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—H. Armstrong Roberts

A CHARGE TO KEEP I HAVE
A GOD TO GLORIFY.

—Charles Wesley

Fathers Cannot Abdicate

By JOE W. BURTON

The present revolution in family life is bringing a new relation of fathers to their homes. The stern one-man rule by the head of the house is being dissolved by a new pattern of home relations. But the old patriarchy is not giving place to matriarchy, nor always to shared parental responsibility.

If a man does not rule, too often he does nothing. Without doubt the trend today is away from iron-handed rule by the father in the home, but by the very same token there is a temptation on the part of men to feel that little remains for them to do in the home. The breadwinner often is content with winning the bread and nothing more.

Now we submit that such masculine initiative is needed today even in a program of shared responsibility in the home. Indeed the very principle of co-operation requires greater spiritual resources than does a dictatorship. The first social duty of the home is in the field of human relations, in teaching boys and girls how to live with others in the world, and this significant lesson is taught more effectively in a setting where fathers and mothers work together as equals. When a father's masculine initiative and drive are matched on equal terms with the mother's tenderness and intuition, the children see life's relations on the higher planes of democratic congeniality.

Yes, the father today in the home has even larger responsibilities than in the days of one-man rule. His duties have reference to co-operative planning, constructive and intelligent home building with his helpmeet, spiritual guidance to lives that are most dear to him. As he helps create an atmosphere of integrity, devotion, and faith, he is fulfilling one of life's highest missions.

—Home Life.

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No Substitute For Christian Worship

This brings up the case of those who claim they can worship well enough in the great out-of-doors or at a symphony concert. I happen to like nature and music myself. Nature is a part of God's creation and has the power to remind us of God. But how much of the Christian truth about God does it remind us of? It certainly does not reveal as much as Jesus does, or the Bible, or the records of Christian experience through the ages. I have been intoxicated by the magnificence of a tree, but I have never been conscience-smitten by one. I have been melted down by the sight of flowers, but I have never received from such an experience a fresh insight into the meaning of the Beatitudes. I have been awed by the view of a mountain top; but I have never acquired from it any of the humility of unselfish service, or the humility which makes us quick to forgive offenses, or the humility that makes us admit that we were mistaken and need to search for more truth. Never, after hearing a symphony concert, did I resolve to amend any of my faults, for I was never made aware of any faults by a symphony concert, and neither was anybody else. Nor did I ever receive from such a source an understanding of the grace of God which gave men new hope or a new sense of the worthwhileness of man's little endeavors.

—The Christian Pattern.

Have You A Place . . . TO PRAY?

By FORNEY HUTCHINSON

I preached my first sermon, as I have said before in this column, in the pulpit of my childhood, known as Pump Springs Church.

I went home for lunch that day with one of the saints of the congregation, Mrs. Mollie Dickson. We rode horse-back across the country from the church to her home. As an older saint, talking to a young preacher, she gave me much valuable counsel on that long horseback ride. Among other things, she exhorted me as a young Christian to have a place to pray. She concluded her exhortation with a word of personal experience.

She said, "At our home we lead a busy life. We rise early in the morning, I get the breakfast for the men, and get them off to the field. Then, I prepare breakfast and lunch for the children and get them off to school. After that, I go to the orchard at the back of the house, and at the roots of a big apple tree I have a regular place in which I kneel to pray. There undisturbed, I take my burdens to the Lord and wait for comfort and strength to carry on the rest of the day." She is gone now, but I think often of her beautiful experience, simply but impressively told.

All of us are not accessible to an orchard, but there is some place where we can shut ourselves away, for at least a short time, with God alone. There we can tell Him of our needs and seek for strength and grace to help us as we journey along the way.

When I traveled in Roman Catholic countries, I saw by the roadside, from time to time, little wayside shrines. They were crude little shelters with a simple crucifix, where tired peasants laid their burdens at Jesus' feet, and I hope "went away with a song."

We have places for everything else, a place to live, a place to sleep, a place to eat. Surely, we need and should have a place to pray. Jesus set the example. So often He resorted to the mountains for prayer and fellowship with God. It was not uncommon for Him to spend the entire night there. By all means, let us have a place to pray.—Arkansas Methodist.

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Judge John W. McCall, Memphis, Tenn., made the address to the graduating class at Southern Baptist College May 27. He spoke on the measurements of success and counseled the graduates to set up the right standards for their desires and decisions.

At the close of the address, President H. E. Williams awarded diplomas to 27 graduates. Special awards to members of the class were as follows: Rural Church Award, based on outstanding work and the greatest progress, Henry Wooten, Blytheville; M. F. Perrin Award, best all-round student, John Floyd Wilson, Kirbyville, Texas; Faculty Award for Christian graces, Anna Krueger, Pocahontas; Cora Hopper Award, highest scholastic record, Howard Barton, Tyronza; J. W. Blackwood Award, growth in character and scholarship, Emmitt J. Carter, Walnut Ridge. J. I. Cossey gave the invocation; Glen Marshall, pianist, played the processional, a special number, and the recessional; and Richard Parkins, baritone, sang "There Is No Death." L. E. Tedford, president of the Board of Trustees, commended the institution for its remarkable growth in attendance, service, and the acquisition of property and equipment.

MESSAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

A Devotion by the Editor

"As he reasoned of righteousness."

There were occasions when Jesus spoke blighting, blistering words to those who appointed themselves to thwart His purposes of grace. Peter uttered words of flaming retribution to the man who dared to offer money for the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul's withering words smote with blindness a man who set himself to hinder a soul from finding his Lord. There are times when there is no other alternative.

But the weapon with which God's people are to attack a sinful world is a message, a message in word, in deed, and in character; a message of righteousness, self-control, and judgment to come. This message centers in Christ and is reinforced by the Holy Spirit.

There have been two futile and fatal mistakes often made by Christian people. The one is to substitute compulsion, some form of coercion, for the persuasive power of the gospel. This substitution means the loss of the force of the message, the dulling of the edge of the sword, the weakening of the impact of the charge. The other mistake is to accept a compromise from the agents of sin in the hope of winning by presenting easier terms and less exacting standards. Both alike defeat the end which they strive to accomplish.

Righteousness, and righteousness alone, will reveal the ugliness and the deformity of unrighteousness. The effect of the perfect standard of righteousness is not to drive men to despair and hopelessness, but to make them dissatisfied with their ugliness and with the deformity of sin, and to inspire them to strive for the righteousness of God in Christ. The greatest compliment ever paid to man is God's confidence in man's appreciation of and response to that righteousness.

Two men went through an art gallery. The first man began to praise in exaggerated terms the cheap, gaudy, pictures which hung near the entrance. The second man said nothing of these, but when they came to the real masterpieces he began to skillfully point out the superior qualities of these works. The first man became silent and as they passed out of the building he never once look toward the pictures which he praised on entering.

"And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come, Felix trembled, and answered, Go thy way for this time: when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee" (Acts 24:25).

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Across the Editor's Desk

A Message From Jesus To His Churches

"I Know Thy Works"

In His revelation to John on the Isle of Patmos Jesus singled out each of the seven churches of Asia and gave John a message for each one. With persistent reiteration He declares, "I know thy works."

Of the church at Ephesus, He said, "I know thy works." Of the church at Smyrna, "I know thy works." Of the church of Pergamos, "I know thy works." Of the church at Thyatira, "I know thy works." Of the church at Sardis, "I know thy works." Of the church at Philadelphia, "I know thy works." Of the church at Laodicea, "I know thy works." And may we not assume that He is saying of the churches of Arkansas, "I know thy works"?

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

A Commendation

The churches are commended for their patience under difficult circumstances. They were also commended for holding fast the word of God, while powerful forces were striving to wrench them away from their anchorage in divine truth. Their generosity, their faith, and their love came in for words of praise.

We are justified in believing that Jesus would commend our churches in Arkansas. Ground for such commendation may be found in the Christian love, faith, and courage of Arkansas Baptists. The generosity and evangelism, the teaching, training, and enlistment programs of our Arkansas churches must surely bring gladness to the heart of our Savior.

The commendation and approval of Jesus should encourage every church, and every pastor, and every denominational worker, and every Christian to double his efforts in Christian service. For Jesus recognizes every expression of faith, every act of love, every deed of service, every gift of generosity from His disciples. There is no slightest response of the human heart to His appeal, but that He honors that response with encouraging words of commendation.

A Rebuke

The same love which commends the churches for their faithfulness, also rebukes them for their waywardness.

Jesus charged that some of the churches had weakened in their love toward Him, in some cases transferring this love to other and unworthy objects. He rebukes others for a lack of generosity, charging that they were spending generously on selfish interests while allowing His cause to beg in poverty. Some of the churches tolerated false be-

lievers and allowed them to dictate the policies and programs of the churches. Others were luke-warm, with no spiritual fervor. There were churches which carried the name of the living Christ, but were themselves spiritually dead.

Should not our churches in Arkansas take heed to the rebuke administered by Jesus as well as the commendations delivered by Him?

A Challenge

The same love with which Jesus commends and rebukes, He also challenges. He challenges His churches to repent of their sins, failures, and disloyalties and to return to their original love and experience of grace.

When confronted with great opportunities, difficult tasks, serious problems, or severe temptations, our churches should return to the Lord, renew their love and faith, and their covenant with Him.

