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Frightful Facts From— FAMINE FIELDS

By JOHN W. LOWE
Baptist Foreign Mission Board

DESPERATE SITUATION: In the famine-stricken countries of Europe nearly all babies born last year have died. Others, if neglected longer, will never grow up. "In all Europe 80,000,000 people face starvation this winter. In Poland thousands are dying of tuberculosis."

ALARMING REPORT: One Relief Committee says, "As winter comes, there will be appalling suffering, and great numbers will perish from hunger and cold unless generous help is given." Twenty millions of starving men, women, and children are wandering back and forth across Europe seeking vainly for food and shelter.

GREECE: Of 25,000 children examined, four out of every five have tuberculosis.

ITALY: Dr. Dewey Moore reports pastors starving to save their children.

FRANCE: Last winter, in one section 4,000 homes were without a blanket, and 9,000 had only one.

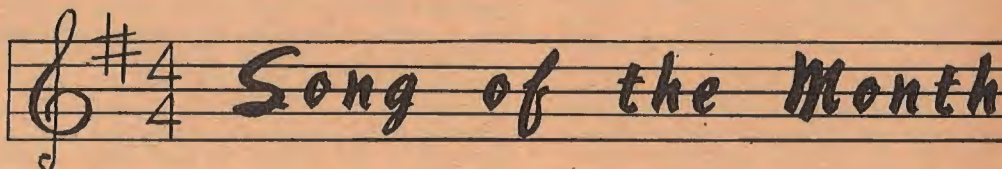
CHINA: In normal times, half the population live below the hunger line. Try to visualize the situation after twelve long years of war, floods, famine, and pestilence. The increase in tuberculosis is estimated at 700 percent.

WORLD TOURIST'S REPORT: Dr. Douglas S. Freeman reported: "Around the world hundreds of millions are starving and freezing NOW. France has ten million homes without coal; and Germany has ten million families without coal or shelter. The situation in Poland and Russia is even worse, and in Japan worst of all. Sufferings in London will be acute—clothing and fuel scarce. Many are in rags—a coat would be acceptable."

ACUTE NEEDS: Coats, uniforms, dresses, underwear, shoes (tied together in pairs), gloves and mittens, caps and hats, baby clothes and diapers, shawls, sweaters, quilts, blankets, and goods for making garments. Faded draperies (if clean), slip covers, worn sheets, remnants of cloth, woolen yarns and knitting needles.

BAPTIST SURVEY: Dr. Sadler is now in Europe making a survey of our mission fields. He will need hundreds of thousands of dollars for relief and rehabilitation. Dr. Theodore F. Adams, after attending the World Missionary Conference in Switzerland, plans to meet Dr. Sadler in Italy.

MISSIONARIES RETURN TO CHINA: Some twenty of our missionaries will supervise the



By RUTH NININGER
Church Music Department

One practical way to encourage the use of a wider number of hymns is to adopt the "Song of the Month." It is deadening to the service of song to repeat the same ones from Sunday to Sunday. Through skillful employment of the idea in the "Song of the Month," many fine songs may be discovered for the first time, which, added to those already known and loved, will greatly enrich the musical part of the service.

Naturally, in order to be effective, the idea should be carried out in a practical manner. Each song leader and department pianist should attend choir rehearsal before the first Sunday in the month, at which time the "Song of the Month" is learned, in its every detail—text, mood, music. If any rhythmic difficulties are present, they should be thoroughly investigated and mastered.

On the first Sunday of the month, the song is taught in each department of Sunday School, used in both morning and evening service, and made a regular number on the musical part of the service for each succeeding Sunday in that month. In this manner, the song is made familiar to all who worship there, and can be included on the program at any time, with the full assurance of whole-hearted participation by the general congregation.

The following great hymn, "Look Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious," has been chosen for the "Song of the Month" for March. Included in the analysis, are many interesting facts concerning its author and composer.

*Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious;
See the Man of Sorrows now;
From the fight returned victorious,
Every knee to Him shall bow.*

*Crown the Saviour, angels, crown Him;
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;*

distribution of relief. This is most effective evangelism. Katie Murray was correct in saying, "Relief NOW would do more to influence the mind and heart of the Chinese towards Christ and Christianity than fifty years of preaching without it."

OUR RESPONSE: Visualize the needs. Set DATE to receive clothing and money. Ship clothing to United Church Service Center, New Windsor, Md., or to Modesto, Calif.

*In the seat of power enthrone Him,
While the vault of heaven rings.*

*Stinners in derision crowned Him,
Mocking thus the Saviour's claim;
Saints and angels crowd around Him,
Own His title, praise His name.*

*Hark! the bursts of acclamation!
Hark! these loud triumphant chords!
Jesus takes the highest station,
Oh, what joy the sight affords.*

CHORUS

*Crown Him, crown Him, angels, crown Him,
Crown the Saviour King of Kings;
Crown the Saviour King of Kings.*

Scriptural background for this great hymn, which, according to Dr. John Julian ranks with the best hymns of Watts and Wesley, found in Revelations 2:15 reads like this:

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, 'The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever.'"

Thomas Kelly is the author of the poem which was set to music by a Baptist deacon, John Hughes. Coming of a family of devout Welsh Christians, it is not surprising that John was able to capture the triumphant spirit of this poem in his hymn-tune called "Cwm Rhondda," after a little coal mining town in South Wales. Truly a masterpiece, this music was inspired by an unusually fervent service in the Salem Baptist Chapel, situated in quiet country surroundings.

Written expressly for the Anniversary services of Chapel Rhondda, Pontypridd, Wales, the song has been used on more than five thousand Festival programs. Its sweeping phrases of musical majesty form a perfect medium of adoration which wells in the heart of the worshipper as he sings this great hymn.

Found in the Broadman Hymnal at No. 425, under the title, "Crown Him," Mr. B. B. McKinney's arrangement of the hymn, although altering the original in several respects, will bring new beauty and devotion to any service of song.

The reader will be interested to know that the concluding phrase of this masterpiece has been adopted as the musical signature of the Church Music Department.

Twentieth Century Christianity . . .

THE CHURCH'S INFLUENCE GAINS

BROTHERHOOD WEEK—America faces a great danger in the tendency toward resurgence of intolerance and bigotry, former Minnesota Governor Harold E. Stassen declared in accepting the general chairmanship of the 1946 observance of Brotherhood Week, February 16-24.

Observance of Brotherhood Week is accompanied by a drive to raise \$3,000,000. This sum will be used to sponsor scientific research, aid universities, school systems, church parishes and community groups in the use of this knowledge; to prepare materials for use by civic, labor, business and social organizations in increasing American Brotherhood; and to equip National Conference offices in every American city with facilities to assist this program.

An extensive press, radio and movie campaign features the drive. A short film has been prepared for release in movie houses throughout the country starring James Stewart, Ingrid Bergman, Eddie Cantor, Edward G. Robinson, Shirley Temple, Walter Pidgeon, and Jennifer Jones. Movie audiences are being asked to sign pledges reading:

"I pledge allegiance to the basic ideal of my country, fair play for all. I pledge for myself to keep America free from the disease of hate that destroyed Europe. In good heart, I pledge unto fellow Americans all the rights and dignities I desire for myself."

PRAYER MEETING PRIORITY—Conflicting dates between church activities and social and community events will no longer plague churches in Manchester, N. H.

As the result of an arrangement between the churches and community organizations, Wednesday nights in the future will be reserved for church activities.

OXNAM TOO—Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam of the Methodist Church, New York area, declared before the Ohio Pastors' Convention that "the time has come for Protestants right across this nation to make it abundantly clear to the President that we do not want a representative or ambassador to a Church even though it claims to be a state."

Sending of an official U. S. representative to the Vatican "might be considered tempor-

arily," Bishop Oxnam said, but there will be "no justification for it after the treaties are signed."

PRESIDENT'S PREACHER—Some quick thinking on the part of Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Washington and now known as "the President's preacher," put him in the position of being the only minister in the U. S. who has a chance rather regularly to get the President's ear.

When the Secret Service notified Dr. Pruden that the President was going to attend the First Baptist Church, the pastor worked out a unique procedure for closing services attended by the President. When the ceremony is over, Dr. Pruden asks the audience to remain seated while he goes to Truman's pew, wherever the President is seated, and escorts him out of the church to the White House limousine.

"You'd be surprised how much conversation we can get in between the pew and the curb," Dr. Pruden commented. "The President is one of the friendliest and most approachable men I have ever known. We talk about all kinds of things on those little trips. He is always very kind in his comments on the sermons."

DENIAL—President Harry S. Truman opened his latest press conference by reading a letter from the Dean of Canterbury, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, a recent visitor in this country, denying the widely-printed statement carried by the American press that the Dean said Americans were "100 years behind in everything but religion and 150 years behind in that."

"It was made in a jocular mood by my predecessor," wrote the Dean, "I neither endorse that statement nor believe it is true."

VAST CONGREGATION—A record number of radio outlets—768 stations in the U. S. and Canada, and 26 in Europe—are now broadcasting the "Lutheran Hour" messages of Dr. Walter A. Maier, it was announced at headquarters. The sponsors are also hopeful of obtaining stations in Germany, Italy and the Scandinavian countries. The program is broadcast under the auspices of the Lutheran Laymen's League of the Missouri Synod.

BIBLES TO RUSSIA—A Russian edition of the full Bible, the first printed in 20 years, will soon be ready for distribution in the Soviet through limited channels, the Rev. Thomas T. Holloway, field secretary of the American Bible Society, has announced.

All type for the new edition has been set and actual printing will soon be underway, Mr. Holloway said. From 25,000 to 50,000 copies will be run off in the initial printing, with other printings anticipated as rapidly as demanded.

No new Bibles in Russian have been printed since the late 1920's, he said, because of a ban on importation and distribution of the scriptures imposed by the Communist government.

Despite the importation restrictions, almost 400,000 copies of Russian scriptures, either in the form of full Bibles, testaments or gospel booklets, have found their way into the Soviet through returning war prisoners, refugees and others reentering the Soviet during and since the war.

THE UNOBSERVED CHRIS

A Devotion by B. H. Duncan, Hot Springs

"There standeth one among you, whom ye know not."

Our powers of observation are among most valuable personal assets, and the richness of our personalities is largely terminated by the development of these powers. The more we observe and appreciate the uses and blessings and graces and beauties of life about us, the richer and happier our lives become.

We may learn a song of gladness from the birds, a winsome smile from the flowers, firmness of purpose from the trees, firmness of purpose from the stones; we may learn to trust in the child; we may learn to hope from the youth; we may learn to endure from the mother; we may learn to toil from the father. The sunshine and the rain have their blessing to impart, the wind and the storm are replete with messages of wisdom and instruction.

