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Report of Southern Baptist Convention

Miami, Florida, May 14-18, 1952

By the Editor

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Southern Baptist Foundation

Dr. C. H. Bolton, secretary of the Southern Baptist Foundation, reported total assets of \$625,943.75 at the close of its sixth year, and announced the establishment of a ministerial aid trust. The income from this trust is to be used to "help worthy ministerial students get an education."

The Foundation is an investment agency of the Southern Baptist Convention and handles investments made by wills, bequests, cash, real estate, or by insurance policies.

Election of Officers

The time for the election of officers having arrived, Judge John W. McCall of Memphis, Tennessee, nominated Dr. J. D. Grey, the incumbent, as president of the Convention. Dr. Ed Solomon of Florida made a motion that the secretary of the Convention cast the unanimous ballot of the Convention for Doctor Grey. The motion was carried unanimously and enthusiastically and Doctor Grey was re-elected president of the Convention.

Pictures and names of other officers are carried elsewhere in this issue.

The Thursday afternoon session came to a close with the address of Dr. Carl E. Bates, pastor of First Church, Amarillo, Texas, who spoke on "The Spiritual Endowment of the Church."

Doctor Bates said that there are three doors into every life which must be opened by each of us if we experience the spiritual enrichment by the coming of the Holy Spirit into our lives: The door of desire, the door of courage, the door of repentance.

"God will endow us," said the speaker, "but it's up to us to want His power; to have the courage to take the consequences; and, to turn daily from sin and self to Him for cleansing and filling."

He declared that "if we dare open these three doors, we can open any country on earth."

Thursday Night

Following the devotional service conducted by J. Woodrow Fuller of Texas, the Stetson University Choir of Deland, Florida, under the direction of Harold Giffin, delighted the Convention audience with fifteen minutes of special music. We have already remarked about these university choirs and they were excellent.

George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, presented the report of that agency. Mr. Schroeder, who was associated with the former secretary, Lawson Cooke, was elected executive secretary upon the retirement of Mr. Cooke, the first of the year. The Brotherhood organization has grown and expanded its program during recent years until now there are 5,729 Southern Baptist churches with men's organizations called Brotherhoods. Over 185,500 men are enrolled in these organizations. During the past two years 1,666 churches have organized Brotherhoods. During the same period the enrolment has increased 43,185, an average of nearly 2,000 new men added to the organizations each month.



DR. J. D. GREY, *New Orleans*
Re-elected President

"The marvelous response of the men of our Convention to the work of the Brotherhood," said Mr. Schroeder, "is but a manifestation of the future possibilities of the organization. Our men are being aroused as never before. They are beginning to realize anew that they have a definite place to fulfill in the life and work of their churches."

The report revealed that there are now 17 states within the Southern Baptist Convention which have Brotherhood departments in their state mission programs of work. Each of the departments is being led by a full-time secretary.

The Brotherhood organization is but another evidence of the comprehensive program of Southern Baptists to reach and enlist the energies of all groups of our people in the programs of the local churches and of the denomination.

Home Mission Board

Dr. J. B. Lawrence, executive secretary of the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Georgia, gave a brief summary of the past year's work of the Home Mission Board. During the year the board supported 1,170 missionaries and student workers, a gain of 145 over the previous year. The report listed 36,390 converts, over 200 churches constituted, 669 new missions opened, and 136 churches revived.

The work of the board is divided for convenience into departments. There is what is known as direct missions under the directorship of Lloyd Corder. This department works with the Chinese, the deaf, the French, the Indians, the Italians, the Japanese, the Spanish speaking people, and also directs Good Will Centers and Rescue Missions. Then there is the Jewish depart-

Christian Boldness

A Devotion By the Editor

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace."

How can the word, "boldly," be used with reference to our approach to the throne of grace? Does it mean that we should take undue liberties with grace? Does it mean that we should cast aside all modesty and restraint and rush impudently into the presence of our Lord? No, for we come into God's presence humbly and reverently, even though freely and confidently.

Does it mean that we are to approach the throne of grace boldly, as if we were facing a danger? Does it mean that we are taking a risk in coming to the throne of grace, that requires daring courage?

I am sure that we realize that neither meaning can be applied as necessitated by the nature of the throne of grace to which we are invited to come and which offers us mercy and help. We must look in another direction to find the necessity for the boldness here encouraged. And that necessity for a daring boldness arises from the things that would prevent us from coming to the throne of grace.

The devil is identified as the director of this whole campaign to keep men away from the throne of grace. He is using every appeal to the carnal nature, he is working through every combination of worldly influences, he is attacking with every instrument at his command. He takes advantage of the physical necessities of life, he poisons the associations of life, he beclouds the mind, he blinds the eyes, he depraves the desires and motives of the heart, he makes men believe falsities.

When one realizes that the devil himself is the power who is blocking his pathway to God, when one comes to know that the devil is active in every influence and circumstance that is preventing his approach to grace, he will then know what courageous boldness is required to meet this antagonist.

Do not be afraid to come to the throne of grace, but rather afraid to stay away. You must not be afraid of Jesus, you must be afraid of the devil who is holding you away from Jesus.

"For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need." Hebrews 4:15, 16.

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From The Editor's Desk

Convention Reflections

Convention City

Southern Baptists found the people of Miami very hospitable and co-operative during the recent meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in that city. The Baptists of the city of Miami were gracious hosts and did everything in their power to meet the needs of the visiting Baptists from the wide territory of the Southern Baptist Convention.

The visiting Baptists in the Convention city may not always realize the tremendous amount of work required of the local Baptists to prepare for such a meeting as the Southern Baptist Convention. Much time and effort and expense are involved on the part of the local Baptist churches and their pastors and their members in preparing for the meeting of the Convention. Therefore, our thanks and appreciation should be extended to the Baptists of Miami for their untiring efforts to make preparation for the coming of the Convention.

Auditorium

The auditorium was approximately five miles from the hotel area and this created a problem of transportation. However, there was very good bus service from the hotel area to the auditorium besides the taxi service.

The auditorium was adequate though it was not equal to the auditoriums in some other Convention cities where we have met. The public address system was excellent so that the speakers might be heard in any part of the auditorium.

It was claimed that the auditorium would seat 15,000. At several of the sessions the auditorium was completely filled and running over. As reported elsewhere it was estimated that there were 20,000 people in attendance on Saturday night.

In spite of the inconveniences experienced in Miami because of the distance of the auditorium from the hotels, there seemed to be a minimum of complaints by the visiting Baptists. In fact, the inconveniences were overshadowed by the values derived from the sessions of the Convention and from the fellowship with friends and acquaintances from all over the Southern Baptist territory.

Convention Officers

The officers of the Convention deserved the gratitude and appreciation of the entire Convention audience. President J. D. Grey presided with dignity, fairness, and firmness. He gave everyone a chance to be heard but did not hesitate to rule persons out of order when they were out of order. He adhered to the program and the time allotted for each feature of the program. President Grey is well versed in the history of Southern Baptists and is thoroughly familiar with the operation of the Convention and its various committees and boards.

The vice presidents and recording secretaries were efficient and were always ready for service when the occasion demanded.

Albert McClellan, the press representative of the Convention, did a superb job. He had provided a press room with some sixteen typewriters for the convenience of the press, both the religious press and the secular press. He had secured the co-operation of the press representatives and the Convention was well covered in the secular press. His service greatly facilitated the work of the editors.

Convention Program

The Convention program was well-planned and well-executed. There were but few dull moments throughout the sessions. Interspersed throughout the program was special music of a very high order. We have already referred to the special music by the college and university choirs. We believe that the music during the Convention was of the highest order it has ever been our privilege to enjoy and experience.

Another feature of the program was the series of sermons. In every session of the Convention there was at least one sermon. The men who delivered these sermons were at their best. It was obvious that they had given time and thought and prayer to the preparation and the delivery of their messages. These messages were warm-hearted and appealing.

Young Men

The number of younger men on the program, and particularly those who were assigned to deliver special messages and sermons, was quite noticeable. And that was as it should have been. These younger men delivered themselves well. There are among Southern Baptist ministers a large number of capable, well-prepared, and well-trained young men who are forty years of age and under. These younger men are finding their places of leadership and influence in the councils of the denomination. They are proving themselves capable, farsighted, and worthy of the confidence of Southern Baptists.

A word of caution, however, should be spoken just here. The program committee and the agencies and institutions who call for these young men on their programs at the Conventions, should be careful that they do not limit the use of these young men to a narrow circle. There are many more young men just as capable as those who are being used and have been used repeatedly in the programs of the Convention. So the use of these men should be spread to a larger number in order to enlist their talents and abilities in these Convention programs and so give them valuable experience as well as to give the Convention the benefit of their abilities.

Enrolment

The number of registered messengers

reached an all-time high at the Convention. The last report we had the registration had reached a total of 10,975. We heard an unofficial report that the registration went even higher than that. As soon as we have the final count, we shall pass it on to our readers. More than 10,000 registered messengers is an impressive figure. It means a wider participation in the Convention programs and consequently a wider participation in the promotion of the Convention program through the local churches back home. It also means the broadening of the vision and understanding of more people concerning the operation of the Convention sessions and the promotion of the Convention program. This large attendance, not only at the Miami Convention but at former Conventions, has meant a great deal to the growth and expansion of the denominational program. Instead of lamenting the mass meeting characteristic of the Convention sessions, this large attendance should be looked upon as a wholesome thing and encouraging in the extreme.

Arkansas Represented

Arkansas Baptists were well represented at the Miami Convention. We would not undertake to hazard a guess as to how many Arkansans attended the Convention, but we saw quite a large number and it is almost certain that many others were there whom we did not see. Since an editor is confined so closely to the press table, he has a limited opportunity to visit with friends and acquaintances who may be in attendance on the Convention. Incidentally, the most strenuous work an editor is called upon to do is to report a session of the Southern Baptist Convention. He feels that he must attend all sessions if possible, at least get enough of each session to make an intelligent report. However, it is a physical impossibility to sit at the press table throughout each session of the Convention. He must take a little time off for rest, though there is obviously no time for sight-seeing.

Arkansas is also well represented on the Convention committees. We shall publish a list of the Arkansas men who are on the Southern Baptist Convention committees in a later issue of the paper. Arkansas Baptists may well be proud of the men selected to fill these positions of responsibility and service on the committees of the Convention. We have full confidence that these men will measure up to the high challenge and responsibility which become theirs with such appointments.

On the whole, we would say that the Miami Convention was a great Convention with many high hours, with a minimum of controversial issues, and with a spirit of spiritual conquest and adventure.

Doubtless, other comments on the Convention will be appearing in the *Arkansas Baptist* in future issues.

The Convention goes to Houston, Texas, next year. Houston is closer by and it may be expected that an even larger number of Arkansas Baptists will attend the Houston Convention. So we will look forward to going to Houston in 1953. And we hope to meet many of the readers of the *Arkansas Baptist* in Houston.