Jesus does not discount the difficulties and problems which His churches encounter. But everywhere He warns against submitting to the difficulties, and He promises victory over them. Therefore, do not be afraid, timid, hesitant. Jesus wants His churches to be daring and bold as they face the challenges of His kingdom, as they undertake the tasks which lie at hand, and as they plan for the future.

Door of the Church

"Behold, I stand at the door, and knock, if any man will hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me."

It is the door of the church referred to here, and at which Jesus stands and knocks. We may well preach that Jesus stands at the door of the sinner's heart and knocks for admittance. But Jesus is declaring that He is standing at the door of His churches and knocking for admittance.

The challenge comes to every church in Arkansas to open the door to Jesus. An individual can open the door, any individual can open the door. How glorious it is when all individual Christians open the doors of the churches and let Jesus come in!

And when Jesus comes to church, it will be a high and holy occasion. The drabness of the occasion will vanish and every feature of the service will sparkle with divine light and move with divine energy.

Christianity is not a theory of philosophy for the reformation of the world; it is not a standard of morals which offers the best way of life; it is not a program, an organization, an institution, a method of teaching. Christianity centers in a person, the Lord Jesus Christ. All programs, organizations, institutions, and methods are only the means employed to present Him to the world.

South-Wide Causes

The accompanying diagram illustrates the division of Co-operative Program funds among South-wide causes for 1949. This division applies only to the \$4,000,000 operating fund. Any South-wide funds in excess of \$4,000,000 will be divided on a different basis according to capital needs.



It should be borne in mind that the \$4,000,000 represents only a small per cent of the total contributions of Southern Baptists, which amounted to \$132,162,846 for all causes in 1947.

Southern Baptist churches spent \$103,690,832 for local expenses, leaving \$28,162,014 for missions, education, and benevolences, which includes all funds spent for local and associational missions, state and South-wide causes throughout the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

From this analysis of Southern Baptist contributions, it becomes obvious that our churches must give a larger per cent of their income to denominational causes, if we are to meet the unprecedented challenges of our day. Southern Baptists cannot claim to be fulfilling the commissions of Jesus when they spend \$103,690,832 for local church programs, \$26,000,000 for missions, education, and benevolences within the territory of the Convention, and only a little more than \$2,000,000 for mission work throughout the rest of the world.

The slogan, emphasized at the Memphis Convention in May, was "Fifty-fifty by 1950." Should our churches adopt that slogan as a church policy and give half their income to missions, educations, and benevolences, as prompted in our associational, state, and South-wide programs, it would mean a new and glorious day in the local churches as well as in the denomination at large.

Another slogan heard at the Convention was, "Every Baptist a Tither." The two slogans complement each other, the one is necessary to the other. Individual Christians must not be selfish with the money that belongs to God; neither should local churches be selfish with the money that belongs to God.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Pastor J. O. Young, First Church, Piggott, writes: "Our church has just experienced one of the best revivals in its history. Pastor Charles E. Lawrence, Gaines Street Church, Little Rock, did the preaching, and Richard Perkins, a student in Southern Baptist College, led the singing. The meeting was only eight days, but the people put themselves into it from the start and there were 52 additions to the church membership, 35 on profession of faith and baptism. The preaching and singing of these men were of the highest type, and the Lord blessed our hearts through them. They make a fine evangelistic team."

Recently, First Church, DeQueen, had a series of revival services in which James Overton, Mena, was the evangelist, and Pastor Boyd Baker was in charge of the music. There were 13 professions of faith and a number of re-dedications. Cottage prayer meetings were held the week preceding the revival. The pastor makes the following statements: "There was good attendance and deep spiritual interest from the first service to the last. The revival services resulted in deep spiritual blessings for the church and community."

Youth Week was observed for the fourth consecutive year in the First Church, DeQueen, recently. Durward Bourns, ministerial student in Ouachita College, served as youth pastor, with more than 50 other youths assisting. Youth workers carried on the Sunday School and Training Union, sang in the choir, served as ushers and deacons. The church observed the Lord's Supper at the night service, with youth deacons serving it in a dignified and worshipful manner.

First Church, Atkins, takes the church service to the members who cannot come to church. The church has appointed a committee to contact those who need the recorded services. Nelson S. Greenleaf is pastor of the church.

Immanuel Church, Fort Smith, believes that the worship auditoriums in the churches of Fort Smith should be the most beautiful rooms there are in any buildings of Fort Smith. They believe that nothing is more conducive to real spiritual worship than a beautiful auditorium. In just a few Sundays their auditorium will show forth the beauty, goodness, and greatness of God as they re-decorate it for His glory.

Brother and Mrs. Sam T. Mayo, migrant missionaries, are working at the Labor Camp, Springdale, this summer. They will have the assistance of Miss Erma Lee Keiter, Richmond, Virginia, who is a graduate nurse.

The missionaries have a nursery and kindergarten open five days each week. The children are served a lunch in the morning, a full meal at noon, and a lunch in the afternoon. The Washington-Madison Association is helping to finance the work.

The annual report of Missionary E. H. Acuff, Bartholomew Association, is as follows: Traveled 23,267 miles; preached 294 sermons; conducted 11 evangelistic revivals, 1 stewardship revival and 1 doctrinal revival; witnessed 64 conversions, 63 baptisms, 22 additions by letter, and 19 re-dedications. He taught 4 study courses, with 67 awards; attended 52 Sunday Schools, taught 14 classes; attended 30 Training Unions; conducted 3 funerals and attended several others; attended 69 other services; 9 associational board meetings; 1 state Vacation Bible School clinic; the Southern Baptist Convention and Ouachita College commencement. He visited 595 homes; made 67 sick visits; contacted 136 church officers, 177 pastors, 83 pastorless churches, and arranged 23 appointments, many of which resulted in pastoral calls; arranged 15 Vacation Bible Schools; distributed 98 New Testaments, 199 Gospels of John, 391 tracts and bulletins, 344 Arkansas Baptist papers; took 69 subscriptions to the Arkansas Baptist. He also sent 1,113 cards, 383 letters, and collected \$1,191 for associational missions and \$19.60 for the Co-operative Program.

First Church, Dumas, Arkansas, ordained 6 deacons, May 16. They are: Ralph Moore; D. W. Gill Jr.; John Puryear; J. W. Tucker; John I. Collins; and T. J. Robinson. The following presbytery acted as examining council: O. L. Puryear; D. W. Gill Sr.; Edgar Gannaway; J. C. LaGrone; I. N. Moore; T. C. Rogers; P. O. Wesner; Paul Stacy; Leo Smith; Louis Butler; Ray Maxwell; Lee Carter; A. C. Ferriss; Theo James, McGehee; Pastor L. W. Williams, Gould; and Associational Missionary S. A. Davis.

Pastor T. N. Shaddox acted as moderator and Edgar Gannaway was the clerk. Missionary Davis conducted the questioning of the deacons. Theo James preached the ordination sermon and L. W. Williams delivered the ordination prayer.

Recently, First Church, Hazen, experienced a successful revival, with Pastor C. R. McCollum doing the preaching. H. S. Coleman, associational missionary, was in charge of the music, assisted by Mrs. Crowley at the newly installed Hammond organ.

There were five additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, six by letter, two by statement, and one re-dedication.

The church was completely filled during the beautiful and impressive baptismal service.

Pastoral Changes

O. L. Gardner, a student in Ouachita College, has accepted the pastorate of Gideon Church, Harmony Association.

J. F. Brown has been called as pastor of Anderson Chapel, New Bethel, and Rankin Chapel.

Art Jones Jr. has resigned the pastorate of Rehobeth Church, Moorefield, Arkansas.

Progress At Piney Church



By VOYLE BOLEY

About five miles west of Hot Springs, Arkansas, on Highway 270, stands a church of native stone construction. A sign reads: "Piney Baptist Church, Edward Anderson, pastor."

Every feature of the building and grounds gives evidence of activity. The building is well equipped with an auditorium seating 225, and 12 rooms so arranged as to accommodate a departmentized Sunday School. Adjacent to the church a five room house is nearing completion and will be used as the pastor's home. Butane gas is provided for both the church and the pastor's home. Additional ground has recently been procured to increase the parking space for the accommodation of church goers.

Piney Church is less than 10 years old. It began its services in a small school house near the location of the present church building. A small number of courageous Christian men and women struggled through those first years when discouragements were numerous. Among those who carried on at that time were: Robert Plemmons; Mr. Whitley; Wiley Neal; S. A. Sword; Ed Green; and H. H. Corder. Among the pastors who have served the Piney Church are: Charles Hampton; Joe Melton; and Edward Anderson, present pastor.

Since 1940 the church membership has increased from 14 to almost 200. Pastor Edward Anderson has been with the church for the past two years.

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Dr. Joseph H. Cohen of the Hebrew Christian Mission spoke at the First Church, Marked Tree, Arkansas, May 30. He discussed present troubles in Palestine, and the question of Communism in the Holy Land and in Europe.

Dedication services were held at Oakland Church, May 30, according to Missionary Claude Crigler. Dr. C. W. Caldwell, superintendent of missions, preached the dedicatory sermon. Dinner was served at 12:30. D. W. Stark, Mountain Home, preached at 2:30 p. m.

