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H. Armstrong Roberts.

"Bring Ye All The Tithes into The Storehouse"

Editorial Comments

Revised Standard Version

We wish to add our voice of welcome to the new revised standard version of the Bible. Every contribution that research and scholarship can make to our understanding of the divine revelation of God should be welcomed.

Distribution of the new revised standard version of the Bible begins on September 30. And on that day the celebration will be observed in many communities in Arkansas and throughout the nation.

This new version of the Bible does not supplant any other version that has preceded it. It only supplements other versions. The King James version will have its time-honored position among Bible readers and Bible scholars. For stately language it cannot be surpassed.

But since the King James version was produced, many discoveries have been made which throw light upon obscure passages in the King James version. Also, words grow with the advance of civilization and change their meanings with the change of time and customs. This is true with many words which are used in the King James version. Therefore, these words whose meanings have changed may well produce confusion in the mind of the reader rather than clarity of truth. For this reason it is wise, it is profitable to bring the words used to translate the Bible into our language up to date.

The production of this new version of our Bible was an arduous and painstaking task, and we owe a debt of gratitude to that great group of scholars who have worked so diligently and faithfully on this new translation. Doubtless every reader of the *Arkansas Baptist* will want to procure a copy of this new translation of the Bible. It doubtless will help you to understand many passages of scripture which have been obscure to you heretofore.

Layman's Day, October 12

Every Baptist layman in Arkansas should mark October 12 on his calendar. It should be a significant day for our Baptist laymen. It is Layman's Day.

Layman's Day is promoted by the Brotherhood Department of our state convention under the direction of State Secretary Nelson Tull. The movement to enlist more men in the active work of the local church program has gained great momentum during the past few years and promises to continue to grow in both volume and intensity in the future.

It is hoped that Layman's Day will be observed in every Baptist church in Arkansas on October 12. This day provides the opportunity not only for paying tribute to the laymen of our churches but it provides the opportunity for the laymen to take stock of their own position in and contribution to the program of their local churches. The program for the day should stimulate the men of our churches to rededicate themselves to the Lord and to a greater participation in the promotion of His kingdom causes. A deeper consecration and a broader vision of the opportunities of service provided by the programs of the church and the denomination.

So, we salute you, men, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and commend you to His grace and to His service in kingdom building.

"Path Of The Dawning Light"

The above heading is the title of a book by Mrs. Gwynn McLendon Day. The book is published by the Broadman Press and is priced at \$1.75.

The twenty-one devotional chapters of this book have literally grown out of the daily devotional experiences of the author. Each message throbs with a spiritual impulse and a profound Christian faith that has matured in Christian service.

The author draws upon her wide range of reading in Christian literature, her extensive experiences in church work both as a volunteer worker and as church and educational secretary.

In the foreword of this volume, Dr. Theodore F. Adams of the First Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, says, "Out of her own firm faith and deep conviction and her personal experience in working with young people, the author has shed light on many perplexing problems and given new life and meaning to old and familiar words and phrases. . . . Poetry and prose, story and scripture—all are beautifully blended on these pages to testify to the truth of God and suggest its meaning for our lives and our day."

I have a personal interest in commending this book of devotional readings by Mrs. Day, because she was my church secretary at the First Baptist Church of Hot Springs. A number of the chapters in the book were written while Mrs. Day held the position of secretary with us at Hot Springs and appeared in periodicals published by the Sunday School Board as the reader will note in "Acknowledgements" on page 124.

I like especially the chapters: "Path of the Dawning Light," "Have You Won Your Wings?" "How Big Is Your Bible?" "How Tall Are You?" "The Image of Christ," "The Maximum in Service," "Making the Most of Money," "Citation in Glory." In fact, each chapter carries a message to the heart of the reader. Each chapter is enlivened with practical illustrations which speak of the sustaining power of Christian faith in daily living. The book will be valuable for devotional studies either in the home or in church groups.

This is the second book that has come from the pen of Gwynn McLendon Day. A former volume of religious verse was published by the Exposition Press of New York. Of this volume, Dr. John L. Hill says, ". . . an attractive volume of 82 poems . . . simplicity, sincerity, and genuineness characterize each poem, and the reader cannot fail to find in this treasured volume food for the soul." Our own comment on this volume of religious verse was, "All who read this volume of religious verse will find that Mrs. Day has captured the universal expression of the Christian heart and that she has put that expression into such simple, beautiful, and genuinely Christian language that the reader finds himself saying, 'That is my experience. That is just what I want to say, that is my own heart speaking of my experience with my Savior.'"

I commend both these volumes without reservation and with assurance that the reader will experience a heart-yearning to walk in the "Path of the Dawning Light."

Jesus, The Bread Of Life

A Devotion by the Editor

"I am that bread of life."

There is a spiritual hunger of the human soul which, if not satisfied, results in death. God made man so, a creature akin to himself who should yearn for his maker.

The reason for God's making man with this spiritual hunger is seen in the fact that God himself found no spiritual satisfaction for himself in the non-personal and non-spiritual creation. God wanted a creature who would yearn after Him.

There are two absolute and unalterable characteristics of a personal and spiritual being, these two characteristics are counter parts of each other: the one is a heart yearning for other and kindred spiritual being, the other is a yearning to be yearned for. This two-fold characteristic is native to God. God planted the same two-fold characteristic in man, because He made man in His image and after His likeness.

Jesus alone is the spiritual bread for the souls of men. "I am," Jesus said. This reminds us of God's identification of himself to Moses, "I am that I am." We may set these two words, "I am," over against any needs of the human race. Determine the need of any human soul and the "I am" supplies that need.

It is important that we should understand that the supply is furnished from the same source from which the need arose. God created the need, it would be mockery if God did not furnish the supply to meet that need. God, who made man with a great need in his soul for God, gave to man His only Son to supply that need in human life.

We must settle this matter at once and for all time and eternity, that Jesus Christ, the son of God, is the only supply for that need of the human soul. Whatever else men have tried has failed utterly and must of necessity continue to fail to meet their soul needs. Eternal life, what is it but a living fellowship with God through Christ. He gives life, sustains life, and transports life to its eternal home.

"This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." John 6:50, 51.

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From The Editor's Desk

The Place For Baptism In Christian Experience

Baptism does not save; it is administered to the saved. Baptism is not a sacrament, conveying saving grace; it is an ordinance proclaiming saving grace.

Baptism is not the means of salvation; it is the reporter of salvation. Baptism is not for the unsaved; it is for the saved.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ"

The classic verse of scripture quoted to prove baptism is necessary to salvation is found in Mark's gospel, 16:16: "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved." And those who quote the verse usually stop there and claim that baptism is necessary for salvation. But a reading of the latter half of the verse will indicate differently: "but he that believeth not shall be damned." Now it would seem logical that if baptism were necessary to be saved that latter part of the verse would read that he that believeth not and is baptized not "shall be damned."

This verse of scripture must be interpreted in the light of all scripture. When the Philippian jailer asked the apostle Paul, "What must I do to be saved?" the apostle answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." Paul said nothing about the necessity of being baptized in order to be saved.

Then Paul preached the gospel to the Philippian jailer and "to all that were in his house." "And he took in the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his, straightway."

Baptism, a Picture

Elsewhere the apostle says that if we are saved by works it is no more of grace. Now baptism comes under the classification of works, it is an act, a physical demonstration. But it is a demonstration of the experience that has already taken place in the heart, an experience which is the result of repentance from sins and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. That is the plain teaching of the New Testament throughout.

Baptism therefore is a picture, a two-fold picture. It pictures the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, it declares one's faith in the crucified and risen Christ; it declares one's faith in His vicarious sacrifice on Calvary's cross for the remission of our sins.

Baptism also pictures the believer's death to sin and his resurrection to a new life in Christ. It is not the act by which one dies to sin and becomes a new creature in Christ Jesus, rather is it an act portraying the believer's death to sin and his new life of faith.

Door to Church

Baptism is essential—not to salvation, but to the completion of our declaration of

faith and to our witness as a believer in Christ Jesus. Baptism is commonly accepted as the door to the church, the door by which one comes into the fellowship of the church and becomes an active participant in the promotion of the program which was committed to the disciples by Jesus Himself in His commissions.

But it is faith in Jesus Christ as one's personal Savior that admits one into the kingdom and the family of God. Since it is obligatory on every member of the family to join in the enterprises of the family program, so is it obligatory upon every believer to enter into the program of God's kingdom upon earth. And Jesus established His church to carry out His program on the earth.

If baptism were necessary to salvation then it might conceivably be impossible for many persons to be saved. It is doubtless true that many individuals in extreme situations, perhaps soldiers on the battlefield, patients in the hospitals, or the victims of accidents, might in the last moments of life turn with confident trust, as did the thief on the cross, to Jesus the crucified Lord for salvation and life. There would be no possibility of administering the ordinance of baptism. If baptism were necessary for their salvation, they would be doomed in spite of their turning to the Lord. It seems evident that Jesus invites all those who find themselves in such extreme conditions to turn to Him for forgiveness and life eternal in the last moments of life. His reassurance given to the thief on the cross bears out this conclusion.

It is logical, it is scriptural, to conclude that if one person can be saved by faith in such an extreme situation as described above, then any person can be saved by simple faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who do not have the opportunity to be baptized are given the promise of paradise with Jesus; those who do have the opportunity to be baptized are commissioned to go, witness, preach the gospel, make disciples.

The Lord's Supper

Since we are on the subject of the ordinances a word about the Lord's Supper is in order.

A Declaration of Faith

While baptism is administered but once, the Lord's Supper is the recurring ordinance. Although there is a very close relationship between the ordinances and a similarity of meaning, yet there is a very obvious distinction that should be understood and kept in mind. This distinction appears primarily in the messages of the ordinances

and the persons to whom these messages are addressed.