Kingdom Progress

College Evangelist



D. C. BANDY

Dr. H. E. Williams, president of Southern Baptist College, Walnut Ridge, announces the appointment of D. C. Bandy as college evangelist.

Evangelist Bandy goes from the pastorate of the First Church, Pocahontas, to his position with Southern Baptist College. At two different times he served as state evangelist with the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and between these two assignments he was pastor of the Park Place Church, Hot Springs.

Evangelist Bandy was born in Lawrence County, Arkansas. He received his training in Baylor University and Southwestern Seminary. Prior to entering the ministry, Mr. Bandy was a businessman in the oil fields of Oklahoma.

He will live at Southern Baptist College where he may be reached for services.

S.B.C. President Kept Busy

Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, delivered the Commencement Address at Louisiana college, Pineville, Louisiana, on May 20. The college conferred the honorary degree, LL.D., upon him. Following this, Dr. Grey went to Chicago as fraternal messenger from the Southern Baptist Convention to the American Baptist Convention. Then on Sunday, May 25, he delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon at his Alma Mater, Union University, Jackson, Tennessee, and in the afternoon delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon at Belmont College in Nashville.

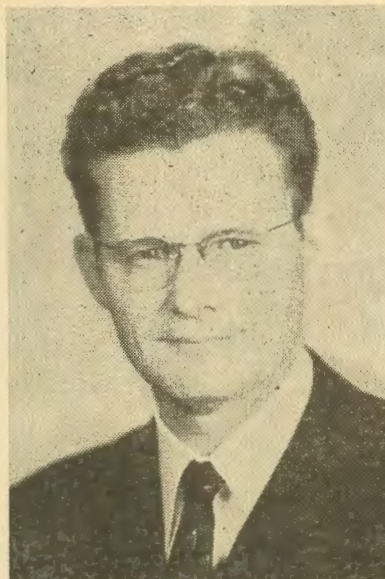
Methodists Reject Clergy Rights For Women

A proposal to give full clergy rights to women in The Methodist Church was rejected by the denomination's General Conference in San Francisco.

Women now "supply" a few churches but hold lay status.

—Religious News Service.

Celebrates Anniversary



W. A. LACEY

W. A. Lacey and South Side Church, El Dorado, will observe the pastor's first anniversary with the church on June 10. South Side Church is two years old. During Pastor Lacey's ministry there the attendance in Sunday School has grown from an average of 136 per Sunday to 200; there have been 70 additions to the church, the present membership being 303. The church gave \$658 last year through the Cooperative Program, and are planning to contribute \$1,200 this year. The church recently voted to launch a building program to construct an auditorium at an estimated cost of \$25,000.

Mr. Lacey was the pastor at Fountain Hill prior to his ministry at El Dorado, while there he led the church in the construction of an educational building.

He received the A. B. degree from Arkansas A and M College, Monticello, on May 29. He has completed two years of study with Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Bible Conference At Marion Church

Pastor William P. Griffin, First Church, Marion, reports a missionary-Bible conference at the Marion church on May 11-18. Services were conducted twice daily, 10:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. The visiting speakers were Milton Arnold, dictation secretary for Mid-Missions with offices in Cleveland, Ohio, and Dr. R. D. Smith of the staff of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.

A special feature of the Saturday night program was the showing of the Moody Institute of Science film, "To Every Creature." Missionary experiences were related by the visiting speakers and Colossians and Job were the principal Bible books taught.

The Marion church sponsors a fifteen-minute broadcast each Wednesday at 1:00 p. m., over radio station KWEM in West Memphis. The program is called "The Message of Hope."

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God does not promise us luxurious living, but He does promise to supply our needs.

First Anniversary of Jasper Pastor



WAYNE GUNTHER

Pastor Wayne D. Gunther observed the first anniversary of his pastorate with First Church, Jasper, May 1. He is also pastor of the Walnut Grove Church and the Parthenon Church.

Pastor Gunther is a native of Bryson City, North Carolina. Beginning his ministry in 1931, he spent six years in the evangelistic field. He came from the pastorate of the Ozone and Oakland Churches near Clarksville to his present pastorate at Jasper.

Two New Buildings At Ouachita

Baccalaureate and Commencement exercises, held May 18 and 19, at Ouachita Baptist College ended with the awarding of 67 diplomas by college president Dr. H. A. Haswell. Dr. Ray Summers of Southwestern Baptist Seminary, delivered the Baccalaureate Sermon May 18, and Dr. James H. Landes, pastor of First Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, was speaker for graduation May 19.

ROTC graduation exercises were held during the morning of graduation and groundbreaking ceremonies for the new J. R. Grant Administration Building and the new boys' dormitory were held during the day. Construction on the two buildings is now underway at Ouachita.

Youth Week At Canfield

The First Church at Canfield has just completed a Christian Youth Week. Great spiritual results were reported by Pastor Harold Hightower.

During this week, the young people were in charge of all church activities and services. Student pastors and teachers for the week were boys and girls who are members of the Canfield Church. For the mid-week prayer service, a play, *Swift Feet*, was given by the young people.

Pastor Hightower states that the church increase during the last few months has been largely due to the work of the young people in Youth Choir and Youth Visitation.

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I know what pleasure is, for I have done good work.

—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Immanuel Church, Warren, Quincy D. Mathis, pastor, is now engaged in the construction of a new church building. The present building project includes an auditorium and one wing of the Sunday School building.

The mission of First Church, Fordyce, has completed its new auditorium. A record attendance of 103 in Sunday School was registered on Easter Sunday. Pastor Johnson preached in a week's revival recently which resulted in eight additions by baptism and five by letter.

A lake cottage has been given to Second Church, Hot Springs, by Mr. Hill Wheatley. Formal acceptance of the property and a dedication service is being planned for the near future. The cottage will be used for youth retreats, socials, outings, camps, and other activities suited to the lakeside retreat.

Pastor J. E. Ratliff of Egypt Church, Egypt, did his own preaching in recent revival services which resulted in eight additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and two by letter. Miss Evelyn Mote of Jonesboro was in charge of the music for the revival.

Floyd Davis and the First Church, Stamps, were recently assisted in revival services by C. Gordon Bayless, evangelist, and Arthur Nelson, evangelistic singer.

Rural Evangelist M. E. Wiles of Fort Smith assisted Pastor A. D. Corder and the Coal Hill Church in a revival meeting, April 20 to May 4.

There were 19 professions of faith and 13 additions to the church by baptism.

A male quartet from the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, presented a program of sacred music at First Church, Wynne, Tuesday evening, May 20, at 8 p. m. The quartet is under the direction of Mr. Wilbur F. Martin, professor of music at the Seminary, who also served as organist for the Southern Baptist Convention in its meeting in Miami, Florida.

Dr. W. O. Vaught Jr., Immanuel Church, Little Rock, announces a tent revival July 20-August 3. Angel Martinez will be the visiting evangelist, and Frank Boggs will be the song leader.

The Ouachita College quartet rendered a program of sacred music at First Church, Searcy, at the evening worship hour, Sunday, May 25.

"Fuzzy" Wins First Place

"Fuzzy" won first place in the Southeast Arkansas stock show at Pine Bluff in April. The winner, a steer, entered by the Bottoms Baptist Orphanage, was awarded \$90.40 prize money and sold for \$564.

Superintendent Seefeldt reports that the new bus was purchased on May 22. This was made possible by the donations of friends of the orphanage.

New farm equipment has also been secured, including a new tractor, a trailer type truck, the old tractor repaired. Also a new Ford car has been purchased.

Coronation Service



The G. A. Focus Week, sponsored by the Woman's Missionary Society of First Church, Springdale, came to a climax on Sunday evening, May 4, with a coronation service.

The picture above shows the young people of the auxiliary organizations of the W.M.U.

The program and preparation for the service were under the direction of Mrs. Robert Harris, young people's director, as-

sisted by counselors, Mrs. Dallas Barrack, Mrs. Bill Bailey, and Mrs. Elmo Samuels.

There were thirteen maidens, seven ladies-in-waiting, five princesses, one queen, and one queen with scepter. Recognition of rank attained was given by Miss Doris DeVault, state young people's secretary, who was assisted by Mrs. Jim Williams, district president of the W. M. U.

Bearden Baptists Dedicate New Building

In July of last year the First Church of Bearden, under the leadership of Pastor John E. Hargett, began a building repair and beautification program which has recently been completed. The church building was practically rebuilt. The old brick was removed from the main building, and it was rebricked with buff mat-faced brick. The foundation was completely rebuilt, the interior of the church was redecorated, the pews in the auditorium reworked, new pulpit furniture purchased, and the baptistry rebuilt and beautified with a baptistry painting.

Other repairs included work on the education annex, the pastor's home, and the building of a new garage. Also, a new Baldwin grand piano was purchased.

All this has been accomplished within less than a year and at the same time the pastor's salary has been increased and gifts to the Cooperative Program increased from ten per cent to twelve per cent of the church budget.

Pastor Hargett has been with the Bearden church for twenty-eight months. During this time, 140 members have been received into the church and the attendance on all services have been increased.

The only indebtedness on the church is for the new piano which is expected to be paid within 90 days. Total cost of the repair and building program is \$8,500.

Pastoral Change

Pastor A. W. Upchurch Jr., a senior in Ouachita College, began his ministry as pastor of the Kibler Church in the Clear Creek Association, April 1, succeeding Pastor H. G. Milam, who resigned on account of his health.

Pastor Upchurch was formerly pastor of the Curtis Church, Red River Association.

Since coming to the Kibler Church, Pastor Upchurch has organized a Brotherhood, and led the church in a layman's revival the week of May 18.

West Helena Church Loses Honored Member By Death

"Her memory and influence will linger long in the church she loved so well," was the comment concerning Mrs. W. W. Moore Sr., who passed away at the age of 81. Mrs. Moore was a member of the West Helena Church where she had been an active member for many years.

Mrs. Moore was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and was married to Mr. W. W. Moore, January 12, 1892.

Besides her husband, she is survived by two sons: Max A. Moore and W. W. Moore Jr.; and two grandchildren.

New Mission Established

Under the direction of Missionary Freeman McMennis of Woodruff County Association, a mission has been established under the sponsorship of First Church, McCrory, R. D. Harris, pastor.

A religious survey was made of the Patterson community the second week in April which revealed 40 families in which there was one or more members of the family who were Baptists. The first service was held on April 13 in the school building with 16 present. On April 20 a Sunday School was organized with an enrollment of 23. On May 4 this organization was accepted as a mission of the McCrory church and one person was received into the membership of the church on profession of faith and baptism, and eleven by letter and statement. On May 18 two others were received by letter and one by baptism.

The Sunday School enrollment has reached 40 and Vacation Bible School is planned for the early summer.