J. A. Scroggins has been forced by ill health to relinquish his pastorate of the First Church, Decatur, after 40 years as its pastor.

Keith Sherman, Little Rock, was graduated from Southwestern Theological Seminary, May 7. He has accepted a position as educational director with the First Church, Forest City, North Carolina.

Home Missions . . .

WINNING THE HOMELAND

Mr. President and fellow workers together with God, we come, as stewards of the manifold grace of God, to render unto you an account of the stewardship of your Home Mission Board.

The report of the work done by the missionaries is printed in the Book of Reports. We sincerely hope that each one of you will read the report which gives, somewhat in detail, the results of the work of the 700 missionaries of the Home Mission Board as they carried the Gospel to the men and women who are marooned on the shoals of error and who, even though we have 16,000 preachers and 26,000 churches, will never hear about Christ unless we send missionaries to them.

It is evident from the various reports which have been presented to this convention, that all the agencies of the convention need money and their need is legitimate and great.

Plea For Missions

As I listened to the report of the Foreign Mission Board last night and heard the representatives from the various countries present the needs in the foreign fields, my heart went out in anxious desire that those needs might be supplied. I think our Secretary, Mr. Rankin, was very moderate in his request for 1,700 missionaries and \$10,000,000. It seems to me the need is so great that he should have at least 3,000 missionaries and \$20,000,000 to carry the Gospel of redeeming grace to the men and women across the seas who know not Christ.

The 6,000,000 Baptists of the Southern Baptist Convention will not fulfil their obligation to a lost world on the meager support which they are now giving, when compared with their ability, to foreign missions. My desire and prayer is that we may double our gifts and missionaries for the foreign mission work.

And then, as I listened to the earnest plea of the presidents of our great seminaries this morning as they presented the needs of the seminaries and pleaded for the return of the \$20,000 taken from them Wednesday, my heart was stirred again and my desire kindled for greater support for our institutions.

NOTE: When the report of the Executive Committee was read Wednesday morning, Fred Eastham, pastor of the First Church, Springfield, Missouri, out of the goodness of his heart and because of his love for home missions, on his own initiative, moved that one-half of one per cent be taken from each of the seminaries and one per cent be given to the Home Mission Board and one-half of one per cent be given to the Relief and Annuity Board. The motion was sustained by an overwhelming vote of the eight thousand messengers present.

Friday morning, after the seminaries had made their reports, a motion was made to return the one-half of one per cent to each of the seminaries and make the allocations as reported by the Executive Committee. This was carried by a good majority of the messengers present.

Deep down in my soul, I was glad when the vote was taken and the seminaries got back the \$20,000. But \$20,000! What is that for these institutions? It is a mere bagatelle of what they should have.

Of course, the Home Mission Board needs money also, but the board, together with all of our agencies and institutions, needs other things as well. We need the kingdom spirit—that spirit manifested by the first church as it began its work of evangelizing the world. Read the fourth chapter of the Acts. The

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By J. E. LAWRENCE

Dr. Lawrence's Address at the Convention.

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church was in prayer and the Holy Spirit came and shook the house where they were sitting; and filled each one of the members of the church afresh. And it did something to them. It welded them into a fellowship and brotherhood so vital and binding that the interest of one became the interest of all.

Working Together

All the agencies and interests of the Southern Baptist Convention are bound together in a fraternal fellowship for the work of the kingdom of God, and whether the money given goes to this one or that one, all the other agencies should rejoice because it is going for the advancement of the kingdom, which they are all pledged and commissioned to advance.

We need more money for all our agencies, boards, and institutions, and we cannot get that money by juggling percentages. We must create more sources of supply.

There are only three sources from which we can expect continual, and sustained, additional funds for the work of the kingdom.

These are:

First, the organization of new churches which will become revenue producers for kingdom work;

Second, the baptism of new converts who will become additional givers of money for kingdom work;

Third, the securing of additional tithers who will, by their enlarged gifts, increase our income for kingdom work.

Home Missions

I rejoice that the Home Mission Board is the one Convention-wide agency of Southern Baptists which is, in its work, creating and developing more sources of revenue for kingdom work. The Home Mission Board is cultivating the field and tilling the ground for more money. In this it is helping all of our agencies.

Through all the years of its existence the Home Mission Board has been working at this task. Its missionaries have reported for the past hundred and three years the organization of 9,600 churches, which is a little better than one out of every three of our present total number of churches. The churches now giving the bulk of the money for kingdom work were organized and mothered by the Home Mission Board.

The missionaries of the Home Mission Board have reported 850,000 baptisms. While each one baptized might not have become a supporting member, most of them through the years have contributed to the support of our institutions and agencies. Surely, the Home Mission Board should receive some credit for what it has done!

The Home Mission Board is today, through its missionaries, opening up and cultivating

new sources of revenue. In the last three years it has organized and revived 586 churches. I do not know how much these 586 churches have given, because I do not have the figures, but I do know what one of these churches gave. Jefferson Avenue Church, East Point, Georgia, organized in our city mission work three years ago, gave a little over \$5,000 last year to the Co-operative Program.

In 1944, when the Home Mission Board began its work in California, there were 78 churches and they gave \$29,000 to the Co-operative Program. In 1947, there were 172 churches and they gave \$175,034.47 to the Co-operative Program. Figure this out for yourself and you will see what the Home Mission Board is doing through the organization of churches to increase gifts for kingdom work and what it means to the income of all of our agencies.

But, that is not all. The missionaries of the Home Mission Board in 1947 report 43,732 conversions. If each one of these brought into the kingdom by Home Mission Board workers should give only one dollar a year, it would be an increase of \$43,732, but if they should give fifty cents a week, which many of them will do, they would turn into the treasury of the kingdom \$1,137,032 each year.

My friends, I am calling attention to what the Home Mission Board is doing, in its program of work, to increase the receipts of the convention so that our agencies will have more money for their work. I am calling attention to what is actually taking place in the work of the Home Mission Board.

Cost of the Work

I would also like to remind you that the conversions which the home missionaries reported last year cost approximately \$40 apiece, figured against the total expenditures of the Home Mission Board. This means that every time the Home Mission Board receives \$40, there is given to it the possibility of reaching one soul for Christ, through the preaching of the Gospel, by its missionaries.

As I understand from the statistics gathered, which I suppose are correct, it costs over \$200, on the average, for every one baptized by the churches.

The contribution you make to the Home Mission Board, if you are interested in the salvation of souls, is money well spent. This has been true throughout the history of the Home Mission Board for, according to the estimate that Dr. Redford has made, counting all the money the board has received from the convention from its beginning down to date, there has been one conversion for every \$45 received by the board.

We of the Home Mission Board rejoice in the privilege of serving the denomination. It is a source of real satisfaction to the board to know that in its program of work it is developing sources from which money will come to increase the amount that every agency of the denomination will receive. We are thankful for the privilege of working and serving. The Master has said, "he is greatest . . . who is servant of all."

CHRISTIAN HORIZONS

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

BAPTIST WORLD ALLIANCE PREAMBLE

"The Baptist World Alliance, extending over every part of the world, exists in order more fully to show the essential oneness of Baptist people in the Lord Jesus Christ, to impart inspiration to the brotherhood, and to promote the spirit of fellowship, service, and co-operation among its members, but this Alliance may in no way interfere with the independence of the churches or assume the administrative functions of existing organizations."

Chinese Christian Colleges Get Help: Dr. Robert J. McMullen, executive secretary of the United Board for Christian Colleges in China, reported that equipment valued at \$350,000, including 7,000 books, has been sent to China's war-damaged Christian colleges since last June. Also, during the year \$1,500,000 was raised for current expenses of these thirteen Christian institutions. Of this amount nearly half was raised in China.

"One of the most significant features of the year's work is the amazing progress made in rehabilitating the faculties. Approximately 140 who have been on the staffs of our colleges are now studying abroad, most of them in the United States, and are planning to return to these institutions. Thus the efficiency of our staffs and the standard of work are being constantly raised."

Mission Organized: The Christian Mission to Churchless Communities, 140 Nassau Street, New York 7, New York, was organized by Homer Stanley Morgan in 1934. Since then, almost 30 churches have been started and the Gospel has been ministered in many places too small to have a regular church. The Carver Bible Institute, Atlanta, Georgia, for the training of Negro preachers, is an outgrowth of this mission. Talmage Payne, founder and president, is a missionary with the mission. Mr. Morgan was formerly a pastor in New York City.

More Food For German Youth: A contribution of \$25,000 worth of food to provide supplementary meals for boys and girls attending youth camps in Germany this summer has been approved by the administrative committee of the U. S. A. Committee for the Lutheran World Federation. It was stipulated that the food be advanced by Hilfswerk, relief agency of the Evangelical Church in Germany, with the understanding that repayment will be made later from contributions received by the Christian Rural Overseas Program, sponsored by Lutheran World Relief and Church World Service. Last year, the Evangelische Jugendkammer, which is the co-operating agency for all Protestant youth activities in Germany, sponsored 3,250 camps in conjunction with the Y. M. C. A. in Germany, with 168,000 young people in attendance.

Unusual Progress: Leonard Gittings, a missionary under the A. B. F. M. S. at Sona Bata, Belgian Congo, reports that, during the past 18 months, over 4,000 converts have been examined and a few more than 2,000 of these have been baptized. He carries on evangelistic work in a far-flung district of 10,000 square miles.