Every day is alive to help us to achieve more worthy, fruitful and contented lives. They surround us on every side, they call us at every turn, they speak to us in every sound, they challenge us in every opportunity.

The most gracious and the most stimulating presence by which we are surrounded is the presence of Jesus Christ. What a difference it will make in any life when He is covered, when His presence is felt, when beauty is seen, when His grace is realized when His message is heard.

The tragedy of this world is that so many people, who are conscious of so many presences and influences, are completely insensible to the presence of Jesus.

"And they asked Him, and said unto Him, why baptizest thou then, if thou art not Christ, nor Elias, neither that prophet? He answered them, saying, I baptize with water, but there standeth one among you, whom ye know not." John 1:25-26.

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Abingdon-Cokesbury Press has established a \$7,500 award to encourage the writing of distinguished books in the field of "evangelical Christianity." First award will be made in 1947 to the author of the book manuscript which in the opinion of the board of judges, will accomplish the greatest good for the Christian faith and Christian living among all people. Poetry and fiction will not be considered.

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★ RADIO ★

The Honorable J. M. Broughton of Raleigh, N. C., is Baptist Hour speaker for next Sunday, February 24, as announced by the Radio Committee of the Southern Baptist convention. He is a layman, ex-Governor of North Carolina, outstanding lawyer, and Sunday School Superintendent of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of his home city since 1914. His message on the subject, "Christian Men for a Better World," will be of special interest to the manhood of America.

Dr. Broughton will be introduced in the broadcast by Governor Ellis Arnall of Georgia, who is a Baptist deacon and for years teacher of the Men's Bible Class of the Central Baptist Church of Newman, Georgia.

Under the leadership of Secretary Lawson H. Cooke of Memphis, Tennessee, the Baptist Brotherhood of the South is enlisting a Million Men to hear Dr. Broughton.

Across the Editor's Desk . . .

A Modern Lazarous

By JOHN D. HUGHEY, JR.
Appointee for Russia

Once when I was returning from Yugoslavia, here I had gone with a group of refugees being sent home from an UNRRA camp in Egypt, our ship anchored in the harbor of Augusta, Sicily. We went ashore for a short time and saw evidence of much poverty and suffering. We returned to our ship with our spirits somewhat dampened and our consciences a bit troubled because we had so much more than the people we had seen.

I was standing on deck with a British army officer a little later when an old man in a battered little boat came into sight. He was paddling around our ship picking bits of bread and other food out of the dirty, salty water. He looked as though he had had very little food for a long time. Even dirty, salty bread looks good to a hungry man.

I said to the friend beside me, "That reminds me of something in the Bible. Do you remember the story of Lazarus and the rich man?" "Yes," he said, "and you know we are in the position of the rich man. That old man is getting the scraps that fall from our table."

Primarily Spiritual

Return of youth from the war represents social, educational, and spiritual challenge to the communities of the nation, Harold E. Stassen, president of the International Council of Religious Education, said in a nationwide broadcast in connection with the observance of National Youth Week.

Stassen declared that "the potential contribution of the leadership of these young people is widely recognized." They know, he added, that war is no answer to the problems

of living which face the community, the nation, and the world.

"They seek a better way," he said. "They are following the development of the United Nations with its Council for peace and economic progress."

Stassen urged the youth of America to be guided by religious principles. "I hope," he said, "that they participate in strengthening their own churches and in increasing the harmony and cooperation between churches, between denominations, and with other constructive programs."

Preferred Listening

A nationwide radio survey made by the Department of Agriculture reveals that farm and small-town listeners prefer programs featuring religious hymns and sermons to most other programs.

News programs and discussions of farm problems are second in "listener interest."

The department, in making results of the survey public, pointed out that "old-time" music—both religious and secular—is preferred by twice as many small-town and rural residents as any other type of program.

Farmer, according to the survey, like more serious programs than city dwellers.

The survey was made in connection with a Federal Communications Commission hearing on the question of whether present so-called "clear channel" radio stations render a program service suited to the needs of listeners in rural areas. The National Farmers Union, the National Grange and the American Farm Bureau Federation have criticized programs of the major networks and the larger independent stations for having overlooked the needs of small-town residents and farmers generally.

The Baptist Press

Southern Baptist editors attending the annual meeting of the Southern Baptist Press Association in Mobile, Ala., February 7-8, were told by Dr. L. L. Gwaltney, editor of the Alabama Baptist, that religious editors "cannot divorce ourselves from the great political movements of our day."

The Birmingham editor, a Southern Baptist member of the Joint Committee of Public Relations established by Baptist groups of the country, stressed "there is need for Baptists to maintain representatives in Washington not to lobby but to watch other pressure groups."

The vigil of political, social and economic trends of national and world affairs should be reported to the Baptist press so that the entire denomination may be kept informed, Dr. Gwaltney continued.

Professor R. E. Wolseley of Medill School of Journalism, Northwestern University, told the editors that "Southern Baptist state papers are not worthy of the great denomination they represent," and then he set about to show them the faults of their work.

Professor Wolseley had graded the papers on their journalistic merits and assigned an average grade of 56 per cent perfect on them. The Arkansas Baptist (80 per cent), the Baptist Message of Louisiana, and the Christian Index of Georgia, were rated highest in that order.

Greater content variety, emphasizing national and world news of religious value, and more generous use of pictures and other illustrative material were urged by Professor Wolseley.

The editor of the Arkansas Baptist was elected president of the association. Dr. O. W. Taylor, editor of the Baptist and Reflector of Nashville, Tenn., is vice president, and Harold Dye, editor of the Baptist New Mexican, Albuquerque, secretary. The association will meet February, 1946, in Phoenix, Ariz.

Porter Routh, of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was asked by the editor to gather and disseminate to the papers current news of southwide interest.

HEIRARCHY WOULD PUT CATHOLIC PAPERS IN EVERY NON-CATHOLIC HOME

Campaigns to put a Catholic newspaper in every non-Catholic home throughout the country were urged by Archbishop John Gregory Murray of St. Paul in a statement announcing the observance of Catholic Press Month during February.

Archbishop Murray, who is chairman of the press department of the National Catholic Welfare Conference, called for "a spirit of generosity" among Catholics to enable Catholic papers to be sent to non-Catholic homes through bonafide, fully-paid subscriptions to publications in the local territory. He said this would mean a total weekly circulation of 10,000,000 among non-Catholic readers.

Describing the plan as an apostolate to present the Catholic Church in action to every reading American citizen, Archbishop Murray asserted:

"The present crisis not only of Christendom but of the world at large calls for an apostolate not only of the consecrated ministers of Christ, but of the entire Catholic laity in every land, to demonstrate a Catholic consciousness, an unselfish devotion, and a militant crusade in the cause of truth and justice."

The Catholic press in the United States has increased its circulation 14.4 per cent dur-

ing the past three years and now reaches a weekly total of 10,654,918, according to a statistical survey by the NCWC news service, official Catholic agency. There are now 387 publications listed in the Catholic Press Directory.

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The above story was released from Washington by Religious News Service. The suggestion reveals further evidence of Catholic determination to win America to Romanism. Our only comment is that the plan will work both ways, and we believe the Catholic heirarchy will refuse to invite the truth of the Baptist and evangelical press into the homes of their people.

NOTES OF ADVANCE

Rev. and Mrs. Maxfield Garrott, who spent several years as missionaries in Japan before the war, have sailed from San Francisco for the Hawaiian Islands. They will be stationed temporarily in Honolulu, working with the Japanese population. Mr. Garrott expects to go on to Japan soon for a survey of Southern Baptist work, and he hopes eventually to be located there again.

Elliott Church, Camden, has increased gifts to the Cooperative Program 75 per cent. H. S. McLaren is pastor.

Arkansas gave \$33,791.91 to Southwide causes during January according to the report of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention. The Cooperative Program received \$11,304.46 of this amount, while \$22,338.42 went to designated causes and \$149.03 to the Centennial Offering. Southwide total was \$917,707.16.

Rudolph Q. Harvey, a native of Greenbrier, has been pastor of Central Church, Pampa, Tex., since April, 1945. The church has had 154 additions since October 1 without a revival. Thirty-four of that number came in January. Sunday School attendance has reached a record attendance of 428 and the Training Union attendance has reached 217. Three hundred were enrolled in a recent Training Union revival. Average attendance was 200 with 206 receiving awards.

The new address of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Abernathy is American Southern Baptist Mission, 598 Wei Yi Lu Tsinan, Shantung, China. Five cents postage will carry a letter to them by regular mail.

Ironton Church, near Little Rock, will entertain all ex-service men and their families at a banquet at the church, at 7 p. m. February 3. All veterans and their families are invited. The program committee consists of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Jensen, Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Faulkner, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Price and Mrs. E. R. Johnson. The committee is planning special entertainment, singing, and devotionals. Other committees are: invitation, Mrs. J. R. Swaim and Mrs. W. D. Jackson; decoration, Mr. and Mrs. John Bland, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil McMillan, Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCumpey, Mrs. Sam Roberts, Mrs. Melton Shellnutt; refreshments, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Meeks, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bates, Mr. and Mrs. Ed White, Mr. and Mrs. Alec Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beadle, Mrs. G. E. Jensen; publicity, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pitts.

The Sunday School of Portland Church won over the Sunday School of Wilmot Church in a recent attendance contest. Losers entertained with a Fellowship meeting at Wilmot February 10. Talks were made by Pastor Ermon Webb of the Wilmot Church and Pastor John P. Whitlow of the Portland Church, and the Sunday School superintendents of both churches. Congregational singing was followed by refreshments.

Teams of workers from the various churches of Delta Association will establish Sunday schools in rural communities it was decided at a recent workers' conference. Mr. Otto

Walker, McGehee, is associational Sunday school superintendent.

Chaplain Homer Reynolds, former Arkansas pastor, has accepted the pastorate of Ross Avenue Church, Dallas, Tex. In the pastorate Brother Reynolds will succeed the late Mack Rogers, who also formerly served Arkansas churches. Chaplain Reynolds had rich experience in the air force chaplaincy, having spent many months overseas.

Van Randall was ordained to the office of deacon by South Highland Church, Little Rock, February 3. Pastor Ray Branscum served as moderator; Pastor Raymond Strickland, Pike Avenue Church, North Little Rock, led in the questioning; Pastor John Collier, Central Church, North Little Rock, brought the message; and Pastor E. S. Ray, Grace Church, prayed the ordination prayer. The following deacons had a part: Fred Walloch, Roy Pearrow, O. P. Stephens, Oren Henderson, J. H. Ulmer, Fred Morris, Earl Johnson, Frank E. Pitts, Cecil Surratt, C. O. Roberts, and Walter Dunnivant.

