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Dr. Whittington Accepts Directorship Ouachita's Million-Dollar Campaign

Dr. Otto Whittington has accepted the invitation of Ouachita College trustees that he direct the Million-Dollar Three-Year Campaign for buildings and endowment of the Baptist school at Arkadelphia. His new duties will begin March 15.

Dr. Whittington, for the past year superintendent of rural missions for the Arkansas Baptist State Convention's Executive Board, was elected to the directorship of the campaign by Ouachita trustees at the meeting of the State Convention last November. He has weighed the demands of his mission work and the great needs of Ouachita for three months, at times deciding to stay with the call of missions and at times leaning to the Ouachita Campaign.

His decision became definite only this week. It leaves the Executive Board in desperate need for a capable mission leader; it blesses the Ouachita Campaign with a director who always does a grand job and in whom all Baptists have the greatest faith.

Many Similar Campaigns

Baptist schools in practically every state are in huge money-raising campaigns to meet the challenge of the post-war educational era.

Church schools must meet the pace to be set by the many state schools. Young people, in a competitive world, cannot accept inferior education in a church college regardless of denominational loyalty. Church schools must continue to offer the best in education if they meet the competition of other institutions. This they can do only through new buildings, better equipment, superior faculties. That takes money.

It is the church college that gives education-plus, meaning basic book and laboratory experience plus a Christian understanding and a Christian conscience for the use of that learning. Science without Christian conscience is a dangerous thing; how grateful the world should be that atomic energy was harnessed by men of Chris-



Dr. Whittington

tian faith rather than by men who would have let financial selfishness and race hatred determine their control of that new-found energy.

Ouachita's Needs

Ouachita College needs four new buildings. The need is desperate: A dormitory for girls, a dormitory for boys, a science hall and a library are essential items if Ouachita is to continue to do the work she has so gloriously done in the past. These four buildings will cost about a half-million dollars. (See Page Nine) This half-million should be matched with a like amount for endowment, to assure additional income for upkeep and for faculty salaries. It is basic, if Ouachita is to serve best, that its endowment be increased.

Thus, the Million-Dollar Campaign for Ouachita College! Endorsed and blessed by vote of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention last November! Let us back Ouachita College and Dr. Whittington in this campaign. And let us remember that prayers and praise alone will not raise a million dollars. It takes money from the pocketbooks of every Arkansas Baptist.

Election of Brotherhood Secretary Is Forward Step For Arkansas Baptists

Establishment April 1 of a State Brotherhood Department will be a decidedly forward step for Arkansas Baptists. The brotherhood movement has been tried and proved in many states of the South and in every instance has resulted in greater soul-winning, greater consecration and increased financial gifts. It is a program that enlists laymen into active participation in all church work.

Nelson F. Tull, who comes as State Brotherhood Secretary to head up the new work, is thoroughly qualified for the position. For many years he was a teacher of mathematics and other subjects at East Side Junior High School, Little Rock, and during all non-working hours gave himself unselfishly to soul-winning and other mission work.

Tull Is Well Qualified

During the last seven years of his teaching career Mr. Tull served as Superintendent of Missions for the First Baptist Church, Little Rock, and was founder of many of the mission stations covering the city. Several of the missions he founded have grown into prosperous churches. For nearly a year he was associate pastor of the Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock.

In 1942 Mr. Tull gave up teaching to become associate to Dr. Kyle M. Yates, then pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church of Louisville, Ky. Two years later he moved to Nashville, Tenn., to be educational and financial director of the First Church where Dr. W. F. Powell is pastor.

Denominational leaders who know Tull well state that he is one of the most consecrated laymen they have ever known.

Mr. Tull was born in Lexington, Miss., February 21, 1901, the son of the late beloved Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Tull. When he was seven his father brought the family to Lake Village, Ark., to serve in the pastorate of the Baptist church there. He was converted during the year he lived in Lake Village and was baptized in Lake Chicot. They



Mr. Tull

spent the next eight years in Monticello where his father was pastor of First Church.

Finishing high school, he took his college work in Ouachita, Mississippi and Blue Mountain Colleges, and started teaching in Ingomar, Miss. Then he was married to Miss Lucile McGraw and to their union was born a daughter. About 1925 they moved to Little Rock to the position he served so long in the public schools.

Begins A New Department

Mr. Tull's election as Brotherhood Secretary came fifteen months after the 1944 Arkansas Baptist State Convention had authorized the establishment of the State Brotherhood Department. He was recommended by a special committee headed by Pastor Wilford Lee, Crossett, which committee has searched most diligently for the man deemed most capable for the position.

The call will come for all Baptist laymen in the state to cooperate with the new department and to give themselves wholeheartedly to our general denominational work. All Arkansas Baptists should be ready to meet that call.

Southern Baptists and Foreign Missions

M. THERON RANKIN
Executive Secretary

E. C. ROUTH
Editor, The Commission

Recently the Southern Baptist W.M.U. announced that Lottie Moon offerings, as reported to the Birmingham office, had already aggregated \$1,080,000. As of date February 13, the greater part of this amount, \$840,139.82, had already been received by the treasurer of the Foreign Mission Board. This indicates a glorious response on the part of Southern Baptist women.

E. P. Buxton, treasurer of the Board, reports that gifts through January for Foreign Missions totaled \$763,950, compared with \$653,186 the corresponding month last year—"an increase of \$110,764 for that one month. In addition, \$46,190 was received for Relief compared with \$39,330 for the corresponding month last year. Multitudes in Europe and the Orient will perish unless we get relief to them soon.

At its monthly meeting February 14, the Board authorized the Department of Missionary Personnel to bring sixty missionary candidates to Richmond for examination in the April 9-10 meeting—ten more than the original quota for the year. This increase was warranted not only by the number of applicants for missionary service, but also by urgent appeals from all mission fields for replacements and increased personnel. Never have Southern Baptists faced such world mission opportunities.

Details have been received of the death on January 5 of James Henry Hagood, appointed last year to Palestine. On January 2, after taking part in an executive committee meeting the previous evening, he awoke with a severe sore throat, which was diagnosed as streptococci infection. Sulfa drugs and penicillin were given, but the heart was weakening and on Saturday night at 10 p. m. he died. His body was laid to rest beside Lake Tiberias. Mrs. Hagood has expressed her desire to remain on the field and continue the work which she and her husband had planned. Miss Kate Ellen Gruver has moved to Nazareth to live with Mrs. Hagood.

On account of very difficult transportation problems in the Shanghai area, the Foreign Mission Board is compelled to limit immediate sailings to those missionaries who have been specifically requested by the committee in China. As transportation and housing facilities become available in China more missionaries will return to China. Missionaries leaving for China early in February were J. E. Jackson, Lydia Green, Rose Marlowe, and Mary Alexander. Other missionaries scheduled to sail for China the last of February are Ruth Ford, Mrs. H. H. McMillan, and Mrs. D. F. Stamps. Wilson Fielder, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Harris, Rex Ray, and Mrs. J. T. Williams will sail in March as soon as transportation can be secured. Word comes that Elizabeth Hale is on her way home from Shanghai.

Missionary W. B. Johnson in China advises that he has just acquired 100 bales of clothing from the Church Committee on Overseas Relief and Reconstruction and has been assured of other essentials for relief.

Enmity is gone. My most convincing proof of that came to me one night in a village on Sendai Bay (Japan) about thirty miles north of the city. We had alighted from a train at the Matsushima station, four miles from the hotel where we hoped to spend the night. It was one o'clock in the morning. With my interpreter and a station attendant who volunteered to trudge the four miles with us as a guide, we struck off through the snow for a four-mile hike.

Four months ago that same beach was scheduled for American landings, and the people were going to throw us back with the fury of their pitchforks, clubs, and bare fists. Across the same breaches I walked through the night, four months later. Hills raised phantom shadows at our side. The snow fell peacefully. Maybe I was in peril for my life, I don't know. But I didn't feel it.

The war is over. The Japanese people are glad. They are now ready to hear any Gospel that reaches them with a message of peace and good will and virtue and a new life.

—Richard T. Baker in World Outlook.

Dr. Eugene Hill writes that the Leung Kwong Baptist Convention was scheduled to meet February 27 to 30 in the Tungshan church.

The press run for the March issue of the Commission was 77,500 and will probably reach at least 80,000 for the April issue.

The Maxfield Garrotts and Alma Graves left San Francisco February 14 for Honolulu, en route to Japan as soon as the way opens.

Word from Dr. George W. Sadler indicated that he had completed his survey of our work in Palestine and Syria and was then in Cairo waiting for transportation to Italy. He hopes after visiting our stations in Italy to be able to get into Yugoslavia, Hungary, and Rumania, although that part of the journey is still uncertain on account of transportation problems and other difficulties.

The first news bulletin in English—Atlas News Service—sent out by Missionary William H. Berry, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, describes the arrival early in January of Dr. and Mrs. Everett Gill and family. Brazilian Baptists held their thirtieth National Assembly in Sao Paulo January 20 to 26. Missionary Berry writes that Brazilian Baptists are united as they have not been for nearly three decades. "Ninety thousand Baptists are ready for action. Their numerical growth has been a miracle, but their denominational and spiritual growth has been in excess of their numbers."

