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CALLING

All SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
to help
All BAPTIST CAUSES
by tithing
THREE MONTHS
October, November, December
1947

"Prove me now herewith, saith the Lord"

ONE MILLION of our six million southern Baptists are asked to pledge a tithe of their income for the months of October, November, and December, thus proving God's promise to pour out His blessings. Next Sunday, October 5, is Tithers' Enlistment Day, and in most of the churches throughout the Southern Baptist Convention pledge cards will be signed.

Arkansas Baptists have been assigned a goal of 40,000 in this effort to enlist tithers, and state leaders have adopted a slogan, "Every Baptist a Tither." This is, of course, the ideal, and it is the goal for which we shall strive in the months and years ahead. But surely out of 190,000 members of Baptist churches in Arkansas, 40,000 will launch out on God's promises and dare to begin tithing this month.

It is believed that if an individual tithes for three months he will tithe for the rest of his life. The sense of having met one's first financial obligation, the happiness that comes from dedicating another area of life to

the Master, the satisfaction that comes from knowing that one is, through his money, reaching out to all corners of the earth to witness for Christ, and the abundant joy of following God's command will be reason enough to keep one tithing, not to mention the material blessings that also come.

Much has already been said about the monetary returns of tithing. It is important, and all the causes for which Christ came to earth will be benefitted because of increased finances. But the supreme objective of the tithing campaign is not money but the spiritual power which will be evidenced in Arkansas, the South, and throughout the world.

Surely every Arkansas Baptist will be prayerful next Sunday as he decides whether or not he will accept God's challenge. "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye."

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*"Blessed is the man whose skylight is undimmed
by the dust of doubt or sin of disobedience."*

Powerful Sermon: Barbara Jo Walker, Sunday School teacher and choir director of Springdale Methodist Church, Memphis, Tenn., who was recently named "Miss America," stated at Atlantic City that she did not like to see women smoking and that she didn't think anyone could drink moderately.

"Miss America's" pastor praised her: "Yours is a more powerful sermon than many a minister will ever be able to preach. Do not think for a moment that your witnessing for such principles is being overlooked by our youth of today."

At Last: For the first time in history, the International Sunday School Lesson was taught as a college course this summer. Dr. Solon B. Cousins, chairman of the department of religion at the University of Richmond, Va., taught the course during the second term of the summer school, which began July 24.

Christian Courses in Japan: Establishment of chairs of Christian history and theology at the Imperial University was urged in Tokyo by Dr. Shigeru Nambara, Christian president of the University. He said that Japanese endowment of the proposed departments is "impossible," but said he hoped that means will be provided by American Christians.

One More Million: There are still one million displaced persons in the world. Their native lands are to them as cemeteries of everything they held dear in the past. Their fondest dream now is to start life anew in a country where there is freedom of speech, freedom of enterprise, and freedom of opportunity.

Liquor Advertising: The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia, publishers of the Ladies Home Journal, The Country Gentleman, Saturday Evening Post, Jack and Jill, and Holiday, refuses to allow liquor ads in its columns. Some other magazine and newspaper publishers carry out the same principle.

Sunday School Drive: A "Church School Crusade" to add 50,000 to the United Church of Canada's half-million Sunday School enrollment was launched in Toronto by the denomination's Board of Christian Education.

Afford to Tithe?: R. E. Dudley, assistant editor of the Baptist Standard, of Texas, says: "Seven Baptists, who supported one missionary with a Bible for 10,000 members, found themselves sending one out of every 10 armed for destruction. For every Southern Baptist foreign missionary, there were 27 Baptist boys

who did not return from the war. We who talked in the prosperous '20's that we could not afford to tithe to Christianize the world now are taxed two times — maybe eight or nine times — to pay for two wars and prepare for a third."

World Relief: The Baptist Alliance Relief Committee meets in Washington, October 7 to draft final plans for a gigantic relief program, according to announcement made by R. Paul Caudill, pastor, First Church, Memphis, chairman of the committee. Data is being gathered and foundations laid for sending immediate relief to those in need. Plans and programs will be announced following the Washington conference.

Looking Up: A wicked father once took his small son with him to steal potatoes in his neighbor's field. When they came to the boundary fence, the father stopped and listened while his eyes searched from right to left. Silently, he began to climb the fence. Then the lad spoke: "Dad, you didn't look up." Sudden guilt shamed the father; he took the lad by the hand and returned home.

Theology Students: Under the GI Bill of Rights, 8,979 veterans are studying theology, the Veterans Administration announces. The total number of veterans in school on May 1 was 1,126,000 in colleges and universities and 699,000 in high schools, trade schools, and similar institutions.

Japan Sunday School Association: The Sunday School Association of Japan will be formally revived on World Communion Day, Sunday, October 5, it was announced in Tokyo by Professor Tadaoki Yamamoto, the Association's pre-war secretary. He announced also that steps have been taken to reestablish contact with the World Sunday School Association.

Contributed; One Tooth: Congressman Brooks Hays, Little Rock, returned from the Baptist World Congress at Copenhagen with a broken front tooth. He explains that it was not the result of a fight. He simply broke it off trying to bite a piece of French bread. "The bread in France is not only too short, but it's much too hard," he explained.

Religious Journalism: Popularity of Oklahoma Baptist University's new courses in religious journalism is evidenced by the registration of 104 journalism students this fall. The school last year expanded its journalism department, headed by Professor William F. Tanner, to include all phases of the writing and publishing professions, including courses in religious journalism and denominational magazines.

COOPERATION

A Devotion by the Editor

"Workers together."

A section gang composed of colored men was working along the railroad tracks. At one place the track was out of line, and these colored men with steel crow-bars were undertaking to straighten the track.

They had placed their crow-bars under the rail with two men manning each one. One of the Negroes began humming a simple little tune and set his body in motion to harmonize with the rhythm of the tune. All the other men took up the little tune, with their body movements perfectly synchronizing as they hummed the little ditty.

At a certain signal by the leader each man threw his full weight against the rail. It seem amazing that the whole railroad track moved perceptibly. This procedure was repeated until the track was pushed back into a perfectly straight line.

What an example of cooperation! And how simply it was achieved! The thoughts, the purposes, the movements, the exertions, and the energies of these men were synchronized and made to act as a single unit of power by means of a simple little tune.

When people of God atune their ears to the simple message of the Gospel; when together they take up the cords of divine love; when their thoughts, their purposes, their energies, and their movements are synchronized by the simple story of redeeming grace, they, too, will straighten the track, not the railroad track, but the track of life. They will make it safe to travel and will make it possible for many a life to escape the tragedies caused by the crooked ways of life.

May we get in tune with those who are doing their best to "make his paths straight."

"We then as workers together with him, beseech you also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain" (II Cor. 6:1).

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Fifty persons were added to First Church, Glenwood, during revival services with Pastor Jesse Reed, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, doing the preaching. Thirty-three joined for baptism and three others made profession of faith. Earl Gaither, deacon in Park Place Church, directed the singing and a junior choir.

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Across the Editor's Desk

God's Grace

The ocean of God's grace is so vast that it will require an eternity to explore its limitless expanse; it is so abundant that the cumulative total of all human needs can never exhaust its resources; it is so free that no degree of human poverty, material or spiritual, may prevent its appropriation by the human soul; it is so effective that no human depravity is beyond its power to relieve.

God's grace cannot be purchased, it must be received as a gift, because it exceeds in worth the combined values of the world; it cannot be merited, it must be bestowed, because it is unmerited favor; it cannot be taken by force, it must be received willingly, because no force can wrest from God that which He freely gives.

The operation of grace is first to redeem. The classic statement of this phase of the work of grace is found in Ephesians 2:8,9: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."

Man is saved by grace or he is not saved at all. There is no other means by which an omnipotent God can save sinful men. He cannot save sinful men upon their own merit, because they have no merit. He cannot save them on the basis of a barter system, because they have nothing with which to barter. But that which man cannot earn, God can freely give; and that which man cannot buy, God can freely bestow.

Grace not only redeems but also infills the redeemed. One of the most picturesque and meaningful statements in all the Bible is found in John 1:16: Referring to Jesus as the eternal Son of God who "was made flesh, and dwelt among us . . . full of grace and truth." John continues, "And of His fullness have all we received, and grace for grace."

Grace is the term used by the New Testament writers to designate specific gifts from God, and also to sum up the whole fullness of Christ's indwelling in the believer. Here it is used by John with this two-fold meaning—of His whole fullness we have all received and also the grace of every specific gift of God through Christ: "grace for grace."

Our life in Christ Jesus may become a life of growing richness in the grace of God. Every day we may extend our explorations in the realm of His gracious gifts. We shall always be finding new "wonders of His grace," richer veins of His abundant wealth, and unathomed depths of his inexhaustible resources. Therefore, if we live a starved, pinched, impoverished spiritual existence, it is because we do not explore and appropriate these riches of God's grace which lie at our finger tips.