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"Never be afraid to give your best, and God will give you His better."

—Hinton.

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A man's habits are mighty hard to change after he is 21.

★ ★ ★ Christian Horizons ★ ★ ★

By Religious News Service

Scottish Church Commission Scores Reliance On Armaments

The West's growing reliance upon armaments as the sole answer to Communism and its failure to grasp the deeper moral nature of Communism's challenge were scored in a report to the Church of Scotland made by the Church's Commission on Communism.

"Although military security is undoubtedly an immediate necessity," the report said, "the conditions in backward lands and the confusion and unrest in the West itself all demand the recovery of the primacy of moral purpose in international policy.

"It is the duty of the Christian Church to proclaim the supremacy of moral values and aims in international policy and to call for and support the expression of these in political and economic measures."

Formosa Hill People in Mass Movement to Christianity

A mass movement toward Christianity among the aboriginal hill people of Formosa was reported by G. Deane Johnson, of Brantford, Ontario, chairman of the General Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Mr. Johnson returned recently from an inspection trip to Formosa with Dr. W. A. Cameron, of Toronto, Presbyterian secretary for foreign missions.

He said that he had heard reports of the mass movement before he went to Formosa, but found that they were all under-estimations.

"The movement is quite fantastic and poses a tremendous problem for our Church," he said. "It is an authentic mass movement toward Christianity."

Church Group Ask Ad Campaign On Liquor

A \$2,000,000 a year advertising campaign to give scientific facts on the dangers of over-indulgence in alcoholic beverages has been advocated by the Ontario Temperance Federation.

Representing churches, the Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and Women's Christian Temperance Union, the federation suggested the money should be raised by a one per cent tax on beer, wine, and liquor sold in Ontario.

Newspapers, radio, billboards, and other media should be used in the campaign, Gordon Shewfelt, of Toronto, federation president, said, Ontario liquor, wine, and beer sales last year totalled \$210,000,000 and showed a \$41,000,000 profit.

Visitation Evangelism Program Conducted At Military Base

Visitation evangelism techniques perfected in local communities were applied to a military reservation for the first time in a project conducted at Westover Air Force Base.

Five Protestant chaplains of four denominations and 52 lay workers from 10 denominations participated in the project. Of some

400 persons upon whom they called in teams of two, 238 signed cards committing or reconsecrating themselves to the Christian way of life. Some 121 of these were "first decisions."

750,000 Employees of Non-Profit Groups Have Social Security

Nearly 750,000 employees have been placed on the Federal Social Security rolls by non-profit organizations and institutions since coverage was extended to this group by Congress on January 1, 1951.

The Federal Security Administration reported that, as of April 1, 1952, some 36,000 non-profit bodies, many of them church-related, had extended coverage to their workers.

House Approves Probe Of Radio, TV Programs

The House of Representatives approved a resolution calling for an investigation of television and radio programs which are of immoral character or tend to place undue emphasis on crime and violence.

The resolution was adopted by a voice vote despite protests by several members that it was a step toward "censorship."

Rep. E. C. Gathings (D.-Ark.), sponsor of the resolution, said that many parents, educators and religious leaders are seriously concerned about the quality of radio and television programs currently being broadcast to juvenile audiences.

He said that a group of parents who watched two hours of such shows recently counted 17 instances of violence in that period, six major crimes, including murder and kidnapping, and several off-color jokes.

Says Free Churches Not To Press For Disestablishment

British Free Churches have no wish to press for disestablishment of the Church of England during the present "dangerous transitional period" in world politics, a Baptist leader told the Assembly of the Congregational Union of England and Wales.

Dr. Ernest Alexander Payne, general secretary of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland, cited two other reasons for taking no action on disestablishment at this time. The Churches themselves are engaged in "serious conversations" on the nature of the Church, he said, and in addition "it would be disastrous" to engage in religious controversy at the beginning of a new reign.

Dr. Payne said he believed that Free Churchmen, if they exercised this restraint, would have a right to expect similar restraint from the Anglicans.

"We must all think together about a new religious settlement in this country," he said. "While Free Churchmen sympathize with the Anglicans in their desire for spiritual freedom, we also claim the right to offer advice to the State on religious and moral questions. The Church of England is not a 'national' Church, and the future of the Christian religion in these islands does not lie with it alone."

A Smile or Two

"How close did it come to you?" asked the farmer, driving up to the tree where his hired man had taken shelter from an electrical storm. "Well," stammered the hired man, "I don't know, but my pipe wasn't lit before."

"I like the scenery around here," observed the vacationist. "But the people up here are queer."

"Wa-al, yes, that's so," replied the New England farmer. "One good thing, though—most of them go home by October."

Bill and Sue were gathering up eggs for Mother.

"Here's a little bitsy one," cried Bill, "we'll leave it for a nest egg."

"Stupid," said Sue scornfully, "don't you know the nest egg is for the hen to measure by? Do you want all the eggs to be little?"

—Capper's

"Poor man, he was ruined by untold wealth."

"How was that?"

"He didn't tell about it in his income tax report."

A three-year-old had been painstakingly coached in her duties as a flower girl at a fashionable wedding.

All went well on the eventful day until, half way down the aisle, the little lady made a sudden detour and squeezed into a pew beside some wedding guests.

Later, the bewildered mother catechised her offspring. No, the child wasn't ill; she hadn't turned an ankle; no dire calamity had befallen. "I just sat down," she said simply, "cause I ran out of petals!"

—Quote

Teacher: What is a synonym, Bobbie?

Bobbie: That's the word you use when you can't spell the other one.

A father and his four-year-old son were walking solemnly home from church when the small boy looked up with a puzzled expression. "Daddy, why do they always say 'Amen' when they pray?" he asked earnestly. "Why don't they ever say 'A-women'?"

The father explained as best he could that it was an old established custom, with Biblical precedent, but the boy seemed unconvinced.

"Do you suppose," the boy said, "it's because all the songs are hymns?"

Walking through a park on the South Side of Chicago, I got mixed up in direction because of the curving paths. I wasn't sure, but I had an idea that I was at the moment heading back the way I had come from, so when I saw an old man leisurely smoking a huge pipe I stopped and asked him: "Sir, would you be kind enough to tell me how I should go to the University of Chicago?"

"Yes," he replied, "ignorant."

—Quote

"What's your opinion of marriage after 10 years on the sea of matrimony?" the husband was asked.

"Well, sometimes I wish," he answered thoughtfully, "that I had missed the boat."

Report of Southern Baptist Convention

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ment under Frank Halbeck. There is also the Negro work under the direction of Guy Bellamy. Mr. L. O. Griffith is director of promotion which includes film strips, color slides, sound motion pictures, news releases and printed material.

The department of evangelism is under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews. And Dr. John Caylor heads the department of education and publicity. He is responsible for the collection of mission books and their distribution and is also editor of the **Home Mission Magazine**. Other departments include schools of missions under the direction of Louis W. Martin; co-operative missions under the direction of Dr. S. F. Dowis; summer mission program with Courts Redford, director; work among the migrants and the pioneer ranch ministry are also promoted by the board.

The Home Mission Board also conducts the mission work in Cuba, Panama, the Canal Zone, and Alaska.

Another important department of the Home Mission Board's work is the Chaplains' Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention, under the direction of Dr. Alfred Carpenter. There are now 387 Southern Baptist chaplains serving in the Armed Forces and the statement was made that 114 other chaplains are now needed to fill the requirements.

Program Too Long

All the departments of the Home Mission Board were presented with brief discussions which actually made the program much too long and wearisome to the congregation. The concluding address was delivered by Dr. W. A. Criswell, First Church, Dallas, Texas. A vast throng of people had come out obviously for the purpose of hearing Doctor Criswell and the program of the Home Mission Board under the direction of Dr. Courts Redford was so long and tedious that the audience became tired and weary before Doctor Criswell was presented.

Of course, Doctor Criswell measured up to his best in his closing message.

"Southern Baptists and the American Tragedy" was Doctor Criswell's subject. He dwelt upon the American scene as of today with all its confusion, uncertainty, and unchurched, non-religious millions. "America itself is a vast, lost, pagan mission field," said Doctor Criswell. Continuing, he said, "It is so from one side of our continent to the other, the East, the West." He asked, "Who has an answer, and hope, and a way out?" Answering his own question the speaker said, "We do. With the help of God and through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, we dare to present our message and to outline our program as the hope of America and the salvation of the world. The power of God unto salvation is witnessed again when a true preacher of the Lord stands up to deliver God's demand for repentance and to point the way to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world."

Doctor Criswell closed his message with this challenging paragraph, "There is a call to arms among Southern Baptist people. There is the sounding of the trumpet. The need cannot wait. In a common determination, under the leadership of our Home Mission Board, let us rise to the challenge

of an America that needs our Savior, that will perish without him."

Friday Morning

The Friday morning session was opened with a devotional service led by A. L. Lowther of Oklahoma which was followed immediately by the report of the education committee by Dr. R. Orin Cornett, executive secretary.

Doctor Cornett stated that "Southern Baptist schools are better able than most church schools to cope with rising costs of operation and reduced enrolments." He also stated that fully accredited Southern Baptist colleges now exceed the average of the 1,859 colleges of the United States. He called attention to the new institutions that have recently been established, the Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina, the opening of Belmont College in Nashville, Tennessee, the moving of Grand Canyon College to Phoenix, Arizona, and also called attention to the announcement of a new program of advanced study leading to the Ph. D. degree at Baylor University.

The enrolment in our Southern Baptist seminaries during the last session increased ten per cent over the previous session with a total of 4,108 seminary students; senior colleges and universities enrolled 32,480 which was a loss of ten per cent.

One of the encouraging features of the report was the number of ministerial students in seminaries, colleges, and academies: Seminaries, 3,097; senior colleges and universities, 3,890; junior colleges, 1,184; academies and Bible schools, 349; total, 8,520. That is an impressive figure as we think of these young ministers preparing themselves for the full work of the gospel ministry. He also reported 2,909 volunteers for mission service.

According to the expected rising enrolments in the colleges of the United States, Doctor Cornett said, "Provision for additional buildings, endowment, and faculty must be begun now if our colleges are to measure up to the opportunities ahead."

Report of Seminaries

The Friday morning session was climaxed with reports from the five seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention and an address by Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, a member of the faculty of the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

The presidents of the seminaries spoke to the reports on their respective institutions, except in the case of the Southwestern Seminary, and Dr. Robert E. Naylor, pastor of First Church, Columbia, South Carolina, spoke in the absence of President E. D. Head, who, because of recent illness, was unable to attend; however, it was reported that Doctor Head's health was much improved; and in the case of the Golden Gate Seminary which was represented by Dr. Herman Westmoreland, president of the board of trustees of the Golden Gate Seminary and pastor of the South Main Church, Houston, Texas. The Golden Gate Seminary is at present without a president. However, Doctor Westmoreland presented Harold Keaster Graves, who was elected to the presidency of the Golden Gate Seminary by the board of trustees at its meeting during the sessions of the Convention. Doctor Graves, however, had not given his answer at the time he was presented to the

Convention. Doctor Graves is at present the pastor of First Church, Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

President Duke K. McCall spoke for the Southern Theological Seminary of Louisville, Kentucky; President Roland Q. Leavell spoke for the New Orleans Theological Seminary, New Orleans, Louisiana; and President Sidnor L. Stealey spoke for the Southeastern Seminary, Wake Forest, North Carolina.