Baptism is primarily a declaration of faith by the individual being baptized. It is a public demonstration of the stand that one has taken with Christ. By receiving the ordinance of baptism the believer declares, not only to his fellow believers, but to all the world, that he accepts Christ as his personal Savior and the vicarious sufferings of Christ as the basis for the forgiveness of his sins; he declares his faith to all the world in the crucified and risen and ever-living Christ.

A Personal Reminder

The participant at the Lord's table, however, is not making a declaration to the world nor even to his fellow believers. The participant at the Lord's table is reminding himself of the vicarious suffering of Jesus for the remission of his own sins. The Lord's Supper is intended to keep alive in the believer's consciousness the stand which he took in receiving the ordinance of baptism—a stand which declares his faith in the crucified Lord and in the redeeming power of His shed blood upon the basis of his repentance of sin and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord's Supper says to the individual participant that he must never forget that it is by the shed blood and the broken body of the Lord Jesus Christ that he is redeemed from sin and that it is by the living Christ that he is sustained. Jesus declared Himself to be the bread of life. So in the Lord's Supper we have the symbols of His cleansing blood and His life-giving powers.

Discerning the Lord's Body

In I Corinthians 11:29 the apostle Paul speaks of eating and drinking "unworthily." It is to be noted that the word "unworthily" is an adverb describing the act. The unworthy manner in which the act is performed is explained in the clause ending this verse, "not discerning the Lord's body." Therefore, we conclude that to observe the Lord's Supper, to partake of the bread and the wine, for any reason other than to discern the Lord's body or to remember His shed blood and His pierced flesh is to partake of that ordinance in an unworthy manner and therefore to bring dishonor on the Lord Himself and to bring the ordinance of the Lord's Supper into disrepute.

Dr. A. T. Robertson, discussing this verse in his *Word Pictures in the New Testament*, says, "Eating the bread and drinking the wine as symbols of the Lord's body and blood in death probes one's heart to the very depths."

Therefore, let the participant examine himself, test himself as he would test metal, to determine whether or not he is observing the Lord's Supper in a manner worthy of the Lord Himself or whether he is observing the Lord's Supper as a sort of fellowship feast or communion of the saints. And there is a vast difference between observing the Lord's Supper as a communion of saints and as a memorial to the sacrificial death of Jesus for the remission of our sins.

Kingdom Progress

Minister Ordained



ALVIN WILES

Alvin Wiles was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Finley Creek Church in Rocky Bayou Association on September 5. Pastor McDougald of the Finley Creek Church served as moderator of the council, and Herman Dover as clerk. Truett Murphy conducted the examination, Missionary M. E. Wiles preached the ordination sermon, and Wilson Bone led the ordination prayer.

Alvin is pastor of the mission sponsored by First Church of Earle. He is a senior in Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge and plans to enter Ouachita College next year. He is a nephew of Pastor S. A. Wiles of the Antioch Church in Central Association, and of M. E. Wiles, state missionary, and brother of Noble Wiles who is pastor at Mount Pleasant and Oxford Churches in Izard County.

Caney Creek, Caroline Association Has Good Meeting

Pastor O. E. Coleman did his own preaching in the summer revival at Caney Creek, and Sam Langford, Balmorhea, Texas, was in charge of the music. There were four received on profession of faith. Pastor Coleman says: "We had a wonderful church revival, with 178 in Sunday School and 186 in Training Union the last Sunday of the revival." Pastor Coleman has been with Caney Creek Church three months.

Arkansas Pastor In Indiana

W. C. Rowe will be remembered in Arkansas as pastor and associational missionary. He is now the pastor of East Gary Baptist Church, East Gary, Indiana. Pastor Rowe reports that this is a new church and also a Southern Baptist Church. He asks that persons who may have Baptist relatives, friends, or acquaintances living in that area, write him, giving the names and addresses of such persons. He would like to contact them and enlist them in the church. Pastor Rowe's address is 2445 Vermillion, East Gary, Indiana.

Youth Revival

By K. OWEN WHITE

Evangelist Eddie Wagner was the preacher in a series of youth led meetings in the First Church, Little Rock, August 24-31, in which there were 25 additions to the church, and scores of rededications and other decisions. Several young people responded for life service.

The leadership of the meeting was placed almost entirely in the hands of the young people, with a youth pastor, associate pastor, youth deacons and ushers, and various other committees at work.

In spite of unusually hot weather the meetings were well attended. One feature of the meeting was the showing of the Billy Graham picture, "Mr. Texas." The response to the invitation was good.

The church was greatly blessed by the meeting, and is grateful for the ministry of Eddie, and the loyalty of its young people.

B. S. U. Planning Conference

"Meet for the Master's Use" was the theme of the B. S. U. planning conference of the Ouachita Student Union held at the Nowlin home on Lake Hamilton, Hot Springs, September 11-13.

The retreat was under the direction of BSU president, Calvin Austin of Van Buren, and Miss Arvine Bell, Ouachita's BSU director and member of the physical education department.

Program personnel included: Dr. H. A. Haswell, president of Ouachita College; Dr. L. S. Williams, religion professor; T. H. Jordan, pastor of First Church, Van Buren; Miss Juanita Straubie, BSU secretary of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital.

Officers attending were: Martha Hutson, Carlisle; Bennye Sims, Camden; Theo James, McGehee; Harry Higashi, Hawaii; Gracie Brown, Pine Bluff; Dale Pogue, Fort Smith; Sammie Crawford, Arkadelphia; Hugh Hairston, Warren; Martha Moreland, Tyronza; Maxine Woods, Van Buren; Rhine McMurry, Fordyce; Betty Collomp, Frenchman's Bayou.

Peak Enrolment At Southwestern Seminary

Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, has reached a new enrolment peak. Up to Friday noon of the first week, 1,721 students were registered, 546 of these enrolling for the first time.

The total enrolment for the fall period of 1951 was 1,679. Registration will continue through September 22.

Vanndale Church In Revival

Pastor L. W. Fitzgerald and the Vanndale Church were assisted in a revival meeting by pastor Curtiss Downs of Cherry Valley. There were 13 additions to the church, 11 on profession of faith and baptism and 2 by letter.

Pastor Fitzgerald says that in a revival last spring there were 9 additions to the Vanndale Church on profession of faith and baptism.

Letter To The Editor

Dear Editor:

We have just closed a wonderful two weeks revival here in Camden. The services were held in a large tent situated on the outskirts of the city. We had a thousand in attendance at times.

The meetings were conducted by Brother Joe Hankins. He was ably assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Iner Basinger from Parkersburg, West Virginia. I have never seen or heard the Old Time Gospel of Redemption through the blood of Christ more ably presented. I have known for years that Brother Hankins was a powerful preacher, but he has grown during the ten years of evangelistic work. His messages were couched in plain language, fortified by the Word of God, until one became amazed that anyone could have such supreme command of the Word. People commented continually how he could read whole chapters without looking into the Book. In fact, he seldom opened the Bible but read it continually from memory.

People attended from miles around. Scores and scores came laying their sins at Jesus' feet and dedicating their lives to a closer walk with God. Two young men surrendered to preach the gospel, one of them is married and has two children. He has already enrolled in Southern Baptist College at Walnut Ridge. That makes something more than a score of ministers coming out of this field in the past six years.

Among the great victories of the revival was the redemption of Camden's number one sinner and alcoholic. I have never seen the power of God so tremendously demonstrated as upon him. The whole crowd was moved.

The meeting resulted in 22 additions to the church by letter, one by statement, with 64 conversions.

We will organize the Bethel Baptist Mission into a church on September 28. They have property valued at some \$20,000 and Calvary will be organized October 12. This is the largest mission we have. Bethel will have possibly 150 members and Calvary will have 250.

Thomas L. Harris, Pastor
First Church, Camden

Successful Tabernacle Revival

Pastor Tom McClain and the Spradling Church of Fort Smith constructed a unique canvas tabernacle for a revival meeting August 17-29. The tabernacle, with a seating capacity of 500, was 46 by 80 feet. The trusses of the tabernacle, supported by oak side poles and center poles, were made of one-inch conduit tubing welded and shaped to form an arch 46 feet wide in two sections. Six sections of canvas were laced together across the top to form the cover. According to Pastor McClain, the structure was quite substantial and satisfactory for the purpose of the revival.

Pastor McClain had the assistance of Evangelist Jack Holcomb of Waco, Texas. The music was under the direction of Hartsell Atwood of Little Rock who is now a ministerial student in the Southwestern Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. The revival resulted in 31 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism, and eight by letter; 20 people in one service pledged to tithe their income; and a record Sunday School attendance of 381.

Pastor McClain commends Evangelist Holcomb as preacher and soloist.

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Often, courage is fear holding on just a little longer.

Accepts Gentry Church



VICTOR H. COFFMAN JR.

Pastor Victor H. Coffman Jr. of Purdy, Missouri, has accepted the pastorate of the First Church, Gentry. Pastor Coffman is an A. B. graduate of Ouachita College and a Th. D. graduate of the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville.

Mrs. Coffman attended Baylor University of Waco, Texas. Pastor and Mrs. Coffman assumed their new duties with the Gentry Church on September 8. The Coffmans have three children, one girl and two boys.

Mr. Coffman is the son of Pastor Victor H. Coffman Sr. of Southside Church, Fort Smith.

A Busy Pastor-Evangelist

A balanced program of revival meetings and pastoral and personal evangelism characterizes the ministry of Pastor John Basinger of First Church, Trumann.

In March of this year a youth revival was conducted in First Church, Trumann, with J. T. Lamb, as evangelist, and Carlton Berry, as song leader. This meeting resulted in 26 additions to the church, 24 of whom came on profession of faith and baptism.

Pastor E. C. Brown of First Church, Blytheville, assisted Pastor Basinger and First Church, Trumann, July 20 to 30. The music was in charge of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Munday, choir director and organist respectively of Calvary Church, Memphis. This meeting resulted in six additions to the church, four of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism.

The Trumann Church sponsors a mission with Carlton Berry as mission pastor. Pastor Berry and the mission had the assistance of Muriel Johnson of Little Rock, and Leroy Summers of Paragould, in a revival meeting August 25-28. This meeting resulted in two additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism.