The operation of grace is not completed by redeeming us and infilling us. The full work of grace is completed by its reaching out through us in gracious ministries to those about us. Grace overflows our lives to touch and bless all life about us. Jesus asked His disciples, "what do ye more?" This "more" is the overflow of a grace-filled life.

This extra or overflow is not something tacked onto the surface of life, but something from within which has come to the surface; it is not mechanical, but vital; it is not studied but spontaneous; it is not a coloring applied, but the natural tints of the soul brought to light and developed under the power of redeeming and infilling grace.

This life of grace is the abundant life of which Jesus spoke. One lives abundantly because his heart is filled with God's abundant grace. One must love, because his heart is fulfilled with God's abundant grace. One must love, because his heart is full of love. One must be courageous, because his heart is full of courage. One is loyal, because his heart is full of loyalty. One will do good for evil, because only good can come from a grace filled heart. One will do more good than others, because he has more life than others.

A New Babel

A timely editorial appears in the September 11 issue of The Watchman-Examiner. The editor deals convincingly with the fallacy that the "pooling of religious organization" will bring about religious unity and increased "efficiency in the work of winning the world to Christ."

Organizational union, instead of producing unity, produces friction, because it accentuates the existing "antagonisms" rather than illuminating them. "Christian unity is unity of life and purpose under the Lordship of Christ, rather than the meshing of interdenominational gears. An ecclesiastical machine may be as perfect as the medieval Roman Catholic Church and as hellish as the Inquisition."

High powered propaganda is being used in an effort to bring all Christian denominations into a preponderous over-all organization. The World Council of Churches is seeking to enroll the Orthodox churches of Eastern Europe and the Balkan nations. The Federal Council of Churches is constantly propagandizing the denominations in America. Universalism is proposing a "world faith" to include all the religions of the world.

There are sporadic efforts here and there to establish a United Protestant Church. The Unitarians are proposing a United Liberal Church to "include all religious liberals in a world fellowship."

In none of this propaganda is evangelism,

as taught in the New Testament and as emphasized by Baptists, even mentioned. The whole line of argument is that we must meet the present world situation with a united organization; that by organization we can solve the problems of human society. No mention is made of preaching the gospel, or saving the lost, or holding up Christ as the only hope of a despairing world.

Jesus said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." The "lifted up" Christ is the hope of a sinful, suffering, and distraught world. It is our business to lift up the crucified Christ. Cheap substitutes for the sake of organizational unity hold out a false hope to the world and blaspheme the name of Christ in that they are called Christian.

The concluding paragraph of the editorial, already referred to, in The Watchman-Examiner, calls Baptists to their historic and their divinely commissioned "position of leadership, the evangelization of the world." It continues:

"Then let follow all who will, let all collaborate who can, let all take the same humble road in following the Saviour and, like him, live among men as one that serves, desiring no bishopric, craving no honors, seeking no glories, requiring no officinary, free from all ecclesiastical careerism, pretense, and pomp. What we need is not a protest catholic church, but a vast and deep movement of Christians, in fidelity to Christ, publishing the gospel among all nations throughout the earth. We do not need a pyramid of organizations for that. Such a pyramid will lead to a new Babel. The spiritual democracy of all believers will lead to new and diviner unity."

Preacher's School

Howard College, Birmingham, Ala., is courageously launching an ambitious program for the training of the "underprivileged" ministers of the state. The program calls for setting up schools all over Alabama as extension units of Howard.

The inspiration for this program and the pattern which it will follow is provided in the Walker County Preachers' School at Jasper, Ala. This school was begun four years ago by Gilbert L. Griffin, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Jasper. For three years Pastor Griffin was the only teacher. Another pastor in the Walker County Association, J. L. Black, has been added to the faculty for the current year.

This school uses the facilities of Walker Junior College at Jasper, which gives a Certificate of Graduation for the satisfactory completion of the courses listed. Classes are held at night because most of the men enrolled work during the day.

Howard College is to be congratulated upon her wisdom in seeing the opportunities offered by such schools and in launching a comprehensive program designed to carry educational opportunities to the "underprivileged" ministers throughout the state.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Washington Church, Little River Association, had 10 additions, all by baptism, in evangelistic services in which Erwin McDonald, publicity director of Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., did the preaching and Emil Williams, of Ouachita College, directed the singing. Miss Mary Margaret Haynes, also of Ouachita, was pianist. More than half the active membership, over 30, pledged to tithe their income for at least three months. The church is now constructing a new building to replace the one destroyed by tornado last fall.

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Calvary Church, Ft. Smith, adopted a resolution commending Rev. John A. Freeman, who submitted his resignation as education and choir director September 10. The resolution said: "The going of Brother Freeman to other fields of endeavors will be deeply regretted by the church and community. He is commended for his faithfulness and zeal in his work, especially with the young people. We recognize his efficiency in his work as music director, Bible teaching, and work generally."

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First Church, Forrest City, adopted a resolution taking note of the St. Francis County Grand Jury's disapproval of gambling and other law violations and its recommendations for dealing with these matters. The report said: "This courageous step by this group makes a direct contribution to the program fostered by our churches, schools, and the civic groups of our county, and we, therefore, go on record as approving this action and lending our prayers, approval, and support to the report of this jury."

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R. Wilbur Herring, son of Mr. and Mrs. N. J. Herring, Little Rock, has accepted the pastorate of Calvary Church, Pulaski County Association. He has been president of San Marcos Baptist Academy, San Marcos, Tex., for the past year. He is a graduate of Little Rock High School, Little Rock Junior College, and the University of Arkansas. He also studied at Leland Stanford University and the University of Virginia. During the war Mr. Herring served as a navy officer and after his release became assistant pastor at St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans.

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An elderly lady in California happened to get several copies of the Arkansas Baptist. She sent in her subscription "for it tells me so much about God and His work."

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Jack C. Rowe, music director and pastor's assistant at Central Church, Hot Springs, has resigned his position to enter Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky., where he will do graduate work in the field of sacred music.

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Bigelow Church had 28 additions, 24 for baptism, in revival services in which Allen McCurry, pastor, Douglassville Church, Pulaski County Association, did the preaching.

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White River Association had an unusual annual session this year with the night sessions given over to the young people. The

meeting, began on Wednesday night with singing by the Whiteville Church's youth choir. Pastor D. M. Kries, Flippin Church, preached. On Thursday night the young people of Mountain Home Church sang and Pastor J. M. Langston, Viola Church, Big Creek Association, brought the message. On the last night a combined choir of young people were led in singing by Herbert Johnson and Miss Lois Powell, and Pastor D. W. Stark, of Mountain Home Church spoke. The association made extensive plans for the future. Claude Crigler is missionary.

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Rural Evangelist R. A. Hill writes of two recent revivals: "At Caddo Gap we had six professions of faith and candidates for baptism, 10 additions by letter, one by restoration, and one by statement. Three people rededicated their lives to the Lord. The church is really revived and is taking steps to secure a pastor. The other meeting was at Brickeys, Arkansas Valley Association, where there were 22 professions of faith, 10 additions by letter, and others who joined the church the last night of the meeting and are awaiting baptism. A Baptist preacher was received by statement and four people rededicated their lives. Associational Missionary J. J. Franklin led the singing and Mrs. Franklin played the piano. There are not two more tireless and consecrated workers in Arkansas. A pastor was called for half-time work."

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John and Joe Moreland and Millard Smith were ordained deacons of Pleasant Valley Church, Little Red River Association, at recent services. The ordination council consisted of Pastor W. B. O'Neal, Pastor Tommy Reeves, McJester Church, Pastor David King, Mt. Olive Church, Missicary W. H. Lansford, and Deacons Henry Wright, Alvie Moody, John Bittle, George Harmon, and Dalton Norell.

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Arkansan I. Houston Lanier and Mrs. Lanier, of Carrier Mills, Ill., announce the birth of Joyce Ann on September 12.

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Pastor R. O. Ekzut, First Church, Strong, led in revival services at Springhill Church, Oakland, La., which resulted in nine additions by baptism and eight rededications. The church has a small membership and has been unable to maintain regular services, and Pastor Ekzut has preached there on the first and third Sunday afternoons. He has led the church in the erection of a new building. The building was dedicated at homecoming services the first Sunday of the revival.

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Black River Association will meet October 16 rather than October 21 as was formerly announced. The place is First Church, Newport.

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Virgil Tarvin has recently been licensed to preach by Gaines Street Church, Little Rock. He is now attending Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge.

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First Church, Crawfordsville, had 20 additions in evangelistic services with W. Edwin

Richardson, head of the Department of Religion and Philosophy, Cumberland University, Lebanon, Tenn., doing the preaching and Ed Vallowe, assistant pastor, First Church, West Memphis, directing the music. Ray Y. Langley is pastor.

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First Church, Malvern, observed its second annual homecoming September 28. All former pastors and members were invited. Rev. W. M. Wright, Lancaster, Tex., a former pastor, preached at the morning worship hour and Pastor L. M. Keeling, First Church, Judsonia, brought the evening message. Dinner was served at the church. A liberal offering was made toward the building fund. T. K. Rucker is pastor.