If space permitted it would be interesting to publish a digest of the reports from these seminaries. However, that is not practical because of the limitation of space. Though it may be said that the student bodies of these seminaries constitute one of the greatest encouragements in our Southern Baptist life and work. They are training the ministers who will serve Southern Baptist churches in the years to come; they are training denominational leaders and workers who will fill positions of responsibility in our denominational life; they are training missionaries and other full-time religious workers who will carry the gospel message and the message of Southern Baptists to the lost at home and abroad. Even though we have only recently established two new seminaries, the Southeastern Seminary at Wake Forest, North Carolina, and the Golden Gate Seminary, Berkeley, California, however, the Golden Gate Seminary was already established and Southern Baptists adopted it only recently, yet these five seminaries now are crowded and are compelled because of limited housing facilities to turn away students who want to enter these institutions to further prepare themselves for the gospel ministry.

Back of these seminaries in our colleges, universities, junior colleges, and academies, there are still other thousands of young men and young women preparing themselves for definite and full time Christian service among our churches of the Southern Baptist Convention. These young people constitute our hope for the future in the gospel ministry, in the mission fields, and other phases of full time Christian service in our denomination. Since they are our hope for the future, they give us confidence in the future, a confidence that sustains us in the present confused conditions in the world today. These young people deserve our encouragement, our prayers, our financial support in providing facilities for their further education and training.

The morning service reached a climax with the message of Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, professor at the Southern Seminary in Louisville. Since we plan to publish Doctor Eddleman's message in the **Arkansas Baptist** just as early as space will allow, we shall not undertake to give a digest of it here. In fact, a digest could not do justice to the soul-stirring, heart-warming, and dynamic message which Doctor Eddleman delivered, and which thrilled the Convention assembly.

Friday Afternoon

The devotional service was conducted by Dr. Edgar M. Arendall of Alabama, following which Dr. A. L. Goodrich, editor of the **Baptist Record** of Jackson, Mississippi, presented the report on Baptist papers, after which he presented your editor of the **Arkansas Baptist**, who is president of the Southern Baptist Press Association and who spoke to the report.

Immediately following the report on Baptist papers, was the report on Baptist circulation campaign by Dr. Louie D. Newton of Atlanta, Georgia.

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Convention Report

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It was revealed that the circulation of the Baptist state papers of the Southern Baptist Convention is now in excess of 900,000 and the goal is to reach the million mark by the next Convention session. This seems to be a reasonable goal and with the present trend of increase in circulation there is evidence that the goal may be reached even before the meeting of the next session of the Convention.

It was emphasized that the state papers are the only publications which bring a comprehensive picture of the entire denominational program into the homes of the people. All other denominational publications deal with some particular phase of our Southern Baptist program while the state papers undertake to present a well-rounded picture of the entire program so far as they are able with the limited space at their disposal.

Negro Theological Education

Dr. L. S. Sedberry, who is the secretary of the commission on the American Baptist Seminary in Nashville, Tennessee, brought the report on that institution, which is an institution for the theological training of Negro ministers.

Doctor Sedberry reported that construction begun in 1951 on six new duplex apartments for married students on the seminary campus has been completed and that the apartments are now occupied. Plans are also being studied for the construction of the first unit of a chapel-library building.

The curriculum is being expanded with a view to raising requirements for the Th.D. and the B. R. E. degrees. Two years of college and two years of theological work are now required to obtain these degrees.

Doctor Sedberry said, "Surely there is no better way to help a race of fifteen million people than to train spiritual leaders for them."

Immediately following Doctor Sedberry's report, Dr. Edward A. McDowell reported for the committee on Negro ministerial education. He said that there are 1,000 Baptist Negro ministerial students in training in the United States in creditable institutions of learning. This, he said, is about one student for each five thousand church members. He pointed out that there is an acute shortage of candidates for the ministry among Negro Baptists and emphasized the urgent need for improved facilities for the training of young Negroes for the Christian ministry. "The challenge for heroic action is imperative," he said.

Dr. James W. Middleton, who has just gone from the pastorate of First Church, Atlanta, Georgia, to the pastorate of First Church, Shreveport, Louisiana, delivered the closing message on Friday afternoon on the subject, "Her Shields of Brass."

"We are in danger," said Doctor Middleton, "of substituting the brass shields of zeal for promotion, multiplication of numbers, and breath of program for the goal of spiritual revival." He continued, "When we come to face our Christian testimony, we are substituting the brass shields of moral compromise for Christian convictions." And further, "For the golden shields of a faithful stewardship, we have substituted the brass shield of self interest." And finally, "We are substituting for the golden shields of a mighty compassion for world missions the brass shields of a comfortable complacency in a world crisis."

Friday Night

Following the song and praise service, Thomas H. Holloway, field secretary for the American Bible Society with headquarters in Dallas, Texas, reported an all-time-high record for that non-profit agency in providing scriptures throughout the world. Total number of scriptures distributed by the agency amounted to 16,001,945 volumes. This was 26 per cent greater than the distribution for the previous year.

Southern Baptist churches also contributed their largest amount in any one year, a total of \$90,909. The gifts from all churches of all denominations in 1951 amounted to \$749,085.

Mr. Holloway reported that the American Bible Society distributed 3,372,803 volumes of scriptures in Japan alone during the past year, bringing the total of scripture volumes distributed in Japan since V-J Day to approximately 10,000,000.

The American Bible Society has approved for 1952 the largest budget it has ever adopted, but still faces calls for specific needs amounting to \$547,666 beyond the budget which it has dared to project for the current year.

Christian Home Hour

Dr. Joe W. Burton, editor of *Home Life*, directed the Christian Home Hour program.

An interesting feature of this program was an interview by Doctor Burton with Judge Walter H. Beckman, juvenile court, Dade County, Florida. In this interview Judge Beckham told of several young people whom his court had helped to overcome delinquencies and become useful and constructive citizens, one of whom became a Baptist preacher.

Another interesting feature of the Christian Home Hour program was the presentation of the H. C. Graham family of Lancaster, South Carolina, with special music by Jimmy and Beverly Graham. Jimmy, a junior boy, was the soloist. It was wonderful to hear this lad sing with such obvious poise and ease and with such a wonderful voice for a lad. The Bison Glee Club of the Oklahoma Baptist University also was featured in this musical program. Several boys and girls of junior and early intermediate age gave their testimonies concerning "What my home means to me." It was inspiring to hear these young people tell of their Christian homes, the family altars in their homes, and the love and respect of the members of the family for each other.

The program was closed and also the evening session with an address on "The Home and the Church" by Dr. James L. Sullivan, pastor of First Church, Abilene, Texas.

Doctor Sullivan asked the question, "For what is a nation profited, if it shall win all the wars, and lose its own homes?" Continuing he said, "America's future will be secured by the building of Christian homes in the houses that dot our blessed land."

Continuing his message Doctor Sullivan noted that God designed the home and for a specific purpose. He spoke of the dangers which threaten the home, among them being the many calls upon the members of the family outside the home, excessive debt, worldiness, and selfishness.

In behalf of the children of the home Doctor Sullivan said that "the home owes the child born into it a cordial welcome," and emphasized the duty of affection and instruction in the home.

The members of the family should find the most durable delights and satisfactions

New Officers, Southern



Pictured above are the new officers: Warren, First Church, Charlotte, North Carolina, re-elected president; Porter Routh, Locklies, Virginia, second vice president; and Dr. C. Gardner, Nashville, Tennessee, who was re-elected

in the home which is built upon Christian principles.

"My final word," said the speaker, "is to appeal for homes and churches to labor together . . . the home and the church working together will each find the task easier, the victories more eternal, and the delights more rewarding."

Saturday Morning

C. C. Kiser Jr., of Florida, conducted the devotional service at the opening of the Saturday morning session. Following the devotional service was a period of miscellaneous business, after which the report of the committee on relations with other religious bodies was presented by Dr. T. C. Gardner, Dallas, Texas.

The recommendations of this committee dwelt largely upon the warning of mixed marriages between Baptist young people and Catholics. It pointed out the fact that when a non-Catholic marries a Catholic the non-Catholic is called upon to pledge the children of the home to Catholic training and teaching. The recommendation urged that the young people, even beginning with the junior and intermediate ages, should be instructed in the dangers which threaten the home so divided in its religious affiliation.

The recommendations also suggested that education programs be conducted in our churches to indoctrinate our Baptist people and particular attention was called to the necessity for studying God's word to find God's teaching and God's will.

Public Affairs

Dr. J. M. Dawson, executive secretary

Baptist Convention, 1952-53



1952-53. From left to right they are C. C. ...
lina, first vice president; J. D. Grey, First
George B. Fraser, Attorney, Washington,
e, Tennessee, treasurer; E. V. Peyton, pas-
(Not shown in the picture was Joe Bur-
secretary.)

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs in Washington, D. C., stated that acting in line with official pronouncements of the supporting conventions (conventions which support the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs), the executive director has expressed the Baptist convictions in hearings conducted by congressional committees: On Federal aid to education, voicing disapproval of such aid to church schools; in hearings on interstate advertising of intoxicating liquors and more recently against such advertising over radio and television; in hearings on Federal appropriations to church hospitals; in hearings on Universal Military Training.

Social Service

The Social Service Commission reported on race relations, especially commending the seminaries for accepting all persons qualified to take advantage of seminary courses without regard to race or color. The commission registered its opposition to Universal Military Training and called upon the Convention to reaffirm its historic position of unqualified opposition to the liquor traffic.

The commission called attention to the low moral conditions and dishonesty which have been revealed in government and called upon Christians to accept their responsibility and exercise their franchise in promoting good government at the ballot box.

Historical Commission

Dr. Norman W. Cox, secretary of the Historical Society of the Southern Bap-

tist Convention, reported progress by that commission during the past year, it being the first year that the commission has had a full time executive secretary. He appealed to all Convention agencies and institutions, churches, pastors, and others to co-operate in locating and collecting the historical material of Southern Baptists and making it available for the commission.

Southwide Assemblies

Dr. John L. Hill, who is engaged by the Sunday School Board to promote the Southwide assemblies, announced the beginning of construction on Texas Hall, a \$100,000 residence hall being built at Glorieta by Texas Baptists. "We have a beautiful site," said Doctor Hill, "of some 1,200 acres, in the mountains of the 'Land of Enchantment,' with a minimum elevation of 6,000 feet." This reference was to Glorieta Assembly in New Mexico.

