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Louis C. Williams

**Does this picture give you any ideas for a day of
relaxation and sport?**

Ignorance And Ignoring

By E. S. JAMES

The distinctive difference between those sinners who have never heard the Gospel and those sinners who have heard and refused it is that the former are ignorant of Truth while the latter ignore it. The Scriptures say that far heavier judgment will be imposed upon the ignoring than upon the ignorant. The man who has never heard the Gospel may find some hope, but the one who has heard and rejected it has none whatever. "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." No person is justified in believing that those who have never heard of Jesus will be saved. It is contrary to the Bible, but the same Bible speaks of more and fewer stripes according to man's knowledge of the will of Christ. So far as we are concerned those who have never heard are eternally lost. If God in mercy at the judgment bar manifests some leniency toward them, then that is His business. If they are not lost, then those who preach Christ to them are injuring them in making them thereby responsible to God. If they are lost, then to withhold the Gospel from them is the

greatest possible sin against them. There is a difference between purposeful and unintentional sin, but each is a sin. There is a difference between sinning against the Light and sinning without the Light, but still it is sin. There is a vast difference between ignorance of God and ignoring God.

A Communist in Russia might in a measure be excused, but a Communist in America is a menace. The Catholics of the medieval age without access to the Bible knew no better than to swallow what was handed them. Those who today refuse to study the Bible are not to be excused. With them it is ignoring rather than ignorance. It is understandable that the child of an atheist would be hard to win to Christ, but it is almost inconceivable that the child of a Christian home would continue to steel his heart against God's invitation to live. Ignorance of any truth is bad, and ignorance of God's truth is worse; but no measure of ignorance is comparable to ignoring the truth that is known.

—Baptist Standard

Religious Leaders Denounce Formation of Baptist Church

BOSTON, May 28, 1665 (BP) — Nine stout believers braved the stern opposition of the established church today to form the First Baptist Church of Boston. Two of the charter members are women.

The Baptists, who have been holding informal meetings here, announced that they have entered into "a solemn covenant, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to walk in fellowship and communion together, in the practice of all the holy appointments of Christ, which he had, or should further, make known to them."

The established church, long a bitter foe of the liberal and independent Baptist group, was outraged and lost no time in denouncing the movement. Some of the group have been excommunicated by the church to which they formerly belonged.

A spokesman for the ecclesiastical hierarchy in Massachusetts charged that the formation of the church is "not only a violation of the laws of the Commonwealth relating to the orderly manner of gathering a church, but is also a flagrant invasion of the rights of other churches." Opponents of the Baptists point out that the new church not only has accepted for membership candidates who have been excommunicated by

the established church, but that these excommunicated members are allowed to administer the sacraments.

Among the chief complaints against the Baptists are their rejection of infant baptism and their opposition to the authority of the state church. The only ordinances observed by the Baptists are the Lord's Supper and baptism. Baptism is reserved for professing believers only and is a prerequisite of church membership.

Thomas Gould and Thomas Osburne, and particularly Gould, are the principal objects of censure by the established church. Not only are the two leaders of the Baptist church, but both have withdrawn from the established church and have been excommunicated.

Gould first renounced the doctrine of infant baptism, on one occasion creating a disturbance before the congregation as the sacrament was being administered. He soon left off attending public worship and spurned all attempts of the church to restore him to fellowship.

Osburne objected to the practice of the established church of limiting the ministry to learned men and not allowing "private brethren" to preach. He also found persecution of the Quakers distasteful. Osburne also attended worship services in Gould's house in violation of the laws of the church.

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—17th Century Baptist Press

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Deacon Electrocuted

Thomas Hollanger Sr., prominent rice farmer, was electrocuted July 12 while checking his rice pump.

Mr. Hollanger was a Sunday school teacher and a deacon of First Church, Almyra.

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Mrs. George W. Leavell, 75, retired Southern Baptist missionary to China, died recently in Bristol, Va. Her husband, who survives, was a missionary doctor in Luchow, China.

The Throne of Grace

A Devotion By The Editor

"Come boldly unto the throne of grace."

Lest we should hesitate to approach the throne of God and fear to come into His presence, His seat of power and authority is described as the throne of grace. Therefore, His throne is approachable; it is friendly; it is gracious. It is not fearsome, but casts out fear; it does not smite, but heals; it does not frown, but smiles; it does not repeal, but draws; it does not condemn, but forgives.

All this graciousness is made available to us because He who sits on the throne is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities." He lived among men, sharing their experiences, their privations, and their struggles. Therefore, "He knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust."

His invitation is to keep on coming to the throne of grace and never desist; let no long lapses occur in your approach to the throne; come daily and linger at the throne.

And come "boldly" — literally, "speaking everything." Come telling Jesus the whole story of your life; keep back nothing from Him of your weaknesses and short comings; tell Him of your temptations and sins; tell Him also of your longings and desires, your hopes and expectations, your wants and your needs. Make a full confession as Peter did by the lake when he said, "Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee."

We come to Him for grace. Someone has translated this word "grace" as "gifts." And there is justification for such a rendering because we come to Him for grace in every time of need, and these times of need are many and the graces must be just as many.

Do we need courage to meet the problems and difficulties of life? Then come to Him for the gift of courage. Or is it patient endurance we need? The supply may be had from Him. Do we need faith to undertake some service for Him? He will give it to us. Or it may be strength to resist temptation. He will fortify our souls. Possibly it is an understanding of His word that we may teach others. He will open our minds to the truth.

And the gift always comes in the time of need: "in the nick of time." He is not careless enough to wait until it is too late, nor prodigal enough to bestow His gifts before they are needed, lest they should be wasted. If we have the habit of coming to Him, we shall always receive help in the nick of time.

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

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From The Editor's Desk

Executive Boards and Trustees

(This is the sixth in a series of studies of Baptist church polity.)

Since the work of Southern Baptists has grown to such large proportions and demands constant attention and supervision, it is necessary that each general Baptist body have an executive board or executive committee, which means the same thing. The district associations, the state conventions, and the Southern Baptist Convention have executive boards. These executive boards are to promote the convention or associational program between sessions of the parent body and are to conduct any business that demands attention between those sessions.

Responsibilities Defined

Generally, the responsibilities of the executive board are defined in the constitution of the association or convention, as the case may be. As a general rule, the executive boards also adopt constitutions to govern their own activities. These executive boards may also appoint committees to make surveys or studies of particular projects of problems or proposals which come before them. These committees report back to the executive boards in due time with recommendations for certain action. The executive board may approve the recommendations or reject them.

The development of the work of the associations and conventions during the year make it necessary for the executive board to come to the association or convention at its next session with reports of the work done and with recommendations for the next year's program. The association or convention may accept the reports and approve the recommendations in toto or alter them according to the wisdom of the convention or association assembled.

In some instances the executive board has an executive committee which functions between sessions of the executive board. This seems to be a wise arrangement since a small group can be gotten together more easily and with less expense than the larger group of the executive board. The smaller group also can take care of details of the work and make its report to the full board.

A Caution

However, there is a caution to be observed. The executive board should never delegate to its executive committee functions which should belong only to the executive board itself. When the executive board by constitutional authority limits its own actions and decisions in favor of its executive committee it has violated the fundamental principle of Baptist autonomy and polity. When a Baptist board declares in its constitution that it will not consider an item of business until it has first been studied by its executive committee, it is by that very constitutional requirement passing on to its executive committee responsibilities which the convention has placed upon the board itself. That is the equivalent of a church saying it will not

consider an item of business until it has first been presented to its deacons and studied by them and reported back to the church by the deacons. We dealt with that problem of the church in a former discussion.

Trustees of Institutions

Our Baptist institutions and agencies are governed and controlled by boards of trustees. These trustees are appointed by the conventions which maintain the institutions and agencies involved. These boards of trustees are responsible to the conventions which appointed them, whether state conventions or the Southern Baptist Convention. The trustees of any agency or institution are obligated to conduct the affairs of the agency or institution for which they are responsible according to the instructions and the financial plan of the convention.

Many of these boards of trustees have what is known as local committees which are, in fact, executive committees of the boards. This is true especially of the Southern Baptist agencies and institutions. There is a very great advantage in each board of trustees having an executive committee which can care for the business affairs and work of the board of trustees between its sessions.

Policy Decisions

However, a caution should be observed just here. The executive committee of a board of trustees should not usurp the authority of the board in determining policies, fixing salaries, and making other major decisions which should be the sole responsibility of the board of trustees itself. The executive committee of such boards should bring their recommendation on such matters to the full meeting of the board of trustees. Simply a progress report of the institution or agency presented by the executive committee to the full board is not sufficient. The board of trustees is appointed by the convention which sponsors and supports the agency or institution. The convention does not appoint the executive committee of the board. Where this situation exists, and we have reason to believe it does exist in some instances, the full meeting of the board of trustees should demand that the executive committee of the board shall make a full report of its decisions between sessions of the full board and that in making major policy decisions, determining salaries, and other matters of vital importance to the institution the executive committee shall only make recommendations to the board of trustees instead of making final decisions. This is a matter of very grave importance in the operation and promotion of our Baptist institutions and agencies.

Comprehensive Program

We believe that our Southern Baptist program is the most comprehensive and effective program of any evangelical denomina-

The Foreign Mission Board Audit

We publish on page eight a discussion of the audit of the Foreign Mission Board's operation in 1955. The discussion is by Dr. Baker James Cauthen, the secretary of the Foreign Mission Board.

You will find this discussion or analysis of the Board's operations not only interesting but challenging. It reveals the expanding ministry of the Foreign Mission Board and challenges us to take even more seriously to heart the commission of Jesus to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

More than eleven million dollars for foreign missions may appear to be a huge sum and Southern Baptists may be inclined to say, "Look what we are doing," and therefore become satisfied with our efforts to reach the world for Christ.

But this more than eleven million dollars in one year for foreign missions should be seen in the light of more than three hundred million dollars which Southern Baptists are spending in the homeland. Viewed against the background of three hundred million to maintain Southern Baptist work and institutions in the homeland, eleven million dollars looks rather small for the rest of the world. We must remember also that the Foreign Mission Board carries on the same type of program that we maintain in the homeland. That is, the Foreign Mission Board not only carries on an evangelistic and preaching program in foreign lands but it must also build and maintain hospitals, schools, and render other services that we maintain in the United States. Looking at this eleven million dollars against the background of the program promoted and maintained by the Foreign Mission Board in some thirty-five countries of the world, again it looks rather small.

Dr. Cauthen challenged Southern Baptists at the Kansas City Convention to give thirty million dollars to foreign missions and send 3,000 missionaries to the nations of the world with the gospel of salvation through Jesus Christ. Those are not impossible goals for Southern Baptists. They are well within the ability of Southern Baptists to meet.