First Church, Cabot, Dale McCoy, pastor, plans construction of a new annex as soon as conditions will permit.

First Church, Siloam Springs, B. N. Simmons, pastor, has adopted a \$14,000 budget. Gifts to Cooperative Program were increased 70 percent and those to associational missions were increased 20 percent.

Virgil A. Rose, new pastor at First Church, Benton, opened his work there last Sunday. He comes from First Church, Kennett, Mo.

Pastors of Conway churches cooperated in the observance of Religious Emphasis Week at Arkansas State Teachers College, February 4-7. Dr. Paul Galloway, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Fayetteville, was guest speaker for the week. Conway ministers led dormitory discussions at late evening sessions and also spoke to a number of classes on such subjects as "Religious Journalism," "Conservation of Human Resources," "Religion in American Fiction," "Religious Conditions in France," "Religion in Life," "Family Relations," "Dramatic Elements in Church Services," and "Straight Thinking in Troubled Times."

Dr. E. T. Miller has resigned as pastor of Lamar Street Church, Wichita Falls, Tex., to enter the field of evangelism. He served as pastor of First Church, Memphis, for six years and of First Church, Corsicana, Tex., for more than ten years. Dr. Miller may be reached at 310 Baptist Building, Dallas 1, Tex.

PASTORAL CHANGES

David Patton from East Side and West Side missions of First Church, Paragould, to First Church, Desha.

C. Marshall Renno from Glen Echo Church, St. Louis, Mo., to Centennial Association as missionary. He is living at DeWitt.

Virgil A. Rose, from Kennett, Mo., to First Church, Benton.

Nelson Tull Heads Brotherhood Work

Nelson F. Tull, termed one of the most outstanding lay workers and soul winners among Baptists, was elected Director of the new state Brotherhood Department at a called meeting of the Executive Board's Administration and Finance Committee this week.

Mr. Tull at present is pastor's assistant and financial secretary at First Church, Nashville, Tenn. Prior to that he was director of religious education at Walnut Street Church, Louisville. In many years he was on the staff of the Little Rock school system and a Sunday school lay leader at First Church, Little Rock.

Recommendation for Tull's election was brought by a special committee headed by Wilford Lee, named by the 1944 State Convention to set up a Brotherhood Department. Bro. Lee said he had assurance Mr. Tull will accept the position and begin work April 1.

Little Rock Church Studies World Affairs

The Hour of Power of Second Church, Little Rock, is "viewing its world" the six week day nights from February 6 to March 6. The new version of the school of missions plan calls for a fifteen minute devotion at 7:30 p. m. followed by interest groups at 8:00 p. m.

Dr. M. Ray McKay, pastor, is touring "World's Hot Spots" with the men. They are viewing the historical, political, economical and religious background of the nations which have been in history's spotlight and are seeking to discover what is the Christian's challenge and opportunity in these tries.

The women are considering "Bible Light Present Living" under the leadership of the faculty of the Brooks Hays Bible Class, C. Evans and Morgan Owen. Blanche Mays is Book Store manager, and guest speakers are leading the young people in "The Needs You!"

The intermediates are viewing "The Through the G. I. Eye" with Mrs. G. M. El and guest speakers. "Torch Bearers in Lands" is Mrs. Thelma Hall's subject. She leads the juniors. "The Traveling Story" is conducted by Mrs. Nathan Toms and Charles Routon for the primaries and intermediates. Morpheus is reigning in the nursery.

Registration for the opening session included 80 women, 54 men, 20 young people, 18 intermediates, 18 juniors, 17 primaries and 17 gingers, making a total of 203.

During January the Hour of Power will feature the "Book of the Month," II Corinthians.

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Singer Frank Adams, Little Rock, has recently directed music in a successful concert at Mount Washington Church, Kansas Mo., Loring S. Gorings, pastor. Singer Adams has an open date the first two weeks in February. He may be addressed in care of First Church, Little Rock.

First Church, Charleston, dedicated Hammond organ February 10.

A Christian "Must"...

INDIVIDUAL EVANGELISM

The word Evangelism is taken from two Greek words: eu, well, tidings, hence good tidings, the Gospel. Evangelism is the preaching, the promulgation of the Gospel. It is the best news that ever came to this sin-cursed earth. It means "Good spell," or "God's spell." We are dead in trespasses and sins, and God wants us to be reconciled. What is the Gospel? Paul declares the Gospel: "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he rose again according to the scriptures."

Win Them One By One

I wish to magnify the individual method. A single soul is worthy the labors, the toils, the sacrifices of a life time. I fear we have been magnifying the value of the crowds, we have been trying to save the people en masse. We have been losing sight of our supreme duty, yours and mine, which is to bring Christ to the individual who crosses our daily path.

There is room in the Master's scheme for a ministry to the multitudes. The early disciples were sent out to be "fishers of men." These words would naturally take color from their daily occupation. They were fishermen, their business was to find the feeding ground of the finny tribe, then let down their nets, expecting to take a goodly number of fish in a single haul.

We are not to ignore this plan. But not many of us can wield the net. Not many of us can stand before the multitudes. Yet every redeemed one is to be a soul winner. When we look with greater care into the unfolding of our mission we learn that the net method is the exception rather than the rule. We are to reach the unsaved one by one.

The Method of Jesus

This was the method of Jesus. He recited that beautiful shepherd story to illustrate his mission. What was it that drew him away from the comfort of the fold? What was it that made the shepherd willing to brave the night and face the storm and travel the rugged, thorn-lined way? A single sheep had wandered away, that was all.

*But none of the ransomed ever knew
How deep were the waters crossed,
Or how dark was night the Lord passed through
Ere He found His sheep that was lost,
Out in the desert He heard its cry,
Stick and helpless and ready to die."*

Follow Jesus through the days of His early life and see how wonderfully He fulfilled the outlines of this picture. There were times when He stood before the throngs and moved them mightily with His words, yet most of His work and, I think we will agree the best of His work, was performed by means of this individual method.

Some times in the midst of the crowd He would find a hungry heart, and instantly His interest seemed to be lost to the multitude. He was hastening to the home of Jairus, the people were thronging about Him, and creeping up behind is a poor hopeless woman, seeking if she may but touch the hem of His garment; Jesus seems to forget all else besides as He pours the balm of His love in upon her awful need.

Nicodemus came to Jesus' lodgings by night. He seemed to say to this troubled nobleman: Nicodemus, there is only one matter im-

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By J. L. FORD
Pastor, Piggott

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portant enough for us to consider: except a man be born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

He was passing through Samaria and at the hour of noon sat on the well curb to rest. To rest did I say? No, He sat down to wait an opportunity to win a soul. When the sinful woman appeared with her water pot, He led her to the springs of God and gave her drink.

He halted beside a blind man and unlocked the gates of vision that He might throw the light of His face into the midnight of sin and sorrow.

Wherever He went, whatever He did, He was seeking the lone weary sheep that had gone astray, listening for the faintest cry of need, looking for the slightest symptom of distress.

If we call Him Master and Lord, by all that is true we are bound to make His mission ours.

The Method of the Apostles

This was the method of the apostles. Scarcely had the glory light touched Andrew's heart until he thought of Peter and went out to bring him to Jesus. Philip won Nathaniel. Philip, the evangelist, preached Jesus to the Ethiopian. Anias won the great apostle Paul to Christ, and Paul in turn won the jailer of Philippi.

This is the story of those early days. Here is the secret of their marvelous gains. They sought not to preach great sermons, to do great deeds. They were witnesses for Him who died and rose again. In His name they spake. For His sake they lived. His service was their meat and drink. They stood in the presence of magistrates. They stopped on the highway. They went into the market place. They sat by the fireside, anywhere, everywhere if only they might find a listening ear and a longing heart. Do you wonder at the results: "The Lord added to the church daily the saved."

This is the reasonable method. Look at the question from whatever side you will, the logical result of your salvation is an honest effort for the rescue of others. This ought to follow as surely as morning follows night. We are debtors to all whom it is possible to reach. Next to the obligation to Him who has redeemed us, this is the most sacred debt of life. The Master will not hold us guiltless if we ignore it. The lost one will despise us if we fail to meet it. I know we must have help if we win the lost to Christ.

The Means of Evangelism

Let us mention some things God uses, or allows us to use in order to be successful evangelists.

THE WORD OF GOD. We must have some idea of what it means to be without Christ, and this desolation is pictured upon the pages of this Book. We need to gaze upon these pictures of distress.

The first picture is, "dead in trespasses and

sins." Another picture is "lost". The Book tells us everyone who has failed to make choice of Christ is lost, lost to God, lost to holiness, lost to heaven, and we are unmoved. Surely it must be because we have no realization of this awful distress.

PRAYER. The blessing of prayer is not to be found alone in the answer which it brings from the throne of God, but as well in its effect upon our spiritual life. It is a tonic. Prayer renews and revives the heart from which it comes. Apart from it the desire for souls can not live. The influence of the world will tend to smother these fires of zeal. Satan will do his utmost to hold them in check, but waiting in the Father's presence, they shall be fanned into strength and made to burn the brighter as the days go by.

THE HOLY SPIRIT. He is the active agent in every new birth. To attempt to work up a zeal for soul winning without Him is to endeavor to make steam without fire. The glowing fires of love are kindled at Calvary, but they are lighted by the Holy Spirit. The flame is fed by the Word of God, but He is the author of the Book, and only He can make its meaning plain. The atmosphere of God's throne is needed to fan the fire, but the Spirit alone will teach us to pray. "We know not what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

This is the supreme need of our day, the fulness, the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Motive of Evangelism

We have been considering the method and the means of evangelism, let us think of the motive to stir us up, to arouse us to do this all important task. Here are some things which ought to make everyone of us resolve in our hearts that from this day, I am going to win the lost to Christ.

First, The enemy, the cruel, dark enemy, Satan.

Second, The awful condition and the fearful destiny of the unsaved.

Third, if these do not give you zeal, surely, the death and sufferings of Christ will do so. Here the price of our redemption was paid. Here we find the remedy for sin. Here we are born from above. But the suffering and death of Jesus have a larger mission. They give us a glimpse of the marvelous love that throbs in the heart of hearts. They lay bare the secret springs of infinite compassion. They teach us the meaning of sacrifice. We need to climb out from the shade of Gethsemane up the slope of the little hill beyond the city gate, upon our knees.

See Him under those gnarled olive trees. The darkness is black, but the night that is wrapping its folds about His soul is blacker. He is upon His face. Every fiber of His humanity is shrinking from the bitter cup that is lifted to His lips. The fiends of perdition are seeking to turn Him away from the cross. As He struggles on, sweat drops of blood stand upon His brow, but light breaks through those shadows of gloom. The victory is won.