He also stated that the grounds are ready for the building construction, with a good supply of water, reservoir, sewage system, standard highway, and walkways already constructed. He said, "There is a great future for Glorieta and we are building toward it."

The initial program of the assembly will be this summer. A one week program called "Pioneer Week" is scheduled for August 7-13. Glorieta is located 18 miles from Santa Fe, New Mexico, and is on the famous Pan-American Highway in the center of western, historical territory.

Memorial Service

Dr. Austin Crouch, Nashville, Tennessee, emeritus executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, conducted the memorial service. In this memorial service, Doctor Crouch paid tribute to Pat Neff, former governor of Texas, former president of Baylor University, and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. Others to whom Doctor Crouch paid tribute included Dr. Andrew Potter, state secretary of Oklahoma; W. H. Knight, state secretary of Louisiana; and Dr. and Mrs. Henry G. Bennett, who died in a plane crash in a foreign land on a mission for our government.

Recognizing that during the past year many hundreds of our Baptist people—young and old and middle-aged, men, women, boys, and girls—have passed away, Doctor Crouch asked the question, "Are they living?" Replying to his own question he said, "Yes, they live and move and maintain their own identity and individuality out in that invisible world. Our loved ones are absent from the body; therefore, according to Paul, they are present with the Lord."

The memorial service by Doctor Crouch ended the Saturday morning service.

Youth Night

Saturday night was Youth Night at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami. The Youth Night program was under the direction of Dr. G. Kearnie Keegan.

The program was opened with music by the youth choirs of the greater Miami area directed by Maurice Fain. Mr. Howard Butt Jr. of Texas appeared on the program, and the Hardin-Simmons University choir, Euell Porter, director, sang, "Lost In The Night," "Resting In His Love," "Beautiful Savior."

Billy Graham, the evangelist, was the preacher for this occasion. It was estimated that 20,000 people attended this service. Doctor Graham's message was on the subject, "Youth's Hour of Decision." The evangelist made a strong evangelistic appeal to which several hundred people responded. It was

estimated that approximately one third of these made decisions to accept Christ and the others for a deeper Christian consecration.

Mass Meeting

On Sunday afternoon there was a great mass meeting with Dr. J. Howard Williams, executive secretary of Texas, as speaker; his subject, "Salute the Church." Interspersed throughout the program was special music by different choirs.

At 6:30 Sunday evening, Dr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary of the Training Union Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board, directed the Training Union program. The program consisted of personal testimonies, music, and a message on "Christ Speaks on Training" by Dr. Robert E. Naylor, pastor of First Church, Columbia, South Carolina.

The closing session of the Convention consisted of an evangelistic service under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews, superintendent of evangelism, Home Mission Board.

The closing message was delivered by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, secretary for the orient of the Foreign Mission Board. "Christ Speaks To the Nation," was the subject of Doctor Cauthen's message.

We cannot give full details of the Sunday sessions because we were not present. We shall have other things to say about the sessions of the Convention in the next several issues of the paper.

Correction

In our report last week of the sessions of the Southern Baptist Convention and in the discussion of the Jacksonville hospital, it was stated that "the people of New Orleans have also provided \$1,250,000 for the construction and equipment of the proposed hospital."

It should have read, "The people of Jacksonville" have provided this sum for the hospital.

Book Review

By BRUCE H. PRICE

"Alcohol, Culture, and Society." By Clarence H. Patrick.

Duke University Press, Durham, N. C., Price \$3.

Professor Patrick of Wake Forest College, after wide research, takes the position in this book that the use of alcoholic beverages is largely a cultural phenomenon, and, therefore, it is in the light of the culture of society that the problem of alcohol can be understood and solved.

After giving a historical sketch of the use of alcoholic beverages among various peoples of the world the author discusses the effects it has on the individual and on society. "Toward Social Control," is the closing chapter topic. The solution of the problem depends on a social consciousness, and a public will created by information and education in which the family, school, and church co-operate for the personal and social welfare of humanity.

To read the book will inspire the pastor to preach another sermon on the subject from a new viewpoint. The layman will be more determined to use his influence against social custom and pressure which influence the use of alcohol as a beverage.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, *Executive Secretary*

Over The Top For Home Missions

The \$20,000 goal set by the State W. M. U. Executive Board for the Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions has been surpassed and the total on May 19 was \$24,763.31. Remittances are coming in daily, and societies are urged to glean well for every possible gift, and to remit to Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, Little Rock.

The following excerpts were taken from letters received from missionaries serving on two of our home mission fields. Miss Matthews of Cuba reported at their recent national convention: "Artemisa did the impossible! There were only nine available rooms in the two small hotels, but church members found space for fifteen dormitories: for instance, the City Hall, the Fire Department and school buildings. We had the day meetings in a theatre because the church was much too small, and the night meetings in the park. They were very evangelistic and more than 70 people of Artemisa confessed Christ. Our people really sowed the word during that week!"

Dr. Frank Belvin, superintendent of Indian work for the Home Mission Board wrote of a recent trip to New Mexico and Arizona. Impassable roads made it impossible for him to contact some of the workers on the great Navajo reservation where 85 per cent of the people are illiterate. And of a section of "Christian America" he wrote: "Some of the un-Christian Indians and some professed Christians of other denominations are bitter against Baptists. In some places Baptists are not granted a location for erecting church buildings. But we have helped one of our missionaries to convert an old bus into a chapel and he will move about over the reservation and pueblos preaching the Gospel. Another of our missionaries has bought, on credit, a bus for \$300 and will convert it to do likewise. Pray for us by all means that in some way we may spread the gospel to the lost world."

Contributions to the Annie Armstrong Offering are used to make possible the proclamation of the gospel in many of the dark places of our own nation. Did you give sacrificially? Give your additional offering to your W.M.U. Treasurer.

NOTICE, TRAINING SCHOOL ALUMNAE!

For a number of years the Training School Alumnae has been striving to build up a fund sufficient to pay for a pipe

organ for the school. Last year the fund was sufficiently large for the purchase to be made WITH A SMALL DEFICIT! Authorities advised in the selection of the type organ, and installation was perfected last summer.

Have you contributed to that fund? Let's clean up that debt NOW! Also, have you paid your alumnae "dues" (\$1 per year)? Won't you mail your check covering your donation to the organ fund and your dues to the resident alumnae treasurer, Miss Elaine Neeley, Woman's Missionary Union Training School, 2801 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky. Or if you prefer, Miss Nancy Cooper, State W. M. U. Treasurer, 209 Baptist Building, will be glad to handle your contribution.

Let's send a contribution today!

GOOD NEWS!

Missions in the Plan of the Ages by William Owen Carver, (\$2.50), has been reprinted. This book has been used for many years in the Christian Missions course, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and is the heart of Dr. Carver's teaching on the theme of the Bible and missions.

In the opinion of many this book is definitely the most complete and thorough study of the Bible teaching as to missions ever produced. It shows how the missionary purpose of God produces the Bible; that the Bible always produces missions, when understood and heeded; that it is the handbook for missionary promotion and administration; that it is the first, essential instrument in the conduct of missions.

The title describes the content—**Missions in the Plan of the Ages**. For a real study of God's plan and purpose for the extension of His Kingdom, use **Missions in the Plan of the Ages** by William Owen Carver. Order from the Baptist Book Store.

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Rural Church Conferences

June 2-4, Ouachita College

June 4-6, Southern Baptist College

Monday Afternoon, Ouachita
Wednesday Afternoon, Southern

- 2:00 Song and Prayer
2:10 Welcome _____ President Haswell, Ouachita
President Williams, Southern
2:20 An Adequate Mission Program in
the Association _____ S. A. Wiles, Ouachita
Reese Howard, Southern
2:50 Full Time Church Program with Part
Time Preaching _____ J. T. Gillespie
3:20 Message: A Consecrated Leader _____ Jesse Reed
4:00 Adjourn

Monday Night, Ouachita
Wednesday Night, Southern

- 7:00 Song and Praise
7:10 The Preacher Preparing for a Pastorate _____ C. Z. Holland
7:40 Planning a Yearly Program _____ W. O. Miller
8:00 Planning the Annual Budget _____ J. T. Gillespie
8:20 Message: A New Testament Church _____ Dr. Porter M. Bailes
Tyler, Texas

Tuesday Morning, Ouachita
Thursday Morning, Southern

- 8:00 Bible Study
8:40 The Preacher Preparing His Sermons _____ C. Z. Holland
9:10 Making the Most Of:
Sunday School Teachers and
Officers Meeting _____ J. T. Gillespie
Training Union Business
Meeting _____ Wesley Lindsey, Ouachita
Leland Hall, Southern
Mid-Week Prayer Service _____ C. W. Caldwell
Monthly Church Conference _____ David Moore, Ouachita
H. E. Williams, Southern
10:10 Recess
10:30 Pastoral Change—How to Leave One
Church; How to Begin in Another _____ H. C. Seefeldt
11:00 Questions and Answers on Above Subject
11:15 Song
11:20 Message _____ Dr. Porter M. Bailes

Tuesday Afternoon, Ouachita
Thursday Afternoon, Southern

- 2:00 Song and Prayer
2:10 Rural Church Library _____ Mrs. C. L. Randall
Stewardship Revivals _____ L. E. Coleman
J. W. Buckner

Tuesday Night, Ouachita
Thursday Night, Southern

- 7:00 Song and Prayer
7:10 The Preacher in the Pulpit _____ C. Z. Holland
7:40 Planning a New Building _____ J. W. Buckner
8:10 Song
8:15 Message _____ Dr. Porter M. Bailes

Wednesday Morning, Ouachita
Friday Morning, Southern

- 8:00 Bible Study
8:40 The Pastor and His Pastoral Work _____ C. Z. Holland
9:10 Forming a Pastoral Field _____ C. C. Roberts
9:40 When Should a Church Have Full Time
Preaching? _____ J. T. Gillespie
10:10 Recess
10:30 The Rural Pastor's Place in Denominational
Life _____ B. L. Bridges
11:00 Testimonies
11:15 Message _____ Dr. Porter M. Bailes

"PURSE-O-NALITY"

Can there be a consecration of our personalities without the "purse-o-nality" involved? Never! Our material possessions are part and parcel of ourselves.

Then, the one who holds back the tithe is neither truthful nor honest: in his profession he acknowledged Christ as Lord, yet he does not the the things his Lord commands.

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- What?** Get your church to sponsor a group, bringing a counsellor for every 10 persons.
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- Things to Bring** Your own bed linens and a blanket, towels, soap, Bible, notebook, pencil, orchestral instrument, Junior Choir harmonica, tennis racquet, baseball glove, bat and ball, swimming suit, raincoat, sweater and comfortable clothes and shoes.

