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Stand Firm In The Faith Keep Our Youth Anchored

By G. KEARNIE KEEGAN
Secretary of Student Work, Sunday School Board

One result which has come out of the newly formed National Council of Churches is that lines of strategy followed by several ecumenical movements have been consolidated. Realizing our Baptist students and student leaders would be confronted with many questions from within and without our ranks a bulletin dealing with this matter was prepared. Several requests were received for permission to reprint the document. Since apparently it has been of genuine worth to some, we felt it might help all our Baptist people to face more intelligently and in the spirit of Christ this question. With a prayer that it may be of service the bulletin is given below.

Autonomy of Churches Safeguarded

In this day when there is so much emphasis on ecumenicity and so much is being made of the fact that Southern Baptists as a major denomination are not organically connected with these movements, it may be well for us to re-state our position. The emphasis of Southern Baptists has always been on the autonomy and independence of the local church. This conviction has stemmed from our adherence to what we believe to be the simple, obvious teachings of the New Testament unhampered by traditional ecclesiasticism.

Local Baptist churches voluntarily band themselves together in district associations, state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention, but preserve the centrality and autonomy of the local church through safeguards.

1. Messengers elected by the local churches to represent them have no delegated authority which would make any action taken by them binding upon the local churches which they represent.

2. The three principal organizations to which local Baptist churches send messengers (the Association, State Convention or General Association, and Southern Baptist Convention) work together on a purely voluntary basis without any interlocking organization. No association or state convention is entitled to send messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention — only local churches which qualify according to prescribed prerequisites. The converse is true. Each organization has its own qualifications for membership and is autonomous.

3. The Southern Baptist Convention by the nature of its organization, constitution, and by-laws is powerless to join any ecumenical movement and speak authoritatively for the local churches. The same is true of the state conventions and associations.

Concerning the whole question of ecumenicity we must face the fact that no authority is delegated to any individual, committee, or convention to federate the Southern Baptist Convention with these movements. We have the right and privilege as individuals and local churches to co-operate with any worthwhile Christian movement, but with the clear understanding that we act as individuals or a single unit and are not presuming to speak for other Baptists.

Conviction, Not Bigotry Basis of Our Position

There are others who bear not the name

Baptist whose love for the Lord Jesus Christ is genuine, obvious, and sincere. We would not infer by our position that there are no Christians outside of Southern Baptist ranks. Heaven help us, if that were true! But we would state emphatically and unequivocally that the genius of our co-operative effort, based on what we believe to be the inspired Word of God, leaves no other alternative than to maintain our present position.



Our first responsibility is to do our own job well. There is no need for any one to feel embarrassed about our stand. It is, we believe, Scriptural, time-honored, and blessed of God. May we urge you as leaders of students to make clear this position to our Baptist students and to other groups who may misunderstand us.

There can be no answer for the phenomenal growth of Southern Baptists, with each of her 27,000 churches autonomous and all of the co-operating groups autonomous and independent, other than the indisputable fact that our cohesiveness is not of man but of the Holy Spirit and the result of our being "one in faith and doctrine, and one in loyalty" to the truth of the New Testament as we see it.

Anticipated Trend

Beyond a doubt we can anticipate a tidal wave of ecumenical pressure to roll over the campuses in the near future. These friends who espouse this movement are sincere in their belief that this is the answer to Christendom's dire need in this dark hour. Certainly no one will be critical of their honest efforts. Many will co-operate on a fraternal basis in areas that in no wise call for compromise of convictions or principles. All will be quick to recognize the danger of becoming involved in "everybody's business" and letting our specific assignment go unattended.

In the face of this anticipated trend we pledge you our prayers and give you this loving admonition: "Stand firm in the faith"—Keep our young people anchored in the local church and be thou an example in love, compassion, understanding, courtesy, humility, and every other Christ-like characteristic.

A Prayer

A Devotion by the Editor

"... thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance."

Our Father, we cannot encompass Thee, but Thou canst encompass us. We are finite, Thou art infinite; we are limited, Thou unrestricted; we are frail, Thou art strong; we are ignorant, Thou art all wisdom; we are needy, Thou art able to do for us all we need; we are sinful, Thou art holy and forgiving.

We reach out with timid, palsied hands, and realize that we cannot embrace Thee in Thine entirety. We know Thee, and yet we know Thee only in part, for the human mind cannot fully know the mind of the infinite. We are conscious of Thy presence, and yet our consciousness cannot contain the fullness of deity. We love Thee, but our love is often faltering and even our responses to Thy great love is often jerky, hesitant, and mixed with our own personal interests.

Our faculties, Lord, are imprisoned within finite and human limitations. We are often conscious of a struggle within us. It is our imprisoned faculties struggling to be free from the limitations which hinder their full and free expression of love and faith and service.

We are limited by circumstances, environment often inhibits our responses, temptations constantly harass us. Confusion and frustration overtake us and we find ourselves floundering in a sea of uncertainty.

We do not want it so, Lord; it is because we are so limited that we cannot encompass Thee or fully grasp the whole of Thee. But in our bewilderment and hopelessness, a blessed fact dawns upon us and a wonderful truth thrills our hearts!

While we may but touch the hem of Thy garment, Thou dost envelop the whole of us. Thy wisdom covers all the facts of life of which we are ignorant. At Thy word the sea of life, which we cannot calm, becomes peaceful and still. In the embrace of Thy love we forget the unloveliness which has marred the landscape of life. We are fortified by Thy strength until we can join the apostle in saying, "I can do all things through Christ who strengtheneth me."

Therefore, oh God, may we rest in Thy embrace and feel Thy enveloping love and mercy and grace. So shall the shackles that bind us be broken and our faculties, though limited, be invested with divine dynamics. In the name of Jesus: Amen.

"Thou art my hiding place; thou shalt preserve me from trouble; thou shalt compass me about with songs of deliverance." Psalms 32:7.

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From The Editor's Desk

An Example of Repentance And Faith

A condensation of a sermon from the Editor's book, "From Bondage To Freedom," published by the Broadman Press.

In the story of the prodigal son, we have revealed that course of life which leads to ruin. But the story is not one-sided; it also gives the course of victorious living.

This story, besides its obvious application to those who go to extremes in sinful indulgences, is applicable to all people who separate their lives from God.

Life Apart from God

The person who lives apart from God takes his possessions out of the hands of God just as the prodigal son took his possessions out of the estate of his father. It is the attitude that what I possess is mine to do with as I please, without regard for one's fellow man or one's own place in the economic structure.

This attitude is responsible for all the economic inequalities and maladjustments which produce poverty and want, avarice and greed, conflicts and wars. It is inconceivable that all these conditions could exist if all the people of the world would recognize and practice their stewardship under God. They deny the ownership of God, they deny His rights with their possessions, they take them of God's hands only to waste, squander, and exhaust them in their own selfish living.

Persons with this attitude take their personal powers out of the employment of God just as the prodigal son took his personal powers out of the employment of his father. They proclaim themselves independent beings with the right to spend their lives, use their powers, and employ their talents according to their own desires and inclinations.

The story is familiar to every pastor and Christian worker. We plead with men and women to yield their lives to God, and they counter with the argument that their working hours must be spent in gainful employment and that their leisure hours must be spent in recreation to obtain relaxation from the strain of their employment. Therefore, they have no time left for God.

He Came to Want

The same attitude separates one from the family of God just as the prodigal son separated himself from his father's family and home. To become a member of God's family, they think, would mean to restrict one's activities, inhibit one's desires, cramp one's expression, and prevent the free use of one's possessions. Therefore, people think that they must break away from the family of God in order to live in freedom and independence. They refuse to submit to what they term the restrictions, limitations, and prohibitions of the Christian life. So they take their lives, with their life potentialities, out of the hands of God just as the prodigal son took his life potentialities out of the hands of his father.

To pursue such a course of life, one is cer-

tain to come to want. There is no alternative. Want is the inevitable conclusion of such a life, because life's resources are exhausted without being replenished, life energies are used up without being nourished, and life powers are consumed without being reinforced. Jesus used a simple illustration to teach this truth of life. He pictured the branch which is cut from the vine. It lives for a little while, it has enough life substance in it to keep up the appearance of life for a few days, but it is doomed to die because it is cut off from the source of life. So is every one who lives apart from God.

Experience of Repentance

In the story of the prodigal son we have illustrated the experiences of repentance and faith. The prodigal son came to himself—it was a startling realization. He realized that the course of life which he had chosen was producing exactly the opposite results from what he had expected. He discovered that he was growing in poverty instead of riches; that he was growing in weakness instead of strength; that he was growing in misery instead of joy; that he was growing in loneliness instead of conviviality. This is the condition that everyone is destined to discover who takes his life and life powers and resources out of the hands of God. There are many who make the discovery too late.

When the prodigal son realized to what end his chosen course of life was leading him, when he thus came to himself, a change took place in his thinking and in his attitude. Repentance means change or turning about. "I perish," he said, "and in contrast to my situation, my father has plenty and is generous with what he has." This was a complete reversal of his thinking and his attitude. He has discovered that what he once spurned and scorned, that what he once became restless to get away from, that what he once considered a narrow and restricted life—he has discovered that by these things the true riches of life are created, the true values of life are conserved, and the true liberties of life are enjoyed.

On the other side of the ledger he discovered that what he once considered liberty turns out to be bondage, that what he once considered pleasurable has turned out to be misery. The prodigal son has completely reversed himself. That is repentance.

Experience of Faith

He now makes a new resolution: "I will arise and go to my father." That is faith. He acted upon that resolution at once, he went.

I have read the story of a father who was greatly troubled about his son who had gone wrong. The boy wrote to his father tremblingly and fearfully, as if to ask whether there

was any hope. The father sent the boy a telegram consisting of one word: And that one word was "Home." And it was signed "Father." The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ is God's telegram to the sinful world, and it may be summed up in one word, "Home," and it, too, is signed, "Father."

New Status of Life

In the story of the prodigal son we have illustrated the new status of life resulting from repentance and faith. There is an humble plea, "I am not worthy, receive me only as a servant." Even a servant in the household of the Father has more riches, joys, and more freedom than those who undertake to live in the free exercise of their lives apart from and out of relation with him. Just to get back into fellowship with God, on any basis, even the basis of a servant, is enough to satisfy any soul that has become tired in its wandering from God, and it finds welcome rest in His presence.

There is an interesting story of a ship sailing from the Orient on which was a large number of caged birds. At about mid-ocean one restless bird escaped from his cage, and in an ecstasy of delight swept through the air, away from its prison. But after many hours he appeared again, struggling toward the ship with heavy wings, and panting and breathless settled upon the deck. He had sought from over the boundless deep the ship again, now no longer a prison, but his home. So it is with the restless human heart that breaks away from the restraints of God and Christianity; to the tired and weary soul, these restraints become its home and the true liberties of life.

Upon his return the prodigal son experiences a gracious restoration to the fulness of life: a robe in place of his rags, the ring and sandals of a free man in place of bondage and servitude, and a feast in place of his hunger. The father uses very strong language: "This my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." What more graphic picture could we have of the return of the sinner to God?

The superintendent of a mission school read the text, "My yoke is easy." Turning to the children she asked, "Who can tell me what a yoke is?" A little girl said, "Something they put on the necks of animals." Then the teacher inquired, "What is the meaning of God's yoke?" All were silent for a moment, when the hand of a four-year-old child went up and she said, "God putting his arms around our necks." Could there be a better interpretation?