In addition to the revival meetings in his own church and community, Pastor Basinger assisted Pastor J. G. Lott and Calvary Church, Memphis, in a revival meeting last April which resulted in 26 additions to the church. Pastor Basinger returns to Memphis, October 27, to assist Pastor D. M. Metts and the Mallory Heights Church in a two weeks evangelistic and stewardship revival.

Arkansas News Briefs

From Here and There

Pastor Leroy Brody has recently gone from the pastorate of the Crooked Bayou Church to the Aulds Church, both in the Delta Association. Under the leadership of Pastor Brody, the Crooked Bayou Church went from two Sunday afternoon services to a full-time program during the past two years.

Allen Denton was licensed to preach by the Second Church, Little Rock, Dr. Dale Cowling, pastor, on September 3. Allen, a Navy aviator, spent seven years in the Navy. He is now a student in Baylor University.

The North Crossett Church, Joseph A. Hogan, pastor, licensed Robert Beens and Kenneth Hendrix to preach on Sunday, August 31. They are both freshman in Ouachita College.

The Tennessee Church near Texarkana in Hope Association recently conducted a Training Union study course with 110 persons enrolled, an average attendance of 89, and 82 qualifying for awards. A. V. Smith, Jr. is the pastor of this church. Plans are now underway to begin a building program in the near future.

Evangelist Joe Shaver of Memphis, Tennessee, assisted Pastor Theo T. James and the First Church, McGehee, in a revival meeting. Jim Birkhead, education and music director of the First Church, Crossett, was in charge of the music. There were 27 additions to the church, 23 of whom were received on profession of faith and baptism. A record Sunday School attendance of 684 was registered on the last Sunday of the meeting.

Pastor James says, "One of the outstanding features of the revival was the large attendance at the day services." Pastor James also commends Evangelist Shaver and Song Leader Birkhead as an outstanding evangelistic team.

During the one year E. E. Griever has been with First Church, Hamburg, there have been 83 additions to the church membership; 38 by baptism, 43 by letter, and three by statement.

T. K. Rucker, pastor of First Church, Forrest City, will lead First Church, Arkadelphia, and Pastor David Moore, in a revival campaign from October 19-26.

Dr. W. B. Tatum, First Church, Pine Bluff, will assist Hardin Church and Pastor E. A. Richmond in revival services beginning September 29.

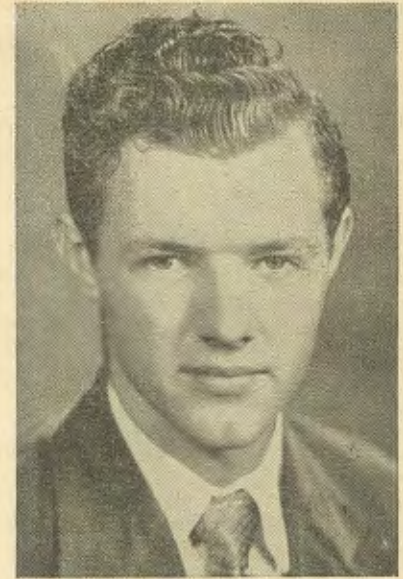
Pastor Sam Reeves, First Church, El Dorado, is currently engaged in a Stewardship revival with the Wynne Baptist Church, and Pastor Boyd Baker.

Deacon Claimed By Death

Deacon J. W. Spence of First Church, Hot Springs, was claimed by death on June 23. He had served as a deacon for 18 years, three years of that time he served as chairman of the board of deacons.

Mr. Spence was not only interested in

Minister Ordained



KELSEY GARMAN

Kelsey Garman was ordained to the full work of the gospel ministry by the Rye Hill Church in Concord Association on Sunday afternoon, August 31.

Associational Missionary C. C. Roberts served as moderator of the ordaining council, and Edgar Carpenter, a deacon in the Temple Church, served as clerk. Pastor Murl Walker of the Temple Church, Fort Smith, delivered the charge; Pastor L. L. Gilliam of the Witcherville Church delivered the ordination sermon; Earl Roberts, chairman of the board of deacons of the Rye Hill Church, presented the Bible; and Evangelist Bruce Murphy from El Dorado led the ordination prayer.

Mr. Garman is now a student at the Oklahoma Baptist University of Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Naylor Accepts Fort Worth Pastorate

Robert Naylor, for five years pastor of First Church, Columbia, South Carolina, has accepted a call to Travis Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Texas.

During the five years that Naylor served the Columbia church, there were 2,350 additions to the church membership. Of this number, 555 were for baptism. Total contributions during his pastorate amounted to \$950,000, almost half of this going to missions.

Naylor resigned his position as pastor of the Columbia church September 14, and will assume duties at Travis Avenue October 15.

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his local church program but took an active interest in denominational work and for 12 years was member of the Executive Board of Central Association.

On September 17, First Church, Hot Springs, adopted appropriate resolutions expressing appreciation for his services to the church, and sympathy for the bereaved family surviving him, including his wife and son, Clarence Wilburn Spence.

The National Safety Council reported last week that 20,000 persons were killed in traffic accidents during the first seven months of this year, or seven times as many as were killed in Korea during the same period.

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By Religious News Service

Sale of Methodist Publications Sets Record

Sales of Methodist publications during the past year reached a new high of \$15,500,000, it was reported by the Methodist Publishing House at its annual board meeting. This was an increase of \$1,500,000 over the previous year.

The board appropriated \$450,000 for the support of retired ministers and widows of ministers.

The Methodist Publishing House, founded in 1789, is the oldest publishing group of its kind in the United States. It has main offices in Chicago and Nashville, branches in 12 other cities and operates printing plants in Cincinnati and Nashville.

Chaplain Urges Proper Treatment For Japanese War Brides

The future success of Christianity in Japan may be determined by the treatment Americans give Japanese war brides.

This is the opinion of Chaplain (Lt.) George W. Thompson, USN, who, as a chaplain aboard transports that bring many servicemen's wives to the United States, has counseled and guided Japanese brides on their way to a new homeland.

Chaplain Thompson praised the generally high calibre of these girls who have married American servicemen stationed in Japan and Korea. He said, "these women are coming to America to become homemakers, mothers, and, in time, citizens of this country."

"Some of them," he said, "will move into communities where they will be ostracized by people who are inclined to consider themselves members of a preferred caste.

"Nothing will be gained by acting discourteously toward these immigrants, but Communism can take advantage of this opportunity to sow seeds of opposition to our country and our system, if we turn a cold religious and social shoulder to these women who have been chosen as life-companions by our servicemen."

Chaplain Thompson urged churches to take the lead in welcoming war brides to the community and in extending the hand of continuing friendship to them as they make the adjustment to a new environment.

Although many of the young women come from Shintoist or Buddhist backgrounds, nearly all are eager to learn about Christianity, he said, because it is the faith of their husbands and of their new home.

Methodists Plan Movie On John Wesley

Plans for the production of a motion picture based on the life of John Wesley, founder of Methodism, were announced by the Methodist Radio and Film Commission at an organizational meeting in Chicago.

The film, costing \$144,000, will be produced in England by the J. Arthur Rank productions. The cost will be privately financed, the commission revealed.

Cartoons Seek Better Giving By Church Members

Cartoons that are intended to help teach Christian giving are being distributed to Augustana Lutheran churches across the nation by the denomination's stewardship department.

Several of the series of eight poke fun at the penuriousness of church members when it comes to supporting the church.

One, for example, has this verse accompanying its four panels:

When the 'Gospel' Was Preached
He Cried 'Praise the Lord'
But When Giving Was Mentioned
He Conveniently Snored.

School Board Bars Student Prayer Meetings

An action of the Hattiesburg School Board prohibiting students from holding prayer meetings in local public schools was denounced by Irving M. Prince, chairman of the city's Ministerial Association.

Mr. Prince, pastor of Temple Baptist Church in Hattiesburg, asked several questions in making a public statement:

"Is the blood dripping hour by hour from sons on the Korean battlefield to be laughed at and the religious freedom sought for others to be denied in our own city? . . . Is the godless move stemming from religious prejudice and Communism to stifle religious freedom in our community and in individual lives?"

Church Every 4½ Days

One new church has been established every 4½ days over the past 10 years by the Church of God, one of America's smaller Protestant groups, it was reported by the denomination's board of church extension and home missions.

The report said that 788 new churches have come into existence during the past decade. Meanwhile, 110 new churches are currently being developed.

The Church of God has 107,000 members in 47 states. It is now engaged in a Mid-Century Evangelistic Advance which concludes in 1955. The Advance emphasis for the current year is the strengthening of the Church's state evangelistic program.

Each state with five or more churches has a program of co-operative evangelism which has been chiefly responsible for getting new churches started.

State Department Asks Report On Situation

The State Department disclosed that it has asked the American Embassy in Rome for "Full information" concerning a reported police ban on services by the Church of Christ in Italy.

The Department said that since American citizens were involved in the police action, it was taking the customary steps to secure a full formal report of the situation.

A spokesman added that the Department will have to have time in which to get the requested report and evaluate it before a decision is reached as to whether a formal protest will be made, or other action taken.

A Smile or Two

A canny Scot was engaged in an argument with the conductor as to what the fare was to be. Finally the disgusted conductor picked up the Scot's suitcase and tossed it off the train just as they were crossing a long bridge. It landed with a mighty splash.

"Hoot, Mon," screamed Sandy. "First you try to rob me and now you have drowned my boy."

First Salesman: "In these days I have to push my sales."

Second Salesman: "So do I."

First Salesman: "Yes, what do you sell?"

Second Salesman: "Used cars."

A doctor asked the woman patient her age.

"I never tell anyone my age," she answered coyly. "But, as a matter of fact, I've just reached twenty-one."

"Indeed," said the doctor, "what detained you?"

"Do your spectacles help your eyes, Johnny?" asked the neighbor.

"Yes'm. I never have my eyes blacked now like I used to before I wore 'em."

