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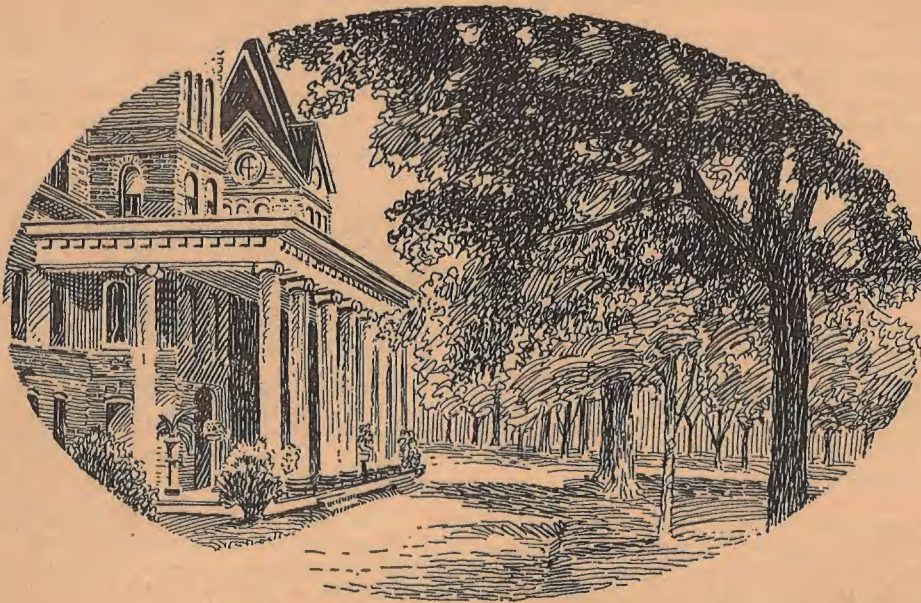
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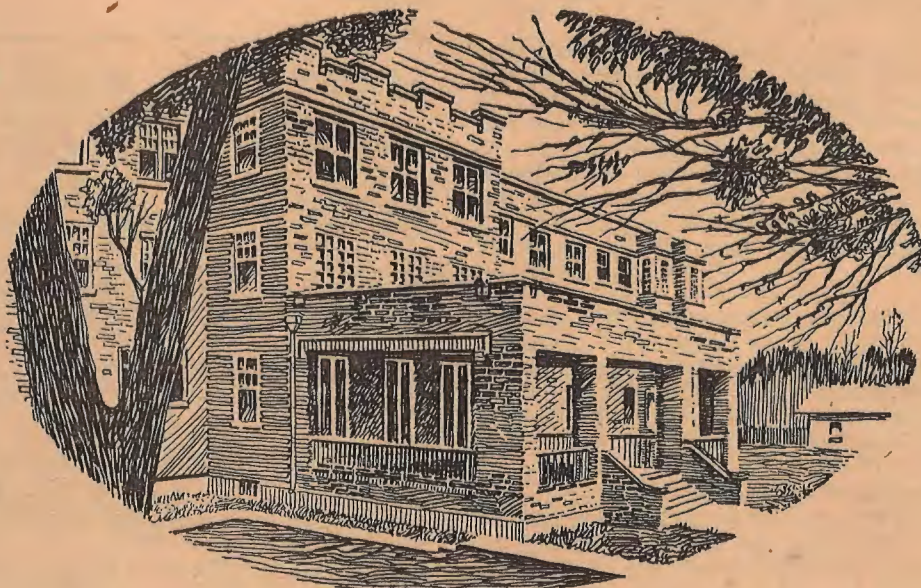
NUMBER 1

Know Your Institutions . . .

CENTRAL COLLEGE



Administration Building, Central College



Bruce Hall, Dormitory for Students

Central College, Arkansas Baptists' college for girls, at Conway, claims distinction on at least three counts:

- It is a distinctively Christian college.
- It is a standard junior college offering a college degree, the Associate in Arts.
- It is a college for girls, the only college in Arkansas exclusively for women.

Central immediately faces two emergencies. Edwin S. Preston, president of the institution for the past three years, has resigned to accept the presidency of Cumberland University in Tennessee. He will leave at the end of the current school year. A capable leader must be found for Central if she is to continue to serve.

Pastor E. C. Brown, First Church, Blytheville, chairman of the Board of Trustees, has appointed a committee of Pastor Harold B. Tillman and Mrs. Fay Lasley, Conway; Pastor E. P. J. Garrott, First Church, Batesville; Pastor M. Ray McKay, Second Church, Little Rock, and Mrs. Fritz E. Goodbar, Russellville, to recommend a successor to Mr. Preston.

Central also is in a financial crisis. Without endowment, the college is forced to rely on allocations from the State Convention and on gifts from individuals for its operating funds. It has been extremely difficult in years past to make ends meet.

President Preston and the Central College Board of Trustees have launched a quiet campaign among individuals and monied interests for certain new buildings and \$500,000 endowment. The campaign, which is not directed to churches, has had the approval of the State Convention and its Executive Board.

Central's report to the State Convention, meeting last November, stated: "Central College faces the future with 53 years of history behind her, a history unblemished by any lack of certainty in the clear note of Christian education sounded. The immediate past has shown the possibilities of a distinctive Christian junior college exclusively for girls and has encouraged those who have a deep conviction for the need for such an institution in Arkansas, a need for an institution enlarged in its ability to serve."

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

Southern Baptist Executive Committee Outlines Ambitious Program for 1947

By WALTER M. GILMORE

In the light of present pressing and distressing world needs, Southern Baptists are girding themselves for a greatly enlarged financial program in 1947. It is confidently expected that when the Southern Baptist Convention meets in Miami, Fla., May 15-19, definite plans will be adopted for putting on a great forward movement.

The Administrative Committee of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, together with the executive heads of the agencies and institutions of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Nashville, March 20-21, to formulate definite plans to be presented to a joint meeting of the Executive Committee, Southwide executives, state secretaries, and editors of our Baptist papers called to meet in Miami, May 14, the day before the meeting of the Convention.

Recommendations For Finance

The following recommendations were adopted by the administrative group:

1. We recommend that this 1947 financial program be considered the second step of the long range financial program of the denomination proposed at the September, 1945, meeting of the Executive Committee based upon the findings of the Survey Committee.

2. We recommend that the Cooperative Program with the Every-Member Canvass for the operating needs of the agencies and institutions be continued, the distribution of funds being according to the recommendations of the Committee on Allocations.

3. We recommend in addition to the Cooperative Program, a goal of \$7,000,000 for relief and rehabilitation in foreign fields, and for capital needs of our southwide institutions and agencies; and that this goal be broken down as follows: (1) Foreign Mission Board, for relief \$1,500,000; for rehabilitation \$2,000,000; total \$3,500,000 (the \$1,500,000 relief is not to be charged against the \$7,000,000 recommended for capital needs of the Foreign Mission Board by the Survey Committee). (2) Home Mission Board, \$500,000. (3) Southern Seminary, \$967,000. (4) Southwestern Seminary, \$829,000. (5) Baptist Bible Institute, \$829,000. (6) American Theological Seminary, \$75,000. (7) Relief and Annuity Board, \$250,000. (8) Radio Committee, \$50,000.

4. We recommend that the distribution of these capital funds be in proportion to their relative goals as listed.

5. We recommend that designated funds for capital needs for any agency or institution be applied on its goal, but when the goal of said agency is met it will not participate further in distributable capital funds until the goals of the other agencies are met, however it shall continue to receive any designated funds.

6. We recommend that all southwide institutions and agencies be instructed to call off all special campaigns, as of January 1, 1947, for raising money for their respective capital needs; this however does not apply to any denominationally approved special offerings either for state or southwide causes, or to an institution's approach to individuals for special gifts.

7. We recommend that beginning with the Miami Convention we lay the ground work for this special campaign and that January-March be a period for intensive preparation

and publicity and April for the securing of cash and subscriptions to be paid on or before December 31, 1947.

8. We recommend that when the denominationally approved operating budget of any agency or institution is met said agency shall apply other receipts to its capital needs.

Suggestions For Promotion

The following were listed as suggestions for promoting the campaign:

1. That it is the sense of this group that the campaign in 1947 for capital needs of \$7,000,000 be for southwide agencies and institutions to meet southwide and world needs.

2. That the total of \$7,000,000 for southwide capital needs be apportioned to the states based upon their average contributions to southwide causes over a period of five years.

3. That to provide for the expense of promoting the campaign the following be the procedure:

(a) That an initial gift of \$10,000 from the Sunday School Board be requested.

(b) That each agency benefiting from the campaign be asked to advance necessary funds based upon anticipated receipts from the campaign, the same to be refunded to the agencies out of their subsequent receipts from the campaign.

4. That the Executive Secretary and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention set up the necessary organization and employ the necessary helpers for the successful promotion of this program.

5. That Drs. McCall, Dillard, and Tripp, chairmen of the Committee on Cooperation and Enrollment, bring to the Miami meeting recommendations relative to the promotion of the campaign.

Charges that the income of most ministers of the United Church of Canada puts them on a financial basis equal to that of local garbage collectors were made at a session of the church presbytery. In a discussion of the coming campaign to bolster failing reserves in the pension fund for ministers it was pointed out that most of them earn \$1,500 or less a year.

At the recent Florida State Convention, there were thirty names on the program, and of these twelve were being heard for the first time by the representatives of the churches of the state. This was considered remarkable by some. At any rate, it shows a commendable trend. Both in state conventions and in national conventions the platform is occupied too often and too long "by the same old crowd."
—Watchman Examiner.

REUNION OF PRESBYTERIANS—Proposals for reunion of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. and the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. (Southern) have gained support among the former body, it was reported at a meeting of the Department of Church Cooperation and Union in Philadelphia.

Representatives of the department announced that the plan providing for reunion of the two churches, which was distributed for study and report throughout the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., has been favorably received, with few comments against it.

