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—H. Armstrong Roberts

“What manner of child shall this be!” (Luke 1:66)

Why Close Communion?

By H. W. PROVENCE

The question is often asked, "Why do Baptists insist on close communion?" A great many Baptists are unable to answer this question because the reasons for this practice have never been explained to them. Both pastors and Sunday School teachers have failed to teach them. Doubtless, some of these teachers themselves are not familiar with the reasons for the traditional Baptist practice.

According to all the widely accepted Baptist confessions of faith, such as the New Hampshire Confession, which is recognized all over America as the standard statement of Baptist doctrine, and the "Baptist Faith and Message," a revised version of the New Hampshire Confession adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention several years ago, "A church of Christ is a congregation of baptized believers, associated by covenant in the faith and fellowship of the gospel; observing the ordinances of Christ, governed by his laws, and exercising the gifts, rights, and privileges invested in them by His word." Baptism is by immersion only and is "pre-requisite to the privileges of a church relation and to the Lord's Supper."

The Order

The teaching of the New Testament supports this view. In the Great Commission, our Lord said, "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." Here the order is: first, discipleship, conversion; second, baptism; and then all the other duties of the Christian life. In the account of Pentecost, we read: "They then that received his word were baptized; and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in prayers." Here is the same order: conversion, baptism, and the Lord's Supper. Nowhere in the New Testament is there the slightest suggestion that this order was ever reversed, or that any unbaptized person was ever admitted to the Lord's Supper. If we are to take the New Testament as our standard of faith and practice, we must observe the order which it lays down.

Practically all other evangelical denominations agree as to this order. A Methodist historian writes: "Even in Georgia, John Wesley excluded dissenters from the Holy Communion on the ground that they had not been properly baptized."

The difference between the practice of Baptists and that of other evangelicals is due simply to different views as to the meaning of baptism. In the New Testament, baptism means only immersion. No Greek scholar would venture to say that the word "baptizo," which is the Greek word translated "baptize" in the New Testament, ever means "sprinkle" or "pour." None of the standard Greek lexicons, either classical or New Testament, give it any such meaning. So when Baptists make immersion a pre-requisite to the Lord's Supper, they are merely following the plain teaching of the New Testament.

Dangers in Open Communion

The history of open communion shows that it always encourages people to think that baptism is unimportant. Open communion

leads naturally to open membership, which means that baptism is not required for church membership. One of the leading Baptist churches of London once had deacons who had never been baptized, to say nothing of unofficial members. Open membership has retarded the growth of Baptists in England. Some churches in the Northern Baptist Convention have favored it, and now it is reported that some of them have discarded the New Testament doctrine of baptism, in spite of the plain command of our Lord. The question naturally arises; Why should such churches wish to be called Baptist churches? The name Baptist stands for a certain type of doctrinal belief, just as the name Presbyterian does. Of course, every Christian has the right to interpret the Bible for himself; but if he calls himself a Baptist, should he not conform to regular Baptist beliefs and practices?

Southern Baptists have always insisted on obedience to the New Testament teaching, and as a result they are the largest and strongest group of Baptists in the world. God honors those who honor him and obey his commands.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

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"Puddles of Blood"

The villain threatens to flog the half-naked heroine . . . The beautiful girl is beaten to death on a sacrificial altar . . . The men are stabbed and have their arms, legs, and heads cut off . . . The bride is kidnapped . . . Fists that smash against faces settle all problems.

These are typical scenes from the so-called "comic books." What is such stuff doing to the minds of U. S. children? Determined to find out, the Association for the Advancement of Psychotherapy last week held a symposium in Manhattan on "The Psychopathology of Comic Books." Specialists were asked to give their views.

Manhattan Folklorist Gershon Legman, author of a historical treatise on comic books, showed the psychiatrists some grisly samples and presented some shuddery statistics. Every year 50,000,000 comic books are printed; the average city child reads ten to a dozen each month. If there is only one scene of violence a page, this gives him a diet of "300 scenes of beating, shooting, strangling, torture, and blood per month." Every city child who was six years old in 1938 has by now, Legman figured, "absorbed an absolute minimum of 18,000 pictorial beatings, shootings, stranglings, blood puddles, and torturings-to-death from comic books alone."

A diagnosis was offered by Dr. Frederic Wertham, Manhattan psychiatrist and founder of Harlem's Lafargue Clinic, in *Time*, Dec. 1. The increase of violence in juvenile delinquency, he said, goes hand in hand with the increase of comic books. Said Dr. Wertham: "We are getting to the roots of one of the contributing causes of juvenile delinquency . . . You cannot understand present-day juvenile delinquency if you do not take into account the pathogenic and pathoplastic influence of the comic books." In plainer language: comic books not only inspire evil but suggest a form for the evil to take.

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HE INSPIRED OTHERS

A Devotion by the Editor

"And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation)."

The ability to inspire other people to live at their best is one of the noblest endowments of life. Barnabas was such a person. He is known to us by the name which he wore because of the hope and courage which he inspired in others.

When the Christian community at Jerusalem was reduced to economic distress, this man met the emergency with Christian courage. He sold a certain piece of land and gave the proceeds for distribution among the needy. His gift must have come just in the nick of time. It gave the whole community new hope and courage; it gave them a new inspiration and buoyed them up in the midst of their misfortunes.

And with the gift, Barnabas gave himself. The consolation and confidence which he inspired came more from the man than from his gift. If the gift were all, that would soon be exhausted and the people would be no better off. The gift was but temporary relief, but the courage and faith he inspired were permanent forces which would enable them to become self-sustaining.

When Paul returned to Jerusalem after his conversion and sought fellowship with the apostles, he was not received by them because they had no confidence in the man who had formerly persecuted them. It was Barnabas who vouched for Paul and won for him the confidence of the Jerusalem Christians.

When Barnabas needed a helper in the work at Antioch, he went in search of Paul. Together they labored in Antioch and from there they went out as foreign missionaries.

When Paul rejected John Mark for the second missionary journey, Barnabas stood by the young man, who later wrote the gospel that bears his name.

The whole life of Barnabas is marked by this one characteristic, that he inspired others to rise to their best and achieve their noblest. Barnabas left no writings. Yet, he had much to do with the early Christian lives of two of the New Testament writers: Mark and Paul.

"And Joses, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas, (which is, being interpreted, The son of consolation,) a Levite, and of the country of Cyprus.

"Having land, sold it, and brought the money, and laid it at the apostles' feet" (Acts 4: 36-37).

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Across the Editor's Desk

Church Organizations

On page 9 of last week's issue of the Arkansas Baptist we published a condensation of the recommendations which will be presented to the Memphis Convention by the Committee on Church Organizations. It was a thankless task which was assigned to the committee. Obviously much time and thought have been devoted to the situation which the committee was appointed to consider. We honor the brethren who compose this committee, there are none better among us.

However, we fear that these honored brethren, in their concentration on the task which was committed to them and in their effort to solve certain problems, have failed to realize the far-reaching implications in their recommendations, recommendations which, in our judgment, are absolutely opposed to the Baptist genius and church polity.

Churches Classified

Read recommendation No. 1. Three classifications are proposed for our churches on a numerical basis. Brethren, it must never happen that the Southern Baptist Convention classify Southern Baptist churches on the basis of numbers, and then "set up a pattern of organization and curriculum" for each classification. And what about "printed 'guides' for pastors and leaders?" Is it conceivable that a committee or representatives of our agencies would be able to produce a printed "guide" for Baptist pastors and leaders!

Unified Study Course

Recommendation No. 2 proposes that a "unified church study course with a general diploma" to be provided by "our several agencies."

The secret of the success of our various agencies—Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood—is the fact that each one has been free to promote its work independent of other agencies and at the same time in a spirit of cooperation. The promotion of Sunday School courses has in no wise retarded the promotion of Woman's Missionary Union study courses. And, if the same persons take all the courses of study offered by the different church organizations, so much the better.

With our four agencies promoting study courses, many more courses of study will be conducted than if we undertake to produce a single comprehensive study course promoted by the four agencies. If there is an overlapping in these courses, it will only serve to strengthen the teaching instead of weakening it. Let us leave our agencies free. They have worked together in beautiful harmony, and each has done a marvelous work.

The third recommendation calls for "plans and calendars" which will "avoid unnecessary meetings." Baptist people, as a rule, are not

going to attend too many meetings. Should we say that any meeting, the purpose of which is to promote the kingdom of our Lord, is "unnecessary?"

Flexible Stewardship

"A flexible plan of stewardship-financing" is suggested in the fourth recommendation. There is but one plan of stewardship-financing taught in the Bible—tithes and offerings. How shall this plan be made flexible and "adapted to the needs of the varied churches?"

The fifth recommendation provides that the "recommendations . . . if adopted by the Convention, be . . . carried out in consultation and conference with the Committee on Church Organizations and representatives of agencies and auxiliaries."

If this recommendation were adopted, would the "representatives of agencies and auxiliaries" be subjected to the over-all authority of a super-agency or committee? Would they be compelled to work out their programs with the approval of such committee?

Don't you think, brethren, we had better leave our great agencies free to promote their respective phases of organization without having to submit their plans to any over-all agency for approval?

Co-operative Competition

This whole report approaches dangerously near the idea of a super-authoritative agency to which our promotional agencies will be asked to submit their plans for approval.

Admitting that there is competition among the promotional agencies of our churches—Sunday School, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood—it is a co-operative competition, and serves to develop and maintain a balanced program of church and denominational activity.