Every prodigal may experience the embrace of the Heavenly Father—an embrace which is not a burden to the soul but the lifting of the soul's burden; not a restriction of the powers of life but the release of life powers; not the bondage of life but the liberty of life.

Why, then, will not every prodigal son of man arise and go to the waiting Father? If these prodigals knew what was awaiting them, what the Father was prepared to give them, and the welcome they would receive, surely they would resolve to arise and go to the Father.

Kingdom Progress

Southern Baptist Church Organized In Michigan



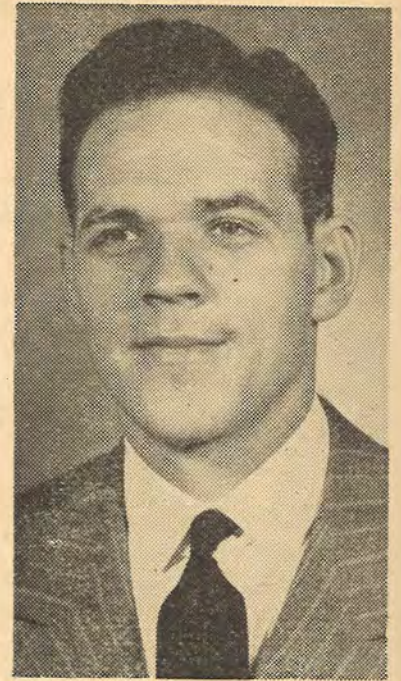
The Mount Pleasant Baptist Church was organized, January 21, in Flint, Michigan. The membership of the new church is made up of Southern Baptists and the church is co-operating with the Greene County Association and the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

Thirty-seven persons presented their church letters upon the basis of which they declared their purpose to organize a Baptist church and to become charter members. The Articles of Faith and the Church Covenant as found

in Pendleton's Manual were read and adopted by the group. Also the constitution was adopted and officers of the new church were elected: Lee Smith, moderator; Doyle Ledbetter, clerk; and George Thomas, treasurer. The charter was left open for two weeks at which time the church reported 62 charter members.

The organizing council was composed of George Archer, H. T. Starkey, Tom Syble, Wayne Gardner, and Amos Greer.

Halsell Awarded Degree



THOMAS ERLE HALSELL

Thomas Erle Halsell was awarded the Th.D. degree recently at convocation opening the spring term of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. Mr. Halsell is the son of Pastor and Mrs. W. C. Halsell, Little Rock.

Thomas Erle is now pastor of the Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, succeeding his brother, Aubrey Halsell, who has been called into military service as chaplain.

Mr. Halsell is an A.B. graduate from Ouachita College. Throughout his student years both in Ouachita and in the Southern Seminary, he has been active in the pastorate and also in revival meetings.

When stationed in Alaska, Aubrey Halsell was instrumental in organizing the first Baptist church established in Alaska. The Poplar Avenue Church, Memphis, was organized by him in 1948 and now has a membership of 762, with property valued at \$200,000.

Evangelist Morris Assisted Daniel's Chapel in Meeting

Evangelist W. J. Morris, Pine Bluff, was with the Daniel's Chapel Church in the Delta Association and Pastor Charles Holland in revival services, February 18-28. There were 15 additions to the church, 11 of whom came by baptism. There were also three volunteers for special service.

Liberty Church, White County Ordains Deacons

The ordination of deacons, Grover Jones, Fred Bratcher, and A. P. Gaines, was conducted Sunday afternoon, March 4, at the Liberty Church, White County association, Bill Lewis, pastor.

The ordaining council was composed of Bill Lewis, moderator; H. L. Lewis, who delivered the ordination sermon; J. Wesley Hoover gave the charge to the candidates; Glen Giles gave the charge to the church; and J. B. Kemper, who offered the ordination prayer.

The Liberty Church has the rotating system of deaconship.

Billy Dunn Ordained

Billy Dunn, a junior in Ouachita College, was ordained by Second Church, Arkadelphia, S. M. Cooper, pastor, to the full gospel ministry.

The ordination council was composed of S. M. Cooper, moderator; J. C. Myers, clerk; E. R. Porter, Bill Lewis, Henry Chesser, L. C. Tedford, George T. Blackmon, Joseph W. Davis, James E. Powers, James E. Thompson, Clifford L. Palmer, and T. W. Bledsoe.

Mr. Blackmon presented the questions and James Powers led in the ordination prayer. Mr. Tedford delivered the ordination sermon.


Mr. Dunn is pastor of the Beawnstorm Church.

Baptist Beliefs Emphasized on "Baptist Hour"

"This I believe" is the theme for the Baptist Hour Broadcast by Charles Wellborn during the months of April, May, and June. You will note from the following messages that the broadcast will deal with fundamental Baptist doctrines: God, Christ, the Holy Spirit, all men are lost, repentance, faith and salvation, heaven, the church, baptism, the

Lord's Supper, missions, the responsibility of the individual, and the second coming of Christ.

The stations over which the broadcasts may be heard in Arkansas and the time of the broadcasts are listed week by week in the Arkansas Baptist.



Listen to the
BAPTIST HOUR

Date: March 18

Speaker: Charles Wellborn

Subject:
"This Is the Victory"

Arkansas Stations:

KTHS, Hot Springs, 2:30 p. m.
KENA, Mena
KXLR, Little Rock, 12:15 p. m.
KDRS, Paragould, 1:30 p. m.
KUOA, Siloam Springs, 4:30 p. m.

'Christ For Me' Theme of B. S. U. Revival



Milton DuPriest



John Jolly

By SAMMY GRAY

It was in Ridgecrest last summer that a B. S. U. president began to pray that God would visit his campus with a great Youth revival. This young man was Roy Fish, a student at the University of Arkansas from Abilene, Texas. At the same time in far away Hawaii, Willis Moore, who was engaging in student mission work, was praying for a student revival that would reach all the students. Other students, who had been active in B. S. U. work and were carrying on various religious activities such as summer field missions in Arkansas, or vacation Bible schools in their home churches, were also praying for a campus revival.

Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of First Church, Fayetteville, and the evangelistic committee recommended to the church a spring youth revival. The church readily accepted this plan in an effort to reach all the students and young people in a church wide revival program. Toward the close of 1950 plans began to materialize for the campaign. Early in December the first student prayer meeting for the revival was held at the B.S.U.

Center. This meeting was spontaneous and the prayer meetings have continued since that date. These consecrated Christian students are really concerned and anxious for this special campaign to win students to Christ.

Before the Christmas holidays began the B. S. U. Executive Committee for the revival, composed of the B. S. U. president, Roy Fish, B. S. U. treasurer, Willis Moore, and the Student Secretary, R. Allan Brickey, met with Dr. Johnson and invited Milton DuPriest, a student in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, to be the evangelist in the revival. John Jolly, Memphis, Tennessee, and a student in music at the Fort Worth Seminary, will have charge of the music.

The date for the revival campaign is April 15-25. The B. S. U. Executive Committee appointed the following committee chairman for the youth revival: Music, Nancy Howard; Visitation, Willis Moore; Usher and Hospitality, Graydon Dodson; Publicity, Sammy Gray; Counsel and Seminars, Weir Riggs; Spiritual preparation, Joyce Peterson.

Invitation to Hawaii

By VICTOR KOON, *Field Secretary*
Hawaiian Mission, Honolulu

We extend a hearty invitation to Southern Baptists who are going to San Francisco for the Convention, to come on over to Hawaii and attend the summer encampment July 2-7.

Take this opportunity of visiting the mission field and enjoy days of fellowship at Puu Ka Hea, beside the sea.

Steamship reservations should be made immediately with Matson Navigation Company, 215 Market Street, or American President Lines, 311 California Street, San Francisco, California. Planes may be chartered for 50 persons.

If interested, write Baptist Headquarters, 211 Merchant Street, Honolulu, Hawaii, Victor Koon, Field Secretary.

Pastoral Change

Curtis Bull of Thornburg has accepted the call to the pastorate of the Houston Church.

Shorewood Hills, Malvern Has Twenty-five Additions

Evangelist Tom Lindley was with the Shorewood Hills Church, Malvern, Raymond Marks, pastor, for a two weeks revival meeting, February 19-March 2. There were 25 additions for baptism and 11 by letter.

Evangelist Lindley is pastor of the Elliott Church. He is a graduate of the Southern Seminary, Louisville.

Donald Travis, a Ouachita College student, led the singing for the revival meeting.

Negro Baptist Group Opens Sanitarium and Bathhouse

A \$250,000 sanitarium and bathhouse was formally opened by the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., a Negro body, during its annual sessions in Hot Springs.

A denominational official said the opening "marks the culmination of the greatest undertaking by any Negro religious group, and will render a needed service in the name of our religious forces to our racial group."

The bathhouse, containing 14 tubs, will begin operating at once; the sanitarium, in a few months.

Music and Youth Director First Church, Prescott



Charles Miller

Charles Miller, a ministerial student in Ouachita College, has accepted the duties as Music Director and Youth Worker with First Church, Prescott. Mr. Miller is the son of Pastor Audie Miller, Clinton.

MacArthur Church Received Eight

MacArthur Church, near McGehee, Melvin Greer, pastor, had Claude Crigler, Missionary of White River Association, in a revival meeting February 18-28. There were six professions of faith, six for baptism, one by letter, and one by statement.

Pastor Greer is a senior in the McGehee High School and plans to enter Ouachita College next fall.

Letter from Manila

Dear Brother Duncan:

We landed in Korea just one year ago, and since we have had a rather checkered career, I thought Arkansas Baptist readers might like to know what the year has done for their Arkansas missionary. We spent four wonderful months in Korea, six enjoyable weeks in Japan waiting for the situation to clear, then had a two weeks cruise on a freighter enroute to Manila. We arrived August 27, and went to Baguio to meet our other missionaries and have a part in organizing the "Philippine Mission." The six months in Manila have been different to any we have ever known. This has really been pioneer work, since we did not have a single Baptist to start with, and still have not been able to get "bonified Baptists" to carry on the work. One church was organized last summer at Baguio and Dr. Crawley was called to be their pastor. They are happy with him, but all realize that a Chinese church really needs a Chinese pastor.

Our congregation is growing and we feel that we will soon be able to organize a church in Manila. We need your prayers for all these new enquirers who are hoping to be baptized soon. Most of them are young people so we also need to pray for experienced Christians who will assume responsibilities, financial and otherwise.

Sincerely

Mrs. J. A. Abernathy,
415 M. H. Del Pilar Street
Manila, Philippines.

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By Religious News Service

Churchmen Seek Cut-off Date on UMT

Religious groups opposed to enactment of permanent universal military training are preparing to wage a last-ditch fight against such legislation before the House Armed Services Committee in Washington.

With passage of the legislation by the Senate virtually certain, religious agencies are marshalling testimony to be presented to the House committee when it opens hearings.

The major effort of religious groups will be directed toward inserting a cut-off date in the new Universal Military Training and Service Act. As presently drafted the legislation is permanent, which means that it would require an act of Congress to repeal or modify it.

"This fact of permanence makes all the difference in the world," said Dr. Alexander Stewart of Washington, D. C., former associate secretary of the commission on world peace of The Methodist Church. He is one of the religious leaders actively working against the present bill on Capitol Hill.

"If once enacted on a permanent basis," Dr. Stewart said, "it will be difficult, if not impossible, to rid ourselves of such a system of military training, no matter what transpires in world affairs. We will have the millstone of militarism about our neck."

D.C. Commissioner Nominee Draws Fire of Churchmen

Washington clergymen have opened a battle against Senate confirmation of F. Joseph Donohue, who has been nominated as a District of Columbia Commissioner by President Truman.