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Mrs. Alfred O. Forbes, clerk, First Church, South Fort Smith, writes upon the resignation of Samuel M. King as pastor: "Brother King leaves the church in good financial condition. Offering to the Cooperative Program was increased during his pastorage. He did a great job of building up the Sunday School and took great interest in working with the young people of the church. Pastor King proved himself a tireless, ceaseless worker for the Lord. He was a spiritual inspiration to all who came in contact with him and he built up great courage within the members of the church. Mrs. King is a great singer and teacher."

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Pastor J. D. Seymour, East Point and Hopewell Churches, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, writes concerning T. D. Douglas, new missionary in the association: "Missionary Douglas has helped me in revival meetings in both my churches. Lost souls were saved and people rededicated their lives to the Lord. He is doing a wonderful work on a field where there is plenty of work to do."

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O. R. Richey has resigned the pastorate of Owensville Church, Central Association, after a year of full-time work. During the year a Sunday School annex has been added at a cost of \$1,000. A tithing member gave \$300 on the building. Pastor Richey is now available for supply work, mission service, or for the pastorate. His address is Box 70, Traskwood, Ark.

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E. W. Taylor has left Richwoods Church, Red River Association, after a pastorate of six years. Under his leadership the church built up the Sunday School to standard requirements, organized a Training Union, and has operated under financial budget. The membership has increased and a building program has been launched.

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Gene Bartlett, music and educational director, Central Church, Muskogee, Okla., will take a similar position at Trinity Church, Oklahoma City. Dr. I. J. Yearby is pastor and W. R. Bumpus, formerly of Arkansas, is educational director.

PASTORAL CHANGES

O. R. Richey from Owensville Church, Central Association.

Samuel M. King from First Church, South Fort Smith.

A. A. Brady from Benton County, Association as missionary to First Church, Chelsea, Okla.

E. W. Taylor from Richwood Church, Red River Association.

Death Claims Arkansas' Beloved Dr. Wade

Dr. O. J. Wade, 77, retired Arkansas Baptist leader, a former president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention and of Central College, died in the Baptist State Hospital Tuesday morning, September 23, after an illness of more than six months.

Dr. Wade was among the most beloved men of the state. His Christ-like life not only blessed the people of his churches during the half century he served the pastorates of Arkansas, but everyone who touched his life felt something of the spiritual power of it.

He served First Church, Magnolia, for four years beginning in 1898. Then he went to Immanuel Church, El Dorado, where he also stayed four years, then to Immanuel Church, Little Rock, in 1908 to serve until 1913 at which time he went to El Paso, Tex., for five years. Returning to Arkansas in 1918 he began a 22-year ministry at Beech Street Church, Texarkana.

Dr. Wade left the pastorate of Beech Street in 1940 to become president of Central College. After three years he went back to Immanuel Church, Little Rock, as supply pastor until the coming of Pastor W. O. Vaught, Jr.

Forgetting his 75 years, Dr. Wade went to First Church, Hope, to do supply work for a short time. He was still active, preaching almost every Sunday, until his recent illness. Since becoming president of Central he had made his home in Conway.

Dr. Wade was president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for two years, a member of the Convention's Executive Board, and was for 20 years a member of the Southern Baptist Convention's Sunday School Board.

Born in Parkdale, Ashley County, Dr. Wade was educated at Hinemon University School, Monticello, the University of Tennessee, and Ouachita College, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree and later an honorary degree as Doctor of Divinity.

In addition to his widow, he is survived by two daughters, Mrs. James E. Clayton, Conway, and Mrs. Jess M. Davis, Hope, and a brother, E. F. Wade, Little Rock.

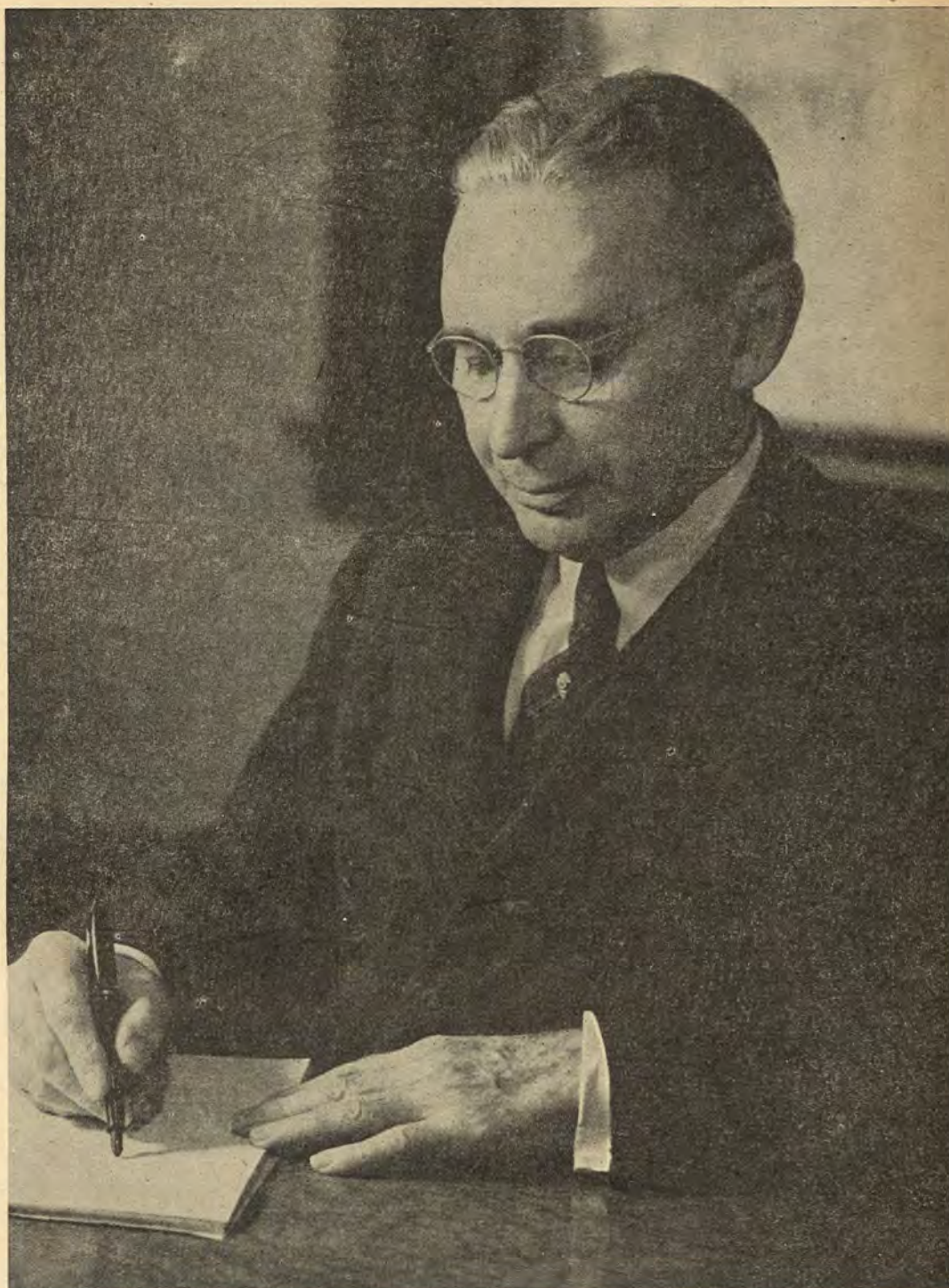
Funeral services were conducted in Immanuel Church, Little Rock, at 10 a. m., September 24. Pastor Harold Tillman, First Church, Conway, was in charge of services, assisted by Dr. J. S. Rogers, Conway; Dr. E. P. J. Garrott, Batesville; Dr. B. L. Bridges, executive secretary of the Baptist State Convention; Pastor Vaught, of Immanuel, and Rev. W. H. Gregory, Little Rock.

Burial was in Magnolia.

At the end of his 22 years' ministry at Beech Street, Dr. Wade wrote in the church bulletin on the Sunday that he preached his farewell sermon:

"Within the last 22 years one World War has closed and another begun. My wish for the church is that she may have the mind of Christ and think His thoughts; the heart of Christ and love what He loves; and the power of Christ as He sends her afield to make the world Christian."

Early in the Beech Street pastorate, Southern Baptists launched the 75 Million Campaign and under the leadership of Dr. Wade the church gave \$34,319 for this purpose. A modern educational building was completed at a cost of \$50,000. There were nearly 2,000 additions to the church, and Dr. Wade per-



*"Why dream of popped sod, When you can feel their breath,
When flow'r and soul and God! Knows there is no death!"*

formed 784 marriage ceremonies during his ministry in Texarkana.