The free agency system has produced among Southern Baptists the highest degree of efficiency among evangelical denominations of America. Southern Baptists have out-distanced those denominations which use "patterns," "printed 'guides'," "flexible" plans, and super-authoritative agencies. Why should we change now? What do we have that we can afford to give up?

Let us think through the issues involved in this report and be prepared to deal with the report with sound wisdom when it comes before the Convention.

"Often our work seems insignificant and unimportant when we compare ourselves with the immensity of time and the universe, but God gave us our moment on earth to be used in the best possible way."—J. V. Moldenhawer.

Comic Books

We call attention, particularly of parents, to an article elsewhere in this issue, entitled "Puddles of Blood," which appeared in the March 29, 1948, issue of Time magazine.

This article calls attention to one of the most dangerous evils which threaten the child mind of our day—the "comic books."

J. Edgar Hoover, F. B. I. director, says that the rise in juvenile crime can be traced to the breakdown in the influence of the home on American youth. Parents no longer assume responsibility for directing the recreation, entertainment, and reading of the children of the home. In order to be free for their own engagements, parents substitute the comic book, the movie, and the like which they can buy with money, for the time, thought, and interest which they should devote to their children.

How many parents know what their children read? How many care what their children read? There can be no substitute for parental guidance of the child life. But if parents do not guide their children, they may be sure that others will.

This situation presents a challenge to our churches, pastors, Sunday School teachers, Training Union leaders, and all other Christian workers. We must give the boys and girls something better than they get from many of the homes from which they come.

A Request For Prayer

A correspondent asks the prayers of the readers of the Arkansas Baptist for a friend who is not a Christian. We appreciate this request and are glad to pass it on to our readers. We hope that every one who may chance to read this item will join this person in prayer for his friend.

We believe that God prompted this request for prayer. We believe that God can move the heart of this person to surrender to Christ. We believe the prayers of God's people throughout the state can be effective in the salvation of this lost person.

We are reminded that the salvation of the lost should be the burden of our hearts. We should not limit our prayers to the lost who are in our immediate community. Our prayers should reach out to the limits of our state and nation, and to the ends of the earth.

We rejoice in the revival meetings which are being conducted and which will be conducted throughout the state. This request for prayer for a lost soul may well prompt us to pray for these revival meetings all over the state, pray for the pastors, the evangelists, the Christian workers, that God may empower them in their efforts to lead the lost to Christ.

It is not impossible to win 25,000 souls to Christ in 1948. Perhaps it would require more praying than we have ever done before. Maybe we need to pray more than ever before. There are no limits upon God's power to save the lost. The only limits to be found are in our willingness to be used of God in winning the lost.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

The Liberty Association recently sent more than 40,000 pounds of clothing, food, and feed, to the Southern Baptist Relief Center at New Orleans.

New Bethel Church, Mississippi County Association, recently entered their new church building. The church plans to add class rooms for Sunday School purposes, which will make the New Bethel Church one of the best equipped churches to be found in rural Arkansas.

The building fund of the First Church, Blytheville, E. C. Brown, president of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, pastor, has passed the \$100,000 mark.

This worthy sum has been accumulated while at the same time the church has increased its contributions to the Co-operative Program and other denominational causes.

Architect's plans for the new auditorium have been accepted by the building committee, and a thorough study of the proposed educational unit is being made by the architect and the building committee.

In a revival meeting at the First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, which closed on May 2, four young men surrendered to the gospel ministry and one young man surrendered to missionary work. Evangelist Simpson L. Tidwell of Turlock, California, did the preaching in the revival. Felton H. Griffin is pastor of the Anchorage church.

"Building the Kingdom" was the theme of the Associational W. M. U. Rally held at Harvey's Chapel Church, Hot Springs, May 6. In addition to the conferences and business session, special messages were given by the following: S. A. Wiles, associational missionary, "Evangelism in Arkansas"; M. E. Wiles, state rural evangelist, "Beginning at Home." Dr. John Dodge, pastor of the First Church, Hot Springs, conducted the Bible study period for the men. Mrs. E. A. Crowder, First Church, Malvern, is the Associational president of W. M. U.

One year ago, the youth of the First Church, Abilene, Texas, participated in Youth Week for the first time. The inspiration and blessings resulting from this special period prompted the church to again observe this program. The theme selected for Youth Week, May 2-9, was "Walking With Jesus." This special program was sponsored by the Training Union, and it afforded an opportunity for the young people to perform duties ordinarily carried on by regular church officials and adult laymen.

A new pipe organ recently installed in the First Church, Morrilton, was dedicated at the service Sunday night, April 25.

Another new addition to the ever increasing equipment of the First Church, Forrest City, is a new Baldwin Grand piano which was recently installed.

Messengers who will attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention at Memphis, May 19-23, should secure registration cards in advance from the secretary of their State Baptist Convention.

Only those persons duly elected by churches co-operating in the work of the Southern Baptist Convention and who are properly certified as messengers can be received as messengers to the Convention.

Pastor T. L. Harris, First Church, Camden, preached in revival services at First Church, Van Buren, April 4-18. There were 25 additions to the church membership, 22 by baptism. Evangelist P. A. Stockton was in charge of the music. T. H. Jordan is pastor.

Evangelist H. E. Kirkpatrick has been with Pastor Russell Clubb and the First Church, Osceola, in recent revival services in which more than 100 persons were received into the membership of the church and 10 young people surrendered for full time Christian service.

During the two weeks prior to the revival 41 persons were received into the membership of the church.

The Osceola church has recently refurnished the parsonage and presented Pastor Clubb with a new automobile.

Johnny Tarnello, student preacher and mission pastor, was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the First Church, Hardy, Arkansas, Friday evening, April 30. At the same time five deacons were ordained by the Hardy Church.

Among those composing the ordaining council were: J. I. Cossey, chairman; H. E. Williams, who preached the ordination sermon; W. L. Pepper, who delivered the charge to the candidates; Alphas Capps, who delivered the charge to the church; C. P. Roach, who offered the ordination prayer; and R. A. Hill, who presented the Bible to Johnny Tarnello.

Pastor O. J. Chastain, First Church, Mt. Pleasant, Texas, preached in revival services recently at the First Church, Altus, Oklahoma. James Reed, pastor. There were 77 additions to the church membership on profession of faith and baptism and 28 by letter.

Pastoral Changes

Dean E. Newberry, a senior at Ouachita College, has resigned the First Church, Wilton, Arkansas, to accept the pastorate of First Church, Mena, Arkansas.

W. E. Speed of Lake City, Arkansas, has accepted the call of the First Church, Russellville. He will begin his work there in June.

Nelson Greenleaf, pastor of Arkansas City Church, Delta Association, has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Atkins, Dardanelle-Russellville Association, and will assume his duties there about May 9.

The State Demonstration Bible Teaching Clinic

An exceptionally successful State Demonstration Bible Teaching Clinic was held April 18-23, in the Central Baptist Church, Hot Springs, with all of the Baptist churches of Hot Springs co-operating. Entertainment in the homes of the membership was furnished to all enrolled clinicians.

Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, directed the clinic, assisted by a fine corps of South-wide workers, all specialists in Sunday School work.

A total of 160 people were enrolled from various sections of the state, and 18 workers from Hot Springs churches were enrolled, making a total of 124. Total enrolment, including visitors, was 348, with an average attendance of 250.

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First Church, South Fort Smith, recently had the services of Pastor J. B. Maxwell, First Church, Bentonville, in a revival meeting. There were 6 additions to the church membership, 3 by baptism. Henry Beckel, educational director, was in charge of the music. Brother Maxwell presented his messages to the juniors in a very unique way—magic object lessons. They were very impressive.

From March 28 to April 11 C. Y. Dossey, assistant superintendent of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, led a simultaneous campaign in Chattanooga and Ocoee Association in Tennessee. There were 76 churches participating in the campaign. The results of the campaign were 1,205 additions, 832 coming on profession of faith and baptism. The Associational Executive Board voted unanimously to have another campaign next year and set the date as April 3-17.

Central Church, Jonesboro, had the services of Dr. Alfred Carpenter, field secretary for the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, in revival services, April 7-25, Reese Howard is pastor. There were 25 additions to the church membership, 16 by baptism. New attendance goals were reached during the meeting. Plans are made to launch a building campaign to construct a much needed auditorium.

Pastor Ralph Dodd, first Church, Stuttgart, recently preached in a Youth Revival at Tioga Church, Tioga, Louisiana, Lavelle Kennedy is pastor. There were 14 additions to the church membership, 21 surrendered their lives for Christian service, one young man surrendered to the gospel ministry, and many re-dedications. The deacons have recommended that the church launch a building program to meet the needs of the fast-growing community.

The Second Church, El Dorado, had the services of Nelson Tull, secretary of Brotherhood, in a Brotherhood revival, April 18-25. There were 41 additions to the church membership, 35 by baptism. James E. Birkhead, music and educational director, First Church, Malvern, was in charge of the music.

Jesse S. Reed came to the pastorate of Second Church March 1. Since that time there have been 58 additions to the church membership.

Layman Will Enter Full Time Service



George L. Tousey

George L. Tousey, a layman in the Second Church, El Dorado, surrendered to full time Christian service on Sunday, April 28.

Mr. Gousey was converted in 1942 and united with the Second Church, El Dorado. Since that time he has been active in all phases of church life and organization, serving such capacities as: chorister, Sunday School teacher, Training Union director, church treasurer, deacon, and other positions of responsibility.

Born and reared in St. Louis, Missouri, Mr. Tousey has made his home in El Dorado for the past ten years. Mrs. Tousey concurs in the decision of her husband to give his life to Christian service. The Touseys have two children, a boy and a girl.