At the Brazilian convention Dr. Gill preached his first sermon in Portuguese. A Brazilian pastor was asked by one of the representatives, "How long has that speaker been in Brazil?" "I do not know exactly," replied the pastor, "but certainly only a few months." That member answered, "He speaks Portuguese better than we do as Brazilians." Missionary Berry adds, "One of the quickest ways

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The Pre-Eminent Christ

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"That in all things He might have the eminence."

The story is told of an old-time painter whose heart was so full of love for his Master that he was willing to sacrifice his own life and the praise of men for this Master's glory.

The artist had painted a picture of the Last Supper, putting his best effort into his work. He had lavished time and pains and love upon it, working out every detail with the greatest care. Even the cup that stood on the table was painted with as much perfection as the more important parts of the picture. It was a wonderful cup, richly jeweled with jewels that held the light in their depths.

When the great picture was finished and hung, the painter concealed himself that he might hear, unobserved, the comments of those who came to see his masterpiece. After another, as he looked, would cry "What a wonderful cup, how it sparkles!" "The cup is surely made of gold and precious stones;" "Such a cup was never painted before."

Out from his hiding place came the appointed artist, and with a few strokes his brush painted out the beautiful cup, the dismay of the onlookers. In its place drew a common cup of clay, and colored in dull, sober tints. When the people were tested, saying, "Why did you destroy the beautiful cup?" he replied sadly, "Because it did not fulfill its purpose. I made the cup beautiful because it was for the Master's use, nothing can be too rich or too carefully wrought for Him. But if your eyes are held by the beauty of the jeweled cup so that you do not see the face of the Lord Christ beyond then the beautiful cup must be sacrificed."

Draw your own conclusion, for

"He is before all things, and by Him all things consist. And He is the head of the body, the Church; who is the beginning, first-born from the dead; That in all things He might have the pre-eminence." Col. 1:18.

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The American Bible Society reports that urgent requests have come from Japanese leaders for 2,500,000 New Testaments in Japanese for use in that land of glorious missionary opportunities.

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Across the Editor's Desk . . .

The Pope Forgets That Christ Is Cornerstone

The Vatican increased its claim to universal totalitarianism last week by creating 32 new cardinals, increasing to 22 the number of nationalities in the College of Cardinals. The Pope urged the world "which everywhere hungrily and thirsts for unity" to rally around his universal church-state.

But the thing that interested us most was the Pope's broadcast speech on Wednesday, defining "the position of the church in the modern world." The newspapers, the world over, considered the story a top news item of the day and gave full columns to it on their front pages.

Truly we personally envy the Romans for their ability to make news headlines; they were on the front page every day last week, whereas non-Catholic faiths frequently do well to get a few inches on the inside. We believe that our non-Catholic church groups would do well to use publicity agents to tell the press and radio of our doings.)

The lengthy news items, which we trust are truly representative of the Pope's full address, gave paragraphs pleading with people everywhere to rally around the church. And you, it was rally around the church. Not once in the stories we read was the name of Christ called or inferred.

Much of the Pope's reasoning was logical. Christ had been declared the agent. He said that the church's study "is to form man, model and perfect him in the divine image. Her work is done in the depth of each man's heart, extends throughout his life, in all his activities. Through men thus formed the church prepares for human society a basis on which it can rest securely."

Why, except for the glorification of himself and his church, does the Pope disregard the Bible's explicit teaching: "I (Christ) am the way, the truth and the light; no man cometh to the Father but by Me."

"This church," the Pope further declared, "stands out today in the midst of a world torn and divided as a warning, as a standard to all nations, which invited all who do not believe to come to her and strengthen her as in the faith which they profess; for without God and away from God there cannot be any true, solid secure unity."

But even in that reference to God, the Pope (1) ignores the regenerative power of Christ as the essential for man's betterment through individuals, and (2) sets up "this church" as the instrument of salvation.

We would agree with the Pope that the church of Christ, meaning all regenerated

spiritual believers, is responsible through its negligence for the moral, social and political messes in which the world finds itself. We believe that the church should make herself heard in these matters and that the church needs to point to Christ's teachings of love and brotherhood (which realization is possible only as individuals are regenerated) before peace can be ours.

But we disagree strongly with the Pope's contention that the Roman Catholic church, or any other organization, has the power to build a better world. The church's purpose is to guide and to carry forward as a band of organized believers, the tasks assigned in the great commission. We must point to Christ as the Saviour; it is He, not the church, which can regenerate a man's soul. That regeneration, that second birth, is spiritual, and is beyond human power.

War Burial Issue

The opposition to bringing America's World War II dead back from battlefields all over the world—some of it coming from religious sources—has been successful in winning one point: A survey of the families of the men who gave their lives will be made before any action is taken.

The Army has completed plans for bringing bodies back, if Congress approves, but a number of church leaders have pointed out emphasis on the material body of a person stems neither from Judaism nor Christianity, but from "paganism."

Social Service groups of the Protestant Episcopal Dioceses of Massachusetts and New York petitioned President Truman to stop the project, pointing out that the cost might involve a half billion dollars.

"Would it not be more fitting tribute to the dead to use that large sum in a work designed to alleviate the suffering of humanity for whom they gave their lives?" the churchmen asked.

Send Your Pastor

Every pastor should attend the meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention in Miami, Fla., May 15-19. It will be a strategic meeting for launching a great Southern Baptist worldwide post-war program.

It is one of few occasions each year that a church has opportunity to do a little something for the pastor. Why not let laymen in all our churches initiate a movement for the church to pay the pastor's expenses to the Convention? It will be a gracious thing, and one that will help the pastor and the church. Attend to the matter now.

Department of Peace

Some Washington groups are convinced that one good way to promote increased international goodwill would be establishment of a separate Department of Peace within the Government, as is proposed in a bill (H. J. Resolution 242) introduced by Rep. Everett M. Dirksen (Rep., Ill.).

The idea of a Department of Peace has been kicking around Washington for more than ten years, but it has never enlisted any great amount of support in Congress. It's said that it would be just "another bureau" and that the Department of State in reality is a department of peace.

Yet, proponents insist that such a department, set up separately and given adequate funds, could focus attention on many problems which the Department of State, because it is the diplomatic arm of the government, could not possibly discuss frankly with the American people.

Dirksen's office reports "some" letters from churchmen endorsing his idea, but "not as many as we expected." The bill has been resting in the House Committee on Foreign Affairs for many months.

Poser for Boozers

If you are a married man who absolutely must drink booze, start a saloon in your own home. Be the only customer and you won't have to buy a license. Give your wife two dollars to buy a gallon of whiskey. Remember there are 69 glasses in a gallon. Buy your drinks from your wife.

When the first gallon is gone, your wife will have eight dollars to deposit in the bank, and two dollars to start business again. If you should live ten years, continue to buy booze from her, and then die with snakes in your boots. Your widow will have enough money to bury you respectably, bring up your children, buy a house and lot, marry a decent man, and forget all about you!

Lo, I Am With Thee

I heard an old man praying
And I all but looked to see
For it seemed that face to face
With God he voiced his plea.

He did not speak with stilted phrase
As to one he knew with fear
But to a faithful friend
He'd known for many a year.

Who had never broken a promise
Nor failed in time of need,
To one he longed to serve
In every word and deed.

Gladly he voiced his praises,
Directly he spoke his prayer,
And though I could not see Him
I knew that God was there.

—Margaret Macbeth Gates

NOTES OF ADVANCE

The Executive Board of Red River Association has adopted the following resolution: "The Red River Baptist Association feels keenly its loss in the moving of Dr. R. Houston Smith from First Church, Arkadelphia, to First Church, Pineville, La. We have learned to love and appreciate Dr. Smith. He is the Lord's man and is preeminently qualified to do a great work wherever he may go. Our prayers and good will follow him to his new field of service in Louisiana. We extend our heart-felt sympathy to First Church, Arkadelphia, over the loss of their noble pastor. May the Lord lead this great church in the calling of a pastor soon."

Mrs. Lillian Owensby is the new assistant director of activities at Immanuel Church, Fort Smith.

The Southern Baptist Seminary Choir will be heard on the Baptist Hour, Sunday morning, March 3. The speaker will be Dr. Clifton J. Allen, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Board.

Diaz Church, F. F. Weaver, pastor, had five additions February 17. The church plans to erect a parsonage soon. Pastor Weaver sends the following report of churches in Black River Association: "Jacksonport Church is young and small in number, but large in service. The church plans to add four more Sunday School rooms to the building this spring. Clover Bend Church is weak in number, but large in spirit. They plan to build five Sunday School rooms this summer. Alicia Church has been closed for almost a year, but I helped establish an afternoon service. Interest is growing and I think we will be able to organize a Sunday School in the near future. Bro. H. D. Palmer is our missionary and is doing an excellent work."