The nomination has been condemned by both the Washington Ministerial Union and the Washington Federation of Churches.

The District of Columbia, which has no elected municipal government, is governed by a board of three appointed commissioners who serve rotating three-year terms.

Edward B. Willingham, president of the ministerial union and pastor of National Memorial Baptist church, presented to the Senate District of Columbia committee a petition signed by more than 100 clergymen protesting the nomination.

Three issues were raised by the ministers: (1) that the selection of a commissioner had been more undemocratic than usual in that Mr. Donohue's name had not appeared on any lists of prospective candidates submitted to the White House and Congress by civic leaders in Washington; (2) that Mr. Donohue in many years of residence in Washington has never taken part in civic affairs; and (3) that he has devoted his legal practice largely to representing the liquor industry.

The Rev. Frederick E. Reissig, executive secretary of the Washington Federation of Churches, told the committee that churchmen believe it unsound practice to place a man "who for many years has been an intimate associate of the liquor industry" in a position of control over the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board.

Catholic Missioner Pays Tribute to Dr. Wallace

Tribute to the career of Dr. William Wallace, Southern Baptist missionary doctor who died in a Chinese Communist prison, was paid in New York City, by a Roman Catholic priest who was a missionary in the same city with him.

Thomas Brack of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America (Maryknoll Fathers) said that "the only possible sentence" the Communists could have passed on Dr. Wallace was "that he went about doing good."

In a letter to The New York Times, Father Brack told how Dr. Wallace, head of the Stout Memorial Hospital in Wuchow, ministered to the physical ailments of the Maryknoll missionaries of that area, and said they "esteemed his friendship."

He accused the Communists of fabricating charges against Dr. Wallace and two Maryknoll leaders who were arrested about the same time as the Baptist missionary.

"Guns or opium were 'planted' in their rooms," he said, "and when these were 'discovered' the victims were jailed."

"Though governments may come and go," Father Brack wrote, Dr. Wallace "will be mourned by thousands of Chinese at whose bedside he sat."

Parochial School Bus Bill Killed in Montana

A bill to permit parochial school pupils to ride in public school buses where space is available was killed by a committee of the Montana House.

The committee reported adversely on the measure, even though its supporters had pointed out that school districts were not obligated to provide additional space nor send buses out of their routes to pick up the parochial school children. Little organized support or opposition to the bill appeared while it was in committee.

A similar measure died in the last legislative session two years ago.

Baptists to Construct 25 Cottages in Day

Twenty-five four-room cottages will be erected on the grounds of the Baptist Clear Creek Mountain Preachers' Bible School, near Pineville, Kentucky, on May 8 by volunteer labor.

The school, which is attended mainly by men with families, is sponsoring the one-day project to meet the need for housing.

Labor, funds and materials will be donated by churches, communities and individuals of the surrounding area. The cottages will be made of frame and rock veneer, and only the footings and foundations will be laid in advance of the construction day.

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All forces are invisible. The wind is invisible. Electricity is invisible. The soul is invisible. They are, nevertheless, real. You cannot see the power which carries you in an automobile, but you cannot deny its existence.

—Henry Ford

A Smile or Two

Mrs. Brown: "Whenever I'm in the dumps, I get myself a new hat."

Mrs. Jones: "I was wondering where you get them."

"Father," said Jimmy, running into the drawing room, "there's a big black cat in the dining room."

"Never mind, Jimmy," said the father, drowsily, "black cats are lucky."

"This one is; he's had your dinner!"

"Are the hot wires ready?" came a sonorous voice.

"Yes, master, they are red hot," was the submissive reply.

"Is the oil burning?"

"Yes, master, it is fuming."

"Is she tied securely?"

"Yes, master, it is impossible for her to move."

"Is the shroud over her?"

"Yes, master."

"All right, then, give her the \$3 permanent."

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"And why did you call your last child 'Encore'?"

"Because he wasn't on the program at all," explained the proud father.

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The third grade teacher carefully explained that a group of sheep is a flock and a group of quail a bevy. Then she asked for the names of groups of other animals. When she came to camels, a child timidly suggested "A carton."

Quote.

About the only thing that seems to come down nowadays is the rain, and even that soaks you.

Quote.

A young journalist was questioning George Bernard Shaw about a recent play.

"Would you like me to simply tell you the story?" Shaw asked finally.

"Here it is:

"Act I. The man asks, 'Do you love me?'"

"The girl replied, 'I adore you.'"

"Act II. The man asks, 'Do you love me?'"

"The girl replies, 'I adore you.'"

"Act III. He asks, 'Do you love me?'"

"She replies, 'I adore you.'"

"That's fine," stammered the poor reporter. "But what does the plot consist of, sir?"

"The plot, my dear young friend? That lies in the fact that the woman never changes in the three acts of the comedy, but in each act there is a different man."

Quote.

A tramp heard that obese ladies were a soft touch. They were so good hearted that they would give unstintingly and without question. He selected one and put on his hat. "Lady," he entreated, "please have mercy on me. I haven't eaten for four days."

"My word," she gasped. "I certainly wish I had your will power."

Quote.

Prospective Buyer: "Doesn't this stream sometimes overflow the valley?"

Realtor: "Well, sir, I will say it's not one of those sickly creeks that's always confined to its bed."

News From Baptist Press

New Universal Military Plan

By JOHN W. BRADBURY, Editor
Watchman-Examiner

Ward-Belmont School Transferred To Tennessee Baptist Convention

The historic Ward-Belmont school, located in Nashville, Tennessee, has been transferred to the ownership and direction of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Executive Board of the Tennessee Baptist Convention on February 27 unanimously approved the proposition to take over the school, its assets and liabilities.

Dr. Charles W. Pope, executive secretary of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, stated that the Ward-Belmont properties consist of more than 20 acres of ground on which there are 44 buildings. The buildings consist of dormitories with a capacity of 800 students, dining room of 900 capacity, auditorium with a capacity of 950, an administration building, gymnasium, athletic fields, and various other buildings used for office purposes and residences. The property value has been variously estimated from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

Tennessee Baptist Headquarters, now located at 149 Sixth Avenue, North, Nashville, Tennessee, will be moved to the Ward-Belmont campus within a few months.

The Education Commission of the Tennessee Baptist Convention has been charged with the responsibility of studying the Ward-Belmont situation with the view to operating a school. The present school is a junior college with a preparatory department. Its music department is well known throughout the South. It is expected that the school to be operated by the Tennessee Baptist Convention will retain the preparatory and music departments of Ward-Belmont.

Night's Rent Required By San Francisco Hotels

Southern Baptist Convention messengers reserving hotel rooms in San Francisco were cautioned this week to be sure to send as deposit enough money for one night's lodging. The announcement was made by Miss Marion E. Keller of the Southern Baptist Housing Bureau.

Miss Keller said, "The deposit requirements of our various hotels vary in wording, but the intent is the same for all—to obtain a sufficient deposit to cover the first night's rent. Since it is impossible to ask people to send in an exact amount until they know the price of the accommodations which they will be assigned, a rate of \$10 a room (or a minimum of \$5 per person in cases of multiple occupancy) is requested since this usually covers the cost of a room. For the larger hotels this amount is too little, for the smaller too much. However, if any deposit is sent, the hotels seldom bother to request an additional amount since a delegate is almost as loath to forfeit \$5 as \$10 or more."

Training School President Resigns Position

"Dr. Carrie U. Littlejohn, twenty-one years president of the Woman's Mission Union Training School in Louisville, Kentucky, has resigned her position," Mrs. George Martin, W. M. U. president, announced this week.

Miss Littlejohn, a native of Spartanburg, South Carolina, attended Converse College and graduated from the W. M. U. Training School and the Hartford School of Religious Education. She received her master's degree in education from Northwestern and attended the University of Chicago and George Washington University. In 1914 Georgetown College conferred on her the LL.D. degree.

In 1915 Miss Littlejohn graduated from the Training School and returned to the school as director of field work at the Good Will Center in 1921. She served as acting principal of the school during 1923-25 and was elected assistant to Mrs. Janie Cree Bose, the principal during 1925-30. Since 1930 Miss Littlejohn has served as principal (the title was changed to "president" in 1948).

The Training School has made many commendable advancements under her leadership. In 1941 the school was moved from a downtown location to a campus adjoining the Southern Baptist Seminary campus in order that the young women could have the advantage of seminary courses. This building was dedicated debt free.

Arkansas Awarded Silver Star

Chaplain (Captain) J. M. Holder, a member of the Third Battalion, 19th Infantry Regiment, 24th Infantry Division, distinguished himself by courageous action near Anju, Korea on November 8-10, 1950, by exposing himself to enemy fire in an effort to evacuate the wounded and dead who lay behind the enemy's lines.

Personnel of the First Battalion of the Regiment, which had previously been cut off by overwhelming numbers of the advancing enemy, were still unaccounted for after four days. Chaplain Holder joined patrols in probing the former positions of the battalion. Though often fired upon at close range by enemy patrols, Chaplain Holder "refused to be disturbed from his self appointed mission and continued until assured that all his fallen comrades had been located and removed to friendly positions. Chaplain Holder's courageous actions and complete devotion to his fellowmen reflect the greatest credit on himself and the United States Chaplain Corps."

For his courageous action, Chaplain Holder was awarded the Silver Star medal by command of Major General Church.

Chaplain Holder entered military service from Pine Bluff.

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What a grand world this would be if we could forget our troubles as easily as we forget our blessings.

Militarists and their supporters are seeking to take advantage of the present crisis to fasten on this nation Universal Military Service. Religious bodies throughout the land are on record as being opposed to such a program, and they are now beginning to marshal their forces for a battle in Washington against an alternative plan which the Army will shortly bring forward. According to information available, the Universal Military Service proposal will require twenty-four to thirty months' compulsory service for all youths reaching the age of eighteen. This would be followed by seven years of service in the ROTC, National Guard, and/or Organized Reserve. Those found physically disqualified for combat duty would be assigned to noncombatant units or given assignments to vital civilian training of a nature as yet undisclosed. Only those boys suffering physical handicaps to the degree of being blind or crippled would be excused from service under the UMS plan. The Army will ask that no strings be tied to the UMS program, so that the units can be ordered overseas for combat duty at any time the military situation requires it. Let it be clearly understood that this proposal is a permanent policy and not such as we have on the lawbooks already. Congress has passed the Draft Act to meet the current emergency, as was our experience in the first and second World Wars. It is not true that a citizen is incompetent to fight wars. Both our wars have been won and the present one will be won by civilians who temporarily are employed in the interest of their country for war. The Universal Military Service plan is so revolutionary that it will require long study before the voting stage is reached. The UMS is peacetime program. It is unsuited to the demands of a mobilization period such as we are in now. Such a plan to entrap the youth of our nation permanently for militarism invades every concept of individual freedom for the American citizen and centralizes and regimented our nation beyond anything we or our fathers dreamed. Wittingly or otherwise, we are fast being led down the road to military control of the nation. This we must resist.

Foreign Mission Board Receives \$956,515.70

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One check for \$956,515.70, the largest ever written in the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee office, was sent to the Baptist Foreign Mission Board February 20, 1951.

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee said, "This amount included Cooperative Program receipts, Lottie Moon Christmas offering, and special designations for the previous week.

"Heretofore the largest check for three

quarter million dollars was also sent to the Foreign Mission Board as a part of the relief and rehabilitation offering in 1946.