Following God's Call: The resignation of an industrial executive from a \$20,000-a-year job to accept a \$2,000 post as minister in the Evangelical United Brethren Church was announced by the church's one hundred ninth annual Central Pennsylvania Conference at York, Pennsylvania. The new minister is Paul E. Lease, former assistant sales manager of a machinery parts manufacturing company of York. He will serve as pastor of the church at Hughesville, Pennsylvania.

The Children of China: Of the more than 76,000,000 children between the ages of 6 and 12 in China, only 18,000,000 are in school. Twelve million are either being educated privately or are suspended from school. Of the children in school, only 10 per cent have normal health, and 50 per cent suffer from mal-nutrition.

Bells Installed: Schulmerich Electronics, Inc., Sellersville, Pennsylvania, has made over 1,000 installations of "Carillon Bells." In doing this, they have created a unique situation in the musical world. They have given American organists a beautiful and flexible bell instrument with almost unlimited scope.

Churches in Spain: Protestant churches in Spain are reported by Dr. Benjamin J. Bush, representative of the Presbyterian church in the U. S. A., to have gained strength in the past 12 years despite "repression and violence." He is back from a tour of Spain, during which he attended 15 Protestant services. "A number of Protestant churches have been attacked by sizeable mobs," he said, "indicating by word and deed their antipathy to Protestantism. Other churches have been threatened, and one large meeting of Protestant youth could not be held because of reported plans by anti-Protestant youth in the area to attack the rally." He estimates that there are about 1,500 Baptists in Spain.

Anti-Liquor Testimonials from Athletes: A campaign of testimonials from the nation's outstanding athletes and others who attribute their success to abstinence from liquor has been proposed by A. E. Harford, pastor of the First Free Methodist church, Wichita, Kansas.

Making his suggestion in a sermon, he said it would counteract the "men of distinction" advertisements of the liquor industry. His address was one of many on the subject made throughout the state on Temperance Day, proclaimed by Governor Frank Carlson.

Racial Relations

(Report of Social Service Commission on Race Relations at the Southern Baptist Convention.)

Highly significant progress in the area of race relations is being made in the Southern states of our country.

The Freedom Train has been widely acclaimed and welcomed at all but three of its scheduled stops. Hundreds of thousands of American citizens, without regard to race, color, or creed, have stood side by side and read the precious documents that undergird and give foundation to our cherished American democracy.

The right of all men to vote in government, a right guaranteed by the Constitution has been upheld again and again in the high courts of the South.

The right of all American citizens to equal recognition in employment has been confirmed in recent significant cases. Last year, the city of Atlanta added Negro policemen to their law enforcing body. None but favorable reports have come from city officials as to the results of this new policy. Atlanta is the forty-second city in the South now employing Negro police.

The right to equal opportunity in education has gained considerable support by the action of several Southern states. In February, 1948, the University of Arkansas voluntarily opened the doors of its graduate school to qualified Negro students. A few days later the University of Delaware made a similar announcement. The University of Maryland first opened its doors to Negro students in 1935.

Commendable progress has been made toward a more complete fellowship between white and Negro ministers. In Columbus, Georgia, under the leadership of a young Methodist minister, an Inter-racial Ministers Conference has been inaugurated. In Texas, our great Baptist denomination has had a number of successful and satisfactory inter-racial evangelistic conferences where fellowship was elevated to a high Christian level.

These facts demonstrate the undeniable truth that the South, of its own volition, is moving in the direction of the objectives which were recommended by the report of the President's Committee on Civil Rights. Whatever may be the particular items of legislation which might stem from this report as to spirit and principle, we recognize that its objectives are in keeping with the American way of life as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights.

Southern Baptists may well be proud of their highly commendable stand at St. Louis last year, in which they set forth a "blueprint for action" in the vital area of race relations by the adoption of the special report on race relations. This charter of principles, with its high Christian idealism, is expressive of true democracy and gives foundation, in principle, to each of the objectives of the report on Civil Rights.

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Children's Program on the Bible: Berkeley Divinity School, California, in co-operation with radio station KRE, Berkeley, is presenting a children's program every Saturday morning at 8:45. The program is titled "All Aboard For Adventure" and is a dramatic presentation of the stories of the Bible.

The Church and The Home

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By S. A. WHITLOW

Pasor of First Church, Hope

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A house without a roof would scarcely be a more different home than a family unsheltered by God's friendship and the sense of being always rested in His providential care and guidance.

—HORACE BUSHNELL.



Perhaps at no point in human experience does the ancient proverb, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," hold more truth than at the point of making a happy home.

Life's greatest joy is reserved for the people who learn the fine art of living happily with others. That it can be learned, millions of people have proved; that many have not learned it, millions of broken hearts testify. The ideal place to practice living happily together is in the home.

The idea that love professed at the marriage altar will automatically solve all of the difficulties between two people has been responsible for more heart-aches than can be computed. The words spoken at the marriage altar do not change folks; they simply set up a new relationship.

Each couple should face the fact that they will have differences of opinion. I am never impressed by the statement of those people who have lived together for a decade or two, or three, and say "We have never had a fuss." To me this is a sort of insipid living that I do not wish to experience.

I am not so much concerned with the differences of opinion which arise in the home, but I am concerned about what they will do with these differences when they come. "Let not the sun go down on thy wrath" is a Biblical injunction that can well be heeded in the marriage relationship.

The adversities of life may serve to make firm the love one toward the other. Disappointments, heartaches, sorrows, and suffering are the raw materials out of which life is made. A young husband once said to his wife after they had passed through a trying experience: "We have been through a great many things together."

Home is foundational in life. All else depends upon it for security. In whatever else

one may succeed, to fail here is to fail all along the line, for one's domestic relationship colors all other relationships of life.

One of the most distressing things in our modern civilization is the great breakdown in the home life of America. In recent years twice as many homes were broken by separation and divorce as by death. This is a disturbing fact at the very heart of our society. Not only is the life of husband and wife forever affected, but in many instances the life and destiny of children are involved. Society also reaps the fruit of juvenile delinquency, crime, and low moral standards. Churches, too, are affected. You cannot build strong churches out of weak and broken homes.

In recent years we have experienced a great social upheaval caused by the war. This has produced conditions which have wrought destruction in home life. Shifting populations, long hours away from the home, and easy money have played a decisive part in the breakdown of the home.

We have failed to prepare our young people for a happy home life. We teach our children the art of cooking, sewing, agriculture, finance, and practically every other phase of life, but take for granted that they know how to make a home.

There has developed an attitude toward wedded life that works for its destruction even before it is consummated. The attitude that "If we do not like it, we can get a divorce" is a long step toward disaster. Marriage is an adventure, but never an experiment.

A lack of religious training constitutes one of the greatest weaknesses of this generation. Seventeen million children in the United States are without any religious training whatever. Marriages fail because people fail; and people fail because they live without God.

Looking at the other side of the picture, what means do we have for building happy

homes? Christ and the church can do much for our homes. Dr. George Walter Fiske of Oberlin, in the results of a survey of one of our larger denominations, states that while general public divorce rate was 18 per cent, the divorce rate for church members was only 2 per cent, the divorce rate for those who are active workers is only 1 per cent.

There were 18 times as many divorces for those who are not active in church work. Aside from any hope that Christ and the church may offer for the life to come, it seems to me that these facts demonstrate Christ's power in making for the happiness and security of the home.

Christ at the marriage altar
Christ on the bridal journey
Christ when the new home is set up
Christ when the baby comes
Christ when the baby dies
Christ in the pinching times
Christ in times of plenty
Christ when the wedded pair walk toward the sunset gates,
Christ for time, Christ for eternity—this is the secret of home.

Another mighty ally in proper home building is the power of prayer. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale tells of a young wife who came to him in distress, her marriage a failure, her home about to break up. He suggested that she and her husband pray about it that night, and she promised to try. That evening she reminded her husband that when they were first married, they had prayed together regularly, but recently had neglected it. Touched by the memory, they knelt and prayed together for the first time in months. As they prayed, barriers were broken down, and they found love and God again.

Only the home that finds its common tie in God has the assurance that it is building upon an enduring foundation, for God is love.

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Dr. R. G. Lee, president of Southern Baptist Convention, and pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, will preach his famous sermon "Pay Day Some Day" on Thursday night July 1.

Preacher



Rev. W. O. Vaught Jr., pastor of Immanuel Baptist Church, Little Rock, will preach during this revival.

Billy Sunday's Singer



Homer Rodeheaver, song leader for Billy Sunday for 20 years, and called the best known song leader in the world today, will direct the singing each service of this revival campaign.

To Teach 1,000 Men



Congressman Brooks Hays will fly from Washington to be in Little Rock to teach the 1,000 men who will attend Sunday School Father's Day, June 20.

Layman Speaks



R. G. LeTourneau, one of the world's leading Christian laymen and great Christian industrialist, will speak Thursday night, June 24.

Rodeheaver's Pianist



D. B. Ackley, song writer and accomplished musician, will play one of the pianos throughout the revival.

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Fifty-Fifty By 1950

By DR. R. C. CAMPBELL

The above caption flashed in the eyes of all and burned in the souls of many who attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Memphis. This motto is more than just words; it is a challenge to every Southern Baptist.

