows on the topic that I have named: (1) The confusion and chaos that I see in every sphere of life about me even to the ends of the earth. If there was ever a time when people needed faithful, dependable guidance, that time is just now; (2) A paper that came to me recently from a good woman in another part of the state from which I quote: "The contents of the various versions of our Old and New Testaments have been tampered with, misinterpreted, misconstrued, and misquoted, until today it is necessary for each responsible soul to work out his or her own salvation, in unison with the requirements of the universal mind."

A Satisfactory Help

I wrote this friend that I found no trouble in finding in my Bible satisfactory and satisfying help for everything that life has brought to me so far. I might have gone on to say that what I have found carries with it and in it abundant assurance that the same will be true to the end of my journey in the flesh, and then "world without end."

In my judgment one of the cleverest statements ever made by the unique Mark Twain was this: "It is not these parts of the Bible that I don't understand that trouble me; it is the parts that I do understand." Who is there among us that looks into his own heart and examines his own life experiences that does not utter a hearty "Amen" to the dictum of the sage of the Mississippi steamboat?

And this brings to mind another experience of many years ago when I was on a railroad train one morning. As I was going down the aisle looking for a seat, a friend saw me and called to me to come and share his seat. Of course I was glad to do so, but if I had known just what I was getting into, my joy would have been quite a bit modified. The friend in question was a doctor, and this doctor had a weakness that he indulged occasionally — he drank liquor. And when he was filled with liquor he was, to use a word from dear Uncle Remus, "agin" all that I was trying to stand for—churches, Christians, the Bible, preachers and all that was associated with the word religion. Nor did he fail on such occasions to speak out in no uncertain terms as to all such things.

No sooner had I taken my seat beside him than he started his tirade. Nothing in the field designated was spared. Generally two rules govern me under such circumstances: (1) Let the other man do all the talking—and he is generally willing to do it. (2) Get away from him as soon as I can do so without being rude. In the course of the doctor's remarks that morning he said something about the Bible that was so unusual that I decided to break my first rule. His comment was this: "The Bible is the biggest piece of plagiarism that I ever saw anyway." At that point I said to him, "Doctor, that is something that I have never heard said about the Bible before: what do you mean by it?" His reply was this: "I mean that somehow the Bible has discovered the inner secrets of Nature, it has brought those secrets to the surface and given expression to them." It will be seen at once that this answer was no spur-of-the-moment reply. It was rather the concentrated result of many years of

the doctor's best thinking. I did not speak aloud, but in my soul I said, "Thank you, Doctor. No college teacher, no seminary professor, no university wise man has ever said as brilliant a thing to me about the Bible as that."

Reveals Eternal Realities

Look at it again: "The Bible has somehow discovered the inner secrets of Nature, it has brought these secrets to the surface and given expression to them." In other words, if I understand what is involved here, when a man faces what is the Bible, he stands face to face with eternal Reality. It may be said, moreover, that when a soul faces the message of this Book and decides what he will do with his life, that soul is fixing his eternal destiny.

Three closing words: (1) The Psalmist knew what he was saying when he wrote these words: "Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my pathway." (2) We have in this Book an all-sufficient guide for life in the flesh and for life in the spirit. (3) We should not, however, allow ourselves to think of this Book as itself the fountain of life. Our Lord said to the religious people of his day, "Ye search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life; and they are they that testify of me. And ye will not come to me that ye might have life" (John 5:39-40). The life is in a Person, and the Bible is our Guide Book to that Person and to His way of living. "I am the way, the truth and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me" (John 14:6).

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John Marshall Said It All

Karl Marx, the intellectual father of communism, devised a ten-plank platform whereby, he believed, the capitalistic or free enterprise economic system, with its right of private ownership of property, could be destroyed. Two of these plans dealt with taxation and ran as follows: 1. A heavy progressive or graduated income tax. 2. Abolition of all right of inheritance—that is, a 100 per cent inheritance tax.

We have not yet reached the entire communist objective, but we have come an ominously long way along the road. Today the tax on individual incomes runs to a high of 92 per cent—and its minimum is 22.2 per cent on incomes of not over \$2,000. The corporation tax is 52 per cent, to which 30 per cent more is added for so-called "excess profits." And the inheritance taxes are very steep.

It is this situation which has stirred up so much support for a constitutional amendment to limit the taxing power of Congress. The proposed amendment fixes the rate at 25 per cent, and provides that it can be raised to a higher level in the event of such an emergency as war. The whole idea is to force economy and efficiency on the government by Constitutionally depriving it of excessive amounts of money. The cloth would have to be cut to fit.

Destruction of free enterprise and truly representative government can be accomplished by drying up the economic resources that maintain them. That is what our insane fiscal policy is doing now. John Marshall said it all when he said that the power to tax is the power to destroy.

—Industrial News Review.

Too Young To Be Saved

ANDREW M. HALL
Lake Wales, Florida

One of the most persistent, tenacious leech-like problems facing the minister is one of long standing—"I want my child to be enough to know what he is doing." The preacher is in full agreement and is fully sympathetic with the attitude.

There are some factors in the matter, however, which should be brought out into the open. First, parents who object most strenuously to the early conversion of the child are unregenerate parents. The parent which presents the second largest degree of difficulty is the backslidden, indifferent, non-attending parent. The loyal and godly church members are not usually afflicted with any objection to the child's conversion—as a matter of fact, quite often they lead their own children to Christ in the home.

On one occasion a 14 year old girl stood in the congregation weeping during the invitation. I went to the home during the week in an effort to discover any factors that may have prevented her from making a public confession of Christ. Quite obviously it was a mother-problem. Upon further inquiry I learned that the mother was an unenlisted Baptist, quite married to a rural church and its cemetery ground.

Only a few days ago I spoke with a nine year old girl who had recently manifested interest in being a Christian. Her unsaved mother agreed for her to come and appear in the service the night the child was to make her profession of faith. When the girl walked forward it was too much for the mother. She came also, and was visibly moved.