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tion in America. We believe in that program and have given our life to it in the conviction that it provides the greatest opportunity for the individual to render a maximum multiple service to the Lord in obedience to His command. We must be energetic, prayerful, and co-operative in order to keep that program going and growing and ever-expanding. We must be ever-alert to the encroaching dangers that threaten our democracy and our autonomy. We must ever be prayerful that God will protect us against the dangers of our own creation and guide us according to His own will and purposes. We must ever be humble, recognizing that it is not by our own power or wisdom that we have achieved such phenomenal success but that it is by the power and the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Kingdom Progress

First, Nettleton, Dedicates New Building



First Church, Nettleton, dedicated its new \$50,000 church building Sunday morning, July 1, and laid the cornerstone Sunday afternoon in special services.

The red brick auditorium was built on to the front of the old church building, which now houses the Sunday school and provides facilities for other church functions. Everything in the building is new including central air-conditioning and heating, furniture, baptistry, nursery, and rest rooms. The new building, which has a seating capacity of 325, was begun January 1 of this year under the supervision of Calvin Avery, a member

of the church. Much of the work was done by members making it possible to save almost half of the normal cost of construction.

R. D. Harrington is pastor of the church.

The dedication ceremonies took place at the regular morning worship hour, led by Pastor Harrington.

At 2:30 the cornerstone was laid showing the date of the completion of the building. Dr. D. D. Scrivner, pastor of Walnut Street Church, Jonesboro, and moderator of the Mt. Zion Association, delivered the afternoon message. Open House followed the cornerstone laying ceremonies.

Percy Herring Resigns Osceola Church

Dr. Percy F. Herring, pastor of Osceola's First church since January 1, 1950, resigned his position on July 1, and is taking the month of July for vacation.

A graduate of Mississippi College, Clinton, Miss., and the New Orleans Seminary, with post-graduate work in pastoral psychology and counseling, Dr. Herring has led the church in continued growth.

The Sunday school has advanced to the highest type outlined by the Baptist Sunday School Board, that of a multiple department school with 15 departments as compared with nine departments in 1950, and has received recognition as a Standard Sunday School for the past five years under the administration of J. B. Strickling as superintendent.

A modern air-conditioned educational building housing six departments was completed this year. A total of 1,425 training awards have been earned in this period. Total additions to the church number 410, with 161 baptisms.

A mission Sunday school established in 1950, housed in a \$10,000 building, has grown into the present Calvary Church. A second mission is now being conducted with 35 enrolled in Sunday school.

The church has licensed three young men to the gospel ministry: Jimmie Lee Stevens, David Pendergrast, and Robert Herring.

Total contributions during Dr. Herring's pastorate have been \$232,290.53.

—Mrs. R. H. Jones

America Will Go Dry Again

America will be dry again, Dr. V. L. Stanfield predicted at the recent National Temperance Institute held at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. Dr. Stanfield is professor of preaching there.

"The price paid for alcohol in broken bodies, broken homes, and lost time in industry is too high," Dr. Stanfield said.

"I do not believe the American public will continue to see such things happen."

Dr. Stanfield spoke at the final session of the Institute, to which the Temperance League of Kentucky and Southern Seminary were joint hosts.

Registered for the 9-day institute were 92 pastors and temperance workers representing 20 states and Canada. Institute diplomas were awarded to 64 participants.

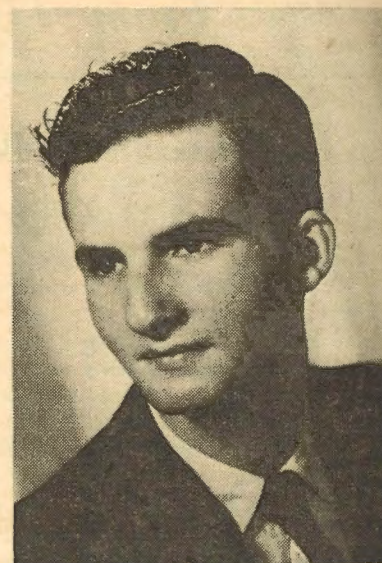
Dr. Duke K. McCall, president of Southern Seminary, is president of the National Temperance League which sponsored the meeting.

650 at Glorieta

Over 650 people, representing almost every state in the Southern Baptist Convention, gathered at Glorieta Baptist Assembly the first week in July for the combination of Foreign Missions, Brotherhood, and Writers' Conferences.

Dr. Rogers M. Smith, Associate Secretary for Promotion of the Foreign Mission Board in Richmond, Virginia, was Conference Director for the Foreign Missions group. Thirty-one of the 65 new appointees to the Foreign Mission fields were at the Conference.

Minister Ordained



JOHN HESKETT

John Heskett, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Heskett of West Helena, was ordained to the gospel ministry by West Helena Church, recently. Request for his ordination came from the Montevallo Baptist Church, Missouri, where he is serving as pastor and attending Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Missouri.

Pastor Wilson Deese served as moderator of the ordaining council and presented the Bible; B. F. McDonald, pastor at Turner, served as clerk. H. S. Coleman, associational missionary in Arkansas Valley Association, conducted the examination. Andy Heskett, pastor of First Church, Ozark, and cousin of the candidate, delivered the sermon. F. Pearson, pastor of Second Church, West Helena, offered the prayer.

Mrs. Heskett is the former Miss Lorene Burton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Burton of Poplar Bluff, Missouri.

Kingwood Church Organized In Little Rock

The Kingwood Baptist Church, Little Rock, was organized Sunday afternoon, July 22. Riley Munday, pastor of the new church was in charge of the service.

Dr. Nolan P. Howington, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, served as chairman of the council to hear the constitution. Reuben South, pastor of Park Hill Church, No. Little Rock, C. E. Lawrence, Longview Church, Eugene Webb, Riverside Church, Horace Grigson, Woodlawn, were among those who served on the council.

Mr. Munday says: "Kingwood Church will recognize anyone as a charter member who joins the new church between July 22, and the end of the associational year." Immediately following the organization of the church, baptismal services were held at First Church for the new members awaiting baptism.

TRAINING UNION STUDY COURSE AWARDS

A total of 337,774 Training Union Study Course awards were issued during May, April, and May, according to Dr. C. Aubrey Hearn, Director of the Study Course, Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board.

This unprecedented number of awards was due to Magnify Church Membership Week, which many churches observed during that time, using the new books on the church, Mr. Hearn said.

Ministers Claimed By Death

J. K. Smith, 86, Bald Knob, died on July 5, following an illness of three years.

Mr. Smith was born in Chesterfield County, South Carolina, March 29, 1870. He came to Arkansas as a young man and taught in the public schools in Desha County. He entered the ministry in 1912 and spent the next years serving churches in Arkansas. He held pastorates in Plummerville, Pocahontas, Ozark, Wilma, North Little Rock, and Little Rock. He had lived in Bald Knob since 1950 and was a member of the Central Church in that city.

He is survived by his wife (nee Mary Lee Cornley); a daughter, Mrs. J. P. Browner of Morgantown, West Virginia. A son, James K. Smith, died in 1941.

Funeral services were conducted July 7 by V. E. Defreese, former pastor of the Bald Knob church. Bill Lewis, the present pastor, was away on vacation.

Zimmeran In Accident

H. A. Zimmeran, Arkadelphia, was drowned Friday night, July 13, when his car plunged into a drainage ditch, eight miles southwest of Arkadelphia.

Ivan Marks, pastor of Park Hill Church, Arkadelphia, arrived on the scene shortly after it happened, saw the tail lights of the car shining from the water. Another minister, Everett Capps, Arkadelphia, arrived in time to assist Mr. Marks in removing the body from the water. The ministers had attended a meeting of the Red River Association at South Fork Church that evening.

Mr. Zimmeran was 65 years old. He had served as a missionary in Brazil and Alaska. He was a native of Jonesboro, and graduate of Ouachita College and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Esma Zimmerman, three sons and a daughter, and three sisters one of whom lives in Arkansas, Mrs. Ora Brownning, Bono.

Letter to the Editor

Dear Mr. Duncan:

On August 1 O. C. Robinson is to become the Superintendent of Missions for the Pulaski Association in the Little Rock area. Brother Robinson has been Associate Pastor in charge of all mission activities for the First Baptist Church in Dallas for the past five years. During his term of activities with First Church, he has led them in establishing 8 missions. One of those missions has grown from the start on February 20, 1955 to more than 700 enrolled in Sunday School at the present writing.

Brother Robinson has served in the Association as a member of the Missions and Survey Committee and has taken active part in assisting in the purchase of 55 pieces of property where 47 missions have already been established during the past four years. His wise counsel has been invaluable to me. He is an excellent preacher, and we believe that he will be an outstanding leader in your field.

We hate to see him go because of selfish reasons but on the other hand we are delighted that he has the opportunity of greater service for the Kingdom, and we commend him to you.

Taylor Pendley,
Asso. Supt. Missions
Dallas Baptist Asso.

Baptist Mission Tour

Two top officials of the Baptist World Alliance left New York July 20 for a round-the-world visit with Baptist leaders in Europe and Asia. They are Dr. Theodore F. Adams, Richmond, Virginia, president, and Robert S. Denny, Washington, D. C., associate general secretary. Mrs. Adams will accompany her husband on the trip.

The party of three will fly by TWA (flight No. 984) to Madrid. Cities to be visited after that include Rome, Athens, Beirut, Karachi, Delhi, Calcutta, Rangoon, Djakarta, Singapore, Manila, Taipei, Hong Kong, Tokyo, Seoul, Honolulu, and San Francisco.

In Hong Kong, where they will be from August 19 to August 24, they will attend the Asian Baptist Youth Conference.

This is an official visit of the president and the associate general secretary to the headquarters of Baptist groups in the countries to be visited. Wherever possible they will interpret Baptist mission policies. There are 21 million Baptists in the world and practically all of them are affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance, which was formed to promote better understanding among the Baptists and to provide a channel for mutual inspiration and help and a sharing of ideas and techniques.

Pikes Off to Brazil

Mr. and Mrs. Harrison H. Pike, Southern Baptist missionary appointees to South Brazil, are sailing for their field of service. They will be studying at the language school in Campinas and may be addressed at Caixa Postal 552, Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Both are natives of Arkansas, Mrs. Pike, formerly June Summers, of Ft. Smith and Mr. Pike of Texarkana.

Missionary Dies of Cancer

Clyde E. Clark, 35, Southern Baptist missionary to Venezuela, died of cancer on July 12. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at Miller, Mo., burial at Iowa Falls, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Clark returned to the States on emergency leave in February.

They were appointed for missionary service in 1952. Following a year in language school in San Jose, Costa Rica, they began doing evangelistic work in Barquisimeto, Venezuela. Mr. Clark was interim pastor of the Baptist church in Barquisimeto for nine months and worked with all the churches in the area around Barquisimeto. He was also in charge of the Baptist book store there.