"The Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee forwards all Cooperative Program funds and designated gifts to the respective agencies each Tuesday."

Dr. McCall also stated that, according to the 1950 audit report, 51.06% of all funds received during the year by the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention went to the Foreign Mission Board.

Arkansas Candidates For Graduation Southern Seminary, Louisville



Candidates for graduation from Southern Seminary, May 4, include five from Arkansas. This does not include candidates for the Th.D. degree, who will be announced later.

Reading from left to right are, Robert Albert Parker, North Little Rock, Th.M. degree; for the B.D. degree are, Joseph Calvin Hall, Pine Bluff; Andrew Richard Heskett, West Helena; Willis Craft Roebuck Jr., Pine Bluff; Alvin Ermon Webb, El Dorado.

Deacons Ordained At Nalls Memorial

Carl Hinson and Raymond Cook were ordained as deacons by Nalls Memorial Church, Highway 10, Little Rock, Sunday afternoon, March 4. Lucien Coleman Jr., pastor, presided over the council. Harold Elmore, pastor, Bellevue Church, Little Rock, preached the sermon. E. A. Ingram, Associational Missionary, led in the examination, with Lucien Coleman Sr. leading the prayer.

Pastors present for the service were: Harold Elmore, H. D. Fox, E. A. Ingram, E. W. Goodson, T. F. Cupples, L. E. Coleman Sr., Ike Gates, and the pastor, Lucien Coleman Jr.

Deacons present were Harold Morgan, M. L. Hinson, Millard C. Gates, Walter Oglesby, Joseph Hinson, L. H. Nichols, V. Leslie, Henry Garrett, W. A. Goodson, and R. W. Rhodes.

Minister Ordained

Mr. T. Kent Schmitt was ordained to the full gospel ministry on February 18, by the Providence Church, near Fayetteville. Dr. Robert O. Ferm, John Brown University, delivered the charge and the ordination sermon. V. C. Erwin conducted the examination; Jesse Coleman offered the ordination prayer; N. V. Drake presented the Bible.

Other ministers participating in the ordination service were Walter Jesser, pastor of the Providence Church, who also served as moderator of the ordaining council, R. L. Leake, W. C. Stutheit, Jack Taylor, Elgin Reed, Boz Elivon, and Clarence Stamps.

Mr. Schmitt, who is a student at John Brown University and lives in Siloam Springs, has been called to the pastorate of the Bethel Church in Fayetteville.

Progress at Park Place

Park Place Church, Hot Springs, has just closed an eight day meeting in which the pastor, W. W. Dishongh, did the preaching and Dean Keith, local choir director, had charge of the music. There were 21 additions to the church and 11 of this number came for baptism.

Pastor Dishongh has just completed 18 months with the Park Place Church and during this period 192 persons have united with the church. Ninety-two of this number came for baptism. Of the 92, forty-one have been received during the past 23 Sundays. Through this period of 23 Sundays, which happens to be the associational year, the Sunday School has averaged 416 and the Training Union 161. The offerings to the church budget have substantially increased.

A Fruitful Six Year Pastorate

February 25 brought to a close the pastorate of E. C. Polk with First Church, Rector. Mr. Polk resigned the pastorate of the Rector Church to accept a call to First Church, Piggott, and assumed his new duties with the Piggott Church on March 4.

Pastor Polk had been with the Rector Church for six years, during which time he received 270 persons into the fellowship of the church. The six years of Mr. Polk's pastorate at Rector witnessed a growth in church membership and in the membership and attendance of all the church organizations, as well as an expansion of the entire program of the church.

The average attendance in Sunday School increased from 62 to 155; the Training Union from 34 to 110; the W. M. U. from 35 to 100.

There was a corresponding increase in financial receipts and in contributions to the Cooperative Program and to other mission projects. Cooperative Program gifts have increased from \$24 in 1944 to \$1,698.54 in 1950; for the same period the total mission gifts increased from \$734.30 to \$3,366.27. Total gifts during the six year period amount to \$53,318.60; of this amount \$14,252.93 went to mission causes fostered by the church and denomination.

Improvements and additions to the church property have been made during Mr. Polk's pastorate at Rector at a cost of \$9,000.

For the past two years the Rector Church has maintained a mission at Holly Island, which now has a full time preaching program with a Sunday School and Training Union.

New Baptist Church in Oceanside, California

"We have about 20,000 Marines located in Oceanside, California," says D. L. Goodman, general missionary for the Southern Baptist General Convention of California. Missionary Goodman goes on to say, "We have just opened a Southern Baptist Church in Oceanside. It holds its meetings in the Woman's Club Building, Third and Tremont streets."

Since the Marines stationed at Oceanside are from practically all the states of the Southern Baptist Convention, Missionary Goodman is anxious that parents, friends, and relatives write the Marines at Oceanside telling them about the church there, or write to Mr. Goodman giving him the name of your son, or relative, or friend who is stationed at Oceanside. Mr. Goodman's address is: D. L. Goodman, 2902 Preece Street, San Diego 11, California.

The Faith of a Soldier

By GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

(Note: Editor John Jeter Hurt Jr., of the CHRISTIAN INDEX, Georgia, wrote General Douglas MacArthur asking "if he could make a statement through the INDEX and other religious papers which would help in arousing our people." General MacArthur's letter follows.—Editor)

Tokyo, Japan
16 February, 1951

Dear Mr. Hurt:

My manifold operational duties leave me insufficient time to prepare a statement such as you so kindly suggest by your note of February 6. It is quite clear, however, that in the great issue now drawn between Christianity and Communist atheism, every Christian must move closer to God to reconfirm his faith in the inevitable triumph of freedom over slavery, justice over tyranny, right over wrong. That you seek a statement from a soldier rather than a theologian on the spiritual need of the hour reflects your understanding that a soldier finds the sustenance to permit him calmly to face the rigors of campaign and perils of battle in a faith in God known to few men.

I have seen this faith reflected countless times in the repose which never fails to light the countenance of America's soldier dead in the aftermath of battle—a spiritual light not found upon the countenance of his adversary in combat so often distorted by a vengeful fanaticism. It is as though the image of God had descended upon the American soldier in his moment of supreme sacrifice. Certainly it is his faith in the teachings of Christ that prepares him to make this sacrifice—to yield the flesh that the spirit may live. It springs from his invincible faith that by his sacrifice freedom and justice and right will continue to guide our country and the human race.

If all Americans could acquire this same faith, it would fortify the country with a spiritual strength heretofore unknown. It would safeguard us against recurrence of the hysteria and despair which, under the influence of friendly irresponsibility and enemy propaganda, dominated American reactions to the initiation of a new and undeclared war against us by Red China in late November. It would enable a calm and objective assessment of the incidents of campaign, provide an abiding confidence in the inevitable triumph of those high ideals we seek to serve, and ensure a morale on the home front to match that on the battle front.

Rural Life Conference

The fourth year of the Western Rural Life Leadership Conference will be held with the Southwestern Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, May 7-10, 1951. Sessions of this conference will begin on Monday night, May 7, and will close on Thursday night, May 10.

The outstanding personalities of the Rural Life Program this year consist of Dr. Robert T. Daniel, teacher of the Bible Hour; Dr. K. O. White, pastor of the First Church, Little Rock, as the preacher, and Garland Hendricks, who is in charge of Rural Life Leadership work of Gardner-Webb College in North Carolina. Rural life in its general broad scope will be discussed by Dr. Paul H. Walser of Texas, Dr. Ferdie Deering of Oklahoma, and Dr. Aubrey Gates of Arkansas.

Christian Education and the Draft

By CLYDE HART

(Note: The accompanying message was read by Pastor Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs, at the Leadership Conference at First Church, Little Rock, March 2. Pastor Hart is concerned, as are other pastors and parents, as he sees the young men of his church and his own home called into military service, with the prospect that the Universal Military Service may become a permanent policy of the United States government. Pastor Hart has four boys—one is in the Army, one in the Air Corps, and one in the Navy Reserve; the youngest is 17 and will be subject to the 18 year draft act within a year.—Editor)

In the brief time allotted to me I shall confine my discussion to only one phase of Christian Education; namely, the crisis confronting the small independent denominational colleges and universities throughout the nation.

At a recent meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey, some five hundred presidents of small independent colleges discussed the crisis that faced all of them, empty seats in the class room. Students were leaving to enlist, rather than to be drafted; income from endowment funds was dwindling, expenses mounting.

"How would the colleges meet the enrolment of the draft? How far would Congress go in drafting eighteen year olds? Would such a draft cut next year's enrolment by twenty-five per cent, as estimated by the National Education Association? Or would it be down as Dr. Guy Snavely of the Association of American Colleges thought, by a disastrous eighty per cent?" Many educators, aiming between the two extremes, believe that the draft will cut next year's enrolment by fifty per cent.

Effect on Ouachita

Let us see how this will affect our own senior college—a fifty per cent drop in enrolment next year would not only mean that instead of 551 students we will have 275, but it will mean a financial loss in student fees and tuition of approximately \$190,000. Our budget for Ouachita this year is \$482,577, of this amount 66.4 per cent comes from student fees and tuition. A fifty per cent loss in enrolment would mean a 33.2 per cent loss in income.

You can see how drastically the eighteen year old draft act, now being rushed through Congress, will affect our colleges when you consider the fact that some 400,000 male students enter colleges and universities each year, while this military draft provides that the President may defer only 75,000 annually. These deferments would include undergraduates taking special mathematics and engineering courses.

Even greater than the financial crisis which will be created by universal military training and the drafting of eighteen year olds, Christian education is faced with the responsibility of trying to save what is left of these boys when they finish their twenty-seven months of training. We will need Christian education more than ever before as we try to counteract the false doctrines of universal military training. We had just as well face the cold fact that these eighteen year olds (mere children) will be drilled day and night in the philosophy that "Might makes Right"—that the "Battle is always to the Strong." They will be taught to hate and to kill, not to mention the other ungodly influences cast about them. All of which is a contradiction of the Christian faith.

Beware America

Compulsory universal military training is the product of totalitarianism and has no place in a democracy. We should beware of these starry eyed socialistic world planners who seem to think they can usher in the millennium by sacrificing the youth and squandering the wealth of America. Germany had it under Hitler, and Hitler speaking of German youths said: "My teaching is hard! Weakness has to be knocked out of them (German youths) . . . A violently active dominating, brutal youth . . . that is what I am after. Youth must be all of these things. It must be indifferent to pain. There must be no weakness or tenderness in it. I want to see once more in its eyes the gleam of pride and the independence of the beast of prey . . . With that I can create the new order." Is there any assurance that our youths shall not be taught substantially the same false doctrine? We know what happened to Hitler's "New Order."

Italy tried it, and Mussolini, speaking to his army of Italian youth with which he hoped to create a new Roman Empire, said: "I wish to hear no more about brotherhood . . . because relationship between states are relations of force . . . since prehistoric times one shout has come down on the waves of the centuries and the series of generations, 'Woe to the Weak.' What happened to Mussolini's New Roman Empire?"

Spiritual Danger

Let us not kid ourselves into believing that any large number of these lads will come out of military service as good morally and spiritually as when they entered. Nor should we entertain the idea that this is God's way of doing mission work or of winning the world to Christ. God's way is through the power of the gospel and not through the power of an army. For example, the martyrdom of Dr. William Wallace will do more to defeat communism in China than the fighting of ten thousand soldiers.