Much too often the pastor hears an unoriginal wail from some well-meaning critic, "We're loading our church rolls with unsaved children." It is incredible the way some listeners take up the cry and spread it along—in their ignorance.

What are the real facts? I have no official statistics, but from personal observation through the years I have noticed that a person who "professes" after adolescence will be much more likely to revert back to the old ways than will a child who was saved early. I can recall a number of drunks who made revival confessions who have long since returned to the mire. However, it is a limited number of young people I have seen come to Jesus who have since gone off into worldliness.

How old should a person be before he is saved? The answer is still the same. He must know that he is lost and out of Christ and must come the New Testament path of repentance and faith. If he is conscious of these facts he is mature enough to be saved.

Book Review

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Adventures in Christian Journalism. Author E. C. Routh. Broadman Press, Nashville, Tenn. Price \$1.50.

This is an interesting autobiography by one of the most successful editors of Baptist publications during the first half of the twentieth century. But it is more than the story of a useful and eventful life; it is a record of many historical incidents connected with Baptist institutions and personalities which may not be found in any other work.

Young people and laymen as well as pastors will find this book inspirational and a challenge to greater Christian service.

Peddlers Of Poison

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

The Watchman-Examiner

In art and literature today, as well as in ordinary life, there are three tendencies which Christian faith stoutly opposes. These are the tendencies that encourage brutality, pessimism, and levity.

Sheer brutality is written into the pages of much of our modern fiction, philosophy, and poetry. It is the cult of "the blonde beast." Men are described as strong and domineering, but it is the violence of vice that is wrongly depicted as strength. Women are voluptuous and corrupting. Life is lustful and sordid. Those who struggle in the meshes of fate bruise themselves without gain. Sacrifice and nobility are unknown qualities. There is a sense in which this literature is true to life, but it is true only to the life of the morally incompetent, the heartless, and the vile; and these are not the normal representatives of life in general.

Two generations ago, the books of Zola were regarded as pernicious by many good people, yet England and America have writers today who far transcend, in their hardness and cynicism, anything that the great French writer ever produced. The well-balanced soul recognizes the fearful misrepresentation which describes life as bloody and base and sensual. We read Dean Swift's "Houyhnhnms" with due appreciation of its deadly satire, but we do not agree with its conclusions that all men are beasts. We know the picture to be false and we remember that Swift died a madman. So let us treat with caution the pitiful productions of our modern delineators of the "cave man" and the "red blooded" violator of all the decencies.

Dangerous in another way is the depression and pessimism that characterizes the thinking of many of our writers and publishers. Life is to them not so much a brutal chaos as a diseased condition. They do not haunt thieves' Kitchens and houses of prostitution, as do the others; but they have a penchant



for hospital wards. They portray the sick chamber as though it were the common home for humanity instead of the temporary refuge of a few unfortunates. The pessimist may be brilliant and startling in his way of putting things, but his knowledge of life is distorted and his view of things distempered and unreal.

Levity is the curse of our newspapers, and of some of our fiction and "smart" essay writing. Such dreary and unhumorous journals as now pack our newsstands sound this

note constantly. It takes the place of merry wit and wholesome fun, but it is neither witty nor fun provoking. Any day, we can read items concerning murders, thefts, and divorces served to the readers of metropolitan newspapers with ghastly attempts at humor, but which are senseless gibes at moral sanctions and the ways of clear living. The sneers and banal jokes at religion and religious observances in which some periodicals indulge are the offspring of the unclean minds of their writers.

Christian Life Is Joy and Adventure

These tendencies can be checked and overcome by a healthy and active Christian spirit functioning powerfully in the midst of things. For the man who follows in the footsteps of Christ, life is a very fine and precious thing. It is not vengeful and sordid; it is not dreary and painful; it is not flippant and vacuous. Life is a great chance, a great adventure, a great joy.

Life is crammed with opportunities for happy service, for hopeful endeavor, or aspiring faith, for the exercise of a gracious and contagious sympathy. Good friends, good books, a measure of good health, the new delights of every day, the sting of an invigorating breeze, the blessed sunshine, the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the privilege of multiplied small ministries in His name—with these possessions every Christian soul can find a golden richness of experience in every passing day. He walks abroad in the fine spirit of a glad adventurer. His is the joy of heaven on earth, and heaven forever in the by-and-by.

"Empty, Swept, and Garnished"

By JOHN COLLIER

In the parable of our Lord, it is not stated why the unclean spirit is "gone out of a man." Matthew 12:43-45. It could have been for several reasons: Maybe the high standards set by his friends; maybe he was thrown out because of personal disgust; maybe he was legislated out. Regardless of the how or why, when the unclean spirit returned to his house he found it empty, swept, and garnished. A vacuum had been created. As a matter of scientific fact, a vacuum is harder to maintain and control than a pressure. All lost people, those who have reached the age of accountability and have not been born-again, have a certain amount of spiritual vacuum—whether by environment, personal purity, or by law.

Are the sins in "high places" the result of a generation that has profession without possession? Men sell out for a mink coat or a deep freeze or other personal gains. If medical science can make a little pill that, when taken, will make one ill if he should take an alcoholic drink, surely the Lord in our hearts and lives has the power to cause a revulsion in our souls against sin. The love of Christ constraineth us. The vacuum has been filled with love—both for God and our fellowman.

More and more we seem to be turning to works for salvation. Alcoholics Anonymous offers help to their followers more than the average church does to her members. They have not forgotten what manner of men they

were—and are always ready to assist another who has slipped. They neither win nor hold their followers by belittling the drunk and taking a "holier than thou" attitude, but by their testimony and understanding fellowship. The vacuum is filled with a knowledge that others do care and want to help them receive something better.

Isn't what we have worth more than what the world has? Shall we overcome by the "blood of the lamb and the word of our testimony," or shall we spend our time making "clean the outside of the cup and the platter" and whitewashing sepulchres?