Mr. Tousey plans to enter Central College next September.

Pastor Jesse S. Reed says of him: "He would make some church a good education and music director."

Pastor Walter L. Johnson, First Church, Fayetteville did his own preaching in revival services, April 11-25. There were 34 additions to the church membership, 23 coming for baptism. Thomas Landers Jr., director of music, Central Church, Hot Springs, also ministerial student at Ouachita College, was in charge of the music.

J. I. Cossey, head of the Department of Missions and Promotion at Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, was the guest speaker at Turrell Mission, West Memphis, Arkansas, April 25 for both worship services. He filled the pulpit in the absence of the pastor, Billy Walker, who preached at the First Church, West Memphis, that day.

The church at Alpena Pass is making steady progress under the leadership of Pastor B. L. Dorman. The new educational building has been completed and is now in use; the Sunday School has grown from an average attendance of 27 two years ago to 133 at present; 14 persons have been received for membership at the regular services during the past two months.

The Alpena Church contributes \$45 quarterly to the Co-operative Program.

Church Library News

By MISS RUSSELEEN BALDRIDGE

Lake Village Church, H. O. Malone, pastor, recently established a church library, purchasing more than \$100 worth of new books as an initial installment. Mrs. Alfred Blaylock was appointed librarian.

The First Church, Fordyce, J. T. Elliff, pastor, has re-opened its library, provided space for more than 2,000 books, and spent more than \$100 for new books.

The First Church, Van Buren, T. H. Jordan, pastor, observed Church Library Emphasis Week, March 21-27. The week was spent in demonstrating how a church library benefits all phases of church life. The Van Buren church library consists of more than 1,000 volumes and is in the charge of Miss Katherine Walker, librarian.

Pastor P. J. Crowder and the Oak Grove Church, Ft. Smith, recently had the services of T. C. Pennel, pastor of Ingleside Baptist Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, evangelist, and Mark Short, Arkadelphia, singer, in revival services. Twelve persons were received into the church membership upon profession of faith and baptism, and 7 by letter.

During the 9 months that Pastor Crowder has been with the Oak Grove church there have been 120 additions to the church membership. The church is planning to construct a new educational building in the near future.

A special feature of the Workers' Conference in the First Church, Springdale, April 14, was a presentation of 208 Sunday School diplomas and seals to the officers and teachers in the Sunday School. This is an unusually fine record. Dr. C. E. Wilbanks is pastor and Lucien E. Coleman is educational director.

Approximately 200 people gathered at First Church, Rector, Sunday afternoon, April 18, for the Quarterly Hymn-Sing, which was planned by W. A. James, associational music director, of Piggott. Four choirs brought special numbers and congregational singing was led by Mrs. B. W. Nininger, state director of church music. Mrs. G. C. Jernigan, organist, accompanied the group singing. Eight churches in the association were represented and there were 6 pastors present. An invitation from Piggott was accepted for the next Quarterly Hymn-Sing.

Basket dinner was served in the basement of the church before the singing and the ordinance of baptism was administered to five candidates immediately following the program.

E. C. Polk, pastor of the Rector church, J. O. Young, pastor of the Piggott church, and H. W. Johnston, associational missionary, had a part on the afternoon program.

Pastor Bennie Pearson, First Church, Elaine, preached in revival services recently at the Hebron Church, Detroit, Michigan. There were 32 additions to the church membership, 22 by baptism. Ten young people surrendered for special service in the Lord's work. Dr. Roy Harlan is pastor.

Ouachita College Choir In Opera Presentation

The choir of Ouachita College, under the direction of Miss Maxie Cleere, was invited by the Arkansas Federation of Music Clubs to present a program of opera Monday afternoon, April 19, at the annual meeting of the Federation. Parts of Bizet's opera, "Carmen," were presented by the choir. Characters were as follows: Miss Marion Tipton, Second Church, Little Rock, as Carmen; David Tate Immanuel Church, Little Rock, as the Toreador; and, Mark Short and Charles Vermillion dividing the part of Don Jose. Miss Virginia Queen was accompanist for the group. David Bennett of the Ouachita College Speech Department was reader. The program was received by a very appreciative audience.

A program of opera, including parts of "Carmen," was presented by the Ouachita Choir at the college, May 7, at 7:30 p. m., in Mitchell Hall.

First Church, Lexa, Arkansas, recently had the services of Pastor Bennie Pearson, First Church, Elaine, in revival services. There were 12 professions of faith, 6 of whom were received into the church membership.

Pastor J. W. Royal and the First Church, Lewisville, had the assistance of Rel Gray, pastor of the First Church, Rogers, and Johnny Jackson of Camden, in a recent revival in which there were 54 decisions for Christ.

At the close of the meeting, the Lewisville Church employed Johnny Jackson, a student at Ouachita, as educational director for the summer months, or until he re-enters Ouachita next fall.

Pastor Royal comments that it was the "greatest meeting in the history of our church, so far as anyone can remember. There were more grown men and women converted than I have ever seen in a meeting before, and more homes were united than in any revival I have ever witnessed."

Pastor W. J. Morris of the Altheimer Church, Harmony Association, preached in revival services at Bolckow, Missouri, March 29 to April 8. There were 9 additions to the church membership on profession of faith and baptism, 2 by letter, and 1 by statement. Paul Harvey, a student at William-Jewell College, Liberty, Missouri, is pastor of the Bolckow church.

James Edward Hampton, a student at Ouachita College and pastor of the Browntown Church, Little River Association, was ordained to the gospel ministry by the First Church, Mena, Sunday afternoon, March 28.

Those composing the council were: James A. Overton, pastor of the church, who preached the ordination sermon; Charles M. Burgess, who served as clerk of the council; Orville D. Behm, associate pastor of the church; and Mark Fite, pastor of the church at Huntington, Arkansas.

T. S. Cowden is the missionary pastor of Hickory Grove, Crigler, and York Town churches, near Star City. Pastor Cowden believes in the use of religious movie films, which he uses consistently with the result that during the past 4 months he has baptized 18 persons into the fellowship of these churches.

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

*An addition to God's Kingdom must be a subtraction from the world.
You cannot be counted in both places.*

Girl Pickets Dad Who Works on Sunday: Dr. Herschel Phillips, a dentist of Kansas City, Mo., who keeps his office open on Sunday morning, was picketed here by his ten-year-old daughter, Elsie.

Elsie carried a sign reading: "Unfair to make my daddy work on Sunday. Unfair to his children because we want him to go to church."

Dr. Phillips scolded her, but the child later remarked: "I'm going to picket every Sunday until he stops working."

Methodists Warned on Neglect of Christian Teaching: The Methodist Church, meeting in the quadrennial General Conference, was by its board of Education that neglect of Christian teaching will imperil freedom and democracy in the United States and the world.

"Although we have had a democracy in this nation for 175 years and it has been supported by the churches, we have not been able to produce a national leadership which seems capable of interpreting the role of America in the world in terms which rise above political and economic considerations," the board's report stated.

"The Methodist Church," it added, "must be aroused to a realization that its power and influence five, ten, and twenty years hence depend more upon the effectiveness of Christian teaching in the home and church now than upon any other program of activity in which it may engage.

"The Church must also realize soon that the strength of its Christian points of view upon the world order can spring only from Christian convictions which are planted so deeply in the mind and heart of the masses of the people that they permeate the whole outlook of the nation in world relationships."

Presbyterians Condemn Ministerial Complicity in Doubtful Divorce Situations: Dr. Stewart P. MacLennan, retired pastor of the Hollywood Presbyterian Church, performed the Lana Turner-Bob Topping wedding. This caused prompt action on the part of the Presbytery of New Brunswick. The Presbytery adopted a report urging that "our ministers are to sedulously avoid complicity in doubtful divorce situations such as have recently come to the attention of the public in the daily press."

Best Family Programs Named: Five network broadcasts have been selected by Protestant church members as the best for family listening. They are: One Man's Family, The Greatest Story Ever Told, Pepper Young's Family, Fibber McGee and Molly, and the Aldrich Family.

The five programs were selected after a nation-wide balloting made in connection with the observance of Family Week, May 2-9. Results were announced by Miss Pearl Rosser, director of Radio Education for the International Council of Religious Education.

Scientists Asks Return to Religion in Medicine. Dr. Henry K. Beecher, Boston, keynoted the convention of the Medical Association of Georgia at the annual meeting in Atlanta by saying, "The sick man expects his doctor to be a good scientist, but he also has a right to demand that his doctor have spiritual depth, too.

"The early Christian emphasis on maintaining life, relieving pain, giving a cup of cold water, was based upon the new principle that there is no service of man that is not also a service of God," Dr. Beecher declared.

Quaker Newspaper Ads Promote Peace: The American Friends Service Committee, Philadelphia, are placing full page advertisements in newspapers in an effort to avert a conflict between Russia and the U. S. Ads are captioned, "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit." Future ads will urge the immediate start of peace talks, strengthening of the UN, and the promotion of personal contacts between Americans and Russians.

The last advertisement in the series will plead for a new effort "to arrange the exchange of students, writers, religious leaders, and industrial workers" so that Americans and Russians "can see themselves as they are seen by each other."

Record-Breaking Year Reported by American Bible Society: New records in the missionary non-profit work of providing Scriptures throughout the world were reported by the American Bible Society at its one hundred thirty-second annual meeting, held in New York, May 13.

There were a total of 5,289,756 volumes distributed abroad, and 4,020,683 volumes used at home. This was the highest peace time distribution in the United States. The total for the year was 9,310,439 volumes.