Drafting committees from both churches will meet jointly at Ashville, N. C., June 18-20, to further union negotiations.

The Universal Heart Cry

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"We would see Jesus."

It seems that this request of the Greeks presented to Jesus the inquiring world eternal cry of the universal heart of man. Its spiritual counterpart smote the heart of Jesus with a greater impact than ever known. He felt the heart of man reaching out for the satisfactions which the world never give.

There is a race consciousness of value possible personal enrichment, opportunity and powers beyond our present grasp. He said, "We groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to-wit, the redemption of our body."

The inquiry of the Greeks is the expression of man's perpetual and dramatic struggle to find the satisfactions which Jesus alone can provide.

Now we meet with the hesitant disciples. They were perplexed, they didn't know what to do. While the world is pleading to see Jesus, the disciples today, as then, often begin to look this way and that way, looking for a possible escape from the plea of hungry hearts. The appeals of the inquiring world are often drowned amid the petty bickering and quarreling among ourselves.

Next we are reminded of the prerequisite cross. We do not know that Jesus rebuked the Greeks on this occasion. He began to tell the hour had come, "that the son of man should be glorified." Then He spoke of a grain of wheat falling into the ground and dying. And finally He said, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."

There is the prerequisite. Jesus could not go to the world without the cross! He could not meet the world's needs without the cross. He could not answer the heart cry of the world without the cross!

"And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast; the same came therefore to Philip . . . and desired saying, We would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew; and again Andrew and he tell Jesus . . . And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me."
12:20-32.

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Across the Editor's Desk...

Arkansans Robbed;

Many Millions Lost

The annual horse racing season has ended at Hot Springs. In the thirty days that the ponies ran at Arkansas' resort city, Arkansans and state visitors threw away some \$10,000,000. Some of the gamblers got part of their money back . . . but they were the lucky ones. Many got none.

Whether they won or lost, the principle was the same. These gamblers threw their money away, robbing their families and their friends and their churches and their charities of some \$10,000,000. It was just a happen-chance if they got any of their "investment" back.

Of the record high of \$10,156,638 wagered, the jockey club legally kept \$1,015,663 of it, and the state—which you will recall allows the meet because of the "tremendous" revenue it pays the state—got \$591,538.

Our reports do not mention the money the state had to pay to the police required at the track or to the collectors and clerks who handled the money and kept books on it. Neither is it mentioned how much money will be lost on income tax collections because of wages lost by taxpayers. And nothing whatever is said of the loss suffered by state citizens who had little enough judgment to throw bread money away on these races. We would think that the race meet has cost Arkansas much more than the \$591,538 received in revenue.

We think also of the loss of spiritual and moral values, lost by those who wagered, lost by those whose lives are affected by the loss of wagered money, lost by the citizens of the state—yes, you and me—who allow these gambling festivals to be held to tempt and to rob our people.

The reason many people cannot find Opportunity is it goes about disguised as Hard Work.

The Earl of Halifax, in the closing address of his tenure as British Ambassador to the United States, urged Americans not to separate Christian belief and action. "The spiritual influence that Christianity may exert upon the life of a nation will depend upon the personal lives of those who profess and call themselves Christians," he said.

Worried by the public reaction to the continued use of grain for whiskey manufacture while millions are starving around the world, distillers reportedly are preparing a nationwide advertising campaign to show that a part of the grain used in manufacture of alcohol is salvaged and used for feed for cattle.

Alaska Baptists

Representatives of several Baptist groups are meeting at the First Baptist Church, Anchorage, Alaska, April 10-11, for the purpose of organizing an Alaska Baptist Convention, William A. Petty, president of the College of Alaska, announced.

Baptist work in Alaska was started by a Southern Baptist chaplain about three years ago and has grown to include churches at Anchorage and Juneau, missions at Fairbanks and East Anchorage, and the college. Ground has already been obtained on a small lake for an orphanage and for summer encampments. All churches and missions have pastors, and two other ministers are doing mission work in areas not yet touched.

"With a convention organized and cooperative funds coming in, missionaries can be sent out to build new missions that will grow into new churches," Mr. Petty said. "How wonderful it is that Alaska, America's last frontier which is one-sixth the size of the United States, may even yet be built upon the solid rock, Jesus Christ."

Mr. Preston

The Central College Board of Trustees has accepted the resignation of Edwin S. Preston, president of the college for the past three years. Mr. Preston goes to Lebanon, Tenn., June 1, to be president of Tennessee Baptists' newly acquired Cumberland University.

We wish Mr. Preston well in his new and responsible duties. We regret mightily to see him leave Arkansas, where in many fields he has been a voice of keen insight and experience to which our people have listened gladly in these years of doubt and growth and feeling-our-way.

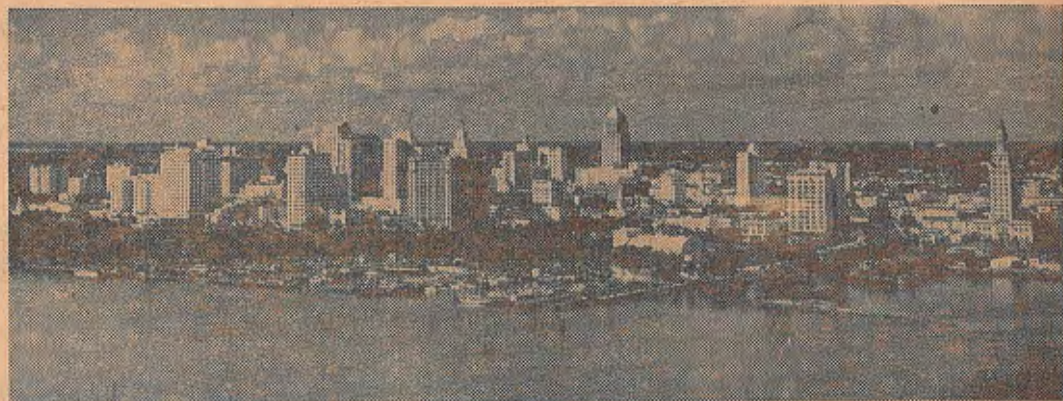
He has made a notable record as president of Central College. He has proved a vital aid in the inauguration of an Arkansas Baptist Radio Hour. He has brought a proud honor to the state in his chairmanship of the Southern Baptist Radio Committee.

We will miss Ed Preston from our midst.

Woodrow Wilson urged "pitiless publicity" as the best cure for the evils of democracy.

Since seeing the motion picture, "The Lost Week-End," in which an advanced case of delirium tremens is depicted, Editor E. T. Wayland of the Arkansas Methodist suggests the following slogan to liquor industries for their advertising campaigns: "Not a Rat or a Bat in a Barrel."

ALL ABOARD FOR MIAMI



Skylines of Miami, where the Southern Baptist Convention will meet.

Arkansans will have opportunity to ride either of two special cars to the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, May 15-19.

A special car, or cars as the demand might be, is scheduled to leave Memphis Sunday morning, May 12, arriving in Miami Monday afternoon. This is arranged by Lawson H. Cooke, secretary of the Baptist Brotherhood of the South, and accommodations may be reserved by writing him at the Commerce Title Building, Memphis 3, Tenn.

A special car especially for Arkansas Baptists will leave Little Rock about 2:30 a. m. Monday, May 13, and arrive in Miami Tuesday afternoon. Passengers with Pullman reservations may board the train and go to bed

anytime after 9:30 p. m. Sunday, May 12. It is arranged by State Secretary B. L. Bridges, 200 Radio Center, Little Rock.

The Cooke train is designed to arrive in Miami in time for pre-convention sessions, which will include a conference for pastors and a meeting of the Southwide Executive Committee together with State Secretaries and State Editors. Publicity for this train is being circulated in all states where routes would pass through Memphis.

Dr. Bridges is scheduling his train a day later to accommodate the pastors and other leaders who want to have that Sunday with their home churches. It is imperative that the Convention messengers miss the following Sunday because the Convention will not close until Sunday evening.

THE OUACHITA CAMPAIGN

Otto Whittington, Director

Attention, Arkansas Baptists!

Christian education is on trial before YOU. Many Christian schools have been discontinued the last few years. Some prominent educators are saying that the church school is on the way out. What do Arkansas Baptists say? Ouachita College speaks eloquently today of the faith of our fathers in CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

We *MUST* continue Ouachita. Her illustrious history, her magnificent service and her future glory are OUR heritage. ALL ARKANSAS BAPTISTS ARE THE TRUSTEES OF OUACHITA COLLEGE. Has God blessed you with success? Then you have come to such a time as this. What an opportunity to show yourselves worthy of that success: big men, dependable men, men of GOD. We will be true and faithful to the trust given us by the Lord and left us by those friends of Ouachita who have gone before.

We *MUST* protect and preserve our investments at Ouachita. There were those who, in good faith, gave large sums of money, who spent their lives, sacrificed and prayed for the life of the College, investing more than money. It would be unreasonable, economically unsound and morally wrong not to preserve this investment and provide for the future life of Ouachita.

We Need Ouachita College

Arkansas Baptists need it. Arkansas needs it. Our churches need it. Our homes need it. Our boys and girls need it. When our schools are in jeopardy our faith is not safe. BAPTIST FAITH, purified by fire, bleached by persecution, crimsoned with blood, hoary with age, cries out for Christian education. Ouachita is a SERVICE INSTITUTION for which Arkansas Baptists will be thankful through the unfolding years.

We will say to J. W. Conger, R. G. Bowers, C. E. Dicken and many others of sainted memory, who are watching this campaign from on High, "We will be faithful and true to your memory, to your sacrificial lives and to the trust you left us."

We will say to our children and to our children's children, "We bequeath to you an institution of learning solemnly dedicated to Christian education which will give you a chance in life."