Born near Popejoy, Iowa, Mr. Clark moved to Nevada, Mo., when he was high-school age. He attended Southwest Baptist College, Bolivar, Mo., received the bachelor of arts degree from Oklahoma Baptist University, Shawnee, and the bachelor of divinity degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mr. Clark served in the U. S. Army for a little more than four years and was pastor of churches in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Louisiana before his appointment to mission service.

He is survived by Mrs. Clark, formerly Betty Lou Young, and two children, Mark Alan, almost two, and Rebecca Lou, five months.

13 Baptist Leaders Plan Alaska Tour

Thirteen Southern Baptist pastors, denominational leaders, and laymen will leave August 9 for a ten day tour through Alaska in a Denominational Emphasis Week August 12-19.

The team will be joined in Anchorage by L. A. Watson, superintendent of Alaska mission work for the Alaska Baptist Convention and the Home Mission Board.

The group will visit in all of the Alaska Baptist churches, presenting the denominational program of the Southern Baptist Convention. There are 34 Baptist churches and missions with 4,000 members in Alaska.

Alaska mission work is under the supervision of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Vacation Bible Schools In Ashley Association

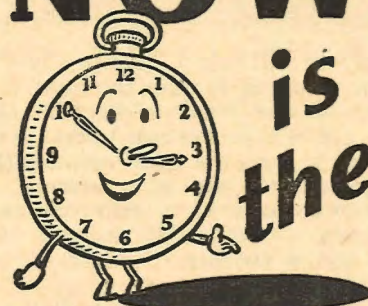
The slogan: "A Vacation Bible School in every church," became a reality in Ashley County Association this year! One of the major contributing factors to this good record was an associational V.B.S. Clinic conducted this Spring by Jay W. C. Moore, missionary in Faulkner Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore literally revolutionized our approach to many of the problems of Vacation Bible School. Many, many of our people (along with pastors) said this was the best single program our association sponsored this year. Not only was the approach sound and practical, but the presentation was inspiring to the workers. Perhaps the most helpful part of the clinic was the section on handwork, or arts and crafts. For many of us, this provided the solution to the number one problem.

We commend these dedicated servants of God to the associations of our state. We have invited them back to Ashley County next year.

—R. L. Smith, Moderator

NOW is the TIME



To plan for putting the Arkansas Baptist in your church budget.

Subscription Analysis

Trinity Association has 6 budgets; 4 clubs; 18 with neither.

Washington-Madison, 16 budgets; 3 clubs; 7 with neither.

White County, 9 budgets; 2 clubs; 19 with neither.

White River, 4 budgets; 3 clubs; 7 with neither.

Woodruff, 6 budgets; 1 club; 5 with neither.

Watch for the analysis of the churches of your association in future issues of the **Arkansas Baptist**. We are publishing the analysis with the hope that it may stimulate other churches to adopt the budget plan of subscriptions to the **Arkansas Baptist**.

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By Religious News Service

Senate Approves Bill to Crack Down On Obscene Literature

A bill authorizing the Postmaster General to impound mail suspected of promoting obscenity was unanimously passed by the Senate. It previously had been approved by the House.

Passage of the measure climaxed a five-year fight in Congress in which religious groups took an active part.

The legislation permits the Postmaster to impound suspected mail for 20 days unless he gets a court order extending the ban.

If a federal judge agrees the confiscated publications violate the law, the impounding order can remain in effect until the trial.

Memphis Churches Win Complete Victory on Parking Issue

Local churches won a complete victory in their fight to liberalize off-street parking regulations. The City Commission adopted an amendment relaxing parking requirements in the present ordinance.

The amendment provides that churches built in the future need supply only one parking space for each ten seats. Existing churches will not be required to provide off-street parking unless they increase the seating capacity of their main auditoriums, and then at a 1-10 ratio.

Acting on the pleas of many clergymen, the city legislative body overrode the 1-to-5 ratio originally urged by the Memphis Planning Commission. It also overruled the 1-to-8 ratio later recommended by the planning group after a committee of ministers charged the regulations deprived churchgoers of constitutional rights.

Among the violated rights, the clergymen said, were free exercise of religion, equal protection of the law, free speech, the right of assembly and due process of law (in that church members were being deprived of liberty and property).

Texas Baptists Plan 1,000 Extension Revivals

The Baptist General Convention of Texas announced plans for 1,000 extension revivals during the next two months.

Dr. C. Wade Freeman, superintendent of the Convention's evangelism department, predicted that Texas Baptists will baptize more than 75,000 converts during the current church year ending Oct. 1. This is 4,890 more than last year's 70,110 converts.

Dr. Freeman said extension revivals differ from regular church revivals in that they are usually held in non-church locations by workers who build a brush arbor, erect tents or rent a building for services.

Hungarian Baptists Get Evangelism Plea

A plea for church members to be more evangelistic was made by the Rev. Joseph Bogar of Detroit, president of the Hungarian Baptist Association, at its 49th annual convention in Cleveland.

Addressing 250 delegates and visitors he said:

"Because God is as Jesus portrayed Him, our greatest interest ought to be the coming of Christ into the spirit of men."

Lack of Spiritual Ties Called Common Denominator of Marital Unhappiness

Lack of spiritual ties is the common denominator of marital unhappiness, the Oklahoma City Family Clinic concluded after nine years of operation.

Other conclusions reached by the clinic and set forth in a booklet titled "A Community Attack on Divorce" are:

Except for insanity or some irremedial medical problems, every marriage and family can be pleasant, zestful and happy.

Divorce is seldom the answer to marital troubles. It usually adds new problems to those existing at the time of separation.

Much juvenile delinquency which leads to adult crime is the result of broken or unhappy homes.

According to the booklet, no couple working actively together in a church has ever consulted the clinic.

The clinic is staffed by 60 volunteers who operate in panels.

Mackay Hits College Students' Attitude Toward Religion

Dr. John A. Mackay, president of Princeton Theological Seminary, attacked "attitudes toward religion in academic circles," particularly the lack of emotion on the part of college and university students.

"The supreme type is the one who sees the value of religion and can analyze it but does not commit himself to it," he declared.

Dr. Mackay gave the opening address at the 15th annual Princeton Institute of Theology.

"It is very difficult to develop any enthusiasm for anything because the ideal is not to get out of line with the crowd," he said. "We've got to urge students to take the great idea and to take the great chance. Nothing great is achieved without a passion."

"Commitment without reflection leads to fanaticism but reflection without commitment leads to sterility."

Church Construction Sets Six-Month Record

Church construction set a new record for the first six months of 1956, the Departments of Commerce and Labor reported. The figure was \$336,000,000, exceeding by \$1,000,000 last year's mark for a similar period.

June construction amounted to \$61,000,000 which was \$5,000,000 more than in May. However, it was \$1,000,000 under the June, 1955, record.

Non-public schools also reached a new construction high in the first half of the year. The \$248,000,000 worth of buildings put into place compared with \$229,000,000 for the same period last year. June construction totalled \$45,000,000 as against \$39,000,000 a year ago.

Building activity by non-public hospitals and charitable institutions, most of which are church-related, continued to drop behind last year's figure. The \$149,000,000 worth for the first half was \$23,000,000 less than the six months of last year.

The June figure was \$25,000,000, a gain of \$1,000,000 over May but \$5,000,000 less than 1955.

A Smile or Two

The judge, quizzing the defendant, asked, "You mean to say that you threw your wife out of the second-story window through forgetfulness?"

"Yes, sir," was the quick retort of the defendant. "We used to live on the ground floor, and I plumb forgot we moved."

"Why do you think the people next door are poor?" asked Mother.

"Because," answered Katie, "you should have seen the fuss they made when the baby swallowed a dime!"

Three men, assigned to a room on the thirtieth floor, learned that the elevator was out of order. To occupy their minds during the climb, they devised a plan whereby the first man would tell funny stories for the first ten flights; the second, adventure tales for the second ten flights; and the third, sad experience for the last ten. With their laughter, the first ten flights were easy. And the same for the next ten. At the twenty-first floor the third man was silent.

"Let's have those sad stories," he was urged.

"All right, I'll tell the saddest of all tales first," he said. "I forgot the key."

"So you've studied the cello for seven years! Isn't that rather a long time?"

"Not when you consider that for the first six I thought you had to blow it."

In a fashionable restaurant a millionaire, who couldn't read a word of French, pointed to a line on the menu and said, "I'll have some of that."

"Sorry sir," said the waiter, "that's what the orchestra has just played."

King: I must have gold, you dumbcluck! Cough up!

Royal treasurer: But the coffers are empty, your majesty.

"Fifty-two hamburgers, please," said Fred to the waiter.

"The waiter looked up, surprised, "How many?"

"Fifty-two . . . but don't worry, I'm not eating them all myself; I have three friends outside."

Young Tommy, aged 8, had been asked to explain the difference between prose and poetry. He pondered awhile, and then said, "There was a young man named Reeze, who went into a pond up to his ankle. That's prose, but if the water had been a few inches higher, it would have been poetry."

—Sunshine Magazine

A couple of commuters were bragging about their children. One said, "When my son went to college, it only took him 3 years to get his B. A."

The second commuter scoffed. "That's nothing. When my daughter went to college it only took her 2 years to get a Ph D."

The first commuter gasped. "That's impossible," he sputtered. "How could she get a Ph D in only 2 years?"

The proud father said complacently, "For her it was easy. She married him."

—Wall Street Journal

Nothing is so embarrassing as watching the boss doing something you told him couldn't be done.

—Quot

News From Baptist Press

1956 Convention One of Best, Editors Say

After they have reported the news events of a Southern Baptist Convention, editors of Baptist state papers like to give their impression of the Convention in editorials.

What was the recent 1956 Convention at Kansas City, Mo., like? Although the editors' comments vary at some points, they are generally together at these points:

First, it was one of the best sessions Southern Baptists have had. One or two editors said it was the "greatest ever." To others, it was the best in recent years. The remainder conceded it was among the best.

Second, the Convention showed a spirit of harmony. It was determined to stay on the main matters of business and not be sidetracked. Editors pointed to what they felt were attempts to disrupt the Convention and said these efforts failed.

Third, the 1956 session showed up some strengths and weaknesses of Baptist democracy as practiced in a four-day annual Convention session. The weight of matters to be decided upon by the Convention's more than 12,000 messengers in such a short time posed a problem to some editors that, they said, requires consideration for future Convention procedure.

Fourth, Southern Baptists kept their eyes on world missions and the major means of carrying the Gospel to the world. Their emphasis on "preaching, teaching and healing" — the "major elements" of the Christian program — was singled out by one editor.

Fifth, Kansas City's hotel and auditorium accommodations drew praise. Many editors expressed dissatisfaction in 1955 over auditorium facilities in Miami, Fla., where the auditorium — a converted seaplane hangar — is seven miles from downtown hotels. The Kansas City auditorium was only a few blocks from downtown hotels. The Kansas City auditorium was only a few blocks from all main hotels. Editors felt generally the Convention won't wait 33 years before again choosing Kansas City as meeting place. (The last previous session in Kansas City was in 1923).