In September 1947 the Society published a new Russian Bible, believed to be the only Bible available in the revised alphabet now required by the Russian Government. Ten thousand of these presented to Metropolitan Gregory of Leningrad and Novgorod while in this country on a visit, were gratefully accepted and promptly shipped, arriving in Russia in time for Christmas.

In the years 1941-1947 the Society provided 4,902,091 German Scriptures, nearly all of which were donated to the German people.

The 150,000 Japanese Bibles published in 1947 were the first ever produced in this country and required the largest amount of paper ever used in one edition of any Bible or Testament in the history of Bible production.

Record-breaking needs were outlined. During 1948 the Society seeks to fill definite emergency requests from war-devastated countries for 7,856,000 Scripture volumes costing \$2,010,700 beyond its regular budget.

Youth Needs Spiritual Resources

By LUTHER W. YOUNGDAHL
Governor, State of Minnesota

We have a sacred obligation to give our children the opportunity of Christian fellowship and teaching. We are failing a vast number of them, today. Fifty per cent of the people in America are unchurched and millions of children grow into adulthood without ever knowing the rich benefits of true religious faith. Material goals have become the only objectives of too many young lives. This spiritual starvation offers the most serious threat to the future of our civilization.

Let us leave nothing undone in bringing the youth of our nation to the blessings of church and Sunday School. Their greatest need is spiritual resources upon which to draw in the crucial days ahead.

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Newton Calls Methodists To War Against Liquor

By Religious News Service

Delegates meeting in Boston to the quadrennial General Conference of the Methodist Church heard a scathing attack on the evils of liquor by Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Ga., president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Referring to the widespread use of liquor as America's "number one social cancer," Dr. Newton told the 800 clerical and lay delegates that in more than 80 per cent of America's homes at least one person had a "record of drunkenness." Half the broken families in this country, he said, could blame the "intrenched evil" of liquor for their plight.

Dr. Newton urged the Church to support the bill of Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas which would ban all liquor advertising crossing state lines. He pleaded with his listeners to "go on voting liquor out in local political units, counties, and municipalities."

The Baptist churchman declared that brewers and distillers were spending \$1,000,000,000 a year in advertising to "accomplish the destruction of American civilization," and he asked the Methodist delegates:

"Will the American people remain complacent as this monstrous evil invades the homes of our country to blight and blast the lives of our young people, destroy the womanhood and manhood of our land, and deliver our civilization to the waiting pallbearers?"

Earlier, the delegates heard a report by the Board of Temperance of the Methodist Church. The report stated that during the past quadrennium representatives of the board held 3,763 mass meetings and student assemblies in churches, high schools, and public auditoriums as part of a campaign to educate American youth on the evils of alcohol.

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Unique Project: The Brethren Service Commission of Dayton, Ohio, sent 1,200 baby chicks to Vienna, Austria to help the rehabilitation of that country's agriculture.

Farmers receiving the chicks promised to give the Service Commission of Vienna three to five offspring for each chick received. These, in turn, will be given to other needy poultry raisers.

Heaven . . . Life's Complete Satisfaction

(The fifth in a series of alternating studies on Heaven and Hell.)

Philip, the disciple, expressed what the yearning heart has ever felt: "Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us." Would not that be enough to satisfy the most extravagant demands and fulfill the highest hopes of any soul, just to come unafraid and with no hidden secrets into the presence of the heavenly Father?

Philip's words have a note of anxiety in them, a hint of disappointment, the suggestion that we are almost out of breath in our search for God, and we have not yet found Him to our complete satisfaction. The Psalmist seems more confident, there is not the worried anxiety in his tone, he does not stop to bother with the difficulties in the way, but by one supreme flight of the spirit he leaps all barriers and shouts: "As for me, I will behold thy face in righteousness; I shall be satisfied, when I awake with thy likeness."

When John was on the Isle of Patmos the veil was lifted and the curtain drawn back, and he was given a vision of the redeemed hosts of heaven. We may indulge the fancy that among the multitudes whom John saw was the Psalmist who had awakened in His likeness; and Phillip who had at last seen the Father; there was Isaiah now experiencing the glories which he had said God was holding in reserve for those who love Him; Paul was seeing face to face, and with His scientific inclination was exploring the ecstatic mysteries and wonders of heaven.

Satisfaction of Talents

Heaven is the complete satisfaction for all the talents of life. Paul, in the eighth chapter of Romans, strongly implies that we are conscious of powers, abilities and talents, for the complete development and highest use of which this life provides no adequate opportunity: "For the earnest expectation of the creature [creation] waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God."

The apostle feels that the greatest and noblest powers of his being are cramped and held in check, bound as with fetters. They do not have perfect freedom of action nor opportunities for full development. And he longs for release.

Someone has asked: "And have you yourselves never had vague intimations of a thousand faculties as yet undeveloped? Have you never felt in some favored moment of spiritual exaltation like an eagle trying to mount upward and suddenly drawn back again by its chain to earth?"

Full Development For Other Creatures

To quote still further: "Every created thing excepting man has time to reach its full development in this life. The silk worm, after she has spun her little task, lays her eggs and dies. The chicken picks its way out of the shell, and in a week is far beyond the child of equal age in point of intelligence. It becomes its own feeder, but it stops. It can never be anything but a chicken, no better than the chicken before the flood.

"No one ever dreams of an immortality for the barnyard. Can anyone imagine a cow speculating on her immortality? But who can stand on the shore of human possibilities and

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By the Editor

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say, Thou shalt go no further?" Again, "What makes your babe more precious than a thousand cattle? The dimpled darling peeping out from his mother's arms is not worth today in government money as much as a good-sized sheep — but within that tiny bundle there slumbers the latent possibilities of a son of God. The head that now needs a mother's hand for support may some day lift itself among the stars and solve the mysteries of the universe."

—Christian Readers Digest

Intellectual Satisfaction

Heaven is perfect understanding, the satisfaction of the intellect. Here we know in part, but there we shall know even as also we are known.

There can be no complete satisfaction for the intellect here in this life. The more one knows the less his knowledge appears, in comparison with what his growing knowledge has revealed to be learned.

By processes of logical deduction one generation arrives at certain conclusions and declares, "This is knowledge." But the next generation, by the same logical reasoning, proves these conclusions false, and announces its own deductions. The cycle is endless and almost fruitless. It proves but one thing conclusively, that there is no complete satisfaction for the intellect in this life; that the intellect of man requires a higher life, untrammelled by the weaknesses of the flesh.

God has promised just that. "They that be wise," it is declared, "shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." All the hungry minds of men shall forever be feasting upon new and precious truths. There will be no half truths which only half satisfy and leave one half hungry.

Spiritual Satisfaction

Heaven is perfect worship and praise, the satisfaction of spiritual expression. Heaven will provide the opportunity for the perfect expression of our love in worship and adoration and service. We are conscious here of the limitations placed upon our worship acti-

vities, and the barriers which stand in our way, the difficulties we encounter.

John in his vision saw a special group around the throne, and he was told that, "These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." The special rewards which they receive for the difficulties they encountered in their earthly worship is that they "serve Him day and night in the temple." The worship which we have known on earth, made imperfect by countless difficulties, will give place to a worship that is satisfying to the soul in every particular.

Isaiah was given a glimpse of the worship of heaven. In comparison he saw how imperfect was the worship and praise of earth.

The praises which have so inadequately expressed the deep emotions of our hearts here and which have fallen so far short of the praises due His name, will there not only satisfy our need of expression but will also satisfy the demands of heavenly praise. We shall sing as we have never sung before, "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty."

Perfect Joy And Fellowship

The joys of heaven will be without the admixture of pain, sorrow, and grief. The hope of Jesus expressed for His disciples was that their joy might be full. The first and greatest joy of heaven will undoubtedly be to look on the face of Him whom we loved and who has redeemed us from sin. And, as John puts it, when we look 'on Him we shall be like Him. Is not that thrill enough for our hearts for all eternity? The knowledge that we shall be able to serve Him endlessly without the weaknesses that have crippled us here, will forever gladden our hearts.

The joys of fellowship with the saints of all the ages will be free from the imperfections known in this life. We shall need no introduction to Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Daniel. We shall know them intuitively.

Perfect Communion

Heaven is perfect communion, the satisfaction of our spirits. Our communion with God will be perfect and will completely satisfy the heart yearnings which have gone unsatisfied here. How often has our communion with Him been interrupted? Foreign interests have obtruded their presence into our consciousness in the most sacred moments when we were communing with God and our hearts have been weaned away from Him.

But there, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with me," and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people."

What perfect satisfaction of life, fulfillments of hopes, gratifications of love, realizations of faith! What perfect expressions of praise, exercise of worship, engagements of service! What perfect understanding of wisdom, knowledge of truth, appropriation of grace!

It may all be quite beyond our comprehension here. But we shall be satisfied when we awake in His likeness. For "It doth not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when He shall appear, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is."

Europe Is Calling

By M. A. HUGGINS

Since I was in Europe last summer I have been all but obsessed with the idea that America should be sending Europe something more than food, machinery, and other material aid. They need all of that, and I am strong for every possible aid to them. One does not begin to understand the situation in England until he faces the fact that the territory of the United Kingdom is scarcely twice as large as North Carolina, yet it has a population of some 45 million, compared with four million in North Carolina. There is also a concentrated population in most of Europe.

I am thinking at the moment of England in particular. Let's continue to send all the financial help and encouragement possible, but is there not something else we can send to England besides money, credits, and arms?