Let us join hands and hearts and solemnly dedicate ourselves and what we have to the task of this campaign now. Cannot Arkansas Baptists unite in doing one big thing? We cannot do otherwise and be faithful.

*"Faith of our fathers! living still
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword—
Faith of our fathers! holy faith!
We will be true to thee 'till death."*

**Send All Money and Pledges to DR. B. L. BRIDGES, Executive Secretary
Room 200, Radio Center Building, Little Rock, Arkansas**

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Johnson township, including the town of Panama, in Union County voted dry in a local liquor election last week. The vote was 4 to 34.

Dr. James B. Leavell, pastor, First Church, Texarkana, was evangelist in a revival that began at Central Church, Magnolia, March 15. Singer T. D. Carroll, Henderson, Tex., directed the music. L. L. Hunnicutt is pastor.

Leopanto Church is making plans for a revival April 21-28 with Pastor B. F. Waite, North Street Church, Jonesboro, assisting. Miss M. Riherd is pastor.

Urging application of the golden rule and other teachings of Jesus, Ben Wofford, retired chaplain, spoke to the Conway Rotary Club, March 21, on prejudices. He said the most prevalent prejudice in the South is that of the white man toward the Negro. Similar conditions prevailed between opposite races in many other nations. He asked what would be the attitude of the white man if the Negro were in the majority, making laws and prescribing the conditions under which the white people must live. "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," he said is still the best principle to employ in ridding oneself of prejudices.

Five hundred five professions of faith were made in a recent city-wide revival at Scranton, Pa., led by Evangelist Joe Henry Hankins, Pine Bluff. Mr. Hankins is now in Los Angeles, Calif., where he will preach for seven weeks at two big tent meetings sponsored by the Christian Business Men of Los Angeles.

Rev. Taylor Stanfill, superintendent of city missions in Little Rock, and Dr. R. F. Ricketts, Little Rock, former missionary to China, spoke in a School of Missions in Memphis last week in which 52 Baptist churches in Shelby County took part. Fifty missionaries are on the program.

Central Church, Bald Knob, had an enrollment of 56 with an average attendance of 48 in a recent Training Union Study Course. Forty-one qualified for awards. Mrs. B. V. Robinson taught the adult class using the book, "The Growing Christian." Pastor Chesley S. Maynard taught "The People Called Baptist" to the young people. Theo Ashcraft taught the juniors "The Junior and His Church." Inspirational speakers were Pastor Charles F. Wilkins, Newport; Pastor Ray Payne, Tuckerman; T. G. Tackett, Memphis; and Pastor W. R. Vestal, Searcy. J. D. Tackett, Training Union director. The church began a revival April 7 with Pastor Clyde Hart, Central Church, Hot Springs, as evangelist.

PASTORAL CHANGES

Alton B. Pierce from Temple Church, Rushton, La., to First Church, Pine Bluff, effective April 14.
J. G. Cothran of Louisville, Ky., to First Church, Arkadelphia.
George H. Hink from Savannah, Mo., to First Church, Greenwood.

Pastor Wallace Rogers, First Church, Pensacola, Fla., will lead First Church, Morrilton, Jim Brewer, pastor, in a revival April 21-28.

The "Good News Hour" is broadcast each Sunday morning at 8 o'clock over stations KGHI, Little Rock; KBTM, Jonesboro; and KELD, El Dorado. The program is sponsored by the Home Mission Board, Atlanta, Ga.

Three additions by baptism and a life surrendered to the ministry resulted from evangelistic efforts at Palestine Church, Tri-County Association. Rev. H. M. Dugger, Beebe, led the preaching, and Mr. Martin of Forrest City led the music. Glen Giles is pastor.

First Church, McGehee, began a revival April 7 with Pastor Jesse Reed, Park Place Church, Hot Springs, as evangelist and Singer O. U. Rushing, Jackson, Miss., directing the music. Theo T. James is pastor.

First Church, Joiner, recently had a Training Union study course with Pastor W. E. Speed, Lake City, teaching the adults and young people, Mrs. Paul Hays, the intermediates, and Mrs. Vernon Mitchel, the juniors. During the week there were seven additions to the church, four on profession of faith. Average attendance was ninety with 86 qualifying for awards. The church does not have a pastor; Mrs. F. H. Gill is Training Union director.

Pastor W. R. Woodell, First Church, Wynne, was guest evangelist in a revival which began at First Church, McCrory, March 24.

Prof. Albert Garner of Missionary Bible Institute has called attention to our statement that the American Baptist Association which

"Rejoice With Me"

"For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found."

"It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad."

These are scripture quotations, but the writer feels the similarity of the occasion. The writer two years ago bade his son farewell, as the boy went to fight the Germans, and face hazards of the most vicious war in history. We gave him over to death, but the Lord has brought him back. This day he arrived home. Only God could do it.

We invite our friends and neighbors to rejoice with us and to give God the credit for it all.

"It was meet that we make merry and be glad."

—B. L. BRIDGES.

met recently at Texarkana "claims 442 churches." It should have read that messengers at the meeting represented 442 churches. Not all the churches in the Association were represented.

Chaplain Gerald Trussell, native of Hot Springs, has been discharged from military service and has accepted the pastorate of First Church, Homer, La. He is a graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth. He has served as pastor of First Church, Clifton, Tex., and Garden Villas Church, Houston, Tex. In March, 1943 he resigned the pastorate of the Garden Villas Church to enter the Navy chaplaincy. His last fifteen months of service was aboard the Aircraft Carrier Escort U. S. S. Bogue in both the Atlantic and Pacific areas.

Dr. S. E. Tull, who has been serving as supply pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, and Mrs. Tull will make Pine Bluff their permanent home following disposition of property in Jackson, Miss., where they have been living since he retired from full-time pastoral work.

Reports from First Church, Leachville, indicate that progress is being made in every phase of the work. Contributions to the Cooperative Program have been increased. Attendance at all services is encouraging. There have been nineteen additions, seven by baptism, since Pastor Rex B. Brown moved on the field in June, 1945. Plans are under way for the construction of a new building as soon as materials are available. Planned activities include a Vacation Bible School in June.

Pastor Homer B. Reynolds, native of Little Rock, who accepted the pastorate of Ross Avenue Church, Dallas, Tex., after being discharged from the chaplaincy, has been on the field two months and has witnessed over fifty additions in the regular services of the church. He will lead Second Church, Little Rock, in an evangelistic campaign April 22-May 3.

Hoxie Church was recently engaged in a Training Union study course with Pastor George W. Boyd teaching "A Winning Witness" to the adults; Mrs. R. H. Shrewsbury, "The Plan of Salvation" to the young people; Mrs. Boyd, "Witnessing for Christ" to the intermediates; and Miss Gipson, "The Junior and His Church" to the juniors.

First Church, DeWitt, had a Training Union study course March 11-15 as preparation for revival services which began April 1. Pastor Douglas M. White taught "Soul-Winning Doctrines" to a combined class for adults and young people, Pastor B. E. Eldridge, Almyra, taught "Growing in Bible Knowledge" to the intermediates, and Mrs. Eldridge taught "This is My Bible" to the juniors. Enrollment was 93 with an average attendance of 61. Pastor White says the course has made a splendid contribution toward the spirit of the church.

The summer session of Ouachita College begins June 3. First term will end July 5 with the second term beginning July 8 and continuing through August 9. Six semester hours may be earned each term or high school students may complete from three-fourths to one unit. Expenses per term, including tuition and general fee, nurse, physician, room and board is \$35. For further information write President J. R. Grant.

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HOME MISSIONS IN ACTION

At the meeting of the Home Mission Board in March, it was reported that Dr. Fred C. Eastham, superintendent of evangelism, is making satisfactory progress in a hospital in Oklahoma City, where he has been confined for several weeks after undergoing a serious operation.

For a number of years, Fruitland Institute in North Carolina was owned jointly by the Executive Board of the North Carolina Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board. The Home Board accepted an offer from North Carolina Baptists for a transfer of Fruitland Institute to the state board.

The committee on rural work recommended an appropriation for cooperative work in rural missions in Texas for the current year and the report was adopted.

The board approved loans from the Church Extension Revolving Fund to the First Baptist Church of Encanto, San Diego, Calif.; Hawthorne Southern Baptist Church, Calif.; East Oakland Southern Baptist Church, Calif.; First Southern Baptist Church, Vallejo, Calif.; Ocean View Baptist Church, San Diego; and Calvary Southern Baptist Church, San Diego.

The Church Building and Loan Committee recommended loans for the First Baptist Church of Sparta, Ill.; Florence Villa Baptist Church, Winter Haven, Fla.; and the Calvary Baptist Church, Tuscumbia, Ala.

Our Negro Work

Recently a meeting was held in Atlanta, Ga., in which 23 Negro Baptist colleges were represented by their executive heads.

Dr. Roland Smith, assistant to the executive secretary on Negro work, was in charge of the meeting. These college presidents discussed the relationship of their colleges with the Home Mission Board in the teacher-missionary program which Southern Baptists have with Negro institutions.

Encouraging comments were made and the cooperation in this work seemed effective. Dr. Lawrence and Dr. Caylor took part in the meeting.

Returning Chaplains

Dr. Alfred Carpenter, superintendent of camp work for the Home Mission Board, is a busy man these days in surveying the records of chaplains separated from the service.

He reports that brethren in the states are very helpful in getting these chaplains before churches that are pastorless and in need of leadership.

The June issue of Southern Baptist Home Missions will be dedicated to the chaplains. Twelve of the brethren gave their lives in service to our country. Appropriate pictures and tributes will be found in the magazine for that month.

All that can be done to place returning chaplains will be a genuine service to the churches and to the denomination.

Silver Anniversary

In May, Rev. Jacob Gartenhaus, for 25 years missionary to the Jews for the Home Mission

Board, will consummate a quarter of a century's service in this field. Southern Baptist Home Missions will dedicate its May number to Brother Gartenhaus.