It simply means that all our churches should be giving one-half of all its receipts to the Co-operative Program by 1950. It contemplates giving as much to our Co-operative work as we spend at home. This objective should burn in the soul of every Southern Baptist and blaze in all our churches. It is not the fanciful illusion of a visionary; it is a reasonable goal and a worthy challenge.

A Great Challenge

First, this goal is a challenging one. The church that will launch out on this program will challenge its membership to the point that a new thrill of vitality will pulse in its arteries of life. "We would have to increase our budgets and step up our income," one says. Is not that exactly the thing we should do? One thing wrong with the average church budget is, it is penurious. These budgets do not reveal liberal, cheerful, systematic, and sacrificial giving. The budget of the average church is not big enough to challenge worthy giving. Churches grope under the weight of a ponderous debt, institutions are paralyzed under the burden of the lack of finances, and mission causes drag because we give so little. Sixteen hundred million lost souls grope their way in darkness to the precipice of eternal death because, as churches, we have not accepted the weighty responsibility of our stewardship of the Gospel and thus are not carrying it to the millions who sit in darkness. We are betraying a lost world. We are making gestures, but they are weak. Southern Baptists are great enough in numbers, rich enough in resources, capable enough in given and acquired ability to conquer the world for Christ.

Reasonable Goal

Second, this 50 per cent—50 per cent goal is a reasonable one. Is anything more reasonable than that all our churches should give 50 per cent of their receipts to missionary causes? Is this not our major responsibility?

Let us think of the present gifts of our churches to the Co-operative Program. The church of which the writer is pastor claims a membership of 3,500. This church is only giving \$25,000 this year to the Co-operative Program. In the same city is another church with about the same membership. This church has only \$10,000 in its budget for the Co-operative work. Here is another church in the state—the largest one in the state, giving less than either of the above churches to the Co-operative Program. Our churches are woefully warped, lack vision of a lost world, or they are not altered to the main objective Christ set before us.

One doubts if there is a church in Arkansas, or the Southern Baptist Convention that cannot have a 50 per cent—50 per cent budget by 1950. Pastoral leadership and the co-operation of the membership will bring our churches to this program. All of us can, if we will, reach this goal.

Pressing Obligation

Third, a program of 50 per cent of our church budgets to the Co-operative Program

is not only necessary; it is obligatory upon our churches. We must not, in this tragic hour, fail a lost world. Peoples are waiting, longing, and dying without the gospel message. This is a truth sobering enough to shake every Christian out of complacency. Missions is the greatest conception that can possess us. The most weighty responsibility that confronts us, and the most obligatory task facing us. If you want to know how seriously Christ regarded this stewardship, behold Him dying on Calvary!

This question of doing more, vastly more for missions, is not an optional matter. It demands attention, primary attention; emphasis, positive emphasis; action, alert action. The progress of Christ's Kingdom rests upon it. Christ said, "Go ye." Yet Southern Baptists play at this Herculean mission. Our mission work limps and drags with paralyzed impotence, and blood-clotted arteries. If all Christians were alerted to tip-toe for the conquest of Christ, as Communism is alerted to a global conquest, we would not stop at a fifty-fifty division of our funds—we would give even a larger per cent to missions.

Can Southern Baptists come to a 50 per cent—50 per cent basis of giving by 1950? They most certainly can, if our pastors, deacons, and leaders are sold to it; if Southern Baptists will put first things first; if our vision is broadened; if our purpose is deepened and the spirit of perseverance among us is intensified. We can do it if we will but review the accomplishments of the Seventh Day Adventists, and be possessed by their intensity. In 1937, Southern Baptists numbered 4,595,602 and gave \$1,077,996 that year to foreign missions. Adventists that same year had 164,000 members in the United States and 452,000 in the entire world. They gave \$3,062,000 to foreign missions that year. We were doing mission work in a dozen or so countries, while Adventists were doing mission work in 385 countries and in 714 languages and dialects. In 1937, 4,595,000 Southern Baptists were averaging 21 cents per capita for foreign missions. The Adventists gave \$8 per capita that year to foreign missions, or 40 times as much per capita as we were giving. Had Southern Baptists given as much per capita, they would have given \$38,000,000 in 1937 to this one phase of our work.

"But we are not Adventists," one says. No, but who would say that we are less obligated than they are in this supremely great mission? The fact is, we are more obligated to carry, as we believe it, the full message of Christ to all the world.

Will Vitalize Churches

Fourth, reaching this goal would vitalize our churches. The writer knows intimately one of the great churches of Southern Baptists—The First Church, Columbia, South Carolina. This church is giving 50 per cent of its divisible budget to the Co-operative Program. Extras for missions run their mission gifts to around 65 per cent of their receipts. In 1941, this church gave \$9,000 to missions. This year it will give \$70,000 or more to missions. They are happy.

To this objective Southern Baptists should put forth definite and aggressive effort. It can and should be reached.

Come to the Party

By B. L. BRIDGES

Next Tuesday, June 22, will be Baptist History Day. At the Baptist Book Store, 305 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, we will have a publication party. Refreshments will be served. On that day you can buy your copy of the "History of Arkansas Baptists" and enjoy the fellowship of the members of the History Commission and many of our other leaders. The party will begin at 1:30 p. m. and will continue until 5:00 p. m.

We are expecting some special guests, but we want hundreds of our Arkansas Baptist people to come to the celebration. Come one and all! We have hesitated to make announcements recently about our Baptist History book, but we do know that we will have a supply on hand June 22. Come for your copy and for free refreshments.

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Brother and Mrs. Robert M. Wright, directors of the Arkansas Child Evangelism Fellowship, were at Brady Baptist Church, May 16. Mrs. Wright gave a "flannel board" lesson at the Sunday School hour and Brother Wright preached at services at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

T. H. Jordan, First Church, Van Buren, was visiting evangelist in recent revival services at Calvary Church, Batesville. Roy Pasley, educational director, Second Church, Little Rock, directed the music. Twelve persons, all of whom were young people and adults, were received into the church membership on profession of faith and baptism.

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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.

KVRC—Arkadelphia, 4:00 p. m.

KUOA—Siloam Springs, 4:15 p. m.

KWHN—Pt. Smith, 4:45 p. m.

KARK—Little Rock, 10:15 p. m.

"Our Commemorative Year Convention"

The Anniversary Pageant

"From state to state the interest ran," they said of Woman's Missionary Societies in the early days. The call of woman to woman sounded through the land with timid but eager and steadfast response. Delegates from the "ten heroic and historic states" completed the organization of Woman's Missionary Union, auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention—called by a slightly different name at first—in Richmond, Virginia, May, 1888. Delegates from nineteen states and the District of Columbia assembled in Memphis, Tennessee, May, 1948, to observe the sixtieth anniversary of the union's organization and to witness the dramatic presentation of its history.

There was an interval of beautiful music, Monday evening, from organ, piano, violin, and harp. Mrs. Frank Burney, chairman of the anniversary committee, spoke briefly concerning the growth of the union from the mite societies of 1888 to the mighty societies of 1948, concluding with: "May the mantle of the women of sixty years ago descend on us, that we may be channels of good for God!" As she introduced the writer of the pageant, Mrs. C. D. Creasman of Tennessee, the vast audience rose to its feet in appreciation—appreciation for this pageant and for her work of many years as writer of programs and pageants for Woman's Missionary Union.

"Go Forward" was the compelling watchword of early days and this was the theme of the Anniversary Pageant, given in a darkened auditorium, on a well-lighted stage, with a cathedral window background for many of the scenes. By the use of a vocal soloist and two excellent readers, the scenes moved quickly through pantomime. From the Baptist churches of Memphis came the countless men, women, and children participating, making it a thing of beauty and impressiveness. Precious to the hearts of Southern Baptist women were the five episodes of W. M. U. history, presented so charmingly and so colorfully.

Baptists and World Relief

When the scenes of the pageant faded from sight, but not from mind, Dr. Paul Caudill, Relief Committee of Baptist World Alliance, came to the platform, saying: "I come to lay on your hearts and shoulders burdens that cannot be met quickly without your help." After describing the desolation of the countries which he had visited, he discussed six things which Southern Baptists can now do to aid the destitute of the world: first, give raw cotton—bales of it—and rags, too; second, give vita-

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By Mrs. H. M. KECK
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mins—ask druggists and doctors for samples; third, give clothes—write New Orleans Relief Center for bags to fill; fourth, give seeds; fifth, give other raw materials, such as paper; and sixth, give money. During the sessions an offering for relief was taken which totaled \$3,012.00. At the close of his impassioned, heart-reaching message, Dr. Caudill exhibited a copy of the check for relief, given him by a lieutenant who helped bomb Japan, in line of duty, and who gave all but his last \$48 to "help rebuild those cities." Can Southern Baptists match his devotion?

Tuesday

"Friends! at the name of Jesus every knee should bow and every tongue should confess that Jesus is the Lord" was the recurring theme of the devotional period led by Dr. Floy Barnard of Southwestern Seminary. She spoke of Mary and Robert Moffat, the Judsons, Mary Webb, Albertine Meador, and other missionaries who lived and died "that at the name of Jesus, every knee should bow."