This isn't written to justify sin or the sinner. We, ourselves, teach that a man ought to obey God rather than man when there is a conflict. Sinners, too, want to serve their gods. Let's show them that the Lord is God. That is the only thing that will get through the "scarlet curtain" of sin so that they might know the truth and be free. Paul said: "I determined to know nothing among you, save Jesus Christ and Him crucified." It worked in His day and it will work in ours. Let's give it a try.

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One reason some of our churches are so cold is because too many of their members are sitting on the "Z" row.

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The tragedy of many a life is that time is not felt to be a trust.

Attention Arkansas Baptists Concerning Storm-stricken Areas

Please don't take a collection or send financial aid to the churches in the storm-stricken area in Judsonia and other places until we can make a survey and make the appeal to all our churches to assist these unfortunate Baptist churches.

We will contact you within a few days and tell you how and where we think would be the best way to handle the matter. Please.

Lloyd A. Sparkman, President,
B. L. Bridges, General Secretary.

Southern Presbyterian

Men Plan Fall Convention

Plans for a men's church convention this fall in Atlanta, with a goal of 10,000 delegates attending, were mapped by the Assembly Men's Council of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) at its annual conference.

The meeting urged the creation of a 175-man council which would speak ultimately for every man who is a member of the Southern Presbyterian Church.

In another action, the Council voted to discontinue its Montreat, North Carolina men's conference at the July meeting this year and urged synod men's councils to promote and plan their own synod conferences.

Foreign Mission Board Reports To The People

IONE GRAY, *Press Representative*

Board Gets Permit To Enter Indonesia

The Foreign Mission Board announced at its March meeting that its program of advance has now been extended into the Republic of Indonesia.

Dr. M. Theron Rankin, the Board's executive secretary, said that the establishment of a base in Indonesia now opens the way for the assignment of additional missionaries to join the three already in that country. He said it is likely that other experienced missionaries of the China staff will go there in the near future.

Dr. Rankin said that permission to launch mission work in Indonesia represents a definite achievement. He continued: "With political conditions as they are in the Far East, and particularly in the area of the South Pacific, governments are exercising stringent care in allowing any kind of organizations that work with the people to project work. This includes mission organizations.

"It, therefore, became necessary for our missionaries to secure the official permission and recognition of the Ministry of Religion of the Indonesian government before they could be granted permanent visas for residences in Indonesia to conduct mission work there.

"Since the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board has not had work in Indonesia it was necessary that very strong arguments be presented to the government to secure their permission."

Dr. Rankin added that it was only through the strong presentation made by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the Board's secretary to the Orient who flew from Tokyo to Indonesia for that purpose, and the three missionaries in Java that the permission was secured.

The missionaries in Java are Stockwell Sears, W. B. Johnson, and Charles Cowherd, all of the China staff.

MARCH APPOINTEES

The Foreign Mission Board named seven young people for lifetime missionary service overseas at its March meeting. They are Alex Franklin Garner and Charleta Alma Beindorf Garner, Arkansas, for Argentina; Harold Edward Hurst, Missouri, and Alice June Leavitt Hurst, Florida, for Honduras; William Wayne Logan, D.D.S., and Dorothy Cook Logan, Mississippi, for Nigeria; and Monda Vesta Marlal, Oklahoma, for Southern Rhodesia.

Dr. Logan, the second dentist to be appointed by the Board, also holds a degree in pharmacy.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurst are the Board's first appointees for Hon-

duras. They will serve as field missionaries.

Mrs. Hurst and Miss Marlal are graduate nurses. Miss Marlal will launch medical mission work in Southern Rhodesia, one of the Board's newest mission fields.

Early in 1950 a wealthy ranch owner in Southern Rhodesia, member of another denomination, gave the Board 1,000 acres of ranch land, bordering on two native African reserves, on which to launch a missionary undertaking. This tract of land is to be the center of medical mission work in that area. Already \$25,000 has been appropriated for the work. It is hoped that later this year one or two doctors will be named for that field. A school with 207 pupils has just been opened in the same area of Rhodesia.

PUT FOREIGN MISSIONS IN YOUR VACATION PLANS

"Onward! — 'Tis Our Lord's Command!" will be the theme for the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest, July 31 to August 6. The keynote address will be delivered at the opening session by W. Boyd Hunt, pastor, First Church, Houston, Texas.

The program will feature conferences on Southern Baptist world missions led by J. B. Higgs, H. Cornell Goerner, and Cal Guy; a daily Bible interpretation hour, directed by J. Glenn Blackburn; early morning devotional services and lakeside services in the evening presided over by E. C. Routh. Conference speakers will include virtually all of the missionaries who attend the conference.

The noonday services will be devoted to an examination of the basis on which the whole program of world missions is built. Speakers for these services include Dr. Goerner, Clifton J. Allen, Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., John L. Slaughter, Dr. Guy and M. Ray McKay.

The evening services will focus attention upon the broad areas in which the Board works. Ridgecrest staffers will present a pageant on missions Saturday night; Youth Night is scheduled for Sunday, August 3; and "Missions Visualized Features" will be presented every night except Sunday. Speakers for the evening services, in addition to Dr. Hunt, will be I. N. Patterson, Samuel E. Maddox, Everett Gill, Jr., and Baker James Cauthen.

Reservations for the conference may be made by writing to Willard K. Weeks, manager, Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C. The conference will be of interest to church members of all age groups. Why not plan to make it a part of your vacation?

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, *Secretary*

The Simultaneous Revivals

The several series of Simultaneous Revival campaigns scheduled for the near future throughout the whole of our state will bring to every church Brotherhood many wonderful opportunities for service.

The men of the Brotherhood should be among the first volunteers to help the church take a thorough religious census of the church-field. Such a census must be taken if a comprehensive visitation program is to be set up—a program which will send the church out after EVERY man, woman, boy and girl who is LOST, or who is an UNAFFILIATED BAPTIST.

The men of the Brotherhood should lead in arranging cottage prayer-meetings throughout the church-field, before the revival. Such prayer-meetings are a necessity if the church is to be ready when the revival begins. Such prayer-meetings bring a church to a state of revival before the visiting evangelist arrives on the field.