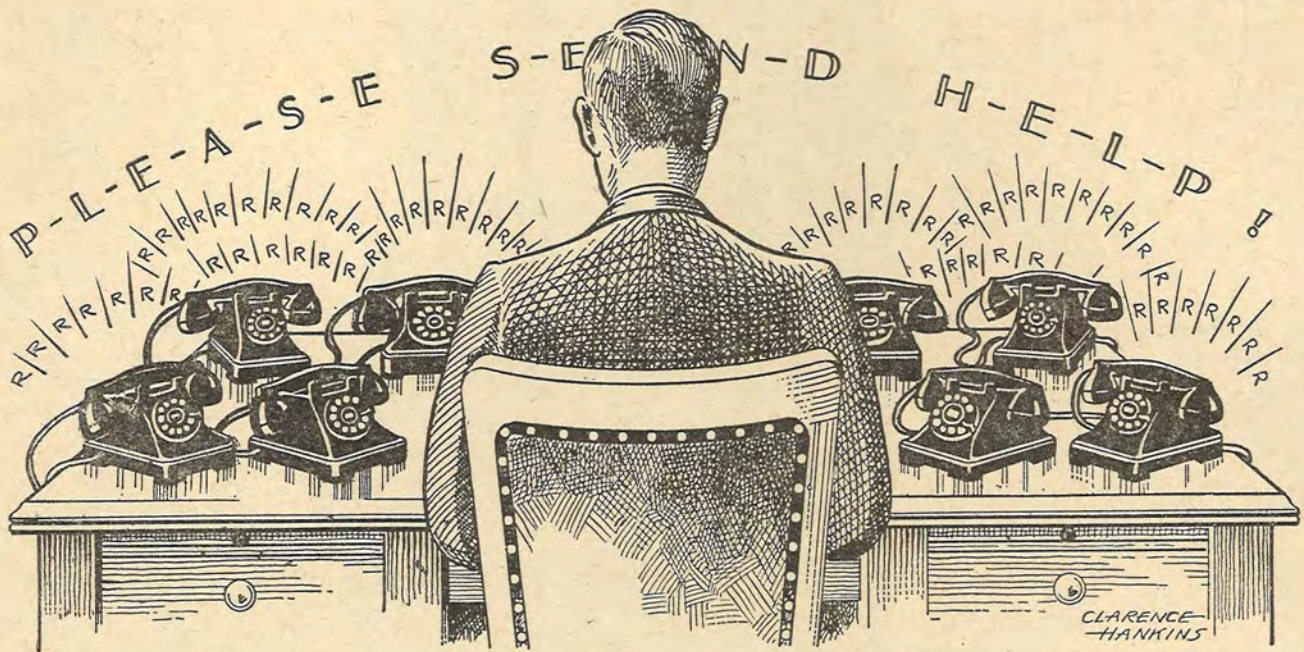
Pastor E. E. Griever, First Church, Harrison, who was on the Central College Board when Dr. Wade became its president has said: "To have had the close and intimate fellowship with such a noble Christian gentleman as Dr. Wade is indeed a high mark in the life of any person. It was my privilege to be rather intimately associated with him during his presidency at Central. I learned to know him as a preacher, a statesman, a scholar, and a diplomat.

"He had a personality comparable to the Patriarchs of old and a disposition that could well be emulated by each of us. I prize beyond all measure his fatherly counsel, his

Christian fellowship and his wise advice."

The Board of Deacons of Immanuel Church, Little Rock, adopted a resolution expressing appreciation of Dr. Wade as he ended 16 months of supply work there two years ago. It said: "Dr. Wade has directed our attention upward, he has presented before us a living Christ whom he has glorified in the pulpit and in his own life. He has made us feel our utter dependence upon Him who said, 'Follow Me.' Both he and Mrs. Wade have set before us, in their own lives, examples of the lofty plane on which a Christian should live. Gentleness, meekness, patience, loving kindness, and a deep compassion for those in trouble and sorrow, are a few of their noble traits."

YOU CAN ANSWER THEM ALL AT ONCE



THE NEEDS of the denomination are many, varied and great. Calls come constantly for more financial undergirding to meet the challenges of expanding service to a lost world.

The local churches need help Associational mission undertakings need help Colleges, orphanages, hospitals and mission programs of the state conventions need help The Southern Baptist Convention causes—seminaries, hospitals, ministerial relief and home and foreign missions—need help.

All the phones are ringing, and the calls are for all Southern Baptists.

You can answer these calls all at once by accepting God's plan of the tithe. October 5 is Tithers' Enlistment Day. Let every Southern Baptist pledge to tithe for at least three months.

A MILLION SOUTHERN BAPTIST TITHERS FOR CHRIST



Benefiting: All local, state, Southwide and worldwide causes. "And prove me now, saith the Lord."

Questions and Answers About . . .

THE TITHING CAMPAIGN

By J. E. DILLARD

(Use in Sunday School, Training Union,
WMS, Brotherhood, or elsewhere.)

What is this Three-Month Tithing Campaign?

It is an intensive three month endeavor to complete and supplement the effort to enroll a million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ.

How did it come about?

For years Southern Baptists have been saying that "tithes and offerings" is the Bible plan for financing our churches and other Christian causes. In 1946 the Southern Baptist Convention adopted as one of its goals for 1947 "A Million Southern Baptist Tithers for Christ." At its meeting in May, 1947, the Convention unanimously approved a special three-month effort to enroll tithers.

Why was this special three-month effort authorized?

(1) To get all our people thinking, talking, praying, and acting about this matter at the same time; (2) to make sure we would enlist at least one million tithers; (3) to try to get all our people to tithe for at least three months; and (4) get our people to bring all their tithes to their churches.

Why was the goal set at "A Million Tithers"?

While we believe all Christians should tithe and that they would be blessed in doing so, we want this to be voluntary and cheerful; so a modest goal was set for this year hoping to enlist many more next year.

What will be the result if the goal is reached?

(1) It will bless the tithers themselves, (2)

increase our church attendance, and (3) adequately finance our churches and our denominational causes. If a million Southern Baptists of average income will tithe through their churches it will double our income for the Lord's work.

What if all Southern Baptists would tithe?

If all Southern Baptists would tithe we could double the local budgets of our churches, triple our mission offerings, multiply the endowments of our educational institutions by four, and have a hundred million dollars over for enlargements and emergencies.

Has our state approved of this special tithing effort?

Yes, the Southern states have approved of the tithing effort and adopted tithing goals. Our Arkansas goal, as set by Southern Baptist workers, is 40,000. But the state has adopted the slogan: "Every Baptist a Tither."

Where will this extra money go?

(1) To help the churches carry on their local work; (2) to state causes, such as state missions, education, orphanages, hospitals, etc.; (3) to Southern Baptist Convention causes including missions, seminaries, relief, radio, etc., according to relative importance and needs.

Can the church say how this money is divided?

Yes, each church can decide how it will divide this extra money; it is hoped that in every case a large part will go to state and Southwide causes, in no case less than one-fourth, and in many cases one-half or more. The need of our general denominational work is very great.

Are there any special reasons why Baptists should tithe?

Baptists have the same reasons for tithing that others have and some special reasons, for example:

(1) We say that the Bible is our rule of faith and practice, what it teaches we must do. Now the Bible does teach tithing (Leviticus 27:30, 32, 24; Malachi 3:10).

(2) We say Jesus Christ is Lord (Philippians 2:11); and for Him to commend a thing is the same as to command it. Jesus did commend tithing and taught that we should do more, not less (Matthew 23:23; Luke 11:42).

(3) A loyal Baptist works with his denomination, and our denomination has set a tithing goal; we should help reach it.

(4) The needs of our denomination and the needs of a broken world call loudly and pathetically. Every Southern Baptist should help; the tithe should be the minimum. Many should do much more.

How should one calculate the tithe?

The tithe is the first tenth of one's income or increase. If there is no business expense involved in securing the income, then the whole should be tithed; if there is a business expense (for example office rent, hired help, etc.) this may be subtracted before tithing, but do not subtract living expenses.

When should one begin to tithe?

Now. The earlier the better. October 5 is set apart as Tithers' Enlistment Day in the Southern Baptist Convention. Help your church and your denomination reach its goal on that day. Be one of a million Southern Baptist tithers for Christ.

Tithing Campaign and Southwide Agencies

Here in a nutshell is how the Tithing Campaign promises to forward the work of all Southwide boards and agencies:

"It will remove Southwestern Seminary's shackling physical handicaps, enabling us to fulfill our God-given mission of training a great company of consecrated men and women for the work of evangelism at home and abroad."—E. D. Head, president, Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

"Success of the Tithing Campaign will create spiritual foundations at home for world missions; will rescue the Foreign Mission Board from impending retrenchment; will make possible the appointment of 150 volunteers in seminaries who will be ready for foreign service in 1948."—T. M. Rankin, executive secretary, Foreign Mission Board.

"Victory in the Tithing Campaign will complete funding of the (Old) Annuity Plan quickly, increase grants to 1,600 aged beneficiaries immediately, and provide adequate capital for the Board, insuring a vast enlargement of our service, together with financial undergirding."—Walter R. Alexander, executive secretary, Relief and Annuity Board.