Sixth, the program — or "order of business" — was good. A number of editors spoke of the selection of speakers for the Convention and commended the committee on order of business, whose task it was to arrange the agenda.

Consider Need For New Capital Aid Programs

The Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention is conducting a study to see if there is a need for a new five-year capital needs program for Convention agencies.

The new program would begin in 1959 and would be a part of the Convention's financial plan, known as the Cooperative Program. The present capital needs program expires in 1958.

Southern Baptists, through the capital needs section of the Cooperative Program, have supported building and other expansion projects at their five seminaries. They also have supported construction of hospitals and schools on foreign mission fields and church extension within the United States in this manner.

Before 1946, when the first capital needs program originated, these needs were met outside the Cooperative Program.

In its new study, the Executive Committee will give priority to Convention-wide needs rather than to a percentage distribu-

tion to all agencies. In other words, the Committee will look at the total needs of the Convention to determine where the capital needs are among the various agencies.

Present capital needs projects include construction on a new campus at Golden Gate Baptist Seminary north of San Francisco, Calif., and purchase of Wake Forest College property by Southeastern Baptist Seminary, at Wake Forest, N. C.

Two Negro Schools Merge

Course work and faculty at American Baptist Theological Seminary and National Baptist Missionary Training School, two Negro schools in Nashville, will be merged with the start of the Fall term.

The two schools will have a single administrative head, Victor T. Glass. Glass has been serving as acting president of the seminary.

Property ownership of the two schools will not be changed. Southern Baptists own the seminary property and share its operating costs with the National Baptist Convention, U. S. A., Inc., a Negro Baptist body.

The Negro convention is exclusive owner and operator of the training school, which has a smaller student body than the seminary.

Merging of faculty and courses will eliminate overlapping curriculum offered by the two schools, according to a spokesman.

The future operation of the seminary is a matter being considered by both participating conventions. J. H. Jackson, Chicago minister who is president of the National convention, has advanced some suggestions affecting future joint operation.

The Commission on American Baptist Theological Seminary, an agency of the Southern Baptist Convention, is currently studying these suggestions and other matters related to operating the school.

The commission has been asked to make a report in December to the semi-annual meeting of the SBC Executive Committee.

England Pastor Wants To Exchange Pulpits

A Baptist minister in England would like to exchange pulpits with a Southern Baptist Convention pastor next summer.

He would like the exchange period to cover three months — June, July, and August, 1957.

The English minister is pastor of a church in "one of the famous beauty spots of England," as he describes it. He is 34 years old and has been pastor of his present church for six years.

While in America, he wants to preach in the church on a full-time basis.

Any Southern Baptist pastor interested in this sort of exchange should write the Baptist Press at 127 N. Ninth Ave., Nashville, 3, Tenn.

6000-Mile Honeymoon For Minister, Wife

How about a 6,000-mile trip by car from the United States to Alaska for your honeymoon?

That's how the newlywed Jack Turners spent theirs. The couple was married in First Baptist Church, New Orleans, recently by Pastor J. D. Grey.

Immediately after the ceremony, the Turners set out for Anchorage, Alaska, where he will become pastor of Calvary Baptist Church. They expected the trip to take three weeks.

Turner is a recent graduate of Southern Baptist Seminary.

Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON

Noise in Church

Question: Why, of why, do our Baptist people make so much noise before the services? I attend a Baptist church in our city, a large, well-known church, where coming in from Sunday School, the members are so noisy. The adults are the worst. They talk, laugh, and act as though they are at a social. The organist has to play louder and louder during the prelude to drown out the noise. I know this happens in little country churches but here in a large church in a city I see no excuse for it.

Answer: You are wrong on one score. I have been pastor of some small country churches where people hardly whisper in the church. This is a quality of different people not of different size congregations.

Friendliness and communication are great characteristics. I admire them. And Baptists are known for these traits. But there is a time for all things.

I agree with you that the behavior of the average Baptist church in the house of God is a shame and a disgrace. It shows a lack of both culture and religion.

But throwing stones will not stop this bad custom.

Why don't we get our Sunday School leaders together and have a series of programs on the art of worship? This would be a chance to remind adults of the problem and its solution.

I honestly believe something could be done about this problem if we consecrate our brains to the Lord. But it will take thought, love, and patience.

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Three Billion A Year

By LEON MACON

Our feverish course in America is creating a vast market for sleeping pills. We read where there are over three billion sleeping pills taken by the American people each year. This is a pitiful reflection of man's struggle to get his rest in the midst of a hectic society.

There are various causes which are contributing to the insomnia of man. There are some who are so keyed up by the constant drive in the business world they cannot relax at night. Others cannot sleep when they go to bed because of the various things which frighten their lives, like the atomic bomb. Then there are those who lie awake at night because of bad consciences. Many millions of peoples toss in their beds because they do not have a feeling of personal security. They are constantly cowards toward life, having never developed a virtue of courage and self-contentment. Regardless of what it is causing the American people to swallow so many sleeping pills, it does pose a definite and serious problem for America. Over half of our hospital patients are there for mental treatment.

Christianity can minister to these people if we can get its truths and remedies over to them. We feel the church is falling in its opportunity to minister to man in such manner that his nerves become quiet. There is peace for the individual in Christianity, but even our ministers are being driven along at such a pace they, too, are finding similar reactions in their bodies. The Presbyterian Life Insurance Company, which insures ministers only, reports that the leading preacher killer is hypertension.

It doesn't profit man much to fill his house with electrical gadgets to do his work if he cannot relax in the midst of them.

—The Alabama Baptist

An Audit Tells A Thrilling Story

By BAKER JAMES CAUTHEN

Lights burn late at the Foreign Mission Board as the annual audit is being prepared. Representatives of a highly respected firm spend many hours studying in detail the year's operations. When the task is finished a volume of significant figures is assembled. It is accompanied by the auditor's certificate.

On April 10 the audit for 1955 was laid on my desk. It tells a story about world missions that cheers the heart of every Southern Baptist.

For one thing, it indicates gifts for foreign missions amounting to \$11,108,268. These gifts plus miscellaneous receipts meant a total income of \$11,203,568.10 for the year. This is very different from the income of \$716,978 in 1933 when Dr. Charles E. Madry closed his first year as executive secretary.

In 1936 Southern Baptists crossed the million-dollar mark in giving to foreign missions when the income of the Board was \$1,077,996.34.

By 1942 income had climbed to \$2,117,672.26, and in 1945 it was \$3,845,802.29.

In 1946 great advance was made because an offering for world relief and rehabilitation amounting to \$3,914,085.42 was given, making the total for the year \$8,242,909.18.

In 1954, for the first time, the income was more than \$10,000,000, and in 1955 it reached the all-time high of \$11,203,568.10, with \$52,352.52 for relief in addition.

Of this large sum of money, a total of \$5,311,630.83 came from the Cooperative Program and \$3,981,904.21 from the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Every State Sharing

Every state in the Southern Baptist Convention had a vital share in laying this amount on the altar.

The six states with the largest gifts were Texas, \$2,709,221.77; North Carolina, \$976,575.34; Tennessee, \$775,010.69; South Carolina, \$768,173.78; Georgia, \$763,386.85; Virginia, \$644,439.72.

The audit also indicates that expenditures for the year were \$10,736,271.65. Of this amount, 3.54 per cent was used for all administrative expense, and 3.16 per cent for missionary education, literature, and visual aids materials, deputation work of missionaries, recruitment of missionary volunteers, and other expenses essential to sharing with Southern Baptists the needs of the world and information of what the labor of missions accomplishes.

Of the total amount expended, 93.3 per cent, or a total of \$10,017,383.24, was used on mission fields. This money provided support of missionaries, including housing, travel, and medical care. It provided buildings for churches, hospitals, seminaries, publishing houses, and schools. It made possible current funds for evangelism, Christian education, literature, medical work, and leadership training.

The largest amount used in a single country was in Brazil, where expenditures for three missions totaled \$1,242,157.39.

The largest expenditure in an individual mission was in Nigeria, where a total of \$1,181,292.17 was used throughout the year.

Expenditures in Japan totaled \$1,041,499.77. It is significant that of the three fields where the largest expenditures were made, one is located in Latin America, one in Africa, and one in the Orient.

Maximum Use

The audit also indicates that all funds coming to the Foreign Mission Board are used to the maximum. With an income of \$11,203,568.10 and expenses totaling \$10,736,271.65, there was a net income of \$467,296.45. By the end of 1955 all but \$180,712 of this amount had been appropriated to meet urgent needs, and this relatively small remainder was on hand to meet calls early in 1956.

In view of the growth in income which the audit reveals, some might think that all needs are well met. We are grateful for all that has been done, but we face needs far in excess of resources.

Missions annually review their most pressing requirement, realizing that only the most urgent ones can be supplied. They draw up their requests with prayer and thought, eliminating all but the most imperative matters. With these lists in hand, the available resources are carefully studied at the Foreign Mission Board. In 1956 we will be unable to meet approximately \$3,000,000 of the needs which the missions stress as being most urgent.

The audit also shows that funds for relief are greatly needed. In 1955 relief funds received amounted to \$52,352.52. At the close of the April meeting of the Board relief funds available for appropriation amounted to only \$796.33.

The audit also shows an excellent manner in which God's people can continue sending the gospel even after they have been called to their eternal home. Endowment and trust funds left with the Foreign Mission Board now total \$1,738,488.10. These funds represent the love, prayers, and concern of many of God's people who have yearned to see Christ made known throughout the world.

Sacred Trust

Some of the amounts are large. One is \$980,280.28. Some are as small as \$50. All, whether large or small, represent devotion to our Lord and are held in sacred trust by the Foreign Mission Board with the interest earned being used to speed the gospel to the ends of the earth.

It is quite possible that many Southern Baptists would experience unusual joy in their hearts if they, too, would play to leave funds in trust to keep telling the story of salvation after their earthly labors are ended.

An audit, indeed, tells a thrilling story. It tells of a great enterprise — worldwide in its scope, deeply rooted in the hearts of Southern Baptists, carefully administered, and courageously projected by nearly eleven hundred missionaries in thirty-five needy lands.

May the story told by this audit be a call to greater devotion, daring, and dedication. We must always remember that the most precious gift to be laid on the altar of our Lord is life itself. Many who read these lines may rightly conclude that Christ is calling them to go personally to make known our Lord's redeeming grace in some dark corner of the earth. May God grant strength and courage to respond without hesitation to the mandate of our Master.

—The Commission

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Facts of Interest

Twenty breweries are sponsoring baseball games on television or radio this year, and it is estimated that \$60 million will be spent by breweries and other sponsors to broadcast the games. The brewers figure to receive a return of \$20 for every broadcast dollar spent.

Wives, as well as husbands, are employed

Why Subsidize Church In Philippines?