Follow Him on through that weary night. Hear the words of insult from the lips of those who should have been His friends. See the hatred upon the faces of the rulers of His people. Look, His back is bended to receive the cruel blows of the scourge. Now the verdict has been spoken and they drag Him out through the streets of the holy city as they

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BAPTIST HOSPITAL PLANS EXPANSION

A \$750,000 expansion program at Baptist State Hospital will be recommended by the trustees to the Executive Board of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention at the earliest possible meeting of the Executive Board, spokesmen for hospital trustees announced.

The desired expansion consists of six-story extension of the building's four wings 72 feet to the south toward Thirteenth street, providing space for 200 additional beds, a new and enlarged surgery department and a new air-conditioned maternity annex.

The hospital now has 300 beds, all of which are in constant demand. Twenty-seven patients had to be refused admission on February 8, the date the hospital board met to consider the building program.

"Because of the greatly increased need for

additional hospital facilities in Little Rock, the board has been working on these plans for months," a statement said. Reason for heavy demand of hospital facilities was explained: (1) overworked doctors can care for more patients if they are placed in hospitals, and (2) more and more persons are joining hospital insurance plans.

Hospital trustees explained that the needed expansion will place the hospital in debt, and this amount cannot be authorized except by the State Convention in session or possibly by its Executive Board. The next regular meeting of the Executive Board is scheduled September 3, and the Convention is to meet November 19-21. It is thought probable that a special session of the Executive Board will be called for the purpose of considering this matter which is considered an emergency.

Planning . . .

YOUR SUNDAY SCHOOL BUILDING

By BRUCE H. PRICE

Beech Street Church, Texarkana

(Fourth Article on Church Building)

The Sunday school building should be an addition to the church auditorium or connected with it in such a manner as to be accessible and convenient to pass from one building to the other. It is very important that the new building be built according to the needs of each department.

Leave Plenty of Room

The very small church needs two rooms for the nursery, one for the babies and another for the two and three-year-old children who are old enough to be taught Bible stories and hand work. The larger churches will need three rooms for the nursery and the church with 35 or more children in attendance will require four rooms, which will provide a room for infants and a room for each of the one, two and three year age groups.

The size of a Nursery Room can be determined by allowing 14 square feet for each person, including the workers, to be cared for. Thus a room ten by fourteen is large enough for ten children and workers. The department should be on the first floor (not in the basement) and on the east or south side of the building to receive the morning sun. A floor covering will add to the beauty and comfort. A rest room, water fountain and storage closet are a part of the equipment.

The Beginner Department consists of one large room and allows fourteen square feet for each person. The larger churches will need to divide the beginners and use two rooms, one for the four-year-olds and another for those age five.

Planning Classrooms

The Primary Department may have an assembly room with individual class rooms grouped around it or they may use one large room similar to the beginner, the larger churches having three rooms, one each of the three ages. When auditorium and class rooms are used the space required will be seven square feet for each person in the assembly hall and seven square feet in the class rooms. The classes are small, usually about eight pupils. If the one room plan is used it requires fourteen square feet for each person. The tendency of most primary workers is to prefer the one room idea and the kindergarten plan of

teaching, which includes tables for each class.

Juniors do not mind the steps and can be placed on the top floor with the Intermediates. Each of these groups will have an assembly hall and individual class rooms, the two departments being identical in arrangements and amount of space required. The class rooms should have from sixty to seventy square feet, large enough for ten persons. The assembly halls need seven square feet for each person. The larger churches will require from two to four departments for the juniors and the same number for Intermediates.

The Young People's Department has larger classes but built on the same plan as the Intermediate Department and needing the same amount of space for each person.

Adults often use the church auditorium for assembly with class rooms on the same floor level in the educational addition. The larger churches may have two or more departments.

From the attendance records of several Sunday Schools W. A. Harrell, secretary of the Department of Church Architecture, Nashville, Tenn., has found the average percentage present in the various departments to be: nursery, four to seven per cent; beginner, five to six; primary, nine to ten; juniors, thirteen to fifteen; intermediate, thirteen to fifteen; young people, thirteen plus, and adult forty plus.

Visual Education

Built-in black boards giving the appearance of a public school room have lost in favor of the movable black boards.

Visual education is here to stay. Fortunately, with the exception of electrical receptacles and built-in cords to connect the projector with the sound unit no addition or change is necessary in the building.

The modern church will include in its plans a recreation hall for shuffle board, table tennis, etc. (Heavy athletics like basketball, swimming, etc., are out.) A kitchen, library, offices, choir room, and social room are necessary assets.

If the building is more than three stories elevators should be installed.

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The Fidelis Class of the Adult Department of First Church, Springdale, has a definite plan of visitation. Each Wednesday afternoon

a different couple from the class visit recently 47 people were contacted in Wednesday afternoons. The class has formed a prayer-band and each morning between 9 and 10 special prayer is offered a certain person whose name has been from a prospect list.



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Translation Promoters Say . . .

Christ's Testament Lives Anew

When Jesus walked the hills of Galilee He spoke in a Semitic language known as Aramaic. He did not speak in the seventeenth century English of the King James Version of the Bible. Nor did He teach in the Greek order of words as translated in the stilted American Standard Version of 1901.

Jesus was not worried about the form in which His teachings would be preserved. When He commissioned His disciples to go preach the gospel to all nations He did not add "in Aramaic." He apparently did not even anticipate any written records of his sermons. He depended on his followers' testimony and on their lives to spread the word.

He directed his teachings toward the everyday experiences of men and women. Certainly we can believe that He would want His word so clearly stated that people of 1946 also could apply them to their everyday life. It is hard to imagine His clinging to outworn prepositions or verb endings. We can be sure that his chief interest would be that a man and his family could read with understanding.

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The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament, just now off the press and finding its way into the homes of America, represents the eight year effort of the nation's foremost Bible scholars to put Jesus' teachings of 1900 years ago into clear, comprehensible English.

Their translation from the original Greek text was ordered in 1930 by the 40 Protestant denominations cooperating in the International Council of Religious Education. Dean Luther A. Weigle of Yale Divinity School is chairman of the revision committee. Four more years are necessary to complete the translation of the Old Testament.

The new version is printed in large, legible type. The chapter numbers are distinct but set into the reading matter, while the verse numbers are minute. Condensed footnotes appear at the bottom of the page. The effect is of a story full of continued action.

For those who fear a lack of reverence in such an up-to-date version, let it be pointed out that a sentence does not have to be in one-syllable conversational words to be comprehensible to the average American. The committee wherever possible tried to return to the simple but dignified style of the King James Version, eliminating, however, archaic expressions.

For example, "which" as used in the King James Version to refer to a person has been changed to "who." Paul is no longer made to say, as in the King James, "I am verily a man which am a Jew" (Acts 22:3), but simply, "I am a Jew."

"Of" becomes "by" when the actor or agent is denoted. Thus Jesus was baptized "by John" rather than "of John." "The more part" is "the majority." "Compass round" is "surround."

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Rather than enlarge upon general distinctions between the Revised Standard Version and previous translations, let us examine a few passages. Note how clarity and action are gained in the most recent version of Luke 20:1-2.

King James: And it came to pass, that on one of those days, as he taught the people in the temple, and preached the gospel, the chief



priests and the scribes came upon him with the elders, And spake unto him, saying, Tell us, by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

American Standard: And it came to pass on one of the days, as he was teaching the people in the temple, and preaching the gospel, there came upon him the chief priests and the scribes with the elders; and they spake, saying unto him, Tell us: by what authority doest thou these things? or who is he that gave thee this authority?

Revised Standard: One day, as he was teaching the people in the temple and preaching the gospel, the chief priests and the scribes with the elders came up and said to him, "Tell us by what authority you do these things, or who it is that gave you this authority."

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Now let us see how several familiar verses from the Sermon on the Mount change in phraseology since 1611 (Matthew 6:31-34; 7:1-5).

King James: Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Take therefore no thought for the morrow; for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me pull out the mote out of thine eye; and behold, a beam is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, first cast out the beam out of thy brother's eye.

Revised Standard: Therefore do not be anxious, saying, "What shall we eat?" or "What shall we drink?" or "What shall we wear?" For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Let the day's own trouble be sufficient for the day.

Judge not, that you be not judged. For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and the measure you give will be the measure you get. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the

By FRANCES DUNLAP HERON
International Council of Religious Education

log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, "Let me take the speck out of your eye," when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye."

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Now, Hebrew 11:1-3.
King James: Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. For by it the elders obtained a good report. Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.

Revised Standard: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old received divine approval. By faith we understand that the world was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was made out of things which do not appear.

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To help readers "see clearly" Christ's gospel for today and all time is the expressed purpose of translators of the Revised Standard Version.

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Momentous Dates

By FRANCES DUNLAP HERON

It was a memorable Sabbath in A. D. 7 when a dusty stranger appeared in the courtyard of a home in Asia Minor bearing a precious scroll containing words from the Apostle Paul. Eagerly the little band of Christians who had gathered in the courtyard—their first church—listened to Paul's revelation of the meaning of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

It was a dangerously exciting day in 1534 when members of a devout English family slipped a copy of William Tyndale's newly printed Bible into a secret niche in their home. They were willing to risk the severity of the law in order to have God's Word within their own walls as a guide and comfort.

It was a momentous day for Christendom in 1611 when, persecution at an end, a group of scholars appointed by King James announced the completion of the King James Version of the Scriptures, "to be read in Churches." In the more than 300 years since this masterpiece of Elizabethan literature has been the translation most widely used in both public and private worship.

It is an eventful day in 1946—February 11—when once more a new version of the New Testament takes its place in the romantic annals of those who have striven to put God's Word into the language—and hence into the minds and hearts—of those who will read it.

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Pastor O. J. Chastain, First Church, M. Pleasant, Tex., writes that in one week three men—a merchant, a lumberman, and a lawyer—called him to their places of business and confided that they were increasing their gifts to the church. The lawyer, already a liberal giver, pledged thirty percent of his income to the Lord. He sends \$25 per month to four worthy seminary students. The merchant, already a tither, gave \$1500 above his regular gifts. The lumberman, another tither, gave \$600 as a love gift.



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- 2:45—Christian Education..... Dr. J. R. Grant

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7:30—"The New Testament Church"	Rev. W. R. Woodell
8:00—Address	Dr. E. P. J. Garrott

TUESDAY MORNING

Rev. Henry Wright, Presiding

10:00—Song and Praise	Rev. Basil P. Martin
10:05—Address	Dr. E. P. J. Garrott
10:50—"Christian Education in the New Era"	Rev. H. E. Williams
11:15—Address	Dr. Otto Whittington

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Woman's Missionary Union

Auxiliary to Arkansas Baptist State Convention
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Alvin Hatton
Royal Ambassador Secretary

Nigerian Baptist News Praises Josephine Scaggs

Two copies of The Nigerian Baptist have recently come to the Young People's Secretary's desk. One carries the picture of our own Miss Josephine Scaggs, on its cover, paying high tribute to her. Articles of tribute from African friends and students of Miss Scaggs inside thrilled us and we know brought a glow of happiness and gratitude to this great missionary. Some titles of the articles were: "The Greatest Thing Miss Scaggs Ever Did For Men," "The Things About Miss Scaggs That Make Her a Great Missionary and Cause Africans To Love Her," and "Through Her Efforts I was Able To Finish School."