The men of the Brotherhood should lead out in personal soul-winning. And they should go after EVERYBODY who is lost; not after lost men only. Go after the boys and girls; Go after the women, for Christ. Often a lost man can be reached after his wife is reached, or after his boy or girl is reached.

And don't forget the children! Yes, a revival gives to the church Brotherhood its supreme opportunity to make all of the work of the Brotherhood effective in the harvesting of souls for Christ.

GOOD REVIVAL AT WHEATLEY

The Brotherhood Secretary recently had the privilege of working for a few short days with the church at Wheatley in a campaign for souls. God blessed the preaching of His word, and

the praying and going of His people; and gave 35 additions to the church, 29 coming on profession of faith as candidates for baptism.

The revival was a demonstration of God's blessing and power upon an obedient church.

Fred Sudduth is the capable and loyal pastor of the Wheatley Church.

PRESCRIPTION FOR A REVIVAL

We believe that when the Gospel is faithfully PREACHED, when sin is EXPOSED and CONDEMNED, when the people earnestly PRAY, and when they follow the beckoning hand of the Lord out into the field in GOING AFTER the lost and unaffiliated and backslidden, God will ALWAYS bless.

With the addition of the Brotherhood of Caney Creek in Caroline Association, the total number of church Brotherhoods on record now stands at 340. We thank God for His blessings!

We must know, however, that there are more than seven hundred churches in our Convention which do not yet have a Brotherhood. Many of these are small churches which have not yet discovered that a Brotherhood in its simplest form is, "Two men going" for their Lord to help build His church.

So the work of the Brotherhood Department has only begun. Pray for your Brotherhood Department!

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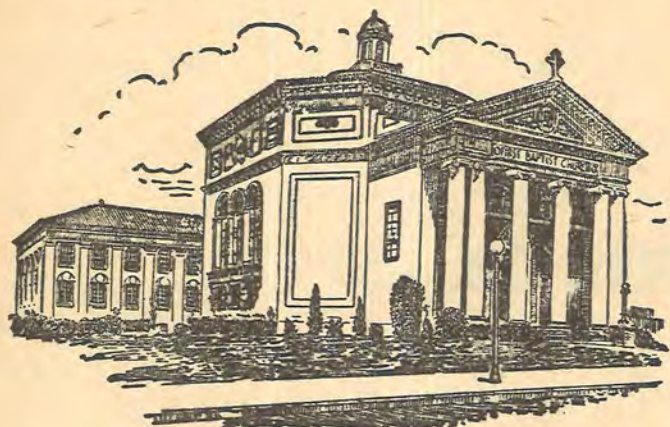
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Y. W. A. Banquet	B. W. C. Banquet
April 1, 5:30 P. M.	April 2, 5:30 P. M.
First Church	First Church
Mission Study Breakfast	
April 2, 7:30 A. M.	
Garrett Hotel	

"COME, WOMEN, WIDE PROCLAIM!"

Names of Delegates To Convention Must Be In At Once

The state's sixty delegates to the Southern W.M.U. meeting will be elected at the Annual Meeting of Arkansas W.M.U. in El Dorado, April 3. The names of those chosen to represent your W.M.U. should be sent to Miss Nancy Cooper, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock, by March 28 or should be given to the State Nominating Committee, Mrs. Charles E. Lawrence, chairman, before April 3.

Only two from a church will be elected delegates with voting privileges and for whom seats will be reserved, unless the delegation is unfilled two weeks prior to the meeting dates. In that event, Miss Cooper, State Executive Secretary and Treasurer, may complete the list with those on the alternate list. Send names of all women who will attend the Southern W.M.U. Meeting, May 11-13, Miami, Florida, specifying the two who are to be delegates and those whose names will be placed on the list of alternates.

The Biscayne Terrace Hotel is headquarters for the W.M.U. delegation. See recent issues of *Arkansas Baptist* for lists of other hotels.

REPORT TIME

March 31 marks the end of the second quarter of the 1951-52 W.M.U. year. Have you checked the Standards of Excellence recently to see if your organization is maintaining a well balanced program of activities and is thus for meeting requirements to be standard?

Reports should be sent promptly at the close of the quarter (by April 5) by each local W.M.U. to Associational Superintendent, Associational Young People's leader, and State W.M.U. Headquarters. Associational officers will then report to headquarters as soon as possible.

Someone has said, "On time, every time, but one time, and that time ahead of time." May that be true of reports this quarter! They are important!

Composer of Lord's Prayer Sought Divine Guidance

Notes on the Career of Alfred Hay Malotte

Interesting and little-known sidelights on the composer who wrote the world renowned musical setting for "The Lord's Prayer" will be revealed in the April issue of *Christian Herald*.

Alfred Hay Malotte, at the moment he realized he must set the beloved prayer to music, was walking down a street in Hollywood where, in 1936, he was chief recording organist for 20th Century-Fox and RKO. Seeing an open door of a church, he entered and prayed for divine guidance. After hours of intense work he completed the score and, soon afterward, John Charles Thomas sang it on a national radio hookup.

Malotte's route to Hollywood, Dorothy C. Haskin points out in her article, was an unusual one. His father was choirmaster in a Philadelphia Church and Malotte was a soloist with youthful dreams of becoming a prize fighter. An exhibition bout with Jack Dempsey dampened his en-

thusiasm for boxing, however, and he became a concert organist instead. Then came the bid to Hollywood—and "The Lord's Prayer."

The versatile artist has written more than eighty compositions. At one extreme are scores for Walt Disney productions. At the other are his famed religious pieces, which include scores to the *Beatitudes*, Psalm 91, "Sound of the Trumpet," an oratorio, "Voice of the Prophet," and a musical setting for the Twenty-Third Psalm.