"If every Southern Baptist will try tithing for three months, the financial needs of the Southern Baptist Seminary will be met at once. The Seminary will be released from financial worry, and equipped to discharge

its responsibility to the denomination at home and abroad."—Ellis A. Fuller, president Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

"Success of our three-month tithing effort will immediately help the Brotherhood movement in the enlistment of a million men for Christ."—Lawson H. Cooke, executive secretary, Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

"Our prayerful hope concerning the Tithing Campaign is for a spiritual revival. A million new tithers will insure our new building program, stronger faculty, enlarged endowment, and seminary training for hundreds of additional students."—Roland Q. Leavell, president, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

"The Sunday School Board will cooperate in every way possible to promote the Campaign for one million tithers. This recognition of God and the acknowledgement of our stewardship will speed the coming of a mighty revival."—T. L. Holcomb, executive secretary, Baptist Sunday School Board.

"We must evangelize our homeland in order to make it the base for world evangelization. If our people would bring all of their tithes into the churches during the last three months of the calendar year, this great task could be done."—J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary, Home Mission Board.

And let us be mindful that the reward of

success comes first in individually blessed lives—a blessing of happy hearts in the knowledge of partnership with God in Bible stewardship. The local church, state mission, educational and benevolent programs, and all our kingdom work to the ends of the earth will be blessed!

It is the will of God! Let's do it!

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I Tithe

By C. S. LEMONS, Deacon
First Church, Blytheville

I tithe because God's word says: "Bring ye all the tithe into the storehouse."

I tithe because it pays in contentment of mind to have discharged this obligation, and to have aided in the advancement of all that the church stands for.

I tithe because it is the easiest method of keeping up with our financial obligation to the church.

Tithing has been a determining factor in whatever material prosperity that has been attained.

I shall continue to tithe and more. After a quarter century doing so, it means more than ever before.

Flash! Flash!

Every Arkansas Baptist is a tither, Dr. B. L. Bridges announced January 1, 1948.

Arkansas' 1001 churches all have pastors, according to announcement made by Dr. C. W. Caldwell on March 3, 1948. Many of the rural churches formed pastoral fields and now have a preacher living in their midst.

The Arkansas Baptist goes into every home in the state as shown by records in the paper office.

Arkansas Baptists averaged winning one lost person each in 1948, with a total of approximately 190,000 people reached for the Saviour.



These forecasts may never be realities, but if they are, they will be reported through the columns of the Arkansas Baptist.

One thing we know—the months of 1948 will be pivotal in the history of the Baptists of Arkansas.

Whatever the news your people should have it.

Don't Forget—

THE ARKANSAS BAPTIST

In Planning Your Church Budget For 1948

Britain in the Shadows

By O. K. ARMSTRONG

(Baptist Press is fortunate in securing the services of O. K. Armstrong, nationally known magazine writer, for a series of articles on conditions in Europe. This is the first in the series.)

LONDON, England—(BP)—Here in England's great city, where the blitz left great gaping areas of rubble, you sense the vast weariness everyone seems to feel as result of the war. England is in a financial crisis. It's just as though there had been a run on the bank, and the money is gone. Industry creeps along, dismally. Labor works at snail's pace, or goes on strike.

These things the papers tell you. But the news does not carry the gravest part of the story—that Britian is perhaps at the lowest ebb, morally and spiritually, of her long history.

Under the present Socialist government, the war-time restrictions remain. There may be actual hunger in England this winter. The government keeps calling on everyone to "tighten the belts." Obviously there is need for hard work and thrift.

Yet one of the biggest businesses in England is gambling. Liquor flows freely. Immorality is rife. Churches are almost empty.

"Betting has reached the heights of a national disease," Dr. Walter O. Lewis told me. "Men, women, and children become obsessed with it. It draws away the incomes of a large per cent of the entire population."

The government has legalized betting, and openly encourages the "pools." People bet on horse racing, football games, anything. The craze for dog racing has spread like a fire in the last few months. Even mice racing has

become a business—perhaps the lowest form of sport ever invented.

Newsprint paper is short, so the daily press has been cut to four pages. Yet about half of a page is regularly filled with results of the races and games; the odds and the winnings of the pools. While our Baptist churches must do without paper for bulletins, flamboyant posters advertise sports and liquor. Twice in the last week the papers have carried on their front pages long stories of great killings made by luck winners. And in smaller type somewhere will likely be another story about some tragic suicide because of losses.

The liquor bill for Britian runs approximately one billion dollars a year—more than one-fourth the American loan. The "pubs"—saloons—welcome "ladies"—and some I've seen going in and out are not ladies. (But should an American talk?)

Twenty per cent of the American loan was spent for non-essential luxuries. A young couple cannot get materials to build a home, nor a church repair its roof. Yet houses of entertainment and sport are thriving.

Materialism is rampant in high places. It may be remembered by Americans that one of the government ministers, a pronounced atheist, was refused admission to the United States some years ago because of his advocacy of "free love" and trial marriages. Several other cabinet ministers are known as agnostics. George Isaacs, Minister of Labor, in a recent debate in Parliament was challenged by a member of his own party, who said: "But this would seem to put the State before God." To which Mr. Isaacs replied, "The State comes before God."

Dr. H. J. Leach, pastor of Kingsgate Baptist Church, told me that church attendance had

dropped alarmingly since the war's end. It seems almost impossible to get young people into the churches anymore.

"But I have not lost faith," he said. "Remember, the great revivals of the past have come when the people reached the depths of materialism and immorality. We may be ready for such a revival. Could it be that it will start in America?"

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Dr. O. J. Wade
By B. L. BRIDGES

Elsewhere in this issue a worthy article appears in memory of our late beloved comrade and co-laborer, O. J. Wade. It is not necessary on this page to repeat the fine things in the other article, but it is important that we mention to others the appreciation that so many of us had for this magnificent character.

Dr. Wade was one of the finest Christian gentlemen that ever adorned the profession, or calling, of the ministry. He was thoughtful, gracious, kind, gentle, forbearing and lovely. He had all the qualities that embellish a public servant. His pastor said: "If I had not been a Christian, and had known Dr. Wade as I do know him, I would have cried out in my heart, 'I want what this man has,' and I would have become a Christian because of what I saw in his life."

Dr. Wade was 77 years old. He had worked longer than his three score and ten years before he retired. After he retired, he was still in demand, and still he served the churches. He was a living blessing to those who knew him. May the Lord graciously replenish the thinning ranks of His great preachers.

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New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary opened its 1947-48 sessions with a capacity enrollment.

Song of the Month

By RUTH NININGER

In Christ There Is No East Nor West

The great missionary hymn, "In Christ There is no East nor West," was used as the theme song at the recent meeting of the Baptist World Congress at Copenhagen, Denmark.

Whether we like it or not, all men are our neighbors and as such, according to the teachings of Jesus, are entitled to our love and ministrations, both physical and spiritual. This tremendous truth was brought dynamically to the hearts of all who were privileged to be in attendance at the Alliance meeting — as men and women of all races, colors, and political affiliations met to worship one God and to pay allegiance to one Saviour, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Never again can those who heard this inspiring hymn being sung in all languages and tongues doubt that Jesus meant for His message and His love to break down all barriers among His children.

The state director has secured a plate especially for this publication so that churches all over the state might learn and use this song in their regular services. Single copies may be ordered by the hundred from the church music director at a nominal cost. They may be pasted in the back of the church hymnal.

JOHN OXENHAM

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1. In Christ there is no East nor West. In Him no South nor North;
2. In Him shall true hearts ev-'ry-where Their high com-mun-ion find;
3. Join hands then, broth-ers of the faith. What-e'er your race may be.
4. In Christ now meet both East and West, In Him meet South and North;



But one great fel-low-ship of love Through-out the whole wide earth.
His serv-ice is the gold-en cord Close-bind-ing all man-kind.
Who serves my Fa-ther as a son Is sure-ly kin to me.
All Christ-ly souls are one in Him Through-ut the whole wide earth.



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MISS LAVERNE ASHBY
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Announcing District WMU Conferences

Plans have been completed for the eight district WMU conferences to be held October 21-November 4. Miss Irene Chambers, field representative of the Home Mission Board, will be the inspirational speaker. The two state secretaries and state chairmen of community missions, mission study and stewardship will attend each meeting and lead conferences.

The schedule is as follows: Northwest District—Tuesday, October 21; West Central District—Clarksville, Wednesday, October 22; Southwest District—Arkadelphia, First, Thursday, October 23; Southeast District—Fordyce, Friday, October 24; Central District—Little Rock, Immanuel, Wednesday, October 29; East Central District—Forrest City, Thursday, October 30; Northeast District—Manila, Friday, October 31; and North Central District—Salem, Tuesday, November 4.

Increased Prices for 1948 Year and Guide Books

Because of increased cost of paper, ink, labor, etc., printing prices have increased accordingly. We refer particularly to the yearbooks and guidebooks. We have written personal letters explaining this matter to those who have placed advance orders. We take this opportunity of passing this information on to our WMU constituency in order for you to know the right amount to remit with your orders. Prices for these books for 1948 are as follows: Yearbooks, 15 cents each; Guidebooks, single copies, 10 cents, 12 copies, \$1, and 30 copies, \$2. Orders for these books will be filled by October 15.