"As goes America, so goes the world!" quoted Miss Irene Chambers of the Home Mission Board, as she pictured the kind of country refugees find when they come to our shores. She introduced Miss Vena Aguilard of Louisiana who teaches her own French people the difference between the Word of God and a prayer book; and Mrs. Aaron Hancock, who thanked Southern Baptists for sending to her Indian people Lee Phelps and other white Christians, ending with a song-message appealing for more missionaries, arranged to the melody of "Indian Love Call."

Tidings from China, South America, and Palestine were brought by missionary representatives from those countries. "China today is groping, her heart is heavy and NOW is the time to give her the message of Christ," said Mrs. J. D. Hipps who will leave for that country in three months. Miss Alberta Steward spoke of her dangers and difficulties and of the need in Brazil, declaring: "The door is wide open in Recife." Miss Kate Ellen Gruver talked of her ten years in Palestine and of the opening of the George W. Truett Orphanage there, where Jewish and Arab children are growing up happily together because "we are laborers together with God."

From across the undefended boundary line came warm greet-

ings from the Baptist women of Canada, voiced by Mrs. Edgar Bates of Ontario, in an address on "Our Baptist World Mission." "We should be first with our message," she stated, "because we know that we have something we should share with others."

The election of officers for another year ended a period of anxiety for the nominating committee and one of speculation for the delegates. Those chosen were: Mrs. George R. Martin, president; Miss Alma Hunt, executive secretary; Mrs. W. J. Cox, treasurer; Mrs. Wilfred C. Tyler, recording secretary; Miss Margaret Bruce, young people's secretary; and Miss Juliette Mather, editorial secretary.

Dr. Josef Nordenhaug of Virginia, his adopted home, spoke Tuesday evening of the Baptists in his native Norway and other parts of Europe as "paging us." "The Baptists of Europe are calling! The doors are open! The difficulties are great but even the Iron Curtain cannot stop the message of our Lord."

"Africa needs Christ" is still the belief of Dr. W. H. Carson, who has already spent twenty-eight years there. When he first arrived, he had to beg for boys for his school and girls were entirely out of the question. Now, every church of fifty members or more has its own school.

Dr. M. T. Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board brought to a regretful close the sessions of this commemorative meeting, presenting most of the fifty appointees to foreign service during the year,

Interest In Contest

Tremendous interest is being expressed in the two Christian literary contests being currently sponsored by the Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

The \$10,000 International Christian Fiction Contest has proved to be intensely appealing to novelists and a great number of manuscripts are expected to be received for consideration in this contest which closes December 31, 1948.

The second contest, closing April 30, 1949, the \$2,500 Christian Biography and/or Missionary Manuscript Contest, is also creating a real interest and authors from around the world are expressing their desire to enter this special contest.

Three prizes are being offered in each contest: \$7,500 first prize, \$2,000 second, and \$500 for third place in the Fiction Contest; and \$2,000 first prize, \$350 second prize, and \$150 for third prize in the Biography and/or Missionary Manuscript contest.

Full details concerning both contests may be secured by addressing the editors of the two contests, Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids 2, Michigan.

saying of them: "These missionaries have accepted the cost of their going."

A new decade beginning! New tasks to shoulder! Perhaps a future historian of the union will recall the words of Miss Alma Hunt, the new executive secretary, as she was presented to the women of the South: "Ours is a rich heritage. Let us wear it proudly!"

"Unionizing Southern Baptists"

Dr. E. P. Alldredge of Nashville, Tennessee, has given two years of study of the past and present efforts to bring Southern Baptists into union with Northern Baptists, the Federal Council of Churches, and the other great unionizing organizations. These studies, in condensed form, have been gathered up under the above title and published in seven chapters as follows:

1. Southern Baptists Imperilled Again.
2. Program of the Continuation Committee, 1910-1916.
3. Program of Inter-Church World Movement, 1919-1922.
4. The New Appeal of the World Council of Churches, 1938-1948.
5. The Federal Council's Enlarged Invasion Plans, 1946 Onward.
6. Progress of the Unionizing Invasion in Washington, D. C. and in Richmond.
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Get your copy from your State Baptist Book Store, or from the Author, E. P. Alldredge, 127 Ninth Avenue North, Nashville, Tennessee, price 50c.

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Figures To Inspire

June 6, 1948

Church	S.S.	T.U.	Add.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1053	339	2
Including Mission	1564	665	10
Ft. Smith, First	1047	357	14
El Dorado, First	775	206	6
Pine Bluff, First	697	175	8
N. Little Rock, Baring Cross	576	236	
Including Mission	619		
Hot Springs, Second	555	191	
Paragould, First	519	207	10
Benton, First	507	100	
Including Mission	521		
Camden, First	493	133	
Including Mission	636	175	
Little Rock, Tabernacle	474	100	3
El Dorado, Second	461	131	1
Magnolia, Central	455	145	4
Including Mission	475		
Hope, First	447	98	5
Fayetteville, First	420	124	
Including Mission	464	144	
N. Little Rock, First	417		4
Including Mission	502		
Hot Springs, Park Place	390	98	1
Malvern, First	390	80	5
Ft. Smith, Immanuel	379	113	2
Paris, First	363	135	
Hot Springs, Central	351	110	
Springdale, First	340	227	
Including Missions	471		
Warren, First	340	82	
Hot Springs, First	334	88	
Conway, First	334		
Rogers, First	327	87	2
El Dorado, West Side	325	120	19
Ft. Smith, Calvary	325	117	
Russellville, First	321	62	
Including Mission	369	73	
Ft. Smith, Grand Avenue	319	81	2
Hamburg, First	290	132	1
Harrison, First	290	127	2
Including Missions	382	163	
Siloam Springs, First	286	171	
Gentry	272	110	1
Smackover, First	269	96	
Monticello, First	268	115	1
Pine Bluff, Second	257	82	
Little Rock, S. Highland	256	68	4
Dumas, First	248	82	8
Including Missions	343		
N. Little Rock, Central	230	83	2
Little Rock, Calvary	208		3
Mena, First	205	56	4
Including Mission	283	92	
Ft. Smith, Oak Grove	202	83	1
Ft. Smith, Bailey Hill	198	109	
Jacksonville, First	190	90	6
N. Little Rock, Pike Ave.	168	58	18
Charleston, First	164	92	19
Pine Bluff, Matthews Memorial	164	66	17
Carlisle, First	163	41	6
Little Rock, Reynolds Memorial	140		
S. Ft. Smith	137	57	
Almyra, First	134	77	
El Dorado, Joyce City	127	78	2
N. Little Rock, Grace	114	24	
Hot Springs, Lake Hamilton	113	59	2
Warren, Immanuel	100	63	
Little Rock, Worrell Memorial	93	27	
Texarkana, South Texarkana	80	60	2
Little Rock, West Side	73	41	3
Texarkana, Trinity	71	42	
N. Little Rock, Park Hill	65		
Little Rock, Belleview	54	10	
Douglasville, Second	43	27	1
Ft. Smith, Bethlehem	42	19	
Brady	20		

To Teach At Assembly

Important Please Note!

Are you interested in a place of service at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly? The management can use the following:

Dormitory matrons; supervisors for boy's dormitories; night watchman; and life guards.

Write to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 212 Baptist Building Little Rock.

Arkansas Ranks Third In Training Awards

Thus far in this Sunday School year, Arkansas ranks third in increase over last year in the number of training awards for Sunday School workers. Texas leads, with 9,140 over last year; California ranks second, with 1,604; and Arkansas third, with 1,449. At the present time, Arkansas has close to 5,000 training awards for this Sunday School year.

Breaking this down into associations and churches we find that the following are the top three associations for this year: Pulaski County, 781; Central, 716; and Liberty, 419. The top three churches for training awards are Hot Springs, Second, 275; Springdale, First, 241; and Little Rock, First, 158.

At the present time all the associations except seven have had at least one training school. The seven which have not had training courses for Sunday School workers are: Big Creek; Buckner; Buckville; Current River; Faulkner; Perry County; and Rocky Bayou.

We hope that these seven will have training courses before the first of September. Then, Arkansas would be one hundred per cent in training for the associations. For free information concerning training courses for Sunday School workers, please write Religious Education Department, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

New Study Book

After June 15, a new study course book, "A Faith to Live By," will be off the press for Intermediates. This is a timely and helpful book for boys and girls on fundamentals of our faith. It gives in simple, readable form what we believe, and reasons why we believe it. The scriptural references given at the end of each chapter are especially helpful. The seal for course X, Doctrines, in the Baptist Intermediate Study Course is awarded for completion of this book. This course will be taught to the 15 and 16 year Intermediates at the Christian Training Assembly at Siloam Springs, July 15-22.

Chapter titles of the book are: The Source of Our Belief; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; The Reality of Sin; God's Remedy for Sin; Kept by His Power; The New Testament Pattern; The Truth Shall Make You Free; and After This Life.

Stone, Van Buren, and Searcy County Hymn-Sing

The second Quarterly Hymn-sing for Stone, Van Buren, and Searcy Association was held Sunday afternoon, May 31, at 2:30, in the Marshall Church. Mrs. Virgil Blair, Leslie, is the associational music director and was in charge of the program. There were large groups from four churches to participate in the spirited congregational singing and four special numbers were rendered. W. L. Leach, pastor of the Marshall Church, welcomed the visitors and led in the responsive scripture reading. Roll call was made by Chester Roten, associational missionary, and Mrs. Mary Ellen Daniel served as accompanist. A feature of the sing was a large male choir, composed of men from all the churches, singing "The Old Rugged Cross." The Hymn of the Month was also learned. The next Quarterly Hymn-Sing will take place on the fifth Sunday in August.