J. Thurman Williams, gospel singer, 915 W. Cannon, Fort Worth 4, Tex., will be available for revivals, beginning April 1. Reference: Dr. Forrest C. Feezor, Broadway Baptist Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

Earle Church has been engaged in a Training Union study course. Rev. Charles W. Anderson taught the adults "The Growing Christian;" Mrs. Anderson taught the juniors "This Is My Bible;" Rev. Andy Heskett, the young people "The People Called Baptists," and Rev. Ray Langley, the intermediates, "Growing in Bible Knowledge." Enrollment reached 65. H. L. Lipford is pastor; Miss Doris Murphree is Training Union director.

Dr. Fred F. Brown will retire from the pastorate of First Church, Knoxville, in May. This will conclude 25 years service with the church. Last year, on his twenty-fourth anniversary, it was reported that under his leadership the church had received a total of 5,590 members, an average of more than 232 a year. Dr. Brown is a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention. He is retiring because of ill health.

Since entering the evangelistic field in March, 1945, Rev. W. J. Morris has held 13 revivals with good results in each. His address is 1415 W. 16th Ave., Pine Bluff.

Records Broken

As of date February 21, the Foreign Mission Board had already received \$1,110,000 on the Lottie Moon Offering. Over-all receipts for February had already reached the high mark of \$900,000 plus, which is an all-time record for any one month.

Dr. John Jeter Hurt, Jackson, Tenn., has been made chairman of a committee to nominate to the Trustees of Baptist Bible Institute, New Orleans, a president to succeed Dr. Duke K. McCall. Dr. McCall will take up the duties of Executive Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention on May 1.

First Church, Dierks, had 53 out of an enrollment of 63, in Sunday School February 17. There were two professions of faith in the service. The resident membership of the church is less than 50, reports Pastor Sidney Oxendine. "But I have never served a field where the need is any greater than here at Dierks," he says. "The prospects and possibilities for building a great work of God seem unlimited. The future is as bright as the promises of God. We are in great need of an educational building, but we are making plans to build one now and hope to have it completed sometime this year."

Edward Gueron, of Hot Springs, has been called as educational director of First Church, Bauxite. He is a student in Ouachita College.

West Batesville Church has organized a Men's Brotherhood with G. O. Browder as president. Other officers include Quenton Leonard, vice president, and M. D. Anderson, secretary-treasurer. Thirty-two members were present.

Calvary Church, Blytheville, has been engaged in a revival with Pastor P. H. Jernigan doing the preaching. Group singing was led by C. B. Chinn with Mrs. Chinn as pianist. Mrs. Ray Downing was also pianist.

A Brotherhood was organized at First Church, Atkins, February 18 with seventeen charter members. Quentin Murdoch was elected president. Pastor Harold C. Seefeldt, First Church, Paris, spoke. Cecl E. Archer is pastor of the Atkins church.

"The Rock of Ages" will be the subject of Dr. K. O. White, pastor Metropolitan Baptist Church, Washington, on Columbia's Church of the Air at 8 EST Sunday morning, March 3. There will be special music by the church choir.

Evangelist and Mrs. Chester Parker, students in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, are available for a two weeks' meeting from May 12-26 before they begin directing a summer mission program for First Church, Forrest City. Mrs. Parker is a pianist and young people's worker. Any church interested in contacting them may write Nall Brantley, superintendent of missions, First Church, Forrest City.

EVANGELIST



Evangelist Eddie Wagner will conduct revival services at Baptist Tabernacle, Rock, April 14-28. Though a native of he lived in Little Rock several years attending the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. He attended East Side Junior High School and was graduated from the Little Rock School. Mr. Wagner is 27 years old and has been preaching four years. He is now at his home in Little Rock. Any church desiring the services of this young evangelist may contact him regarding available dates and arrangements for preaching, teaching or people's work, at 1906 West Sixth Street, Rock, Phone 4-1575.

Rev. O. A. Linger, who has been living in Blytheville since his discharge from military service, has accepted the pastorate of Vinton Church, Columbus, Ga.

A one-week student revival was held the week of February 18-22 at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Dr. James Leo Green, associate professor of Old Testament Interpretation, doing the preaching. The revival was sponsored by the student body and attracted over-fifty crowds to the Norton Hall chapel, which accommodates only one-third of the seminary family. Students were in charge of the chapel exercises each morning during the week.

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Summer of Evangelism Planned at Forrest City

First Church, Forrest City, is planning an extensive program of evangelism during July, and August. This summer program will be directed by Evangelist Chester Parker, assisted by Mr. Parker as young people's worker and pianist. Both are students in Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth.

Mr. Parker will preach during a Rally, June 2-7. He will plead with people to "Surrender a Summer for Christ" by assisting in singing, personal work, and taking for the summer revivals.

Revivals will be held in city mission stations and in outlying sections of the county. Special equipment which can be moved from place to place, is being provided for this work. First Church will bear all expenses in connection with the program. Climax of the program will come in a city-wide revival beginning August 25 with Evangelist Angel M. Brantley preaching.

A Lighthouse for Christ, In Tyronza

Every record in the history of First Church, Tyronza, was broken in 1945. We consider these achievements a real testimony to the glory of the Lord.

The church faced a supreme test at the beginning of 1945 because we had just closed an excellent year with 94 professions of faith and 71 baptisms, and people were saying, "It just won't happen two years in succession." But here were unreached multitudes within a radius of eight or ten miles of our church who would not be reached for Christ if we did not do it. It was our task and it must be done.

Past blessings were evidence that God would have us undertake greater things for Him. We had already purposed to do more for missions, but now we must dedicate ourselves for personal service, believe God, and pray, "Lord, do again!"

Unanimity of Action

The deacons covenanted with the pastor that they would back him to the fullest extent in an all-out program that the utmost might be accomplished for Christ during the year. Every department of the church—Sunday School, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union—pledged and enlisted for the work.

A religious census with a blanket coverage, including the rural section, was taken. The proper procedure and follow-ups were made. Hundreds of visits were made and literally thousands of tracts were distributed by personal contacts and through the mails. We prayed continually that the Lord would use all means to help bring about a spiritual awakening and deep conviction of sin.

Through our census we had obtained the names of hundreds of people who are lost, without Christ and without hope, and many others who were unenlisted church members. These were a real challenge to us and had to be reached some way. But the physical aspects of our community constituted a real problem as to what method we should use to reach the people.

We wanted to use the method that would be the most far reaching and spiritually stabilizing. After careful consideration, we found that the constituency outside our municipality. Should we establish four missions, some people would still have as much as four or five miles to go to church, and this would not be satisfactory because many had no means of transportation.

People Brought to Church

Busses were the only alternative. Two were put in operation, both of which cover many miles of gravel road in opposite directions of our town, bringing the people in to our church. While there are many problems to be met in this method, we find that a much higher standard of teaching can be given the people by bringing them in where a well-balanced religious program is being carried on. The people were being reached for Christ; that was the most important thing.

It was thrilling to see how the Lord began to work and vindicate our faith. Our pastor, Bro. Russell Clubb, took advantage of every opportunity for evangelism. At a well-attended Sunday breakfast for our juniors, he gave a ten-minute evangelistic message after the

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By

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The Tyronza Church

group had listened to the Baptist Hour program and had seen the sound film, "The Prodigal Son."

In the service one of our 12-year junior boys gave his heart to Christ. This was the beginning of our ingathering, and before the year was over the church had baptized five in this little fellow's family, including the mother, father, and two sisters. Interest increased until in June, the month preceding our revival, there were 31 professions of faith, 17 being baptized that month.

156 Professions in Revival

Preparation for the revival included two weeks of cottage prayer meetings preceded by a day of prayer at the church. No expense was spared in order to have a complete set-up for a community-wide revival. A large tent was erected complete with a public address system.

Evangelist Rolfe Barnard, Vinita, Okla., did the preaching. The power of God came through his soul-stirring and convincing preaching of the need for consecrated living by Christians as essential to soul winning. We believe this type of ministry is needed today to help revitalize church members who are not putting forth any effort to win the lost.

The Lord used his powerful messages to bring such a deep conviction of sin that peo-

ple in great numbers were desiring to be saved. No one was allowed to make a public profession until he had first been dealt with by a personal worker. More than half the converts were adults. Many families were reached.

Great interest was manifested throughout the whole community as people came from miles around—some in cars, some in trucks, and some on trailers pulled by tractors. The two large church busses brought in an average of 175 each night. We had more present at the tent-meeting than there were residents in town. There were 156 professions of faith.

Sunday following our revival every record in the history of our church was broken. The pastor baptized 88 candidates that Sunday evening. One hundred thirty-seven were baptized during the year . . . a thirty percent gain by baptism in a single year!

Recognizing the great responsibility of nurturing these young Christians, a program of training and enlistment was launched. First, each new member was given the booklet, "What Saith the Scriptures," including certificates of baptism and church membership. At the presentation a discussion on Baptist doctrines was given. Mid-week services were used for definite Bible study and guidance. Not only have we studied Baptist heritage and missions, but visual aids have been used.