About twenty years ago a Frenchman, in a book entitled, "France Today," wrote as follows: "In so far as man considers and reflects, philosophy exists. Religion exists when a man, ceasing to be a mere spectator of his own life and that of the community, throws his will into the balance, and thus proclaims himself a collaborator in the eternal task which he apprehends, and to which he devotes himself." As I understand it he was simply pointing out that for a great many Frenchmen vital religion had ceased to exist, and philosophy had taken its place. I cannot escape the conviction that the same thing has happened not only in France but in England; England and France need a revival of real religion more than they need our goods and credits.

Long ago Paul answered the call to come from Asia into Europe. European Christian civilization had its beginning at the time he answered that call. That civilization is now at a very low ebb. We in America are the heirs of that civilization. Now the question arises, is our religion vital enough to vitalize others?

Assuming that our English Baptist brethren would desire that we undertake to help them, and would welcome us, should we not undertake to send from the Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions twenty-five to fifty of our best men from our strongest churches sometime in the near future? We have fifty churches which could spare their pastors from three to six months, provide their expenses, and perhaps allow them extra funds which they would be free to use for the purposes of rehabilitation. Personally, I believe it would do our churches good to send their ministers on such a mission. I can well visualize these men going to and fro in England, speaking in the churches and in public places, preaching repentance, faith, and righteousness to the people of England. Perhaps, some of them should go to the continent. I should like to see our conventions, through their Foreign Boards, and in co-operation with the Baptist World Alliance, attempt such a program this fall or as soon as possible.

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First Church, Watson, Arkansas, had the services of Pastor H. O. Malone, First Church, Lake Village, Arkansas, in revival services, April 18-25. There were 33 additions to the church membership, 32 by baptism. Pastor L. Y. Lewis, First Church, Hunter, Arkansas, was in charge of the music.

Resolution

Whereas, Rev. Victor Coffman has labored with us for 20 years in the relationship as pastor of our church; and

Whereas, Brother Coffman has at all times shown himself to be a loyal and dynamic leader not only in the church, but in the entire city as well; and

Whereas, Brother Coffman's work stands as a monument to his valuable ministry and his trustworthy leadership; and

Whereas, Brother Coffman is held in high esteem by the people of Immanuel Church in particular, and by the people in Fort Smith in general;

Be it, therefore, resolved, that Immanuel Baptist Church hereby expresses its confidence in Brother Coffman as a Christian gentleman, and as a Baptist minister, and as a God called preacher, and as a trustworthy leader in religious and social affairs.

Be it also resolved that the Immanuel Baptist Church commend Brother Coffman to the Brotherhood at large, and to any Baptist church that might be interested in calling him as pastor.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the church records, and a copy sent to the state publication, the Arkansas Baptist, and a copy given to Brother Coffman.

(Signed) O. S. Geurin, Moderator

(Signed) Ina Lee Utley, Clerk.

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Oregon Convention Organized

By H. F. BURNS

Southern Baptists in the Northwest have organized the Baptist General Convention of Oregon, composed of churches in Oregon and Washington which formerly were an association of the California Southern Convention.

The new convention plans to seek recognition as a state convention at the Memphis meeting this month. One matter should be made clear, immediately: this convention should not be considered as an "outside group" seeking admission, for these same churches have already been co-operating with Southern Baptist churches. Therefore, to defer action, as has been the custom in dealing with the requests of California, Kansas, and other organizations which had not previously been recognized by the convention, seems to be out of order. They need no period of probation, for they have already proven to be sound in the faith, and co-operative.

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Preaching at 9 mission points on Sundays is the record set by Missionary Claude Crigler, and the pastors of White River Association, comprising Baxter and Marion counties.

There are 16 churches in the White River Association, three of which have full time preaching—Cotter, Mountain Home, and Flippin.

Missionary Crigler is promoting a vigorous associational program in which he has the full co-operation of the pastors who preach at the various mission points throughout the association among whom are: D. M. Kreis; Carl Huddleston; Dennison Yates; D. W. Stark; J. C. Tolbirt, George Johnson; Franklin Richardson; Herbert Messick, and M. M. Hinesly.

Popular Christian



Miss Charlene Sheffield

Miss Charlene Sheffield, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Sheffield of Lake Village, was unanimously voted the most beautiful girl in the Lakeside High School, Lake Village, Arkansas.

Not only is Miss Sheffield a beautiful young lady, she is also a beautiful Christian. She is a member of the First Baptist Church of Lake Village, and active in the Sunday School, Training Union, and Girl's Auxiliary. Miss Sheffield is a member of the choir of the Lake Village church; of the young women's sextet; pianist for the Intermediate Training Union, and the Girl's Auxiliary; assistant church librarian; and vice-president of her Sunday School class.

The popularity of Miss Sheffield is evidenced by the fact that she is a member of the Lakeside Life, the high school publication, the junior basketball team, the choral club, the mixed chorus, the MacDowell Music Club, the Home Economics Club, the high school trio, the high school band. She is also secretary-treasurer of her class, and a member of the National Honor Society.

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A Proposed Resolution

Our Southern Baptist Convention has participated in the matters of military chaplains for many years. No other denomination approaching our numbers supplies in time of war as large a number per capita of their church membership.

Since we have never made a complete and comprehensive study of our relationship to our government in such a manner; and since we have never made as a denomination a clear-cut policy in this matter and thus have never committed ourselves to men in the chaplaincy concerning our support of them beyond a denominational endorsement, and since we strongly insist upon the scriptural position that each person is accountable to God for his thoughts and actions; we believe it our Christian duty to seek and follow better methods of giving any person of our faith in the military service every aid that we may give a reasonable account for the faith he holds, therefore be it resolved:

That this the Ninety-first session of our Convention create a Committee for Study of the whole question of the military chaplaincy to report at our next session of the Convention with their findings and any recommendations upon which they agree. Such Committee for Study to be composed of seventeen members.

Lost Souls

Only twenty years ago a drunken woman was whispered about, pitied and condemned. Today the drinking woman is one of our great social problems, and 600,000 of them are alcoholics.

By CAROLINE WALKER

Columnist, Los Angeles Herald-Express

Next to the newspaper office where I work for a great metropolitan daily is a dilapidated dwelling place, crowded with many families. Recently, in the dusk of a chill winter day I passed a group of little boys and girls playing "house" on the sidewalk in front of their home.

Joey was Daddy; Miriam was Mother. Joey reeled down the street and knocked fumblingly at a mythical door with an uncannily good imitation of a drunken man. Miriam greeted him with a profane remark to the effect that he was tight again.

Said Joey, "You should talk. Where you been all day?"

Said Miriam: "Oh, h—, I get tired of this d— hole. I been down at the corner drinkin' beer all day and gettin' away from the kids."

Those children were not laughing. This, to that small group, was a serious duplication of life as they knew it.

My newspaper is set in the midst of an area that is referred to as "Wine Gulch." Only the brush of a Gustav Dore and only the text of a Dante could truly picture the inferno. The men and women who frequent the alleys and the corners of this street day after day are literally lost souls.

When they are sober, which is infrequent, they are lost in an abyss of misery. The despair, weariness, and hopelessness in their eyes is something to keep you awake at night.

Women do not even get a second glance as they reel up and down the street or are nearly killed in crossing against the traffic. Mothers leave children locked up in drab, dirty apartments or in automobiles and spend, at the bar, the money that should buy food and cleanliness for their children.

I have seen young women, soon to bear children, fall off curbs, dazed with drink.

This is only one side of the picture. I go many other places, smart eating places, resorts. I go to private parties where people who should be setting an example of decent living because they are of the "privileged" class, gather together for the sole purpose of drinking.

I am neither a prude nor a teetotaler, but I am convinced that nothing more deadly to morals and to social decency than the modern cocktail party has ever been set up.

The amazing thing to me is that it has become socially acceptable for women not only to drink too much, but to become intoxicated frequently.

Our courts are filled with what attaches call "Lady drunks." Hundreds of women are arrested for drunken driving or for being drunk in automobiles. There is not one night in the year in which drunken women cannot be seen on the streets near my office.

Juvenile courts are filled with children who have been robbed of all the love and security that is a child's birthright, because either the

mother or the father, or both of them, are drunkards.

We are not talking about families on the wrong side of the tracks. Here is a letter from a 16-year-old girl who is a student at one of the best high schools in our city and who wrote to me asking for advice.

The once happy, prosperous home has been wrecked by drink. A once attractive, affectionate mother has changed into a furtive thief because of drink.

"We were always so proud of mother, and I liked to have her come to school," wrote the girl. "My dad is crazy about her.

"My dad says he is partly to blame because he and mother always went with a crowd that was filling up on cocktails before and after the football games and beach parties and everything.

"My dad says we had better do away with such things as cocktail parties if we want to get anywhere with the woman alcoholic question. He also thinks saloons should be done away with and women not permitted in drinking places.

"My mother and her friends would go shopping and drop into a nice bar for a drink or two. After a while she was drinking more and more. I didn't know what was the matter with her at first, and it was an awful shock to realize she was tight.

"It kept getting worse. Sometimes when I get home she has fallen on the floor, and I can't get her up.

"Every night after dinner she wants to go out to a cocktail parlor. Then she reforms for a week or two and swears she will never touch a drop again. Then she goes out with a bunch of the girls and it all happens again.

"She tells dirty stories in front of my little brother and me. She isn't clean any more. I keep the place clean but she gets mad if I try to get her to take care of herself.