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MRS. ROY E. PASLAY JR.

Mrs. Roy E. Paslay Jr., Little Rock, will teach Junior Music, using "Anthems For Junior Choirs," by Westminster, at the assembly, July 15-22. Mrs. Paslay received her B. A. degree from Ottawa University, the Baptist denominational college in Kansas, where she majored in music. She was a member of the Ottawa Concert Choir, which traveled throughout Kansas and Colorado. She was also a member of the girls' chorus and was in a girls' trio. For the past year she has directed the Junior Choir at the Second Church, Little Rock.

Score Sheets Ready

Any associational music director, wishing copies of the score sheets for Hymn-Playing may write to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 212 Baptist Building, for them. In your letter, state when your elimination will be held. Please report immediately following this event the names and ages of the winners who will participate in the State Tournament. For those who wish to enter this tournament from associations where there is no director, Mrs. Nininger will arrange to conduct an associational elimination, provided she is notified by the individual contestants.

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New Children Admitted

Last week we admitted six new children. Four of these came from Washington County, one from Boone County, and one from Drew County. All of these children are cases of extreme need. Four of them, brothers, have suffered great neglect and abuse. Two of these children are twins, thirteen years of age, another is nine and the youngest is four. These boys had never been to church and have had little schooling. When Mrs. Thornton, our boys' house mother, mentioned church to the nine year old child, he said: "What is church?" We placed the three oldest children in the second grade at summer school and their teachers have found that they cannot even write their names or add the smallest number, so they were moved to the first grade. If we find, during the summer, that these children can learn, we shall keep them and give them all possible advantages. If, however, our observation of them during the summer should indicate that they do not have sufficient mentality to learn reasonably well, we shall be forced to return them to the county from which they came.

The fifth child we received is a boy, age eleven and a full orphan. He will be in the fifth grade next fall, is intelligent and alert. We believe he will make good here at the home.

The last child, a girl, age fourteen, is from a broken home. Her parents have been fighting over her so much that she almost broke under the strain and tried to shoot herself. The bullet wound is still unhealed in her breast. Some county officials came to see us and arranged to have her placed in the home. We have found her to be a quiet and nice child and she already seems to be regaining her happiness.

The above are representative of the kinds of children we have to

turn away from our doors almost every week. Since the first of the year, we have had to turn away fifty-five children because there is not room for them. Many of these children are in extreme need of love and care, and unless someone supplies these needs they will soon become delinquent or may perish in some other way.

Finances

The great increase in population in our institution, and the rising cost of living have caused a corresponding increase in our operating expenses. Already we have cared for 100 children this year and our operating expenses are running ahead of our regular income. Our institution was allocated \$25,000 for the year, or \$2,083.33 per month, through our Co-operative Program, but our receipts for the first five months of the year from this source have fallen below the above amounts. For these months we have received a total of \$8,938.67, or a monthly average of \$1,787.73, from our Co-operative Program, which is a total of \$1,477.98 short of the amount allocated to us, or a monthly average of \$205.60 less than the full amount allocated.

We, of course, understand that when the full amount of the state Budget is not raised all phases of our co-operative work which share in the budget receipts must suffer percentage deductions from the amounts allocated to them.

Contributions for the first five months of this year sent directly to us are above the average for corresponding months in previous years but still our income is running behind our expenses. To date, we have incurred a deficit of \$3,600 and it is necessary to cash a \$10,000 bond from our meager savings. We hope this will tide us over until the time of our special offering at Thanksgiving.

We are holding our expenditures down to a minimum of what is required to meet the children's basic needs. One thing is clear: We must either give more support for our children's institution or we must cut down on the number of children cared for. In the face of such great need on the part of so many dependent children we do not believe Arkansas Baptists will do the latter.

Siloam, G. A., and R. A. Camps

To date, approximately \$600 has been received to use in sending our children to camp. This amount is about one-half of what is required to send all who wish to go. It will take approximately \$20.00 to send a child to Siloam Springs, and \$15.00 to send one to either the R. A. or G. A. camps.

Thanks for Eggs

We wish to express our sincere thanks to everyone who has sent us eggs. To date, we have received 99 cases this season, and we hope we may yet receive 25 or 30 additional cases. Friends who plan to send us eggs are urged to do so at once as they may damage in transit when sent to us in extreme hot weather.

Superintendent and Mrs. Snider To Take Brief Course At Columbia University

Mr. and Mrs. Snider are to take brief courses during their vacation at the New York School of Social Work, Columbia University, from June 21 to July 2. Mr. Snider is to take two courses in group work which are led by two of the nation's outstanding leaders in this field, and Mrs. Snider plans to study dietetics. Mrs. Snider is dietician at the home. Our office force will be very limited while Mr. and Mrs. Snider are away and our friends will understand if there is some delay in answering correspondence.

The Romance of Missions

By C. W. CALDWELL

All my life I have heard people speak of the "romance of missions," but for the past year I have been witnessing it in various sections of Arkansas. And, one of the most romantic of all is the Mexican Mission, seventeen miles south of Bradley, in Southwest Arkansas. The history of its beginnings and the progress made is thrilling indeed.

Shortly before Ottis Denney gave up the work as missionary in Hope Association to go to Newton County, he preached in a community where there were several Mexican farmers. As he drove down the road in the community, with a public address system hooked up in his car, he announced the preaching service for the evening. "Everyone is welcome," he would say as he observed people in the fields or sitting on the porches of their homes.

One of the men in the field who heard the announcement was a Mexican. Unhitching his mule from the plow he went home and made preparations to attend the service.

"Didn't you say, 'Everyone is welcome'?" asked the Mexican as he met Brother Denney just before the service began.

"Yes, sir," Brother Denney replied.

It was in that service that this Mexican brother gave his heart to Christ and was saved. But there were other Mexicans, about fifty or more, in the community, none of whom were Christians.

So, a mission was established for those Mexican people in May, 1947. The Bradley church extended an arm and received the converts into its membership. Brother and Mrs. Alex Garner, students in Ouachita College and

volunteers for foreign mission service, were secured to direct the mission. Financial help has been given by the Department of Missions and the Bradley and Beech Street churches.

The work was begun in a vacant house with fifteen present. The average attendance is above thirty-five, now. Nineteen have already made profession of faith.

A ministerial student in Ouachita College gave Brother Garner two hundred dollars to use in his mission work and it was used to purchase a little country store building. The Bradley church moved it to its present location and repaired it, making it suitable for worship services. It is small and inadequate, but they are proud of it. A piano has been



The Mexican Mission



From right to left: Rev. and Mrs. Alex Garner, Misses Mary Hilliard and Fredda Jones.

bought and paid for by the mission.

Brother and Mrs. Garner are

assisted in the work by two young ladies in Ouachita College, Misses Mary Hilliard and Fredda Jones.

Since the homes of most of the people are inadequate, either for bed or meals, it is necessary for these young people to make the round trip on Sunday and prepare their own meals.

They get up on Sunday morning and eat breakfast about 5:30, prepare their noon and evening meals for the day, and begin driving toward their mission by seven o'clock.

There are four Sunday School classes. Miss Hilliard teaches all the children through the primaries. She says, "It is an inspiration to work with people who love the Lord as these people do." Miss Jones teaches the Juniors and serves as pianist. Mrs. Garner works with the Intermediates and Young People and, Brother Garner teaches the Adults. During the afternoon,

classes are held in which the people, children and adults, are taught to read and write. Bible story books are used as texts.

Each Sunday evening, Training Union and worship services are held; then the homeward journey begins. During the winter it is many miles through the mud.

Brother Garner says: "Never have I enjoyed working with any group of people more than I have these. Each Sunday brings to us a blessing as we take the Gospel to 'our Mexicans'."

Mrs. Garner, who is a real helpmate, living a consecrated life, says: "I have never worked with any group of people who have given me more deep-rooted satisfaction and pure joy to serve than these Mexicans. Their eagerness to learn, their sincerity and appreciativeness, are virtues I have seldom found anywhere. Their problems are my problems; their conversion, my joy; and their growth in grace, my constant inspiration."

Yes, this is "romance in missions." However, it should be remembered that "romance" is not always smooth and pleasant in every respect.

I visited this mission a few weeks ago. It was an inspiration indeed. A young man led the Mexicans in singing, "I've Got a Home in Glory Land." They nearly lifted the roof. This same young man led in prayer and I was told that he was the one who heard the announcement "Everyone is welcome" and became a Christian in the first service he attended.

Our Department of Missions is putting \$45 per month into this work. I fully believe the money is well spent if it does nothing more than furnish a place of service for those four young people.



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Science Building, Library Building, and Boys' Dormitory.

We have \$125,000 on hand to start these buildings.

The flood-lighted concrete tennis courts are used from early till late.

The Friday night character education movies, in Mitchell Hall, are well attended.

The daily prayer meeting, 6:30-7:00 p. m., is a big part of the summer program.

Teije Jansma, secretary of Baptists in Holland, lectured June 7-13.