Ulysses, hearing that Palamedes had come to summon him to the battlefield, pretended to be insane. He yoked a horse and a bull together and plowed the sands of the seashore, sowing salt instead of grain. But when his infant son was laid before the plow his sanity immediately returned. How many more of our sons must we lay before the plow before our national leaders regain their sanity?

The only hope that America shall not go the way of other nations, which placed their faith in the power of the sword rather than in God, lies in Christian education, in a winning witness that shall anchor forever the faith of American youth in Jesus Christ. The victory against atheistic Communism will not be won on the battle field. It will be won in the Christian home where we covenant together to religiously educate our children, in the pulpit where the gospel of Christ, "which is the power of God unto salvation," is preached; and in the class room where Christian teachers teach truth instead of falsehood.

Dr. Henry Merritt Wriston, president of Brown University, sounds a warning in these words: "In America, there is only one way to keep the government from taking over the independent universities and colleges, and that is to keep them vigorous, competitive, and solvent."

Frightened Scientists

We must keep our independent denominational colleges strong, for here and here alone do we find a major emphasis placed on spiritual and moral values at the college level.

"The question today," once commented the late Chief Justice Charles E. Hughes, "is whether we have enough of the old spirit, which gave us our institutions, to save them from being overwhelmed."

Dr. Ellwood of Duke University, in his book entitled, "The World's Neglect of Christianity," shows how business and industry, education and culture, politics, and international affairs, found no room in their inns for Christ.

Dr. R. G. Lee says: "The world is riding upon a charger that it cannot control. This world is facing the greatest peril of all times. Science has led the world to the brink of doom and scientists are a crowd of frightened men."

What a time it is to remember the words of Woodrow Wilson when he said, "Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it be redeemed spiritually."

What a task for Christian education to teach men to make room for Jesus in their hearts, in business and industry, in education and culture, in politics and international affairs.

Christian education must do more than train our preachers and missionaries, important as that is. Christian education must teach our laymen that being a Christian means more than having an insurance policy against the fires of hell; that being a Christian means more even than having an active interest in the local church. It means being in partnership with God in the home, in business and professional life, in every thing we do.

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U. S. Army Announces Huge Beer Purchase in '50

The U. S. Army is almost certain to draw renewed criticism from organized temperance groups as a result of its disclosure that it purchased almost \$10,000,000 worth of beer for men serving overseas in 1950. No wine or hard liquor was purchased in the U. S. for overseas sale, the Army maintains.

The beer was purchased with non-appropriated funds for resale through servicemen's and officers' clubs and post exchanges, the Army stated. As of October 25, last, beer has been shipped free to overseas commands by the Department of Defense's military sea transport service. Beer at that time was declared essential to troop morale and was put on the free shipping list. Before that time, the Army exchange service paid normal freight charges.

Meanwhile, the National Temperance League here has commended General Dwight D. Eisenhower for his statement that "the American fighting man calls for coca cola and not for the traditional beer" most of the time.

"Many American parents would feel much better about having their sons drafted if they could be assured that the boys would have soft drinks and wholesome fruit juices, and no beer," the temperance league stated. "The sale of beer is in the interests of the brewers, and not in the interest of building morale among the Armed Services."

—Washington Religious Review.

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The place honors not the man, 'tis the man who gives honor to the place.

Dr. L. R. Elliott Receives Volume 50,000 For Southwestern Seminary Library



Dr. L. R. Elliott, who thirty-four years ago placed the 5000th volume on the shelves of Southwestern Theological Seminary's library, this month received volume number 50,000.

In more than three decades in the library, Doctor Elliott has witnessed it grow from its one-room quarters in Fort Worth Hall to the present Fleming Library, valued at a half million dollars. It is today the largest theological library west of the Mississippi River.

"The greatest joy in the growth of the library," Doctor Elliott says, "is not the physical expansion. It is the greater spiritual contribution made possible by this expansion."

He believes that the library contributes to the spiritual and intellectual training of the students along with the faculty in the classroom. He makes all his plans with the welfare of the students in mind.

Doctor Elliott began his work as a student assistant in 1919 when the books were shelved in the first floor of Fort Worth Hall. Three years later he succeeded his "boss," Dr. L. M. Sipes, who had resigned, to the position of head librarian. In 1939, the library was moved to the Woman's Building. Ten years later, the books were transferred to Fleming Library, which has a capacity for 150,000 volumes.

I will this day try to live a simple, sincere, and serene life; repelling promptly every thought of

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The Challenge Of The Hour

By DR. G. S. DOBBINS,
Southern Seminary, Louisville Kentucky

To the United States has been entrusted power beyond that ever possessed by any other nation in the history of the world. Others have suffered more, but to us now has been given the unsought prize of determining the destiny of the free world.

Consider the challenge of this hour. Here we are, with the dust scarcely settled from the other dreadful conflict, about to go at it again! Indeed, we are at war again. All we lack is a formal declaration. And we are here quietly, thoughtfully considering the challenge of this crisis, realizing that the present conflict is far more difficult and complex and dangerous than either World War I or World War II.

Paul states the case accurately, "We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Conflicting Ideologies

That is to say, the conflict now is between ideologies. It is not just Russia, it is not just Red China, it is not one nation, it is not one mass of men against other masses of men in a struggle for domination. It is the crisis of the conflict of ideas and ideals. Which will win? Shall we have a free, democratic world, or shall we have an enslaved, communistic world?

Shall the rulers be the ruled, or shall we be ruled by dictators? Shall we have freedom of speech and freedom of religion, or shall we now have churches closed and a censorship put on all free speech? Shall this be a godless or a godly civilization for the years ahead?

It becomes far more complicated than it was in either of the other wars, and we are beginning already to see that we simply cannot meet this challenge with bombs and bullets only. You cannot kill these ideas with bombs. You cannot destroy by force a great mass movement of the people, to whom is being held out the hope of a better life and a better world after they have been starved and under-privileged through the generations.

How to Win the Victory? By Truth Fully Presented

How are we going to meet this threat? We are beginning to see that subordinate are the actual forces of armed men and primary are the forces that will get the truth into the thinking of men. We can stop this error, this evil tide of ideals rolling over the world, only as those of us, having the truth, clearly and persuasively and victoriously, present that truth.

Jesus came into a world of crisis. Having all the resources of heaven and earth He chose three to meet the destructive ideology of paganism. He went about teaching, preaching, and healing. He went about teaching in all their cities and villages, and we have got to go about teaching everywhere. He went about preaching, setting men's hearts on fire with his ideal of the kingdom of God, and we are more responsible for victory than any of the generals as we go about, all over this world, preaching the gospel. He went about healing humanity's hurt, healing diseased minds, healing diseased bodies, healing broken hearts, healing animosities and prejudices, and we must do likewise.

Who Will Win the Victory? Soldiers of the Cross

That is it. It is so simple as to be missed. What are we here for? We are here to learn how, in this crisis of the world's history, to go about teaching, and teaching our people to teach; going everywhere preaching, and teaching our people to preach; going everywhere healing, and teaching our people to heal, until there shall come a new concept of the dignity of man, of the worth of life, of the abundant life which comes not by force and dictatorship and by onslaught and murder, but which comes by way of a regenerate humanity.

It is no time for littleness and self-concern. It is no time to be seeking selfish advantage. It is no time to preserve one's own exemption. It is a time for greatness. Our sealed orders have been broken. We have been ordered to go into all the world and meet this situation as it can only be met, by "putting on the whole armor of God" defensively and then taking up "the sword of the Spirit," offensively, until in the purposes of God and by the power of Christ and the Holy Spirit and the word of God, we shall not just defeat our enemies by killing them, but by bringing them to the truth.

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Summer Field Work, 1951

The State Training Union director, in co-operation with the State Student Union secretary, is now receiving applications for summer field work for this summer. Thirty-two college students will again be taken into about 85 churches during the summer. These workers will be taken to the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, July 3-11, where they will receive intensive training, after which they will work during the summer months, closing out this work on August 25.

The schedule for summer field work this year is as follows:

July 13-21, Washington - Madison association.

July 21-28, Concord association.



July 28-Aug. 4, Dardanelle-Russellville association.

August 4-11, Caddo River association.

August 11-18, Little River association.

August 18-25, Hope association.

April 29 Is Join the Training Union Day in Arkansas

GOAL:

Increase the Training Union enrollment in Arkansas by 20 per cent on one night! An increased enrollment always precedes an average increase in attendance.



Stone, Van Buren, Searcy Association

First Church, Leslie, was host to the regular Quarterly Hymn-Sing for Stone, Van Buren, Searcy Association on Sunday afternoon, January 28. Three churches were represented and the theme of the program was "Praise, Prayer, and Consecration." Mrs. B. W. Nininger directed the Sing. H. D. Bennett, Associational Missionary, presided over the business session, and the host pastor, Chester Rotten led the devotional. Miss Diane Blair accompanied at the piano.

A special choir number was presented by the Leslie Choir, directed by Mrs. Lex Treece. Audie Miller, pastor at Clinton, sang a solo. The next Sing for this Association will be on April 22, at the Clinton Church.

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HOME—A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

TO REACH THE GOAL:

1. Prepare a prospect list immediately for each individual union about twenty names of church members not enrolled in Training Union.
2. Visit every one of these prospects during April several times. Take a quarterly with you to help in explaining the value of the Training Union.
3. Enroll new members the night they agree to join your union. Have them fill out classification slips.
4. Put new members on a group and committee at once.

An Outstanding Sunday School Record

An annual record in Sunday school training has been brought to our attention. Mrs. Owen Wild, a member and teacher in the Sunday school of the Second Church, Hot Springs, now holds the Blue Seal which represents the successful completion of twelve books in the training course for Sunday school workers. In addition she has completed seven other books for which credit has been requested. This is, indeed, a fine record. We should like through this medium, to express our sincere congratulations, and to challenge other Sunday school workers to match this fine record.

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Imagination was given to man to compensate him for what he is not . . . and a sense of humor was provided him for what he is!

Pulaski County Associational Training Union Rally

Pulaski County Associational Training Union Rally for this quarter was held at First Church, North Little Rock, Monday, February 19. There was an attendance of 785, which is the largest for an associational meeting in Pulaski County. There were 27 churches of the association represented and the highest attendance banner went to Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, with 157 present. First Church, Little Rock, was second with 146 present. East End Church took the attendance banner for the smaller church group. The efficiency banner was awarded to First Church, Little Rock.

Associational Training Union Director, E. L. Markert presided at the meeting. W. C. Burnett was in charge of the music. J. T. Elliff, State Training Union Convention President, and pastor of First Church, Fordyce, brought the inspirational message.

The Associational Elimination for the Junior Memory Drill, Intermediate Sword Drill and Young People's Speakers' Tournament will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the First Baptist Church, Little Rock.

Happy Hymn Singers

The monthly meeting of the Happy Hymn Singers was held in Bellevue Church, Sunday afternoon, February 25. One hundred eleven people were present, representing four churches. Rev. Harold Elmore gave the devotional, M. O. Kelley directed and Mrs. Glenn Henry was accompanist.

Special numbers were presented by Bellevue.

The next meeting will be on March 25, at the Brady Church.

Southwest Zone Hymn-Sing

Douglasville First Church was host to the Southwest Zone Hymn-sing of Pulaski County Association on March 4, 1951. There were sixty people present, representing one pastor, three choir directors and three pianists. Mr. M. O. Kelley directed the singing. Special numbers presented included two duets from the Douglasville Church; solo, Pine Grove Church, and a trio by the Pine Grove Church. The theme of the program was "Blessed Assurance."

The next meeting of this zone will be at the Plainview Church on April 1.