"What has your boy learned at school so far this term?"

"He has learned that he'll have to be vaccinated, that his eyes aren't really mates, that his teeth need repairing, and that his method of breathing is entirely obsolete."

A loud-talking ranchman applied to a western banker for a loan. The banker asked a neighboring Indian if he regarded the rancher as a good credit risk. The chief pondered the question a moment, and replied: "Big hat, no cattle."

—Indianapolis Times.

The busy exec asked his secretary where his pencil was.

"It's behind your ear," she replied.

"Come, come!" snapped the big shot, "I'm a busy man. Which ear?"

—Quote.

A friend and her four-year old brother were visiting at my grandfather's farm. While sight-seeing in the country, little Bill said, "Gee, you must be rich out here." He pointed to a lightning rod on top of the barn and gasped, "Even the cows have TV sets!"—Rose Marie Kolch.

—Quote.

"The wool for this suit I am wearing," observed Smith, "was grown in Wyoming. The cloth was woven in Massachusetts. The thread came from England. The suit was made in Chicago and I bought it in San Francisco."

"So what?" commented his companion. "Don't see anything so remarkable in that."

"But isn't it wonderful," continued Smith, "that so many people can make a living out of something I haven't paid for?"

Music Prof: "What do you think of Kreisler?"

Student: "Great, Splendid! Swell pickup, a lot of pep, and 20 miles on a gallon!"

The voice that father gets in family affairs is the invoice.

News From Baptist Press

Two Writers Conferences Scheduled for Next Year

Plans are being made for two 1953 Southern Baptist writers' conferences to attract a total of 275 writers and editors. One will be at Ridgecrest, N. C., July 30-August 5, 1953. The other at Glorieta, N. M., August 20-30. The Ridgecrest conference is expected to have a total attendance of 200 and the Glorieta conference, seventy-five. The dates were announced by Dr. Clifton J. Allen, director of the conferences.

Wake Forest Removal Fund Stands at Half-Way Mark

North Carolina Baptists are past the half-way mark in raising the first \$17,000,000 needed for construction of the new Wake Forest campus at Winston Salem. They have eight million in hand. The total program is expected to cost twenty-five million. This is according to an editorial in the *Biblical Recorder*, state paper for North Carolina.

The plan to move Wake Forest was adopted in 1946. The new campus will be built with a religious theme centered about a massive chapel. Work under way includes campus streets and the chapel.

The removal of Wake Forest to Winston Salem is of interest to Southern Baptists, because of the purchase of the old campus for the new Southeastern Seminary. The property was bought for \$1,600,000 by an action of the Convention at Chicago in 1950 and is to be paid for at the rate of \$300,000 each year or at least by January 1, 1961. The seminary is now operating on the campus. No date has been announced for removal of the college to Winston Salem.

Texas Colleges to Make Joint Appeal for Big Gifts

Baylor University is one of the 19 non-tax-supported Texas colleges forming the Texas Foundation of Voluntarily Supported Colleges and Universities, which in Dallas has received the approval of the Executive Board of the Baptist General Convention of Texas.

The Baylor board of trustees had already approved the university's membership in the foundation subject to approval by the Baptist board.

Representatives from the 19 colleges and universities forming the foundation will meet at Baylor University Union Building September 26, to complete organization of the foundation.

Eight of the foundation colleges are Baptist sponsored. The Baptist board's action amounted to a go-ahead signal for the Texas Baptist colleges and universities to join the foundation.

The foundation represents a united appeal by private Texas colleges—faced with money problems—to big corporations for money.

Mercer University Opens 28 Extension Centers

Mercer University is opening 28 extension centers in Georgia. They are primarily for pastors and church leaders and will teach courses in Christian education. They are sponsored by Mercer University and paid for with a special appropriation of the Georgia Baptist Convention.

Ridgecrest Assembly Improvement Plans

A North Carolina Baptist layman, seeing hundreds of people unable to get in the Ridgecrest auditorium during the Sunday School conference last July, launched a movement for an enlarged auditorium by making a gift of \$2,500 for that purpose which grew by the end of the summer to \$25,000.

These gifts are being matched by appropriations of the Sunday School Board. The Ridgecrest Assembly Committee of the Board has approved plans for a \$100,000 addition to the auditorium to be started just as soon as funds are available for this purpose.

Enlargement of the auditorium is considered a necessity according to Dr. T. L. Holcomb, secretary of the Board, since eight out of the thirteen weeks of the assembly program draw crowds far exceeding the capacity of the present auditorium.

Willard K. Weeks, manager of the assembly, and Hardie C. Bass, Sunday School Board architect, say that the enlarged auditorium will seat 3,400. Overflow will care for 600 others.

Election And Vatican Link

By JOHN W. BRADBURY

Neither of the Presidential candidates has answered the question as to whether the appointment of an ambassador to the Vatican will be made after the election with any respect for Protestant conviction in this country. All the major Protestant denominations have passed resolutions condemning both the appointment of Myron C. Taylor as the President's personal ambassador to the Vatican and the more recent attempt to nominate General Mark W. Clark as a regular ambassador. We think that the various church federations should bring this to the attention of the candidates for the Presidency and for the Senate. Protestants have no political setup in this country but they have the votes. We have a right to receive assurances from candidates, particularly when it concerns the principle of separation of church and state. One of the Presidential candidates has said "the consensus of opinion of our people" would determine this action. Very well, let us see that the "consensus of opinion" is delivered. For nigh unto fifteen years Protestant conviction has been ignored in an offensive manner. It is about time that the people who wish to conserve religious freedom spoke unitedly with no uncertain sound.

—The Watchman-Examiner.

LISTEN TO THE

BAPTIST HOUR

DATE: September 28

SPEAKER: Dr. J. D. Grey

SUBJECT: "Is Your Religion Sufficient?"

ARKANSAS STATIONS

- KHOZ, Harrison, 8:15 a. m.
 - KELD, El Dorado, 2 p. m.
 - KENA, Mena, 2 p. m.
 - KDRS, Paragould, 10 a. m.
 - KOSE, Osceola, 5:30 p. m.
 - KVMA, Magnolia
 - KOTN, Pine Bluff, Sat., 8:30 p. m.
 - KELW, Walnut Ridge, 10 a. m.
- Consult local paper for time.

Seminary Faculty Recommends School Of Religious Education

The faculty of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, on August 27, adopted a report recommending to the trustees of the Seminary the establishment of a School of Religious Education in Louisville, Kentucky. This action came in response to a request of the trustees that the Seminary faculty make a careful study of the needs and the best procedures to care for them.

The faculty statement reads in part: "When the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary was founded in 1859, the outstanding need of the churches of the Southern Baptist Convention was for an intelligent, spiritual leadership, which expressed itself almost exclusively in the preaching and pastoral ministry. With the passing of the years our churches have experienced unbelievable expansion and the local church program has been developed to include a large and varied program demanding trained workers in other areas of religious leadership. In view of the many requests that have come to the Seminary in recent years for trained workers to assist in the promotion, direction, and improvement of this expanded church program. . . ." we recommend that as soon as funds are available the trustees establish a School of Religious Education.

A subcommittee of the trustees has previously, on May 2, 1952, declared its willingness to recommend to the full board the launching of a School of Religious Education in the fall of 1953, provided it can be soundly financed.

The faculty recommendation provides for a two year course leading to the Master of Religious Education degree and two years of graduate work leading to the Doctor of Religious Education degree. Dr. G. S. Dobbins and others pointed out the need for a three year course to prepare adequately those called to the field of religious education. It was felt that such men and women should be trained as scholars as well as craftsmen. The present standardizing of the M. R. E. degree as a two year course was held to be determinative, though hope was expressed that in co-operation with other Baptist seminaries it might in the future be lengthened to a three year course.

The proposed School of Religious Education will be open to both men and women. Recent action of the Woman's Missionary Union Training School in withdrawing from the field of religious education makes this possible. Admission standards will be the same as for theological students, the attainment of the A. B. degree except in the case of those whose circumstances make attending college for four years absolutely impossible.

Strong convictions were registered that the Seminary should in no instance compete with Baptist colleges for students. No degree is to be offered therefore for religious education students who do not possess a college degree.

The faculty further recommends that all the facilities of the Seminary campus be made available to religious education students. The religious education school will be distinct in organization and curriculum from the present School of Church Music and theological school.

The trustee committee will meet on November 25, 1952, to study these recommendations of the faculty.

B. B. McKinney As I Knew Him

By C. E. MATTHEWS

On Sunday, September 7, 1952, B. B. McKinney went home to live with Jesus. It was the pleasure and privilege of the writer to know him and to be associated with him in various capacities of religious activities over a period of thirty years. During seven of those years we were associated as pastor and minister of music. We have together engaged in scores of revivals in churches of every size scattered over the Southern Baptist Convention territory.

It is my sincere judgment that B. B. McKinney was the greatest Christian layman I ever knew. He was known as a musician, but the word "musician" falls far short of describing him. The best description I know that would adequately fit him as a man is found in the First Psalm: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Brother McKinney was born of noble parents. They were humble, homelike, God-fearing people. He inherited the nature of his great Christian mother.

In the field of gospel music his specialty was harmony. He wrote more than 700 gospel songs. Many of them will live long after this generation is gone. Anyone that knew him would recognize any song he ever composed because of its harmony and its wholesome sentiment. It is my belief that this harmony in music resulted from the harmony that existed between his soul and God. He lived in two worlds at the same time, one with his fellowman and the other with God. It is an actual fact that Ben McKinney could take the gospel of

Christ expressed in a poem and set it to music quicker possibly than any other man of his generation.

He was a master at leading congregational music. He sang a type of music that prepared the hearts of the people for the gospel in sermon. In this capacity he, undoubtedly, was a genius. He stood in the breach for Southern Baptists for thirty-five years, steering us clear of empty jazz music on one side and liturgical music that leads to cold, dead formalism on the other. In this capacity probably he rendered an influence beyond that of any other person in the history of his denomination. In singing the gospel, his approach was to the heart. Time and again I have seen him sing people into the kingdom of God. Once in a revival in Sherman, Texas, when the evangelist had given up in his appeal because of no response, Brother McKinney began singing a solo entitled, "I Will Arise and Go to Jesus." When he had finished, eighteen grown people had come forward accepting Christ as Savior.