"Why should the United States government subsidize a church in the Philippines?" This question was raised by POAU Executive Director Glenn L. Archer in reference to a bill (H. R. 6586) introduced by Rep. John W. McCormack (D. Mass.) which cleared a subcommittee of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce on July 6.

"On the face of it the bill is unjust," Archer said. "Its purpose is to provide \$8,000,000 or more for the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines. The amount is for damages allegedly suffered to its installations in World War II. Dr. Earl F. Adams, a representative of the National Council of Churches, who gave testimony in opposition to the bill, stated that the Protestant share of the windfall would be a maximum of \$30,000.

"The disparity of the proposed payments is not the main objection to the bill, shocking though it is," Archer said. "The proposal grossly violates a principle dear to every freedom-loving American — the principle of the separation of church and state. In this country our tax funds have never been used to subsidize churches. If they are not used for that purpose here, they should not be used for that purpose abroad. The facts are that the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines has already profited richly from the United States treasury in previous settlements. The astronomical give-away contemplated in the McCormack bill would be sufficient to subsidize the Roman Catholic hierarchy in the Philippine Islands for years to come. This is something our government has never done for any church — something our constitution forbids.

"I feel sorry," Archer's statement continued, "for the members of Congress who are continually under pressure to vote huge sums to the Roman Catholic Church. In the current Congress it has been proposed to give nearly a million dollars of U. S. funds to the Roman Catholic Church in Italy. Now here is a demand for millions more to the same church in the Philippines. It is clear that this church has a long record of attempts to get funds from the public treasury. The public is getting fed up and I believe Congress is getting fed up, too. Why does not the Roman Catholic Church raise its money by gifts of its adherents as other churches do?"

"This particular demand made in the McCormack bill has been made before," Archer recalled. "The original claim filed in 1953 was rejected by the general counsel of the War Damage Commission, Mr. Abram S. Hyman. Continuous efforts have been made ever since to amend the War Claims Act in such a way as to permit this give-away. Now here it is again. It is time to shut the door on this one — and lock it."

in about a third of all families. Among all wives, about one fifth hold full-time jobs, and more than half of these earned them from \$2,000-\$5,000 a year. Most wives with full-time jobs were in families that had a total income of \$7,500-\$10,000, according to a recent survey, conducted for the Federal Reserve Board.

The average family spends 95 per cent of its after-tax income. Consumers spend more on transportation (\$510 a year) than on housing (\$438). The average family spends more on reading, recreation, and education (\$226) than on medical care (\$197); more on clothing and clothing services (\$437) than on home furnishings and equipment (\$261).

—Survey Bulletin

Of Particular Significance

By RICHARD N. OWEN

An editorial in the *New York Times*, June 17, 1956, on "Rising Hospital Costs" is of particular significance to Southern Baptists at this time. Inasmuch as Southern Baptists have given initial approval to a second hospital in the state of Florida to be located at Miami, the operation of such a hospital, even though its construction and equipment does not cost Southern Baptists one penny, is a matter which cannot be overlooked. The initial cost of a hospital is only a part of its cost. The real cost of a hospital is seen in its tremendously rising cost of operation.

Now along with this, it must be realized that we as Southern Baptists are faced with the fact that the Hill-Burton Act makes it possible at present for private and religious institutions to receive as a gift from the Federal Government part of the cost of hospital construction and equipment. We believe this is a violation of the principle of separation of church and state when such federal funds go to a church for a hospital to be owned and operated by it. As Baptists we have consistently opposed such a measure. But our stand in this respect of course means that when we go into the hospital business and pay for hospitals ourselves we will be doing so at a much greater cost to ourselves so long as others will be receiving funds from the government for the hospitals which they build and operate.

Let us bear these facts in mind now as we realize that even if hospitals are given to us the cost of operation is a tremendous problem. This is not to overlook the wise management of hospitals on the part of Baptists, but it is to face solid facts which are reflected in this editorial from the *New York Times*, June 17 which we print here:

Rising Hospital Costs

In 1946 it cost general hospitals \$9.39 a day for short-term care of an average patient. By 1954 the cost had risen to \$21.76,

an increase of 132 per cent. In the same period the Consumer Price Index increased only 37.6 per cent. The worst is yet to come. While the Consumer Index has been rising 0.5 per cent annually, the cost of caring for a patient in a hospital has been increasing by 7 per cent annually. Here we have one of the most disturbing aspects of the unsolved problem of providing medical care at a reasonable cost.

Two recent reports go into this matter at length. One by Ray E. Brown, superintendent of the University of Chicago's clinics, appears in the *Journal of the American Hospital Association*; the other, by Harry Becker of the Blue Cross, was presented at the Middle Atlantic Hospital Assembly.

The two reports are in substantial agreement. Both stress some of the major difficulties that hospitals must overcome. Thus an industry can lower costs by mechanizing its processes, but a hospital cannot. As medical standards rise hospitals need more skilled personnel, which means a rise in costs. The need will increase as the population increases and ages. In industry higher wages and salaries can be offset in whole or in part by higher productivity. Hospitals have no such escape.

No perfect solution of this problem has yet appeared. Dr. Lowell T. Coggeshall of the University of Chicago would establish "hospital hotels" for convalescents and other patients who could look after themselves. Mr. Becker would pay more attention to home care for patients who can be considered ambulatory. It is his conviction that hospitals and communities will have to integrate their medical activities and interests if the cost of hospital care is to be kept within bounds. As it is, the public knows more about the administration and economics of the United States Steel Corporation than of a great voluntary hospital.

—Baptist and Reflector

Watching The Budget

By S. H. JONES

It seems that church budgets are being besieged these days by various causes which desire the comfort of a regular income from the churches. To be more exact, church leaders are frequently besought to include certain causes in their church budgets; and it appears that some churches are rather liberal in that they include a number of "special" items in their budgets. We believe this is something to be watched because we believe there are few items besides necessary local expenses and the Cooperative Program which deserve a favored spot in the budget of a Baptist church. One of the exceptions is, of course, the state Baptist paper! It deserves that place only because it is essential to the promotion of the whole budget and all that it represents, and it is a small item.

While we would not presume to tell any church what it should do, we would call attention to a principle. The principle is that a church budget is a unifying and coordinating plan of finance which provides for the support of all essential causes. That being the case, any "special" item that is put in the budget tends to take just that much from the whole church financial program. Particularly would that be true if the special item should be designated for any cause which gets its support from the Cooperative Program. Really, it is a rather large request when any cause asks for a place in the budget of a church.

On the other hand, a church budget is presumed to be planned so that it will provide for everything that is essential to the program of the church. That means that it should include everything that the commission of Christ, the head of the church includes. It is, therefore, the duty of those who make up church budgets to include what is proper just as it is their duty to exclude improper items.

—The Baptist Courier

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Banquo's "Ghost" Appears Again

By FINLEY W. TINNIN

An interesting editorial paragraph appears in the June 13 issue of *Christian Century* (non-denominational) concerning a recent London auction in which Emily Driscoll of New York was high bidder (\$1,797) for the letter Pope Gregory wrote Charles IX of France in 1572 congratulating him on the St. Bartholomew Day massacre in which 50,000 Protestants (Huguenots) were killed. The massacre had the blessing of the Catholic hierarchy in France.

One sentence of the pope's letter reads: "We rejoice with you that with the aid of God you have relieved the world of these wretched heretics."

The Catholic hierarchy has time and again denied having had part in this, perhaps, greatest of all massacres of evangelical Christians. However there is no detergent that will clean the hands of the guilty of the blood of these martyrs. Banquo's ghost will not die.

—Baptist Message

for another year. Our best hope now is to keep up our opposition in order to defeat this practice when it is brought up again in Congress a year hence.

—The Alabama Baptist

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The greater the cost, the greater the love, seems to be the testimony of devotion.

—Austin Ingram

Hill-Burton Hospital Aid Poses Problem

By LEON MACON

A recent department order, from the State Department of Public Welfare, seems to include provisions which will discriminate against private hospitals which do not receive Hill-Burton tax monies. In a letter from Glenn Archer, executive director of Protestants and Other Americans United, he says regarding this recent order: "The language of this directive would indicate that a citizen can receive Old Age Assistance without interruption when he is located in a private Hill-Burton hospital, but that when he is located in a truly private hospital (one that did not receive Hill-Burton support) his Old Age Assistance would be interrupted." Mr. Archer is clear in stating that he is not prepared to make a final construction of this directive but it appears to discriminate against private hospitals not receiving Hill-Burton funds.

Quoting from this new directive, mainly Manual services Provision No. 49, we see clearly the possibility of this discrimination: "If the hospital is not a Hill-Burton hospital, whether private or public, he may receive only the warrant for the month in which he enters the hospital and if he is there for temporary medical care the warrant may be suspended for 90 days and the warrant for the month in which he leaves the hospital

may be released. If, on the other hand, he is in the hospital on a permanent basis the warrant for the month in which he enters the hospital may be released and the grant denied immediately thereafter."

Another quotation from this directive is, as follows: "The essence of this policy change is that a recipient of Old Age Assistance, or AHB, may continue to receive without interruption his assistance warrant while in a private Hill-Burton hospital."

This new directive seems to clearly discriminate against private hospitals not receiving Hill-Burton funds. It appears to mean that people receiving Old Age Assistance will have it cut off if they enter a private hospital other than those receiving Hill-Burton funds.

We thoroughly believe that the giving of federal tax monies to private hospitals is contrary to our principle of separation of church and state. We now find this apparent discrimination adding further wrong to a practice which, in our thinking, definitely violates our principle of separation of church and state.

It appears now that the action of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention was released too late to have any real effect on extending the Hill-Burton law

"AND JESUS WENT FORTH, AND SAW A GREAT MULTITUDE, AND WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION TOWARD THEM, AND HE HEALED THEIR SICK." MATTHEW 14:14



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Two Good State Assemblies

With an attendance of more than 2,000 for the two Jubilee sessions of the Assembly, June 28-July 10, 1571 registered and lived on the grounds, 645 registered for the first assembly and 926 for the second. We would rate these two sessions of the Assembly as the best for many years.

The high points of the assemblies were the teaching of Dr. Carl Goodson and Dr. Lyn Elder, the preaching of Dr. Monroe Swilley the first Assembly, and Dr. Nolan Howington of the second Assembly. Direction of the music under Dr. Carlyle Bennett was excellent.

A good program of recreation was directed by Neil Jackson of Helena. Perhaps the high points of this recreation program were the two special features directed by Mrs. Ralph Douglas, the coronation of the king and queen of Siloam on Tuesday afternoon, and the presentation of the original Jubilee pageant portraying the past, present and future of the Assembly, authored and directed by Mrs. Ralph Douglas. A total of 366 made decisions in response to the invitations of Dr. Swilley and Dr. Howington.