The other issue of The Nigerian Baptist carries on the Woman's Missionary Union page a record of The First Nigerian Girls' Auxiliary Camp. It reads most like one of ours in this country giving the place as the WMU Headquarters in Ede, the camp theme, "Light," the camp schedule, speakers and activities. They even had a stunt night!

The most thrilling part was their coronation service. I quote "In the distance, G. A. voices sang Crown Him Lord of All. From each side of the building we soon saw approaching a line of crowned girls led by uncrowned ones. All wore lovely white robes. Mrs. Omolade Laniya stepped forward in the center and gave the scripture from memory. To the soft strains of Follow The Gleam the girls knelt by twos before Miss Perry who placed the crowns on the heads of those becoming queens. There were twelve of these. Then followed the twenty-two girls to receive their scepters. They completed the picture of the Forward Steps and are the first in Nigeria to reach this high step. Miss Ada Jackson gave the charge. The queens began singing 'Lead On O King Eternal,' continuing to sing in spite of the shows which came gently reminding us of our blessings and responsibilities. A grass mat was held over the organ and organist and the service concluded majestically." Reported by Miss Eva Sanders.

Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference Registrations

Every mail brings in registration fees for the limit of five from Intermediate Girls' Auxiliaries for the G. A. Conference. When 200 is reached registrations will close.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER



Mrs. Albert I. Bagby, missionary to Alegre, Brazil, will bring the devotionals at the Intermediate Girls' Auxiliary Conference to be held at Central College, March 1-3. Mrs. Clyde Hankins of Brazil and Miss Floryne Miller of Japan and China will be other missionary speakers for this conference. Besides missionary addresses, other parts of the program will consist of a missionary play, missionary banquet, reception, missionary reading contest, movies, a pageant, stunts by the girls, and a series of simultaneous discussion groups on vital topics concerning the intermediate's life.

Association and Missionary Societies Study Year Book

Hope Association, with Mrs. W. H. House, superintendent, and Mrs. Bruce H. Price, mission study chairman, promoted the study of the Year Book at Beech Street Church, Texarkana, for members of missionary societies in the association. Five churches were represented.

The members of the societies of First Church, El Dorado, and the First Church Little Rock, studied the 1946 Year Book the past week under the leadership of Mrs. C. H. Ray, the total attendance of these meetings being 132. The study of the Year Book will help to advance the work in any missionary society.

New B. W. C. Organized

A new Business Woman's Circle was organized recently at Calvary

Southern Baptist Hospital Board Votes Allocation for Hospital in Africa

By E. C. Brown, Blytheville
State Representative

High lights of the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of Southern Baptist Hospital were:

Voted an appropriation of \$25,000 to build a hospital at Ogbomosh, Nigeria, Africa;

Decided to establish an institution for the domiciliary care of the chronic ill;

Accepted a legacy of residential and business property in the city of Baton Rouge, under the will of the late Miss Estie Dupree;

Heard with a sense of deepest gratitude of contributions from the Woman's Missionary Societies in Louisiana with which to buy a much-needed "iron lung";

Approved the purchase of two corner lots in the square directly across the street from the Hospital's present property for future use in developing the Hospital;

Received the Superintendent's report for the year 1945, which indicated the largest volume of service in the Hospital's history.

For years the Hospital has been serving its constituency in the home land, and caring for foreign missionaries on furlough. Missionaries from Africa have told of the great need and the opportunity for service to the poor, neglected folk of the Dark Continent; and the Board decided to extend its

ministry to that field by means of an outright gift to the Hospital Mission Board for the construction of a hospital somewhere in Niger Delta. The Board asked the Executive Committee of the Convention to approve such a plan which it did. Thus the Southern Baptist Hospital extends its noble ministry of healing both our own borders; and this is a great step much for the future service of this agency of the Convention.

The Superintendent's report for 1945 indicated that the Hospital admitted 25,269 patients during the year, and there were 1,175 births, and 3,175 emergency treatments which were not hospitalized. Operating income was \$317,478.84 and receipts from cooperative program were \$41,000. Other gifts amounted to \$14,555. All operating expenses were paid, including \$58,058.98 for work, and the net income was \$118,260.29.

Religious activities carried on by student nurses and others in the two Sunday School classes, ambulatory patients, daily chapel services and the distribution of Christian literature. There is an organization of volunteers to bring Christ among student nurses who contemplate going to foreign lands. Among social activities are parties each month, and movies pictures every other week, shown in the auditorium of Farnsworth Hall, a student dormitory.

Church, Little Rock, with Mrs. M. L. Sparrow as chairman. Assisting in the organization were Mrs. B. F. Simpkins, president, and Mrs. John B. Hall, first vice president of the local W. M. S., Mrs. C. H. Ray and Mrs. C. A. Riley.

Observance of Day of Prayer For Community Missions

The missionary societies at Hope, Cotton Plant and Rogers First, reports splendid results from the observance of the Day of Prayer for Community Missions. The day was spent in study and prayer which led to personal consecration to the mission task at our own doors.

Coronation Service Held At New Liberty Church

Six members of the Girls' Auxiliary of New Liberty Baptist Church were crowned Queens in a beautiful candlelight service Sunday evening. Those being crowned were Betty Beville, Willie McDonald, Bettye Jo Lloyd, Bettye Jean Goff and Nadine Pierce. These queens dressed in white evening dresses with corsages of white carnations formed the processional accompanied by six Sunbeam girls as flower girls and by six Sunbeam boys as crown bearers.

Other members of the auxiliary lighted the candles. Mrs. Clyde Webb, Young People's Counselor

of Mississippi County, brought devotionals and Mrs. L. G. M. counselor of this G. A., questioned the girls on their Forward Steps work and placed the crowns on their heads. Miss Sue Long, president of the Young Woman's Missionary, welcomed these girls to the Y. W. A. after their coronation.

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TRAINING UNION STUDY COURSE AWARDS AND GOALS FOR 1946.

Association—Director	Awards Issued, 1945	Suggested Goal, 1946
Arkansas Valley—Rev. Tully R. Achord	425	500
Bartholomew—Mr. Glynn Knight	379	500
Benton County—Miss Alma DeWitt	351	600
Big Creek—Mrs. John Sherman	40	100
Black River—Mr. Junius West	38	65
Boone-Carroll—Mr. W. K. Wharton	135	350
Buckville	0	50
Buckner	146	300
Caddo River—Rev. Carey Selph	77	125
Carey—Rev. John Basinger	111	160
Caroline—Rev. Dale McCoy	125	250
Central—Rev. Dennison Yates	451	600
Centennial—Mr. Harry Baker	157	200
Clear Creek—Mrs. T. H. Jordan	231	350
Concord	947	1,100
Current River—Mr. S. Tillman Tipton	136	500
Dardanelle-Russellville—Rev. Virgil Logan	190	500
Delta	194	250
Faulkner County—Mrs. R. O. McMahon	111	125
Gainesville—Rev. E. W. Gray	143	160
Greene County—Rev. Tollie H. Cooper	226	300
Harmony—Mr. Wm. C. Brewer	724	1,000
Hope—Rev. W. L. Peppers	209	500
Independence—Rev. Roscoe King	169	200
Liberty—Rev. George Moseley	665	1,000
Little Red River—Mr. A. V. Moody	---	50
Little River—Mr. T. D. McCulloch	212	260
Mississippi County—Rev. Emmett Cross	353	400
Mount Zion—Rev. B. R. Lindman	171	500
Ouachita—Miss Ruth Wilson	131	225
Newton County—New Assn.	---	50
Perry County	142	120
Pulaski County—Rev. Ray Branscum	944	1,200
Red River—Mr. A. G. Freeman	363	500
Rocky Bayou—Rev. J. W. Rector	256	200
Stone-Van Buren—Rev. Gus Poole	320	300
Tri-County—Mr. Billy Walker	558	530
Trinity—Miss Mary Lou Fair	102	125
Washington-Madison—Mrs. Margaret Price	258	750
White County—Rev. H. M. Dugger	130	140
White River—Mr. Buell DePriest	217	190
Woodruff County—Miss Eleanor Hardin	254	230
TOTALS	10,821	15,450

Elimination contest dates, known thus far are: Caddo River, April; Greene County, May 12; Liberty, June 4; Little River, May 26; Pulaski June 2, and Washington-Madison, June 30.

Now It Can Be Told . . .

Assembly Speaker



Dr. Harry Rimmer will be the inspirational speaker at the 1946 session of the Arkansas Baptist Assembly, July 2-11. Dr. Rimmer is perhaps the world's most sought after speaker on the Bible and science, and we are very fortunate in having engaged him to speak at both the noon and night hours during the Assembly. He has an attractive personality, is a brilliant speaker and has a keen sense of humor. While his appeal is to all ages, young people find him especially attractive and interesting.

held at the Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, March 10-16?

This is an opportunity which pastors, educational directors, Sunday School officers and teachers, state and associational missionaries cannot afford to miss. Southwide and state Sunday School and missionary leaders will participate in the work to be offered. A limit of 100 has been placed on the number of those who may enroll for full time.

The only expenses to those who enroll, is the travel expense to Little Rock and a registration fee of \$2.50. All other expenses will be paid by the State Mission Department, Religious Education Department and the Sunday School Board.

Mail your application to Dr. Edgar Williamson, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

Youth Choir Festival

Following much careful planning and preparation, the good news of the First Annual Youth Choir Festival is herewith announced. The announcement will be welcomed by young people as well as by their leaders who have looked forward eagerly to such an incentive for the promotion of Youth Choirs. All possible effort is going into preliminary arrangements for this singular gathering, which promises to be one of the outstanding events Arkansas Baptists have sponsored for young people.

Dormitories, dining hall, student center, and music building at Ouachita College have been promised in connection with housing, feeding and entertaining the members of the various Youth Choirs coming to the Festival. Many of the boys and girls will make their first visit to a college campus at this time. It will be a stimulating and profitable experience.

There will be two days of study, rehearsal, fellowship, and constructive singing. June 5 and 6 are the dates. Each church in the state is expected to send its Youth Choir. There is still time for those who do not as yet have such an organization to establish one and begin on the selected music.