Free copies will be sent as in former years to the WMS president, young people's director, counselors of all auxiliaries and to all circle chairmen. The free copies for the president will be sent about October 15. Free copies for others mentioned above will not be sent until the questionnaire requesting names and addresses is filled in by the president and returned to this office. None will be sent until the questionnaire is returned. We must look to the president to see that free copies are sent for these officers.

Echoes of State Mission Season of Prayer

"I want to report the observance of the State Mission Season of Prayer by the Missionary Society at Atkins. I was so thrilled with the wide scope of information the material contained and the women of Atkins did credit to themselves in their preparation and presentation of it. They will have a good offering I am sure when it has all been ingathered."—Mrs. E. J. A. McKinney.

The Missionary Society at Fordyce reports a splendid observance of the State Mission Season of Prayer and an initial offering of \$128. They hope to have many more contributions before remitting their offering. Their total offering last year was \$50.

After hearing of the spiritual needs in Arkansas in her Business Woman's Circle, a member said: "I did not know such spiritual destitution existed in Arkansas and I want to make an offering for this work." She, a widow with two children, made an offering of \$30.

Mrs. J. F. McKnight, of Bradley, sent a generous offering from the missionary society there, expressing deepest interest in the designations for building churches and for Mexican work.

With such encouraging reports as these coming from over the state, we are confidently expecting the largest offering for state missions ever made by the women and young people. Glean for your best offering, giving every member of every WMU organization and the women throughout your church an opportunity to share in it. Please remit same to your state WMU treasurer, 209 Radio Center, Little Rock.

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Help Needed

By L. B. SNIDER

Would you be interested in clothing a child in the Arkansas Baptist Children's Center? During the last three months we have admitted 30 children and many of these do not as yet have a Woman's Missionary Society to clothe them.

If you are interested in clothing a child, you may either purchase what he or she needs and send it to us or you may send us the money and we shall be glad to buy it for him. We are able to buy clothing, shoes, etc., at a discount and much of it wholesale and so may be able to make your money go further than you could. An added consideration for sending the money is that many of our children enjoy and need the experience of helping to select their own clothing. A box of clothing or the money for purchasing it is usually sent in twice a year, in the spring and in the fall.

54 Members Led 29 To Saviour

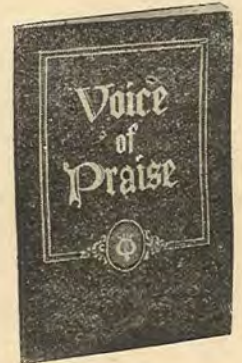
By CLAUDE STRIPLING
Pastor, Canfield Church

A recent revival at Canfield was one of the most powerful that I have been in. The three-year-old church had 54 members when the revival began. During the eight days there were 34 additions, 29 for baptism.

Pastor Robert D. Hughes, Oak Grove Church, Pine Bluff, did the preaching. Every seat was taken several nights with additional seats brought in from the Sunday School rooms. The power of God was manifest in many of the services and some came with tears streaming. Most of those who came were grown people and there were six married couples who joined, with nine out of the 12 coming on profession of faith.

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State Student Convention, October 31 - November 2, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock

Associational Youth Rally, October 31, 7:30 - 9:30 p. m., Second Church, Little Rock

(Student Union and Youth Rally Will Meet Together for the Friday Night Session.)



Dr. Grey

Music:

Bob McMillan, music and educational director, First Church, Benton, will be in charge of the Convention music. He is a senior in Ouachita and at one time was the director of the Ouachita College Choir. The Ouachita Choir and a quartet, both under the direction of Maxie Cleere, and soloists from the various campuses will furnish special music. Tom Landers, Jr., Ouachita College, will be organist.

Speakers:

Pastor Othar Smith, First Church, Heber Springs, will speak on "Christ Our Strength in Christian Living"; Dr. Walter L. Johnson, new pastor at First Church, Fayetteville, will speak on "Christ the Great Difference in Life's Decisions"; Miss Judith Pierce, formerly BSU president of Central College, "Student Missionaries in Hawaii"; Pastor W. O. Vaught, Immanuel Church, Little Rock, "Youth Needs Around the World"; Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor, Second Church, Little Rock, "It Takes Just One"; and Pastor W. H. Hicks, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, "Christ in Me the Great Difference"; Dr. J. D. Grey, First Church, New Orleans, "Christianity's Distinctive"; and a number of student speakers.



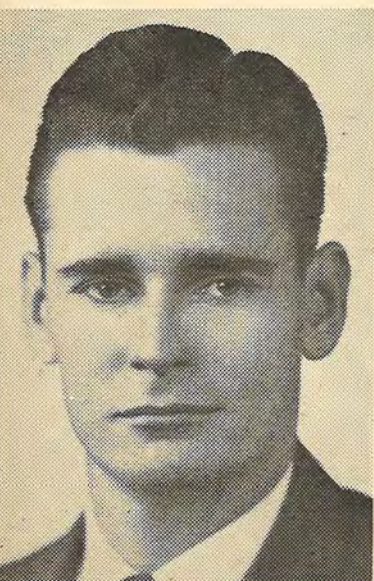
Pastor Hicks

Program:

The program includes a number of open forums, discussion groups, conferences, and student speakers. The Youth Rally is an effort to share the Convention with the youth and youth leaders of Greater Little Rock.

The program for Saturday afternoon will consist of directed social and recreational activities under the theme, "Christ the Great Difference in our Social Lives." The program of Saturday evening will feature pictures of the Copenhagen Baptist World Alliance, student missionary work in Hawaii, and a missionary tour of South America.

The Summer Field Workers will speak at the campfire service along with Ivyloy Bishop, Southwide RA Secretary, who has recently returned from a tour of all Southern Baptist mission points in Central and South America.



Secretary McCulloch

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President Reed

OCTOBER 12 IS LAYMEN'S DAY

The second Sunday of October is observed each year as Laymen's Day throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. Laymen's Day is sponsored by the Baptist Brotherhood of the South.

On Laymen's Day our churches will call attention to the place which Christian men hold in the program of the kingdom of God.

Laymen's Day is not observed simply in honor of the laymen. Its purpose is rather to help God's men to realize more clearly their responsibility as Christians.

In many of our churches a layman will bring the morning message on Laymen's Day; and perhaps the singing will be led by an all-men's choir.

Throughout the South special Laymen's Day broadcasts will carry messages by Dr. Francis Gaines, president of the University of Virginia, and by Lawson Cooke, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South. The following Arkansas radio stations will carry these messages:

- KELD, El Dorado.
- KOTN, Pine Bluff.
- KUOA, Siloam Springs.
- KFPW, Fort Smith.

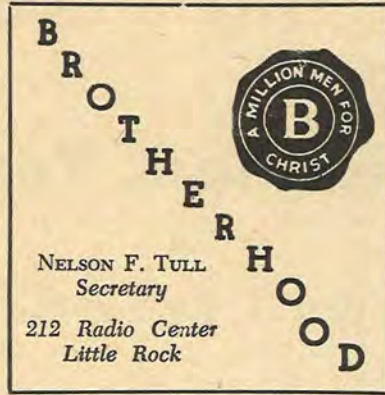
Listen to these excellent, timely messages of Christian men.

Brotherhood Inspires Pastor

A pastor who believes in his church Brotherhood as an instrument of real service, is Lawson Hatfield, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Ashdown. Pastor Hatfield writes: "Our Brotherhood meets each month with about 30 members present. These men in the early part of the summer, visited in the Peytonville community near here and invited the people to attend a meeting in order to organize a Sunday School for the community. There had been no services of any kind in the community for many months.

As a result the Sunday School was organized and is now functioning as a mission of our church. We recently held a Vacation Bible School and revival in this mission and the men supported this meeting with their presence and prayers. We worked and labored and prayed and visited for the week and as a result, on Saturday night, the closing night of the meeting, we witnessed the power of the Lord in that place, blessing the efforts put forth in this meeting.

"It is a small scattered community, but we saw nine people profess Christ at the close of that service. Two were adult workers



in the Vacation Bible School, one an aged man, and the rest were pupils of the Bible School. One whole household was won as a result of the meeting. A father, mother and daughter, all baptized into the fellowship of our church.

"I say that the work a small town pastor can put into his Brotherhood will repay in the winning of the lost to Christ and the strengthening of the membership of the church, as well as inspire the whole church."

Our church Brotherhoods are helping to build greater churches!

Year Old Church Has 725 Members

Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, observed its first anniversary August 30-31. Features of the celebration included an old-fashioned basket picnic on the church lawn on Saturday followed by a thanksgiving service. Three services were held on Sunday.

Evangelistic services began at the same time with Pastor Charles E. Lawrence doing the preaching. More than 100 people have been baptized during the church's first year, bringing the total membership to 725. Sunday School averaged 450 in attendance and the Training Union 260. With a budget of \$35,000 for its first year, the church received \$63,000 in tithes and offerings. Work on the second unit of the building program is now in progress. The two-story educational building, when completed, will provide for 650 in Sunday School and will have an auditorium seating 700 people.