His very presence in an assembly was so stimulating because of his poise and composure that once a deacon in the church where he was employed said, "B. B. McKinney would be worth his salary if he did nothing but stand on the rostrum."

Brother McKinney loved people. He has left an example and an influence with young people over the Southland that are unmatched for wholesome Christian living and service to Christ.

In all of his work he has been ably assisted and encouraged by Mrs. McKinney. His wife and the two fine Christian boys will miss him, our churches will miss him, our denomination will miss him, but his influence will remain in the lives of people as they for generations to come sing the songs written about the Savior he loved.

Stewardship Revival— Demonstration Day

By J. W. BUCKNER

A stewardship Revival should show something, maybe many things. It will certainly show the spirit of the members of the church and the vision of the leadership. It will show the loyalty of every member of the church or the lack of loyalty. It will often show how high a church can ascend in a spiritual way, how deep impressions of a spiritual nature can become in a very short time.

But a Stewardship Revival should show **The Financial Possibilities of the Church.** The pastor and visiting evangelist will be continually speaking of the possibilities of the Church when and if they all become tithers. Figures will be cited over and over again to show what that very Church can do when they really reach out for the Lord. True figure-pictures will enlighten and inspire the heart of the church and they will begin to reach out for God.

So, on the last Sunday of the meeting, high goals should be set for attendance and offering, especially for the tithes and offering. Possibly twice the usual offering is a good goal, sometimes three times the usual offering. **LET THE PASTOR, TREASURER AND EVANGELIST SET THIS GOAL. TOO MANY** advising will work for a low goal. A low goal is bad for the future. Often the pastor alone can set this goal. Announce it at every service of the meeting. **PRAY ABOUT IT ALL THE TIME EVERYWHERE.**

The last Sunday being **DEMONSTRATION DAY**, send a letter to every member of the Church and Sunday School containing these three things, a personal letter from the pastor explaining the Demonstration and the goals, an envelope especially for that offering, and a good tract on tithing. The tract and the offering envelope are vital. The letter of the pastor is vital too and members will read it and appreciate it. **PLEASE, TO EVERY MEMBER, NEVER TO FAMILIES ALONE.**

CAREFULLY EXPLAIN from the pulpit and through the letter that this is not a money raising day. Show that their tithes and offerings alone will more than meet the amount of the goal and urge them to bring the tithe of that week's income in the enclosed envelope to the very first service attended **DEMONSTRATION DAY.** Stress, that tithes and offerings will meet that goal and far more and ask each member to pray about his tithes for that day.

Remember that this goal is to show your people what can be done by them. I have a letter of this morning from a pastor who tells me that his offerings have continued now a year right up to the point we reached on **Demonstration Day** in his church. It will do the same for many churches over Arkansas.

Another pastor who set a high and worthy goal has said over and over again that his meeting, his Stewardship Revival, was the best revival he has had in his church in nine years. **GO TO TOWN IN THIS STEWARDSHIP REVIVAL** and your Church and your people will ever-after be taller, sweeter, more co-operative and more surrendered.

They will not respect half-baked stuff. Give it to them straight and true.

"He that would prepare for heaven must honor the Sabbath upon earth."

Keep Government Out Of Theological Education

By REUBEN E. ALLEY

Last week the Air Force announced, from Washington, that it proposed to train its own chaplains through the Air Force Reserve Officers Training Corps program. In other words it seems that a military branch of the National Government expects to enter the field of theological education in order to relieve the shortage of chaplains. Details of the plan have not been released. Whatever the Air Force may have in mind, the proposal, as presented, should cause alarm among American citizens who have regard for religious freedom. If the Air Force expects to make arrangements for the training of its chaplains in established seminaries of the various denominations, almost certainly serious dangers will arise from any attempt to set up the necessary relationships. If, on the other hand, the Air Force proposes to make a curriculum and select professors for the training of young chaplains, it will create an impossible situation—striking violently at the basic principle of religious freedom as expressed through the separation of church and state. Protestant Christians, alarmed at the prospect suggested by the announcement from Washington, should take immediate, necessary action to restrain the Air Force in effectuating such a plan.

—Religious Herald

Russian Soldiers Chase American Baptist Leaders

By Religious News Service

Dr. J. D. Grey, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, told how he and Dr. Edwin H. Pruden of Washington, D. C., had been chased by Russian soldiers near the Soviet Zone border in Berlin.

Dr. Grey said that he and Dr. Pruden, pastor of First Baptist Church, Washington, and former president of the American Baptist Convention, were being taken on a sightseeing tour of Berlin by Captain E. E. Swadell, a Protestant chaplain.

They moved near the Soviet Zone border to take a picture of a sign, he said, when "suddenly some Russian soldiers jumped out of the bushes about 75 yards away and ran toward us, their machine guns held up in firing position."

"Quick, quick! Get in the car," our German chauffeur cried. And believe me we got in there quick," Dr. Grey said.

The two American pastors visited Germany after attending a meeting of the Baptist World Alliance Executive Committee in Copenhagen. Dr. Grey, who is pastor of First Baptist Church, New Orleans, also went to Africa and South America.

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Be harder on your own faults. Be more tender on those of an enemy.

—Copied

Missionary Dollars Are Still Big

By J. D. GREY, *President*
Southern Baptist Convention

The American dollar has become pitifully small in its purchasing power. The price index shows how weak it is on the consumer market. However the dollar invested in missions is still as big as it ever was, if not bigger. Southern Baptists can be happy over the bargains they are getting with their missionary dollars. Their dollars invested in missionary activities around the world are bringing glorious dividends!

This observation comes from a journey of 19,360 miles and brief visits to seventeen countries, including several Southern Baptist mission fields. In all of these places I saw American dollars at work. Industry has them working; world trade, world transportation and the military have them working. The Marshall Plan has our dollars working for the tremendous benefit of many nations. But nowhere did I see a dollar bringing as great and lasting benefits as the missionary dollar.

Destitute Places

I saw the missionary dollar at work. I saw it on missions of mercy in war-devastated countries as it brought relief from famine, encouragement and hope to displaced persons. I saw it in the work of reconstruction as bombed-out churches were being repaired and as many small church buildings and chapels were being erected in areas wholly destitute of the evangelical faith. As a typical case I cite a chapel built by Southern Baptists at Salzburg, Austria, where the Baptist church already has 200 members and ministers to thousands who are swarming out of Communist-infested Eastern Europe. If every Southern Baptist could see just one situation like Salzburg, he would be happy over the return on his investment and sad because he had not given more.

Medical Missions

Our missionary dollars are at work in medical missions. In just one field—Nigeria—I beheld scenes that would make the angels rejoice. Our Southern Baptist doctors and nurses there are truly "angels of mercy" and humble servants of Christ as the Lord uses them to place healing hands on diseased bodies and win to Christ those who are being healed. One missionary doctor just completing a major operation said to me, "God has saved the life of this pagan man; the operation seems to be a success. I must now seek to win him to Christ before he leaves the hospital. I feel God has helped me in ministering to his body so I may also minister to his soul." I saw instances and heard of many more where entire pagan communities have been turned to faith in Christ because of the efficient medical care and the humble Christian lives of the medical missionaries. But with a limited personnel and equally limited facilities they cannot begin to meet the needs. In hospitals, leper colonies, women's dispensaries, and in homes for abandoned infants the missionaries are "making brick without straw."

Education-Evangelism

I saw also our missionary dollars hard at work in the field of education and evangelism. Be assured on the mission field these two must always be inseparably linked to-

gether. The same ought to be the case on the home field as well. At Ruschlikon, our Seminary is training the leaders who will shape the destiny of Europe for a thousand years. In Nigeria in the elementary schools, high schools, colleges and seminary, we have Christian education indeed. It is active—not simply passive. Not only are our preachers being trained in our Baptist schools, but school teachers, businessmen, and public officials. A minister in the government at Lagos is a product of our Baptist schools. There is an insatiate thirst for education in Nigeria. A new nation is being born. More and more the British are handing over the reins of Nigeria's destiny to the natives. The extent to which these new leaders are Christian in their attitudes depends upon what we have done and will do in giving them Christian education. Every one of our schools is a focal point for intensive evangelistic activity. Our missionary dollars are hard at work through the Seminary at Ogbomosho. Here the native pastors and Baptist leaders are being well trained for their work. A strong spirit of evangelism emanates from the seminary. This is demonstrated by the fact that last year there was one baptism for every nine Baptists in Nigeria while here at home we had one baptism for every nineteen members.

In Many Places

What our missionary dollars are doing in education and evangelism elsewhere, they are doing also in Brazil. A brief visit at only one mission station—Recife—convinced me of this. The 47 Baptist churches of the city were in the midst of a Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade. Both the Seminary and the Woman's Training School had dismissed classes for the week to enable the students to work in the crusade. In addition to regular services in these churches and additional mission stations, other activities of such a crusade were being carried on. Numerous radio broadcasts were heard each day and, on the opening Sunday, fifteen open-air services were held and at five o'clock each afternoon an evangelistic service was held in a public square in the heart of the city. All of these services had tremendous crowds and a marvelous response. What I witnessed in Recife was happening, I was told, throughout Brazil and the rest of South America. I noted the same spirit in evangelistic fervor when I stopped briefly in Venezuela where our mission work is only a little over one year old.

In Personnel

The missionary dollar also gets us more than our money's worth in the type of missionary personnel we have. In caliber, ability, consecration and spirit, our missionaries are among the finest Christian workers on earth. Most of them are doing the work of two or three men and they do it without complaining.

Southern Baptists, your missionary dollars are still the biggest in the world. The only trouble is we don't have enough of these dollars at work.