The Assembly dates for 1957 will be the first assembly, June 27-July 2, the second Assembly, July 4-9.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 1956-57

All state associational officers will meet in Little Rock for the

meeting on September 10, 1956.

One night associational officers training clinics will be held during the week of September 11-21. Simultaneous associational Sunday school rallies will be conducted in all associations the night of September 11.

Preparation week in the churches will be September 23-30. During this week, churches should call their workers together for the study of the revised book by J. N. Barnette, "The Pull of the People."

Six regional Sunday school conferences will be held during the week of Oct. 13. These will be one day, three session conferences, and the program personnel will be composed of workers from the Sunday School Board, State Department and leading Sunday School workers in the State. Some twenty in all. These conferences will be held in the First Baptist Church, Springdale, Monday, October 8; in the Second Baptist Church, Hot Springs, Tuesday, October 9; First Baptist Church, El Dorado, Wednesday, October 10; First Baptist Church, Forrest City, Thursday, October 11; First Baptist Church, Searcy, Friday, October 12; and First Baptist Church, Blytheville, Saturday, October 13.

Follow-up and night associational officers training clinics will be held in associations not reached during the week of September 11-21, during the week of October 4-10.

Dates for state meetings in the spring of 1957 will include the state Vacation Bible School Conference scheduled for February 4-5, 1957. An effort will be made to encourage the associations to hold at least one or more group schools in each association during the week of February 18-23, 1957.

Arkansas Baptist Assembly dates for 1957 are, First Assembly, June 27-July 2, Second Assembly, July 4-9.

SOUTHWIDE TEACHING CLINIC

During the week of March 4-8 a Southwide Teaching Clinic will be held in one of the churches in Little Rock. This will be under the auspices of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board, and the State Sunday School Department. The program will be arranged by the leaders of the Sunday School Department of the Sunday School Board and it will be under the direction of A. V. Washburn, Secretary of Training for the Sunday School Department. Outstanding teachers and leaders in Sunday School work will make up the program personnel. Sunday School workers from the entire south will be invited to this clinic. Sunday School workers in Arkansas will want to plan now to attend this important clinic.

There are only a few such clinics held in the south, and Arkansas is fortunate to have one of these clinics allocated to this

state. While the emphasis will be on better teachers and better teaching, there will be presentations of the administrative side of the Sunday School work as it relates to better teachers and teaching. Mark the date now, March 4-8, 1957. Don't miss it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKER'S CITATION

By A. V. WASHBURN

A special recognition has been designed and is now ready — Sunday School Worker's Citation — which will be awarded to all gold seal Master Diploma holders who have earned sixteen or more additional credits in the Sunday School Training Course. This citation is attractively designed and personally signed by the executive-secretary treasurer of the Baptist Sunday School Board, the director of the Education Division, the secretary of the Sunday School Department, and the secretary of teaching and training. The award, of course, must be applied for through the Sunday School Department of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

Superintendents of training in the churches and Sunday school workers should check carefully to see if the requirements have been met for this significant award, and if so make application for it immediately.

Sunday School Dept.
Edgar Williamson, Secretary

For the First Time

Eight District Church Music Festivals

On eight consecutive weekends beginning September 7, the Church Music Department is conducting Eight District Church Music Festivals. These festivals are planned for Adult Choirs, Junior Choirs, Soloists, Duets, Trios, Quartets, Ensembles, Instrumental Groups, Song Leaders and Accompanists. All of those in the classifications above will be adjudicated and participate in combined rehearsal and festival concert.

FESTIVAL LOCATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS

September 7-8 — West Helena Baptist Church, West Helena. Associations: Woodruff, Tri-County, Arkansas Valley and Centennial.

September 14-15 — First Baptist Church, Mountain Home. Associations: White, Big Creek, Rocky Bayou, Stone-Van Buren-Searcy, Little Red River, Independence and Boone.

September 21-22 — First Baptist Church, Blytheville. Associations: Current River, Gainesville, Greene, Mt. Zion, Black River, Trinity and Mississippi.

September 28-29 — First Baptist Church, McGehee. Associa-

tions: Carey, Bartholomew, Liberty, Ashley and Delta.

October 12-13 — Grand Avenue Baptist Church, Fort Smith. Associations: Clear Creek, Concord, Buckner, Ouachita, Dardanelle-Russellville, Buckville and Caddo River.

October 19-20 — First Baptist Church — Pine Bluff. Associations: Conway-Perry, Faulkner, White, Pulaski, Central, Caroline and Harmony.

October 26-27 — Calvary Baptist Church, Texarkana. Associations: Little River, Red River and Hope.

November 2-3 — First Baptist Church, Fayetteville. Associations: Benton, Carroll, Washington-Madison and Newton.

CHURCH CHOIRS SHOULD SECURE THE FOLLOWING NUMBERS FROM THE BOOK STORE

- Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem Maunder (Thanksgiving)
- On This Good Christmas Morn Cain (Christmas)
- If God Be For Us Mueller (Combined Choirs)

Youth Choirs will rehearse State Festival Music — (Selections to be announced soon). Youth Choirs will sing one selection for adjudication.

Junior Choirs will rehearse State Festival Music — (Selections to be announced soon). Junior Choirs will sing one selection for adjudication.

Soloists, Duets, Trios, Quartets and Ensembles will sing one selection of own choosing for adjudication. The top three in each event will be allowed to participate in State Festival.

Youth and Junior Choirs making a rating of "B" or above will be allowed to participate in State Festival.

In the Song Leading Contest and Hymn Playing Tournament participants should be ready to play or lead any of the Hymns of the Month for 1956. The top three contestants in each of these events will be allowed to enter the State Tournament.

You will find details of the Festivals in the next issue of CHURCH MUSIC NOTES.

Church Music Department
LeRoy McClard, Director

NEIGHBORLINESS

Our word "neighbor" was produced by pasting together a couple of old Anglo-Saxon words meaning "nigh" and "dweller." In today's urban and suburban living, nigh-dwellers are apt to be very nigh indeed, and also very numerous and very assorted. As a result, it often takes a bit of doing these days to be a good nigh-dweller. Nothing fancy, of course — heavy-duty psychology and self-conscious "community living" aren't necessary. Just familiar old virtues like consideration, responsibility and friendliness in a modern setting.

—Changing Times

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FAITH

Faith is the heart of the mind.
—Merl Ruskin Wolfard

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A law of nature rules that energy cannot be destroyed. You change its form from coal to steam to power in the turbine, but you do not destroy energy. In the same way, another law governs human activity and rules that honest effort cannot be lost, but that someday the proper benefits will be forthcoming.

—Quote

Missionary-Guests at Camps



MARGIE ESTELLE DAVIS

Among the missionary guests expected at the WMU camps this summer are the four shown here. Miss Estelle Davis, missionary nurse to Nigeria, will not only serve as guest speaker, but also as camp nurse during the entire season.



GLADYS GENEVE HOPEWELL

Miss Gladys Hopewell is one of those many who served first in China, but after a brief time had to leave on account of war conditions. She was re-located in Thailand — a new field for Southern Baptists, and it is from there that she comes to be with Arkansas young people.



VIRGINIA DALE MOORE

At home on her first furlough is Miss Dale Moore, also of Nigeria, who has done educational-evangelistic work and during her last year was acting director of the large Elam Memorial School for Girls in Lagos. Upon her return after this year, she will be associated with Miss Josephine Scaggs at Joinkrama.



CAMIE JAY

Welcomed for another season is Miss Camie Jay from San Andres Islands who is studying in the States in preparation for missionary service. She is of Chinese descent.

Cooper at the above address.) Camps will be held at Ferncliff.

Intermediate GA Camp, July 23-27.

Juniór GA Camp, July 30-August 3.

Junior GA Camp, August 6-10

Junior GA Camp, August 13-17

Junior GA Camp, August 20-24

YWA Houseparty, July 28-29.

BWC Conference, August 18-19

—Nancy Cooper, Secretary

All of these will not be in all camps, but there will be some of them in all camps. Priceless fellowship is in store for everyone who comes. Registration fee of \$1 per person should be sent immediately to Miss Sara Ann Hobbs, 310 Baptist Building, Little Rock, for the camp chosen. (BWC Conference registrations should be sent to Miss Nancy

Things to Inspire and Do in Evangelism

Winning the Lost

This is the supreme objective for every pastor and church. Here in an inspiring report of what one pastor and church did. Go thou and do likewise.

"Southcrest church, Lubbock, J. Wayland Edwards, pastor, had baptized only nine people during four and one-half months of this church year. The pastor hand-picked six people and asked them to meet him in his study. He told them the burden of his heart; they prayed and wept together, and they agreed to go out of their way to win people to Christ. In the next 60 days they baptized 30 people.

"The entire church has had a quickening of the Spirit; the heart of the pastor has been fanned into a flame, and the Lord has been glorified. What this church has done, any church may do where there are lost people in the community."

21,000 Additions

Here is, perhaps, the greatest record any pastor and church has ever made in winning the lost to Christ. This is something to inspire.

"In the 28½ years that Dr. Robert G. Lee has been pastor of Bellevue Church, Memphis, Tennessee, there have been 21,000 additions, an average of 13½ a Sunday."

Dr. Lee is to be one of the speakers at our Evangelistic Conference in January.

A Great Testimony

We have been trying to get it across to the pastors and people that the simultaneous evangelistic revivals are more productive in souls won to Christ and baptized into the churches than any other method in evangelism.

Dr. Robert S. Scales, pastor of the Trinity Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, has this to say of the Billy Graham crusade just closed in that city.

"From the standpoint of actual additions to the churches the Billy Graham crusade does not compare with the simultaneous revivals in our Baptist churches. When the final statistics are compiled we shall give them to you so that you can see the results. Earlier in the crusade 50 per cent of those who made decisions were from outside Oklahoma City, and 50 per cent, or more, of those making decisions were rededicating their lives, or reaffirming previously made decisions.

The real measure of the revival is to be found in the spiritual impact which it made upon both our city and state. Many individuals who never hear the gospel Sunday by Sunday even though they go to church, along with a great host who never go to church, heard and accepted the gospel message which Billy Graham preached to them over and over, night by night."

This is not to criticize the Billy Graham crusade but to emphasize the simultaneous crusade as being the most productive of souls added to our churches.



September is Harvest Time

I hope every pastor and church member will read in the Arkansas Baptist of July 12 the article by Charles McKay on page 14. Observe "Harvest Day," September 23, following the program that Brother McKay suggests. Brethren, this is a great opportunity to win others to Christ. The objective is to reach every lost person for Christ who is enrolled in our Sunday Schools. On this day every church and pastor is urged to make a supreme evangelistic effort in all the services of the day. Hold a "unified evangelistic service" on Sunday morning. Get all enrolled pupils who are not Christians into the preaching service and make the strongest possible appeal for decisions for Christ. This day should be preceded by united prayer effort on the part of every church and pastor.