Progress Parallels Mission Interest

We believe there is a corresponding blessing of increased soul winning which matches a church's spirit for missions. Pastor Clubb reminds us that as are our missions, so is our church, and that spiritual blessing and power upon our work are seriously retarded by our failure to pay the tithe of our increase, which is to "rob God" and thereby close the "windows of heaven."

We have consistently increased our gifts to missions for the last several years, with a total increase of 56 percent in the last three years to the Cooperative Program. While we have not reached a fifty-fifty basis in our gifts to missions, we do believe it is a worthy objective in order that the Great Commission might be more fully realized. We have increased our gifts to the Cooperative Program for 1946 by 25 percent of what they were in 1945.

We do not find it easy to keep spiritually awake and maintain a spirit of perennial evangelism, but our task is to keep everlastingly at it.



Pastor Clubb

Truth Discovered Through Bible Study Led Luther to Demand Personal Liberty

The world's protestants this month are observing the four-hundredth anniversary of the death (1546) of Martin Luther—a man of courage whose convictions after careful reading of the Scriptures led him to protest against then-existing policies of the organized Roman church and, perhaps unconsciously, to launch the great religious awakening known as the Protestant Reformation. His life stands as an example of the influence of one man courageous enough to face persecution for personal religious liberty.

Luther did not intend to inaugurate a reformation. His aim was merely to effect a classification of the Church's teachings. Trained in the monastic discipline of the Augustine Friars at Erfurt, he felt that his conceptions constituted the true faith of God. To his death he was sure that the word, as he preached it, was the true interpretation of God's will.

The son of a humble miner of peasant stock, he grew up in the town of Mansfeld, and after spending his early years in schools there, was sent to the Latin Schools at Magdeburg and Eisenach. Later he studied at Erfurt.

Trained As Priest

Although his father wished him to become a lawyer, young Luther chose to enter the Augustinian monastery. In 1507 he became a priest and in 1508 he was temporarily transferred to the University of Wittenberg, where his order had been put in charge of theological education. After a brief visit to Rome in 1511 he settled in Wittenberg and in 1512, having obtained his doctorate, became professor of Biblical theology.

His convictions concerning the true faith of God led to his publication of the 95 Theses on Indulgences, the theology of which practice he demanded be clarified. The theses, nailed by Luther on the door of the Castle Church at Wittenberg, were cited as an attack on the Roman Church. Suspected of heresy, Luther was forced to protect himself, and in so doing revealed the full nature of his theological beliefs.

Gains Much Support

His open exposition of his theories won him followers throughout the land, particularly from those noblemen who wished to shed themselves of the control of the Church. The common people assumed that his attacks would relieve them of the institutional hold the Church had on their lives.

He participated in public debates and published pamphlets attacking the hierarchical organization and sacramental practices of the Church. He publicly burned the papal bull that threatened him with excommunication if he did not recant.

Banned By Church

The Curia, ruling body of the Church, put the papal ban on him. This was confirmed by the Diet of Worms after Luther had appeared before Emperor Charles V. Here, asked for the final time to change his mind, he stated his firm belief in his principles.

Given refuge by Frederick the Wise in the Wartburg, Luther spent a year there, returning to Wittenberg where he continued his lectures on the Bible. But it was the actual translation of the Holy Book which was his monumental task. This kept him busy for twenty years.

Luther's influence was sought by those who linked the political reformation with the re-



Luther nailed his theses on the Church at Wittenberg

ligious upheaval, but he refused to sanction these demands in the name of religion, and this cost him much popularity.

In Luther's later life there remained little question in his mind that the reforms he had instituted would survive him. But it is doubtful that he even remotely suspected that the movement would grow into the protestantism of the modern world.

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Equalization of clergymen's salaries in the Episcopal diocese of Michigan on the basis of marital status, number of children, and length of total service in the ministry was voted down by the 113th convention of the diocese.

Miss Thelma Batson, who has been head of the Voice Department at Ouachita College, has resigned to return to her home in Poplarville, Miss., because of the death of her father. She will care for her mother and teach voice in the college in Poplarville. Miss Batson has been successful in directing the Ouachita College Symphonic Choir. The Choir will continue its schedule under the direction of Robert McMillan of Little Rock, ministerial student.

Don Norman, formerly with the Baptist Standard is now general manager of the William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company in Grand Rapids, Mich. He came to the new position from the publishing division of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, where he served as director.

Pfc. Donnie J. Adams, formerly an evangelistic singer in the state, now living at Norman, Okla., has recently directed the singing in a revival of Trinity Church, Norman, Okla., and taught in a Training Union study course in Immanuel Church, also of Norman. In First Church, Norman, he teaches a class of junior boys in the Sunday School, takes an active part in B. S. U. activities, the Brotherhood organization, and serves in the mission points near Norman. Pfc. Adams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Adams, Waldron.

First Church, Benton, gave \$1,155 to the Lottie Moore Christmas Offering.

Foreign Missions

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE TWO)

into the Brazilian's heart is through the full and efficient use of his beautiful language."

Chaplain Thomas E. West served the Combat Team, composed entirely of Americans of Japanese ancestry who served in and received more unit citations and individual decorations than any other unit in service. In his report of the splendid mission record, which was published in *The Work of Y.W.A.*, Chaplain West says: "I hope will be received for what they are and that as fine Americans who have made a great contribution to their country in many ways and now deserve our understanding, admiration, our sympathies and our help."

The evangelistic work of these African missions is not so different, as it is "more wonderful life which the Christian gives to the individual and the group where more strikingly evident than in native Africa. The contrast before and after is so revolutionary and obvious. The number who accept Christ in the Mission here is unusually large.

—M. E. Dodd in *Women and Missions*

Dr. H. C. Goerner, Professor of Missionary Theology at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, writes: "I am deeply convinced that the majority of Southern Baptists earnestly desire to have a part in a post-war program of relief, rehabilitation, and evangelization proportionate to their numbers, financial resources, and past achievements among the Christian groups of America. . . . Let us go to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Miami, May 15-19, with instructions from churches, prepared to act, as a great body of Baptists, in Christ's name and for the good of humanity!"

★ RADIO ★

Dr. Clifton J. Allen of Nashville, Tenn., will bring to the Baptist Hour in his message next Sunday morning, March 3, a combination of radio ministry, pastoral experience and editorial service, which will render most helpful and attractive.

In addition to his duties as Editor-in-Chief and secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, Dr. Allen serves as a member of the Committee on the Uniform Series and also as a member of the Committee on the Graded Curriculum of the International Council of Religious Education.

The music in the Baptist Hour broadcast is by the Baptist Hour Choir, John D. Norman, Director, and George L. Hamrick, organist.

This program may be heard in Arkansas over radio station KUOA, Siloam Springs, 7:30 a. m. CST., and over KTHS, Hot Springs, at 4:30 p. m. Saturday.

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When You Build . . .

BUILD FOR THE FUTURE

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Beech Street Church, Texarkana

(A Fifth Article on Church Building)

King Solomon, who is remembered for his great wisdom, set a precedent in building a house for the worship of God which we shall do well to keep in mind as we build thousands of Baptist churches in the South during the next few years. He did not think in terms of how inexpensively he could build the temple. He used no cheap construction or shoddy materials. He erected a structure that was worthy and worshipful, enduring and beautiful.

Cheap frame, tile or brick veneer walls will save a little money at present but the depreciation will be much greater than solid brick or good stone. A little can be saved by employing inexperienced labor, but cheap workmanship makes good material look cheap and the results are never satisfactory.

The interior is as important as the outside. The floors, walls and ceilings are all of utmost importance. Their appearance must not be sacrificed in order to save a few dollars. It should also be kept in mind that there is a great difference in the quality of doors, windows and hardware. A church building is no place for short-cuts, and should not be built for a few years but for two or three generations or more.

Often Wise To Borrow

In making a plea for beautiful and enduring church plants the cost must not be overlooked. It will cost more, to be sure; but it will be worth it to have a structure for use through the years with no regrets.

It is doubtful whether any congregation should raise all of the money within a few months to pay for a building to serve the membership for fifty or 100 years. Let new members during the next few years have a part in paying for it as it is used. Above all build a building that will be appreciated and pleasing in the future.

A few years ago a debt was more serious because of the high rate of interest. Six, eight and ten per cent was the rule. Money is the only thing that is less expensive now than formerly. It is being loaned for as low as four and five per cent and in some instances for two or three. Commodious public buildings are usually paid for over a period of time. Our churches should measure up to the standard of such buildings in the community.

Many Buildings Planned

In the past few months it has been my privilege to visit about thirty churches in Arkansas which have a vision of making improvements in church property as soon as possible. In conversation with pastors and building committees I have been impressed with the unanimity of purpose to build intelligently, meeting the needs of the church ministries without sacrifice of quality, beauty or good taste.

First church, Hope has on hand about \$50,000 for a new auditorium which will cost twice this much or more. In one day last fall they raised over \$20,000. First Church, Magnolia is thinking in terms of a new auditorium and you may be sure this growing church will meet the challenge.