South Zone Hymn-Sing

Reynolds Memorial Church was host to the South Zone Hymn-sing for Pulaski County Association on February 25, with two hundred twenty-six people in attendance, representing seven pastors and seven choir directors. C. E. Stewart directed the singing, and was accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Scroggins. Four special numbers were presented.

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, March 4

Fort Smith, First	1299	720	25
Including Missions	1520	800	
Little Rock, Immanuel	1286	371	9
Including Missions	1499	509	10
Little Rock, First	1007	397	5
Hot Springs, Second	872	199	5
El Dorado, First	853	235	4
Including Missions	920	280	
Little Rock, Second	793	125	1
Pine Bluff, South Side	690	231	8
Including Mission	729	269	
Fayetteville, First	687	258	3
Pine Bluff, First	627	189	1
El Dorado, Second	601	276	1
El Dorado, Immanuel	577	275	
Including Mission	607	315	
Benton, First	568	119	
Including Mission	650	191	
Texarkana, Beech St.	542	230	6
Camden, First	531	181	5
Including Missions	837	384	
Magnolia, Central	529	174	3
Including Mission	605	177	
Fordyce, First	522	197	
Paragould, First	492	192	4
Including Missions	770	391	
Little Rock, Gaines Street	492	267	2
Little Rock, Baptist Tabernacle	483	148	2
Forrest City, First	471	164	3
Including Mission	538	207	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	460	195	1
Little Rock, Pulaski Heights	460	130	
Springdale, First	458	279	8
Including Mission	558		
Hope, First	447	126	2
Paris, First	437	162	
Including Mission	463		
Siloam Springs, First	437	258	21
Hot Springs, Park Place	429	180	1
Hot Springs, Central	417	174	
Little Rock, South Highland	405	156	
Stuttgart, First	400	231	6
Including Mission	457	258	
Conway, First	398	92	2
Fort Smith, Calvary	396	139	
Jonesboro, Walnut Street	396	136	
Smackover, First	386	154	4
Cullendale, First	381	175	3
West Memphis, First	372	157	3
El Dorado, West Side	367	136	1
Rogers, First	364	127	5
Norphlet, First	343	218	3
Crossett, First	340	214	
Including Missions	360		
Searcy, First	325	85	
Hot Springs, First	323	110	1
Pine Bluff, Second	319	131	2
Texarkana, Calvary	313	97	5
Monticello, First	307	114	
Fort Smith, South Side	297	105	
Levy	280	100	3
Bentonville, First	274	91	
Fort Smith, Temple	269	174	2
Mena, First	268	106	3
North Little Rock, First	263	109	
Gurdon, Beech Street	262	134	2
DeWitt, First	248	69	
Including Mission	267		
Little Rock, Hebron	241	113	
Gentry, First	239	163	
Hamburg, First	236	110	
Wynne	234	50	2
Wilson, First	229	128	12
Little Rock, Forty-seventh Street	225	100	2
Jacksonville, First	209	113	3
Including Mission	257		
Rt. Little Rock, Ironton	204	178	32
Springale, Caudle Avenue	184	147	
Rt. Jacksonville, Friendship	154	113	5
Hot Springs, Grand Avenue	144	72	
Nettleton	120	86	1
Grannis	116	80	
Strong, First	113	58	
Rose City, Calvary	110	58	
Warren, Immanuel	108	92	
Fort Smith, North Side	105	59	4
Monte Ne, First	99	74	1
Magnolia, Immanuel	97	69	1
Little Rock, West Side	87	56	
Gurdon, South Fork	86	76	
Rt. Little Rock, Pleasant Grove	85	86	
Hot Springs, Emmanuel	79	40	1
Little Rock, Bethel	78	1	
Walker, Liberty	71	43	
North Little Rock, Cedar Heights	62	55	
Geyer Spring	54	47	
Rt. Little Rock, Pilgrim's Rest	41	41	
Including Mission	88		

Duke McCall Greeted by Family On Return From Mission Tour



Photo courtesy Nashville Tennessean.

The executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is a family man, shown here as he greeted Mrs. McCall and their four sons on his return from a recent round-the-world mission trip. Left to right, Douglas, Dr. McCall, Michael, Mrs. McCall, Duke Jr., and John Richard.

Discipline and Faith

By JOHN R. SAMPEY JR.

Only one who has traveled the road to war can imagine the emotions which possess one as he starts out a second time on that grim journey. Such a one entertains no illusions on the glory of modern combat. In 1918 our young men sallied forth with bands playing and flags waving to what all considered a great adventure. Today there are enough veterans of that holocaust being called back into service to give reality to the experience. We go in the realization that it is a duty which demands blood, sweat, and tears.

The veteran has one decided advantage over the newly inducted recruit. He knows what he can depend upon when the going gets tough. In setting out for World War I, I would have been grateful for some word of assurance from one who had passed that way. From my own limited experience and observation I bring two realities to which you can anchor when all else is washed out.

The first, discipline, is a word college students dislike. Actually they have little opportunity in our liberal arts colleges to experience it. Yet discipline is the servant of achievement in every field. Through the practice of it one may harden and nerve his body, and spirit, to accomplish feats that seem far beyond his own powers. Our athletes know how training and discipline spell the difference between victory and defeat. In

the military world discipline is even more important. In moments of grave personal peril you will find your brain in its higher functions paralyzed by fear. Then your body will perform only those things you have disciplined it to do. Discipline becomes the first essential of a combat soldier.

The other word of assurance is faith. Faith in the reality of what we called in World War I the White Comrade. You will find Him ever near where there is suffering of body and anguish of spirit. He promised to go with His followers all the way, even unto the end of the world. Legions of soldiers and civilians in the bombed and war torn areas found reality in the Christian religion when everything else was blasted out.

When your own call comes go forth unafraid with these two Comrades. Give hand to the servant of discipline and place your other in that of the Man of Galilee. They will not fail you, no matter how long and hard the way.

—Baptist Courier.

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Women are said to control eighty per cent of the nation's wealth . . . the balance probably being held by bachelors.

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A plastic surgeon says that: The best jobs of face lifting are those which are done by happiness.

A Decade of Amazing Progress

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, Chairman
SBC Committee, State Papers

At Baltimore, in 1940, the Editors of the State Baptist Papers requested the Southern Baptist Convention to appoint a committee to serve in co-operation with the Editors and State Secretaries in an effort to increase the circulation of the State Baptist Papers. I was named chairman of the SBC Committee. Dr. Truett followed with his notable address, urging pastors everywhere to units in undergirding our Baptist work by putting a Baptist paper in every Baptist home.

Our first task was to make a survey of the actual circulation, per state, and make plans to increase every paper's circulation. I was ably assisted by Mrs. Manon Seawell, then of *The Baptist Standard*, Dr. Lewis A. Meyers then Editor of *The Baptist Advance*, and Dr. E. C. Routh, then Editor of *The Baptist Messenger*. We found the total circulation of the 19 State Baptist Papers in 1940 to be 192,000. At that time there were 4,949,174 members of Southern Baptist churches, and we estimated there were 1,237,293 Baptist homes in our fellowship. We set a goal of 500,000 subscribers to our 19 State Baptist Papers by 1945, the Centennial Year of the Convention. Then came Pearl

Harbor, the paper shortage, and all-out war. Although we could not hold the Centennial Convention, we did have 547,254 total circulation by 1945, and in 1946 the Convention voted unanimously and enthusiastically to undertake a circulation goal of 1,000,000 by 1950.

A Deepening Appreciation

Enheartened by genuine cooperation from state and southwide leaders, the pastors everywhere took hold of this far-reaching effort, adopting the budget plan as the simplest and surest method of putting our Baptist papers in our Baptist homes. There were variations in the budget plan, but the results were uniformly encouraging, and our people were convinced that if we are to go forward, we must be informed, indoctrinated and inspired.

At the end of 1950 we had more than 850,000 circulation of our now 22 state Baptist papers, representing an increase of more than four times the circulation of 1940. We are well on our way to the goal of 1,000,000 circulation, and when we reach that goal, we will lift up another banner for the years ahead. Here are the comparative figures of 1940 and 1950:

Paper	Circulation 1940	Circulation 1950
The Alabama Baptist	9,744	46,872
Arizona Baptist Beacon	1,000	6,200
Arkansas Baptist	6,558	35,698
The California Southern Baptist		8,035
Florida Baptist Witness	9,520	26,300
The Christian Index	11,500	50,846
The Illinois Baptist	3,600	9,541
Kansas Southern Baptist Beams		1,400
Western Recorder	18,000	58,125
The Baptist Message	10,870	39,800
The Maryland Baptist	1,400	3,500
The Baptist Record	20,033	67,901
Word and Way	8,000	32,000
Baptist New Mexican	1,450	12,000
Biblical Recorder	13,589	41,839
Baptist Messenger	12,500	50,121
Pacific Coast Baptist		1,168
The Baptist Courier	10,000	72,834
Baptist and Reflector	7,500	47,040
Baptist Standard	46,736	225,392
Religious Herald	8,000	14,000
TOTALS	200,000	850,612

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A Letter To You

Dear Friends of Ouachita College:

Perhaps more than ever before we need your help in the enlistment of students for next September. Unless the outlook changes the next few months, colleges may expect 25 to 40 per cent decrease in enrolment. Ouachita now has 511 regular students, 325 boys and 186 girls.

A smaller enrolment will result in increased financial difficulties for the school. To keep the quality and academic rating of our program we must carry a certain amount of overhead whether we have 300, 400, or 500 students. It will be difficult to decrease expenses in proportion to a drastic drop in enrolment.

For the fiscal year our present total budget amounts to \$482,577. This includes operation of dormitories, students' apartments, and cafeteria. Sixty-six per cent of the total budget comes from student income. The educational and administrative part of our budget amounts to \$251,560. Fifty-five per cent of this amount is student income.

The best effort we can make will be to work hard to keep the enrolment as good as possible. Our faculty men are organized for student enlistment with 75 to 100 miles from the college. We will do all we can with the personnel and money available. However, this will not be enough. To succeed we

must have the help of our Baptist people who appreciate and wish to save our program of Christian education.

We have a fine program at Ouachita College this year. The extra debt-paying \$50,000 from the Co-operative Program will go far in reducing the \$62,000 current indebtedness.

The Board of Trustees in the February meeting instructed us to make an order for Science building equipment not to exceed \$35,000. The equipment has been ordered and delivery promised conditionally by October. Counting the money Dr. Bridges has accumulated in the Million Dollar Campaign Fund and what we have at the college designated for this purpose, we have approximately half enough to pay for the equipment.

Commencement plans are in the making for May 20, 21. The new Science Building will be officially dedicated and named.

Send us names and information about prospective young people for next summer and September. We will be glad to pay your expenses and furnish luncheon for groups of high school seniors visiting Ouachita College.

With gratitude for the devotion and determination of Arkansas Baptists in Christian education, I am

Sincerely yours,
S. W. Eubanks, President.

A Full Confession

By DR. R. T. SKINNER

We've been watching for something like this which was published in *Chicago News* and repeated in *Quote* magazine.

"Dr. Henry D. Von Witzleben, psychiatrist, University of Illinois, asserting that ministers are 'bad medicine' for mental patients says: 'Ministers, priests, and rabbis incline to pass moral judgment on patients. This heightens the guilt-feeling. Psychiatrists do not regard sin as evil, but rather as a psychological abnormality . . .'"