Daily Schedule

Morning

- 6:30 Rising Bell
- 7:00 Breakfast
- 8:00 Morning Devotional
- 8:30 Class Voice and Theory
 - Juniors—Auditorium
 - Intermediates—Dining Hall
 - Theory for Instrumentalists—Arbor
- 9:30 Instrumental Classes and Theory
 - Piano—Dining Hall
 - Orchestra—Auditorium
 - Theory for all Singers—Arbor
- 10:30 Recess
- 11:00 Choir Rehearsal—Auditorium
- 12:00 Dinner

Afternoon

- 1:00 Dramatics—Auditorium
- 2:00 Handcrafts—Arbor
- 3:00 Recreation
 - Swimming
 - Games
- 5:30 Supper

Night

- 6:15 Lakeside Songfest and Vespers
- 7:00 Choir and Orchestra Rehearsal—Auditorium
- 8:00 Dramatics, Games and Stunts
- 9:30 All In
- 10:00 Lights Out

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Pastor _____

Southern Baptist Hospital Opens Newest Addition



Shown above in the left foreground is the modern eight story air-conditioned addition to Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans. The new building provides space for enlarged X-ray, pathology, and blood bank departments, and a new department of physical medicine. Maternity rooms occupy two entire floors and all rooms in the new addition are equipped with two way patient-to-nurse communication devices.

Southern Baptist Hospital, the first and only institution of healing operated by the Southern Baptist Convention, has just completed a \$2,100,000 addition bringing the total valuation of the hospital property to \$6,000,000.

Since its opening in 1926, Southern Baptist Hospital has been a vital missionary force for Southern Baptists. In 1951 alone, patients were treated from 21 states, the District of Columbia, Finland, Denmark, Spain, England, Argentina, Honduras, Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Guatemala, and Nicaragua. Christian nurses and doctors who have trained at Southern Baptist Hospital in New Orleans, the "International City," are now serving in various countries around the world.

From the beginning, Southern

Baptist Hospital has refused to accept government money for any purpose. Fees from patient care and Cooperative Program receipts are depended upon to enlarge and operate the institution.

In addition to "Healing Humanity's Hurt" Southern Baptist Hospital operates a full scale educational program for doctors, technicians, nurses, and nurses' aides. Since 1926, training has been given to 343 interns and resident doctors. The Mather School of Nursing, conducted by the Hospital, is accredited by the State Accrediting Agency and has graduated 733 nurses. Young women finishing high school this year are invited to write Mather School of Nursing, 2700 Napoleon Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, for information concerning the class which begins in September.

Report To Stockholders

By CHESTER SWOR

In late February it was my privilege to be on the campus of our New Orleans Baptist Seminary for three days in connection with my assignment to deliver the Tharp Lectures in which ministers are "measured" from the layman viewpoint. Because my impressions of our Seminary there were such uniformly happy ones, and because the overwhelming majority of our Southern Baptist constituency will not have occasion to visit there, I send this impression.

The most appropriate and accurate summary statement of my impression of our New Orleans Seminary is this: The Seminary is an excellent steward of the stu-

dents, confidence, and money which Southern Baptists have committed to the institution.

Though the enrolment has exceeded all former records and sorely taxes the facilities of the old campus, our Seminary is expanding its faculty personnel, is constantly increasing its already high standards of classroom excellence, and, best of all, is striving valiantly and successfully to keep vital the Seminary's cherished tradition of warm-hearted evangelism. In my contacts with faculty members I felt that there is a keen sense of responsibility to train young ministers who will be superlatively true to the Christian message and warmly loyal

How To Produce Decay

The Canton Journal (Massachusetts) recently printed a long letter written by Cecil Palmer, a distinguished English publisher, author and journalist, dealing with the consequences of Britain's experiment in socialized medicine. Here, in part, is what he found after more than three years of study and observation:

"In its evolution from private practice to State control, the profession of medicine is losing its independence, integrity and indispensable privacy in the relationship between physician and patient. A lay bureaucracy impinges itself on medicine. The profession is cluttered with orders, rules and regulation. It is overwhelmed in an avalanche of forms, questionnaires and certificates which reduce doctors to impotence and patients to despair.

"For some years the American public has been invited to accept politically-planned and controlled medicine because, among other things, it is claimed that such a system is imperative to overcome a potential shortage of doctors. But nationalized medicine has not solved the problem of too few doctors in Britain. On the contrary, some of the best men and women in the profession steadfastly refuse to associate themselves with the scheme. Others who gave it a fair trial, are deserting it. . .

Mr. Palmer then dealt with the problem of costs. When the "free" medical service scheme was started, the estimated cost was \$500,000,000 a year. Actually, the cost is now running close to \$1,960,000,000. As in most government undertakings, the estimates turned out to be hopeful fictions when the bills rolled in.

Can anyone doubt that politically-dominated medicine in this country would, sooner or later, run the same sorry course as in Britain? Can anyone doubt that ambition and ability would be stifled, and that the standards of care would go down and down? When the bureaucrat takes over, progress stops and decay sets in.

-Industrial News Review.

Figures To Inspire

Sunday, May 18

	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
Little Rock, Immanuel	1282	429	1
Including Missions	1411	491	2
Fort Smith, First	1143	505	2
Including Missions	1274	547	
El Dorado, First	973	137	2
Including Missions	1073	177	
Little Rock, Second	768	197	5
Fayetteville, First	673	293	
Pine Bluff, South Side	600	248	
El Dorado, Immanuel	593	235	
Including Missions	653	263	
Texarkana, Beech Street	583	286	
Benton, First	572	62	
Including Mission	647	110	
Hope, First	533	144	1
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	523	161	1
Crossett, First	503		
Siloam Springs, First	493	314	3
Warren, First	487	160	
Forrest City, First	476		
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	469	188	4
Little Rock, Tabernacle	468	177	
El Dorado, Second	456	140	
Cullendale, First	452	187	1
Fordyce, First	451	150	
Blytheville, First	443		
Springdale, First	440	223	2
Including Mission	535		
Hot Springs, Central	440	191	
Hot Springs, Park Place	417	180	3
Rogers, First	407	204	
Including Mission	472	231	
Smackover, First	405	163	
West Helena	398		1
Booneville, First	391	74	
Fort Smith, Calvary	389	177	1
Little Rock, So. Highland	347	159	
El Dorado, West Side	381	91	
Pine Bluff, Immanuel	374	200	1
Conway, First	368	92	
Stuttgart, First	367	141	2
Including Mission	427	154	
Paris, First	356		
Hot Springs, First	329	100	
Monticello, First	309	88	
Jonesboro, Walnut St.	300	30	
Fort Smith, Immanuel	298	119	2
Bauxite, First	285	107	
No. Little Rock, Park Hill	276	90	
Fort Smith, South Side	266	101	
Pine Bluff, Second	266	89	
Mena, First	261	104	
Including Mission	278		
Fort Smith, Temple	255	155	2
Alma, First	242	127	
Norohlet, First	242	151	
Wynne	236	62	1
Fort Smith, Trinity	224	106	1
Fort Smith, Spradling	215	148	2
Springdale, Caudle Ave.	213	141	
Crossett, Mount Olive	211	104	1
No. Little Rock, First	206	68	2
Hot Springs, Piney	203	141	
Little Rock, Hebron	200	111	
Dermott	198	50	
Warren, Immanuel	168	120	
Pine Bluff, Bethel	149	192	1
Fort Smith, Mill Creek	142	86	1
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Marshall	124	56	
Crossett, North Crossett	125	89	
Including Mission	166		
Fort Smith, North Side	94	82	1
State Sanatorium Mission	94		
El Dorado, Galilee	87	36	
Board Camp	84	45	
Hot Springs, Grand Ave	82	52	
Grannis	80	65	
Loncke, Steel Bridge	70	77	2
Hot Springs, Emanuel	55	35	
El Paso	50	29	
Greenwood, Jenny Lind	46	61	
Greenwood, Excelsior		40	



to their denomination.

The new campus is a magnificent demonstration of the good stewardship of the capital improvement funds committed to our New Orleans Seminary! This writer has never seen a more worthy translation of Southern Baptist building funds into brick and stone, and he joins President Leavell and the entire Seminary faculty in praying fervently that funds for completing the urgently needed new facilities will come generously and soon. Our New Orleans Seminary is a good steward of the message, the men, and the money committed to it by Southern Baptists.

When Should A Pastor Resign?

By M. S. LLOYD

When should a pastor resign and how can a church go about getting rid of a pastor they don't like? Should a few members get together and ask the pastor to resign? Should the deacons get together and demand that he resign?

The above questions are some to which I do not claim to have the answer, but if rightly answered would heal a lot of ills for both the church and the pastor.

When a church, which pays a good deal more salary than the present pastorate, issues a call there is a temptation for the pastor to resign and accept the new field. When a pastor has opposition, the human thing for him to do is resign and get out. God is just as able to reveal his will to preachers when leaving a field as he is in leading them to it. Some preachers do a lot of praying about new fields but many times they do not give God much consideration when leaving a field.

TAKES TIME TO BUILD

In the February issue of the **Baptist Program** there is an article by Samuel Hovey Jones entitled, "Much Longer Pastorates Needed." In this article Dr. Jones says that the average length of pastorates of our Southern Baptist pastors is a little over three years. He doubts that any pastor can accomplish much in the average church in two or three years.

One possible reason for short pastorates, according to Dr. Jones, is that pastors are unable or unwilling to stay longer. The first few months of a pastorate requires less study and exposes the pastor to fewer problems than the later years present. It is easier to move than to stay, when the staying means grappling with serious problems and overcoming indifference and opposition, Dr. Jones says. Many pastors had rather move than do the hard work and cope with the problems that staying longer would require.

Another reason Dr. Jones gives for short pastorates is that some churches do not treat their pastors well enough to keep them very long. In cases where churches cannot hold a pastor, Dr. Jones says, it is because some are so divided that a pastor cannot get them together; some have never learned to support and encourage a pastor. Some churches are so dominated by a few non-progressive people as to make pastoral leadership almost impossible, says Dr. Jones.

In the **Quarterly Review**, first quarter of 1952, there is an article by Jesse Garrett entitled, "Why I Stayed." In the article Mr. Garrett says, "The pastor who stays must win over groups who have

been accustomed to running the church."

Mr. Garrett also says a worthwhile program cannot be promoted in a short pastorate. During the first six years of Mr. Garrett's pastorate at Rosen Heights Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, there were times, he said when it seemed that he could not bear up any longer. Calls came from other



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churches and finally when it seemed that he had reached the end of his endurance, he and his wife began to pray for the Lord to open up a new field. A call came from a church which paid \$1,200 a year more salary, plus all his utilities, and \$600 a year expense money. Mr. Garrett and his wife rejoiced together and thanked God for hearing their prayers. But after praying about the call, he wired the church that he would not accept. "From that hour I began to have power that I had not had before," said Mr. Garrett. Since that time the church membership has grown from less than three hundred to its present membership of thirty-five hundred. The property value has increased from \$1,600 to more than half a million dollars.