New Building At New Orleans

At the March meeting of the Home Mission Board, a motion prevailed that the board start building as soon as possible on the Rachel Sims Mission, New Orleans. A building to cost approximately \$85,000 has been approved in rough draft. Suitable committees are working on the plans and specifications.

New Office Associate

B. M. Crain, recently educational director of the Highland Baptist Church, Shreveport, has been elected by the Home Mission Board as associate office secretary to help Mr. J. W. Wing, who for more than 25 years has been the office secretary of the board.

Mr. Crain comes highly recommended and with valuable experience, having worked ten years in an insurance office and having been the successful director of education in the Highland Church of Shreveport.

Brother Crain began his work with the Home Board, April 1. This is quite a relief to Secretary Wing, whose work has grown so extensive that much help is required.

The publishing of books and the business end of the board, as well as the technical handling of loan accounts, have added considerable work to the office. Help of the kind expected from Mr. Crain will be very welcome.

Schools of Missions

The Home Mission Board's superintendent of schools of missions, Rev. Lewis W. Martin, is rejoicing over the success of a school of missions held in Washington, D. C., recently.

There were various departments cooperating in the school. More than 20,000 persons were in the classes and assemblies of the Washington school.

One of the speakers indicated that the city of Washington, D. C., is a great mission field in itself. Not only are the Christians in the city missionary minded, but, according to this speaker, Washington furnishes great material for the expression of mission efforts.

City Missions At Work

A typical monthly report on city missions shows, even with many churches not reporting, 400 churches, 240 missions, ten to fifteen revivals, the use of more than 5,000 volunteer workers, approximately 1,000 professions of faith, and half as many additions with a total of more than 5,000 mission services conducted, and a grand total of attendance of 160,000.

At present there are 37 city superintendents of missions and four openings, or vacancies.

Mission Books Reprinted

It is a good sign when a book sells out. His Precious Promises by J. W. Beagle and Missions in the New World by J. B. Lawrence sold out; and reprints are on hand now, ready for delivery on order. The Country Church by

John D. Freeman is also coming off the press now and is ready for delivery. These reprints are very much in demand.

City Superintendents

The Home Mission Board in its March meeting approved the appointment of Rev. Wells of Lafayette, La., to become superintendent of city missions for New Orleans as a replacement. The Louisiana state and the Home Board are in cooperation with the city mission program of New Orleans.

At the same meeting, the board appointed Rev. Ralph L. Cannon, former chaplain of the Army, as city missionary in Durham, N. C.; and Rev. Dennis M. Larkins, recently pastor in Raleigh, N. C., as city missionary in Raleigh, succeeding Rev. Fletcher L. Larkins, who resigned.

New Mission Property

The policy of the Home Mission Board respect to mission property, is that where the board owns the property, after the church has demonstrated its ability to handle its own affairs and care for its property, a deed is given to the church subject to certain restrictions. This places responsibility and ownership in the local congregation.

Appropriations were approved at the March meeting for purchase of a building site for a Mexican mission in Tucson, Ariz. An allocation of \$25,000 was made for the construction of a new church building for a Mexican church at Corpus Christi.

Funds were appropriated for remodeling a mission building at Beeville, Tex., and converting it into a pastor's home; for a site for an Indian center in Phoenix, Ariz.; and an amount was provided for an Indian insular mission held at the Indian Center in Albuquerque, N. M.

Missionary Recruits

New missionary appointments in the among Indians and foreigners included names of Carlos Pierson at Freer, Tex.; Sara M. Jimenez at Houston, Miss Espinoza Martinez at Pharr, and Miss Sarah Uvalde at Uvalde, Tex.

Rev. Alonso Barbosa was approved as a missionary pastor at Raton, N. M. Miss Elizabeth Hill becomes kindergarten worker at Aledo, N. M.; and Rev. Robert Falls becomes pastor of Only Way Indian Baptist Church and missionary among the Sac and Fox tribes.

Work in the Western States

At the March meeting of the Home Mission Board, plans were approved whereby the Board cooperates with the state board of Mexico in the appointment of eight general workers. A similar cooperation is also being planned with the Arizona state board in the appointment of six general workers.

Nine general workers were approved as part of a cooperative plan of work between the Home Mission Board and the California convention. Provision was made at the meeting for the care of widows of former missionaries in need of financial assistance. The fund for this purpose was administered by Dr. McCall.

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Mission Demands Come Thick and Fast . . .

"Is There a Doctor for Africa?"

By J. W. MARSHALL, *Secretary*
Department of Missionary Personnel
Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board

The following entreaty, so touching and insistent, came recently to the Foreign Mission Board, but it is not new:

"Won't you urge Dr. Rankin to please hurry and send another doctor out here? There is just so much work. Dr. Williams works so hard and long for there is too much for him to do. After something of a rest . . . he came back to the hospital in good condition. Already the heavy work of the hospital is beginning to have its effect on him. . . . Dr. McCamey and Miss Manley and Miss Kersey do all they can to help, but they do not take the place of another doctor. I just don't know what we're going to do if we don't get one soon—not only the work but the missionaries will suffer . . . it is certainly discouraging to wake up every morning after a hard day's work, and feel that the same amount of work and more is waiting for you, and there seems to be no relief in sight. The Lord answered our prayers and sent Dr. Williams when we were in dire distress before, so . . . he will . . . send another. Won't you and the others help us pray for him?"

Your Foreign Mission Board is tragically in need of doctors for Africa and also for China where at least seven of our eight hospitals will be rehabilitated and opened just as soon as doctors can be found. We have only three doctor missionaries in China at this moment. Prospects for sending two more doctors to the Orient are rather bright but we must find others immediately.

Demands Are Varied and Urgent

The demands are just as great for mature and strong preachers of the gospel, nurses, goodwill center workers, teachers for seminaries, Bible schools, colleges, high schools, trade schools, kindergarten and nurseries.

It is imperative that the Foreign Mission Board appoint at least fifty missionaries annually. Missionaries on the field are breaking down from over work. For the sake of our missionaries, and for the sake of the half-dead world, we must find recruits. Southern Baptists must do their part by sending and going as Christ-filled missionaries to try to heal the festering sore of a war-infected world.

This dangerous and wicked world can be saved and must be changed. The very scientists who made the atomic bomb tell us that every country will know the secret within three years. There is only one way to make it safe for our boys and girls and for unborn generations. There is only one way—by making enough people really Christian soon enough. Southern Baptists have not yet gone into all nations. We have a mere handful of missionaries in only twenty countries; 550 foreign missionaries representing five and a half million Southern Baptists are not enough.

Whole-Hearted Support Vital

Your Foreign Mission Board needs the whole-hearted cooperation of five and a half million people. Your help is needed not only to finance the endeavor. More than anything else, your prayers are needed. Young doctors, preachers, nurses, and teachers are not likely to dedicate themselves to unselfish, sacrificial service in foreign lands away from home and friends until the rest of us are whole-heartedly dedicated to this world-wide task. It may not be wise or God-honoring for us to spend too much time praying that our young people will dedicate themselves to overseas evangelism until we have first of all prayed down

a mighty, spiritual awakening which will call forth in all of our Southern Baptist people a dedication of life and outpouring of money.

Southern Baptists have no Selective Service Act by which missionaries may be drafted to serve where they are needed. The Foreign Mission Board's Department of Missionary Personnel is depending on pastors, Woman's Missionary Union leaders, Sunday School teachers, Training Union officers, and Christian parents to keep constantly before our youth the Master's call to white-unto-harvest fields ahead. Very few of our young people volunteered for foreign service during the war period. The number of volunteers since the war is pathetically small. Every pastor, every Christian leader, every parent must be led to feel a personal responsibility in presenting to our youth God's call to foreign service.

While most of the needs abroad call for general missionaries such as ordained men, teachers, doctors and nurses, there are a limited number of openings for people with specialized training in agriculture, domestic science, goodwill center work, music, business, architecture, printing, journalism, and creative writing.

Qualification Requirements

The present annual salary plus residence for a foreign missionary is \$1,000; for a couple, \$2,000 (recently increased from \$800 each because of higher living costs). One year furlough comes with pay every six years; every fourth year in tropics. Transportation is furnished to and from the foreign mission station for all members of family under age sixteen, also \$100 to \$200 equipment allowance, and an annual allowance for each child of \$100 to \$190. Woman's Missionary Union provides a \$250 annual scholarship for each son or daughter in college. The Foreign Mission Board pays one-half of medical expenses up

to \$200 per person per year and one-half the premium on a \$1,000 group life insurance policy and provides a retirement annuity of \$900 for each missionary.

The following basic qualifications must characterize the missionary. He must be physically fit to adjust himself to a new life in a new land. He must be intellectually qualified by thorough and broad education, have the capacity to learn a language, have a thorough knowledge of the Bible, and present the appropriate professional skills. Generally, the candidate must have a bachelor's degree from a standard college or university and a degree from an approved seminary or missionary training school.

The missionary must be marked for his Christian character; that is, he must have, above all things, love; also a growing Christian experience, a sure grasp of the Christian faith, a sense of missions from the Master—a divine call, the gift of interpreting and communicating his faith, the capacity to appreciate and cooperate with, and the ability to identify himself with, the best interests of other people.

"Why Not Go?"

A pioneer missionary in the Orient faced his call very practically: "To me the question was not 'Why go?' but rather 'Why not go?' Even on the ground of common sense I seemed called to be a missionary. For, is not the kingdom a great harvest field? Then I thought it only reasonable to seek the work where the work was most abundant and the workers were fewest."

You are invited to confer, by correspondence or personal interview, with J. W. Marshall, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Personnel, Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, Richmond 20, Va. Notify the personnel department of friends whom you know to be volunteers. Doctors, pastors, chaplains, teachers and others who are volunteers should write immediately regardless of time when you will be ready for appointment.