"We have talked to her all we can, but she gets mad. She says she has a right to drink if she wants to. My dad stopped giving her money and she even sold her wedding ring to get money for drinks and she stole his watch and sold it."

That letter horrifies you as it horrified me. It is an indictment of modern society. It is evidence of a change that has taken place in the last 20 years.

I have been a newspaper woman many years. Twenty years ago we considered a drunken woman to be outside the pale. Such people were whispered about, pitied and condemned.

As a newspaper woman I am most concerned about drinking women for their effect on the family and the future. Statistics gathered by Alcoholics Anonymous say there are 600,000 alcoholics among women and that one out of every four confirmed drunkards is a woman.

We would not hesitate to take steps to wipe out a deadly epidemic of smallpox or plague.

Here, in my opinion, we have one of the most deadly epidemics that American society has ever faced. What are we going to do about it?

MEET YOU IN MEMPHIS!

By E. GIBSON DAVIS, Pastor,
Temple Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

Nearly 50,000 Baptists of Memphis and Shelby County take pleasure in welcoming the 1948 sessions of the Woman's Missionary Union and the Southern Baptist Convention to our city and county. Memphis Baptists are typical of those found everywhere, and we are numerous. There are 13 Baptist churches in Memphis with more than 1,000 members each. There are many more great churches with fewer members. Shelby Association has nearly 60 churches, most of them are in the city of Memphis.

Dr. S. A. Murphy, pastor of Highland Heights Baptist Church, Memphis, is chairman of the general Convention committee. Under his direction all committees are planning and working diligently to care for all needs of the messengers who will come to our great convention from over the Southland.

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Oklahoma City Extends

1949 Convention Invitation

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla.—(BP)—Oklahoma City Baptists will invite the Southern Baptist Convention to hold its 1949 session here.

Dr. Andrew Potter, state secretary of the Oklahoma Baptist Convention, announced that an auditorium seating 8,000 people and rooming accommodations for approximately 10,000 will be available for the week of May 18-25, 1949. One thousand hotel rooms, 3,000 homes, and other accommodations have been promised, he said.

The invitation was made official by the unanimous vote of the Oklahoma City Pastors' Conference.

Immensity of the Southern Baptist Convention attendance has made difficult the selection of a host city in recent years. More than 10,000 messengers and visitors attended last year's meeting in St. Louis, and possibly more will be present at the Memphis meeting, May 19-23.

Radio

"The Voice of Arkansas Baptists," a radio program produced by the Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, presents "The Parables of the Lost" by B. H. Duncan.

All broadcasts are by transcription and may be heard every Sunday over the following stations:

KLCN—Blytheville, 8:00 a. m.
KHOZ—Harrison, 8:30 a. m.
KCLA—Pine Bluff, 8:30 a. m.
KTFS—Texarkana, 8:45 a. m.
KFFA—Helena, 1:30 p. m.
KWFC—Hot Springs, 1:30 p. m.
KELD—El Dorado, 3:30 p. m.
KVRG—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.
KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.
KWEN—Ft. Smith, 4:45 p. m.
KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

Woman's Missionary Union

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Executive Secretary and Treasurer

Business Women As Light Bearers

By Mrs. H. M. KECK

This was the theme of an address given by Mrs. George R. Martin of Virginia, president of Southern Woman's Missionary Union, before a group of business and professional women who form the state Federation of Business Woman's Circles. The occasion was the second annual banquet of the organization, held on the evening of April 14, in the First Church, Little Rock, during the annual convention of the state Woman's Missionary Union.

Mrs. Albert L. Buck of Texarkana, president, presided during the program which was arranged around the theme "The Light of the World." Mrs. Buck gave recognition to B. W. C. members from 37 churches, stating that there were in the entire state 144 Business Woman's Circles. The attendance at the banquet was 275, including officers of the State W. M. U. who were special guests.

As president of the Federation, Mrs. Buck urged B. W. C. members to avoid three temptations: the temptation to become complacent; the temptation not to overcome racial prejudice; and the temptation to resist a spiritual growth. "Business women of Arkansas," she affirmed, "stand ready to serve." "eyes" they must use in serving are "realize" the need, "agonize" in prayer, "organize" other B. W. C.'s, "utilize" opportunities, and "spiritualize" ourselves and others until we have "evangelized" to the uttermost parts of the world.

During the business session a proposed Constitution was read and discussed, then adopted. Officers for the new year were elected as follows: President, Mrs. Albert L. Buck; Vice-president, Mrs. Charles Dillard; Secretary, Miss Elma Cobb; Treasurer, Mrs. Annette Hungerland; and Adviser, Mrs. C. H. Ray, executive secretary.

Mrs. Una Roberts Lawrence, Kansas City, was a speaker on the program, telling personal incidents from the lives of business women who are serving as missionaries in other lands, "Walking in the Light."

Mrs. Martin brought greetings from the B. W. C. Federations of North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky, whose annual

meetings she had recently attended. She spoke of her recent trip to the mission fields of Africa and of the problems of the African women, closing with the words: "To be more spiritual minded, get under the need and help lift until your strength has gone and His strength has under-girded yours, and then you will have gained spiritual power."

Annie Armstrong Offering

The total to date, May 4, received for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions is \$17,265.86. We are very anxious to have as much of this offering as possible in our office before the Convention meets in Memphis. Please glean and re-glean and remit any funds for this offering at your earliest convenience.

District W. M. U. Meetings

The eight District W. M. U. meetings are to be held the last two weeks in June. Definite dates and places will be announced soon. Mrs. J. E. Jackson, missionary from China, will be inspirational speaker. Plan for a good attendance from your church.

Christian Leadership Assembly

July 6-13 is the week when all members of W. M. U. organizations, from missionary societies through the Sunbeams, are to be at the Assembly, where classes for all grades will be promoted. Among the teachers are to be: Dr. and Mrs. John L. Riffey and Joan, missionaries to Brazil; and Rev. and Mrs. A. Worthington, missionaries to the Indians in Oklahoma. Seven days of inspiration, information, and missionary emphasis await you. Plan for the family to spend their vacation at the Siloam Springs Assembly, July 6-13.

W. M. U. Week At Ridgecrest

The date for the W. M. U. at Ridgecrest is July 29 through August 4. Reservations should be made by writing to Robert Guy, business manager, at once, requesting the accommodations you desire. Send \$1.00 registration fee along with your request.

Book Review

"The Christ of the Centuries"

By R. C. CAMPBELL

Broadman Press

Price \$1.50

The authorship of Dr. R. C. Campbell is sufficient recommendation to introduce this book to Southern Baptist readers. The genuine scholarship of the author has enabled him to set forth the profoundest truths in the simplest language. The book abounds with illustrations and illustrative allusions.

"The Divine Christ" steps out of eternity and marches through the pages of this book with majestic strides. The reader becomes conscious that he is witnessing a panorama of divine events initiated by "The Christ of the Centuries." He feels himself an eye witness of the scenes portrayed as the Christ touches sin-blighted humanity and awakens the slumbering spiritual powers to new life and energy.

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Summer Field Work

Thirty summer field workers, under the direct supervision of Ralph W. Davis, state Training Union director, will work in 75 churches in six associations during July and August. From a list of 50 applications, thirty college young people have been selected. These young people will be trained for the work at the Christian Training Assembly, Siloam Springs, July 15-22. Following this training period they will work in these associations:

- July 23-31, Boone-Carroll and Newton County;
- July 31-August 7, Clear Creek;
- August 7-14, White County;
- August 14-21, Caroline, and
- August 21-28, Carey.

Personality Profile



Miss Dorothy Weaver

Miss Dorothy Weaver, one of the Associate Music Workers, will teach a class in Youth Choir Work at the Christian Training Assembly at Siloam Springs, July 15-22.

Miss Weaver, who taught Summer Music Schools in the state last summer, has had one year of study in the School of Music at Southern Seminary, Louisville, and is completing her college work in Corpus Christi, Texas, this month before returning to Louisville to work on her Bachelor of Music degree next fall.

Miss Weaver has a magnetic personality, affable and glowing with enthusiasm. She brings to her Youth Choir work a spark of genius. She has the happy faculty of making people love choir work.

Your 1948 Arkansas Baptist Assemblies

You will be delighted with the improvements which are being added to the physical equipment of the Assembly Grounds. Everything possible is being done to complete this project before the opening of the first session, July 6.