Mr. Garrett says, "I stayed because there was not anything else I could do, after having surrendered my life and all that I am to the will of God. It was God's will that I stay. I would have died before I would have failed Him."

OVERCOMING THE OBSTACLES

In the February issue of the **Baptist Program**, Dr. Jones in his article, "Much Longer Pastorates Needed," says "There are churches which are so accustomed to changing pastors and are so unsettled that they blame the pastor for every weakness of the church and therefore press for a change." In the April 3 issue of the **Arkansas Baptist** Dr. Jones says in his article, "Firing the Pastor," that some churches have a reputation of being hard on preachers and almost any preacher would soon find himself in a dilemma between fighting or leaving. In the same article Dr. Jones says, "There are exceptions but, as a general rule, a pastor is better off to resign than allow the

congregation to come to an open vote on the question of his remaining."

In the light of the above three statements it is a little difficult for me to figure out what a pastor should do when asked to resign. What is an exception?

I heard Dr. Dale Moody of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary say at the Arkansas Baptist State Convention in November 1951, that pastors ought to stay on the field and not run off and leave a lot of problems for the next preacher. Preachers around me said, "that is easier said than done."

Dr. J. D. Grey said at the Evangelistic Conference in North Little Rock last January that pastors ought to stay with the church when they have problems because that is when the church needs the pastor most. It is unfair for the pastor to run out on them.

Joe B. Currin of Roxboro, North Carolina, in his article, "Why I Stayed," in the **Quarterly Review** writes, "Frequent changes disrupts the work. When there are frequent changes of pastors they cannot know the qualifications of members. Constant changes cause a pastor, oftentimes, to put his efforts elsewhere and neglect his study, since he can use the same sermons he has preached in former pulpits without much revision and improvement."

LET GOD LEAD

With these statements from leaders among Southern Baptists before us, I ask you, "When can a pastor resign and be fair to himself, to the church, and to God?" If a pastor can resign and be on good terms with his conscience and have the definite assurance that he is doing the will of the Lord, then it seems to me that his resignation is in order. The only reason for a pastor to resign is that God is through with him on one field and can use him better on another church field. A Baptist preacher who has surrendered his life to the will of God, serves with a deep conviction that the Holy Spirit leads him to a field and that his resignation is in order

only when he has the definite assurance that the Holy Spirit leads him away.

Should a church ask a pastor for his resignation? Sometimes a pastor's moral conduct might be such as to hurt the church, or he might be doctrinally unsound, or he might neglect his duties of the church so as to justify a church in asking his resignation. Sometimes good people in the church become accustomed to short pastorates and soon become dissatisfied with any pastor. If a church that is dissatisfied with its pastor would unreservedly turn themselves and their pastor over to God and rest the case with Him, many heartaches would be eliminated and church action would be different in most cases.

It has been my experience that every time I have turned myself and my problems unreservedly over to God and trusted Him to work the matter out to glorify His name, He has always seen me through my present problems or has given me a better place to serve.

PRAYER WILL HELP

It is a good thing for a few members to get together and pray for their pastor but they should be very careful about getting together and demanding his resignation.

It is doubtful whether a church should ever ask their pastor to resign unless he is morally wrong, doctrinally unsound, or was neglected his duties to the church in such a manner as to hinder the progress of the church. Even then every effort should be made to avoid such drastic measures. Sometimes a pastor finds himself in a position in which he feels that to be true to God he must sacrifice himself for the sake of the church and the next pastor by registering his conviction. No pastor enjoys laboring under such circumstances. Only God knows the physical, mental, and spiritual strain a pastor undergoes when laboring under such handicaps.

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Indiana Refuses Uncle's Money

In late years, practically every state and city has looked to hand-outs from the Federal treasury to clear slums, develop recreational areas, subsidize housing developments, and carry on any number of other activities. But there is one shining exception to this rule—the Hoosier state of Indiana. Joe Alex Morris tells the unique story in a recent Saturday Evening Post article called "They Don't Want Uncle's Money."

Some years ago the Indiana legislature enthusiastically passed a resolution which said, in part: "We respectfully petition and urge Indiana's congressmen and senators to vote to fetch our county courthouses and city halls back from Washington's Pennsylvania Avenue. We want our government to come home . . . We have decided that there is no such thing as 'Federal' aid. We are fed up with subsidies, doles and paternalism. We are no one's stepchild. We have grown up. We serve notice that we will resist Washington, D. C., adopting us."

It's one thing to pass a general resolution like this and quite another to back it up resolutely when the chips are down. But the Indiana legislators weren't just talking for the sake of the talk. They meant what they said and it looks as if most of the people of the state are in solid agreement. Mr. Morris writes: "Just for instance: Indianapolis . . . waged a successful campaign to prevent the Department of Commerce from dishing out \$50,000 a year in Federal tax money for the supposed benefit of the city's businessmen. It has—but only after a tough fight—forced Congress to withhold hundreds of thousands of dollars in pork-barrel flood-control aid to the community. It flatly refused to let the Army spend \$1,000,000 for a new armory. It helped kick over the spending of almost \$1,000,000 in Federal funds for vocational education in distributive trades like merchan-

dising. It has developed—up through 1951—its own postwar slum clearance program without Federal aid. It has discouraged, but in vain, the Army's expenditure of some \$23,000,000 to establish an important finance headquarters in the city. And Indianapolis citizens were the core of the state's 1951 revolt against Federal controls in the national Social Security Act; a revolt that found the state grimly preparing to give up almost \$20,000,000 a year from Washington rather than knuckle under the dictates of Congress and the Federal Security Agency."

Another remarkable factor, Mr. Morris points out, is that the backbone of the campaign against Federal hand-outs is the Chamber of Commerce—whereas many if not most of these organizations work on a "let's get all we can" basis. Chamber officials are solid advocates of having city and state do what needs to be done without outside money or interference.

There is a dollars-and-cents logic in all this. To quote Mr. Morris again, "Sending taxes to Washington so that the money could be returned for use in Indiana seems a poor idea to no small number of Hoosiers. But, in addition, it was clear that . . . Indiana was getting back only about eighty cents on the dollar . . . as grants in aid. And on gasoline taxes the state was getting back for roads about half of the \$15,000,000 contributed. A fairly simple conclusion could be drawn: one way to reduce Federal expenditures was to keep the money at home in the first place and do away with grants-in-aid."

Furthermore, above and beyond the money involved, Indiana people are proud of their state and they want to keep it strong and independent. To their mind, the way to do that is to stay as remote from Washington influence as possible.

—Industrial News Review.

Strange Statements

By DAVID M. GARNER

We are hearing and reading some strange statements from preachers in these latter days. Seldom a day passes that we do not read or hear some evangelist talk about "born-again believers," or "born-again Christians." From the same sources we get fantastic reports of results. One time it is "so many decisions" reported. Then again "rededications" and "first time decisions" are reported.

All of which suggests the need of more straight thinking and scriptural preaching or more factual reporting on the part of some modern revivalists. Reporting fabulous numbers with flimsy meaning and feeble results is deceptive and hurtful in more ways than one.

When a preacher talks about "born-again believers" he implies that there are believers who have not been born again. That sort of preaching is refuted by the plain and positive statement of the Scriptures and by the experience of every person who has "believed in Christ."

"But as many as receive Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believed on His name." John 1:12.

When one "receives" Christ or "believes on" Christ that moment he is "born again" and becomes a child of God. It is absurd to talk about a soul experiencing the new birth who has not believed on Christ, and it is equally absurd to talk about one believing on Christ without experiencing the new birth.

Scarcely a day passes that we do not hear over the radio or

read of some evangelist telling us how the real "born-again Christians" are thronging their tents. When they talk about "born-again" members of churches, they make sense. There are doubtless church members who have never experienced the new birth. But there is no such thing as a sinner being saved from sin becoming a Christian, a child of God, without having experienced the new birth.

"For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:26.

When we hear and read reports of "decisions" and "first time decisions," we wonder for what or for whom such decisions are made. If and when a soul decides for Christ, it is always a "first" and final decision. The moment a soul accepts Christ as Savior, in that moment of decision the soul is born again, saved with an everlasting salvation.

Believers do, all too often, drift away from Christian service and lose the joy of salvation but not salvation itself. The only life or salvation that Christ has ever promised the soul who accepts and believes on him is eternal in nature. To contend that one who is eternally saved is ever lost is an absurdity and tantamount to charging that Christ has failed to make good His promise.

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life." John 5:24.

The Baptist Standard.

When Expense Is Unimportant

If we could hear the cry of the lost, sleep and appetite would flee from us. We would spare neither time nor expense in seeking our loved ones and friends for Christ. On April 18, 1949, Cathey Fiscus, San Marino, California, while racing her sister across a field, fell ninety feet into a well. Soon the whole community was alarmed and their hearts went out in pity for the unfortunate child and family. Immediately one-half million dollars worth of equipment was on the ground to rescue her. A very expensive bit was ruined on one of the drills. As the \$2,500 bit was being replaced some person asked the owner of the machinery who was to bear the great expense. The answer shot back like a flash, "Expense to the winds, let's save Cathey."

There are millions lost spiritually. Spare not the cost of money or the time. Let's save them.

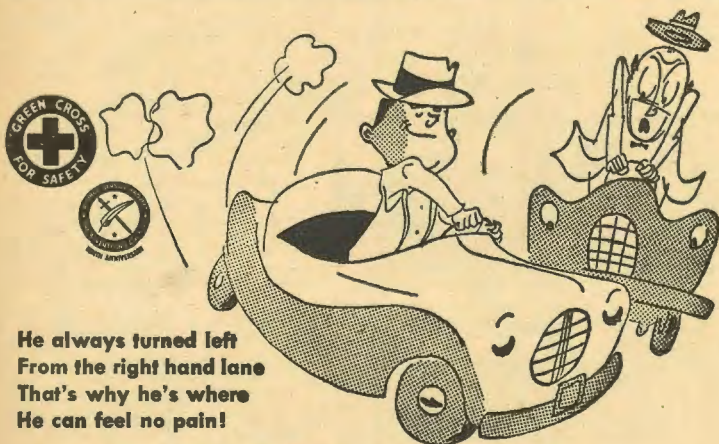
—James T. Shirley.