Figures to Inspire

September 21, 1947

Church	S.S.	T.R.	Add.
Fort Smith, First	922	331	9
Little Rock, Immanuel	810	286	9
Including Missions	1094	476	11
Little Rock, First	744	284	1
Pine Bluff, First	716	225	3
El Dorado, First	713	151	3
Little Rock, Second	668	200	1
North Little Rock, Baring Cross	525	270	
Including Missions	565	294	
Benton, First	490	143	10
Including Missions	573		
Arkadelphia, First	479	220	20
Fort Smith, Immanuel	473	109	4
Hot Springs, Second	444	130	5
Including Missions	483	167	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	434	96	8
Camden, First	410	127	
Magnolia, Central	379	134	1
Hot Springs, Central	379	98	2
Hot Springs, Park			
Place	368	147	3
Pine Bluff, South Side	362	116	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	340	142	
Little Rock, Pulaski			
Heights	311		1
Paris, First	307	142	
Fordyce, First	305	129	4
Conway, First	300	69	9
Hot Springs, First	296	72	
Malvern, First	292	70	
Pine Bluff, Second	289	71	
Bauxite, First	277	101	2
Stuttgart, First	267	138	
Including Missions	289		
Cullendale, First	255	85	
Hamburg, First	252	195	1
Siloam Springs, First	251	141	
Fort Smith, Grand			
Avenue	239	101	
Monticello, First	237	109	4
Springdale, First	234	163	4
Including Missions	303		
Fort Smith, Calvary	232	61	
Smackover, First	227	61	3
Little Rock, South			
Highland	220	89	4
Rogers, First	219	83	
El Dorado, West Side	201	84	
Norphet, First	178	134	
Greenwood, First	175	82	
Texarkana, Calvary	169		1
Fort Smith, Bailey			6
Hill	135	71	
North Little Rock, Pike Avenue	131	75	
Mt. Ida, First	125	86	
Fort Smith, Oak Grove	121	71	6
Little Rock, Woodlawn	115	72	
South Fort Smith, First	107	21	
Monticello, Second	97	74	
Levy, First	97		
Warren, Immanuel	83	57	
North Little Rock, Grace	73	28	
Tuckerman, First	68	35	
Little Rock, Trinity	65	44	4
Vilonia, Beryl	63	55	
Fort Smith, Bethlehem	50	7	
Monticello, No. Side	44		
Little Rock, Bellevue	38	35	
Little Rock, Crystal			
Valley	37	41	
Little Rock, Biddle	31	16	

Smackover Church Helps Negro Group

By RALPH REASOR
First Church, Smackover

First Church, Smackover, recently assisted the First Baptist Church (Negro) of that city in a Vacation Bible School. The WMU organizations of both churches promoted the school.

A total of 110 were enrolled with an average attendance of 100. There were 12 workers from the white church and 13 from the colored church. Among the workers from the white church were three intermediate-age girls who surrendered their lives for special service at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly this year.


The Negro pastor conducted an evangelistic service on Wednesday and there were five conversions. The white ladies provided a picnic on the last day of the school.

The pastor of a neighboring colored church observed the activity on one of the days of the school and urgently requested one like that for his church next summer. Workers from both churches were unanimous in saying that they had received many blessings from the school.

Joy is not in things; it is in us. —Wagner.

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Have You Thought of Going Full-Time?

Most of the rural churches set up their programs from one annual meeting of the association until the next. Many of them still have the "annual call" of the pastor. Such calls are usually for the associational year. The salary stated is on the same basis. So, during this season of the year many changes likely will be made.

Some churches should consider a change in the number of preaching days. What about going from one-fourth time preaching to half-time? Have you thought about carrying on a "full-time" program? If the churches near each other become pastorless, or if one is without a pastor, why not both call the same man?

This is a good time of the year to form some pastoral fields. Do you know of two half-time churches near each other? Or, do you know of a half-time and two other churches which are fourth-time, all near one another? Suppose each church calls a different man and each man lives a great distance away. That would mean that none of the churches would have the benefit of a resident pastor. But if those two half-time churches called the same man, he also could live in their vicinity to lead all churches in a well-rounded program.

Many pastoral fields have been formed this year and as a result those rural churches have the benefit of a resident pastor. One was recently formed near Harrison, and Brother Guy Hopper serves as pastor. Three churches near Star City have agreed to call the same man and already have secured a house, but they have not made the call. Still other churches are working toward the same thing. Many such fields ought to be formed.

Mission Tract Available

A little tract on associational missions was mailed out to all the pastors of the state. The Mission Committee feels that such a tract will help all coordinate the mission work in the various associations. Certainly a definite mission program ought to be outlined in each association.

The program ought to be adopted by the association so that all pastors and churches will know

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how the associational mission money will be spent and what type of work the missionary will do. There are plenty of these tracts on hand for further distribution if any person would like to have more.

There is no desire on the part of the Mission Department to try to dedicate the policies in the various associations but it is the hope that the tract and other information and aid which can be furnished will help to promote mission work in every section of the state.

Help for Your Building Program

All over the state churches are launching out in building programs. Several churches have been helped financially this year in building new houses of worship. Perhaps the suggestion ought to be offered that before building a new house of worship the Architectural Department of the Sunday School Board ought to be consulted as to a modern type of building.

Too many churches are building without taking into consideration any of the church organizations. They are building only a four-wall construction without any rooms of any kind. The architectural department will be glad to furnish materials and suggestions for the latest types of church building. Just as the homes are planned according to modern architecture and added conveniences of this modern age so should the churches be built to meet the needs of this new day.

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Stamps Pastor Reports Second Great Revival

By WAIF HAMILTON
First Church, Stamps

Last year the Lord gave us a great revival, said to have been the greatest on record, under the direction of Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick of Hot Springs. There were 40 additions to the church and a great spiritual impetus that demonstrated itself in all the work of the church throughout the year.

Though we were able to secure Dr. Alfred Carpenter, of the Home Mission Board, to do the preaching and Frank Adams to direct the music this year, there was some fear that this meeting might not measure up to that of last year. But in spite of all the doubt born of the traditional saying that a church can't have two great revivals in succession, the Spirit of the Lord was present from the very first service.

Great crowds attended every service, and the attendance constantly increased until the standing room was taken on the closing night. Several men closed their businesses and brought their employees to the services.

Visible results were 41 professions of faith, 39 additions by baptism, and 12 by letter. Four people surrendered their lives to special service and numbers of people rededicated their lives. The entire community felt the impact

of spiritual power. Many entire families were saved. It was my privilege to baptize nine adult men and nine adult women.

The evangelistic team was invited back for next year's revival.

Seeking to conserve the results of the meeting by more effective Bible teaching, the church had Dr. Edgar Williamson, director of the Department of Religious Education, and six departmental workers lead an enlargement campaign in September.

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Cause For Greatness

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — (BP)— Schools and parents alike should teach children "that America is not great because of her material wealth but because of her God," Dr. P. W. Alexander, dean of East Tennessee State College, told a Parent-Teacher Association group here.

Dr. Alexander also suggested that the effectiveness of parent-teacher cooperation could be increased by heightening the dignity of teachers and more frequent visits by parents to the school.

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Friendship is a mighty factor in this hard world, since by friendship comes self-forgetfulness, and no man does great work unless he forgets self.—Jeffrey Farnol.