Among his recent compositions is a song "Brotherhood," used in 1951 by the National Conference of Christians and Jews during nationwide Brotherhood Week. He also wrote the music for "If Thy Light Be Darkness," a play by Phillis Benbow Beardsley which will be performed in Protestant churches. At present, in his home in Hollywood, he is writing the score of an operetta with a religious theme.

Interest Grows in Evangelism

By C. E. MATHEWS

If attendance at statewide evangelistic conference is a criterion of interest, then there is a decided growing interest in soul-winning on the part of Southern Baptists. Until four years ago statewide evangelistic conferences were new to most of our states in the Convention. The early meeting had in attendance only pastors of part-time churches, a scattering of pastors of full-time churches and only a handful of pastors from the larger churches. Now from eighty to ninety per cent of all pastors attend.

The value and popularity of the statewide evangelistic conferences has grown to the extent that the attendance includes not only pastors of all sizes of churches but denominational leaders, faculty members of colleges and seminaries, outstanding laymen and women, ministers of music, leaders in

the field of Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and youth work.

These conferences are all conducted in the months of January and February, thereby giving spirit and inspiration to all phases of the church and denominational life at the beginning of each year. So tremendous was the attendance this year that in many states the church auditorium could not accommodate the crowds and the meeting places were moved to city auditoriums and Coliseums. In 1952 statewide evangelistic conferences were conducted in all the twenty-one states and the District of Columbia, in the Southern Baptist Convention.

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Family Worship at Convention



The opening devotion of the Christian Home Service at the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami will be conducted by Mr. and Mrs. Heyward C. Graham and their two children of Lancaster, South Carolina. The Gramhams, shown in the picture, are a choice Christian family of First Church in Lancaster, according to Pastor J. F. Burriss.

Thirteen-year-old Jimmy Graham will sing in the period of family worship, accompanied by his sister Beverly.

The Christian home program is

scheduled for Friday night, May 16, to be directed by Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of *Home Life*. Other features of the service will include music by the Oklahoma Baptist University Bison Glee Club; case histories on "Why Children Go Wrong" by Judge Walter H. Beckham of Miami Juvenile Court; testimonies from children, "What My Home Means to Me"; and the message, "The Home and the Church" by Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of First Church, Abilene, Texas.

Alcohol, Health Menace

Alcohol is involved in thousands of deaths, the official records of which makes no reference to it," declares the American Business Men's Research Foundation in a study just made public, of vital statistics records.

"These records," according to the Foundation, "reveal at least sixty-seven varieties of disease in which alcoholism has been found to be a factor.

"Through 'miracle' drugs and immunization, the death rate from tuberculosis, pneumonia, diphtheria, typhoid fever, whooping cough, scarlet fever, cholera, and cancer, has fallen from 1 person out of every 1,000 (6.9 per 1,000) in 1900, to 6 persons out of every 1,000 (5.5 per 1,000) in 1945.

"But the failure to apply similar study and treatment of alcoholism has resulted in a steady increase in such cases.

"There is a crying need, everywhere, to appraise, scientifically, not only alcoholism but moderation, excessive drinking, and total abstinence, as well.

"But until the carrier of the

cause of the evils of the use of beverage alcohol — the legalized, high-powered, high - pressured, promotional, highly profitable liquor traffic is also studied, no solution will be found."

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Pulaski County Hymn Sings

South Zone Hymn Sing, held at Crystal Hill Church, March 2, 57 present.

Southwest Zone Hymn Sing, held at Alexander Church, February 3, 47 present.

Northwest Zone Hymn Sing, held at Amboy Church, February 10, 100 present.

North Zone Hymn Sing, held at Worrells Memorial, February 17, 22 present.

Little River Associational Hymn Sing, held at Locksburg Church, March 2, 113 present.

Mississippi County Associational Hymn Sing, held at Immanuel Church, Blytheville, February 17, 143 present.

Bridges All The Way

By IONE GRAY

A tiny girl was taking a long journey, and in the course of the day her train had to cross a number of rivers. The water seen in advance always awakened doubts and fears in the child. She did not understand how it could be safely crossed.

As they drew near the river, however, a bridge appeared and furnished a way across. Several

times the same thing happened, and finally the child leaned back with a long breath of relief and confidence. "Somebody has put bridges for us all the way," she said in trusting content.

That is how it is in life. God has built bridges for us all the way. They are his promises.

—Baptist Bulletin.

The Only Way to Do Everything

By DUKE McCALL

The Cooperative Program is the sane, sensible, and scriptural plan by which every Southern Baptist is enabled to have part in all the activities commanded by Christ in the Great Commission. It is the only way an individual Christian can do everything involved in the spread of the gospel throughout the world. The tithes and offerings channeled through the Cooperative Program feed orphans, help heal the sick, care for the aged and afflicted, publish the glad tidings by printed page and word of

mouth, support schools and mission boards.

—Baptist Bulletin.

Correction

It was recently erroneously reported in the Brotherhood column that Sam Sherman was the pastor of Mt. Gilead Church, Caddo River Association. John Rhodes is the new pastor, and is a student at Ouachita.