Music for the Festival has been chosen and the list will be mailed to churches requesting it. The plan is to have each group sing one number of its own choice and also learn the four designated selections for the combined program with which the Festival will be concluded on Thursday night, June 6. In writing for the list of music, be sure to mention whether your group is Two-, Three-, or Four-part, and whether it consists of Boys', Girls', or Mixed Voices.

During the promotion of the Youth Festival, various Youth Choirs of the state will be mentioned in this column. Pastors and Music Directors are asked to write a short sketch to Mrs. B. W. Nininger, 203 Radio Center, Little Rock.

State Sunday School And Missionary Clinic

Have you sent in your application to enroll in the State Sunday School and Missionary Clinic to be

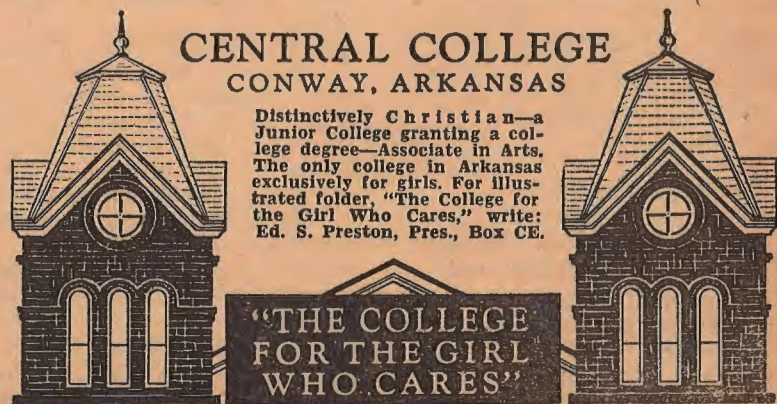
Vacation Bible Schools

Vacation Bible School season is at hand. Many churches are already making definite plans for one or more schools this year. Many more churches would prepare for schools if they had help in planning for them.

Workers who attended the state-wide Vacation Bible School conference in Little Rock February 7-8 agreed to ask the Associational Sunday School superintendents to provide for a Vacation Bible School conference in the associ-

ations. At least an hour should be devoted to this conference and it could be held at the regular associational meeting. Then, a one-day conference should be held in a centrally located church in the association, where all workers could come together and study and plan for their schools.

Last year Arkansas did not make any gain over the year before in the number of Vacation Bible Schools held. This year the number should be sufficient to make up for the lack of increase last year.



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TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. H. L. Lipford, Presiding

- 1:30—Song, Prayer and Praise Rev. Ray Y. Langley
 1:45—Address Dr. Basil P. Martin
 2:15—Message Dr. B. L. Bridges

TUESDAY EVENING

Rev. Andrew Haskett, Presiding

- 7:10—Song and Praise Rev. Wilson Wood
 7:30—Address Dr. E. P. J. Garrott
 8:15—"State Missions in the New Era" James H. Fitzgerald
 9:00—Final Adjournment.

JONESBORO—March 4-6

First Baptist Church, Jonesboro

Dr. O. L. Powers, Host Pastor

Rev. Frank Waite, Dean

MONDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Song, Prayer and Praise Rev. W. Harry Hunt
 10:15—"The Fine Art of Soul-Winning" Rev. W. R. Vestal
 11:00—Bible Exposition Dr. J. S. Compere

MONDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Song, Prayer and Praise Rev. J. O. Young
 1:45—"Fine Art of Soul-Winning" Rev. W. R. Vestal
 2:30—Address Rev. H. E. Williams
 3:15—"Launching a Century for Christ in Sunday School
 Work" Rev. J. I. Cossey

MONDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Hymns and Prayer Mr. Edgar Booker
 7:45—Address Rev. James H. Fitzgerald
 8:15—Bible Exposition Dr. J. S. Compere

TUESDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Song and Praise Rev. Russell J. Clubb
 10:15—"Fine Art of Soul-Winning" Rev. W. R. Vestal
 11:00—Bible Exposition Dr. J. S. Compere

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Hymns and Prayer.
 1:45—"Fine Art of Soul-Winning" Rev. W. R. Vestal
 2:30—Conference—Ministerial Ethics Rev. L. C. Tedford
 3:15—"Launching a Century for Christ in Training Union
 Work" Rev. I. M. Prince

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:30—Hymns and Prayer Mr. Edgar Booker
 7:45—"Launching a Century for Christ Through
 Christian Education" Rev. Blake Westmoreland
 8:30—Bible Exposition Dr. J. S. Compere

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Hymns and Prayer Rev. M. S. Lloyd
 10:15—Address Dr. B. L. Bridges
 11:00—Bible Exposition Dr. J. S. Compere

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Hymns and Praise.
 1:45—Address Dr. Otto Whittington
 2:30—Mission Work in the Local Church Rev. W. E. Speed
 3:15—Doctrinal Address Dr. O. L. Powers

MONTICELLO—March 4-6

First Baptist Church, Monticello

Rev. R. D. Washington, Host Pastor

MONDAY MORNING

- 10:00—Hymn and Praise Rev. S. E. Powell
 10:15—Message Dr. B. L. Bridges
 10:05—Hymn
 11:10—Message Dr. Otto Whittington

MONDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Hymn and Praise Rev. S. E. Powell
 1:15—"God" Rev. Paul Aiken
 1:45—"Jesus" Rev. R. D. Washington
 2:15—"The Holy Spirit" Rev. Stanley Jordan
 2:45—Bible Study Rev. Carel O. Estes

MONDAY EVENING

- 7:00—Hymn and Praise Local Church Choir
 7:30—Sermon Rev. Carel O. Estes

TUESDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Hymn and Praise Rev. H. C. Barnes
 9:45—"The Bible" Rev. R. R. Shreves
 10:15—"Mankind" Rev. Carroll Wood
 10:45—"Satan" Rev. J. T. Elliff
 11:15—"Sin" Dr. Stone
 11:45—"Repentance" Rev. R. W. Jones

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Hymn and Praise Rev. Joe Warling
 1:15—"Faith" Rev. Clarence Cut
 1:45—"Salvation" Rev. J. V. Chan
 2:15—"Justification" Rev. E. H. A
 2:45—Bible Study Rev. Carel O. E

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:00—Hymn and Praise Local Church Ch
 7:30—Sermon Rev. Carel O. E

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:15—Hymn and Praise Rev. Floyd Tuc
 9:30—"Sanctification" Rev. B. S. Fran
 9:45—"A New Testament Church" Rev. Willford
 10:15—"Baptism" Rev. Earl Fer
 10:45—"The Lord's Supper" Rev. Keith B
 11:15—"Heaven" Rev. Theo T. Jal

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:00—Hymn and Praise Rev. Howard R
 1:15—"Hell" Rev. S. E. Po
 1:45—"Missions" Rev. E. D. E
 2:15—"Stewardship" Rev. R. D. Washing
 2:45—Bible Study Rev. Carel O. E

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:00—Hymn and Praise Local Church Ch
 7:30—Sermon Rev. Carel O. E

OSCEOLA—March 5-7

First Baptist Church, Osceola

Rev. E. T. Smith, Host Pastor

Rev. M. E. Wiles, Dean

TUESDAY MORNING

Rev. M. E. Wiles, Presiding

- 10:00—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 10:15—Devotional Rev. Homer Robert
 10:35—"How the Blood of Christ Saves Us" Rev. A. F. Mu
 11:15—Address Dr. S. E. T

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. Hal Gallop, Presiding

- 1:30—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 1:45—Devotional Rev. Homer Robert
 2:00—Address Dr. B. L. Brid
 2:45—Address Dr. S. E. T

TUESDAY EVENING

Rev. M. R. Griffin, Presiding

- 7:00—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 7:15—Devotional Rev. Homer Robert
 7:30—"Christian Education" Rev. H. E. Willia
 8:15—Address Dr. Otto Whiting

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Rev. A. B. Jordan, Presiding

- 10:00—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 10:15—Devotional Rev. Rex Bro
 10:30—"Creating Within the Church a Passion for
 Lost Souls" Rev. L. G. M

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. W. C. Stewart, Presiding

- 1:30—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 1:45—Devotional Rev. Rex Bro
 2:00—"Characteristics of the Righteous" Rev. O. C. H
 2:45—Address Dr. S. E. T

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Rev. M. D. Davis, Presiding

- 7:00—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 7:15—Devotional Rev. Rex Bro
 7:30—"State Missions in the New Era" Rev. James H. Fitzger
 8:00—Address Rev. E. C. Br

THURSDAY MORNING

Rev. B. W. Christopher, Presiding

- 10:00—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 10:15—Devotional Rev. Henry Woo
 10:30—"Bible Teachings on Stewardship" Rev. R. F. Lld
 11:15—Address Dr. S. E. T

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. A. M. Houston, Presiding

- 1:30—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jerni
 1:45—Devotional Rev. Henry Woo
 2:00—"Why I Am a Baptist" Rev. C. H. Rusl
 2:45—Address Dr. S. E. T

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THURSDAY EVENING

J. M. Majors, Presiding

- 7:00—Song and Praise Rev. P. H. Jernigen
- 7:15—Devotional Rev. Henry Wooten
- 7:30—"Associational Missions" Rev. M. E. Wiles
- 8:00—Doctrinal Message Rev. E. T. Smith

OZARK—March 5-7

First Baptist Church, Ozark
 Rev. Don Hook, Host Pastor
 Rev. D. O. Stuckey, Dean

TUESDAY MORNING

Rev. D. O. Stuckey, Presiding

- 10:00—Devotional Rev. Phil Beach
- 10:30—Bible Study Dr. L. M. Sipes
- 11:15—Sermon, "The Sovereignty of God" Rev. Fritz Goodbar

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. Hugh Owen, Presiding

- 1:30—Devotional Rev. Houston Grayson
- 2:00—Bible Study Dr. L. M. Sipes
- 3:00—"The Value of the Country Church" Rev. G. H. McNutt
- 3:30—Conference, "How to Improve the Country Church" Rev. W. O. Taylor

TUESDAY EVENING

Rev. Charles Burgess, Presiding

- 7:00—Devotional Rev. Herman Highfill
- 7:30—"The Prayer Life of Apostolic Christians" Rev. J. Earl Bryant
- 7:45—Sermon, "The Free Will of Man" Rev. Jim Brewer

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Rev. T. W. Hayes, Presiding

- 9:00—Devotional Rev. Floyd Taylor
- 9:30—Bible Study Dr. L. M. Sipes
- 10:20—"The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Salvation of the Lost" Rev. L. H. Davis
- 11:00—Sermon, "The Final Doom of the Sinner" Dr. B. V. Ferguson