Arkansas Baptist Radio Hour Goes On Six Stations Beginning April 28

By B. H. DUNCAN, *Chairman*
The Radio Commission

The Radio Commission of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention is happy to announce that final arrangements are being completed for the broadcast of the Arkansas Baptist Hour, beginning the week of April 28.

A series of thirteen thirty-minute transcribed programs has been prepared. These programs will be broadcast over six radio stations within the state: KTHS, Hot Springs; KARK, Little Rock; KFPW, Fort Smith; KUOA, Siloam Springs; KLCN, Blytheville; KELD, El Dorado. The time of the broadcast over each station will be announced later.

The Radio Commission releases this

series of programs with full confidence in its merit, because it carries the Baptist message as revealed in God's word. We feel assured that these programs will be heard with genuine appreciation by the public in general and by Baptists in particular.

That you may know the personnel of the Radio Commission, we list their names below:

B. H. Duncan, Chairman, Hot Springs; E. C. Brown, Vice Chairman, Blytheville; J. F. Queen, Secretary, Little Rock; Edwin S. Preston, Conway; B. V. Ferguson, Fort Smith; Bruce H. Price, Texarkana; Sam C. Reeves, El Dorado; M. Ray McKay, Little Rock, and R. Houston Smith, Arkadelphia (who has removed from the state).

TEN DISTRICT TRAINING APRIL 22-

DEMONSTRATIONS, CONFERENCES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS

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Program Schedule

THEME — "Enlisting to Win"

AFTERNOON "Enlistment"

- 1:30—Song and Praise Service
- 1:50—Purpose and Plan of the Meeting..... Ralph W. Davis
- 2:00—"The Training Union Seeking and Winning the Lost".....
..... A. E. Tibbs and J. Earl Mead
- 2:20—Panel Discussion..... Led by Ralph W. Davis
- 2:55—Demonstrating the Executive Committee Meeting.....
..... R. Maines Rawls and J. E. Lambdin
- 3:30—"How to Build a Great Training Union"..... C. Aubrey Hearn and J. E. Lambdin
- 4:00—Department Conferences:
- (1) Place of Administration in Enlisting to Win.....
..... A. E. Tibbs and J. E. Lambdin
- (2)—Enlisting to Win Adults..... Ralph W. Davis
- (3)—Enlisting to Win Young People..... Maines Rawls and Earl Mead
- (4)—Enlisting to Win Intermediates..... Aubrey Hearn and District Workers
- (5)—Enlisting to Win Juniors..... District Workers and Mrs. J. E. Lambdin
- (6)—Enlisting to Win Children..... Miss Thelma Arnote and District Workers
- (7)—Enlisting to Win Through Music
- 4:45—Adjourn

NIGHT "Enriching the Program"

- 7:00—Song Service, Announcements
- 7:30—"Enriching the Sunday Night Union Programs".....
..... C. Aubrey Hearn and J. E. Lambdin
- 7:50—Panel Discussion..... Led by Ralph W. Davis
- 8:20—Demonstrating the Sunday Night Union Program
- 8:50—"The Price of Enlisting to Win"..... A. E. Tibbs and J. Earl Mead
- 9:20—Adjourn



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—Immanuel Baptist Church
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Lottie Moon Offering For Foreign Missions

We are presenting a final report on the Lottie Moon Offering for Foreign Missions received since the observance of this season of prayer last December. We have received a total of \$36,923.62 as of April 4. We know you will rejoice to know of this splendid offering.

Annie Armstrong Offering For Home Missions

We have been hearing good reports from organizations observing the Home Mission Season of Prayer and the offerings are being remitted daily. We have received a total of \$5,800.73 as of April 4.

We would urge all organizations to glean and re-glean for this offering and remit same in the immediate future. We will want to have the major portion of this offering in hand before the Southwide meetings in May in Miami. Please do your best to complete your offering this month.

Reports For First Quarter Now Due

Reports for the first quarter should be received in the WMU office by April 15. Please be prompt in sending the report of your organization to your superintendent or counselor (or to this office if you have no associational officer).

Report blanks were sent to your associational officers for mailing before the end of March. If for any reason you did not receive yours, write to this office and a duplicate will be sent. Report all work done for January, February, and March and help to make this year's record reflect work done by all WMU organizations in the state.

Initial Announcement Of District Meetings

The annual meetings of the eight districts will be promoted in June, the inclusive dates being June 11-26. Further announcements will be made later concerning places and dates for each meeting.

WMU Rallies

Mrs. J. E. Reed, president of Northwest District, attended the WMU rallies held recently in Boone-Carroll and Benton County Associations. She reports good representative attendance at each, fine programs and very profitable days. The conference periods were especially helpful.

Mission Study On Cuba

The Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary of Hamburg recently studied "Dear Margaret" under the teaching of their counselor, Mrs. Douglas Pittard. She highly recommends this book for study. To aid her teaching she had some curios, and a costume and decorations from Cuba. Refreshments were Cuban dishes. Fifteen girls took the course and showed real enjoyment of the study. Mrs. H. B. Cammack assisted with the arrangements and serving.

Successful Church Night Plan For Auxiliaries

Auxiliary Night with the Junior and Intermediate GA's and RA's of First Church, Benton, was well attended Friday night, with 105 present. The Junior GA's led with 44 girls present and received the award for this month, a picture given by Mr. Jim Sims. These pictures, awarded monthly, will be left for the decoration of the dining room.

At five o'clock these young people went to the dining room where tables had been laid in green and white with favors for all. Recreational songs were sung and prayer was offered by Bro. Rose, the pastor. During the supper hours, music was furnished by Emily Jane Rose on the xylophone. After supper, the auxiliaries had their respective programs in their rooms.

Pulaski County Associational YWA Council Meets

Miss Maeline Dutton, president, presided over the Pulaski County Associational YWA Council held at Second Church, Little Rock. From nine auxiliaries ninety persons came bringing inspiring reports of the work done during the first quarter of 1946.

Mrs. J. C. Raper was introduced as the newly chosen YWA Counselor for Pulaski County. A special guest was Mrs. Pen Lile Pittard, writer of the programs in "The Window of YWA." The program theme was April Showers, the program and favors carrying out the idea.

Vacation plans with a missionary flavor presented by three young women and movies caused all present to want to arrange for a trip to the Southwide YWA Camp at Ridgecrest in June, or to the Baptist Assembly at Siloam Springs in July, or to the associational YWA houseparty being planned at Ferncliff Springs. Miss

J. G. Cothran Called to Arkadelphia; Alton B. Pierce to Pine Bluff Church

Two large Arkansas pastorates will be filled April 14 when J. G. Cothran becomes pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia, and Alton B. Pierce becomes pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff.

Pastor Cothran, for the past three years educational secretary of the Kentucky Baptist State Convention, is a native of South Carolina. He was graduated from Wake Forest College and Southern Seminary, Louisville.

He served as pastor of First Church, Benton, for eight years, 1927-35. While in Arkansas he served as a member of the Baptist State Hospital Board, the Central College Board, as recording secretary of the Executive Board and Executive Committee, and as moderator of Central Association. He left the state in 1935 to accept the pastorate of First Church, Princetown, Ky.

Pastor Pierce comes to Pine Bluff from Temple Church, Ft. Ton, La. A native of Mississippi was graduated from Mississippi College and took his master's degree at Southern Seminary. He has held pastorates in Kentucky, Mississippi, and Louisiana and the first executive secretary of the Mississippi Foundation. He and Mrs. Pierce have a daughter and two sons.

The Arkadelphia Church has been pastorless since R. House Smith resigned February 1 to accept the pastorate of First Church, Pineville, La. The Pine Bluff Church has been without a pastor since Monroe F. Swilley, Jr., last September to accept the pastorate of Second Ponce de Leon Church, Atlanta, Ga. Dr. S. E. ... has been supply pastor at Pine Bluff.

Mildred James brought the devotional along vacation and summer out-of-doors thoughts.

An attendance banner went to the North Little Rock First YWA and an efficiency banner went to the Senior YWA of Baring Cross, North Little Rock.

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Fifth Sunday At Buckville Is A Notable Event

By W. T. TINER, Missionary
Buckville Association

We had one of the best fifth Sunday meetings in Buckville Association that I have been privileged to attend since I've been on the field as missionary.

In spite of much water in some places, the meeting was well attended, and many of the churches were represented. A fine spirit of fellowship was witnessed throughout the entire two days. The good ladies of Buckville and others did a wonderful job in furnishing entertainment and many things to eat.

All the subjects were well discussed and the speakers were well prepared for the task that had been assigned them. This added to our joy and fellowship. We had


three fine sermons Saturday. Preachers were Laborn Shaver, Mountain Pine; Homer Speers, Cedar Glades; and Burt Bashaw, Tabor Church. These fine sermons put us on the mountain top.

Services were climaxed on Sunday morning by the presence of Dr. B. L. Bridges and Dr. C. Whitington of Little Rock, who, as usual with their fine sermons, preached to us two fine soul-searching sermons which will be long remembered in Buckville Association.

We all feel strengthened and renewed by the power of the inner man, and we are taking courage for still greater work in our Association. We look forward to great blessings and a great harvest of souls this coming revival season. We covet your prayers.

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Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, New York City pastor, has advocated a day of silence when there would be no programs on the radio and no newspapers: "For all our troubles, one wonders if we are getting somewhere. Men rush into prayer crying 'Our need is for God,' but we do not stop talking long enough to give God a chance to answer a word in edgewise. Unless we stop up, we are likely to crack up."




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Through the ages of God's dealings with a sinful race His work has waited on men. Although many of Jesus' most loyal and devoted disciples were women, the twelve Apostles were men. Today, the work of God's church depends in a large measure on what men are able and willing to do in the service of Christ.

EVERY CHURCH has the sacred duty of developing its men, and of using its men to fulfill those sacred obligations which the Resurrected Lord laid upon His church. Indeed, the gates of hell shall not stand up against that church whose manpower is aroused and united in a continuing fight for God and right; a manpower whose influence is felt mightily throughout the church and the

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community, and to the very ends of the earth.