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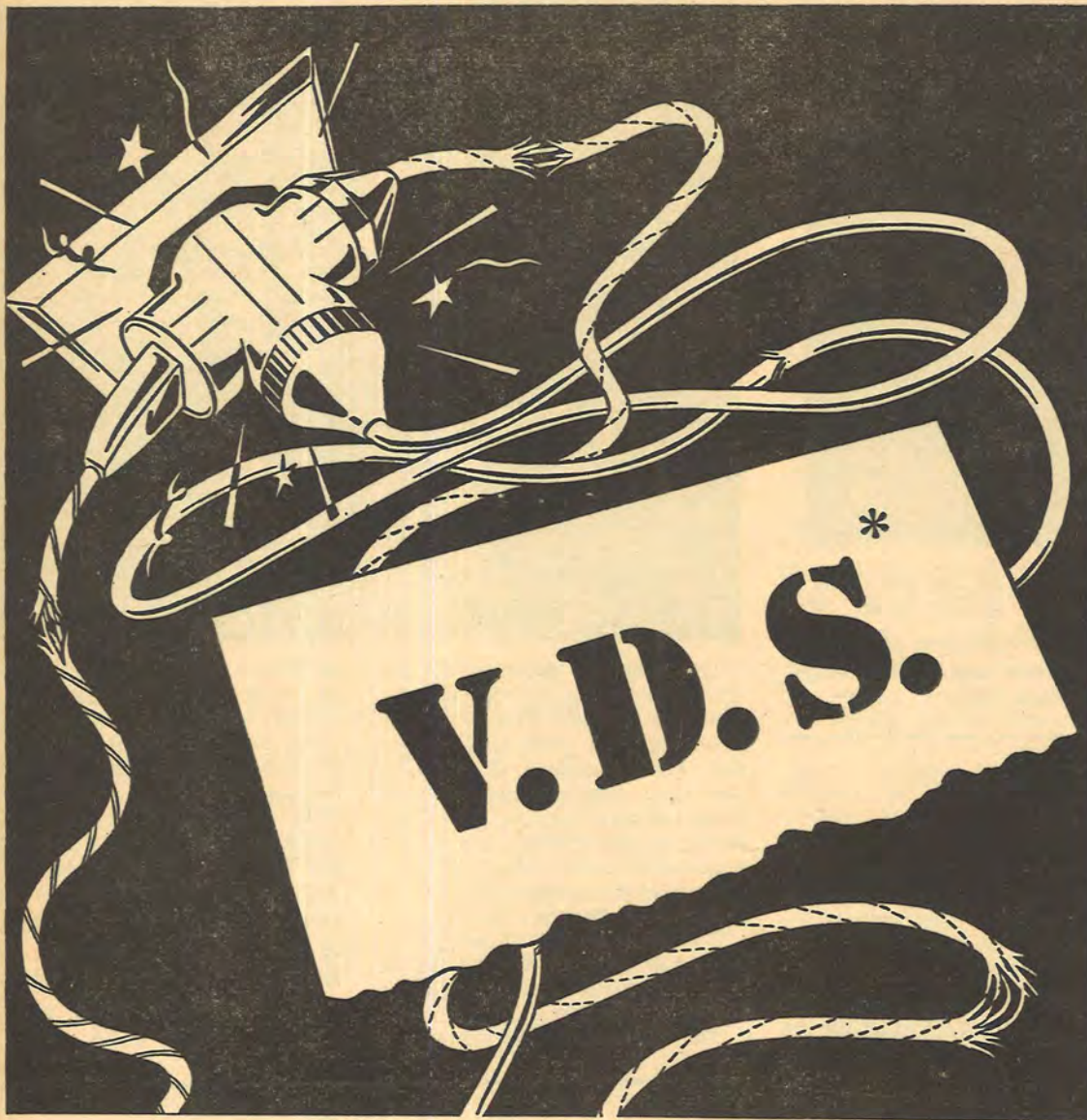
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	Sunday March 16	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1438	419	10	
Including Missions	1538	477		
Fort Smith, First	1333			16
Including Missions	1499			
El Dorado, First	956	243		
Including Mission	1036	280		
No. Little Rock,				
Baring Cross	906	304	1	
Including Missions	958	332		
Little Rock, Second	833	196	3	
Fayetteville, First	723	297	3	
Pine Bluff, South Side	715	232	3	
El Dorado, Immanuel.	641	327	2	
Including Mission	688	381		
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	610	243	13	
Camden, First	590	134	8	
Including Missions	925	327		
Little Rock, Tabernacle	580	185	1	
Magnolia, Central	573	222	4	
Including Mission	631			
Paragould, First	569	361	6	
Including Missions	772	550		
Benton, First	562	83		
Including Mission	622	137		
Texarkana, Beech St.	558	254	2	
Hope, First	552	108	1	
Crossett, First	549	241		
Springdale, First	525	303	4	
Including Mission	644			
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	520	209	1	
El Dorado, Second	502	217		
McGehee, First	501	151	2	
Including Missions	625	231		
Warren, First	500	102		
Forrest City, First	488	196		
Fort Smith, Calvary	477	194	23	
Hot Springs, Central	473	188	1	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	460	203		
Paris, First	458	152	1	
Fordyce, First	446	160	3	
Cullendale, First	437	169		
Siloam Springs, First	436	332	3	
West Helena	436	126	11	
Conway, First	404	115	4	
Hot Springs, Park Place	402	154	2	
Smackover, First	399	139		
Little Rock, So. Highland	396	170		
Stuttgart, First	387	220	3	
Including Mission	421	232		
Osceola, First	356	134		
El Dorado, West Side	348	117		
Fort Smith, South Side	347	32		
Bauxite, First	340	168		
Hot Springs, First	322	107	4	
Pine Bluff, Second	320	119	1	
Wynne	317	93	11	
Mena, First	316	143		
Monticello, First	313	109		
Little Rock, Calvary	306	66	1	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	296	60	5	
Bentonville, First	284	93	1	
Including Mission	316			
Fort Smith, Temple	277	187		
Augusta, First	265	89		
Including Mission	398			
Jacksonville, First	255	124	11	
Including Mission	286			
Lonoke, First	238	68	5	
Alma, First	237	113		
No. Little Rock, First	230	75		
Hot Springs, Piney	225	159	1	
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	224	147	9	
El Dorado, Southside	223	75		
Gentry, First	221	174		
Crossett, Mount Olive	220	156	1	
Gurdon, Beech St.	212	106		
Carlisle, First	207	89		
Star City, First	207	84		
Dermott	195	78		
Recor, First	195	83		
Marshall, First	173	69		
Nettleton	176	124	2	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	162	96	1	
Galilee, Rt., El Dorado	109	59		
Hermitage, Holly Springs	71	45		
Greenwood, Jenny Lind	69	40	2	
Little Rock, Bethel	69	38	2	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	67	41		
Lonoke, Steel Bridge	66	67	1	
El Paso	66	40	1	

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 ways be yourself. Nobody is so
 miserable as he who longs to be
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 and mind.