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. H. E. Marsh, Presiding

- 1:30—Devotional Rev. A. L. Hart
- 2:00—Bible Study Dr. L. M. Sipes
- 3:00—"The Challenge of the Rural Pastorate" Dr. Victor H. Coffman
- 3:30—Conference on Ministerial Ethics Rev. T. H. Jordan

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Rev. Karl McClendon, Presiding

- 7:00—Song, Praise and Testimonial Meeting Rev. Harold Seefeldt
- 7:45—Sermon, "The Blessed State of the Dead" Rev. Harold Tillman

THURSDAY MORNING

Rev. J. I. Owen, Presiding

- 9:00—Devotional Rev. L. L. Jordan
- 9:30—Bible Study Dr. L. M. Sipes
- 10:25—"Christian Education" Dr. Edwin S. Preston
- 11:00—Sermon Dr. Otto Whittington

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Rev. J. O. A. Russell, Presiding

- 1:30—Special Message Dr. B. L. Bridges
- 2:15—Bible Study Dr. L. M. Sipes
- 3:05—Conference Dr. Edgar Williamson

THURSDAY EVENING

Rev. E. F. Simmons, Presiding

- 7:00—Devotional Rev. S. R. Wallis
- 7:30—Training Union Rev. Ralph Davis
- 8:00—Sermon, "Stewardship of Money" Rev. C. G. Davis

SPRINGDALE—March 5-8

First Baptist Church, Springdale
 Dr. C. E. Wilbanks, Host Pastor
 Dr. O. L. Gibson, Dean

TUESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional Rev. Al Feltz
- 2:00—Bible Dr. W. T. Conner
- 3:00—Baptism Rev. John B. Stephen
- 3:45—Church Administration Rev. Rel Gray

TUESDAY EVENING

- 7:00—Song Service Hosea J. Dixon
- 7:15—Our Royal Ambassadors Rev. Alvin Hatton
- 8:00—Sermon Rev. J. S. Blystone

WEDNESDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Devotional Rev. Edgar Harvey

- 9:30—Bible Dr. W. T. Conner
- 10:30—Homiletics Dr. C. E. Wilbanks
- 11:15—The Lord's Supper Rev. B. N. Simmons

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional Rev. Norman Drake
- 2:00—Bible Dr. W. T. Conner
- 3:00—Church Administration Rev. Rel Gray
- 3:45—The Holy Spirit Rev. C. C. Roberts

WEDNESDAY EVENING

- 7:00—Song Service Hosea J. Dixon
- 7:15—Our Rural Churches Rev. H. E. Williams
- 8:00—Sermon Rev. A. A. Brad
- 9:00—Devotional Rev. Melvin Coffel
- 9:30—Bible Dr. W. T. Conner
- 10:30—Homiletics Dr. C. E. Wilbanks
- 11:15—The Sovereignty of God Rev. J. B. Maxwell

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotional Rev. Ewel Logue
- 2:00—Bible Dr. W. T. Conner
- 3:00—Church Administration Rev. Rel Gray
- 3:45—The Church Rev. B. L. Ayres

THURSDAY EVENING

- 7:00—Song Service Hosea J. Dixon
- 7:30—Sermon Dr. B. L. Bridges

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:00—Address Dr. Otto Whittington
- 9:30—Bible Dr. W. T. Conner
- 10:30—Homiletics Dr. C. E. Wilbanks
- 11:15—"The Art of Soul-Winning" Rev. Carl Nelson

The Story of . . .

GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BAPTISM

By CHARLES W. KOLLER
 President, Northern Baptist
 Seminary

Warmly cherished among the records of the venerable First Baptist Church of New York City is the account of the baptism of George Washington. The fact that the first president of the United States was baptized by immersion, by the first pastor of the First Baptist Church of New York City, has been obscured by the fact that his previous membership in a church in Alexandria, Va., was never disturbed.

Among the noble qualities of the "Father of our Country," there is none that we recall with deeper gratitude than his sincere piety. Born of a godly mother, christened and dedicated in infancy and reared in a godly home, he "feared the Lord from his youth." As a man he never forsook his private devotions or public worship, but even held services himself while in the army.

Among the many expressions of the faith of George Washington, none glows with brighter luster than his request for baptism. The war was over, the peace treaty had been signed, and General Washington was in camp at Newburg, on the Hudson, where the signing of the treaty was celebrated. John Gano, pastor of First Baptist Church of New York City, who had served as chaplain through the war, was still with the troops, expounding the Word of God. The General had heard him preach, and had been searching the Scriptures. Approaching the chaplain, he requested baptism as taught

and practiced in the scriptures. The baptism took place quietly and simply in the Hudson River, with only 42 witnesses. But the impact of that testimony is still being felt. Two facts concerning that baptism are worthy of emphasis:

The baptism was scriptural. Such was the baptism of Jesus who came to the River Jordan to be baptized and, after his baptism "went up straightway out of the water" (Matt. 3:16). Such was the baptism of the Ethiopian, who "went down into the water" and after his baptism, "came up out of the water" (Acts 8:38, 39). "Thus it becometh us . . .," said the Lord Jesus, in the very first recorded utterance of his public ministry (Matt. 3:15), establishing the fact and the mode of baptism. Not less significant is the fact that the very last recorded utterance of his public ministry commanded the perpetuation of this sacred ordinance (Matt. 28:19). How characteristic of Washington, pondering the Scriptures, that he could not rest till he had followed the example of his Lord!

The baptism was not beneath the dignity of this great general who was not too proud to acknowledge his rightful Master. Among men he was an upstanding giant before God, a kneeling child. In time of distress he kneels in the snow of Valley Forge; in time of victory, humbled with gratitude he descends into the waters of the Hudson, like Jesus descending to Jordan, to acknowledge his Lord in baptism. Well may we thank God upon every remembrance of him!

Calvinist Pastor Heads Hungary's New Government

By Religious News Service

BUDAPEST.—Baron Zoltan Tildy, Calvinist pastor and first president of the Hungarian Republic, pledged in an interview here that he will "run the country according to the principles I preached as a pastor."

He declared he will "never tolerate an anti-church policy" and asserted that Hungary can only be reconstructed "if she accepts the moral foundation of the divine teachings of Christ, especially the commandment of love."

"As a pastor," Tildy said, "I always tried to fulfill my duty. As a humble servant of the church, I believe in divine predestination. In politics I seek only the will of God and nothing else. The Gospel has many messages for Hungary."

The pastor-President declared he was in favor of church-state separation and said state subsidies to the clergy should be abolished, thus leaving the churches to support themselves as "free independent bodies."

He defended the recent land reform legislation under which church estates were nationalized, declaring that although church leaders regard this move as a "Red" attack against the church, the legislation was "not against church interests at all."

"The loss of the churches' rich acres," he said, "will be very beneficial to the former luxury-loving clergy, and will bring them closer to the poor whom they are supposed to serve."

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Conference Held

The Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth, Texas, held its Mid-Winter Conference February 4-8. Speakers on the program included: Dr. J. B. Weatherspoon, Professor of Homiletics at the Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, delivering the Holland Foundation Lectures; Dr. R. E. Bell, pastor of First Church, Denton; Dr. M. T. Rankin, Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board, Richmond; and Dr. M. A. Huggins, General Secretary of the North Carolina Baptist Convention.

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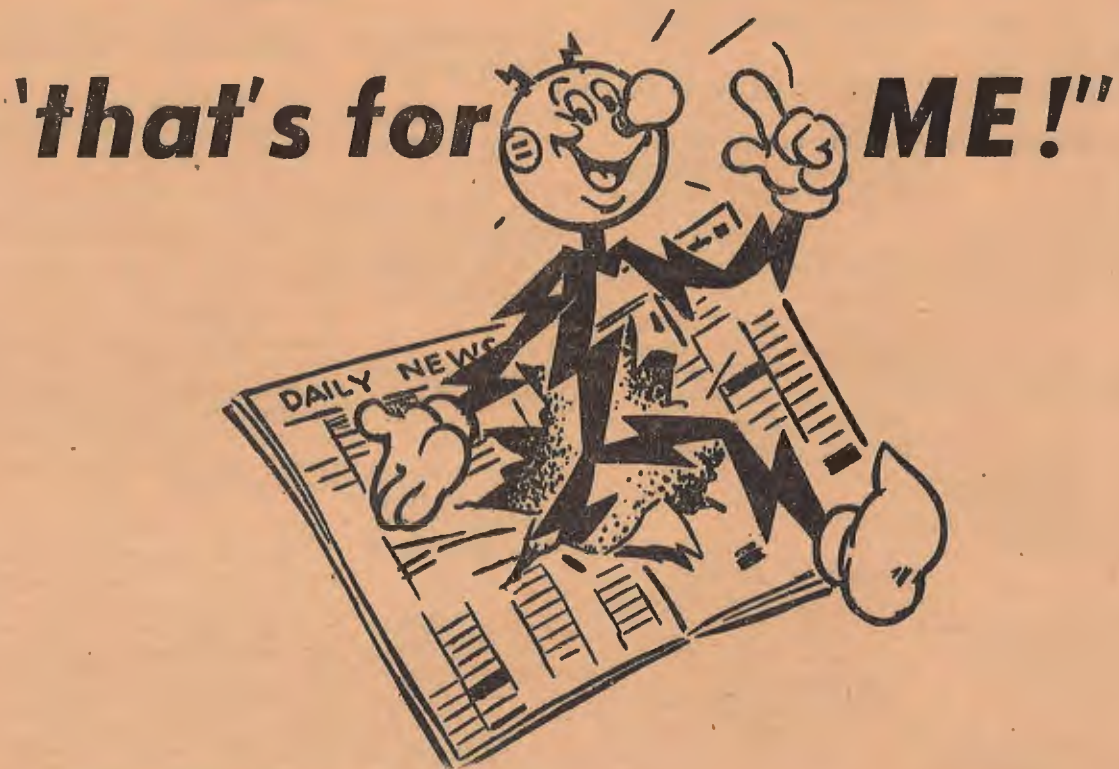
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By R. PAUL CAUDILL

Sunday School Lesson
For February 24

Deuteronomy 6:4-12

Enduring foundations are a necessity if one is to build securely. The Empire State Building, the Washington Monument, the Lincoln Memorial, these and other like structures would topple to the ground with the least tremor of the earth were it not for the firm foundations upon which they rest. They are planted on solid rock.

It is only reasonable to assume therefore that a nation, to become great, must also build upon firm foundations. Of what do these foundations consist? Our lesson gives the answer—the Christian home.

Godly Parents

The starting point in the building of Christian homes lies in godly parents. Without fathers and mothers who are definitely committed to God's way of life there can be little hope for the solidarity of the home and for the moral and spiritual welfare of the children that come from them.