First Church, DeQueen will soon realize its dream of several years by building a beau-

tiful auditorium adjoining their modern educational building. Hopewell and Fouke in Hope Association are planning additions.

First Church and Second Church, El Dorado are making definite plans for enlargement. Louann has plans for a complete new plant. First Church, Camden has completed a spacious and beautiful educational building and will finish their building program by adding a commodious place of worship.

Hot Springs and Pine Bluff

First Church, Arkadelphia has plans for an educational building and remodeling the auditorium which may cost \$150,000. First Church, Hot Springs is considering whether to add another story to the present building for Sunday School purposes or move to a new location and build a complete plant. Second Church, Hot Springs has bought new property and will build a complete modern structure. Park Place Church in the same city is getting ready to build.

First Church, Pine Bluff has on hand \$75,000 and the fund is growing rapidly to be used to build one of the finest places of worship in the South. South Side, Pine Bluff recently remodeled their church basement and made other improvements at a cost of several thousand dollars. Recently this progressive church bought a large lot to the rear of the church which will be used for the building of additional space to care for the increasing activities of the congregation. Immanuel Church in the same city is making preparation for more room to care for its large increase in membership. Calvary Church has bought a beautiful location nearer the center of the city where they can better reach the people.

Little Rock and Fort Smith

Almost every church in Little Rock has a building program in mind. My information is limited to only a few. First Church has bought additional property south of their spacious and stately auditorium where they will build an educational building to meet their needs. Immanuel Church plans a new educational unit, a memorial chapel, a social hall and to enlarge the auditorium to care for 2,000 people, which may cost \$250,000. Second Church is raising funds to build one of the largest and most modern educational buildings in the South. They have a choice building site near the heart of the city on the same block as the present location. There are some who feel this church should give up the present building and build everything new. Baptist Tabernacle has greatly improved its equipment in the past few years but the church has a building fund and plans to build a modern plant as soon as they are able.

Fort Smith is another city in which all the churches are dreaming of building additions. First Church, which covers half a block, has a committee that is thinking of more space to care for their increased needs. They are in a position to build according to their vision. Immanuel Church plans another educational unit about the size of their present building. Calvary and Grand Avenue Churches realize their future depends on preparing to care for more people and they will accept their opportunities.

Still Others

First Church, Fayetteville; First Church, Ozark; First Church, Rogers; First Church, Siloam Springs; and First Church, Benton-

ville are among the other churches in this section which are moving ahead with definite building plans that will materialize within coming months.

First Church, Russellville has been handicapped a long time by building needs, though few churches have made equal progress during the past twenty-five years. Recently the vacant lots adjoining the church property on the east and extending to the corner of the block opposite the post office have been purchased for the site of a proposed new building.

First Church, Blytheville has about \$60,000 on hand to be used toward a modern auditorium which may cost more than twice that amount. On one Sunday last month they raised \$13,000.

First Church, DeWitt expects to build Sunday School annex in keeping with the modern house of worship. First Church, Stuttgart has in mind the enlargement of the auditorium and building a three story educational plant to care for eight hundred people.

Beech Street Church, Texarkana has property improvement fund which is growing and will be used for the purpose of better caring for the needs of the congregation.

The above list is only a few of the hundreds of Baptist churches which will build. The opportunity for building has never been so great. The need is every where. There is only one thing to do, "Let us build."

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Spiritual, Material

Growth Reported by Charleston Church

First Church, Charleston, is reportedly experiencing the most rapid growth in its entire history. Pastor Arthur L. Hart is in his fifth year as pastor.

Sunday School attendance during the past year has increased from an average attendance of about 80 to approximately 150. The Training Union, under the direction of John Dollman, is likewise showing a marked improvement.

Following the adoption this past October of the largest budget in the history of the church, the collections have surpassed the budget figure each Sunday with the surplus going into the building fund. Plans are under way for the construction of a modern educational building.

The church's new Hammond Electric Organ was dedicated Sunday evening, February 10. Pastor W. W. Grafton, First Church, Booneville, the Booneville church organization and other visitors were present for the dedication.

Other improvements under Pastor Hart's leadership include landscaping of the church grounds, new pews and pulpit furniture, redecoration of the auditorium, basement, and Sunday School rooms, and equipment for the church dining room. A baptistry was built with a beautiful painting by Joe Chris Robertson, whose father, T. W. Robertson, celebrated his 98th birthday, February 17, and Sunday School Superintendent and deacon.

Supporting the pastor are deacons Clyde W. Spiller, chairman, T. W. Robertson, J. A. Robertson, D. W. Bryan, L. L. Powell, W. E. Brotherton, W. L. McBee, E. A. Raney, and O. A. Swift.

The Arkansas Baptist is received by 5 families of the church.

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"Happiness adds and multiplies as we divide it with others."

Anti-Saloon League Directors View Victories and Resolve to Press Fight

When the Christian forces of Sharp County won a two-to-one victory in a local option liquor election February 13, it raised to 22 the number of Arkansas counties which have voted dry.

Dry forces have won in 22 of 25 elections, and have suffered their three losses by only minor margins. In addition the Greenwood District of Sebastian County, which includes all the county except Fort Smith and the area immediately surrounding it, nineteen townships and seven towns in other counties have voted bone dry. A dry victory by the local option act outlaws the manufacture or sale, or the bartering, loaning or the giving away of any beverages of over one-half of one per cent alcohol.

Other Elections Planned

Local option elections are being contemplated in a number of other counties. A date will be set within a few days for an election in Hempstead County. A petition is already being circulated in Marion, Lincoln, Little River, and Montgomery counties.

These dry victories have been won through the diligent and cooperative efforts of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League working with church forces in the various localities. In many cases, Sharp and Hempstead counties being the most recent, the wets have instituted court petitions to fight the calling of the liquor election, but in every case the courts have ruled upholding the local option act. In practically all, if not every case, the dries have been defended in the courts by lawyers of the Anti-Saloon League.

"Expensive" Revenue

At the annual meeting of the League's Board of Directors last week Superintendent Clyde C. Coulter cited that 10,908,109 gallons of liquor, beer and wine were consumed in Arkansas last year, reporting an expenditure of \$49,461,073 for the liquor. Auto accidents caused by the liquor cost \$2,394,000 and crime caused by the liquor cost \$30,700,000. For all these expenditures the Government received a total of \$4,831,944, meaning that each \$1 revenue cost the state's citizens more than \$17.

Program For 1946

The program for 1946 adopted by the League included:

- An Anti-Saloon League service in every possible church.
- Every pastor who will, to devote at least one Sunday service of his own to the work.
- Reach college and high school, and other, student bodies—as many as possible.
- Cooperate with other groups in promoting anti-liquor warfare generally.

Mr. Coulter reports that: "It continues to be most gratifying to witness the response on the part of young people generally to the messages delivered to them. On several occasions, at the close of chapel periods, the students were asked how they would vote, and they vigorously raised their hands, stating they would vote against all liquors if they could. Of course, some allowance must be made for their at-the-moment enthusiasm, but undoubtedly many, if not most, of them are serious about it and would measure up if tested."

Pastor Kenneth Spore, Winfield Methodist Church, Little Rock, was elected state presi-

dent of the Board; Editor C. E. Bryant, vice-president, and W. A. Hanna, Little Rock, secretary.

Increasing Dangers Cited

The annual report of the Superintendent related in conclusion: "We recognize the beverage alcohol racket as a menace to every decent thing in American life; it is even a menace to the nation itself.

"Multiplied thousands of young men and young women who went out from Christian homes into the armed forces during the last world war were made victims of booze, and many of them have returned, and others are returning, to the U. S. with the idea that they have a perfect right to drink and to do whatever else they want to do in connection with drinking. This, in itself, constitutes a grave menace to the peace and welfare of the nation. Then, too, the brewers and the distillers and their satellites throughout America are increasingly arrogant and insulting in the promotion of their racket.

"There is now a NEW angle to the booze barons' drive for power and profits. They are urging their men and women to JOIN CHURCHES, and to GET ON THE OFFICIAL BOARDS of churches, etc. Even a blind man could see what they have in mind. They hope to make it more difficult for pastors to openly and vigorously FIGHT their racket; they hope to, in some churches at least, shut the doors of these churches against the Anti-Saloon League and other anti-liquor forces. We would better WAKE UP and WAKE UP IN A HURRY to this growing menace."

The following resolutions were adopted:

1. We vigorously condemn the alcoholic liquor traffic, "Legal" or illegal, as an enemy of the churches, homes, schools and all other worthy institutions of our state.
2. We reject the argument of liquor for "revenue" as being hopelessly unsound, and

we denounce it as being an insult to all intelligence.

3. We again commend, and thank the isolators who have from time to time tried to give the state relief from the physical, mental, economic, moral and spiritual wreckage caused by liquor.

4. We continue to heartily commend, thank, the newspapers and magazines that refuse to advertise alcoholic liquors. We commend, and sincerely thank, the drug stores and other places of business that refuse to sell beer, whiskey, etc. They have the genuine respect and appreciation of all friends of temperance and prohibition.