"It's Legal Now"

The Connecticut Supreme Court of Errors ruled that trustees of Hopewell Baptist Church in Hartford could not dismiss its pastor. It said the latter's status will have to be decided by a special meeting of the congregation.

Evangelist Available

My good friend, Dr. Orville Yeager, who formerly taught at Ouachita Baptist College and now lives at 125 McBee Street, Malvern, is available for evangelistic meetings, Bible conferences, and as a speaker at other special meetings. Dr. Yeager held a meeting in Trinity Baptist Church, of which I was pastor, in Oklahoma City. He is one of the most effective Bible preachers and evangelists I know. Brethren, let's keep this great man busy. If you need an evangelist this year or next year and want to use him, get him committed as soon as possible.

Moderators, Missionaries, Chairmen of Evangelism

Be sure to give evangelism a good spot in the program of your annual association. Get the association to commit itself to a simultaneous evangelistic crusade next year. Where no associational chairman of evangelism has been elected, by all means, elect one at your annual meeting. Get steering committees set up. Plan ahead for the future.

—I. L. Yearby

Children's Page

Man to Man

By HAZEL T. HARSTON



Mother came to the foot of the stairs and called, "Hurry Jamie and Jim, you will be late for school."

"Coming mother," replied Jamie and Jim at the same time. Jamie rushed from the bathroom where she had been washing her hands and picked up her books. As she went down the stairs, she called, "Last one at school is a rotten egg!"

Jim said half to himself, "Now who cares if they're a rotten egg? I bet Jamie forgot to make her bed she was rushing so much."

Jim, who was eight, walked into Jamie's room and looked around. "No, she has done everything," he said. It was then Jim saw Jamie's watch on the table.

The watch had been given to Jamie by grandfather on her eleventh birthday. Jim picked it up and looked at it. How he wished he had one, but they said he was not old enough. Looking intently at the watch he thought, "The watch won't do anybody any good here on the table all day. Jamie won't be back until after school is out. If I wore it just this once, I could hurry home after school and put it back. I don't believe grandfather would mind this once."

Then he heard, "Jim, it's time for you to go."

"I'm ready, Mother," Jim called as he put the watch on his left arm, ran down stairs and out of the house to school.

At school that day Jim kept looking at the watch every few minutes saying to himself, "Five more minutes and the bell will ring." He felt like, when everyone looked at him, they thought,

"I wish I had a watch like Jim has."

He looked at his watch again. The time was 9:30. In thirty minutes it would be play time. The two boys who sat close by began to snigger and giggle. When he looked up, Tommy whispered, "Jim is a sissie. Jim is a sissie. He's wearing a girl's watch."

Jim whispered back, "I am not either," and quickly took the watch from his arm and put it in his pocket.

Soon the 10 o'clock bell rang, and all the children went out to play. Jim had such a good time he forgot about Jamie's watch in his pocket.

Noon time came and it was then Jim felt in his pocket for Jamie's watch. He wanted to know how much time he had to play before the bell rang. The watch was not there.

Jim's heart sank to the bottom of his shoes. What was he to do? He asked Mr. Simmons, the principal, if anyone had turned in a watch. Mr. Simmons told him no one had found a watch.

Jim then asked his teacher, Miss Abbie. She told him there had been no watch turned in to her.

All that afternoon Jim was very worried. He dreaded to go home.

When Jim had to go home, instead of playing with Jamie, he avoided her as much as possible.

Supper time came. When all the family was at the table, Father said, "Jim, Jamie tells me her watch is missing. Do you know anything about it?"

Jim said, "Father, I don't know anything about Jamie's watch.

Now if you will excuse me, I'll go up to my room. I'm not very hungry."

That night Father went up to Jim's room for their regular "Man to Man" talk the two had every night.

When Father walked in, Jim blurted out, "I did borrow Jamie's watch just to wear one day at school, Father. I lost it at school. I'm sorry but that won't bring it back."

Father placed one hand on Jim's shoulder. With the other hand he brought Jamie's watch out and held it before Jim.

Father said, "Jim, I'm proud that you had the courage to tell me about the watch. Mr. Simmons saw me on the street and gave it to me to bring home. Someone found it on the school yard. Let's shake hands 'man to man' and get a good night's sleep. Good night, son. I'm glad you told me."

"Good night, Father, I can sleep well now," Jim answered.

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WHAT AM I?

By ELLEN BROWN

I sparkle like silver
And have currents too
And banks on both sides
For me to run through.
And yet I'm not money
Though it sounds that way,
With silver and currents,
And banks that don't pay.

Answer: river.

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SOUTHERN BAPTISTS ADVANCE IN ILLINOIS

Dr. Charles H. Morris, pastor of First Baptist Church, Metropolis, Illinois, reports that there have been 542 persons presented for baptism and 390 coming by transfer of letter, making a grand total of 932 additions to the First Baptist Church in the last four and one half years. In spite of a decrease of almost 50 per cent in population this church in a city of less than 7,000 has continued to emphasize its program of evangelism baptizing over 100 persons each year. The church has just concluded a highly successful revival campaign with Evangelist Vincent Cervera of Greenville, South Carolina. During this revival the 542 persons came presenting themselves for baptism.

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FRANKS RETURN TO CHILE

Mr. and Mrs. Ruben I. Franks, Southern Baptist missionaries to Chile, are returning to their field of service after furlough in the States. They may be addressed at Casilla 9796, Santiago, Chile. Mrs. Franks, formerly Edna Mae Pugsley, is a native of Helena, Ark.

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The average American is an incurable optimist. He thinks he has a good chance to win a prize in any lottery but that there isn't the slightest possibility of his being in a highway accident.

—Springview (Neb.) Herald

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What FIERCE FIGHTER of the OCEAN BOTTOM SPROUTS NEW ARMS AND LEGS when old ones are torn off.

Hall Reports on Baptist European Retreat

A German mountain resort once known as Hitler's Retreat was the setting for a spiritual conference for 545 Baptist service personnel and dependants June 25-29, led by Baptist chaplains.

Baptist military personnel from Europe met in Berchtesgaden, Germany, for a five-day spiritual life meeting under the direction of Chaplain John E. Simpson, retiring president of the European Armed Forces Association of Baptists.

Dr. Dick H. Hall, Jr., pastor, First Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, and a member of the Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention, was one of three Baptist preachers who spoke to the Retreat daily. Dr. Hall represented the Chaplains Commission at the Retreat.

Dr. J. Penry Davies, pastor, St. Mary's Baptist Church, Norwich, England, and Dr. Edwin A. Bell, European representative of the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society spoke to the group daily.

Dr. Hall termed the Retreat "one of those experiences which many Christians desire, but seldom realize." In the closing night invitation, 36 made definite commitments for special service, 16 made professions of faith, and many others rededicated their lives. "It was the Spirit of God

taking hold of a congregation," Dr. Hall said. "It reminded me of some of the great decision services at our state or Southern Baptist assemblies," he said.

"The victory at Berchtesgaden was the result of the prayers and planning of our men of God the military. Chaplain John E. Simpson deserves great praise for the long planning and wise leadership that made possible the program of the Retreat," Dr. Hall continued.

Dr. Hall revealed that Berchtesgaden has been designated as the location for a year-round program of religious retreats by the Armed Forces, and it will be the scene for the 1957 Baptist Retreat. The hotel at Berchtesgaden was built in the Hitler regime for military planning purposes.

After leaving Berchtesgaden, Dr. Hall visited and preached in military installations and Baptist mission centers in Germany, France, and Spain.

"I have been greatly impressed by the work of our Baptist chaplains in particular and by the interest and co-operation of those in Command. Let us do more to undergird spiritually these men and women of the Armed Services who so gallantly safeguard our liberty," Hall concluded.



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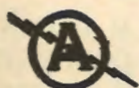
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Something New

CHAPLAIN W. W. HAMILTON, *Southern Baptist Hospital*
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We are told in connection with Paul's visit to Athens that all of the Athenians and strangers spent their time in hearing and telling some new thing, asking "What is Newer?" What a picture that is of us today as we hurry out in the early hour of the morning for the daily paper eager to find the latest news.

The Bible tells us that when we have the birth from above then all things become new. When Billy Graham was asked about this he says, "Right there, on my knees I made my decision for Christ. The very next day, everything, even the flowers and the leaves on the trees, looked different. I was finding out for the first time the sweetness and the joy of God, of being truly born of God." As another expressed it "The joy bells began ringing in my very soul, and they continue until this day."

Morning by morning we get something new from our Bible reading, from some long-loved song, from a little talk with Jesus. New opportunities for service come to us and new ways of giving of ourselves to others. One author in telling of the delights of this new life says, "Try giving yourself away." Dr. Schweitzer calls this, "My second job", bringing to him new thrills and new friends.

How little a smile does cost and how much it gives, enriching those who receive and making none poor who give! It cannot be bought or stolen we are told, and is of no value to anyone until it is given away, and we are advised to give a smile to anyone, specially to anyone who is so poor that he has none to share.

Each new day brings new temptations which offer us the opportunity to resist and grow stronger, finding that each victory will help us some other to win. The school boy, poor in spelling looked on another's paper nearby and copied, but the teacher was rejoiced to see that when the papers were being collected Joe tore his up and said "I haven't any." He decided to take zero rather than be dishonest. The teacher said to him later, "I saw your struggle and am glad for a boy who conquered temptation."

New opportunities for witnessing came to Paul for telling of the doctrines so dear to his heart and so meaningful to others. There in Athens amid their many idols he told of "the unknown God" whom they ignorantly worshipped, and who made the world and all things therein. Some mocked and said they would hear him again, but others were won to the Lord by whom the world would be judged, and some came to trust in the Saviour of all who believe.

Witnessing Through Suffering

By BURTON A. MILEY

There are two types of suffering, voluntary and compulsive. Voluntary suffering is chosen when the cause is worthy. People do not choose to suffer from minor causes. There is no choice in compulsive suffering. Christian responsibility dictates that the sufferings fall out to the glory of God and strength of the individual. The question of suffering is modified in the light of this scripture. "All things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose" (Ro. 8:28).

Judaism and Christianity were closely associated in the beginning. Political leaders made no distinction between the two movements. However, there came a time when Christianity was thoroughly divorced from Judaism in public mind. Government added political persecution to the religious persecutions which had been in existence. The Roman Empire had its part in these persecutions. Peter wrote during the time of Nero's persecution when every Christian was brought into suspicion and threat by a government that was dedicated to stamping out the Christian movement. He wrote to encourage and strengthen persecuted believers who were enduring harsh sufferings.