Outstanding speakers and leaders will appear on the program of each one of the two assemblies. During the Christian Leadership

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	S. S.	T. U.	ADD.
L. Rock, Immanuel	1173	366	3
Including Missions	1702	688	14
Ft. Smith, First	1081	424	8
El Dorado	902	230	5
N. L. Rock, Baring Cross	669	265	1
Including Mission	707	293	
Hot Springs, Second	660	214	5
W. Memphis, First	626	227	
Paragould, First	601	266	
Camden, First	586	160	1
Including Missions	678	215	
Benton, First	574	152	40
Including Mission	595		
Fayetteville, First	553	215	
Including Mission	595	237	
Arkadelphia, First	546	220	2
L. Rock, Tabernacle	538	106	
McGehee, First	505	137	2
Including Mission	536		
L. Rock, Pulaski Heights	492	100	6
Magnolia, Central	477	182	
Including Missions	500		
Malvern, First	468	65	3
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	466	107	
El Dorado, Second	465	94	
Hope, First	464	99	
L. Rock, Gaines St.	444	282	6
Siloam Springs, First	430	245	3
Bauxite, First	411	109	3
Hot Springs, Central	404		
Hot Springs, First	389	94	2
Springdale, First	378	259	3
Including Missions	518		
Fordyce, First	376	136	
Rogers, First	369	111	1
Ft. Smith, Calvary	366	121	
Hot Springs, Park Place	366	104	
Paris, First	364	179	1
Hamburg, First	357	189	5
Conway, First	354	53	1
Stuttgart, First	342	140	1
Including Mission	382		
L. Rock, South			
Highland	321	87	1
Cullendale, First	320	149	1
Smackover, First	319	175	10
Ft. Smith, Grand Ave.	302	103	
Gentry	286	117	2
Harrison, First	279	125	
Including Mission	387	160	
Norphlet, First	264	163	2
Dumas, First	260	67	2
Including Mission	318	125	
Monticello, First	257	116	
El Dorado, W. Side	254	82	
Pine Bluff, Second	242	124	
Jacksonville, First	242	107	3
DeWitt, First	238	74	
Texarkana, Calvary	235	123	9
L. Rock, Calvary	228	104	5
Stamps, First	224	68	
N. L. Rock, Park Hill	216		
Greenwood, First	213	112	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	205	103	2
L. Rock, Hebron	180	101	
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	180	90	
Monticello, Second	173	97	
N. L. Rock, Pike Ave.	157	75	
Elaine, First	156	84	1
El Dorado, Joyce City	152	105	
L. Rock, Reynolds			
Memorial	147	60	2
Douglasville, First	135	41	
Pine Bluff, Matthews			
Memorial	125	69	
L. Rock, Woodlawn	122	71	
Levy, First	122		
Including Mission	232		3
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South Ft. Smith	118	52	
Hot Springs, Lake			
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Warren, Immanuel	110	66	1
Walcott	101	47	2
South Texarkana	81	57	
Watson, First	77		1
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Rock, Oak Forest	76	24	1
Texarkana, Trinity	69	38	
Dauglassville, Second	67	29	
Woodson	65	51	6
L. Rock, Biddle	53	36	
Brady	29		

Week, July 6-13, every phase of Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Union, and Brotherhood work will be presented. During the second session, July 15-22, the work of the Training Union, Church Music, and Student Union will be presented.

Reservations are coming in daily. May we suggest that you make your reservations NOW.

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You have heard of "killing two birds with one stone," haven't you? That old adage may be applied to some religious service a church or an individual might render. This humble servant of yours would like to make a suggestion to the pastors and churches, especially those who have young people in college studying for the ministry or planning to do mission work.

These young ministerial students, and volunteers for mission work, often face two needs. They need money to take care of their expenses in school; also, they need experience in the work they feel called to do.

Too, around practically every church there is a need for one or more missions. If no need exists near the church, there are many places in the association or in other sections of the state. Here is the suggestion: Why not establish a mission and employ a ministerial student, who needs the experience and probably needs financial help, to conduct the services each Sunday? During the summer he could probably give his full time. In this way the church can educate a young man for the ministry, give him some valuable experience, and at the same time, with the same money, be promoting a mission and winning the lost to Christ. That would be rendering two major services with the same dollar.

Think this over. Let's keep our preacher boys busy for the Lord. They are anxious to preach. Why not begin now to sponsor a mission and employ some young man to serve as mission pastor.

Superintendent's Stewardship Report

In last week's issue of this paper I gave a report of my stewardship through Sunday, April 28. In this article I'll report from that date to the present, May 3. Articles for publication are written at least 10 days before you receive the paper.

Centennial Committee Meeting

Monday, the Centennial Committee met at the call of Dr. B. L. Bridges to make further plans to reach the great objectives for the year. The over-all Committee is divided into several small com-



The Calvary Baptist Church of Texarkana, shown in the above picture, observed its second anniversary, April 18, by an all-day service.

The church was organized April

20, 1947, with Pastor L. L. Huncutt, Magnolia, presiding over the council. C. C. Ussery became pastor of the church July 1, 1947.

The new building, costing \$22,000, was started last July, and

consists of an auditorium and 22 Sunday School rooms. The present membership numbers 283. The Sunday School enrolment stands at 312. Since the date of organization the Calvary Church has contributed a total of \$18,572.22.

mittees with each charged with some definite responsibility. All of us at the headquarters are anxious to make this an outstanding year in our history. We desire to win 25,000 souls, pay off the old debt, finish Ouachita College Campaign, re-locate Central, and successfully raise the entire budget.

Plans are under way to have a great celebration at Tulip, September 21. The program of the annual Convention in November will also center around the Centennial observance. Denominational leaders of the South will speak, a pageant depicting our Baptist history in Arkansas will be presented, and a movie film on our present achievements shown.

Mission Committee Meeting

The Mission Committee met Tuesday to consider the many applications for aid which had been received during the last quarter. These requests come to my desk and are filed until the Committee meets. The Committee has a budget by which it operates. For instance, \$12,000 is set up for pastoral supplement. In our last meeting we granted only two requests from churches, and their applications had been in the office since 1947. It was necessary to decline any further aid as the entire budgeted amount is being con-

sumed by the churches we are already helping. No doubt many of the churches whose applications the Committee declined are just as worthy as those being helped, but we have reached our limit for this year.

The Committee passed on several applications for aid in building new houses of worship.

Tri-County Associational W. M. U. Rally

Thursday, it was my privilege to attend the Tri-County Associational W. M. U. Rally in the First Church, Wynne. The movie film, "Pioneering for Christ in Arkansas," was shown and the women praised highly the mission work being done as shown in the film.

Bible Conference, Arkadelphia

Friday, we attended the great Bible Conference in Arkadelphia, sponsored by Pastor J. G. Cothran and the First Church, Arkadelphia. Some wonderful messages were delivered that day by B. H. Duncan, Clyde Hart, E. P. J. Garrett, T. K. Rucker, Fred White, and James Overton. It was my privilege to speak on the subject, "Arkansas—A Mission Field."

Friday evening the Baptist Book Store was hostess to the Baptist Headquarters force at a dinner in Sam Peck Hotel. Miss Mays outlined the work of the bookstore as

it relates to the whole program. It was a delightful occasion, indeed.

Visit to New Hope

Sunday, May 2, I went with Pastor Elmer Dunnaway to his rural church, New Hope, in Caroline Association. They were having a homecoming service with dinner on the ground. I spoke to a very responsive audience at the morning hour. Splendid talks were made during the afternoon by Deacon Taylor of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Missionary H. S. Coleman, and Mrs. Coleman.

At the evening services the movie film on rural missions was shown.

The New Hope church has recently entered their new building.

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the Southern Baptist Convention to find the answers to the above question. We are endeavoring to find the reasons for the total non-enlistment of so many fine Baptist men throughout the South. Publicity will be given to the findings of the survey in due time. We can say, however, that we believe that Brotherhood organization and work will point the way to the solution of the problem of the non-enlistment of our Baptist

men. The Brotherhood provides opportunities for Christian service. Christian men want to work for their Lord. Yet, if opportunities are not set before them, many of them lose interest in the work of their church and drift back into the world.

The greatest single problem facing Southern Baptists today is the re-enlistment of Baptist men in the work of their church and denomination.

Dr. E. P. J. Garrott writes: "First Church, Batesville, has set \$1,000 as the goal for old debt payments on, or before December 31. We have made a beginning through the Honor Club but we shall have to supplement that. I do not doubt that we shall do it."

This great old church hereby sets a worthy challenge before all churches of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention to clear away, now and forever, all the old debts of the Convention. May many other pastors and churches follow the leading of Dr. Garrott and First Church, Batesville.

Would you like to have a part in all that Arkansas Baptists have done through the years? The Honor Club provides the opportunity.

Would you like to have a part in all that Arkansas Baptists shall accomplish in all the years ahead? The Honor Club provides the opportunity.

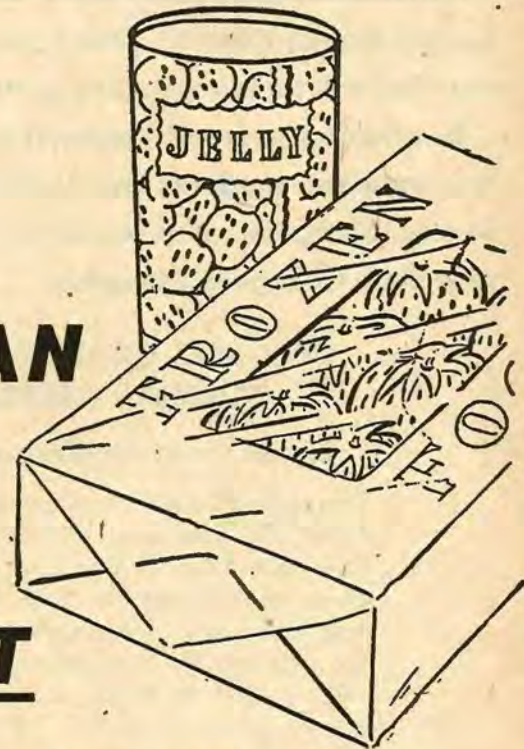
Would you like for the name of Arkansas Baptists to be clean and unblemished? Join the Honor Club.

The Second Church, El Dorado, has recently completed a Brotherhood Revival, which was led by Jesse Reed, who is a hard-working young pastor. The revival resulted in 41 additions, 38 of them coming by baptism. Nelson Tull, state Brotherhood secretary, was the revival speaker. J. E. Birkhead, educational director of First Church, Malvern, did an excellent job of leading the singing and helping in personal visitation.

Recently, Marvin Jaggars and Carey Selph led the Caddo River Association to sponsor an Associational-wide Brotherhood gathering at the First Church, Mount Ida, where Brother D. B. Bledsoe is pastor.