5. We earnestly appeal to all fair-minded citizens, especially Christians, of this state to join hands with us and help to drive the liquor traffic back as fast as possible and as soon as possible.

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Much Progress Cited In Greene County News

The Greene County Baptist is the official paper of Greene County Association. Missary Jeff Rousseau is editor and Tollie Cod Walcott, is the Training Union editor. The following news items were gleaned from the first issue:

Alexander Chapel has called Rev. J. Hooker for full-time work. This is the country church in Greene County which has a parsonage.

Brown's Chapel has added an annex to the church, giving them eight Sunday School rooms and a large basement. Pastor J. Wilkerson has been on the field about two months.

Eight Mile Church has organized a Sunday School. They had not had services for several months.

Wall's Chapel has called Brother J. Hughes for fourth-time.

Brighton Church began a revival February 3 with Missionary Rousseau preaching and Joe Hester leading the singing.

Benton Church Welcomes Pastor Rose; 13 Additions to Church First Sunday

By BERYL WILLMON, Benton

Virgil A. Rose, of Kennett, Mo., who has recently been called as pastor of First Church, Benton, delivered his first sermon as pastor on Sunday morning, February 17. There were 13 additions at the first service. He succeeds A. B. VanArsdale, now at College Avenue Church, Fort Worth, Tex.

Rev. and Mrs. Rose are native Tennesseans, having lived and served as pastors of churches in West Tennessee for 18 years prior to moving to Kennett, Mo., where he served as pastor for the past three years. Both attended Union University, Jackson, Tenn. Mrs. Rose did graduate work in West Tennessee Teachers College and Bethel College of McKenzie, Tenn. Bro. Rose did graduate work at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass. Both have had seminary training.

Bro. Rose has a distinction rarely afforded a minister. His first full-time pastorate at Camden, Tenn., where he served for six years and resigned to get further training, refused to accept his resignation and extended him a "life-time" call. Only two months ago that same church extended him a call to again become their pastor. Another rare distinction of Bro. Rose is that he won his father, mother, and brother to Christ and baptized them into the church.

The Rose family consists also of two fine children, a daughter and a son, ages eleven and eight.



Pastor Rose

An Emergency Matter

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Library Building	100,000
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All these buildings are greatly needed now. A women's dormitory is probably the first and greatest need. We hope to have it early next fall. The other buildings will follow as rapidly as money, materials, and labor will permit.

The second \$500,000 raised in the campaign will be added to Ouachita's endowment, now \$500,000.

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WMU Rallies Reported Held First Quarter

Independence Association. Mrs. S. E. Wiles, Supt., reports a good rally held at Ruddle Hill Church with all societies represented but one. Plans were made to hold rallies each quarter this year. The next meeting will be held at West Batesville Church in April.

Mississippi County. Mrs. L. G. Miller, Supt., reports 100 in attendance at the rally held with Blytheville First Church with eleven of the fourteen churches represented. Fourteen pastors from over the association were present. An interesting program was presented by the Luxora W. M. S. Conference periods were held by associational chairmen and it was felt by all that this was the best rally ever held.

Central Association. Mrs. S. H. McMahon, Supt., met at Park Place Church with eight churches represented. Five WMS presidents volunteered to take as their project the organization of a new missionary society this year.

Mt. Zion Association. Mrs. Roy Jolly, Supt., held a rally at Lake City Church with 100 present from over the association. All seemed to like the conference periods which were held for the first time in this association. Much interest was manifested in the young people's work.

Tri-County WMU Rally was held at Earle January 31 with 71 in attendance. Simultaneous conferences conducted by associational chairmen on stewardship, community missions, mission study and young people's work were very helpful. Mrs. R. E. Low, district president, was the inspirational speaker. Mrs. H. L. Lipford, associational mission study chairman, reports 59 classes held throughout the association last year.

Unique Plan Used For Securing MRT Books

The Missionary Round Table of Bentonville First Church has been able to secure books for reading and discussion from the City Library, thus saving the women composing this group the purchase price of the books. Mrs. A. G. Newman, chairman of this group says: "and are they interesting!" Write your State WMU office for leaflets and list of books for Missionary Round Table and organize such a group among the membership of your society.

Next Week Dedicated To Home Missions

Next week the women and young people of the Southland will be observing the Season of Prayer and Annie Armstrong Offering for Home Missions. We urge every W. M. U. organization in the state to worthily observe this prayer season and to make a sacrificial offering. The Southwide goal is \$500,000; the State W. M. U. goal is \$12,500, but we are sure that we will go far beyond this goal.

Important Announcements For Young People's Counselors

1. A brand new, much enlarged manual for Sunbeam Leaders came from the press this week. Very soon the WMU Young People's Secretary will be sending free to each Sunbeam Leader a copy. If you are a Sunbeam Leader and do not receive one, that means we do not have you on our mailing list. Contact your state leader then! These manuals will be on sale for others, such as assistant leaders and WMU Young People's Directors, for just a dime each from The Baptist Book Store. This new manual is three times as large as the former one, is illustrated and chock full of inspiration and helps.

2. Most helpful mimeographed sheets are available now to go with the new home mission books, Lilly May and Dan (Sunbeams) and March On (Juniors), free for teachers, from The Baptist Book Store. Request a set of these helps when you order these books.

Ridgecrest YWCA Camp Announcement

The Southwide Young Woman's Auxiliary Camp will be held at Ridgecrest, N. C. June 12 through 19. A party from Arkansas will be chaperoned by the State Young People's Secretary. Plans are in the making for a chartered bus for the trip. The last camp that was held at Ridgecrest registered 33 from Arkansas. Will there be fifty this year?

Are You Listening? All Aboard For Adventure

Each Saturday morning over KLRA at 8:45, GAs and RAs of Arkansas with The Baptist Book Store sponsor a fifteen minute program called ALL ABOARD

RUSSIAN KITS GET THERE



A Russian Relief household kit, one of 175,000 sent to the Soviet people by the Southern Baptist Convention, is presented to a Volzhskaya housewife, Mrs. A. S. Bobrishev, and her three children by Edward C. Carter, president of Russian Relief, during his recent visit to the Soviet Union. Mrs. Bobrishev's husband was killed in action and her 18-year-old son is in the Red Army.

These kits contain a selected list of items such as evaporated milk, needles and thread, gauze bandage, soup mixes and other supplies necessary to family life. Collection of an additional 100,000 kits was recently pledged by the Convention.

FOR ADVENTURE. This is a series of twelve missionary stories. Young people will like these, so help them to remember to listen in. We would like some "fan" mail so we can know that young people are listening.

Intermediate G. A. Conference

There is still room for a few more groups for the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference at Central College. The program will be full of missionary inspiration through a variety of means, such as missionaries' talks, plays, movies, discussions, etc. Registrations must not exceed four girls and one adult from each auxiliary.

Word From Japanese- American Friends

Questions for the World Comrades Club have been coming regularly from Ruth Shiraishi and letters of appreciation have come from both her and her sister, Virginia. They are attending the Gardena Baptist Church, starting their very first Sunday in the city. They attend the Baptist Youth Fellowship with Ruth serving as

organist. Ruth and the older daughter, Grace, are in the church. All three took part in the Christmas pageant presented by the Youth Fellowship group. The address is 15803 South Western Avenue, Gardena, Calif. GA Campers in Arkansas will remember these lovely girls.

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Life is a stewardship and not a ownership; a trust and not a possession. With a gift you may do a good deed, please, but with a trust you give an account. It must be administered so as to meet the approval of the Great Judge.—Carl E.

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Searcy Cradle Roll And Nursery Departments

Babies of First Church, Searcy, were not forgotten when the fast-seeing pastor, Bro. W. R. Vestal and his leaders planned a beautiful new House of worship and educational building. They made provision for three nursery rooms. They have workers for each Nursery and Cradle Roll Department. Mrs. W. R. Vestal is the efficient Superintendent.

During the month of December 1945, we spent a week with the elementary group of this church and found the workers with the children to be among the best of the church. Mrs. Edward Ellicott and her workers are meeting the Beginner challenge with victory and Mrs. F. P. Gerkin, with her teachers and officers, is doing splendid work ministering to the spiritual needs of the Primary children.

—Mrs. Edgar Williamson, State Approved Cradle Roll, Nurse and Beginner Worker.

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The Intermediate Sword Drill

The Sword Drill is a part of a regular program of activities of an Intermediate union. The spirit of competition should always be used only to inspire interest, but never an end within itself. The more Intermediates we can interest in the Sword Drill the better.

The procedure for conducting the drill is explained in the Intermediate Leadership Manual, and the free tract on the Sword Drill.

Procedure for selecting participants should be as follows:

1. Conduct drill for your Intermediates as often as possible. Someone, could profitably meet with the Intermediates twice a week.
2. Conduct a church drill not later than May 15th. Select one or two from each church to participate in the Associational Drill.
3. Conduct the Associational Drill by June 1st, if possible, and not later than June 15th. Select one to represent the association at the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, July 2-11.
4. The winner at Siloam Springs, represents Arkansas at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, during Training Union Week, July 25-31.