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The Hope For The Messiah

By MRS. ROLAND LEATH

Our lesson this week is not quite as easily followed as the historical facts of the lives of Daniel and Esther. It is one which will require the individual's diligent study; it will thrill and inspire our hearts as we consider these prophecies of the life of Christ.

The first promise of the Messiah is recorded in Genesis 3:15; "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." God's curse fell upon the serpent who tempted His creatures and brought sin into the world. Immediately, with the fall, God's announcement of the coming of one to redeem was given to the world. We follow the "scarlet thread" of the promise throughout the Old Testament. We definitely find this hope next in the beginning of the Hebrew race through God's call to Abram. The Messianic promise: "... in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." In the people of Israel God was to be portrayed to the world; the seed promised was to come through this people, particularly from the household of David. The prophets kept this hope alive in the hearts of the Hebrew race; He was to come from the lineage of David, the tribe of Judah, and the city of Bethlehem.

Throughout Isaiah we read of Him; He is to suffer greatly, Isaiah 53; He is to be "... the mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace" (Isaiah 9). He would be prophet, priest, and king.

You will find in these Messianic prophecies that we study, now, references to both His first and second coming.

He Is a Shepherd

How many pictures have you seen of the gentle Jesus, a lamb cradled in His arms? He often used the symbol of the shepherd and

Sunday School Lesson For June 20, 1948

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 22-31; Daniel 7:13-14; Zechariah 9:9-10; 12:10; 13:1.

his flock, as found in John 10, when He said, "I am the good Shepherd." During those dark days of captivity and oppression, Ezekiel, hundreds of years before Jesus actually came to earth, spoke a message of comfort, hope, solace, and assurance to Israel. His message said that a true Shepherd would be sent to care for them and feed them.

Read the beginning of Ezekiel 34, again, and you will remember our recent study of it. The chapter opens with the message of God to Ezekiel, condemning the false shepherds, kings, princes, and rulers, who had neglected, despised, and ill-treated the people. In spite of the scattering of the Israelites, their suffering and trouble, God would remember. One would be sent who was able to deliver and feed them: "I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them and he shall be their shepherd" (Ezekiel 34:23).

Now, the twenty-third verse clearly reveals several things: the One to come will be One Shepherd; He is God's choice; He is able to unify the people; He is able to sustain them; He is "my servant David." This is "David's greater son," as many speak of Christ. In Luke 1:32 and 69 the angels proclaimed that He would occupy "the throne of his father David." God's promise included His rule through the Son, the Prince.

The covenant of God with His people through the Shepherd is

one of peace. That peace will bring "showers of blessings," increases the fruit, and security. What blessings! Such as these dwell in hearts of all today who accept the true Shepherd. As far as Israel is concerned, it still looks forward to an era of peace, prosperity, fruitful fields, and security. They have never had peace and safety; some day we will fully understand the meanings of such messages.

He Is the Fountain of Life

The writings of Zechariah are rich and inspiring, and are filled with prophecies which have been fulfilled in our own knowledge and which are yet to be fulfilled. We find a prophetic announcement of the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem in Zechariah 9. We can also realize that the announcement of this prophet carries with it the complete promise of the One who will be sent to break the bonds of sin, gloom, and despair and give the way of cleansing. He will bring salvation, having the righteousness of God the Father which will be for all mankind. He will not come with the trumpet of the herald, the pomp and power of a great conqueror; He will come in humility, in love, in the shadow of a cross, riding upon the most lowly of animals.

"Behold, thy king cometh" the message of Zechariah rang into the hearts of the people of Israel. He did come only to be rejected by His own. They "pierced" him. This was literally fulfilled as He was nailed to the cruel, crude, Roman cross. But, through the grace of God, their hearts will suffer for it and will be changed. They shall mourn for Him whom they pierced, even as one feels the bitterness and great sorrow of giving up a first-born child. In the day of contrition, Israel shall experience the cleansing of the power in the blood of the Messiah, God's Son.

"... there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David."

All men everywhere may be saved by trusting in "the fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins." All do come to Him by repentance and faith.

He Is a King

The predictions contained in Daniel 7 are yet in the future. Much has been said in the past, and many things are being said today, as to future events. Every student of the Word of God is concerned and interested, and should with thoroughness and the Spirit's leadership, study such passages as this one. We bring to a close this study of prophecies with this picture of the ruling, reigning King. All details are not known as to this great kingdom; one school of teaching gives one interpretation while another has a different one. This we do know: Our Christ shall be triumphant and rule supremely in the days ahead.

Daniel 7 gives the vision of the four great kingdoms of the earth and speaks of the destruction of the world government. Then, the glorious vision in the clouds one appears, the son of man and He comes to the Father, the "ancient of days." As a result of the complete obedience of the Son and His submission to the will of the Father, there will be "given" Him "dominion, glory, and a kingdom." He shall surely come into His own. The final power, the everlasting kingdom shall be His! Lord hasten the day when tragedy, grief, and war shall be over and the Christ of glory rules forever and ever.

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Notice!

If you have a reservation for the first Training Union week at Ridgecrest and you desire a way to go in a car at 1½¢ per mile, or if you are going in your car and want any passengers on that basis, please notify Ralph W. Davis, 212 Baptist Building, Little Rock, IMMEDIATELY!

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First, we are running short this year on Co-operative Program receipts. We have a large budget. Only one month during the first five months of the year has yielded more than the budget called for. We pay our workers monthly and make a distribution of funds every month. Every object in the budget gets its due proportion of the money that we receive. You can see that when we do not receive the full amount of the monthly budget some of the causes will suffer. For this reason, we earnestly appeal to the churches to send us a June check for the Co-operative Program, and to make it as large as possible.

Second, we like to see every church having a part in carrying out the program in the great commission as laid down in Matthew 28:19, 20. Baptist churches co-operate with each other, not because they are told to do so, but because we have so much in common. Baptist churches believe more or less the same thing. Baptist churches have the same missionary, evangelistic, and doctrinal message. Baptist churches try to keep on the New Testament track, and when they do so they believe alike, preach the same message, and co-operate with each other. Wouldn't it be a wonderful blessing and experience if, when we publish the receipts in July, every church would have a figure opposite its name.

Dodd and Stuttgart

It was the writer's recent privilege to supply for Pastor Dodd in Stuttgart. Large crowds greeted us, and we preached to large and prayerful congregations. There was much interest, and one young man professed faith in Christ, and joined the church on profession of faith. It was charming to see the loyalty to the pastor which the people expressed. Dodd is doing a splendid work in Stuttgart.

World Council of Churches

The Southern Baptist Convention in its recent meeting refused to send an unofficial observer to the World Council of Churches which will meet in Amsterdam this year. Our Southern Baptist people are determined to stay clear of the Federal Council of Churches, and kindred organizations. Two or three times

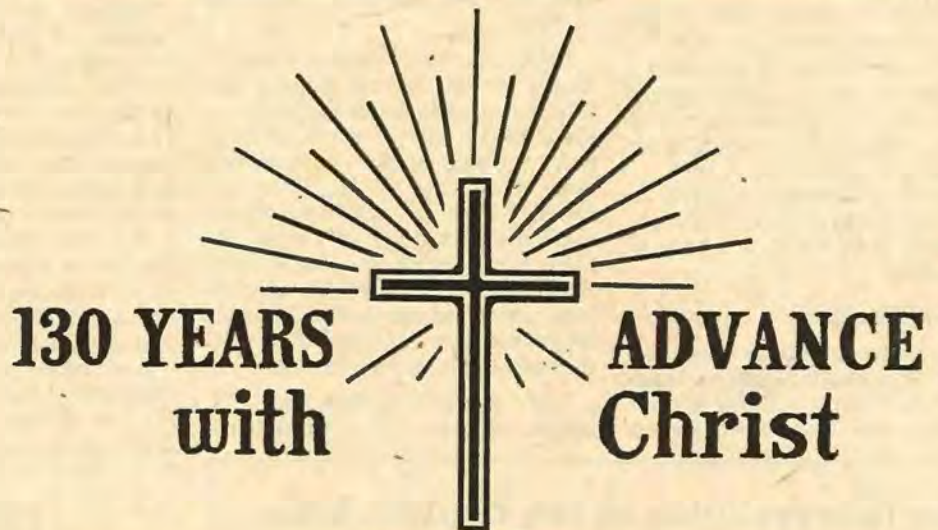
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On June 22, 1:30 p. m. to 5:00 p. m., the Baptist Book Store, 305 West Capitol Avenue, Little Rock, will give a Publication and Autographing Party, launching the sale of the History of Arkansas Baptists. It is hoped that hundreds of Baptists will attend the party. Refreshments will be served free. Dr. J. S. Rogers, the writer of the book, will autograph every copy sold that day. The price is \$3.57, including the tax.

We are anxious for our people to have this long-looked-for, valuable book. No interested Baptist can afford to be without it. Come to the Autographing Party, and bring your friends.

—B. L. Bridges.



we were a bit jittery about some proposals and gestures in the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, but when the body had an opportunity to vote on the matter as a clear cut proposition it did not hesitate to re-affirm its conviction that Baptists should not "ride a horse without a bridle." Most of our Southern Baptist leaders are still orthodox. Their spirituality is Bible spirituality. It isn't a mere "goody-goody mush."

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