In verses four and five of our text we have what is sometimes called the Jewish confession of faith. Our Lord refers to these words as "the first and great commandment." "They express the highest truth and duty revealed to the Hebrew nation: the truth of God's unity and uniqueness; the duty of loving and serving him with every faculty of the being (Dummelow's commentary).

These words are still recited, along with Deuteronomy 11:13-21 and Numbers 15:37-41, as the first act of worship in the Jewish synagogue, and twice a day (morning and evening) by every adult male Jew, just as they were three thousand years ago. The words "Hear, O Israel: Jehovah our God is one Jehovah" are regarded as the essential part of the command, whereas the whole passage, verses four and five, constitutes a summary of the whole law, the briefest possible statement of its essence.

It is no wonder that Israel continues to be a nation even though she has no native soil upon which her many subjects may gather for a common homeland, and though she flies no flag and sails no ship of state. A nation that holds close to the hearts of her people these basic precepts of Jehovah God, and who seeks, though imperfectly, to translate them into life, is indestructible. It still remains that truth crushed to earth will rise again.

Whatever may be said for or against the nation of Israel, however wayward her people may have been through the passing centuries, the constant fellowship that she has had with the laws of God has imported a cohesiveness to her

people that is not to be found elsewhere on the earth.

Parents of America all do well to learn from the fathers and mothers of ancient Israel, as well as of the Israel of today, as they contemplate their personal relationship with God. The idealism of our democratic form of government is the product of thought that has stemmed from Christian homes. Without the soil of Christian concepts there could have been no Bill of Rights, no Constitution, as we know them now. Every advance that our nation has made in the realm of social betterment has resulted directly or indirectly from the influence of Christianity.

The Training of Children

The parents of ancient Israel were not only expected to be Godly themselves, they were required also to train their children in the cardinal doctrines of their faith. "And these words, which I commanded thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shall talk in the matter of Christian training. They do not start early enough.

When parents wait until a child is four, five, or six years of age to begin religious training, much of the best opportunity is gone. Hebrew lads had regular lessons at the age of three. By the time they were thirteen they were far better informed in religious matters than the average Christian today is at 33.

It is a patent fact that in America the average home has no religious instruction whatever; even a casual survey of any typical community reveals this staggering truth. The great majority of our parents are not enlisted in our churches and Sunday schools; they are not even touched by them, for the simple reason that they rarely, if ever attend any phase of public worship. For this reason they are not qualified to give religious instruction. It is said that in America there are sixty millions of people wholly untouched by the churches. Unless something

can be done to stimulate more effective programs of child care and spiritual training, the prospect for our national life is indeed dark.

A Word of Warning

"Beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage." These words sound as if they might have been addressed to our forefathers who, seeking a land where in perfect freedom they could worship according to the dictates of their conscience, established these United States of America. They were guided not so much by their own wisdom as by wisdom from above. They relied for their chief strength not so much upon self as upon God. They consulted him and looked to him at every point of their adventure.

If the time should come when, as a nation, we rely more upon self than upon God, our glory will have departed and the moving finger of God may as well write "Ichabod" (inglorious) across the walls of our hearts.

At present, so far as the eye can see, there are few signs of any general spiritual awakening on the part of our people. We are too much occupied with the affairs of materialism. We may well heed these words of warning spoken to Israel by the Prophet Hosea: "Beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage."

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Brotherhood of Trinity Church, Fort Worth, Tex., saw the children playing in alleys and downtown for the lack of play space nearer home. The Brotherhood found some lots, bought them, cleared them for play, put up lights for night use. Now these young people have recreation space under church supervision.

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For every word in Mein Kampf, 125 lives were to be lost; for every page, 4,700 lives; for every chapter, more than 1,200,000 lives. An expensive literary property.

A Christian "Must"

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE FIVE)

might have led a bullock to the slaughter, and through it all not a murmur from His lips.

Look, again, They are spiking His body to the cross. You can hear the ringing blows as the hammer strikes the nails. Now, He is fast. They rudely lift the cross and drop it upright into the hole which has been dug. It falls with a thud, and the blood spurts afresh from His wounds. The moments pass on. His agony is inexpressible, yet amid it all He has strength for words of love and pardon and hope.

And these physical pangs are only the suggestion of what He is bearing. The sins of a guilty world are upon Him. He is tasting the wrath of God. At last under the strain of that awful load, His heart strings snap, He bows His head and dies. Oh child of God, can you look without tears? Can you stand in the presence of such love with coldness in your heart and indifference in your life?

Your place and mine is close against the bleeding side, the broken heart of the Son of God. But we are not there alone for refuge. We are there to find a worthy conception of life, and a motive power which will impel us and compel us.

Here is the meaning of the cross. "The love of Christ constraineth us, because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then all died, and that He died for all that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves but unto Him which died for them and rose again."

Let this love possess your heart, the love that was willing to give its all; to tell His message abroad, to help others into the knowledge of His salvation; may this challenge move you to the supreme task, the task of evangelism.

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"You cannot lead anyone closer to Christ than you are willing to go yourself." This striking remark is from a Negro preacher, according to The Watchman-Examiner.

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We lack now, more than \$1,000 having enough money to make this next payment. We want to make it before the 25th of February. Doesn't your church have \$500 it wants to send on this obligation? Maybe it has \$1,000. The Jonesboro First Church, and others, last year sent us \$1,000. If your church has some money in the treasury wouldn't it like to help us at this particular time? Any amount will be greatly appreciated.

Between the 25th of February and the 10th of March we will not have sufficient time to take care of the details of the making of the payment. If we do not get in sufficient funds before February 25, we will have to wait until after the 10th of March to make the payment. Send us your money at once, please.

Individuals, Too

Some individuals are expressing a desire and

purpose to help out with individual contributions. Are you in a position, brethren, to do it right now? If you want to pay through your church ask the treasurer to send the amount to us immediately, please.

Hope Gives \$500

First Church, Hope, last week sent us \$500 on the Honor fund. This splendid church has been in the front ranks in helping to pay this old obligation. Rev. S. A. Whitlow is the happy pastor.

Arkansas Baptist Manual

Our Baptist Handbooks are available for your churches and other organizations. These handbooks were printed last year for the information of our people. They contain a treatise of our general Baptist work from home to the end of the earth. Questions and answers about all our institutions and mission work are given in this handbook. The contents are so arranged as to enable your church to study it in prayer meeting, chapter by chapter. Every Baptist ought to know what this handbook reveals. They are F-R-E-E. Write us if you want one or one dozen.

Pastor Douglas Magnifies the Church and Churches

Pastor Ralph Douglas of Dumas is magnifying the church but also the great doctrine of the New Testament. Some of his subjects are as follows:

"What is a New Testament Church?", "Be a Baptist?", "Baptism in a New Testament Church", "A New Testament Church serving the Lord's Supper," "New Testament Church Government", "Jesus' Concept of a Church", "Financing a New Testament Church", "Heaven the Home of Every regenerated Individual", "What is Salvation?" "Salvation Gives Life Eternal", "Hell the Home of Every Unregenerated Individual"

Subjects like these preached on with untold fervor will yield results for the glory of Christ.

Robert H. Coleman, prominent publisher of song books and considered by many a No. 1 Baptist layman, died in Dallas last week. As assistant to the late Dr. George W. Truett Coleman helped that leader achieve his greatness by assuming most of his operating expenses. He served as secretary of the Baptist Relief and Annuity Board from its founding in 1918 until his death.

CATHOLIC PRIEST QUITTS HIS CHURCH

Often a Roman Catholic becomes enlightened and throws off the yoke of the "big papa" in Rome who has arrogated to himself the authority to change the New Testament laws concerning the churches of Jesus Christ and who has been set up to take Christ's place as head of the church.

The lamentable thing about men who break away from the Roman Catholic church is that they do not sufficiently advise themselves about the New Testament description of the church. They know more about the Roman teaching concerning a church than they do about the teaching of Christ. The tragedy in the case of Martin Luther was that he instituted in the Lutheran church which he established the Roman Catholic church forms instead of swinging back to the New Testament order. The reason is apparent, they have become so versed in the Roman Catholic teaching that they know more about it than they do about the New Testament.

The magazine, TIME, July 23, 1945, gives an interesting account of a Roman Catholic bishop and his rebellion against Roman Catholic church totalitarianism. Here it is:

The Roman Catholic Church excommunicated one of its bishops last week. Said the bishop blandly: "I consider today one of the happiest days of my life."

It was not the first time Tom Carlos Duarte da Costa, onetime Bishop of Botu-

catu in Sao Paulo, had been in his church's black books. In 1934, he publicly refused to follow a papal nunciature's political instructions. He was thereupon quietly retired, given the honorary title of Bishop of Maura, no diocese. From the outside, Duarte took an increasingly critical view of what he considered his church's political leanings. He became increasingly outspoken and unpopular with his superiors.

Last May, 57-year-old Bishop Duarte gave newspaper interviews accusing Brazil's papal nunciature of Nazi-Fascist spying. He accused Rome of aiding and abetting Hitler. Finally he heretically announced plans to set up his own Brazilian Catholic Apostolic Church, in which priests would be permitted to marry (and hold regular jobs in the lay world), confessions and rosaries would be abolished, bishops would be elected by popular vote. After that, his excommunication was inevitable.

Last week Dom Carlos, calling himself "Bishop of Rio de Janeiro," told reporters that he hopes soon to ordain ten married lawyers and professional men as priests in his new church.

Meanwhile, in the tiny blue-walled chapel that is part of his unostentatious house in Rio's suburbs, he baptizes, marries, celebrates Mass daily. The Vatican appeared undisturbed by its latest rival.

The Roman Catholic press has been using a lot of ink and paper to try to cover up the encouragement which the Pope gave Mussolini and Hitler, but we have not forgotten

how the Pope collaborated with these human beasts in the beginning of their drive of world conquest and oppression.

We have not forgotten how the Pope gave his blessings upon Mussolini's leadership while Mussolini was ravaging helpless peoples. We have not forgotten the meetings had with Hitler and Mussolini before world war started. We have not forgotten Mussolini and the Italian state gave the Pope a parcel of territory, thus enabling him to become a political figure as well as the head of the Roman church. We have not forgotten how his priests entered Manila (Philippine Islands) with the Japanese invasion force in 1941.

Roman Catholic Totalitarianism

We are not blind to the fact that the Pope of Rome and the Roman Catholic church are the epitome of totalitarianism. Neither Mussolini nor Hitler nor Stalin nor Hitler has furnished a broader example of dictatorship than does the Pope of Rome. Perhaps the worst example of dictatorship in the world is that of the Pope. His authority reaches out into the people of other nations and he holds the big stick over the various heads of the Catholic church in any nation.

Isn't it strange that red-blooded American people who fight political dictatorship in international affairs will submit to it and do it under the guise of religion?