—Angelo Patri.

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 quired of him, he is a free man.

—A. W. Robertson.

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Luke, Helper In Christian Missions

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Sunday School Lesson for

March 30, 1952

Luke 1:1-4; Acts 1:1-2; 16:6-10; Col. 4:14; 2 Tim. 4:11.

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.

An early Christian, to whom we owe much and about whom we know the least, was Saint Luke. He is believed to have written the Gospel account that was named for him, and the book of Acts; certainly, the same person wrote these two books.

There are remarkable differences in Luke's Gospel and the others. His account records many events not mentioned in the other Gospels. For example, the story of the rich man and Lazarus, which gives us an insight of hell; the only scripture that does. Luke is the only writer who gives a detailed description of the birth of Jesus: The announcement to Mary that she was to be the Lord's mother, her visit with her cousin Elizabeth; her song of praise, commonly called the "Magnificat." It was Luke who gave us the "human interest" story of Mary and Martha. John's account of the resurrection of their brother Lazarus from the dead would not be so meaningful without Luke's story of their home life.

Luke's Gospel is commonly called "The Gospel of Womanhood." The Jewish writers made very little mention of women in the ministry of Jesus; possibly because women were not highly esteemed in that age, especially by Jewry. But Luke tells us a great deal about the women who worshiped the Lord and had a part in His ministry.

LUKE, A GENTILE

All these things are probably explained by the fact that Luke was a Gentile, and his visions were broader in scope than were the others. His Gospel is known to every scholar as the Gospel of humanity; it was Luke who ran the genealogy of Jesus back to Adam, the first man. Matthew, the Jewish writer, ran it only to Abraham, the first known Hebrew. Luke emphasized the human side of Jesus, as John emphasized His Deity.

Some think Luke's writings are filled with ancient medical terms, which indicate that he was a physician; others do not think so; however, Paul said he was a physician. There is some discussion as to whom his books were written. Both were addressed to "Theophilus," whom many believe to have been a Gentile of nobility; others believe the books were written to the "beloved of God," since that is the meaning of the name Theophilus; a name which would include all the redeemed. If the books were written to an

individual, it is evident that he shared them with the churches. They were much too rich in historical value and spiritual information to be hoarded by one person.

Some think Luke was a European, a native of Philippi in Macedonia, others believe he was a native of Antioch, where the great Gentile church was established. We notice that much of the book of Acts centers around the work at Antioch.

Luke did not know Jesus personally. He tells us in Luke 1:2, that he received the information he had from others who were eye witnesses to all that happened concerning the Lord's ministry. He claimed to have had a perfect understanding of those events, and since so many others were writing books concerning Jesus of Nazareth, he considered it permissible for him to write also. What Luke did not know was that most of the other writers would be unknown to the world, while his writings would be accepted as having been inspired of the Holy Spirit and live through the ages as a portion of the Holy Bible.

The belief that the scriptures were inspired of God should be strengthened by Luke's writings. He relates so many incidents in the ministry of Jesus omitted by the other writers, that for many centuries the so-called "higher critics" ridiculed his works and denied their authenticity. But scholars tell us that every point upon which he was criticized has been proved correct by modern archeologists, who have dug the facts out of the very earth.

The book of Acts is a continuation of the Gospel of Luke and they should be read as one book. "The former treatise have I written, Oh Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach."

JOINED PAUL'S SECOND MISSION JOURNEY

The first half of the Acts seemed to have been written from information furnished by others, but beginning with Acts 16:10, Luke began using the personal pronoun "WE." He seems to have joined Paul's missionary party, Silas and Timothy, at Troas just prior to the Macedonian call. From that point throughout the book, Luke seems to have accompanied Paul on his missionary tours, on his voyage to Rome when he was sent as a prisoner for a hearing before Augustus Caesar. As a constant companion of Paul

for many years, Luke has been suggested as the first medical missionary in the Christian era.

As a companion to Paul, Luke no doubt acted as the missionary's personal physician, a marvelous thing when studied in the light of 2 Corinthians 12:7-9, where Paul informs us that he had an infirmity of the flesh; what it was no man knows. It was something that annoyed him so much he asked the Lord three times to remove it. The Lord refused Paul's request, but added that His "grace was sufficient . . . for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

The Lord did not remove Paul's affliction, but He gave the apostle a personal physician to accompany him through life in the person of Doctor Luke.

REMAINED TO THE END

There are two things about Luke that is especially inspiring and refreshing: both might come under the heading of **UNSELFISHNESS**. In all his writings, he never made personal reference to himself. It is said that his two books cover more time and more space in the New Testament than even Paul's writings; yet he stayed completely in the background.

The other thing commendable of Luke was his devotion to the

beloved apostle. We have much proof that Luke stayed with Paul through his prison experience. When the letter was written to the church at Colosse, Luke was with Paul in prison, and sent his greetings to those who knew him in that church. It was on that occasion that Paul referred to him as the "beloved physician."

Later, when Paul was facing the bitter end, his martyrdom, in writing to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:11) he said, "Only Luke is with me, Demas having loved this present world" had forsaken him. Luke remained true to Paul through his persecutions, his trial, and whatever other adversity the apostle experienced.

Luke was a true helper in Christian missions. He sought no place for himself, but in a quiet, unassuming manner he rendered a wonderful service to those whom God had called to preach the unsearchable riches of His grace.

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Get Your Convention Registration Card

The Southern Baptist Convention will open its session this year May 14, in Miami, Florida. The list of hotels was published in the February 13 issue of the *Arkansas Baptist*, but how about your messengers to the Convention? Each messenger will need a credentials card, and the Baptist Headquarters office in Little Rock has the cards. The Southern Baptist Convention Committee sent us a limited number of registration cards. These cards are to be filled in and each card is to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk of your church when you are elected or appointed as a messenger to the Convention. You should take this card with you and present it at the registration desk at the Convention and there you will get your badge and be permitted a seat to participate in the deliberations of the Convention.