Juvenile Delinquency Increases

By CHARLES A. WELLS

Recent reports indicate a ten per cent increase in juvenile delinquency over the nation. What is the cause of this? And can we expect our children to be different from the adults in an era characterized by intemperance, infidelity, gambling, and political corruption? Do we expect our youth to reform their elders? As yet we haven't even begun to face the cost of the moral and spiritual disintegration of modern society. The penalty will not really fall upon us until the children of these years of spiritual neglect and moral indifference become the citizens of tomorrow. Then we will pay. Reformatories and institutions of correction do not touch the cases of juvenile delinquency. The ministry of the churches, a revival of spiritual loyalties, and responsibility in family life offer the strongest and most real hope.

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Christ's Standard of Moral Purity

By MRS. HOMER D. MYERS

Lesson based on "International Sunday School Lessons; the International Bible Lessons for Christian Teaching," copyrighted 1951 by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

INTRODUCTION

We have never noticed, before this series of studies, how scientifically and systematically the ten commandments are built. What a revelation it has been to follow this building of God, from its strictly spiritual foundation to each level of human experience.

The first commandment, the corner stone, the structural basis of all law, places worship first. The first four commandments have to do with man's relationship to God; who to worship, how to worship, or not to worship; and when to worship. The moral is: A person must be right with God before he can live correctly with other people.

After the foundation for righteousness is laid, which is our relationship with the heavenly Father, the next step in the building is man's relationship to his earthy parents. "Honor thy father and thy mother." These were the commandments of God which were written on the first tablet of stone, and necessarily those of first importance in our lives.

On the second tablet of stone were five commandments pertaining to our relationship with one another as human beings, namely:

"Thou shalt not kill."

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

"Thou shalt not steal."

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor."

"Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's possessions."

THE SEVENTH COMMANDMENT

Today, we consider the seventh commandment: "Thou shalt not commit adultery."

The most sacred of all human relationships is that of the home. The home was the first institution God established; it is much older than the church. Much of the weaknesses and faults in the churches could be traced to unhappy or maladjusted homelife among its membership. The churches of our land are mere reflections of what is taking place in the homes, and the way people are thinking at home.

It is enough to make us quake and tremble to observe how adults are living. With twenty five per cent or more of all marriages ending in divorce, it cannot be denied that too few are

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Ex. 20:14; Matt. 5:27-32;
Mark 10:2-9

taking life and marriage seriously. Many of the petty excuses offered for divorce are ridiculous. There may be some instances where divorce is justified, but we know if young people could be persuaded to properly and prayerfully consider all matters of importance before marriage, there would be fewer divorces; and we know if old and young were more careful to observe the laws of God there would not be so much "marrying, giving in marriage, and re-marriages." A few people may be deceived now and then, and marry the wrong person, but there is no excuse for so many to be deceived year in and year out, or time and time again. "What God hath joined together, let not man put asunder" is ignored like all the other commandments from the Lord.

The seventh commandment has to do with one's personal purity in mind and deed. Jesus insisted that minds must be kept pure as well as the body. With teeming thousands of illegitimate children being born annually, it is evident that parents have failed in teaching their children concerning moral purity. It is a well known fact that hundreds of high school and college girls have to leave school each year to become mothers of illegitimate babies, blighting the lives of youth and harming innocent children who have no choice of birth. It is time for parents to awaken to the fact that their children need to be taught purity from the time they learn to walk. The cradle is the place where the teaching of all morals should begin.

BODIES—THE TEMPLE OF GOD

Children should be taught the sacredness of their bodies. The body is the gift of God, and should be guarded because of its value. The body is the temple of God and should be kept clean and pure. Satan has waged an all out war against our youth, and parents are not doing what they could and should to combat the devil's wiles and power.

All transgression is sin against God, first; but some sins are more hurtful and harmful to others. Adultery, like murder is a sin against all society. Adultery is so bad that we have laws against it; the trouble is that law never cured sin nor prevented crime. Only the love of God, or a properly taught pre-

son, one who respects his own body and the rights of others, will do right. It is a personal, moral obligation to be pure.

Adultery, like murder, always hurts the innocent victims. The child born without a name was not considered; and too many times the half-orphaned children of the broken homes are not considered either. The reckless and unfaithful living of one parent may rob helpless children of parental love and companionship that is due them, to say nothing of physical hardships and mental cruelties that are often imposed upon them. It is hard on the children when a home is broken for such a reason, but for men and women to disrupt a home and orphan their own children over some petty whim that is considered ample reason for a divorce is a crime that someone must pay for.

CONSIDER GOD'S STANDARD OF PURITY

We are living in a day when the devil is getting bolder and bolder; when sexuality and sin are glorified in every avenue of life; when parents are not alert to keep their own standards high; and when nothing is done to protect children from the trend

of filthy thought and conversation over radio programs, television and other media of education. Everywhere they turn, they see or hear the same line of thought. We sometimes marvel that so many of our youth turn out as well as they do, in the long run. And we have known a number of youth who turned to God because of their disgust with their own parents or relatives.

Is there need to say it?—

Surely, the need of the hour is to return to God's standard of purity: "Thou shalt not commit adultery;" we need to return to the ethics of Christ: "Look not on another to lust after . . ."

Surely, we need to double our efforts at home, at church, at school, in every day life, toward the task of teaching our children and youth the terrible importance of purity and chastity.

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They Live, They Are Loved And Appreciated



J. S. COMPERE, SR.

We are giving you herewith the pictures of J. S. Rogers Sr. and J. S. Compere Sr. These two men have held prominent and important positions in our denominational life and service. They are both living although they have retired from the active ministry. Brother Rogers is doing supply work all along. Brother Compere lives with some of his relatives in Virginia, and Brother Rogers lives in his country home, Rt. 3, Conway.

Two or three different times Brother Rogers served as Executive Secretary of the state Convention. He gave many years of the best part of his life to the work of his denomination. Under his leadership the work of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention gained more ground than it ever has gained under any other man's leadership. The Baptist Hospital in Little Rock came into being by the persistent and faithful efforts of Brother Rogers. Several of our institutions were almost rebuilt under his leadership, and most of the endowment for Ouachita College was procured under his leadership, with the faithful assistance of other men. Brother Rogers also served as head of the hospital for a short time, and for several years was president of Central College. A few years in his early ministry were given to the pastorate.

Has any man in the Southland meant more to our general denominational work than J. S. Rogers? We doubt it. We take off our hats to him. He is loved and honored by the multitudes of Ark-



J. S. ROGERS, SR.

ansas Baptists. Brother Rogers, we have not forgotten your faithful, persistent, sacrificial, untiring contribution to the cause of our Lord in this great state. We hope you are given many years among us before you cross over to be with Him whom you love and serve so well.

Brother Compere was for a long time editor of the *Arkansas Baptist* which was then called the *Baptist Advance*. He was a brilliant editor. He was a writer of no mean ability; keen, articulate, prolific, and fearless. He understood the Baptist position and his enunciations thereof were illuminating. He was especially helpful to young preachers, who were careful to find the truth in the word of God.

Brother Compere has not been in good health recently and we understand he is not doing any preaching at all. Since you do not see him often maybe you would like to drop him a note of appreciation. Brother Compere, we pray that the Lord will give you much satisfaction over the fine ministry which you have performed and also give you comfort and peace of mind and heart through all your days.

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STRANGE PEOPLE I HAVE MET

People who talk about prayer, but who never pray.

People who say tithing is right, but do not tithe.

People who wish to belong to the church, but who never attend or support the church.

Contributions to Help Rebuild Storm Torn Churches

Church & Pastor	Amount
Farmington, D. M. Kreis	\$ 25.00
North Fork, Ralph Bishop	8.00
Strawfloor, James Gibson	10.00
West Helena, pastorless	25.00
Whitton, Edd Cloud	25.76
Murfreesboro, E. S. Hall	50.00
Unity, Paul Renard	37.60
Salem, pastorless	5.76
Ashdown, Dell Hames	110.75
Rector, J. Leland Hall	63.90
Trinity, P. J. Crowder	52.51
Centerton, Melvin D. Coffelt	28.65
Immanuel, W. O. Vaught, Jr.	41.00
West Fork, Raymond Reed	25.37
Batesville, C. D. Sallee	315.05
Yocana, pastorless	18.15
Arkadelphia First, D. O. Moore	200.00
Corders Chapel, E. M. Bragdon	15.00
Brumley, Clayton Peoples	24.50
Franklin, Clark Secoy	27.44
Hot Springs, Second, O. L. Bayless	100.00
Beebe, William Burnett	100.00
Cabot, Wilson Deese	100.47
White River, Ben Cook	13.34
Mt. Zion, John Garland	21.71
Portland, Robert Dickson	43.10
Pisgah, Bill Agee	20.00
Cotton Plant, W. R. Tatum	46.12
Coy, Herbert Sparler	30.63
Corning, L. B. Golden	42.06
Cache Valley, A. C. Rudloff	50.00
Immanuel, Quincy Mathis	25.00
Alzheimer, Russell Hunt	100.00
Lewisville, J. W. Royal	339.75
Norman, pastorless	48.11
Walnut Street, Douglas Scrivener	78.06
Carlisle, L. G. Gatlin	179.15

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A Successful Year

Ouachita College has just closed a very successful session. The outlook a year ago was rather discouraging, but more students came to this great school than we had expected, and the wise management of President Haswell and Business Manager Reed carried the school through with flying colors. A large class was graduated on May 19. Dr. Ray Summers of the Southwestern Theological Seminary preached the Baccalaureate Sermon and Dr. James Landes, pastor of Wichita Falls, Texas, delivered the Commencement Address. The Board of Trustees had a meeting on May 19, and the "dirt was turned" in preparation for the new administration building.

We congratulate the large class of 1952 upon their selection of a great institution, and upon the completion of the prescribed courses of study leading to their graduation.

The Renaissance Of The Soul —John 3:7

The Land of Beginning Again

"I wish that there were
Some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning
Again,
Where all our mistakes and all
our heartaches.
And all of our selfish grief,
Could be dropped like a shabby
old coat at the door,
And never put on again.

"I wish we could come on it, all
unaware,
Like the Hunter who finds a
lost trail;

I wish that the one whom our
blindness had done

The greatest injustice of all
Could be at the gates like an old
friend that waits

For the comrade he's gladdest to
hail.

"We could find all the things
we intended to do

But forgot and remembered—
too late;

Little praises unspoken, little
promises broken;

And all of the thousand and one
Little duties neglected that
might have perfected

The day for one less fortunate.

"It couldn't be possible not to
be kind

In the Land of Beginning Again,
And the ones we misjudged and
the ones whom we grudged

Their moments of victory here
Would find in the grasp of our
loving clasp

More than penitent lips could
explain.

"For what had been hardest we'd
know has been best,
And what had seemed loss would
be gain;

For there isn't a sting that will
not take wing

When we've freed it and laughed
it away;

And I think that the laughter is
most what we're after,

In the Land of Beginning Again."

—Tarkington.

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Dying to things that keeps
us out of identification and union
with Christ is not sacrifice but
great release. To give up nothing
worth keeping to get everything
worth having is big business.