A good many months ago we made the statement that a new religion is in the making and a new bible being written by some of the psychiatrists. And here it is and spoken by an outstanding psychiatrist who doesn't want his patients to have a sense of guilt, who doesn't "regard sin as evil, but rather a psychological abnormality."

In the first place he covers too much territory. There are psychologists who regard sin as evil. The professor should not try to cover the world with his blanket.

In the second place he should know that many physicians and even psychiatrists actually call to their assistance godly Christian ministers who are able, by the

Broadman Books

The Meaning and Message of the Book of Revelation

Edward A. McDowell, author

Price, \$2.75

This book gives a sane and scholarly interpretation of what is admittedly a very difficult part of the scriptures. The author goes very thoroughly into the historical background, on the very sound assumption that it is essential to understand this background if one is to deal fairly with the book of Revelation.

The Meaning and Message of the Book of Revelation brings out the fact that the book of Revelation has a vital and timely message for Christians in today's confused world.

Word of God, to bring peace to troubled minds. The great means of escape from the confusion resulting from sin-guilt is the open acknowledgement of wrong and a turning from it, and the placing of complete trust in Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Yet here is a man in a state university, being paid from the public purse, and cutting at the faith of students.

-Western Recorder.

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas



NELSON F. TULL, State Secretary

219 Baptist Building

Little Rock, Arkansas

Great Leadership Conferences

The series of Denominational Leadership conferences has been a wonderful blessing to our State and to every phase of our Baptist work. The total attendance at these conferences adds up to the greatest number (by far) of Baptist people attending any meeting or series of meetings offered Arkansas Baptists; even including our annual convention. The information given out at these meetings, plus the inspiration from the messages of able men, plus the challenge of greater and nobler effort at Kingdom tasks, makes the series of Leadership Conferences a vital factor in building up all Arkansas Baptists are endeavoring to do.

The Leadership Conferences are sponsored by the Executive Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and have become an annual feature of the promotional work of our Convention.

The Brotherhood Department casts its vote for more and still greater Denominational Leadership Conferences!

We Have a Copy for You!

Some weeks ago through this column, the Brotherhood Department offered to send free of cost, to anybody who made the request, a copy of the tract, "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning." Many people have written requests for the tract, including several women.

The offer still stands! Send your name and address for your copy to the Brotherhood Department, 219 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

We are glad that women are reading the Brotherhood Column in the *Arkansas Baptist*. And we are glad to make the tract available to every woman who desires a copy. We will also be happy to receive requests for the tract from Baptist girls and Baptist boys, as well as from a host of Baptist men.

The tract, "Essential Steps in Personal Soul-Winning," sets forth a method of procedure in soul-winning. Within a few days we shall probably pass the fifty thousand mark in the distribution of the tract. God is richly blessing this little publication.

And remember, we have a copy for you!

Special to Associational Brotherhoods

It's time to plan for the spring Brotherhood rally in your associa-

tion. Probably the emphasis for the rally should be EVANGELISM. An all-out rally of the men of your association, with every church represented, and with a good, well-rounded, program dedicated to the winning of the lost, will pay rich dividends in your association throughout the spring and summer months.

The Associational Brotherhood Executive Committee should get together now and plan thoroughly for your spring Brotherhood rally. The Program Vice President should work out a program which will present a challenge of the highest order to all who attend the rally. The Attendance Vice President should contact every church to be certain that every church in the association shall be well represented at the rally. The Promotion Vice President should be ready at the meeting to present practical suggestions and plans which will enable the associational Brotherhood to follow through with a program of positive evangelism which will touch every church field. The Chorister should plan an excellent program of music for the rally. The Secretary-treasurer should plan to get a complete registration of the men and the churches present at the rally, and to write up good, complete minutes of the meeting.

If the associational Brotherhood officers will each fulfill his responsibilities, and all together function as the Executive Committee to plan the work, then the associational Brotherhood can be made a vital factor indeed in all that the association is doing.

Remember the Brethren Across the River

The Simultaneous Crusade east of the Mississippi River will come to its climax during the revival period, March 25 to April 8. Preparations for the revival are now being made in more than 18,000 Baptist churches.

Let's pray for our brethren on the other side of the River. Let's pray that the Holy Spirit shall lead and guide and bless, and that a multitude of souls shall be brought into the Kingdom and added to the churches. Let's pray that the impact of the Simultaneous Crusade shall be used of God to turn our Southland and our nation back to God and righteousness!

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Those who bring sunshine into the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves.

The Mission Challenge In Towns and Cities

By DR. C. W. CALDWELL

Sometime ago there appeared an article in one of the daily papers entitled, "Arkansas Goes to Town." In it the author told of the increase of population in the towns and cities of the state as revealed by the 1950 census. And he showed that the increase was due to so many people moving from the country into the towns. According to figures revealed by the census, county after county decreased in population while the towns in the same counties showed considerable gain. Thus, the towns and cities are growing at the expense of the country.

What should be the attitude of our Baptists toward these fast growing cities? We ought to see more than the English poet, Wordsworth, saw as he stood on Westminster Bridge and looked at London. He saw the Houses of Parliament, the cradle and home of the British Government; he saw the famous Tower of London, safeguarding the crown jewels—but he failed to see the people thronging the parks, surging the highways, and crowding the alleys. People seemed to be out of his sight.

Do we have people gravitating to our towns? We must see them, but not as Thomas Carlyle who looked upon a great populace and saw "thirty millions of people; mostly fools." Nor should we see them as Ralph Waldo Emerson who spoke of the crowd he saw as "the mob of mankind." Rather, we should see them as Jesus saw those in Jerusalem. He looked with compassion on them. He was crushed with their indifference and the imminent danger they were facing. He wept over Jerusalem. Have we wept for our towns and cities?

The greatest missionary and evangelistic challenge we are facing today may be found in these fast growing towns and cities. The need is for more mission stations and churches. If Sunday Schools grow faster by forming new departments and classes, will it not also be true that the Baptist denomination will grow faster and win more souls by establishing more missions and organizing more churches? At least two hundred churches should be organized in Arkansas within the next five years, and one half the number should be city and town churches.

Since this writer moved to Little Rock four years ago there have been three churches organized in Little Rock and seven in North Little Rock. The growth of many of them has been phenomenal. One church, less than four years old, has over four hundred members. Another, only two years

old, is averaging near two hundred in Sunday School. And as these new churches have grown, the others have also made rapid progress. But Little Rock still needs more Baptist churches and plans are underway to establish two more soon.

What has been done in Little Rock has been done in other places and ought to be done in many more. The Paragould churches, First and East Side, have not been hurt by establishing four or five mission stations, but the Baptist cause has been strengthened. Central Church, Magnolia, is no weaker from the organization of a good church out of the mission she sponsored.

In most of the larger towns of Arkansas there should be at least two Baptist (Convention) churches. The First church, with its brick building, ushers, robed choir, pipe organ, just cannot reach all the people who move to town from the country. They are used to country churches. They don't feel at ease in the "big" church. The change from services in a one room church to that in the town is too much for many to make at once. They go once, but don't go back. No one is at fault.

The members of the First Baptist Church must not shrug their shoulders and say, "let them go, if they don't want to come here." The responsibility does not end when people fail to attend the regular services. But the town church should take the initiative in establishing regular services for such people in the community where they live, with building and services on the level to which they are accustomed. They must not be left to become the prey of every "ism" that comes along. Buy a lot, help to erect a building, secure a preacher and lend encouragement in every way. When a new church is organized, rejoice with them.

Some towns show an increase, during the past ten years, of over two thousand. If the Baptist church, during the same period, gained three hundred, we ask, who got the other seventeen hundred? Has an Assembly of God church been organized? Has a Landmark church been organized? If there is room for a Baptist church and an Assembly of God, there is room for two Baptist churches and the second church need not be Landmark either, unless the Convention Baptist church has no eyes to see its mission possibilities.

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Happiness is not attained through self-gratification but through fidelity of purpose.

—Helen Keller

Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
209 Baptist Building, Little Rock

President of Training School Resigns Successor Chosen

For thirty years Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn has served in one capacity or another at the Woman's Missionary Union Training School, Louisville, Kentucky. After her graduation from the school, she returned as director of the Good Will Center, as instructor, as acting principal. Twenty three of those years she has been principal or president of the school. The influence of her leadership and comradeship is reflected in the lives of the hundreds of young women who have gone into every phase of Christian activity and who are scattered around the world.

With deep regret Miss Littlejohn's resignation as president of the W. M. U. Training School was accepted by the Trustees in annual session February 28-March 1. Her plans for the future are yet indefinite, however, she will continue to serve through this school term. Miss Littlejohn has visited Arkansas on numerous occasions and friends here will remember her as a charming speaker, an ardent student, a Christian stateswoman.

Following acceptance of Dr. Littlejohn's resignation, Miss Emily K. Lansdell, a native of Georgia, was elected to the presidency of the school. Miss Lansdell's qualifications are sterling. In addition to unusual scholastic attainments, she has served under the Foreign Mission Board as missionary-teacher at the University of Shanghai. At present she is doing deputation work for the Board. With her great missionary heart and experience, she now comes to invest her many talents in helping to prepare young women for special Christian work.

Indians of Oklahoma, and Miss Gladys Hopewell, missionary from China, there were those who presented G. A. methods, vocational guidance, and who led in musical and recreational activities. Among those who served on the staff of speakers and helpers were: Miss Chieko Satto, Hawaii; Mrs. J. E. Short; Mrs. John Miller; Mrs. John Cox; Mrs. Marshall Therneau; Miss Marlene McKeehan; Miss Jamie Blackman; Miss Erma Helen Hopkins; Miss Rose Mary Partain; Miss Ruth Skiles; Miss Patsy Webb; Miss Barbara Vandiver. Every possible co-operation was given by friends from the First Church, Morrilton, in assisting with decorating, serving, and transportation. To each who made possible this weekend for the girls, our thanks are extended.

Recognition of attainment in Forward Steps was given to thirteen young women in a Coronation Service conducted Saturday evening by Miss DeVault.

Outstanding G. A. of 1950

The Intermediate Girl's Auxiliary of First Church, Russellville, has announced that Genoa Clutts was chosen as the outstanding G. A. of 1950. This honor was based on attendance, reverence, and co-operation.

Girls who deserve honorable mention are: Mary Lee Patton and Jo Niven. All three of these girls are Queens with Sceptor and are anxious to receive their capes in the 1951 coronation.

The eleven members of the Jewell Abernathy Auxiliary send greetings to other auxiliaries with this challenge, "Everyone Win One in 1951."

ATTEND!
Annual Meeting
Arkansas' W. M. U.
April 3-5, 1951
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Little Rock, Ark.

Unto These Hills

One hundred sixty-seven members, counsellors and friends of intermediate Girls' Auxiliary met on Petit Jean Mountain for conference March 2-4. Under Miss Doris Devault's able leadership variety was injected into every session. The theme of the conference was "Building a World of Peace." In addition to the splendid missionary-messengers, Mrs. Frank Belvin, missionary to the

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Jesus Faces Death

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

This discussion is based on the International Uniform Sunday School Lesson Outlines, copyrighted by the International Council of Religious Education and used by permission.

Jesus had now come to the end of His personal ministry on the earth. He had lived a life that was well-pleasing to God; now He set His face resolutely toward Jerusalem, which meant certain death. He and the twelve arrived in Jerusalem from Galilee one week before time for the annual celebration of the passover. Their nights were spent at Bethany, a village about five miles from Jerusalem, and incidentally, the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus. They were around Jerusalem and the Temple during the days, where Jesus preached and taught the people many doctrinal and theological truths. He spoke many parables, and warned the people to turn to God, and what they could expect if they did not.