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"It does a man no good to 'sit up and take notice,' if he keeps on sitting.

—Copied

Poverty And Plenty

By ROY L. SMITH

One man gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want. Proverbs 11.24. Revised Standard Version.

There is that scattereth and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet but it tendeth to poverty—**King James Version.**

The management of money is one of life's most contradictory problems. We spend in order to make a profit, and the goods we save are corrupted by moth and rust.

True benevolence is one of the finest of the fine arts. To give without impoverishing the recipient, and to save without becoming impoverished of soul ourselves, represents one of the most delicate procedures.

The wise old Hebrew philosopher had watched his neighbors with an observing eye. He had seen one man—one-handed, generous, and charitable — grow great of heart and merry of spirit as he had shared his goods with his less fortunate brethren. And he had seen another—hard, parsimonious, and selfish — grow smaller year by year, with life becoming increasingly stern.

There was the little old lady who lived in a wheel chair, and eked out a precarious existence, paying her bills with the meager sum she received in the form of an old-age pension, supplemented by a tiny income on the side earned through the sale of little pieces of handiwork. **But she tithed faithfully!**

"If it had not been for my tithe," she said, "I might have lived all of my days inside this bare little room, with never an outlook. But as it is, I live around the world. I have sent my dollars to the missionaries in a dozen countries, and I have followed every dollar with a hundred prayers. Because I pray for the people over there, I read everything I get hold of about them. That helps me know what kind of people they are."

Year by year she grows richer, and finer. They said she should not give, "because she was so poor." "Surely they would not deny me the right to pray. Then why deny me the right to give?" And the old Hebrew Proverbialist would have agreed with her.

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"Deceased"

By WESLEY A. LINDSEY

In Whitfield County, in the state of Georgia, the Baptist church at Little Prospect can mark "deceased" by the name of one of its non-resident members.

Death claimed this non-resident member at the age of 80 at Durham, Arkansas, several days ago. I conducted the funeral at Prescott.

The unsaved son, at whose home his father died, rather too proudly, I thought, exhibited a faded church letter dated May 3, 1890 — when the deceased was 18 years of age.

This father had lived these 62 years out of the church, which no doubt explains the tragic fact that not one of the four children with whom I talked — two young mothers and two young fathers — made any profession of faith.

Transfer Church Membership Week came too late for this family.

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"Evangelism must be the constant pulse beat of the church—not a fever followed by a chill."

—G. S. Dobbins

Baptist Brotherhood of Arkansas

NELSON TULL, Secretary

Make It A Great Layman's Day On October 12!

The following Layman's Day suggestions have been mailed to every pastor and Brotherhood president in Arkansas. We believe that if you follow through with the plan given below, your church will be set forward through Layman's Day.

1. PLAN to observe Layman's Day whether your church has a Brotherhood or not.

2. If your church has a Brotherhood, ENLIST the Brotherhood in an all-out effort to make Layman's Day an outstanding success. (Let the Brotherhood carry the ball!)

3. BEGIN NOW to publicize Layman's Day through the church bulletin, and through announcements in church services and in men's Sunday School classes. Get newspaper publicity as the day approaches.

4. PREPARE AND SEND a letter to every man who belongs to your church, telling him about Layman's Day, and urging him to attend ALL services of the church on October 12, and to bring his whole family with him.

5. PREPARE lists of live prospects for visitation on Layman's Day afternoon. The list should include men, women, boys and girls who are LOST, or UNAFFILIATED, or OUT OF SERVICE.

6. WORK with Sunday School leaders to have laymen to bring

all devotions in all Departments, and to teach all classes of all ages. WORK with Training Union leaders to have the men take over all responsibilities of all Departments and unions.

7. PLAN an early morning prayer service. Urge all of the men to come, especially all those who have a place to fill in the various services of the church during the day.

8. DEDICATE the morning service to the laymen. (a) Have the men sit in a body. Recognize them. Recognize the boys, also. (b) Have an all-men's choir, and special music by the men. (c) Point the church to the work and worth of its laymen. (d) Point the laymen to their responsibilities as Christians. (e) Make the service one of consecration and re-dedication.

9. PLAN a special meeting of the men of the church and community to listen to the Baptist Hour broadcast (time and stations will be announced in the Arkansas Baptist).

10. After the broadcast, LEAD the men afield to visit for the night service. Use the lists already prepared (see #5, above).

11. MAKE the evening service positively evangelistic!

12. FOLLOW THROUGH by continuing to use your men in a greater way in every phase of church life and work.

Woman's Missionary Union

MISS NANCY COOPER, Executive Secretary

YOU ARE EXPECTED

To attend YOUR District W.-M. U. Meeting! Check the following schedule and encourage every member of Woman's Missionary Society to attend. Each meeting will be an all-day one and the program will include missionary messages, presentation of organizational plans by state and district officers. Plans are being made to give information and inspiration for the task committed to Southern Baptist women.

West Central—First Church, Clarksville, October 28.

Northwest—First Church, Springdale, October 29.

North Central—First Church, Marshall, October 30.

Northeast—First Church, Paragould, October 31.

Southwest—Beech Street, Gurdon, November 4.

Southeast—First Church, McGehee, November 5.

Central—Baring Cross, North Little Rock, November 6.

East Central—First Church, Forrest City, November 7.

YOU ARE INVITED

To become informed about some of the new fields which Southern Baptists have entered during the last twelve years. They are many and interesting. A full series of books is offered for study by the entire "family" especially before the Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions, December 1-5. Have you scheduled your classes and selected your teachers? Note the enticing titles, the interesting subject matter, the well-known authors:

Scattered Abroad by E. C. Routh presents a survey of SBC work in Hawaii, Korea, Formosa, Philippines, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaya, Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Colombia, Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Southern Rhodesia, Near East. This book lends itself beautifully to being taught by several rather than one teacher. It is for adults.

Rainbow South by Albert McClellan and written for young people is an interesting study of the "rainbow republics" of Cen-

tral America. Dr. McClellan has presented in an unusually fine way customs of the charming people who live there, their government, religion, along with human interest analysis of Baptist mission work.

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Two Thousand Priests Forsake Romanism

Writing on "The Roman Catholic Church in France," Dr. W. O. Lewis, associate secretary of the Baptist World Alliance, declares that since 1945, approximately two thousand Roman Catholic priests have left the church in France.

Dr. Lewis states:

"At the end of March this year in 'Le Monde,' which has been considered the most influential newspaper in France, an influential Roman Catholic discussed the question, 'Is there uneasiness (malaise) among French Catholics?' He is of the opinion that there is a certain tension and discontent among intelligent Catholics in France.

"As is well known, certain young Catholic laymen and priests have done much to bridge the gulf between the laboring classes and the church. Priests work in factories with factory laborers. They have begun to make an impression on the proletariat. In France one could not say the proletarians were hostile to the church—they were totally indifferent. But now some of the higher clergy are opposed to this movement to reach the working classes. It is no wonder that some of the finest spirits in the church are puzzled and discouraged.

"We are also told in this article in 'Le Monde' that there are certain leaders in the Catholic Church who wish to enter into

friendly relations with Protestants and with the ecumenical movement represented by the World Council of Churches. This is discouraged by the Vatican. There are both priests and laymen in the church in France who are dissatisfied with this attitude of the highest authorities in Rome.

"According to recent statistics, about 2,000 Roman Catholic priests have left the church in France since 1945. And the movement continues. Those who are leaving the church have an organization called 'The Bereans' which carries on an energetic propaganda to encourage Catholics to break with the church and turn to a personal faith in Jesus Christ.

"Recently the paper published by the Baptist young people of France, 'Croire et Servir' (Believe and Serve) printed a number of testimonials of priests who had left the church. Soon after this number of our Baptist paper appeared there was such a demand for it that 10,000 extra copies had to be printed to fill the orders for that number.

"It would seem that there is at present more uneasiness in the Catholic Church in France than there has been for some time. May God grant that this may result in real conversion to a living faith in the living Savior Jesus Christ."

—The Australian Baptist

Department of Missions

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Increase Your Associational Mission Gifts

Dr. B. L. Bridges, our general secretary, and Lucien E. Coleman, his associate, are doing a splendid job in promoting the Cooperative Program. We believe that the great increase in gifts to the Cooperative Program, as revealed in the receipts during the past few years, has been largely due to the magnificent way in which these men have emphasized this great work. We rejoice in what they have done and in the fact that the churches have increased their allocations from year to year to the Cooperative Program.

Our attention has been called, however, to the fact that nothing has been done in the way of urging the churches to increase the gifts to associational missions. Some of the members of our Mission Committee called attention to this in our last meeting and asked that we stress the importance of the churches increasing their associational mission gifts as well as the allocations to the Cooperative Program. We have sent out a letter to the pastors, calling attention to the need of each church increasing its allocations to associational missions.

Some of the stronger associations ought to assume a larger share of the associational missionaries' salaries, thus making it possible for the Mission Department to give more to the small and weak associations. We heard recently of one of our small associations voting to cut the missionary's salary \$50 per month. It seemed necessary to do it because the association was running a deficit from month to month. It is doubtful if the missionary can remain on the field with the reduction in salary. If the stronger associations would become self-supporting, our Mission Department would be able to give more to this weak association and others like it.

We urge, therefore, each church to increase the allocation to associational missions. There is no danger of your association get-

ting too much. Most likely you will need a home for the missionary; perhaps his salary needs increasing; there may be new fields to enter. We have confidence in our churches doing the right thing, so come on up with your gifts to associational missions.

WHAT ABOUT SIMULTANEOUS REVIVALS IN '53?

No plan has been suggested for State-Wide or Sectional Simultaneous Revivals in 1953. It is expected, however, that many, if not all, the associations will plan to have associational simultaneous revivals at some time most convenient for each. Records will bear out the fact that more people are won to Christ in an association when all the churches have simultaneous revivals. It must be admitted that our main objective is to win lost people to Christ, then why not follow the plan that is most successful? Set your date now for your Simultaneous Crusade in 1953, so that each church can begin making preparations and secure the help desired.