Standard Unions Fourth Quarter, 1945

The following unions have been granted the Standard recognition for the Fourth Quarter, (October, November, December, 1945).

Junior Unions

"11 and 12 Yr. Juniors," First Baptist Church, Siloam Springs, Mrs. Ruth Tolleson, Director.

"Junior Girls," Lake City Baptist, Lake City, Mr. Fred Carter, Director.

"Junior," Delight Baptist, De-

CLINIC LEADER



Miss Mary Virginia Lee, Supt. Intermediate Department, Sunday School Board, will direct the Intermediate work in the State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic, Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 10-16.

Associational Director or write your State Training Union Director.

Training Union Study Course Awards

January, 1945	429
January, 1946	777
February, 1945	880
February, 1946	??
Total awards issued,	
1945	10,821
Awards goal for 1946	15,000

Youth Week

Youth Week is to be observed the week of April 7th. If your church is planning to observe

APPLICATION FORM

State Sunday School And Missionary Clinic Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 10-16

Realizing the benefit to be derived from enrolling and participating in the State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic to be held in Second Baptist Church beginning Sunday, March 10, under auspices of the Religious Education Department and State Mission Department of Arkansas and the Sunday School Board, I herewith make application to be one of the 100 enrolled as a member of the clinic for the full time.

Name _____
 Address _____ Phone _____
 Church _____
 Association _____
 Position or office held _____

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Southern Baptist Convention in Miami

The Reservations Committee for Southern Baptist Convention entertainment at Miami, Fla., May 15-19, submits this list of hotels in the Miami area that will be convenient to the meetings of the Convention. This is only a partial list and others will be given later.

Hotel, Address	Single	Double
ESCHANGE, 141 N. E. 3rd Ave.	3.00	4.50
SAN CARLOS, 204 N. E. First St.	None	4.00
BRISTOL, 246 N. E. First St.	\$1.50-2.00	4.00
PONCE DELEON, 231 E. Flagler St.	\$3.50-\$5.00	\$5.00-\$10.00
COOLIDGE, 406 N. E. 2nd Ave.	\$2.50-3.00	\$4.00-5.00
ESMERALDA, 444 Biscayne Blvd.	4.00	5.00
THERESE, 237 N. E. 3rd St.	\$4.00	4.50
PARK, 243 N. E. 5th St. (without bath)		3.50
LIBERTY, 259 N. E. 4th St.	\$7.00	9.00
METROPOLITAN, 213 N. E. 2nd Ave. (without bath)		3.50
SENATE, 139 N. E. 2nd St.	2.00	\$3.00-4.00
BRADFORD, 250 N. E. First St.	None	4.00
CLYDE COURT, 68 S. E. 2nd St.	3.00	5.00
PARK PLAZA, 300 S. E. 1st St.	\$3.50-\$4-5.00	\$6-\$7-8.00
TA-MIAMI, 203 West Flagler St.	\$2.50-3.00	\$4.50-6.00
EL COMODORO, 33 S. W. 2nd Ave.	\$4.00-6.00	\$6.00-8.00
ALHAMBRA, 119 S. E. 2nd St.	a few	5.00
AMERICA, 273 N. E. 2nd St.	3.50	6.00
BELFORT, 252 N. E. 2nd St.	4.00	6.00
FORD, 60 N. E. 3rd St.	2.00 (up)	4.50-\$5-6.00
FRANCES, 19 N. E. 3rd St.	2.50	3.50
GRALYN, 134 S. E. 1st Ave.	5.00	Triple \$4.50 6.00
(Without bath approximately \$1. less)		
HERMITAGE, 420 N. E. 1st Ave.		\$3.50-4.00
MIAMI RITZ, 132 East Flagler St.	\$3-5.00	\$5-\$6-7.00
PAN AMERICAN, 22 N. E. 2nd Ave.	3.00	\$5-6.00
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(Suites for 2 or 3 \$12)		
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Reservations will be made directly with the hotel. However, if for any reason this is not satisfactory, please write the Reservations Committee chairman, Rev. Harold A. Davidson, Flagler Street Baptist Church, 3501 West Flagler Street, Miami, 35, Fla.

Figures to Inspire

February 17, 1946

Alma, First	2	122	56
Atkins, First	1	105	42
Benton, First	13	483	102
Camden, First	5	414	103
Charleston, First	6	163	45
Conway, First	1	412	102
Crossett, Mt. Olive		107	77
Dyess, Central	2	100	65
El Dorado, First	3	750	192
Eudora		177	50
Forrest City, First		297	172
Fort Smith Churches:			
First		879	301
Including Mission		910	
Immanuel		597	147
Gentry, First		196	97
Hamburg, First	2	255	146
Hope, First		408	
Including Mission		427	
Hot Springs Churches:			
Central		358	84
Park Place	7	511	165
Second		513	124
Including Mission		609	
Hoxie		117	54
Little Rock Churches:			
First	11	1233	381
Tabernacle	8	398	81
Magnolia, Central	6	321	98
Malvern, First	3	289	70
Marmaduke, First		97	35
Mena, First		261	77
Monticello, First	1	240	56
Norphlet, First	1	256	137
North Little Rock,			
Baring Cross	2	551	121
Including Mission		587	131
Ozark		219	73
Pine Bluff Churches:			
First		714	175
Including Mission		726	
Second	7	228	80
Including Mission		242	

South Side	3	401	119
Including Mission		440	
Rogers, First		261	83
Siloam Springs, First		210	82
Springdale, First		352	139
Including Mission		411	
Stuttgart, First		272	119
Tuckerman, First	2	92	58
Waldron, First		200	87
Warren Churches:			
First	2	406	79
Second		78	44
West Memphis, First	1	238	105
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NEW BOOK

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By S. J. MEADOR
Missionary, Trinity Association

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Robert F. Ricketson and the Foreign Mission Board for the joyous privilege of having Dr. Robert F. Ricketson, mission-

ary to China, work in Trinity Association. In the four weeks Dr. Ricketson was with us we taught three courses and visited seven churches and five schools. He was speaker at the Lions Club luncheon in the Community Building, Trumann, Wednesday, January 16. His subject, "People of the Lands," was enjoyed by everyone.

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The Imperative Need For Home Missions

Let us win the lost multitudes.

The primary task of the Home Mission Board is to evangelize the homeland.

Let us save America for Christ.

Home Missions must help maintain a strong base for world missions.

Let us reach the foreigners in our midst with the gospel.

The Home Mission Board needs 206 more workers.

Let us preach the gospel to the Indians.

The Home Mission Board needs 23 more missionaries among the Indians.

Let us take the West for Christ.

The Home Mission Board can help only as resources are made available for this work.

Let us help reach the Negro for Christ.

The Home Mission Board should start 25 additional Negro centers at once and should have 25 additional workers.

Let us have a church-centered mission program.

This is a most important work and the Home Mission Board must continue to help in supporting it.

Let us provide more and better mission buildings.

The Home Mission Board should have \$2,616,000 to meet these building needs.

Let us enlarge our work in Cuba, Costa Rica, Panama, and the Canal Zone.

The Home Mission Board needs at least 49 additional workers and \$787,000 for buildings in these fields.

Let us use our strength for God's glory.

The Home Mission Board has 587 churches and missions and needs 326 more. It has 702 missionaries and workers and needs 389 more. It needs \$2,616,000 for mission properties and \$1,300,000 per year for operation.

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Sunday School Lesson
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Joshua 1:1-4; 23:1-11

The historical experience of Israel's migration into Canaan is a moving drama that will ever be of interest to students of God's Word. Many of the experiences of Israel find their counterpart in contemporary national and international affairs. By reviewing her successes and failures we are better able to appraise our own role in world affairs. As a nation, Israel has ever on the march. From the call of Abraham to the apocalyptic discourse of the Beloved Disciple on the Isle of Patmos, Israel continually faced new horizons.

The Matter of Leadership

The destiny of Israel was ever bound up indissolubly with that of her leaders. However low the people fell in the scale of appreciation of moral and spiritual values, there was always a remnant of noble men who, in trumpet tones, stood calling them back to the ways of Jehovah.

Upon the death of Moses, therefore, it was imperative that a leader be found powerful enough in influence and in spiritual strength to lead the Children of Israel across the Jordan unto the land which God had promised them. In Joshua the leader was found. For forty years he had stood alongside Moses. Throughout all the murmurings and depressing experiences of the fickle multitude he had remained steadfast in his loyalty to God.

In calling Joshua to his new task, God said to him, "As I was with Moses, so I will be with thee; I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I swear unto their fathers to give them." Joshua came to his post as a God-called man. Apparently he had not sought it.

In the choice of spiritual leaders today we would do well to think in the call of Joshua. We need, above all things, to make sure that the man and the task, in coming together, have moved in the circle

of God's will. God knows how to find just the man he needs for every task.