PETER'S BLESSED MINISTRY

Suffering sharpens or blunts, depending upon the angle of its grind. Peter was particularly anxious that suffering should bring people to keen witness. The man who has suffered or is suffering for a noble cause has more power in testimony. He used a word for which he was enthusiastic; living. "Who hath begotten you again unto a living hope." Suffering is likely to blunt a man's life to the point that he becomes passive. But the same grinding wheel that blunts carries the possibility to sharpen. Peter eulogized (the meaning of blessed here) God and the Father of the Lord Jesus Christ in a glorious way before the persecuted saints. He appealed to the abundant mercy of God which produced that living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. Men cannot witness when dead. They must witness while alive and with a lively hope. Men cannot be attractive in dullness but through living hope which comes from a living Saviour. Therefore, the resurrection of Jesus carries particular significance. It shows the suffering believer that Christ could not be stopped by the Roman government that set the guard on His tomb. He arose according to the power of God. Anyone else persecuted by political powers could not be held down. God would lift him up. The reward which follows this lifting is an inherit-

Sunday School Lesson

July 29, 1956

1 Peter 1:3-9; 5:6-11

ance that knows no deflation or depreciation. It is incorruptible. It has no defilement of title. It is certain and pure. That inheritance carries a steady value, yesterday and today. It does not fade away (the figure of a rose wilting) through the powers of men or the devil. It is guarded by God in Heaven. This inheritance is for those "who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." Salvation is a present benevolence. No individual has all of the blessings of salvation now; some are reserved for later. Therefore, regardless of the state in which he is, he can hope toward those things yet to be possessed. The hope for those who go through a season of temptations and have their faith tried as by fire is to become purer and purer to the glory of God.

Peter was able to write his message to the people, because he himself had gone through fiery trials. He knew the certainty and the sureness of the Lord. Man never fails until he loses his faith. This faith dwindles when man's witness falters or ceases altogether.

THE QUESTION OF SUFFERING

Voluntary suffering shows the fettle of the soul. The Roman Empire as a whole was not suffering at the date of the lesson. The suffering was confined to the Christian minority group which bore the blunt of the Roman government's power in its maddening persecutions. These suffered not as evildoers but as those who had the love of God within. It is indeed glorious to know that in voluntary suffering one is lifted to the height of the beauty, "Blessed are ye when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my name's sake" (Matthew 5:11).

The man who suffers rightly is larger than any other man in all the world. He can rejoice in his suffering. This seems to be a paradox, suffering and rejoicing, yet Christ suffered and rejoiced. "Who for the joy that was set before him, endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God" (Hebrews 12:2). In this respect Christ had joy in obedience to God. That obedience resulted in suffering of body, and anguish of spirit and soul. To be right with God is better than to be painless without God.

GOD IN SUFFERING

That which is pushed down by the hand of evil shall be raised by the hand of God. If an individual is pushed down he should rejoice because God's hand in due time will exalt him. Some evident truths are thrust out. First is the wonderful care that God has for each one. One difficult thing for man to understand is that God cares for him personally, individually. Out of more than two billion souls upon the earth, God cares for each one and has the Father's heart within his breast, so that He suffers with each one. Therefore, a man that bears the load of care can be assured that God cares for him. Communion between the burdened man and the burdened God can improve the estate for the man. Suffering promotes responsibilities. Much suffering is brought about because one is not sober in thought and act. When one fails to watch, the enemy comes. The devil looks for any avenue by which he can enter into life. He walks as a roaring lion. It has been said that a lion roars to temporarily paralyze his prey with fear. The devil is such a noise maker that fear destroys strength and courage within heart, while destruction is wrought. Such steadfast resistance within a Christian has the reward of knowing that the same afflictions are to each one and God is able to take care of each. The care of God is the cure for doubt in the midst of suffering.

PRACTICAL LESSONS

Suffering for righteousness is right. One should not rebel or shy from it. He should voluntarily pick it up as a cross and carry it as part of the responsibility from the dedicated life unto Christ. God set the example in suffering through the gift of His

Son who suffered death. His witness will never die out.

Hope softens suffering. Where hope is, suffering cannot spoil. Hope softens suffering to the point that suffering never callouses. Not all sufferings lead to God or repentance. Some suffering blunts life and folds it in; complexity rises. Only where hope dominates can suffering be sublimated.

Suffering increases capacity. It makes man larger in soul and greater in spirit. One can suffer nobly because he is the son of God. Had not Christ suffered the world would have forgotten Him long ago. His suffering perfected His Saviourhood and witness. Many a saint has a stronger, fresher and more powerful testimony because of his suffering.

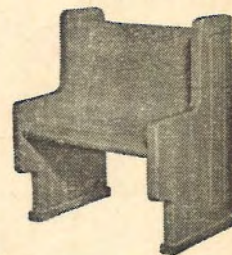
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Mission Fields Get 93 Cents of Dollar

More than 93 cents of every dollar received last year by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board went directly to mission fields.

According to Executive Secretary Baker J. Cauthen, Richmond, the total received for the Board's operations last year was \$10,736,271. Of this, \$10,017,383 went to foreign fields for salaries of missionaries, their expenses on the field, for the maintenance of hospitals and schools, for buying property, and other such items.

Less than three cents of the dollar went for administrative expenses, which included salaries and travel expenses of the home office staff in Richmond, and postage, insurance, and equipment for the home office.

Slightly over three cents of the dollar was spent for promotion. This went for such things as publicity of Board's work through denominational papers, audiovisual aids on foreign missions, costs of denominational work by missionaries home on furlough, missionary recruiting material, etc.

Just a trifle more than half a penny of the Foreign Mission Board's dollar went to general expenses, including cost of holding Board meetings, the annual audit, legal expenses, and the like.

Most of the Foreign Mission Board receipts come from two sources — the Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention, and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering especially for foreign missions. — B.L.B.

Dr. Zimmerman Drowns

H. A. Zimmerman, one of our retired Baptist preachers, died Friday night, July 13, after his car had plunged into a water filled creek. Brother Zimmerman had been to a Worker's Conference and was returning home. There was a curve in the road, it is said, and it is supposed that he missed the bridge and his car plunged head first into the deep water and before he could be extricated he had drowned. There is a possibility that he was injured in the wreck before drowning. Brother Zimmerman was an excellent preacher and had been a busy man in his lifetime. He was Missionary to Brazil, then he was pastor of the First Baptist Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and in more recent years has served as Executive Secretary in Arizona and in Oregon-Washington Conventions. He had held other positions and one time was a State Missionary in Arkansas. More recently he had retired from active employment but he was active in his interest in our Baptist cause and was doing supply work. — B. L. B.

Paul Dudley White, who attended President Eisenhower when he was stricken with his heart attack, is a member of Dudley Street Baptist Church, Roxbury, Massachusetts, to which he has been related for fifty years, teaching in Sunday school.

Our Denominational Budget

Brethren, pray for the Executive Committee and other leaders as we face the formulation of a proposed state budget for 1957. The requests that have come in already total more than \$1,600,000. Baptists are abundantly able to pay a budget of this size, but we doubt if they are willing to jump that far and make that much of an increase in one year. The fields are white unto harvest and the needs are incessant and great. Pray that wisdom may be given and also that our stewardship may be pleasing to God.—B. L. B.

Good Revival in Charleston

The Harmony Baptist Church in Charleston has just experienced a glorious revival. According to the report of the Sunday School Superintendent, C. W. Hubbard, there were five professions of faith and twelve additions by letter. There was a fine spirit throughout the revival. Pastor Andy O'Kelley is giving a progressive ministry to the church. He became pastor on May 1. The Sunday School enrolment has increased 20 and the Training Union 18 under his ministry. Mrs. O'Kelley is a fine worker also. The Sunday school attendance is from 100 to 112. — B. L. B.

A Good Deacon Goes to Heaven

Deacon Sam C. Cobb of Keo passed to his reward on July 12. Brother Cobb was a prominent member of his church and a loyal supporter of its work. He was the father of Miss Elma Cobb who has done such a wonderful work at the Baptist Hospital and with the W. M. U., as well as in her local church; two sons, A. V. and J. D. Cobb, also survive and they are prominent members of their churches and are liberal in their support of the work. The best part of it all is that all of them are genuine Christians. Mr. Cobb's wife passed away about two years ago and he died of a heart attack. He was 81 years old but still useful. He will be terribly missed by his church and friends. — B. L. B.

Facts of Interest Concerning Leisure and Work

The pursuit of pleasure was frowned on by our forefathers and idleness was considered the thief of time which was needed to produce necessities. But, today, for every two days that the average American works, he gets one day off — or about 125 days away from his desk or work bench a year. It has been predicted that this will increase.

If we worked as long as we did in 1900, at the present rate of productivity, we would have 40 per cent more products, and twenty less leisure hours each week to consume them. In 1953 there were 60.5 million paid vacation weeks — twice as many as in 1941.

Because of the overlapping of expenditures for recreation with food, clothing, etc., it is difficult to ascertain with absolute accuracy the expenditures for recreation alone. However, the Department of Commerce estimates that in 1909 \$859 million, or 3.0 per cent of total consumption expenditures, were spent on recreation. In 1940, the amount was \$3,269,000,000, or 4.5 per cent, and in 1955, the amount had increased to approximately \$32 billion.—B.L.B.

Our Mission Budgets

In making up our budgets for our churches and for the denomination it is our conviction that we ought to have fewer deductions before the division of funds. In our state budget we ought not to deduct so much Capital Needs before making our division with the Southern Baptist Convention agencies. The same is true in our church work. Then too, your radio program and your Sunday School bus service are done in the interest of your local work and should not be charged against missions. There is room for us to do a lot of good sound thinking and Christian arrangement along these lines. — B. L. B.

Too Many State Mission Subsidies

The increasing number of requests that come to us for subsidies in supplementing missionaries and pastors' salaries is astonishing. If these trends should continue and the requests were granted it would again plunge us into deep indebtedness. We sincerely believe that too many churches and preachers and associational leaders expect too much of what other churches can do for them. Some of them clamor for as much financial help from the Convention as they did during the depression years. There are many good reasons why churches and associations should go on their own.

In the first place, these are prosperous times. This is a day of inflation. This is a day when there is more money in circulation than ever before. Even in the hill countries where incomes used to be very small and negligible there are now jobs created to answer many of the needs. There is timber work and trucking and the poultry business and many small industries that bring incomes that are fairly good. If in a day like this churches and mission boards cannot become self supporting, when on earth do they ever expect to do it.

Again, the State Board found itself at one time utterly unable to pay subsidies. That time may come again. Other agencies ought to begin to make themselves self supporting. It can be done. Good stewardship is the order of the day. At the beginning of this year Jasper and Parthenon in Newton County went on their own. This is perhaps one of the most destitute areas and is an area of low income. If the situation in Newton County can take care of itself, it stands to reason that any area can do the same thing. It will take a lot of work and good stewardship practice, but it can be done. Let's work more and more toward that end. B.L.B.

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MARRIAGE

It would make some people think if they had to pay a preacher as much for marriage as they do a lawyer for divorce.

—Tid-Bits, London

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"Christianity is spirituality focused."

—Stealey

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Some men let you walk ahead then complain that you don't like their company.

—Paula Barnes

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