SOUTH-WIDE SURVEY

Arkansas is joining with the other states of the Southern Baptist Convention in making a survey of the churches reporting no baptisms in 1950 and 1951. We are fortunate in our state in having associational missionaries to help make the survey of the nearly 200 churches reporting no baptisms. It is our hope that our survey will be completed first. A report of the entire south-wide survey is to be given at a meeting of the leaders of evangelism at Nashville, Tennessee, in December.

This survey will discover whether or not these churches are: inactive; membership too small for effective work; services too irregular; church poorly located; lack of leadership; pastorless, pastor not evangelistic; no revival meetings; etc.

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Southeastern Seminary Opens Second Session

By OWEN MEREDITH

Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary, Wake Forest, opened its second session this week.

Addressing the student body Tuesday morning, President Sydney L. Stealey said, "Our Father is still creating. He is creating primarily in the realm of personality. We are seeking to establish a school in which God will be creating, through us, His will and His purpose."

In expressing regret that many applications had to be turned down, Dr. Stealey said "Our enrollment is as large as possible, and must be limited until Wake Forest moves to its new location."

Dr. Olin T. Binkley, Professor of Christian Sociology and Ethics, outlined the Seminary's program of theological education. "Southeastern Seminary is a community of learning," he said. "Christian scholarship is concerned with the mastery of ideas, the clarification of values, and the articulation of a coherent interpretation of the Christian message and mission."

"The Seminary is a community of faith. Our members give Jesus Christ the highest place in our minds and the deepest place in our hearts."

"The Seminary is also a community of action whose members relate research to service," said Dr. Binkley.

"It is hoped that this Seminary will guide the growth of ministers willing to serve in humble places and competent to serve in responsible places, and that the total program of the school will help advance the gospel of Christ and its ethics of righteousness and love."

A series of opening addresses, given in Wake Forest Baptist Church, centered on the theme, "The Nature and Ideals of a Seminary Education."

Tuesday evening Dr. Solon B. Cousins, Professor of Bible at the University of Richmond, listed "What I Hope the Seminary Will Teach Our Graduates."

"I hope the Seminary will magnify the priority of simple, unadorned goodness," said Dr. Cousins. "Also, I hope it will magnify the Christian scale of values."

"We have the moral obligation to be intelligent," he said. "The Seminary should teach intellectual competence, intellectual security, and intellectual independence."

"I hope it will also teach a proper denominationalism, and that it will lead graduates in the affirmation of our faith."

"Ministers must believe what they are saying," said Dr. Cousins. "But they must also have a sense of urgency about it. I hope the Seminary will create an atmosphere where the preaching passion will be evangelistic."

Dr. O. LaFayette Walker of Stetson University spoke Wednesday on "The Nature and Ideals of Seminary Education."

"Education at the Seminary should be an experience in spiritual, intellectual, and social development," he said. "A seminary education cannot exist in an ivory tower, and neither can the minister."

Dr. Walker pointed out that the minister must come to grips with the problems of men, saying "A seminary education will lend better understanding and insight into these problems."

Thursday evening Dr. Harold L. McManus of Mercer University outlined the "Modern Trends and Developments in Protestantism."

Protect Us From Loss of Reverence

THE TEMPO of modern living has the serious effect of deadening the spiritual sensitivity of an increasing number of people. This is indicated by the loss of reverence that has crept into what ought to be sacred areas of life.

CONSIDER, for instance, the way Sunday is observed. Too many regard as out of date the old-fashioned notion that the Lord's Day is a day of special spiritual service and recognition. They will rush rapidly to church, tip their hats to God in a superficial worship experience, and go about their business. Some do not even bother to go to church. Appealing to the "ox in the ditch" excuse, they argue that Sunday is the only time to trim the hedge, repair the fence, hang the curtains, or wax the floor.

—Baptist Bulletin

Things One Remembers

By R. M. HOFER

In these days when some people in both high and low positions would sell the United States short for the purposes of promoting restrictive socialism, it is well to pause and take stock of what this country has offered the individual-unlimited opportunity.

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By CHARLES A. WELLS

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Nothing on earth can smile but man. Gems may flash reflected light, but what is a diamond-flash compared with an eye-flash and a mind-flash? A smile is a light in the window of the face by which the heart signifies it is at home and waiting.

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2. Promotion Expenses (Home Cultivation):		
Including salaries of regional secretaries (pro-rated), deputation work of missionaries on furlough, publicity through denominational papers, The Commission, audio-visual education, etc.; also the amount recalled by the Woman's Missionary Union, (\$46,000) from its contribution to the Foreign Mission Board through the Cooperative Program	172,794.36	2.49
3. General Expenses:		
Cost of board meetings, investment expenses—agents' fees, etc., and other miscellaneous expenses	32,286.04	.46
4. Miscellaneous Expenses:		
Representing sundry special expenses incurred which do not properly belong under any of the above classifications	30,732.70	.44
5. Foreign Fields:		
Including salaries of regional secretaries (pro-rated), salaries of missionaries, cost of language study of new missionaries, furlough travel, underwriting pensions and allowances to emeritus missionaries, support of native work, maintenance of schools and hospitals, operation of publishing houses, and other miscellaneous expenses	6,535,724.89	94.09
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	S.S.	T.U.	Ad.		S.S.	T.U.	Ad.
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Including Missions	1475	665		Jonesboro, Walnut St.	354	94	2
Little Rock, Immanuel	1302	344	9	Texarkana, Calvary	330	110	
Including Missions	1453	437	10	Hamburg, First	319	134	
Little Rock, First	1088	460	13	Monticello, First	313	187	
El Dorado, First	943	240	1	Bauxite, First	312	117	2
No. Little Rock, Baring Cross	822	349	2	No. Little Rock, Park Hill	305	96	
Including Missions	934	380		Fort Smith, South Side	302	61	1
Little Rock, Second	837	227	14	Fort Smith, Immanuel	301	124	
Fort Smith, Grand Ave.	667	268	7	Fort Smith, Temple	295	197	1
Texarkana, Beech St.	647	297	2	Pine Bluff, Second	290	99	
Fayetteville, First	643	262	55	Jacksonville, First	287	103	2
Including Mission	687	277		Including Mission	344		
Pine Bluff, South Side	628	230	2	Alma, First	284	115	
Camden, First	599	163	10	Including Mission	304		
Including Missions	928	361		Wynne	284	78	
Benton, First	570	98	4	Norphlet, First	282	154	
Including Mission	630	160		Stuttgart, First	379	179	
Magnolia, Central	569	210	13	Including Mission	430		
Including Mission	615			Levy	277	168	4
Little Rock, Tabernacle	566	219	3	Spradling	251	130	
El Dorado, Immanuel	547	306	6	Mena, First	251	85	
Including Mission	602	365	8	Including Mission	294		
Crossett, First	545	234		Greenwood, First	239	114	4
Paragould, First	529	244	10	Morrilton, First	238	101	
Including Missions	727	386		Including Mission	299		
Little Rock, Pulaski Hts.	519	143	3	Little Rock, Hebron	232	115	3
Little Rock, So. Highland	509	227	15	Little Rock, Calvary	232	61	1
Warren, First	508	127	6	Bentonville, First	231	52	3
Siloam Springs, First	501	313	9	Including Mission	281		
El Dorado, Second	494	280		Crossett, Mount Olive	230	119	1
Hope, First	488	101	1	Hot Springs, Piney	220	169	
West Helena	484	171	2	Gurdon, Beech St.	216	94	1
Little Rock, Gaines St.	478	266	8	Paragould, East Side	215	121	2
McGehee, First	473	155	4	Springdale, Caudle Ave.	209	128	
Including Missions	618	237		Including Mission	241		
Hot Springs, Central	471	169	2	No. Little Rock, 47th St.	207	97	
Cullendale, First	443	203		Star City, First	201	70	1
Hot Springs, Park Place	431	155		Including Mission	218		
Conway, First	427	133	13	Fort Smith, Calvary	196	88	1
Paris, First	416	116	1	North Crossett, First	183	132	4
Fort Smith, Calvary	388	139		Dermott	181	59	1
El Dorado, West Side	386	115		No. Little Rock, First	178	56	
Smackover, First	363	122		Leachville, New Providence	173	113	
				Rose City, Calvary	171	74	

Glory Of Solomon's Empire

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.

Sunday School Lesson for
September 28, 1952

I Kings 4:20-26; 11:4-8

In the first portion of this lesson we glean the following facts concerning the glory of Solomon's empire; the size, the power, the wealth:

1. Israel and Judah had multiplied in numbers and were a happy and prosperous nation, verse 20.

2. Solomon's reign had broadened to include the small nations surrounding Israel. They served him and paid him taxes.

3. The provisions necessary for one day in the royal household indicates a great number of servants, diplomats, visitors, and family.

4. Solomon had a peaceful reign. The stress and strain of war that had been David's was far removed from his son.

5. Israel and Judah dwelled in safety, thus the people shared in the benefits of the peaceful reign of Solomon.

6. The size of Solomon's army and cavalry was tremendous for that day; he had 40,000 stalls for his horses, and 12,000 horsemen. Yet, the military strength of Israel did not save it when the people had again forgotten God.

Nothing was lacking to make Solomon's reign a perfect one, and the people the happiest and most contented of all times. How glad they should have been to have worshiped Jehovah God, who had so graciously blessed them. But then, we are reminded the same thing is true of our nation today, and comparatively few are thankful. Most Americans take God and His blessings for granted.

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Solomon became known in the remote corners of the earth for his great wisdom. He was known far and wide for the great, beautiful palace he had built for himself. "Solomon's Temple" is still a common phrase among us today, when speaking of the magnificent Temple of God, which was Solomon's happy privilege to have erected in Jerusalem for the worship of God by the people. He was a wonderful diplomat in dealing with weaker nations, and he developed a rich commercial trade with nations far and near.