Brother Jaggars is associational missionary for Caddo River Association and is promoting the whole denominational program throughout the association. Carey Selph is president of the Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas and is

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Malachi, under God's leadership, demanded sincere religion from the Israelites. The worship of their lives and service was a mockery, and your study of this book and the specific lesson points should arouse the question, "Are we pleasing God in our class, our church? Am I pleasing Him with my life?" Each of us should search our own hearts.

God Charges Dishonor

"The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi." Those are the opening words of this forcible, direct brief book of Malachi. We see in a graphic photograph what God intends in these, writings. The solemn weight laid upon the heart is the direct message of the Lord to Israel from this one whose life is dedicated to delivering this message. Some indicate that Malachi was not actually the prophet's name but a title meaning "God's messenger." Malachi firmly and convincingly presents, by dialogue form, God's accusations against his leaders and his people and the interrogation and denial on their part.

The first declaration of God is against these restoration priests

Sunday School Lesson For May, 16

Malachi 1:1, 6-9; 2:13-14; 3:7-12

who were dishonoring Him through their contemptuous attitudes and their worthless, impure, imperfect sacrifices. Much is said in the word of the Lord in rebuke of the unfaithful, scattering shepherd. How it behooves preachers, teachers, and Christian leaders to walk daily under the shadow of the Cross, lest we cause one of the least of our brethren to stumble. Any son or servant would render filial obedience to his father or master; surely, God could expect his servants to honor Him. Instead of personal, warm-hearted obedience these priests despised His name. Malachi says, "Ye say wherein have we despised thy name?" Then he proceeds to clearly point out their dishonoring services.

Notice the appearance of the word, "wherein" which is throughout the book. Instead of offering God the very best, polluted bread is upon the altar; blind, lame, sick animals are given Him. God reminds them that they would not dare treat the Persian governor of the province as they treat God. Does not that ring a familiar note? Many times we keep the best for ourselves and offer God just anything. Yet, to one whom we seek to impress, we overdo ourselves to give the best.

God Charges Disobedience

The Israelites were to be unto God a nation of priests, separated from the heathen. In the beginning He had ordained that they should hold themselves apart. Now, we see that He directly accuses the people of disobedience because they had intermingled with those of strange gods by inter-marriage. In the beginning of God's dealing with Israel He had placed Holy emphasis upon mar-

riage. Now we are startled to observe the remnant actually divorcing the wives of their youth. May we realize that when the marriage vow is brought into contempt, God, who instituted the home and sanctioned this blessed relationship, is both dishonored and disobeyed. The sin of Israel included, not only inter-marriage with idolatrous people, but the putting away and inflicting sorrow upon "the wife of thy covenant." God is displeased with the man who breaks the heart of the wife of his youth, destroys his home, and distorts the lives of his children.

America is guilty this hour! In 1890 there were 33,461 divorces in this country. That was .5 per cent per 1,000 population. In 1945 there were 502,000 divorces which was 3.57 per cent per 1,000 population. In 55 years the rate of divorces has increased 700 per cent.

God Charges Dishonesty

If a man robs another, we quickly brand him as dishonest. Yet, how many pious, self-righteous Christians today would be indignant were we to call them dishonest? A man is a robber, according to God's own standard, who does not pay his tithe and give his offerings. God declared that Israel had gone away from Him, from His ordinances yet He still called them, in mercy, to return unto Him. His answer to their obstinate attitude was to put the facts of their stewardship

directly before them. They were not paying their tithes to support the worship, the priests, and the feasts as taught them in their law (Lev. 27:30-32; Num. 18:21-24; Duet. 14:28-29). As a result, their worship as children of God, without support, could not be carried on. The work of God must have financial means.

Many Christians expect comfortable churches, capable preachers and workers, a great local and denominational program, yet give a dollar a year to the church. It cannot be done. Look at God's promises: "I will open the windows of heaven . . . pour you out a blessing . . . rebuke the devourer . . . yet shall be a delightful land."

God is so good and we are so ungrateful. "Why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Our Lord entreats us to be sincere and fair with Him.

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A four-year old was spending a night away from home. At bed time she knelt at her hostess' knee to say her prayers, expecting the usual prompting. Finding the hostess unable to help her, she continued thus:

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Sometime ago, we called attention on this page to the number of messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention to which a church is entitled. Here is an explanation. Any co-operating church is allowed one messenger, and an additional one is allowed for every 250 members, or for each \$250 paid to the work of the Southern Convention last year. The \$250 for the work of the Convention means that you have given \$250 of the work of the Southern Baptist Convention, not to the Co-operative Program. Here is what we mean. When you give a dollar for the Co-operative Program, approximately 40 cents of it goes to the work of the Southern Baptist Convention. You would have to give a little more than \$600 to the Co-operative Program in order for the work of the Southern Baptist Convention to have \$250.

The Southern Baptist Convention secretaries have sent us a sufficient number of cards for your credentials. If we send these cards out to the various churches, we cannot send to any one church more cards than it is entitled to receive—so far as we are able to determine. Your patience and co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

You Can Still Join

The Widow's Supplemental Annuity Plan for Arkansas has been set into operation. We obtained a sufficient number of members to make our group acceptable to the Relief and Annuity Board. The Plan has been set in motion, and the men of our groups are now bona fide members of the Plan.

The Plan began with us as of January 1, 1948. Although some of our men did not submit their applications until later, everybody who joined the Plan was accepted as of January 1. If you are in the group, be assured that your participation began as of the first of this year. If you have not paid four full months dues, you should do so at once.

The Relief and Annuity Board has agreed to keep the "charter" open until June 30. If any of you brethren who read this article did not join the Plan, but you want to do so now, you may join now by paying back dues making your membership begin as of January 1. Remember that your membership dates from January 1, 1948, regardless of what may have been suggested in anything that was printed before this year started. You cannot begin your participation in the Plan, however, except as of January 1 in any calendar year. We think that maybe you would like to join the Plan now, since it is sure to be in operation.

This year is the initial year of the Plan, and we are building up the fund this year so that in the event of the death of any member after next January 1, his widow can qualify to draw a pension. If a member should die at any time in 1948 no pension would be available for his widow, but the dues that he might have paid in before his death would be refunded. We repeat that after the Plan is in

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Ar Little Rock	11:05 a. m.	10:30 p. m.	12:50 a. m.	via Rock Island Lines

The one-way coach fare between Little Rock and Memphis is 3.99, round trip coach fare \$7.19. The one-way first class fare is \$5.55, round trip first class fare \$9.26. The round trip clergy fare is \$5.58. Parlor car seat fare in each direction is 92c.

All fares quoted above include 15 per cent Federal Tax.

MISSOURI PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY

Trains

GOING

Lv. Little Rock	2:45 a. m.	8:25 a. m.	3:50 p. m.
Ar. Memphis	6:50 a. m.	11:59 a. m.	7:10 p. m.

RETURNING

Lv. Memphis	8:10 a. m.	6:35 p. m.	9:15 p. m.
Ar. Little Rock	11:05 a. m.	9:45 p. m.	12:30 a. m.

Round Trip First Class Fare	\$9.26	Round Trip Clergy Fare	5.58
Parlor Car Seat (One-way)	.92	Round Trip Coach Class Fare	7.19

NOTE:—Rail tickets will be honored on buses. Bus tickets NOT honored on trains.

MISSOURI PACIFIC TRANSPORTATION COMPANY

Buses

GOING

Lv. L. R.	12:30am	7:15am	9:30am	*12:30pm	12:30pm	3:00pm	4:45pm	7:00pm
Ar. Memphis	4:45am	11:30am	1:45pm	4:00pm	4:45pm	7:15pm	10:00pm	11:15pm

RETURNING

Lv. Mem.	6:10am	7:30am	8:40am	11:30am	*12:50pm	3:00pm	5:30pm	7:30pm
Ar. L. R.	10:10am	11:40am	12:55pm	3:45pm	4:20pm	7:00pm	9:45pm	11:45pm

* Limited

ROUND TRIP FARE	\$5.69
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operation for one year, if a member dies his widow then may qualify for a pension.

Why not join the Plan this very day. Write us for an agreement blank if you do not have one. Send your agreement, two copies of it, and your dues for each month beginning January 1.

Certificates have been sent to all men who have joined the Plan. Shall we look for your agreement?

Davis and College Hill

It was the writer's privilege to spend a day with Pastor C. G. Davis in the College Hill Church, Texarkana, recently. What our eyes saw and our heart felt was a source of joy. A large crowd was present—a house well filled. The Lord gave us a gracious service. Six or eight months ago Davis was led of the Lord to accept the call of this church. It was not so promising at that time—about 70 in Sunday School, and an offering of about \$70. The day of our visit there were more than 200 in Sunday School, and more than \$200 in the offering.

Crime, Roman Catholicism

Scottish Rites News Bulletin

Crime, juvenile and adult, is rapidly increasing in the United States. Our moral behavior, reflected in our political, industrial, and social life, is deteriorating. Most of our crimes and the deterioration of our moral level stem from the same basic cause, in the large Roman Catholic centers, viz, the character of education to which some 14 per cent of our population has been subjected. Statistics from Roman Catholic sources show that a pupil is more likely to become a criminal if educated in a Roman Catholic school than if a public school. The relative percentage of criminals educated in the two school systems is great. Some keen observers of trends feel that the only way to reduce crime in the United States is to amend the Federal Constitution so as to require all children to attend the public schools whose parents bear a dual allegiance to both the United States and a foreign ecclesiastical potentate.