The number of messengers from each church is limited. Your church, if it is a co-operating church, is allowed one messenger. Then for each 250 members the church is allowed an additional messenger to the Convention, or it is allowed an additional member for each \$250 contributed to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention during last year. This \$250 contribution does not refer to the Coopera-

tive Program. Whatever your gifts were for the Cooperative Program only 40 per cent of that went to Southern Baptist Convention work. The rest of it went to the work within your state. So, in calculating the number of messengers that you are allowed on a financial basis, take 40 per cent of your contributions for the Cooperative Program last year and add to that, whatever designated offerings you made for Home and Foreign Missions or any other Southern Baptist Convention work, and calculate the number of messengers you are entitled to have on that basis.

The committee expects our office to determine the number of messengers each church is allowed and to send out cards accordingly if a church wants that many. When we send out the cards, if you find that we have made any error write us about it. We want each church to have all the messengers that it is allowed to have, but no church is allowed more than 10 messengers under any circumstances. Write us how many of you are going to the Convention.

The "Kansas City-Florida Special" over the Frisco and Southern Routes leaves Memphis about 10 a. m. and will arrive in Miami about 5 p. m. the following day.

Unionizing Southern Baptists

Southern Baptists have repeatedly withstood and repulsed the unionizing efforts of all the ecumenical forces both within and without. Repeatedly the Southern Baptist Convention has voted its sentiment and has given warning and firm but kindly answers to the unionizing leaders. But the unionizing leaders are still after us. A prominent writer recently made the following observation: "This fourth and still greater effort to encompass, overwhelm and divide Southern Baptists, then take the broken fragments of the Southern Baptist Convention (1) into union with the Northern Baptist Convention, (2) into the Federal Council of Churches and 'Cooperative Christianity,' and (3) into the forthcoming Super-Protestant Church, the United Church of America." It is our opinion that Southern Baptists will continue to give such a negative answer when it is necessary to do it, despite the fact that a few liberal leaders are chafing under the disposition of the vast majority of our Southern Baptist people.

E. E. Griever and Hamburg

First Church in Hamburg is scoring great gains these days under the leadership and evangelistic preaching of Pastor Griever. On a recent Sunday there were about a dozen additions to the church and they are having additions constantly. Great crowds are attending the services. Even the balcony is crowded to hear this preacher proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ. It is a new day and marks a great future for First Church in Hamburg. It will be forced to build a larger building in the near future.

Magnolia Church,

Ashley County, Dedicates

The Magnolia Church near Crossett in Ashley County dedicated their new building on March 16. It was the writer's privilege to worship with the people during the afternoon service and dedication service of the church building. Pastor Howard Barton is one of the Lord's choice men. He and his attractive and beloved family have done a marvelous work there with the people in the Magnolia Church. He has led them in the erection of a most beautiful building. What a gem that auditorium is! Brother Barton is one of the most lovable leaders that the Lord has given us and he uses his ability and affability for the glory of the Lord. He is strong in the hearts of the people in the Magnolia Church, but he has resigned the church and is taking the mission work in Ashley County. The Lord will bless the entire association under the leadership of Brother Barton.

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All durable happiness partakes of this quality, the power to lose oneself.

—American Friend.

In making a living today many no longer leave any room for life.

—Jos. R. Sizoo.

SEVERAL CHURCHES HAVE NOT YET SENT ANY COOPERATIVE MISSION CONTRIBUTION THIS YEAR. WON'T YOU PLEASE DO IT, BRETHREN, THIS WEEK? HELP YOUR SISTER CHURCHES "GO ACROSS THE GOAL LINE" IN MARCH.

Two Beautiful Church Auditoriums

We have been profoundly impressed with the beauty and elegance of the auditoriums of the Beech Street Church in Texarkana, and First Church in Hope. In Texarkana the congregation under the leadership of that progressive and spiritually minded young preacher, James Harris, has torn out the interior of their old auditorium and have rebuilt it on new lines, and beautifully decorated it. For tranquil beauty and spiritual atmosphere we have seen few auditoriums that match it. It has a much larger seating capacity than the old one had, and that has become necessary under the great preaching of Pastor Harris. The poet said that a thing of beauty is a joy forever. Not only is this true, but a beautiful auditorium like the one at Beech Street is conducive to real worship and piety and allegiance to the Lord.

First Church in Hope, under the leadership of S. A. Whitlow, has been in its new auditorium for a year or more as we remember it. This auditorium, too, is large, and beautifully decorated. It is not swanky, it is not loud, it is not "off color," it is just beautiful and impressive. The Hope Church is a great church and the congregation deserves a sanctuary like the one they have. The tone of the interior is mellow and inspiring. One feels a distinct call to worship when one seats himself in this beautiful auditorium. We take off our hats to these leading pastors for their vision and for their victory in leading their churches to do unusually great things.

Plan Your Relief Offering

The Relief and Annuity Board of Dallas, Texas, is helping a large number of old preachers and their widows in Arkansas. Arkansas is one of the very few southern states that is not furnishing enough money to finance the gifts that the Relief and Annuity Board is making for these old soldiers of the cross. Dr. W. O. Vaught is a member of the Relief and Annuity Board, and he reports that last year the Relief and Annuity Board paid out in stipends to these old preachers and widows \$8,600 and we furnished only \$5,600 of it. It isn't right to expect other states to furnish enough money to finance the Arkansas end of this load. The churches in Arkansas are to give a minimum of \$3,000 this year in special offerings, and April is the month. Many churches will have the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday in April or some Sunday in April. The Relief and Annuity Board asks that the offering might be made on that day. If you cannot possibly get to it at that particular service, won't you do it some Sunday during the month? Send it to our office and we will forward it on to the Relief and Annuity Board. We appreciate the information that Dr. Vaught, the Arkansas Member of the Relief and Annuity Board, gave us and the Relief and Annuity Board itself is making the appeal to us to promote this offering. Won't you help?

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