We recall how the Queen of Sheba traveled across the world of that day to see for herself if the accounts she had heard of Solomon were true. She was so amazed, when she saw the glory of Solomon, his great empire, and

his unusual wisdom and understanding in dealing with others, that she exclaimed: "The half was not told to me." Evidently, words had been inadequate to describe the nation of God, and His blessings upon Solomon.

We recall the happy beginning of Solomon's reign over Israel; he was zealous and spiritual, and used great wisdom in his youth. At the peak of his career he must have written the Proverbs, an array of wise counsel that is credited to his pen. He was the author of two other books also, the Song of Solomon, which is generally interpreted as a love story depicting Christ and His church; and Ecclesiastes, written after he was older and somewhat disillusioned with life.

A GOOD EXAMPLE— OF WHAT NOT TO BE

To have become one of the inspired writers of the scriptures indicates that Solomon was deeply spiritual at one time, and lived in close fellowship with God. He made a truly great contribution to Israel in his youth, to literature, and to the world. But by and by the weakness of human flesh somehow gained control of Solomon and we say with all reverence that though he was once the wisest man who ever lived, he also lived to become the most foolish. His last book resounds with the disappointment of one who has lived for the flesh. "All is vanity!" he says; under the sun, that is. All is emptiness and vanity when one has forgotten God. No amount of wealth, prestige, nor power—nor even a thousand wives—can interest a convicted backslider. "How tedious and tasteless the hours, when Jesus no longer I see!" He had exchanged the treasures of heaven for the garbage can on the back alley.

Solomon swung from one extreme to the other; and all humanity is in danger at that point. Many times one will look down on another and say within himself, "I would not do what that fellow is doing." The Bible answers self confidence like this: "Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall." Paul stated it thus: "For I have no confidence in the flesh." Solomon did not fall from grace, but he fell from wisdom and became a disgrace to the name of his God, and it was caused by the weakness of human flesh.

One may begin and end in

disaster in any realm of society. Every Christian must maintain a close fellowship with God, or Satan will invade his life to wreck and ruin it. Paul, knowing human nature as he did, was zealous to maintain his consecration.

If Solomon had only destroyed himself, or even his own household, it would not have been so serious. But one of the greatest kingdoms in history went down in sin, was drowned in dark despair, because Solomon "went after the strange gods" that his heathen wives worshiped. Solomon let down the flood gate of sin and idolatry swept through Israel like wildfire. When Solomon was seen worshiping the gods of Moab; the goddess of love, worshiped by the Zidonians; and the abomination of the Ammonites; when Solomon built a "high place" for Chemosh and Molech, the natural tendencies of the Israelites toward idolatry were encouraged to go all out for idolatry, and they did just that.

GLEANINGS FROM THE LESSON

Perhaps the greatest sin among us is failure to recognize God completely in our lives; the failure to realize from whence cometh all our blessings; the failure to praise God really and sincerely for His loving kindness toward us. We just are not

FAIR in our dealings with our God. We never seem to know when we are well off. The more He gives us the more we crave. **WAS NOT THAT THE CASE WITH SOLOMON?**

We have the history of Solomon's life for an example.

Prosperity, if not used for the glory of God, will prove fatal to any person.

Prosperity comes from the Lord and should be used for Him.

The same thing is true of wisdom. Wisdom, not used for God, will degenerate into mere intellectualism.

A constant spirit of gratitude must be maintained, else people will become arrogant, or bitter, or cynical. How could Solomon say, "All is vanity," after using up the blessings of the Lord for so many years! He was an ungrateful wretch, whipped and defeated by the lust of the flesh, and his effort to gratify his lusts.

Take Paul for another example; he lived in poverty, persecution, and sacrifice for many years. Yet there was nothing bitter or cynical in his attitude. He was looking forward to his departure, when he would receive the crown of life. Life was not "in vain" for Paul, he had laid up some rewards to enjoy on the other side. Let us be like Paul, not like Solomon!

Remember Your Orphanage In Fall Program Plans



H. C. SEEFELDT
Superintendent

We are depending on you to put the **THANKSGIVING OFFERING** for the Orphanage in your program for this Fall.

We need more space for more children.

We need to build three cottages as soon as possible.

YOU may want to build one as a memorial.

Suggestions

1. Gift of "One Day's Pay" by as many as possible.
2. Set a goal of \$1 per member of your church as reported to your association:
If you report 300 members try to raise \$300 for Orphanage.

Remember, the Orphanage receives part of its support from the Cooperative Program, but our main support comes through the Thanksgiving offering.

BOTTOMS BAPTIST ORPHANAGE
Monticello, Arkansas

Accepts Foundation Secretaryship

The Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation have elected Mr. W. A. Jackson of Benton, to be the Executive Secretary of the Baptist Foundation. Brother Jackson has accepted the work and immediately went into activity. He is visiting the associations at present, and is acquainting the people more thoroughly with the purpose and objectives of the Foundation.

We predict that Brother Jackson will not only interest our people in the Baptist Foundation, but will actually obtain gifts and bequests and wills that will accrue to the benefit of our institutions and our Baptist activities throughout the state. Since the departure of Dr. John D. Freeman, the Foundation Board has not been able to find a suitable man to carry on the work of the Foundation. We consider that the board is fortunate in obtaining the services of Brother Jackson.

Brother Jackson is peculiarly fitted to do work of this sort. He is a layman and has the business man's approach to the problems and needs of our work. He can talk to men of substantial needs and challenge their interest and attention because Brother Jackson is a man of no little business ability and has made a success in life. He loves our institutions and our work because he knows them. He knows their purposes, their objectives, their methods, and he knows their needs. He has all the causes at heart and will, therefore, put an earnest effort into this work. He has been on dif-



W. A. JACKSON

ferent boards in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, and is thoroughly acquainted with our methods and the scope of our work. We do not know how the Foundation could have found a more suitable man for this particular task. We are allowing you to look at the likeness of Brother Jackson in this week's paper. Many of you will recognize him as an outstanding leader and personality in the denomination.

Buckner Association

Reports made at the annual meeting of Buckner Association reflected the progress now being made in our work all over Arkansas. The Assistant Secretary was privileged to speak there last Thursday, September 11, at the evening session on the Cooperative Program report.

We were greatly encouraged at the enthusiasm which seemed to abound in everybody. Some of our most capable and able preachers and leaders are working in Buckner Association. We thank the Lord for them and the fine people they lead.

The meeting was held at Wicherville which is near the site of the old Buckner Baptist College.

Hoxie And Chandler

September 14 marked the fifth anniversary of J. V. Chandler's pastorate at the First Church, Hoxie. The Assistant Secretary was privileged to speak at the morning service when a large crowd, including members of the church and friends, were present. Pastor and Mrs. Chandler were both presented gifts. During the service various church leaders expressed appreciation for the pastor's service on behalf of their respective organizations.

Among the highlights of progress during these five years were (a) increase in Co-

operative Program gifts from \$120 per year to \$360 per year, and (b) and increase in Associational Missions from \$60 per year to \$222 per year.

A building fund has been started in which there is now over \$6,300. Many improvements and repairs have been made to the church and parsonage.

The people at Hoxie love their pastor, and we rejoice with both pastor and church in the accomplishments they have wrought for the Lord.

Buckville Association

The Buckville Association met last week for one day. This is a small group of Baptists in the mountains west of Hot Springs. The building of Blakely Dam on the Ouachita River created a lake that necessitated the removal of several centers in Buckville Association. There were no large towns within the territory of Buckville Association, but the villages were forced to seek higher altitude to escape the waters of the lake. Pastor Homer Speer is doing a splendid work as pastor since he resigned as missionary. Some of the able pastors that are by his side are Joe Anderson, Kenneth Gilbert, James Ford, and Bert Bashaw. There are only a few churches in Buckville Association, and the territory is sparsely settled, but some of the Lord's salt of the earth are in this territory.

They Are Crossing The River

You have already read of the homegoing of our outstanding leader and prophet of the Lord, Dr. M. E. Dodd. Dr. Dodd was in California when he passed away. Of course, Dr. Dodd was in the advanced stage of life so far as a man's earthly walk is concerned, but he had seemed to be in good health and yet death came to him. Dr. Dodd was one of the Lord's outstanding prophets and leaders in all the world. The impact of his life and ministry will show itself through the years to come. The world is definitely richer by having had the ministry of M. E. Dodd.

DR. R. M. INLOW CROSSES THE RIVER

Dr. R. M. Inlow, as many of our people will know, was Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention a number of years ago. It must have been about 1911 or 1912. Dr. Inlow was one of the most dynamic personalities that we have ever had in the ministry in Arkansas. He was sincere, zealous, and was a firebrand in the pulpit. He was a wise leader, and served his denomination well. During the last few years he has been inactive and a few weeks ago he entered upon his reward in heaven.

B. B. MCKINNEY WENT TO HEAVEN

B. B. McKinney, as our people know, was associated with the Sunday School Board as minister of music throughout the Southern Baptist Convention. He had the misfortune of being in an automobile wreck a short time ago and the injuries resulted in his death. Few men in the Southland will be missed more than B. B. McKinney. Some of the finest songs that we have were written and the music arranged by B. B. McKinney. One of the very popular hymns that he gave us was "Put Your Hand in the Nail Scarred Hand." The tender memories that center around this gracious personality and minister of the Lord will linger with many of us as long as we stay on this earth.

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How Much Federal Aid For The Churches

When you discuss the principle of separation of church and state, or the drive to gain federal funds for parochial schools, do you know how much federal aid is already going into church enterprises? No, because until now no one has known. Now, however, some figures are available. C. E. Bryant, who directs press relations for Baylor University in Waco, has just completed an investigation into this matter. Here's what he found out: Under the Hill-Burton act, a total of \$87 million of federal tax money has gone to aid church hospitals. Protestant and Jewish hospitals received \$19 million and a bit over; the remaining 78 per cent, or \$68 million, went to Roman Catholic institutions. Mr. Bryant believes the Roman Catholics received this disproportionate share because Protestant and Jewish hospitals are still reluctant to seek federal funds.

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