The church that delivers the greatest impact for Christ and His Kingdom is the church which functions effectually throughout all the phases of its life and work. Its preaching services will reach not only the members of the church but a multitude of other people brought there by the church members or put there through the influence of the various organizations of the church. The Sunday school will not only teach the Bible effectually to all who come but will function as the major enlistment agency of the church. And the Training Union will train church members in church membership, in doing those things which Christ gave His church to do.

The Woman's Missionary Socie-

ty, that sterling, true-blue group of faithful women, will endeavor to keep the church informed about missionary enterprises throughout the world, and through their labor of love and their liberal gifts will help immeasurably to keep the missionary fires burning at home and abroad.

Then there is the mid-week Prayer Meeting, where will always be found that loyal group of Christians whose desire is ever to draw closer to the Lord; and whose hearts find in the prayer meeting that which helps them to keep alive to the Master's presence, and awake to the Master's will.

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enterprise as fully as God would have them used. Many of our men are not being developed and used in the sacred tasks of the church.

The Brotherhood is that which rounds out and completes the church's organizational set-up. The Brotherhood helps to put the men of the church into the work of the church. The functions of the Brotherhood are entirely within the functions of the church. A functioning Brotherhood seeks to build up to maximum power every phase of church life and work. And by doing this the Brotherhood develops Christian men into seasoned veterans in the Master's service!

Does your church have a Brotherhood?

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A man should be ashamed to run his own life the minute he finds out there is a God. —Paul Rada.

Relief and Annuity Investments Are Sound; Full Participation Is Urged

By B. V. FERGUSON
Fort Smith

Last week the Relief and Annuity Board of the Southern Baptist Convention met in Dallas, for the annual session. The reports from all phases of our work are most encouraging. The assets of our Board have steadily and rapidly climbed until now they amount to \$10,000,000. Nothing that Southern Baptists have launched has had such a rapid growth. Just a little while ago our assets amounted to a bare \$1,000,000.

This word is written to say that the investments of the Board are sound and the earnings are encouraging indeed.

Each preacher in all of our states now serving churches ought to be in this plan for their own protection, and the protection of their families. If we have any preachers in Arkansas, young or old, who are not in the plan, who are now serving churches, they should make application to the Board at once. Other denominational workers should likewise enter into the plan set up for them. It is my judgement that there is no safer, nor better, nor more prosperous investment for our preachers and other religious workers

than the plan provided through our Relief and Annuity Board.

May we add this word of caution. If any of our brethren have permitted themselves to get behind in the payment of their monthly dues by all means they should attend to it at once. If any of the churches are lagging, they likewise should attend to their duty. This is a matter that cannot be looked upon lightly or dealt with loosely. The Board's work can be carried on in a safe manner only by strictly business methods.

The best policy we have found is to have the church treasurer deduct from your income your dues and send in monthly together with the dues from the church.

We were happy to learn that Arkansas stands right at the top of the list of all the states in the enlistment of the preachers and churches and in our position with the Board.

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Three Churches Have Found Way to Build Sunday Schools

A recent remodeling program at First Church, Fort Smith, resulted in space for two well arranged and equipped intermediate departments, as well as a new department which will soon be set up for young married people, of the Sunday School.

The work was done in the annex auditorium of the educational building. The old balcony floor was torn out and a new floor laid, doing away with the balcony and open space in the building. This new floor has given space for two lovely new auditoriums for the intermediate departments. The first floor below, formerly used by one of the intermediate departments, will later become a new department for young married couples.

The remodeling was done at a cost of approximately \$5,000 and included new painting and new light fixtures. As soon as they are available, new seats will be secured.

The two intermediate departments have an enrolment of approximately 200 in eighteen classes with thirty officers and teachers. Intermediate II Department is headed by Stanley Smithson and Mrs. Harvey Hopper and Intermediate I Department by Mrs. S. M. O'Neal.

The two new auditoriums will seat 125 each and the classrooms will adequately care for the enrolment. With the lower auditorium, which has also been redecorated and lighted, there are now three auditoriums with seating capacity for 350 with 25 classrooms.

Intermediate Week is being planned by the workers in these departments in conjunction with the Training Union departments for the last week in April. Special plans are being made for an outstanding program which will include all intermediates and their parents.

The church launched a spring program with a census on March 24, followed by an absentee visitation day on March 31. The week of April 1-5 was spent in intensive training and enlistment with Dr. Edgar Williamson, Little Rock, leading.

Dr. B. V. Ferguson, pastor, and Norman E. Ferguson and Irene Jones, co-educational directors, are seeking to lead the Sunday School to more than 1,000 average attendance and 1,600 enrolment within the next few weeks.

Baring Cross Finds Visiting Profitable

Sunday School workers of Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock, are convinced as to the truthfulness of Arthur Flake's words, "When we go, they come." Since an enlargement campaign which began March 10 the Sunday School has had eighteen new members.

surrounding the church was taken March 10. Constant visitation, Tuesday through Saturday of that week, followed.

Census results were tabulated and each class's prospects and absentees were typed on individual cards and placed on hooks in the hall outside the church office. These cards remain on the hook until the individuals are contacted. Cards with visitation notes are turned over to the office and a careful check is made to determine results of the visitation. If the prospect or absentee does not come within three Sundays, the card goes back on the hook.

Pastor Harvey Elledge says it takes an average of four or five visits to get a prospect, and therefore, results of the new plan cannot be determined this soon. He expects a great increase in Sunday School attendance and church membership through the summer months as a consequence of this visitation program.

Immediately following the taking of the census and the first week of visitation Pastor Paul Aiken, First Church, Warren, led the church in a revival with Johnnie Gilbreath, choir director, leading the music. There were twenty additions, ten by baptism, and two lives surrendered to special service.

Reorganization Boosts Attendance at Searcy

Since reorganization on October 7 the Sunday School of First Church, Searcy, has grown from an enrolment of 372 with an attendance of 270 to an enrolment of 431 with 332 in attendance on March 31. Growth over the six months' period has been steady with spiritual development matching the numerical increase.

The school of 38 classes has eight departments headed by active,

consecrated departmental superintendents with Ray M. Scoggins as general superintendent. The 66 officers and teachers work under a covenant arranged by the church.

Through this covenant they are pledged to good conduct, regular attendance, thorough preparation, daily Bible reading, tithing, attendance at workers' meetings, visitation of prospects and absentees, study in cooperation with the training program of the church, loyalty to worship services, soul-winning, and regular prayer.

Teachers and officers are graded for the weekly performance on a three point system: attendance at officers' and teachers' meeting, six-point record system, and visitation of absentees.

Outstanding departmental grades based on the six-point record system for March 31 are as follows: general officers, 94 per cent; nursery and cradle roll, 88 per cent; beginner, 85 per cent; primary, 82 per cent. The primary department had 33 children present with 32 of them making 100 per cent and the other one ninety. The grade of the entire school was 74 per cent with 188, 100 per cent members, representing 58 per cent of the total attendance. Collections totaled \$307.33.

An attendance goal of 350 has been set for Easter Sunday. The aggressive pastor is W. R. Vestal.

What is often taken for a majority is merely a minority making a lot of noise. —John Nye.

A man should be ashamed to run his own life the minute he finds out there is a God.—Paul Radar.

The "Youth for Christ" movement which is sweeping America for evangelism of its young people has reached China, promoted by U. S. servicemen, some chaplains and other religious leaders there. Meetings are international, enthusiastic and well attended. Meanwhile, leaders of the U. S. movement are touring Europe, hopeful of planting its seeds there.

Figures to Inspire

March 31, 1946

Church	Addns.	S.S.
Arkadelphia Churches:		
First	—	230
Second	5	264
Atkins, First	—	158
Bauxite, First	3	330
Benton, First	3	465
Blytheville Churches:		
Clear Lake	—	136
New Liberty	—	174
Camden, First	9	456
Conway, First	—	379
Crossett, Mt. Olive	—	119
Cullendale, First	1	252
Dumas, First	6	411
Dyess, Central	—	149
Including Mission	—	188
El Dorado Churches:		
First	3	828
Second	1	509
Eudora	—	151
Fort Smith Churches:		
First	6	906
Immanuel	2	604
Fountain Hill, First	—	83
Gentry	—	218
Hamburg, First	1	262
Hope, First	—	410
Including Mission	—	438
Hot Springs Churches:		
Central	10	379
Park Place	2	477
Second	2	551
Including Mission	—	654
Hoxie, First	—	125
Jacksonville, First	2	187
Little Rock Churches:		
Baptist Tabernacle	4	489
First	17	1311
Plainview	1	113
South Highland	2	265
McGehee, First	—	415
Magnolia, Central	7	501
Malvern, First	—	301
Mena, First	1	286
Nashville, First	—	302
Norphet, First	—	237
N. Little Rock Churches:		
Baring Cross	18	630
Including Mission	—	672
Central	—	263
Pike Avenue	1	447
Osceola, First	—	312
Ozark, First	1	211
Including Mission	—	260
Paris, First	—	354
Pine Bluff Churches:		
First	2	804
Including Mission	—	824
Matthews Memorial	—	127
Second	1	231
Including Mission	—	246
Rogers, First	—	272
Siloam Springs, First	2	277
Springdale, First	—	370
Including Mission	—	422
Stuttgart, First	—	355
Tuckerman, First	—	100
Tyronza, Barton Chapel	3	174
Warren Churches:		
First	—	474
Second	1	78

Being a Christian is simply helping Jesus do His work.

—Lawson Cook

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By **THOMAS T. HOLLOWAY**

All type has been set for a new full Bible in Russian soon to be published by the American Bible Society, which will be the first Russian Bible printed in twenty years.

Southern Baptist gifts designated for Russian Scriptures have provided a large part of the expenses of setting type and preparing plates for this Russian Bible.