Human instrumentalities, of course, must be employed, but the human instrument must not go before the divine. When a spiritual leader feels in his own heart that he is where he is by the grace of God, he has an assurance that will be for him a fortress of strength in his every endeavor.

The Role of the Conqueror

The role of Joshua, as is that of every child of God, was that of the conqueror. "Now therefore arise," said Jehovah, and "go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the Children of Israel . . . there shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life." His mission was not to be without its days of difficulty and stern demand. His heart would have need of great courage if he were to lead his people victoriously in the face of growing opposition.

There would be surrounding nations who knew not Jehovah. He would need to guard constantly against the subversive influence of their customs and idolatrous practices. There must be no intermarriage or other intimate associations that would cause Israel to break faith with Jehovah God. Through all the hours of testing, he must remain firm, steadfast, and adamant in the faith.

If the role of Joshua was that of the conqueror, it is no less so of children of God today. On every side are evil forces which seek to undermine and overthrow the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

There is, for instance, the liquor industry whose subtle propaganda we encounter at every step of

our journey. The most elaborate, the most carefully wrought-out advertisements, yea, even the most artistic, are those of the liquor industry.

A mere glance at the national periodicals reveals this staggering truth. We are forced to battle constantly or else see our children, ensnared by malicious propaganda of beverage alcohol, become social drinkers, to say the least, and many of them permanent alcoholics.

The Apostle Paul tells us, however, that in Christ we are "more than conquerors through him that loved us." In him, who fills us with power, we are able for anything.

So long as our strength comes from Him, we have no need of fear. "There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life . . . Jehovah thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest . . . One man of you shall chase a thousand; for Jehovah your God, he it is that fighteth for you, as he spake unto you."

A Spiritual Panorama

No one can read thoughtfully the stirring words of Joshua's farewell address without being moved by the sweep of his message: "As ye have seen all that Jehovah your God hath done unto all these nations because of you." As he looked back over the experience of Israel, Joshua could see but one over-all picture—a picture that reflected the handiwork of God. It was for him a moving spiritual panorama.

The deliverance from Egypt, the crossing of the Red Sea, the manna and the quails of the wilderness, the waters of Rephidim, the glory of Sinai, the pillar of fire by night—these could have but one explanation: the handiwork of God.

But it was the triumph of Israel over the idolatrous nations which Joshua had especially in mind as he contemplated past victories. These successes had come, not because of crass material might, but rather because of the blessings of

divine favor. The walls of Jericho, for instance, had fallen, not by the strength of their hands but by the mighty word of Jehovah God.

Even so today the children of God, as they review past blessings, can see in them the manifest presence of a merciful loving God.

Loyalty to God's Word

"Therefore be ye very courageous to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or the left." Joshua warns the Children of Israel of the danger of backsliding, of moral infidelity to Jehovah God. Past blessings are in themselves no guarantee of future successes, even for the children of God, when they become wayward. Prodigality exacts unyielding toll from the lives of those who forget God.

There is but one standard of righteousness, one measuring rod of spiritual loyalties; that standard, that measuring rod, is God's word.

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Tomorrow Is Too Late

Enlist the last returning service man and woman at the earliest possible moment. Mighty bids are made for these young people. Strong appeals from the forces of iniquity are evident. Nervous and impetuous youth is ambitious for action.

We have eternal values to offer. All young people will not return to the church of their own volition. We must organize an intensive crusade to enlist the last individual.

May we strengthen the tie through church-centered activities for Young People's department and classes. Secure a copy of the new leaflet, "Welcome Home" from your state Sunday school department. Promote as many of these twenty-two suggested church-centered activities as possible. Begin now—tomorrow may be too late.

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ALL BAPTIST WORK NEEDS ENLARGEMENT

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Ouachita College

President J. R. Grant of Ouachita College is hounded day by day by the fact that many new students want to enter Ouachita College and he does not have a place for them to live. If he had a place for them to live he doubtless would not have chairs enough in his classrooms for them all, and if he had living room and classroom, he possibly would not have enough teachers to supply the need. Ouachita College needs more buildings. It needs more income. It needs more teachers. The college has been trying to get a campaign started to raise a million dollars to ease the tension and supply the need. But Dr. Grant has a definite responsibility with ONLY ONE of our institutions and cannot possibly see the needs of the others as he sees the needs at Ouachita.

Central College, Too

President Edwin S. Preston of Central College is likewise distressed over the physical needs at Central. He needs a gymnasium and library. He needs a greater income, a larger faculty, etc.

The Baptist State Hospital

Administrator John Dudley of the Baptist State Hospital is having worry upon worry because the hospital is not large enough to answer the demands of the public. He has worries by day and has nightmares by night, because of a list of people who need hospitalization and whom he has had to turn away day after day because there was no more room. There were no more beds. It is difficult to get enough nurses. He does not have enough operating rooms. The doctors are handicapped for lack of rooms and facilities.

And Then the Orphanage

We are facing a new day in Orphanage work. During the war the government has extended a great deal of help that served to alleviate the orphanage problem; but the war is over, and there will be more orphans to be cared for by benevolent institutions.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Pugh at our Orphanage realize the need of directing our attention toward the enlargement of our Orphans Home. They need another building or two. In fact they need another dormitory. They need much equipment. They must have a laundry. We do need to enlarge our Orphanage.

Each Worker Has His Own Burden

It is impossible for the president of Ouachita College to see the pressing needs at the Baptist State Hospital like the administrator sees them. The writer has had occasion to visit the Hospital twice daily for the last week. The halls are crowded with nurses and visitors. The rooms are over-crowded with patients. The list of those having to wait for admittance is too large. The needs for the most modern equipment, such as air conditioning, are all too great, but the head of no other institution is so painfully aware of this fact as are Mr. Dudley, and the doctors, and the nurses.

Likewise the hospital administrator cannot possibly know as does the college president the crying needs of the educational institution. Our colleges also have a waiting list. They also are hampered by a lack of facilities, and equipment, and workers, and buildings. The college president and the hospital administrator, and the doctors and the faculty are unaware of the crying needs at the Orphanage. Nobody can see those needs like the orphanage superintendent sees them.

Lost Souls, Too

We have been speaking of our institutional work. When you are connected with an institution you can see with your own physical eyes and hear with your ears the distressing conditions and the crying needs. But with the natural eyes you can not see a lost soul stumble into Hell. More than one thousand every month of an average are stepping through death to the regions of the damned from the hills and valleys of Arkansas. Every man engaged in mission work has been able to see that we need more workers and more churches to handle the missionary enterprise. The spiritual abandonment of men and women is more or less intangible. It does not present its claim through the natural eye like the institution does. So it is impossible for a college president or hospital administrator, or an orphanage leader to understand fully the heartbreaking fact that many, many lost souls are dying constantly which ought to be won to the Saviour.

IT IS A TRAGEDY INDEED IF A GREAT PERCENTAGE OF OUR BAPTIST PEOPLE ARE UNABLE TO SEE THE SPIRITUAL REALITIES AS WELL AS THE PHYSICAL. IT IS LAMENTABLE IF ANY OF OUR LEADERS SHOULD COME TO THE PLACE THAT THEY DO NOT REALIZE ANYTHING IS BEING DONE UNLESS THEY CAN LOOK ON LARGE BUILDINGS AND MODERN EQUIPMENT WITH THE NATURAL EYES WHILE THEIR SPIRITUAL EARS HAVE BECOME DEAF TO THE MACEDONIAN CRY OF MISSIONS.

The Sum of It All

What we have been saying in this message adds up to the fact that Arkansas Baptists need to open their purses for all our work. Maybe we need a unifying effort to satisfy these "capital needs" of mission work and institutions. In this article we are not discussing methods; but needs. It is evident that a half dozen special appeals to satisfy our needs cannot be made to the same people at the same time without some unifying method, but the fact remains that God has given to Arkansas Baptists an opportunity to which we are not measuring up. He has turned the good will of the people our way because we have shown a disposition to follow the New Testament in ministering to the throng. What will be our answer to these problems?

Some See It All

Some of us at Baptist Headquarters have a birdseye view of all of these things of which we have spoken. The fact that we see it all is not that we have greater insight, but rather because our position and work force upon us the demands of all our work, both in evangelism and institutions. It is also a fact that some of us are perspiring in an effort to clear up financial responsibilities that have been occasioned by our institutions. Sometimes we wonder if a student sleeping comfortably in Cone Bottoms Hall or in Bruce Hall, and if a convalescent patient in our hospital realize that some of us are working day and night to take care of some financial obligation that built these institutions.

Yes, some of us see it all and the fact that it all weighs heavily upon us makes it just as burdensome as it does upon a head of a particular institution who wants, and righteously so, to enlarge his institution. We are profoundly interested in every cause that Arkansas Baptists are promoting. We can see how easy it would be for the head of one particular phase of our work to conclude that we are not very much interested in his particular field of service, but if he will stop for a moment to think through it all he will understand that the many phases of our work and their needs simply resolve themselves into a single spread in the life of a general denominational worker. We repeat that it behooves Arkansas Baptists to come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty. We must not fail to know the day of our visitation.