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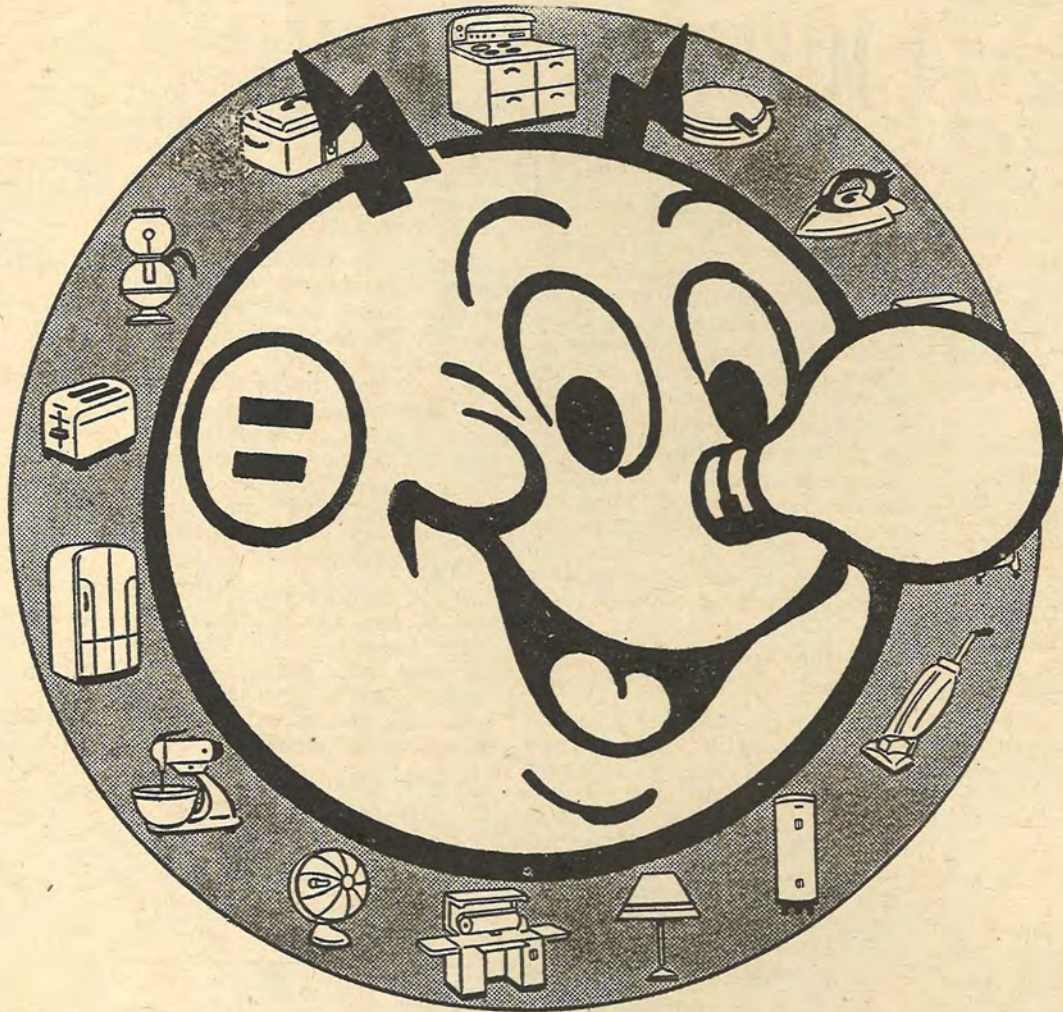
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Christian Faith Rests Upon God's Revelation of Himself

By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Sunday School Lesson For October 5

Heb. 1:1-4; 2:1-3; John 14:5-11

the gospel gives us the very things that the law professed to give, but much more effectually.

God's Final Word

Verses one and two of the opening chapter of Hebrews declare that God's final word was spoken to humanity through his Son. "God having of old times spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by divers portions and in divers manners, hath at the end of these days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds."

Here we have the two methods of revelation contrasted (Dum-melow). "Judaism rested on the Old Testament as its authority; Christianity rests on the revelation in Christ. The earlier revelation was fragmentary, and limited by the limited human nature of the prophets through whom it came; the later revelation is a unity coming through that one person in whom Sonship to God has been perfected, and who therefore, most adequately represents the divine nature."

The author (v. 4ff.) proceeds to set forth his argument for the supremacy of Christ. Jesus is declared to be superior to the angels by nature though He had for awhile, on earth, the lowly abode of the incarnation whereby He was able to learn to sympathize with us, taking our own nature upon Him in order to become our adequate high priest (2:5-18). In this way He tasted "death for every man" and became as the author of our salvation "perfect through sufferings" (Heb. 2:10).

Jesus is likewise set forth as superior to Moses who is regarded as the founder of the national religion (3:1-6). "For he hath been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much as he that built the house hath more honor than the house" (Heb. 3:3).

Christ Jesus, therefore, is to be looked upon as the final Word of God—the last Door. It is His privilege to bestow the "promised rest" to which Joshua alluded. He is the High Priest, our Saviour.

Drifting Away

The opening verses of Chapter 2 shout one of the most solemn warnings to be found in God's Word. "Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them. For if the word spoken through angels proves steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation?"

The readers of the epistle were in danger of doing exactly the thing that the author was warning them against—they were in danger of drifting away from the teachings they had received concerning the Son of God. And that is the gravest danger that Christians of every generation have to face. It is so easy for one to profess faith in Christ as Saviour and Lord and to manifest a fair degree of loyalty for a season and then to "drift" farther and farther away from the will and purpose of God.

What one believes has a decided effect upon what one does in life. "As a man thinketh in his heart so is he." That is why the Apostle Paul enjoined his fellow Christians to have within them the same mind "which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 2:5ff.).

Protestants, and Baptists in particular, have not spent enough time in indoctrinating their young Christians. Too much is taken for granted. Unless a person has theological "bottom" to his beliefs and to his Christian life he is not apt to stand firmly in hours of temptation and supreme trial. Creed is important. And it is nothing short of imperative that more attention be given to doctrinal teachings in our churches. We need to believe and to know what we believe and why we believe!

Way . . . Truth . . . Life

In John 14:6 we have what might be regarded as the "10 words" of the New Testament. They set forth in the New Testament an interpretation of the character and mission of the Messiah that may well stand over against the 10 words setting forth the moral law in the Old Testament.

Christ is a "way" of life. That is what Paul is talking about in the 13th chapter of 1 Corinthians. He is setting forth "a most excellent way" (1 Cor. 12:31).

Moreover, Christ is the truth, not merely a truth or "some truth." He is the final revelation of God concerning His plan for redemption of the world.

Some of the late manuscripts attribute the epistle to Paul in the title as is set forth in the King James Version of our Bible. But the older manuscripts have as the title "To the Hebrews."

The aim and object of the epistle is clear to the careful reader from the very beginning. The Christians addressed are evidently in danger of falling away from their faith and apostatising altogether. So desperate does their condition appear to the author, that he feels it necessary to expostulate in the gravest terms. It is no fascination of the world luring them away from their original consecration that occasions this danger.

The Hebrews are discouraged to almost the extent of despair, because they do not see how the gospel can offer them anything like compensation for what they have lost in being cast out of the synagogue on account of their confession of the Nazarene. This is the condition that the epistle has to face. The method of meeting it is to boldly challenge the vaunted, venerable Judaism in its very citadel, the Levitical law.

The author institutes a comparison between Christianity and Judaism, or rather between Christ and the chief personages of Judaism—for with him "Christianity is Christ"—in order to show that Christ is their superior in their very points of excellency, and that

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MALACHI 3:10

Boone-Carroll Association

Boone-Carroll Association met in its annual session last week. The service was held in New Hope Church near Omaha. New Hope is a rural church, erected under the leadership of Pastor Elmer Cox. It is a commodious, and elegant building. It is rock veneered. More than 100 attend Sunday School, Sunday by Sunday.

Pastor Cox was for some time one of our state missionaries, and he was a good one. While state missionary he planted the seeds for the rehabilitation of the work there at New Hope. When he resigned the mission work he took the pastorate and has established a great church. He is a mighty preacher. He was a good host to the association. An exceedingly large crowd attended the meetings.

Pastor Gray Evans, of Berryville, is the moderator, and Pastor E. E. Griever, Harrison, is the vice-moderator. W. F. Odell, of Omaha, is the clerk. Evans, like many of these young moderators, moved on in the session with wisdom and grace. These young men have a great deal "on the ball." He opened the meeting on schedule. He is doing a good work as pastor in Berryville.

Missionary G. E. Lafferty had a glowing report. Lafferty is a dependable, hard working missionary. His work has been constructive throughout the association. The work at Alpena, under the leadership of B. L. Dorman, has shown marked improvement. They say Dorman really makes a touchdown when he preaches. Pastor A. E. Bressler is doing the work of two men at Blue Eye. He is preaching and doing educational work in connection with his pastorate.

J. W. Hinderson has been for a long time a successful school man, but is doing great preaching at Burlington. Perry Fitchue is moving along with full-time work in the Denver Church. This church is making good progress under his leadership.

Eureka Springs has enjoyed the preaching and sincere, straight-forward leadership of W. T. Coston for a longer time than they usually are blessed with a good pastor. Coston is an earnest, sincere, trustworthy leader. He has done a splendid work in Eureka Springs. Truman Logan is pastor of Gaither and Hope-well churches. These are important churches, and Truman is leading them out into larger fields of vision. He is pastor half-time at each place.

Russell Hunt is pastor at Grandview for half-time, and is also pastor at Oak Grove. He is a sincere man of the Lord. J. F. Bow is pastor at Green Forest. Bow is a mighty preacher. He preached a doctrinal sermon at the association which rang so true to Baptist tradition and Bible teaching.

Pastor Griever is one of our great leaders. He is a man of good vision and is strong in pungent pulpit work. He has been at Harrison nearly a score of years. Everybody believes in him, and his church follows him. G. V. Logan has been pastor at Lead Hill. The church has taken on new life, and the saints there are marching forward.

Troy Eoff is pastor of Mt. Zion Church at Hill Top for half-time. He is a hard worker and an earnest preacher. For some time the Omaha saints have been led by Pastor C. R. McCollum. He is an earnest, busy, consecrated man and is excellent in the pulpit. Rock House is a mission station, and H. F. Fisher who is at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, is leading them, and is also working with the mission station at Mundell.

Rock Springs is a good church, and Champ-lin is doing a good ministry. Hugh McGehee is preaching half-time at Shady Grove.