No new Bibles have been printed in the Russian language since the late 1920's when the Soviet Government prohibited printing and importing of Scriptures in Russia.

The opportunity came during World War II, to send Russian Scriptures to Russian soldiers held as war prisoners in Germany and to Russian civilians deported by the Germans for forced labor. The American Bible Society promptly provided New Testaments and Gospels, through printing in Amer-

ica and in Europe. Since the end of the war, Russian Scriptures have also been sent to Russians in other European countries awaiting return to Russia.

From 1941 to 1945, the distribution of Russian Scriptures to war prisoners, civilians in forced labor, and Russians in other countries awaiting return to Russia, was 301 Bibles, 60,963 Testaments and 338,956 Gospels, making a total of 400,220 volumes.

Russia itself is still closed to imports of Scriptures, except for very small shipments which are being sent by the American Bible Society through special arrangements recently completed. Efforts are now being made to increase the present quota of about eleven pounds per week.

The American Bible Society has also offered to furnish duplicate sets of plates so that Scriptures may be printed in Russia itself.

With the completion of the type-setting for the full Russian Bible, the American Bible Society has announced that it is ready to supply the needs for Russian Scriptures in any way which will be acceptable to the Russian people and the Soviet Government.

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Richmond Pastors Ask Correlation Of Organizational Work in Churches

A proposal that the organizational work in Southern Baptist churches be correlated, adjusted and revised to maintain primary functions but eliminate duplications will be taken to the Southern Baptist Convention by the Richmond, Va., Baptist Pastors' Conference.

Pastor John W. Hughston, Jr., of the Bainsbridge Street Baptist Church and chairman of the conference, revealed that in a survey just completed eighty per cent of the Southern Baptist pastors he contacted favor correlation of overlapping organizational work. Seventeen per cent expressed opposition and three per cent were undecided.

"There has been a steadily growing conviction among the pastors of the South that the organizational life of our churches needs to be re-examined," Mr. Hughston explained. "Each of our organizations started out to meet a need, and each has rendered a monumental service for the world-wide kingdom and for the local church. However, in the course of development, we find that we now have considerable overlapping and many duplications of function."

The survey questionnaire was mailed to pastors of every church of more than 500 members in the

entire Southern Baptist territory, Mr. Hughston said. Replies to date number 1,097, representing 1,226,098 church members.

"Sixty per cent of the pastors replied that they do not have sufficient leaders for their organizations, and 56 per cent do not think it practical for the church members to fulfill all the obligations these organizations demand. Out of a total of 3,755 separate organizations reported in the survey, 40 per cent have not achieved standard rating," the survey committee reported.

A resolution from the Richmond pastors will ask the Convention meeting at Miami, Fla., May 15-18 to name a "committee on church organizations, and that this committee should be requested to present to the 1947 Convention a plan of Christian education that will carefully integrate all of the functions of our present organization life."

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At Poplarville, Miss., members of the American Legion voted to dedicate their new building by sponsoring a revival meeting. A chairman led the services.

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Solon Cutts Couch, 1221 Gordon St., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

Irvin L. Whetsell, Hubbard, Tex.

Walter Lee Yeldell, Rt. 1, Macco, Ky.

Maurice M. Hall, 507 Locust St., Conway, Ark.

Levi D. Wood, Box 294, Foley, Ala.

Marvin B. Leach, Box 114, Sparenberg, Tex.

Carmon A. Savell, 110 Lee St., Greenwood, Miss.

Paul V. Minton, Ashville, Ala.

George A. Lunday, Grand Falls, Tex.

Wallace Charles Goe, 1721 Grace St., Hannibal, Mo.

Clifford Overstreet, Rt. 10, Box 903, Houston, Tex.

John Dwyer McClung, Mayo Gen. Hosp., Galesburg, Ill.

Floyd H. Rolf, 501 Winston, LeMay 23, Mo.

Paul Gebaurer, 604 S. Cows St., McMinnville, Ore.

Henry O. Malone, 821 Beddell St., New Orleans, La.

Jesse L. Yelvington, 566 Grandview Place, San Antonio, Tex.

Aubrey McAuley, Fieldton, Tex.

Edgar L. Patton, Cape Charles, Va.

Adrian E. Roberts, 126 W. 6th, Newton, Kans.

Frederick P. Loman.

Ellington E. Wheelless, 4010 Ave. "H", Austin, Tex.

Nathaniel H. Tracy, Ruleville, Miss.

Hugh M. Lindsey, 2719 Walters St., S., San Antonio, Tex.

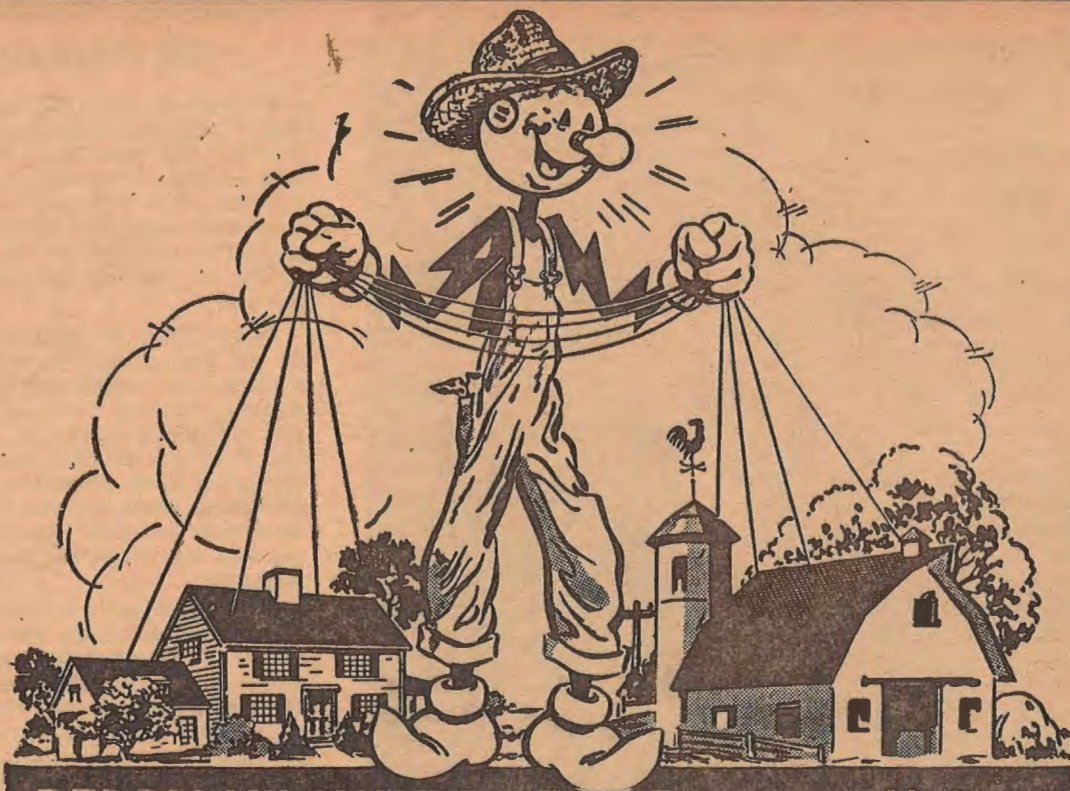
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Training Ground

Responding to an item in the Arkansas Baptist, which said that Religious News Service has listed Arkansas' Brooks Hays as the congressman who knows his Bible best, the First Baptist Church Bulletin of Russellville has this to say:

"Not so many years ago Congressman Brooks Hays was a pupil in the Sunday School of this church. How glad we are to have Christian men in our Congress—men who know their Bible and whose ears are ever attentive to the voice of God. There is every likelihood that in some of the classes now are to be found boys and girls who will be called upon to take the leadership of our nation.

"Nothing qualifies them better than to know the will of God. Sunday school teachers have a wonderful opportunity and a tremendous responsibility. It should be called to mind that both the father and the mother of Congressman Hays are now teaching classes in our Sunday school."



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Certainly the fine record they have made deserves commendation.

And the business-managed electric companies have done all they could to assist, working out territorial allocations, establishing low wholesale rates, co-operating in other ways to the end that the greatest number of farms could receive the benefit of electricity.

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By E. PAUL CAUDILL

*Sunday School Lesson
For April 14*

Mark 1:16-20; 5:18-20;
10:46, 52; Luke 5:27-28

This lesson has to do with the manner in which the early disciples responded to the call of the Master. The memory selection, "He forsook all, and rose up and followed him" (Luke 5:28), furnishes us a preview of what happened in the life of each friend of Jesus whom we consider.

The response of each was immediate and whole-hearted. May we find inspiration whereby we, too, readily and sacrificially may answer His call for our own lives—whatever that call may be and wherever the call may lead.

The Fishermen

The people with whom Jesus surrounded himself as disciples were for the most part simple-hearted, unlettered men. They were men who were unspoiled by the holier-than-thou attitude that so often prevailed on the part of conventional Jewish leaders. They were not given to theological hair-splitting as were the scribes and Pharisees. They were not hide-bound in orthodoxy.

There in the midst of the sunnifaced hills of Galilee they had developed a spirit of sincerity, candor, and freedom that made them more amenable to the guidance of Jesus. Tradition and convention had not the hold upon them that it had upon others.

The call to the four fishermen (Mark 1:16-20) is stated simply: "And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishers. And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me and I will make you to become fishers of men. And straightway they left the nets and followed him."

The call of James and John, sons of Zebedee, follows the same pattern. They were found in the boat with their father Zebedee mending nets. Upon their call, they left their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired servants and followed Jesus.

The significant word in the above passage lies in the word rendered "straightway." Simon and Andrew lost no time in yielding to the Master's call. So many today, when called by Jesus to some specific task, find difficulty in "letting go" something. If we are not careful, our hands will stick to our old way of life in such a manner as to be for us forever a stumbling block. How long the disciples had been fishermen we do not know, presumably all their lives. Nevertheless, they "let go" their nets and followed Jesus.