The scribes and Pharisees began to plot His death more definitely at that time. They persisted in their unholy practice of cross-questioning the Lord on every opportunity they could make. They were really seeking some word they could use for grounds to hale Him into court, where through their crooked politicians, they could carry out their wicked aims. It was during that week that Judas Iscariot was sought out, and the agreement made for him to betray the Lord into their hands.

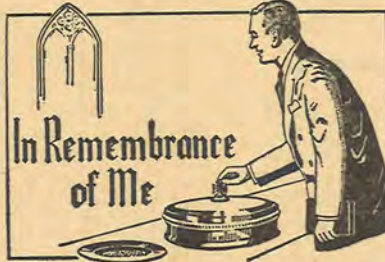
Jesus made the most of that last week; during His encounters with the enemies He never failed to tell them the truth about God and about themselves. He told them they were hypocrites, wolves in sheep's clothing, proselyting and making people two-fold more children of hell than they were naturally. He pronounced many dreadful woes upon them for their willful unbelief.

The Passover

For 1500 years Israel had been celebrating the passover ordinance annually as a memorial of their release from Egyptian bondage. But just as surely as Israel was once held in bondage by the Egyptians, so are all the sons of Adam held in bondage by sin and Satan. The powers of Egypt were broken the night the tenth plague fell and the death angel passed through the land snatching the oldest son in every household. But God's people were saved that tragedy because the blood of the passover lamb was on the lintels and door posts. It was the blood that made the Israelites safe from death; an innocent lamb had to die, however, before there was blood to place over the doors of their homes.

Sunday School Lesson for March 18, 1951 Mark 14.

They should have seen their Redeemer in that ordinance, just as we should see Him in the ordinance of the Lord's Supper, which He instituted that last night to replace the old passover feast.



But Israel was blind. Only a few recognized their Savior when He came, and how little they realized that after offering the passover lamb for fifteen centuries, in type, now they were about to literally offer on the cross, the real Passover Lamb (I Cor. 5:7) for the sins of the whole world! Israel would be the executor of the will of God. It was all strictly legal; Jesus explained it carefully, and the writer of the book of Hebrews gave us detailed explanations.

As Jesus instituted His Supper that last night with the twelve, He said, "This is the blood of the new testament." In Hebrews 9:16 we read, "Where a testament (will) is, there must of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is of force AFTER men are dead: it is of no strength while the testator liveth." The first testament, the law given to Moses on Sinai, was attested to by the blood of animals, as a type of the coming Law Giver and Redeemer, but that was done away that the second and better testament might be instituted.

So Jesus established a new will or testament, sealed it with His own blood, and gave us permission to use a memorial supper wherein we use broken bread symbolic of His broken and suffering body for our sins; and the fruit of the vine signifying His shed blood for the sins of men. He legally guaranteed our eternal life in His sacrificial and atoning death. And as we partake of that memorial supper of bread and wine, from time to time, we can do so with happy anticipation of the hour when we shall sit at the table with our Lord personally, when He shall "drink it new in the kingdom of God."

Gethsemane

When the supper was finished, they sang a hymn and went out

into the night, making their way to a garden called Gethsemane. That was when and where death took hold upon Jesus. The greatest agony ever suffered in this world took place there that night when the Savior became exceedingly sorrowful, unto death, and sweated great drops of blood. From then till now, Gethsemane has been synonymous with suffering. It was that night that Jesus the Christ tread the wine press of the wrath of God, alone. Then it was that, "He who knew no sin BECAME sin for us that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." And the pathetic thing about it was that not even His closest associates cared. Eight of His disciples were left at the garden gate to keep watch. Three others, Peter, James, and John, went into the garden with Him; then He reached the place where they must wait, and He went alone a stone's throw to pray. They were admonished to watch with Him and pray lest they fall into temptation. They neither watched nor prayed. They slept. And later fell into temptation, and yielded to sin.

Power of Prayer

Do you suppose Peter would have denied the Lord if he had spent the night in prayer as did Jesus? Do you believe that James and John would have "followed the Lord afar off" if they had been praying instead of sleeping? And how many times do we today deny the Lord by some act of commission or omission, because we have not been faithful in our prayer lives? How often today we must follow afar off because we have not chosen to stay by His side in fellowship and communion. How well the poet has said: "Prone to wander, Lord I feel it; Prone to leave the God I love." And how often we need to finish the verse with the poet's own words, also, in the form of a prayer: "Here's my heart—oh take and seal it Seal it for thy courts above."

Jesus Personally Prayed for You

Yes, Jesus faced death knowingly, as He journeyed toward Jerusalem in the long ago. He freely and voluntarily sought Jerusalem and the cross, in spite of many efforts to prevent His going there. And may we never get the idea that we are too far removed from that night to be responsible for any of the things that happened. It was our sins that nailed Him to the cross, not necessarily the wickedness of the scribes and Pharisees. They were only instruments in the hands of God.

And may we be assured that we too, were in the minds of Jesus as He paid for our sins; read about it in John 17, in what is known to many as the Lord's prayer, offered just before He reached Gethsemane, He remembered all of us who would be born into the family of God from that hour to the end of time. Jesus prayed for me, He prayed for you, personally. What an inspiration that should be to our hearts; how it should spur us on to greater efforts in His Kingdom's work.

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God's Artistry

Its glory has departed for the season. I refer to the sunrise over the river. We have been watching it; admiring it. At our house we arise before dawn—sometimes by 4:00 a. m. During office days we are usually on our way to work before or at sunrise. As we travel down the mountain side the river stretches out ahead through and beyond the city. It is February and the winter's sun rises directly over the water, presenting one of the exquisitely beautiful scenes in God's great artistry. Sometimes the horizon is a heavenly landscape as the king of day floods the fragments of scattered clouds that drape the horizon with its early morning colors of purple and crimson, and puts a lace of gold on the fringe of each floating cloud. This morning the vision must have been a little more gorgeous than usual. The reflection of the sun upon the bosom of the river was most glorious, indeed. It was not a crimson glow, but it was a glittering sheen of gleaming, brilliant light like a huge spread of a new molten yellow gold, dazzling to the human eye. It is true that "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showeth His handiwork," but when the heavenly bodies mingle and merge and fuse their varied beauties and marvelous functions with the earthly scenery, the sight fills the soul with emotion and impulse like the heated air of a mid-summer's day. This morning the beauty of its iridescent gleam was so entrancing that we stopped and beheld its surpassing beauty reflected in its charming changes, while the sun climbed the horizon like a golden ball floating in a sea of amethyst and silver. The glory of a sunrise fully equals the glory of an autumn sunset.

As we made mention of the sunrise someone asked, "Why get up so early?" Well, that

takes us from the sublime to the ridiculous; from the poetic to the prosaic. It is not because we especially like early rising. We like an "early morning nap." A poet expressed our sentiment in the following lines:

"God bless the man that first invented sleep—
I really can't avoid the iteration;
But blast the man with curses loud and deep—
What e'er the rascal's name or age or station;
That first invented and went around advising
That artificial cut-off, early rising."

But we cannot always do it that way. Much of the time there is so much work to be done it becomes necessary to be at it early before interruptions begin and confusion disturbs the line of thought and tears up the course of procedure. Sometimes we can do a whole day's work by nine o'clock in the morning if we get started early. One can do one's work better and quicker if one gets at it early.

Then too, if you want to find God easily and real-ly, seek Him early. Your tete-a-tete with Him will be even more inspiring than the grandeur and glory of the gorgeous sunrise. He is fairer than the lily, brighter than the gold and purple dawn. But going down the mountain, henceforth, to my early tasks I shall miss the sheen of light on the bosom of the river; for the position of the spring and summer sunrise will be on a different latitude—till next winter. But now, the roses will bloom, "and the spring will gush anew, in the pleasant April rain—in the summer's sun and dew," and we will still find the blessedness of an early morning tryst with the Father.

Great Leadership Conferences

We were somewhat disappointed in two or three of our Leadership Conferences. We had good programs prepared and had a splendid personnel for the speakers in these conferences. We asked our pastors to announce the meetings and to attend if possible, and to ask their members to attend. We were told in several cases that it was never announced from the pulpit. We were disappointed in some of our fellows throughout the state.

We want to say, however, that on the other hand we have just returned from the meeting at Fort Smith, and it was truly a great meeting. It was largely attended both day and night, and the speakers were at their best. J. E. Dillard and R. G. LeTourneau were the out-of-state speakers, but some of the men who were in and around Fort Smith were at their best also. All features of the program were unusually good and the night address by Mr. LeTourneau was a real climax of the day. As we write this report, we are getting ready to go to Batesville and Jonesboro to the last of this series of conferences. We deeply appreciate all the assistance that was given, and we are grateful for whatever good results these conferences net us.

Pleasant Hill Church And Pastor Naylor

Pastor H. B. Naylor of the Pleasant Hill Church in Benton County says that the Lord's blessings are making all of them happy. The church voted to start out on a ten per cent allocation for the Cooperative Program. They believe in missions and propose to do something about them. They believe that the Lord's blessings are increased upon them, because of their faith in missions and their support of the Cooperative Program. The Lord has added 25 per cent to their membership in eight months, and the offering on a recent Sunday was \$165. You can see it will be a joy for them to send \$16.50 for one week for the Cooperative Program. Mrs. Mark Andrews is their faithful treasurer and Mrs. Mary Merritt is the church clerk, and is a wonderful help in the work of the church. The church has also increased the pastor's salary considerably since last summer.

"Too many of us have been inoculated with small doses of Christianity which keeps us from catching the real thing."—Dr. Leslie D. Weatherford.

The Cooperative Program In February

The month of February yielded another victory in Cooperative Program receipts. We received just a little more than it takes to finance our work for a month. We are grateful. On the other hand, a large number of churches turned their backs on the Lord's mission work for the month of February. The month of March, of course, is the last month in the first quarter. Won't you try to get a contribution for the Cooperative Program into our office before the month closes?

Preachers Names in the Annual

The Arkansas Baptist Annual is off the press, and a copy has been mailed to each preacher whose address we have. Brother King has done a splendid job in getting out a nice book. You will appreciate it.

If your name is not in the annual, it is because Brother King did not have the information. He took the names of the ordained preachers from the Associational letters. These letter blanks have blank spaces in which the names of all ordained ministers who are members of a church representing in any association are to be written in. If your name is not in the annual, it is because it was left out of the report to your local association. Every year we try to remind our preachers to send in their name and address for publication in the annual. Please remember this next year in November.

A Day of Prayer

Bert Bashaw in Buckville Association announces an all day prayer meeting, Sunday, April 1, at the Valley Home Church, Hollis. Brother Bashaw suggests and requests that all of us join with them that day in praying for victory in Korea, for the safety of our boys that are in the Armed Forces, and for peace. All the churches are requested to make special prayer a feature on April 1. Pray earnestly that Christian work and Christian workers may have special guidance and special power as well as the special providence of the Lord in these trying days. Pray especially that God may move upon our national and international leaders and crowd them into the path of righteousness.

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Minister Claimed by Death

Ending a ministry of 44 years, W. A. Byars of Cullendale, was claimed by death November 3, 1950.

Born in December, 1880, Mr. Byars was ordained to the gospel ministry at the age of 26 and spent many years in the pastorate in the Carey Association.

A testimony of those who know him best is that he was faithful and untiring in his ministry, evangelistic in his preaching, and made the Cross of Christ central in his messages.

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