The Demoniac

Upon coming over into the other side of the sea into the country

of the Gadarenes, Jesus was met by a man possessed by an unclean spirit and who dwelt among the tombs. From time to time he had been bound with fetters and chains, but, one by one, he had plucked them asunder and broken them in pieces. By day and night in the mountains and in the tombs he would cry out and cut himself with stones.

When he saw Jesus afar off, "he ran and worshipped him, and cried with a loud voice, and said, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not." Upon being asked his name by Jesus, he replied, "Legion: for we are many."

Mark tells us how Jesus gave the unclean spirits leave to enter into a herd of swine, which, in turn, ran violently down the steep place into the sea and were choked. The people of the city and countryside, upon hearing about the incident, and upon seeing "him that was possessed with the devil," were afraid, and "began to pray him to depart out of their coasts."

The erstwhile demoniac, besought Jesus that he might be with him. Jesus refused, and said, "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for them, and hath had compassion on thee." Mark concludes the story with these words, "And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel."

The Blind Beggar

Jesus' experience with blind Bartimaeus is one of the most touching scenes in the Bible. Just prior to the triumphal entry Jesus and his disciples, together with a great number of people, came to Jericho. As they were leaving the city, they passed near a blind beggar who was sitting by the roadside asking alms. Upon hearing that Jesus was

in the procession, the beggar began to cry out: "Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me." Mark tells us that many sought to quiet the beggar but the more they "charged him" the "more a great deal" he cried out for Jesus to have mercy upon him.

Jesus, upon hearing the petition of Bartimaeus, commanded that he be called. "They called the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good comfort, rise; he calleth thee." Casting aside his garments, the beggar arose and came to Jesus, who asked him what he wanted. His answer was, "Lord, that I might receive my sight." Jesus granted him his request: "Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole."

And "immediately," having received his sight, he followed Jesus in the way.

The Tax Collector

The tax collector, called by Luke (5:27) "a publician, named Levi," by Mark (2:14), "Levi, the son of Alphaeus," and by Matthew (9:9), "Matthew," was found by Jesus sitting at the receipt of custom (place of toll). He was a politician whose job required him to take tribute from his own people—tribute which, in turn, would be surrendered to foreign masters.

Naturally such a man would not stand well in the public eye. Jesus, however, saw real possibilities in Matthew as a future disciple. He leaving behind his profitable office, Matthew rose up and followed Jesus.

It was at the home of Levi (Matthew) that a great feast was spread in honor of Jesus. Because of his fellowship with the great company of publicans that had gathered for the occasion, the scribes and the Pharisees murmured saying, "Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?" The answer of Jesus was characteristic of his ministry: "They that are whole need not a physician; but they that are sick."

Jesus, in his desire to win the world, was undeterred by criticism and public condemnation. He found followers even among the most hated of the classes of men. In our churches today there needs to be a constant reaching out in

our evangelistic efforts. No matter how far a man has fallen in disrepute, it is then that the saving power of the gospel of Christ is most needed.

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Letter to the Editor

Another Wants Stanfill!

Dear Editor:

In our great paper, the Arkansas Baptist, of March 28, page eight we find these words together with other timely remarks: "We want Stanfill! His Proved Ability Worth of Southwide Secretaryship"

I believe Brother Stanfill would make Southern Baptists as efficient and worthy a Secretary as we have had, and that Southern Baptists cannot find a better qualified man and one who will do a finer job than will Brother Stanfill. Therefore, it gives me peculiar pleasure to second the nomination of Taylor Stanfill as Recording Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention.

West Helena.

J. J. Franklin

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Ouachita Plans Commencement

Dr. Ellis A. Fuller, president of Southern Seminary, Louisville, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the 1946 graduating class of Ouachita College at 10:30 a. m. May 26. The address for the graduating exercises will be delivered by Dr. Otto Whittington, director of the Million Dollar Campaign for building and endowment. He is an alumnus of Ouachita. Graduating exercises will be at 10:30 a. m. May 27.

The class of 1926 will be in charge of the alumni program and luncheon at noon May 27. Most of the 62 members of the class are expected to be present.

Dr. J. R. Grant, president, has announced that 1,000 seats for the new auditorium will be available and in place for the commencement exercises. Besides the new auditorium, this building contains 35 studios and practice rooms for teachers and students in the Department of Music.

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Foreign Mission Board Does Not Mix With Federal or World Councils of Churches

A short time ago we asked the question, whether our Foreign Mission Board in any way cooperates with the Federal Council or the World Council of Churches. A letter from Secretary M. T. Rankin of the Foreign Mission Board states that the answer is "unequivocally no."

In order to keep our distinctive Baptist position, both in doctrine and practice we are very happy to give this definite assurance to our people everywhere. Thank you, Brother Rankin, for this statement.

In view of the increased letting down on New Testament doctrines and standards by many people who operate in the name of Christianity, the rank and file of our Baptist people will be happy to know that Southern Baptists are keeping faith with their traditions as they relate to New Testament standards, and we are happy to give our money for the promotion of the cause of Christ through a program whose leadership is marked with devotion to New Testament principles as well as a zeal for the Lord's cause.

MANY BAPTIST SONG WRITERS

Pastor Goodbar of Russellville gives a bit of inspiring information in his church bulletin about the Baptist authors of some of our best hymns.

Benjamin Beddome (1717-1795), a faithful Baptist pastor, wrote a hymn to be sung after his morning sermon each Lord's Day. "Did Christ o'er Sinner Weep" is his best known hymn.

Samuel Stennett (1727-1795) wrote 39 hymns that became famous, among them are "Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned" and "On Jordan's Stormy Banks."

Robert Robinson (1735-1790) gave to Christian people everywhere, "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing."

Samuel Medley (1738-1799) was the author of the well known hymn "O Could I Speak the Matchless Worth."

John Fawcett (1739-1817) for 53 years pastor at Yorkshire, England, wrote the world's greatest fellowship hymn, "Bless Be the Tie that Binds."

R. Keene, a Baptist deacon, wrote our best-loved Baptist hymn, "How Firm a Foundation."

John Burton, a Baptist layman, wrote our greatest Bible hymn, "Holy Bible, Book Divine."

Edward Mote, a celebrated Baptist preacher, wrote "My Hope is Built on Nothing Less."

Samuel F. Smith stood in the front rank of American hymn writers. He wrote our great patriotic hymn, "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" (America), and one of the greatest missionary hymns in the world, "The Morning Light is Breaking."

Lydia Baxter, from New York, an earnest Christian woman, and a faithful member of a Baptist church, wrote "Take the Name of Jesus with You."

S. Dryden Phelps, the well-known Baptist preacher, wrote, "Saviour, Thy Dying Love."

Robert Lowry, the author of "Shall we Gather at the River," "Nothing But the Blood"

and "Christ Arose," was an excellent Baptist preacher and hymn writer.

Dr. J. H. Gilmore, after reading the 23rd Psalm wrote "He Leadeth Me." He was a Baptist pastor and teacher.

Mrs. Annie S. Hawks, a Baptist Sunday school teacher wrote, "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Phillip P. Bliss died at the age of 38. He was one of the world's greatest gospel hymn writers and song evangelists. He was converted at twelve and joined the Baptist church at Cherry Flats, Penn. He wrote the words and music to the following songs: "Whosoever Will," "Free From the Law," "Jesus Loves Even Me," "The Light of the World is Jesus," "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning," "Almost Persuaded," "My Prayer," "My Redeemer," and "Wonderful Words of Life."

C. C. Luther, a Baptist evangelist wrote the well-known gospel hymn, "Must I Go and Empty Handed."

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What the Former Creditors Say

(We cannot publish all the letters from our former creditors, but here are a few.—B. L. B.)

Dear Mr. Bridges:

Thank you so much for the enclosed check for \$130. It reaches me at an appropriate time, and both the gift and the spirit of the giver are appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
E. R. Holmer.

Yazoo City, Miss.

Dear Sir:

I thank you most kindly for your check for \$130 that came a couple of days ago. During 1945 my medical expenses (in my family) were

Victory in March

WE GOT IT. We got the full month's get proportion for the month of March. January and February we fell under the but in March we went over the top. We still suffering a deficiency for the entire quarter of the year, however. We did not quite one fourth of the entire year's loss during the first three months of the year.

A few of the smaller churches have gotten a Cooperative Program contribution to us to count on this year. But some in group will do so later. We must do our best to make up the deficiency for the quarter then keep each month going strong.

Remember that the Cooperative Program is under-girding all our work. Our co-saver that the Cooperative Program is a Saver." The Orphanage depends upon Foreign Missions depend on it, so do State Missions, Ministerial Education Radio Program, the Brotherhood work Sunday School and Training Union, the Pent Union, the W. M. U.,—all depend upon our Cooperative Program contribution. Be sure your church has a part in this exclusive World Mission Program. Let's do a little better in April.

The undesignated receipts in first quarter were \$88,289.45.

over \$4300. Your check is a help in paying a balance on this item.

It is fine indeed for your Convention to reach back and pay so large an amount of debt that the courts allowed you to cancel.

Yours most sincerely,
J. B.

Tylertown, Miss.

Dear Mr. Bridges:

The Hospital received the \$325 check which represents the third payment on the "Hospital Debt."

We appreciate very much the way your organization is handling this matter and your payments mean a lot to our work.

Very truly yours,
Mattie C. Mockbee, Superintendent
Crippled Children's Hospital
Memphis, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Bridges,

Many thanks for the check of \$195; honor payment. Kindest regards and wishes.

Your friend,
Herman

New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

Have received my third 10% check from you and sure thanks from the bottom of my heart and God bless you.

Respectfully yours,
Herman Gee

Webster Grove, Mo.